#### THE OBERLIN HERALD

# **Events of Yesteryear**

The B&M surveyors have not yet out in an appearance. D.C. Moser has enclosed his town

property with a neat board fence. A.H. Hollister has purchased the Sam Hayes' residence property in

All stage lines centering at this point are reaping a rich harvest in

the way of passenger traffic. The weather for this season of the year is decidedly cool; ice forms nearly every night and the mornings

As high as 36 land-seekers found sleeping accommodations at the O.K. Livery barn one evening last week. No room at the hotel.

are frosty

Many strangers were in town Friday and received their first introduction to a typical Kansas prairie fire. Oberlin had a close call. The fire originated on the W.A. Mount farm on Rock Draw and was only stopped by the work of around 150 men after it had nearly reached the Hitchcock home in the northeast part of town and the J.B. Colt residence in north Oberlin was only saved after the hardest kind of work.

### 100 YEARS AGO — March

The high school orchestra put on a program at Jennings Saturday

I.O. Wear and wife left Saturday evening for Ohio where they will visit for a month or two.

C.H. Tilden and wife returned Saturday from California where they spent the winter.

Allison Items: Charles Wilson and Minnie Foster were married

Jennings Items: Died, Sunday, March 20, at his home in this city, Moses T. Bradbury. Mr. Bradbury had spent about 30 years of his life in Decatur County.

S.O. Stowell and Pearle Stowell and wife started to Topeka Saturday

#### 75 YEARS AGO — March 1935

Since the dust storm last Friday evening we have asked quite a number of oldtimers who have been in Decatur County over 40 years how the dust storm compared with those in bygone years and they all agreed the dust was the worst ever.

The damage to the wheat fields must be severe and the storm struck about 5 o'clock caught many farmers in town, some of whom, sensibly, stayed over but some who started home and had rather terrify-

The occupants of a number of cars ond in the NAIA tournament at Lock

and when the storm lessened found mon who was voted the outstanding refuge in the Pollnow home. Clayton Diehl, when the storm was at its height, went out to the barnyard to open a gate to let some livestock into a shed and had a hard time getting back to the house. He said one thing that helped him in finding the way was the static electricity showing on the barbs of the barbwire fence.

The daily newspapers reported dust storms both Sunday and Monday in southwestern Kansas and southeastern Colorado.

Other states affected are South Dakota, Western Nebraska, Eastern Montana, Wyoming, Western Oklahoma and Northwestern Texas. Only general rains over a wide territory will put a stop to this "airmail exchange of top soil" and here's hoping the rains come soon.

One of the most unusual occurrences that has honored this countryside was that of the celebration of a double golden wedding and a single silver wedding anniversary held at the John Simonson Sr., It was on March 12, 1885, that Mr.

and Mrs. A.D. Moody were married in Helvey, Neb., by the pastor of the Swedish Lutheran Church. Mr. Simonsson and Mrs. Moody

and Mrs. John Simonson and Mr.

are brother and sister and Mr. Moody and Mrs. Simonson are also brother

In addition the occasion observed the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Irvan Zook. Mrs. Zook is the daughter of the Simonsons. The Moodys now make their home in Fairbury, Neb. The Simonsons continued to make their home in Helvey, Neb., until six years ago when they moved to their present home north of Selden to be near their three sons, Edgar, John and Carl.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Leake are the parents of a baby girl born

Dresden: The trains were late here Saturday because of the dirt storm Friday evening. It is said 14 miles of the railroad track were drifted under with dirt east of Colby and on the Solomon the dirt is drifted as high as the fences in places.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Pollnow are the parents of a baby girl born Saturday, March 16. Fern Towery is assisting with the house work.

#### 50 YEARS AGO - March 1960

Temperatures ranged in the low 80s last week as the county emerged

Dale Votapka, Fort Hays State wrestler from Oberlin, placed secwrestler of the tournament and a top Olympic prospect.

Kenneth Rydquist was chosen president of Oberlin Country Club at the regular meeting last Tuesday. He succeeds Dale Young in that capacity. Membership dues will remain the same as last year — \$15 local, \$10 out-of-town and \$5 for

Mrs. Russell Jenkins has received a clipping from Yuba City, Calif., telling of the death of William Anderson Armstrong, 92, who preached at the Shibboleth Methodist Church from 1900-1905.

Emil Petracek, prominent farm-

er in Jennings township, has an-

nounced his candidacy for the Kansas legislature on the Demo-Clara Ann Brown, Oberlin, freshman at Fort Hays State College, has

been initiated into Alpha Gamma Delta social sorority.

#### 25 YEARS AGO — March 1985

Fifty percent of the registered voters in Oberlin City turned out to vote electing three candidates for city council: Don Stapp, Idella Frickey and Dave Diederich. New school board members to be added to USD 294 are Ward Sauvage, Janice O'Hare and Evan Unger.

Renell Erickson, daughter of Ron and Marlene Erickson, Rexford, has been named a Presidential Scholar at Colby Community College for the 1985-86 academic year. She is a senior at Decatur Community

on Highway 36 were forced to stop Haven, Pa., losing only to Gary Si-High School and plans to major in

By Jody Betts

New owner of Centennial Bowl is Merle Snyder who purchased the business from Art Dowling. Snyder, who began operating the establishment in 1983, also operates the food bar, cooking noon lunches and evening snacks.

FFA and FHA held their annual pizza party March 25 in the Vo-Ag building. Ahighlight of the evening was the announcement of Jodi Votpaka chosen as FFA Princess and Corey Raulston as FHA Prince.

The DCHS boys track team racked up 49 points in the Atwood Invitational behind the leadership of Jim Berkheimer in the hurdles.

Hospital News: Ben and Teena Zeigelmeier, Norcatur, daughter, Nichole Lee, March 28, 1985; Donald and Julie Harrier Jr., Oberlin, son, Dustin Brant, March 31, 1985; Douglas and Tina Johnson, Oberlin, daughter, Tiffany Marie, April 2, 1985. Funeral services were held at the

United Methodist Church in Hays for Guy Bemis, 59, a former Decatur County resident who was killed when his car struck a bridge three miles east of Hays on old U.S. 40. Bemis and his wife Dorothy

resided on a farm southwest of Oberlin several years ago before moving to rural Hays where he was a prominent rancher and former Havs banker. He is survived by his wife, a son,

Taylor, and two daughters, Faye

### **Museum Matters**

By Sharleen Wurm

The Decatur County Last Indian Raid Museum opens Thursday, April 1, for its 52nd season. We will be hosting the Chamber Coffee Hour from 10 a.m. until noon.

This will give you a chance to see what has been done with the rearranging of several of our exhibits.

Major changes have been made to the music room, alumni section, technology area, and children's toy

You will just have to come in and see for yourself all the improvements that have been made over the winter, and to meet my new assistant director, Judy Groneweg.

Our big project over the winter months was helping with the updating of the 2010 Alumni Directory. It is off to the publishers and the new directories will be back and for sale by Memorial/Alumni weekend.

Friday, April 2, we will start taking items for the Annual Rummage Sale sponsored by the Museum and KFNF Radio.

We will be taking those gently used "valuables" until Friday, April 16. The Rummage and Bake Sale is Saturday, April 17, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday, April 18, from noon to 3 p.m. If you need help with your items for the sale call 475-2712.

Museum hours: April 1 to Nov. 1, 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

With all the wonderful and exciting happenings at the Museum you should come and join us! Memberships are only \$20 for a family or \$10 for single memberships.

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# **Herndon News**

By Julie Hafner

You can believe every word of this, no April fool jokes from this

The senior citizens held their potluck dinner on Wednesday at the Herndon Senior Center with Stacey Chartier and Kyle Frick as guests and nine members attending. Bingo was played with Beth and Stacey Chartier sharing the blackout. Sharon Frick won the door prize.

Roseanne, Lewis and Sue Stoney traveled to Colby Saturday afternoon to visit Beth and Tony Miller and celebrate the birthday of Haley. Lots of family enjoyed evening dinner and birthday cake.

The community extends sympathy to the family of Fern Jording, a resident of Cedar Living Center in Oberlin, who died on Saturday. She was born May 17, 1917. Funeral service will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin today (Wednesday). She was the grandmother of Lance Jording, Herndon, and Kent Jording, McCook.

Dave and Judy Ketterl attended the Malt Shop Barbershop presentation in Colby Saturday afternoon. Adam Ketterl, Atwood, and Jeremy Wahrman, Herndon, are members of the Tumbleweed Chorus.

Bob and Julie Hafner joined Floyd Trail, Gertrude Lankas and Shirley Williams of Atwood on Tuesday afternoon at the Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin to help five residents celebrate their March birthdays. Hattie Toth topped the charts with being 99 years young. Happy Birthday was sung to all five and red carnations were delivered by the staff before all enjoyed ice cream, cupcakes and cookies.

Todd and Kim Hoffman, Castle Rock, Colo., stopped in to visit her parents, Jim and Sharon Vogel for a few days on their way through from Minnesota. The Hoffmans sell the finest meat snacks traveling to sport-

ing events all over the country. On Saturday, Lavern and Sharon

Frick, Herndon; Harlan and Naida Ginther, Atwood; and Jay Gilbert, Colby, traveled to Hays to attend the 90th birthday celebration of Sharon's aunt, Cletus Hammerschmidt. All seven first cousins were in attendance so much fun was had by all.

Those conducting the St. Mary's Stations of the Cross on March 21 following Mass were parish council members. Readers were Destiny Schroeder and Richard Rippe, Cross-Bearer, Tim Rippe, and Candle-Bearer, Joe Green.

Carol Kompus returned home after a six-week vacation visiting family. Time was spent with T.J., Lauri and J.L. Fox in Valley Center, and Dallas, Texas, where she visited Brian, Stef and grandson, Adrian Hawkins. Two weeks later you would find her in Alpharetta, Ga., with Kenny, Chris and Alex Hosaka, What a great trip, spending time with family and enjoying dining, from the traditional to the sophisticated. Carol stopped by Cedar Living in Oberlin Sunday afternoon with a surprise visit for her mother, Wilma Bobinmyer. Sophie cheered up all the residents.

Saturday evening dinner guests of Don and Joan Grafel were Steve and Susan Nelson, Oberlin; Makenzie Nelson and Matt Beusch, Wichita, and Todd Nelson, Colby. All wished Susan a happy birthday.

Bob and Julie Hafner attended the Rawlins County Historical Society dinner in Atwood Saturday evening. Julie presented "One Picture At a Time," a history of Herndon. Members and friends enjoyed the delicious dinner and the additional information gathered.

St. Mary's Catholic parish will be preparing for Easter Sunday with services on Holy Thursday at 8 p.m.,

Herndon; Good Friday services at at Sacred Heart, Atwood, and Easter 3 p.m., Herndon; Tri-parish Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 3, at 8:30 p.m.

Sunday Mass, at 9 a.m., Herndon. Happy Easter to All!

## **Cedar Living News**

Sympathy is extended to the with trying a new game of music

family of Fern Jording who passed away on Saturday at Cedar Living The Royal Neighbors hosted a

Spring Tea in the dining room on Monday afternoon. Lois Lamb, Nadean Stoney, Audra Duncan, Phyllis Screen and Edna Mott served cookies, tea, lemonade and coffee to the residents. The Royal Neighbors also left a donation, which will be used for the candy and other treats for the Easter Egg Hunt which was planned for Tuesday, March 30, at 7 p.m.

Myrna Jones led the sing-a-long time before supper on Monday.

Ira Kolsky had the first Bingo on Tuesday afternoon. The blackout game ended in a three-way tie among Delores Wheeler, Elsie Goodnight and Aleen Van Vleet.

A large group of residents gathered on Wednesday afternoon to listen to a music program given by John Juenemann. As always, John was a big hit and we enjoyed hearing all of our old favorites.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Fr. Mark Berland brought Communion for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

Charlotte Kurtz assisted residents

By Teresa Shaughnessy trivia. The game was donated to the center by Peggy Gassman. Those joining in on the game included Dale Butler, Darlene Fisher, Irene Fringer, Elsie Goodnight, Ruth

Havel, Frank Janousek, Donna

Kent, Ira Kolsky, Wilma La Salle,

Edna Mott, Joan Noble and Agnes

Pruitt. Several residents also met for

game night on Thursday. The baking group made an old favorite, mincemeat cookies, on Friday afternoon. This made a hit and they disappeared quickly.

Recent visitors: Lillian Sulzman, Sylvester Ritter, Dresden; Tom Votapka, Terry Henke, Sue Long and Brecken Rowh, Jennings; Wayne Jones, Clayton; Lila Engelhardt, Almena; Susan Orr, Colby; Jan Sattler, Atwood; Carol Kompus, Herndon; J.L. Fox, Valley Center; Gregg Sayer, Cambridge, Neb.; Kenzie Marintzer, Wray, Colo.; Patsy Marintzer, Idalia, Colo.; Marj Law, Lakewood, Colo.; Gene Van Vleet, San Diego, Calif.

Eunice Richards, Dolores Koerperich, Marian Dempewolf, Opal Huntley, Ila Ray, Gary and Sarah Fredrickson, Connie Miller and Marilyn Horn, Oberlin.

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**Good Samaritan News** By Lisa Paulson

Saturday, March 20, was the Bailey Wolf (Colby) and Kara Sage first day of Spring. It is exhilarating, inspiring, filling us with hope; the sunshine just makes our hearts lighter. It is the promise of regeneration, revitalization, and renewal. The changing seasons are a beautiful picture of our life in Christ. It reminds us that although we suffer through the darkness of winter, there is the coming of newness and beauty in the promise of resurrection and eternal life. Spring takes us to the cross and to our Risen Savior.

We will be observing Holy Week with a very meaningful Community Good Friday Service, hosted by the Decatur County Ministerial Association. This service will take place in Town Square on Friday at p.m. All are welcome to join us. Easter services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. with Pastor John Paulson

Monday we headed outdoors to enjoy that sunshine with our first Hillbilly Horseshoe match of the season. Contenders were Faye Miller, first place; Evelyn Olson, second place; Alice Bobbitt, third place; and Amy Rehm, Olive Arnold and Leone Porsch. Although only six played, the front patio was lined with residents watching and cheering them on!

Tuesday, we had a birthday bash! Cheryl Miller came to play the piano as we celebrated lots of birthdays! From oldest to youngest ... Hattie Toth, 99 years old, then Evelyn Olson, Mary Lemman, Ethel Nemeth and Betty May! Wednesday, the Butterfly Garden

Marie McChesney, Elden Long and Dorothy Hunt who thrive in this environment. Thursday afternoon, Bible Study ended their 12-week study of "Experiencing God," and now will begin a

was open to Nadine Anderson.

series entitled "Behold, The Lamb of God." "The Passion of Christ" will be shown at the request of the residents as part of the study. Pooch Portschy, Alan Addleman, Don Thomas and Myrtle Waldo

Poker and pizza! Recent visitors were Frank and Mert McEvoy for Lucy Schissler, Eva Bryan and Joe Herzog. Penny Fringer, Reva Marshall and greatgranddaughters, Tara Sue Larsen,

were excited for Friday to arrive.

Larry Mack came to serve up some

Haselhorst (Manhattan) and Dixie and Ron Snyder (Colby) for **Doro**thy Hunt. Leone Porsch enjoyed the company of her friend. Ann Hazlett (Selden). Donna Kelley, Detta Anderson and John Paulson visited Eva Bryan. Arian Arnold (Herndon) for Edla Olson. Gerald Olson was here to see Evelyn Olson. Donna Lincoln for Fave Miller. Ralph and Norma Unger for Leo Mooty, Walt and Betty May and Earl Brown. Hubert Mumm was visited by Alberta Ritter, Ken and Clem Mumm (Selden/ Colby) and Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem) who also spent time with **Doris Marintzer**. Doris also had some special guests, her son Luke Marintzer (Atwood) and Becky Faimon (Stratton, Neb.). Audra Duncan and Marilyn Horn visited Myrtle Ross. Dave Schisslerfor his mom, Violet Schissler. Gladys Geis for Lois Carlson. Helen Brooks for **Ethel Nemeth**. Eunice Martin for **Glenn Martin**. Marilou Long for Elden Long. Shirley Williams, Karen Focke and Chris Edwards (Atwood), Jim and Judy Bliss (Grand Island, Neb.) and Bob and Julie Hafner (Herndon) helped Hattie Toth celebrate her 99th Birthday! Bob and Julie also visited Pooch Portschy and Doris Marintzer. Jessi, Corbin, Cyler and Camden Luck (Hays) came to see Amy Rehm and Shirley

Hayward. Opal Bryan was busy entertaining Colton, Taylor, Braylon and Nathan Simonsson (Wamego) and Sharon Slabaugh. Myrtle Waldo enjoyed her visit with Max and Veanna Carman and Gene Van Vleet (San Diego, Calif.). Nancy Lou Jackson (Atwood) for Eileen Laird. Patrina and Joshua Murphie (Meriden) for Nila Wesch. Mildred Holmdahl visited Edla Olson, Evelyn Olson, Lois Carlson and Eulaine Benda.

Thanks again, to all that come to volunteer. You are a vital part of the Good Sam family. Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 17, as we will be honoring you that day! Watch for your invitation! May God richly bless you during

this beautiful season of Spring. Let His love shine through you to all you encounter. Happy Easter.

### **Jennings News** By Louise Cressler

Jennings Tuesday Study Club met and small tree limbs within the city on March 23 at the United Methodwent to Gove City Yarn store. Mrs. up day is Saturday, May 1. McDonald, owner of the yarn store, provided a large table for the monthly meeting of the Tuesday Study Club. Roll Call was answered by Rachel Carter, Patty Foster, Violet Foster, Pat Foster, Pat Hall, Joanie Metz, Lila Jennings, Lynn Tacha, Joan McKenna, Carla Latimer and Wilma Mader. After the meeting, everyone enjoyed looking and purchasing yarn and accessories. Mrs. McDonald also has antiques in the shop. She showed us a quilt that was 160 years old. She sells yarn by mail order also. They all had a great time.

Controlled burning of vegetation Catholic Church in Hoxie

limits of Jennings will be permitist Church and traveled by caravan ted from April 1 through May 9. to Gove. The members ate at the Adequate safety measures must be Gove County Seat Café and then taken at all times. City-wide clean-

Gwen and Jeff Anderson, Council Grove; Megan Faris, Jessica Lemmons and Gabe, Manhattan, stayed overnight Sunday with Wayne and Louise Cressler. All attended funeral services for Nadine Anderson, mother of Jeff Anderson, Monday morning at the Oberlin Covenant Church.

The community extends sympathy to Alice and Wilfred Wagoner and family and to Patricia Foster and family in the death of Wilfred and Patricia's brother, James Wagoner, on Thursday. Funeral Mass was held Monday at the St. Frances Cabrini

# **Midway News**

By Mary Lou Olson

Covenant Churches will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Lund Covenant Church. Good Friday services will begin at 7 p.m. at the Herndon Covenant Church. An Easter sunrise service is scheduled at the Herndon Covenant Cemetery at 7 a.m. Sunday, followed by breakfast at the church. Sunday School will follow at 8:45 a.m. with worship services

Congratulations to Brian and Dawn Beckman of Grinnell on the birth of a son, Griffin Wayne, on Monday, March 29. He weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces and was 20 1/4 inches long. He has two brothers, Ethan and Spencer, and a sister, Jordyn. Grandparents are Dorvan

Maundy Thursday services for and Rosie Beckman, Grinnell, the Herndon, Lund and Oberlin and Frank and Margaret McEvoy, Oberlin.

Danace McDonald, Clae, Jordan

and Kainin of Colby, visited on Sunday with her parents, Chris and Sherri Schmidt. and her grandmother, Daisy Schmidt. Eulaine Benda will be 90 years

old on Friday. Mail will reach her in care of Barbara Olson, 401 N. Rodehaver, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

Keely Wilson, Julie, Harmony and Derek of Kearney, Neb., brought supper on Friday to the home of her grandparents, Keith and Mary Lou Olson, then were overnight guests. They also visited James and Kimberly Witt, Ashley and Whitney, and Tyler and Tiffany Witt.

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