

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — April 1885

Windy weather. High winds prevail. The carpenter work on the new skating rink was completed Friday and purchased supplies, also a lot of lumber for grade stakes.

The B&M surveyors were in town Friday and purchased supplies, also a lot of lumber for grade stakes.

Steps are being taken to organize a baseball club at Vallonia. There is good material for one in that neighborhood as the Oberlin boys can testify.

Surveyors of the B&M R.R. Company are running lines just east of town near the creek. Four or five lines have been run from the divide to the Sappa but no permanent line has yet been established.

The incorporation meeting to have been held Thursday evening was a fizzle.

M.F. Vandiver, the old homesteader and veteran locator of Sheridan County was in town last week and when he left for the fruitful soil of Sheridan he had in charge a party of 15 emigrants. Week before last he located 85 persons in Sheridan and Thomas Counties, which record is hard to beat.

100 YEARS AGO — April 1910

J.D. Barratt writes to have his Herald changed to Sterling, Colo.

Doctor and Mrs. Miner returned from Arkansas Saturday. They greatly enjoyed their sojourn in the south.

John Barker was the lucky man to get the buggy given away by the Oberlin Mercantile.

Frank Arehart of Roosevelt Township returned from Cherryvale, Kansas, where he had been to visit his only brother.

Miss Mable Doom was seriously injured in a runaway accident in Bennington, Kansas.

75 YEARS AGO — April 1935

In practically every one of our many exchange papers last week were stories of the dust storms. One of the most severe storms seemed to

have centered around Beloit where the town was in absolute darkness in the middle of the forenoon last Wednesday. Near Winona in Logan County, the body of a 7-year-old boy was found in a field about a quarter of a mile from his house. He had died by suffocation during the March 5 dust storm.

Ray Dyer was at a vantage point on the top steps back of the Masonic Temple Tuesday taking pictures of the dust cloud that was descending on the town.

Due to ill health Miss Mary Higdon, instructor in mathematics, has resigned her position and Mrs. Robert Herzog of Herndon will fill out the term.

Elwood Brooks has received word that the funding to concrete both the upstream and downstream faces of the dam across the Prairie Dog has been approved. The county lake west of Jennings is approaching the completion stage.

An employee of the company working on the erection of a water tower at Herndon was seriously injured Saturday evening when the car in which he was a passenger crashed into the bridge railing across Sappa Creek just east of Oberlin on Highway 36 causing his right leg to be severed.

Funeral services were held in Rexford for Robert Morgan, 69, with burial in Oberlin Cemetery. He is survived by his wife, the former Bertha Rodehaver and a son, Robert R., both of Rexford.

50 YEARS AGO — April 1960

Chris Jom was elected president of Oberlin Rotary Club.

In a business transaction last week, Frank Cameron purchased a half-interest in Anderson & Son next to the post office. The business will be known as Oberlin Appliance and Hardware.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Johnston began work Monday morning at Decatur County Hospital where Mrs. Johnston is head nurse and her husband is employed in the maintenance

department.

Prompted by numerous complaints of destruction of property and other antics by dogs, city council members considered adoption of a dog ordinance at the monthly council meeting Monday night.

W.T. Wolfe, Clayton Diehl and John Euhus drove to Dodge City Saturday where they attended the 5th District Republican meeting. Wolfe and Euhus played in the "Boyd for Governor" band.

New Arrival: Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Benda are the parents of a daughter, Barbara Lynn, born April 1.

25 YEARS AGO — April 1985

Centennial News: The Oberlin Centennial committee is conducting school in the Addleman schoolhouse located in Oberlin Township. They have gathered more than 20 former country school teachers to instruct or assist in the instruction of the Oberlin children in the one-room structure. Wonder if visitors would be turned away, especially

if they brought treats for the entire school?

The USD 294 board of education moved to officially close Norcatrur School next fall. The two teachers now at Norcatrur will be reassigned: Audrey Pavlicek to OES and Oran Milner to the Junior-Senior High School. Board members accepted the resignations of Jim Keller, Decatur Community High School language arts instructor and his wife, Sherry Keller, speech clinician. Mr. Keller has accepted the position of assistant principal at El Dorado High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Fisher have returned from Arizona where they spent the winter.

The new pastor of Lund Covenant Church, the Rev. Mark Mosher, his wife Glennifer and sons Shawn and Zachary, arrived last week and are residing at 110 E. Oak.

The Oberlin Health Club on Penn Avenue opened Monday under the ownership of Scott and Carol Hodson.

Museum Matters

By Sharleen Wurm

Items have already been coming in for the Museum's Annual Rummage Sale. We will be taking those "gently used" items Tuesday through Saturday from April 6 through April 16. Because of space, we are not able to take large appliances or exercise equipment.

The rummage sale, along with a bake sale, will be held Saturday, April 17, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Sunday, April 18, the rummage sale will continue from noon to 3 p.m.

The City of Oberlin is celebrating its 125th Anniversary this year. Several events are being planned and throughout the year I hope to include some interesting tidbits on early day history in my articles.

Taken from the first edition of the Oberlin Democrat; R. Marks, Editor

and Proprietor March 11, 1886.

"OBERLIN: THE METROPOLIS OF NORTHWESTERN KANSAS

Has a population of 1,500, Contains 3 Banks; 3 Newspapers; 7 General Merchandise Stores; 3 Hardware Stores; 4 Drug Stores; 1 Book Store; 5 Lumber Yards; 3 Hotels; 10 Restaurants; 2 Harness Shops; 1 Boot and Shoe Store; 1 Clothing Store, and a host of others."

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 per family or \$10 per individual. Be a part of Oberlin's number one attraction.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Justin and Lori Marintzer moved into their home last week. Traveling from Ettrick, Wis., and Onalaska, Wis., were Lori's mother, Sandy Rutchow and Aunt Wanda, helping them settle into their new digs. Congratulations Justin and Lori!

Dinner guests Easter Sunday of Don and Joan Grafel were Steve and Susan Nelson, Oberlin; Makenzie Nelson, Wichita; and Todd Nelson, Colby. The family wished Todd a happy birthday early for his special day on April 13.

Ron and Cindy Sattler celebrated Easter with Janice Sattler in Atwood. Rob Sattler, Oakley; Randy and Adam Sattler, Hutchinson; Brian, Mary and Collin Clark; Buford Clark and Jayme Sattler, Atwood, enjoyed dinner together.

Sharon Marintzer celebrated her birthday at Roger's Bar and Grill, Monday, March 29, with Carla Marintzer, Julie Hafner and Marita Portschy.

Herndon PRIDE sponsored another successful Easter Egg Hunt at the Herndon City Park on Saturday morning. There were lots of boys and girls in attendance with their Easter baskets to find their candy and eggs to win their prize. Adult winners for the Easter raffle baskets were: Brooks Brenn of rural Herndon and Anita Mumm of Denver. Thank you to all who made this event a success! Happy Spring!

Celebrating Easter with Brad and Deanna Williams for dinner were Voni Sattler, Kathy, Sami, Braden and Joey Leitner, Alex Johnson, Amy, Zach and Piper, Sam, Chelsey and Kaius, Brandi and Kassi.

Paycie Nichole Juenemann, Hays, made acquaintances with her great-grandparents this weekend. Paycie was born March 25, 2010, to Chase and Dana Juenemann, weighing 8 pounds and 15 ounces and was 21 inches long. She went to Colby to meet her great-grandmother, Barbara Sweitzis, on Friday. Saturday she traveled to Atwood to meet her great-grandmother Janice Sattler, great-aunt, Mary Clark and great-uncle, Brian Clark. Collin got to squeeze the new little bundle of joy.

Paycie and family attended Easter Mass in Herndon and then visited great-grandmother Eula Juenemann, great-grandmother Ardythe and great-grandfather John Cederberg and great-grandmother June Fortin, Oberlin. A very tired baby

went back to Hays Sunday evening with big sister, Payton looking out for her this first trip. Grandparents David and Joyce Juenemann and Ron and Cindy Sattler had a very blessed Easter with this most precious gift.

Family gathering Sunday at Elk Inn in Oberlin with Bob and Liane Martin for Easter dinner were Dick and Bette Martin, Wilsonville, Neb.; and Kirche, Tasha, Kiana and Tristan Martin of Indianola, Neb. They celebrated Bob's birthday and lended a helping hand with building a backyard fence and a few other fix-it chores.

Family spending Easter together at the home of Stan, Becky and Muriel Faimon in Stratton, Neb., were Heather Faimon, Hastings, Neb.; Cork and Jacque Riener, Jessica, Calvin and Kayla; John and Kari Riener, Atwood; Jim and Amy Riener, Phillipsburg; Jeff Riener, Hays; Bud and Vicky Mumm, Gem; Anita Mumm, Denver; Greg Mumm, Cheyenne, Wyo., and Luke Marintzer, Atwood.

David and Bonnie Franke spent Easter weekend with Brian, Tracy, David, and Ellen Franke in Albuquerque, N.M. They also visited Don and Becky Bearsley while in Albuquerque.

Easter Sunday dinner was held at Greg, Rita and Joe Marintzers home. Those attending were Jacob, Tara, and Kade Marintzer, Westmoreland; Isaac Marintzer, Colby; Pete and Eileen Portschym, Cheri Kastens, Dean, Deb, Marcus and Neil Portschy, Eugene Kleidosty, Justin and Lori Marintzer of Herndon and Emily Chessmore, Atwood. Greg gave an Easter blessing for a new beginning. Carol Kompus was a late afternoon visitor.

Justin Davis and Jennifer Beims spent the weekend at St. Francis with Jeff, Leslie, Payton and Reagan Beims. Saturday they worked calves and then all enjoyed Easter dinner with Kaye O'Brien and Jeff's family. Ron and Peach Beims are spending Easter with family outside of Orlando, Fla.

Bob and Julie Hafner enjoyed Easter Sunday dinner with their aunts, Edie Pettera and Joan Noble at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin. A hot game of Dominoes followed dessert with Edie connecting the most tiles with her winning strategy. Bob and Julie also stopped for a short visit with their Aunt Hattie

Toth at Good Samaritan letting her know Easter prayers are with her.

On Saturday, Liane Martin and Theresa Rippe traveled to Colby to help Gary and Pat Louise Sloan with their move to a new home.

Carol Kompus enjoyed Easter dinner with her mother, Wilma Bobinmyer at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin. Carol provided Easter cupcakes for the residents for evening dinner and nobody ate the little fuzzy chicks.

Word was received Monday of the death of John Henry Hutfles of Centralia. John Henry was born to Ernest and Augusta Hutfles March 18, 1935, and died March 28, 2010, at the home of his daughter in Overland Park. John Henry was a grandson to John Hutfles, brother of Joseph Hutfles of Herndon. Mass of Christian Burial was held Tuesday, April 6, at St. Bede's Catholic

Church in Kelly, Kan., with burial in the church cemetery.

Theresa Rippe spent a few days in Minneola visiting Brenda and Aaron Schilde. While there, she attended a "come and go" baby shower for Brenda, hosted by some friends from the school where they teach. Aaron's mom, grandma, an aunt and his sister and sister-in-law and several nieces and nephews came from Oklahoma for the event.

Other special guests were Jennifer Leitner of Wichita, Brenda's high school friend, and her college roommate, Amy Feldman and her daughter, Arika, and her mother, Rhonda Schmidt from Lyons and Genesco. Cakes decorated with yellow and green candy mold booties, bottles, rattles and strollers, green punch, nuts and turtle and duck mints were served.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Kathy Van Meter went to Hoxie on Wednesday to attend the funeral of Shirley Cooper, a second cousin. On Friday, she went to Garden Plain to celebrate the birth of a great-grandson, Jamie Joplin, son of Brian and Maria Joplin. Grandparents, Jack and Sylvia Lovin, were there also.

Richard and Sheryl Patterson and Veda Wood went to Denver on Thursday to see Twila Vernon, their sister. We found her improved slightly, and able to visit a little. That evening she was moved to a place where she would get physical therapy. Her address is Wheatridge Manor, 2920 Fenton, Wheatridge, Colo., 80214.

Twila and Leland (Lee) Vernon graduated in the same class as June Jolly. They plan to come back on Memorial Day weekend.

Keith Anthony and Sissy, his daughter, went to Colorado on Thursday and came back Sunday. He says he is doing well.

June Jolly and Margaret "Toots" Magers went to Oberlin on Friday where they had lunch at the Frontier Cafe, then toured the new Community Center and played pinochle.

At home a new litter of kittens greeted June Jolly and the rain rinsed the washing she had left on the line. You know how good that

smells!

Nearly everyone in the community attended the "Whole Hog" benefit for Randy Allen. He is one of those people who enjoys doing things for others, but is embarrassed to have it turned around. It was a very nice dinner with music by Larry Henderson and Lee Ann Shearer.

Thanks to Sheryl and Richard Patterson for taking Veda Wood to Denver, and Dwight and Teresa Wood for taking her to Colby, where they heard the Colby Tumbleweed Chorus and Prairie Rose Harmony. Featured were "The Acoustix," an a capella quartet that has appeared on CNN, NBC's "Today Show," TNN's "The Statler Brothers Show" and many others. Their local quartet, "Uncalled Four," included former "preacher's kid" Bruce Bandy, and the Prairie Rose singers included Sandy McNames and the ladies who like to come to Norcatrur and sing on the karaoke nights at the cafe. Sandy gave Teresa tickets for her birthday, and Veda bummed along.

Veda also thanks her daughter, Carol, for taking her to Norton for cataract surgery, and again the next day for a check-up. Veda says everything is fine.

Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

Christ has risen! He has risen indeed!

What words come to you when you think of Spring? Rebirth, new life, warmth, sunshine, fresh start, Easter eggs, chicks, bunnies, lambs, Mother Nature? What about Easter week — what words come to mind? Betrayal, suffering, sin offering, atonement, sacrifice, resurrection, new life, Jesus, the Lamb of God, reconciliation, salvation, eternal life...hope? What would Spring be without Easter? Just another season!

This week we had activities that focused our attention on Jesus and what His week before Easter Sunday was like, pointing us to the cross, the resurrection and the glorious hope we have in Him when we accept Him as our Savior.

During Art Class, Evelyn Olson, Alice Bobbitt, Myrtle Ross, Betty May, Faye Miller and Leone Porsch made decoupage wooden crosses for Easter. Myrtle's cross wasn't on display because she quickly had it packaged and sent to a friend in Texas in hopes it would arrive in time for the holiday.

Bible study was "Behold the Lamb" getting some background on the Old Testament sacrifices, Passover and the New Testament final sacrifice of the Lamb of God, Jesus.

A very compelling Community Good Friday Service was held in Town Square, with the Decatur County Ministerial Association officiating. Sixty people came to partake in this special service. Town Square was darkened with black curtains over the windows and an old rugged cross adorned with a crown of thorns was the focal point of the display, but come Easter morn, the display burst forth with sunshine and purple clothes now draped the foot of the cross that was filled with Easter Lilies. The sweet aroma of the lilies filled the room in celebration of our Risen Lord!

Pastor John Paulson gave the Easter message Sunday afternoon. Marilyn Horn played the piano as a rousing rendition of "Christ the Lord has Risen Today" was sung.

Faye Miller was so happy to have her daughter Rita take the piano and play for her son-in-law, Maurice, as he continued to bless us with song after church was over.

A Memorial Service was held in honor of Nadine Anderson Friday morning. It seemed so appropriate that she would be spending Easter with Jesus this year. She was a woman of tremendous faith. She, along with her husband, have been

living testimonies of God's unfeeling love to all of us who loved and cared for her. She will be greatly missed until we are reunited in heaven one day!

I was out in the community this weekend and saw one of our First Hand Friend readers with her family. When I greeted her, she looked a bit puzzled and asked, "Where do I know you from?" I gave her a hint by asking her if she remembered her password. (The children use their First Hand Friend reading pal's name as their "password" to leave the building). Her face lit up as she yelled "Doris!" and then she quipped equally as loud, "Oh yeah... you're from the "Great Sam"! I was tickled by her words, but have thought of them again and again. Sometimes out of the mouth of babes the truth speaks. Good Sam is Great! A great place to live, to work and to visit!

Take a look at our recent visitors: Penny Fringer, Reva Marshall and Dixie and Ron Snyder (Colby) visited Dorothy Hunt. Leone Porsch enjoyed the company of her husband Francis Porsch. Donna Kelly, Delta Anderson and John Paulson visited Eva Bryan. Ariana Arnold (Herndon) for Edla Olson. Gerald Olson for Evelyn Olson. Donna Lincoln, Maurice and Rita Schaller (Larned) and Francy and Dale Miller for Faye Miller. Susan May for Walt and Betty May. Ella

Betts for 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. Marilyn Horn visited with Myrtle Ross. Dave and Dan Schissler for their mom, Violet Schissler. Becky, Dakota, Mollie and Gracie Tate along with Gladys Geis for Lois Carlson. Helen Brooks and Betty Heisel for Ethel Nemeth. Eunice Martin for Glenn Martin. Marilou Long for Elden Long. Shirley Williams (Atwood), J.B. Toth (Denver), Bob and Janice Arkle (York, Neb.), Bethel Golt (McDonald), Bob and Julie Hafner (Herndon), Gary and Carol Allen and Carol Kompus (Herndon) for Hattie Toth. Cheri Kastens and Chris Wood (Herndon) for Pooch Portschy. Alyce Avery for Amy Rehm. Jeff Hayward for Shirley Hayward. Nila Wesch had Jim and Pam Wesch and Janice Shobe. Elsie Wolters for Dorothy Pryor.

Wyatt and Owen Amlong came to show off for all the residents. We also had five of our staff's new babies come to be cuddled and loved.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

We had a fun week preparing for Easter. Monday afternoon the craft group met to make Easter decorations for the dining room.

Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led the sing-along time before supper on Monday.

Darlene Fisher won the first Bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Linda Shuler won the blackout game. Several residents stayed around after the game to help prepare treats for the Easter egg hunt.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt was held in the Cedar Living Center dining room on Tuesday evening. More than twenty children participated in the hunt. The children did a great job of visiting with the residents and showing off their baskets. We are always so grateful for the parents who make the effort to share their children with us during these special events.

The Western Fraternal Association donated money toward the purchase of the candy and supplies for the hunt. The Association has been very generous over the years in supporting intergenerational activities.

Wednesday afternoon residents gathered in the dining room with Charlotte Kurtz for Easter trivia and games.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible Study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

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

There were lots of winners at the penny card game played on Thursday afternoon. Players included Dale Butler, Darlene Fisher, Irene Fringer, Elsie Goodnight, Donna

Kent, Ira and Mary Kolsky, Wilma LaSalle, Marian Miller, Edna Mott, Agnes Pruitt, Aleen VanVleet, Mary Votapka and Delores Wheeler.

Teresa Shaughnessy and Charlotte Kurtz hosted a root beer float party after the card game on Thursday. Root beer floats always bring back happy memories.

A Good Friday devotion service was held on the CLC patio on Friday morning.

Friday afternoon residents gathered to feast on Easter eggs. Several residents assisted with dyeing the eggs earlier in the day.

Judy Jackson hosted the Pinochle players on Friday afternoon.

Several residents enjoyed visits from family and friends over the Easter weekend.

Recent Visitors: David and Jeanette Krizek, Jennings; Don Ritter, Lillian Sulzmann, Dresden; Wayne A. Jones, Clayton; Carol Kompus, Linda Bosler, Bob and Julie Hafner, Herndon; Natalie and Daniel Merica, Clay Center; Greg and Stacie Coyle, Emily, Rodney, Kaidyn, and Ryliegh, Rossville, Kan.; Clayton and Amy Erickson, Tecumseh, Kan.; Gregg Sayer, Cambridge, Neb.; Charlie and Sharon Wurm, Staplehurst, Neb.; Kiefer Wurm, Lincoln, Neb.; Malorie Gregory, Savannah and Jackson, David City, Neb.; George Sayer, Lexington, Neb.

Marian Dempewolf, Opal Huntley, Ila Ray, Eunice Richards, Gary and Janelle Walter, Mirium Fisher, Mary, Lonnie, Shane, and Ryan McEvoy, Marilyn Horn, Everette and Dorene Shuler, Oberlin.

It's time for spring cleaning! Sell those unwanted items in the Classified! Call Pat at 475-2206