

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1887
Fred Douglass of Brodhead, Wisc. is visiting his brother, F.A. of this place.

Married, at the residence of the bride's parents, Feb. 3, 1887, by Rev. D.O. Banta, Mr. G.E. Cody and Miss Cappy Miller, both of Altony, Decatur County.

The framework of the J.F. Harris & Co. elevator is complete.

If all reports are true there will be a good town on the Beaver in the northwest part of the county.

Geo. W. Houghton, merchant tailor, has worked up a good business since coming here and now employs seven workmen.

Gay C. Wooster and D.C. Moser have formed a partnership as proprietors of Hall Street Livery. They will also make a speciality of buying and selling horses.

Allison Items:
The spelling school was a success: Miss McIntyre got the first prize; E.E. Donley, second and Willie Post, third.

Dr. Ransom of Pittsburgh, Pa., will locate in Allison in a short time.

100 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1912

Guy Shaw, son of Bert Shaw, had a leg broken one day at school last week. He was practicing to be a second Gotch.

Very few farmers were in town Saturday. The bad roads and the near zero weather caused them to stay at home.

E.F. Yeakle, trustee of Roosevelt Township, resigned last week and L.E. Vernon was appointed in his place.

High School Notes: At the preliminary debates Friday evening to select teams for the Norton and Atwood debates, the judges ranked those trying out in the following order: Harwood Benton, Edward Keys, Salome Langmade, Harry Anderson, Glenn Blickenstaff and Brian Muirhead.

Pleasant Valley Items:

We had a nice rain Friday turning into a young blizzard on Saturday.

Grandma Guinn broke her arm last week in a wagon upset.

About 3:30 o'clock last Thursday morning Mrs. Mary Renkin awakened to find her house in flames and everything burned but one small trunk. Mrs. Renkin and little daughter were alone.

75 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1937

The trustees of Decatur Community High School acting on a petition signed by more than 1400 taxpayers have called for a special bond election for the purpose of voting whether or not the school district shall issue bonds in the amount of

\$150,000 to be used in conjunction with Federal funds to construct a new high school building.

Herndon: Last Monday was the formal dedication for Herndon's fine new auditorium building.

Around 300 persons attended the banquet and program which honored Sam Francis. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. V.A. Francis of Fort Morgan, Colo., were also guests of the Chamber of Commerce which sponsored the event.

During the afternoon the theatre building was crowded with youngsters to see pictures of the East-West football game in which he had a part. Teams present at the banquet were the grade school football team coached by Edwin Hitchcock, the high school squad coached by Russell Anderson and delegations from Norton and Atwood.

Decatur County has received an allocation of \$1,000 to be used for the expense of listing fields to prevent wind erosion.

Fifty years ago Mr. and Mrs. G.E. Cody were married in a little sod house north of Kanona. Mr. Cody's father was killed in Quantrell's raid when he was only two years old and he came to this part of the state as a young man. In October all four of the Cody children had come for an early celebration: Mrs. Elizabeth Berry, Denver; Opie Cody of Seattle; Mrs. Merle Nelson, Oberlin and Dr. Glen Cody of Denver so last week's celebration was a cake shared with local relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held for Charles Stiner, 87, who came to Oberlin in September, 1873 and owned the farm at the north entrance of the Sappa Lake project.

Big Timber News: Galen and Charles Carper and Alfred Heilman were coasting Sunday when they decided the ice of Judd's farm pond would be the "best yet" but the ice broke and the boys went in.

50 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1962

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation has been called in to investigate break-ins in area schools at Herndon, Jennings, Norcat, Rexford and Selden. According to Decatur county Sheriff Frank Soderlund, some sort of steel bar was used to force entry into the buildings and into the offices and safes.

The first tenants to move into the new Oberlin Apartments were Mr. and Mrs. Chris Jörn. According to Darrell Shields, Denver, owner and builder, the apartment building was completed on schedule despite the extreme winter weather. Delbert Shields, apartment house manager, said that several apartments are still available.

Betty Gaumer, Jennings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Gaumer, Jennings, and a junior at Kansas Wesleyan, was the guest speaker at Oberlin Rotary on Tuesday noon and she related some of the experiences she had as a student at the American University in Washington, D.C., the past semester.

The second anniversary of the Teen Club was observed Saturday evening at the Oberlin American Legion with more than 50 youth present. Sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. Byron McCartney, Mr. and Mrs. Lemoin Landau, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Raburn, Mr. and Mrs. Gailord Bellany and Mrs. Lawrence Urban. Classes were represented by Evan McCartney, freshman; Barry Avery, sophomore; Russell Stanley, junior and Mary Anderson, senior. Carolyn McCartney has served as president.

Five DCHS wrestlers won a trip to the regional tournament in Oakley after qualifying at the district tournament held in Atwood: Mike Machart, Russell Stanley, Dennis Young, Bill and Bob Brown.

George Moore, director of the Kansas Fish & Game Commission, will conduct a Chamber of Commerce-sponsored public meeting March 8 to discuss the problems of dredging the silt from the dry Sappa Lake.

Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian Church for a longtime Decatur County resident, Anna B. Morrish.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. William Griggs, McDonald, daughter, Bernice Marie, 2/3/62; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Selter, Oberlin, son, Michael Earl, 2/5/62; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Diederich, son, Darren James, 1/22/62.

25 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1987

Voters of Decatur County will be

asked to approve a \$2.7 million bond issue for Decatur County Hospital and Long-Term Care Unit in the April 7 city and school election. The bond issue would pay for needed renovation and expansion to both facilities according to hospital administrator Charlie Myers.

Oberlin City Council voted to pay \$2,600 to have an authorized aerial photo of the Sappa Park land done. Greg Mebust, graduate student at Manhattan, who is working on a plan for the use of the area, said that an aerial photo with ground control is essential to the success of the project.

Jennings School superintendent and principal, Wallace W. Severson, assumed his duties last week in USD 295. He and his family hope to be moving soon from Lebanon, Neb., to Jennings.

Lynn and Sharon Fogleman of Liverpool, England, announce the birth of a son, Kurt Richard, on Jan. 2, 1987. Dr. Lynn Fogleman, who was formerly on the staff of Decatur County Hospital, is now taking a course in tropical medicine prior to their location in Kenya, Africa.

Mr. and Mrs. J.G. Kinser, Jennings, and Ms. Sonia Becker McKnight, Treasure Island, Fla., announce the engagement of their children, John Marcus Kinser and Kay Lynne McKnight. The bride-elect is a graduate of Lake View High School, San Angelo, Texas and is employed in Amarillo as a computer operator. Her fiance is a 1977 graduate of Prairie Heights High School, Jennings, and is employed by Santa Fe in Amarillo. A March 28 wedding is planned.

Jack Boyle, Jennings, son of Rev. and Mrs. John Boyle, Jennings, received his Eagle Scout Award and Eagle Scout Court of Honor on Feb. 1 at the United Methodist Church in Norton.

Museum Matters

By Sharleen Wurm

I really appreciate those of you who took time this week to bring in information on family or friends that are buried in the Oberlin Cemetery and once again I am putting out the same request hoping for more help.

Through the winter months one of my projects is helping Jeremy Tally, Oberlin Cemetery Sexton, update the records. I find having memorial/funeral cards very helpful. If anyone has cards that you would donate to the museum or at least loan me, it would make this project easier and more accurate.

Another great source is YOU. If

you have family records on relatives that are buried in the cemetery and would bring in dates; month, day and year of birth and death that would also be appreciated.

Our winter office hours are: 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday or by appointment. I am usually in the office those three days by 9 a.m.

The museum will open for the 2012 season Tuesday, April 3, and will be hosting then Oberlin Business Alliance Coffee Hour. The annual rummage sale is set for April 14 and 15. We will start taking items on April 3.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

The work in the dietary department has been completed and meal times are back to the normal routine. The kitchen staff did such a good job that residents hardly had a chance to notice the difference. The recent sewer problems and then a needed repair job in the kitchen have made everyone grateful for the endless days when everything goes as scheduled.

Several residents met on Monday afternoon for a game of dice. Irene Fringer was the big winner of the afternoon. Snacks were served following the game.

Myrna Jones, Mary Ann Amack and Donna Fortin assisted with the sing-along time before supper on Monday.

Marian Dempewolf and Ila Ray assisted with bingo on Tuesday afternoon. A welcome party was held in honor of Earla Connell, the new assistant in the activities department, following the game. Everyone enjoyed a piece of cake and getting acquainted with Earla.

The craft group met on Wednesday afternoon to work on Valentine's Day decorations. The group made a large heart for the bulletin board. Other residents and staff

have worked on flowers for the tables and other decorations to hang around the dining room. The Girl Scouts delivered some lovely centerpiece for the tables.

Delores Depperschmidt, Juanita Williby and Gerry Neff came to pray the Rosary with the Catholic residents on Wednesday afternoon. Fr. Mark Berland had Mass on the Cedar Living Center patio on Thursday morning.

Several residents met on Thursday afternoon for a game of bowling. Those joining in on the fun included Audra Duncan, Darlene Fisher, Irene Fringer, Clarence Hoppas, Ira Kolsky, Dottie Lotker and Joan Noble.

The baking group made and served peanut butter oatmeal cookies on Friday afternoon.

Recent visitors: Tara Larson and Bailey Wolf, Colby; Susie Youngblood and Linda Files, Delpha Sis, Atwood; Julie and Bob Hafner, Herndon; Tom Votapka and Terri Henke, Jennings.

Robert and Penny Fringer, Carol Kompus, Carol and Bill Duncan, Charlie Haag, Sherri Shuler, Laurie Wasson, Herb and Carol Shirley, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

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Rexford News

By Gwen Griffiths

Well, even if the promised storm this weekend didn't turn out to be everything we anticipated, it's still nice to have snow on the ground. My children had lots of fun making a snowball so big they couldn't roll it any further—the only problem was that they made it at the park and then wanted me to get it home for them.

Don't forget the upcoming activities at the Red Barn this week! You can head over on Saturday at 7 for a round of Bingo. Then, plan to come back on Monday at 1:45 for the blood pressure screening.

The Girl Scouts finished up their orders on Monday. I hope you ordered all the goodies you will need

to get you through the year.

At Shepherd's Staff, we're hard at work preparing for the Christian Workers Conference, to be held at Heartland Christian School in Colby on March 3. We'd love to see you there. If you serve in your church or community in any way, there's a workshop or a vendor that will be of help to you. Contact Shepherd's Staff at (785) 687-2565 if you would like more information.

That seems to be it for this week. Don't forget to leave your news item in the jar by the door at the Red Barn, call me at 687.2076, or e-mail griffithsgang@gmail.com so that we can publish your events, too! Have a great week!

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

The groundhog didn't see his shadow, so what now? We always think we will have more winter, regardless.

Does everybody get an urge to cook or bake something when the weather is gloomy, or is it just me? We had weather warnings, so things were canceled, and most of us that could stayed inside. It drizzled all day Friday and snowed several inches overnight and the next day.

Dwight Wood's heel is healing. His group played at Lexington, Neb., Saturday night and had a slow trip home. David Wood, in Oklahoma, said they got 1 1/2 inches of rain but no snow.

Kathy Van Meter said their electricity was off several hours, but no damage done. June Jolly went to her KT Club on Thursday, played cards Friday, and she hosted several ladies

for a Super Bowl party Sunday. Since I don't have much news, I will try to send a "fitting" poem.

Kansas Winter
Oh, how I hate to go out in the snow
when the wind makes it feel like it's 20 below.
It weathers my face and it freezes my toes
and instead of my cheeks getting red, it's my nose.
I hate it, I say, but still it's so strange,
that in spite of myself, I still love it.
My feet get so cold, and my fingers do, too.
I shiver and shake and I start turning blue;
I put on more clothes 'til I hardly can walk.
My teeth chatter so that I hardly

can talk.
The squeak of the snow says it's zero or so,
but I can't help myself, I still love it.
Well, I don't like the wind and I don't like to freeze;
I don't like to wade in the snow to my knees;
Then the sun gets so bright and the sky gets so blue;
the snow looks like ten thousand diamonds in view;
It looks like a fairyland made just for you,
and I can't tell you why, but I love it.
You get so you know when it's zero or so
by the crunch or the squeak of your boots on the snow.
When it crunches, it's zero—when it squeaks—five below;

and the higher the squeak, the colder you know.
Well I know I should hate it, and do in a way;
but I feel so content at the end of the day
when I sit by the fire, and feel the warm glow.
One of life's simple pleasures, I love it.
Kelly Olson, Manhattan, and Justin and Wendy Scott, Garrett, Gage, and Wyatt were Saturday evening guests of Jerry and Connie Olson for a birthday party to celebrate Wyatt's first birthday.
Last week, Roland May attended a National Beef Board meeting at

the 2012 Cattle Industry Convention in Nashville, Tenn. After the meeting, he visited with the Richard May family in Lawrence, before arriving home Sunday evening.
The third annual Good Samaritan Hoedown fundraiser for the residents at the Decatur Good Samari-

School Calendar - Feb. 10 - High School Basketball in Rexford with Weskan. Feb. 11 - State Scholars Bowl. ACT Tests. Feb. 13th - No school. Parent-Teacher Conferences. Feb. 15 - Spring Pictures. Feb. 16 - Junior High Basketball tournament in Sharon Springs.
Pinochle night for the month will be on Feb. 18. It is \$10 per person so bring a partner and some snacks. We start playing 7 p.m. at the Community Center in Selden. Hope to see you there.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

tan Center will be held Saturday evening, March 24, at the Oberlin American Legion and will include a dinner, auction and dance. For tickets, contact Dianne Bremer at Great Northwest Insurance, 475-3400, or at home, 475-2973.