

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — April 1886

The past week has been exceedingly disagreeable. A corps of B. & M. engineers left Oberlin Monday morning for the West.

Double-header trains with from 40 to 50 cars were the order last week. Mrs. S.J. Rodehaver is erecting a residence on one of her lots near the Oberlin House.

Married, on April 6, 1886, by Rev. John Wilson, Mr. Theodore H.E. Shultz and Miss Amanda C. Christianson, all of Decatur County, Kansas. Results of the city election in Oberlin: Mayor: A. W. Bariteau, 109; E. E. Stewart, 89. For councilmen: W.A. Frasier, 191; John B. Hitchcock, 131; Henry M. Lip-pincott, 102; F.H. Smith, 105; Wm. E. Reeder, 102; Everton Doom, 77; D.C. Moser, 88; R.A. Reasoner, 89; N.G. Adleman, 93. For police judge: J. R. Chase, 107; A. J. King, 87.

The new town in Sherman County between Voltaire and Leonard is to be called Eustis after the general manager and ticket agent of the B. & M.

The officers for the Oberlin Sunday School for the ensuing year are: R. O. Kindig, supt; I.C. Guy, asst supt; Miss A. C. Bridel, sec'y; Mrs. J. F. Johnson, treas. and Mrs. A.A. Espy, librarian.

100 YEARS AGO — April 1911

Curry Bros. got in another car of granite last week. One and one-fourth inches of rain Monday. John Holmes is closing out the Victor Mercantile stock of merchandise.

A goodly number of the people of Dresden were over Monday trying to get that little city incorporated. J.B. Colt's Hardware store came near burning Sunday night, but Sheriff Griffin and Raymond Wolfe saved the building by breaking the glass in the door and crawling through the opening and putting out the fire by smothering the flames with their coats. Mr. Colt purchased new coats for both men, thus showing his appreciation.

Results of the city election: for mayor: S J. Morrish, 253, C. S. Maddox, 243. For councilmen: F.B. Patton, 257; J.D. Hayes, 258; H. J. Hitchcock, 265; W. K. Curry, 269; J. H. Fleming, 259; W. J. Marvin, 139; J. W. Railsback, 156; H. J. Morrison, 119; Geo. McMullen, 147;

J.E. Love, 125. Police Judge: W. G. Colbert, 241, L.G. Parker, 142.

75 YEARS AGO — April 1936

Surpassing the hopes of their most ardent admirers, Oberlin's high school band under the direction of Bert Hostinsky, came home from the Tri-State Band contest at Enid, Oklahoma with the highest honors in Class B marching, and with six of their soloists winning firsts. Oklahoma City was highest in Class A. The judges included Dr. Edwin Franko Goldman of New York City and Dr. Frank Simon of Cincinnati, two of the greatest band masters in the world. "These are the finest high school bands in America, the finest I've ever heard." Dr. Simon said.

Soloists ranking first were Aileen Wenger in alto vocal; Myrna Raymond, string bass; Gertrude Morrish, flute; Don Dyer, baritone; Lloyd Reist, trombone and Leonard Wegener, B-flat clarinet.

Mr. Hostinsky wishes to thank all the Oberlin people who made the trip possible by taking the contestants in their cars, and the band directors at Norton and Herndon for pieces of equipment which were borrowed from them.

On Saturday, April 4, Mr. H. A. Stowell, the only living Civil War veteran in the county, celebrated his 93rd birthday. Born in Peoria County, Illinois, he served for more than three years in the First Peoria Battery. He was in the battle of Pea Ridge and was a gunner in the siege of Vicksburg. Before coming to Oberlin he was the superintendent of schools in Barber County and an instructor in the normal school at Medicine Lodge where the famous Carrie Nation was a student. Coming to Oberlin in 1892 he was the superintendent of schools for four years and then a bookkeeper for Campbell, Dean and Wilbur.

Last weekend 49 members of the Worcester family gathered at the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Price Worcester and enjoyed a real family reunion.

The J. F. Martin ranch under the management of Ed Fiala has been visited several times recently by thieves. During the past three weeks three new-born calves, 25 chickens and an unknown amount of oats and corn have been taken. The calves which were housed with their mothers, were taken from the building during the night.

Miss Martha Douglas accompanied Douglas Jorm to Norton where he took the Summerfield Scholar-

ship test. Six Oberlin women, Mrs. Charles Hawkes, Mrs. A. A. Dryden, Mrs. Boyd Love, Mrs. H. J. Morrison, Mrs. E. R. Woodward and Miss Lorraine Love were invited guests at a lovely Scotch Tea at the home of Mrs. C. E. Feely in Jennings on Friday afternoon when the Swastika Club of Jennings had as their guests the Tuesday Afternoon Study Club of Jennings. Musical numbers in a Scottish theme were given by Mrs. Harry Simpson, Mrs. Hawkes and Mrs. Harry Knap of Norton and by a trio composed of Mrs. E. D. Heatherington, Mrs. Simpson and Mrs. W.T. Noone.

50 YEARS AGO — April 1961

The past weekend resulted in one of the best reports of precipitation in a long time. The moisture came in the form of rain which turned to snow that accumulated to an estimated eight inches. According to Lewis Shields, county engineer, a large storage tank has been purchased recently for diesel fuel to enable the buying of larger quantities and result in a savings of about five cents per gallon. After many weeks of hospitalization following an accident, Mrs. Ward Claar returned home recently. News Arrivals: A daughter, Jean Ann, on April 9 to Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Black, weight, 7 pounds.

A local grad, Jerry Baker, was awarded his 12th college letter at the athletic banquet at College of

Emporia. Jerry was a four-year letterman in football and track, had three letters in basketball and one in golf. Jack Kelley, Norcatur, won his fourth letter in football.

25 YEARS AGO — April 1986

Susie Gallenine, a resident of Decatur County for many years, celebrated her 100th birthday April 6 with an open house and birthday party at the Andbe Home in Norton. A native of Beatrice, Neb., she moved with her family as a child in a covered wagon to a farm in south-east Decatur County. After her marriage in 1904 to David Gallentine they lived on a farm near Clayton until his death in 1950.

Florine Vernon who has served as an employee of the Homemaker Program for the State of Kansas, Social and Rehabilitation Services for the past nine years was honored at an afternoon coffee at Sappa Valley Manor. Also honored was Lee Ann Wilson who will be moving from the area this spring.

Jennings: Keli Brown and Sammie Brooks, students at Prairie Heights High School, Jennings, have been chosen by the Jennings American Legion Auxiliary to attend Sunflower Girls State June 8-15 in Lawrence.

News from DCHS: The Spanish club held a fashion show in order to raise money to send students to Mexico. Clothing was modeled from Aten's Department Store and Wright's Apparel.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Cedar Living Center will be hosting the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Tuesday, April 19, at 7 p.m. in the dining room. All children are welcome to attend. The hunt does not last long, so please plan to be on time. Each child should bring a small basket.

We are observing National Volunteer Week, April 10 - 16, at Cedar Living Center. Volunteers at the center provide a variety of services, from helping with bingo to leading Bible study. Many of our volunteers have been with us for years and some for only a few months. These selfless individuals help to enhance the lives of those they serve.

In addition to our volunteers who come on a regular basis, we have even more who come once or twice a year to help with a birthday party, sing with a group of carolers, or bring flowers or vegetables from their garden. School, church, and youth groups step in with door decorations, cookies, or to entertain. The churches in the community provide Sunday services each week. We send out our thanks to all of those who have helped us during the past year.

We were saddened at the loss of two long time residents of Cedar Living Center last Monday, Agnes Pruitt and Elsie Goodnight. Sympathy is extended to their families.

There were several winners at the dice game played on Monday afternoon. Snacks were served following the game. The sing-along group met before supper on Monday afternoon. Everyone took a minute to sing "Happy Birthday" to Violet

Brown. There is plenty of fun to go around when residents meet for bingo on Tuesday afternoon. Volunteers Marian Dempewolf and Ila Ray assisted with the game. Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson before supper on Wednesday afternoon.

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

Edna Mott attended funeral services for Elsie Goodnight on Thursday afternoon.

Dee Anna Krizek was the guest of honor at a birthday celebration hosted by her family during supper on Thursday. Mary McEvoy brought cake to share with all the residents and staff.

The baking group made sour cream chocolate cookies on Friday afternoon. Lots of staff and guests stop by to chat and eat a cookie with the group.

There will be a dance in the Cedar Living Center dining room at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 14. The public is invited to join us for an evening of old time music. Refreshments will be served.

Recent visitors: Susie Youngblood, Linda Files, Jan Sattler, Delpha Sis, Juliann Sis, Atwood; Eugene Kleidosty, Linda Bosler, Julie and Bob Hafner, Herndon; Paula Keller, St. Francis.

Carol Kompus, Marian Dempe-wolf, Lois Lamb, Mirium Fisher, Lyle Gambelin, Max and Veanna Carman, Dolores Koerperich, Robert Fringer and Phyllis Screen.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

St. Mary's held Stations of the Cross following Mass on Sunday. Catholic Youth Organization was in charge with Marcus Portschy and Jessica Rienen as Readers; John Solko, Cross Bearer and Donovan Schroeder, Candle Bearer.

Senior Citizens will host the monthly dinner at noon, Wednesday, April 20, at the center. Dinner, meeting and entertainment sound like an afternoon of fun.

Janice Sattler, Atwood, and Bob

and Julie Hafner enjoyed dinner and visiting with Joan Noble and Edie Pettera and other residents at Cedar Living Center on Sunday.

Dave and Judy Ketterl attended the barbershop concert in Colby on Saturday afternoon. Adam Ketterl was a member of the chorus.

Terri Dechant, LaSalle, Colo., was a recent weekend guest of her mother, Emma Lou Sattler. They visited Celine Dunker in Ludell Saturday afternoon.

Good Samaritan Center

By Lisa Paulson

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. Psalm 139:13-16

It is an amazing thought that God knew us before we were born. Then when we take our first breath outside our mother's womb, others know us by the individual name our parents give us and the family name passed down by our fathers. We immediately begin taking on other identity markers like brother, sister, cousin, niece, nephew etc. Then throughout our lifetime other identity markers get added: husband, wife, aunt, uncle etc. We are also known by our association with our church, employment, friends, children, and even our special interests.

All this said to introduce a new (tried and true) concept for our activity planning for Spring and Summer. The formation of "Clubs.". When visiting with those who have added the "Good Sam Family" to their long list of identity markers, they almost all talk about the importance of "going to club." Many were members of several different clubs. So we thought it would be fun to give it a whirl.

Detta Anderson came on Tuesday to give the history of Calico Gals, a long-standing club in the community. She talked about how in forming the club one of their guidelines was that they would not gossip. Lora Zwickle was a member who was quick to stop even a hint of gossip by saying, "Girls, get your needles out and get back to your embroidery." Wednesday, our Men's Club met to do some woodworking. Walt May and Loren Schrock made Train banks. We will finish the project this week as other guys would like to join us.

The United Methodist Women

(a church club) hosted our April Birthday party honoring Eulaine Benda, Myrtle Ross and Frank Janousek. Susan Nelson brought the first graders to entertain us. Wow, were we impressed when they did a square dance for us!

On Friday, our first official Club Meeting took place. Charter members were: Alice Bobbitt, Evelyn Olson, Phil Erickson, and Dorothy Pryor. They named their club the "In House Club"

All these identity markers are great but the only one that really matters is our adoption into the family of God through faith in Jesus Christ! Have a Blessed week!

On Saturday, April 16 we will be having our annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. If you have been a volunteer, or are a volunteer "wannabe" mark this date on your calendar and plan to join us!

Here is a list of this week's visitors; Larry and Diana Alstrom and Max Carman for Myrtle Waldo. Cheryl Miller for Loren Schrock. Sharon Slabaugh, for Opal Bryan. Jerry and Joye Hill for Don and Cheryl Hill. Reva Marshall and Tami Cook for Dorothy Hunt. Murry and Audrey Pavlicek for Mary Lemman. Frank and Mert McEvoy for Lucy Schissler. Connie and Gerald Olson and Kelly Olson for Evelyn Olson. Edie Tate and Gladys Geis for Lois Carlson. Eunice Martin for Glenn Martin. Steve and Arian Arnold (Herndon) for Edla Olson. Carolyn Strevey for Crystal Moore. Marilou Long for Elden Long. Marilyn Horn for Myrtle Ross. Rhonda May for Walt and Betty May. Loyd Waldo and Jody Betts for Mary Waldo. Elsie Wolters for Dorothy Pryor. Ralph and Norma Unger for Lucy Schissler. Opal Bryan, Alice Bobbitt and Evelyn Olson. Brecken and Kennedy Jensen for Violet Schissler. Dave Meyer and "Sable" their German Shepherd for Charleen Meyer. Sam Mack and Mary Long for Phil Erickson. United Methodist Women: Eileene Grose, Pat Abby, Maxine Smith, Eunice Martin, Marian Fringer, Jody Betts, Louise Pollnow and Laurene Van Otterloo.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Congratulations to Orrin and Beth Holle on the birth of a son, Will Wesley, on April 5, 2011, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. He weighed 8 pounds, and was 20 1/2 inches long. He has two brothers, Henry and Eli, and a sister, Maggie, to welcome him home. His grandmother, Suzanne Wehrman of Sylvan Grove, came Sunday to help care for her new grandson.

Dick and Donna Kelley visited over the weekend with their son, Dr. Kirk Kelley, in Davenport, Iowa.

Keith and Mary Lou Olson attended the birthday dinner on Saturday which honored their great-granddaughter, Julie Beth Wilson,

on her fifth birthday at the home of her parents, Chris and Keely Wilson, Harmony, Derek and Noah in Kearney, Neb. Others present were Charlie and Sandy Kincaid, Josh and Serenity, Norton; Evelyn Wilson and Les Wilson, Hays; and Cindy Brunzell, Megan and Brianna, Grand Island, Neb. The James Witt, and Tyler Witt families and Gene and Beverly Witt were unable to attend.

An Easter breakfast will be served at 6:45 a.m. on Sunday, April 24, at the Herndon Covenant Church, followed by Sunday School at 8:45 a.m. and morning worship at 10 a.m.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

A graveside memorial service was held on Friday, March 29, for Jay K. Locy who was born in Norcatur to George and Virgie (Van Gundy) Locy in 1932. The family and friends gathered at the Educational Building in Norcatur for visiting and a snack. I accompanied Dorothy Ward to the cemetery, where Jay's grandson led a short service and military rites were performed by the Navy Honors Team of the Norton American Legion Post. We also visited briefly and I was especially glad to chat with Beverly Lintz.

June Jolly said that outside of some bruising, she didn't have bad effects from the recent car accident. She has played cards and led bingo since we talked to her last.

Kathy Van Meter and Lloyd Frandsen attended the "Gala" at Cambridge, the Tri-Valley Health System annual benefit, which included music by the 10-piece Bobby Lane orchestra, a prime rib dinner and dance.

A delicious dinner followed the church service at Lyle last Sunday with a special pre-birthday cake for Toots Magers from her daughters.

That evening, she went to Lebanon, Neb., for the pancake supper at the American Legion with Gary, Cathy and Keith Anthony.

Carol sent me the email thing about the goose named Maria and asked if it reminded me of "Ol Gus" and it did.

Our sons had a few geese for a few years, and what with coyotes and all, Gus was finally the only one left. He would wait until we had milked all the cows except two, and then he would come into the milk room, put his head in the station, and honk for food. Of course, we would feed him, then he would go to the pasture with the cows.

Some of his tricks included pulling the car keys out of the trunk, pulling up our newly-planted cabbage plants (we have heard of weeder geese, so I guess he thought he was helping, or else he just didn't like cabbage) and he decided he had to be my protector and tried to chase my husband and sons away. At the sale, the auctioneer told buyers about the goose who thought he was a cow.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

On Thursday during Senior Citizens at the Community Center, Cecelia Ottley won high, Edna Schiltz took second, Helen Karls got low and Ralph Weis had the most Jacks. Other members present included: Lola Cook, Jeanie Spresser, Pat Wessel, Betty James, Shirley Baker, Paulie Neff, Royce Cook, Bernita Aumiller, Gail Mumm and Carl Mumm.

Birthdays and anniversaries - April 15 - Carl Mumm, Steve Shaw, Greg and Stephanie Ritter. April 16 - Gail Mumm. April 17 - Dan Benoit, Danielle Spresser Brown, Shelly Nordyke, Mike and Linda

Spresser, Jaci Schaben, Vicky Ray. April 19 - John Paulson. April 20 Bingington Rogers, Sandy Koerperich, Rob Schiltz. April 21 - Heith Sauvage, Mike Peter.

The Selden Community Cleanup day will be Saturday, April 30, and the rain date Saturday, May 14. Anyone interested in helping should meet at the City Park at 9 a.m. Don't forget to bring your gloves and a rake or clippers.

Annual Antique Tractor and Car show will be Sunday, June 5, in Downtown Selden. Watch the paper for more details later.



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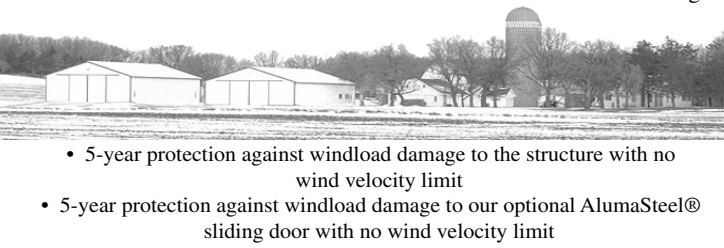
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