

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**125 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1877**

Mrs. W.D. Street and children were visiting relatives in Bassettville Township last week.

G.F. Bogue and H.C. Doolittle have formed a partnership in the real estate business

F.R. Wilkes and J.A. Newsome have formed a partnership in the implement business.

About five inches of snow fell Sunday night and Monday morning.

School adjourned Monday to give the zepher full possession of the school.

H.E. Counter has purchased the Star Meat Market and will continue the business.

**100 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1912**

We note by the Atwood papers that Warner Marvin of Achilles lost two horses last week.

Agent Bert Bush has been so poorly the past week that an extra agent has been sent to help with the work.

The popular liveryman, Geo. W. Jackson, is sick with symptoms of typhoid fever, the doctors say.

Miss Bertha Johnston, who has been working in Lincoln, arrived home Saturday for a visit with

home folks.

Men living on forfeited school lands can now rest easy as the Supreme Court of the United States has just rendered a decision that all such have an absolute title to their land.

**75 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1937**

Statistics showed that there were 667 applications for relief filed in 1936 in Decatur County with 636 of these accepted. A total of 42 boys were sent to the CCC camp from this county during the year.

Oberlin will be host to wrestlers from the six other towns in the Northwest Kansas League this weekend.

The Oberlin Ice Company which has been owned by Mr. W.O. Pennington was sold last week to Mr. O.R. Kelley of Danbury who plans to install up-to-date ice making machinery and will supply the town with ice this summer.

Kanona: Francis Edward Soderlund, son of Alfred and Doretta Clarissa Soderlund, died Feb. 11 at the age of four. He is survived by his parents, three brothers, Alfred, Wayne and Dale, a sister, Dolores and grandparents.

Joe Fiala expects to be back in Oberlin Friday with another truck of

citrus fruit from the Rio Grande Valley in Texas. In this load he plans to bring some Temple oranges which are a cross between an orange and a tangerine.

Travel talks by Miss Edith Herzog about her visit to Hawaii and by Martha Douglas who visited Europe last summer were the program for the BPW dinner meeting Monday evening at the Hotel Oberlin. Music was furnished by a quartet of high school girls, Betty Baker, Doris McGee, Eunice Anderson and Violet Henningson.

Lund: Tuesday afternoon at the Swede Home School Ellnette Anderson's birthday was celebrated when her mother brought over ice cream and three big apple pies.

**50 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1962**

County Agent Ed Hinkle presented facts and figures and some insight on the agricultural problems facing Decatur County when he addressed members of Oberlin Rotary Club at the Tuesday noon meeting held at dining room of the Green Lantern Cafe. Hinkle said that the number of farms had shrunk from 870 in 1954 to about 700 today as more and more landowners are renting out land and moving to cities. Farms of more than 1,000 acres have more than doubled during the last eight years. Farmers with irrigation have increased from 14 in 1954 to 56 in 1959 and at the present time there are about 8,000 acres under irrigation in the county.

Coach Raburn's Oberlin Red Devils downed Atwood 67-51 with Howard Kuhn leading the scoring with 22 points followed by Ron Erickson with 14 and Steve Cathcart with 13.

The Methodist Women's Society of Christian Service held their first meeting in the new Fellowship Hall Feb. 14. Although the building was completed and dedicated in October 1961, the fellowship hall was not in use due to a delay in shipping the kitchenette equipment.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Philip Law, Hoxie, daughter, Michele Gae, 2/14/62; Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Johnson, daughter, Sherri Sue, 2/18/62; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Jennings, son, Brian Westley, 2/14/62 at St. Catherine's Hospital in McCook.

The interior of the Hotel Oberlin has been totally redecorated with

rooms, halls, lobbies and bathrooms repainted and all the floors redone.

The new Traer bridge located a quarter mile east of Traer has passed final inspection by state engineers, according to county engineer Lewis Shields

**25 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1987**

Area farmers are hoping that the fog and mist the past couple of days finally turns into significant moisture. Decatur County Extension Agent Mick Glaze notes that this area is not in as bad a shape as last year as the majority of the wheat has more growth and there hasn't been a lot of blowing yet but added that a deep, wet snow would do the whole area a lot of good.

More than 30 persons attended the monthly meeting of the Decatur/Rawlins Pork Producers meeting and were told by Wayne Walter of Sublette, past president of the National Pork Producers Council, that it is inevitable that hog farmers will have to get bigger to stay in business.

Members of the USD 294 board of education approved a bid for removing asbestos from district school buildings with the funds coming from capital outlay. The project is mandated by the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

Doug Fowler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fowler, recently passed his CPA test and is employed at Hayes & Godfrey CPA in Liberal. He is a graduate of DCHS and FHSU.

Rexford: A landmark disappeared in downtown Rexford last week when the corner brick building was bulldozed down and burned and the remaining lot leveled. It was one of the oldest buildings in Rexford and the first owner was Willard Tilden, an uncle of Herman and Herley Latimer. It was built by Tilden in 1888 and others who operated a mercantile business there over the years were J.L. Minor and Harry Hanshaw. At one time there was a creamery in the back of the building and later it housed a pool hall but has stood empty in recent years.

New Arrivals: Lori and Ronald Johnson, Oberlin, daughter, Sara Marie, 2/10/87; Lisa and James Fortin, Oberlin, son, Lance William, 2/10/87.

## Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

The residents have prepared and decorated for Valentine's Day. We have plans for a special dinner and a day full of fun activities. At the end of the day though, what everyone really wants out of Valentine's Day is to be remembered by those we love. Any day is a good day to show your love at Cedar Living Center. All you need is a few precious minutes to stop in to say hello or pick up the phone.

Several residents tried their luck at the penny card game played on Monday afternoon. Residents joining in on the game included Audra Duncan, Darlene Fisher, Irene Fringer, Donna Kent, Ira Kolsky, Dottie Lotker, Wilma May, Joan Noble, and Mary Votapka.

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

Tuesday afternoon the bingo players were out in full force for a lively game. Marian Dempewolf assisted.

There were several residents working hard during the craft time on Wednesday afternoon. The group decorated a big bag to place at the nurses' station to hold Valentines.

Nolan Henningson stopped in to visit his great-grandmother Alice Shirley, on Wednesday afternoon. He played the piano for her and an appreciative audience of residents and staff.

Bible study was held before sup-

per on Wednesday. The Catholic residents met on Wednesday afternoon to pray the Rosary and Fr. Mark Berland brought Communion on Thursday morning.

Residents met on Thursday afternoon to send Valentine cards. Many were placed in the decorated bag at the nurses' station. These cards will be sorted and delivered on Valentine's Day.

Residents Violet Brown, Audra Duncan, Darlene Fisher, Irene Fringer, Donna Kent, Dottie Lotker, Marian Miller, and Joan Noble met after supper for a game of Scrabble.

The baking group made sugar cookies on Friday afternoon. The cookies were decorated with red sprinkles in honor of Valentine's Day.

The Oberlin Covenant Church gave the Sunday worship service. Several members of the congregation assisted Pastors Chris and Sharon Nelson with the service.

Wilma May and Audra Duncan attended the open house held at the clinic in honor of Lynetta Ward on Sunday afternoon.

Recent visitors: Susie Youngblood, Atwood; Linda Bosler, Herndon; Rebecca Fringer and Tara Larson, Colby.

Miriam Fisher, Marilyn Farr, Gerry Neff, Juanita Williby, Carol Kompus, Robert Fringer, Oberlin.

## Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

Can you believe it is the middle of February already? Spring will be here in a hurry at this rate. I had a few winter projects that I wanted to get done, but I see they may carry over into spring or even summer. At least I won't be bored for a long, long time.

Are you planning on attending the "Spaghetti Western Night" at the bowling alley and Sunflower Cinema tonight? Clint Eastwood movies will be showing. The meal starts at 6 p.m., with the movies following. This is sponsored by the Oberlin Business Alliance and the proceeds will help buy new banners for the downtown area.

On Thursday, the Oberlin Convention and Visitors Bureau will meet at noon at the LandMark Inn. There are always several topics of discussion on ways to bring tourists to Oberlin.

The Highway 36 Treasure Hunt

across Kansas the third weekend in September is becoming a huge event each year. One topic the bureau is working on to help Oberlin get more involved with creating events to help keep shoppers here a little longer. People from many states come through on U.S. 36 during that three-day weekend.

The Chamber and business-sponsored Farmer-Rancher Appreciation Banquet will begin at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at The Gateway. I have already sent a number to the kitchen staff, which includes late reservations, so if you are a farmer, rancher, landowner, business sponsor or representative, or a guest of one of these people, you may still make a reservation, but please call the Chamber office at 475-3441 to leave your name and how many will be attending.

Have a great week!

## Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Don Grafel celebrated his Feb. 13 birthday early on Sunday after church services. Joan served strawberry shortcake to guests, Dale Allacher, Joe Leitner, Judy Ketterl, Leon and Marita Portschy and Dennis Brown.

Voni Sattler celebrated her birthday with family on Feb. 5. Chris Wood hosted a birthday gathering on Thursday for her at the Pool Hall with Ann Solko, Sharon Ecker, Julie Hafner and Joyce Gibson enjoying snacks and Angel Food Torte. The group enjoyed singing to Jack Hartner, via the telephone, and Del Solko, who share birthdays on Feb. 9.

Congratulations to Ben and Mariah Grafel on the birth of their daughter, Clara Kendi on Sunday, Feb. 5. She weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce and was 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Kyle and Cindi Grafel of Herndon and Greg and Gwen Jones of Atwood.

Jim Riener of Phillipsburg, spent the week of Feb. 27 in Surprise, Ariz., for the Kansas City Royals alumni fantasy camp at the Royals' spring training facility. Retired Royals players were coaches for each team. Baseball games were played every day and other activities were scheduled for the evenings. Jim relates it was a great experience with new friendships being made and getting to know the Royals players while hearing their stories. Jim is the son of Cork Riener, the late Pat Riener, and Jacque Riener, and is a construction engineer for the Kansas Department of Transportation Phillipsburg office while his wife, Amy, opened Studio A Dance Center last

January in Phillipsburg.

**Julie's Memory Joggers**

Atwood Citizen

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Fifteen members and one visitor, Clara Tongish, attended the card party at the Senior Center on July 28. Emma Huss served as hostess for the evening. High prize was won by Emery Kompus, low by Stella Sattler and traveling prize went to Stella Leitner. The next card party will be Aug. 11 with Doris Marintzer as hostess.

Brief callers of the Charles Portschy Saturday evening were Doug and Wilma Bobinmyer and Doug Bobinmyer Jr. of San Diego, Calif.

Sunday dinner guests of Clarence and Anna Mae Ketterl were Dan and Karen Sattler, Bennett, Winston and Margo of Scott City.

## Rexford News

By Gwen Griffiths

It was a busy weekend in Rexford!

I got to help with my youngest daughter's Valentine's Day party at Golden Plains preschool on Friday. They frosted and ate heart-shaped cookies and played Valentine-themed Bingo. It's always a joy to see how much excitement goes on during the duration of the party.

On Saturday, we joined 4-H families from all over Thomas County to make over 1,000 pizzas. These pizzas had been sold as a fundraiser, and thanks to the organization of those in charge, we had all of the pizzas made and ready to deliver in about two hours.

Saturday evening Main Street in Rexford was filled with vehicles! Van loads of kids from Scott City, Phillipsburg, Norton, and

other towns in northwest Kansas arrived in time to enjoy homemade burgers, fries, and milkshakes in the Ranch House, and then headed to The Hall for games, worship, and a lesson.

The Gideons had their annual membership drive at the Main Center.

And in the Red Barn, people of all ages gathered to play Bingo. I had the chance to stop in and check out the game, and was surprised to see people of all ages participating. And it wasn't just Rexford residents; one lady told me she and her table-mates had been driving in from Colby, Brewster, and Hays each month for years.

Sunday evening our family traveled over to Mount Pleasant Baptist Church for a pancake feed and concert by Eternity Focus. This

group, which includes four sisters from Lebanon, Kan., has been performing all over the United States since 2007.

This week looks like another busy one, with parent-teacher conferences on Monday, school pictures on Wednesday and Spuds & Splits Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Red Barn. If you're part of the 40 and over crowd in Rexford, come on out for a fun night.

So that's the news from Rexford this week. Enjoy your Valentines Day--give a hug to someone you care about! And as always, you can leave your news in the jar at the Red Barn, call it to me at 687.2076, or email it to griffithsgang@gmail.com. Have a great week!

## Lyle News

By Veda Wood

My great-granddaughter, Aubrey, was looking thoughtfully at the margarine container. She said, "Grandma, when that is empty, will you save it and punch a hole in the lid so I can have it for butterflies next summer?"

I think I will take a hint from her and prepare for spring instead of dwelling on the cold dreary days of winter.

Babe Hawkins was hostess in her home to the Liberty-Star Club on Wednesday <Feb. 8> with a great Valentine party. Everything was lovely including the lunch, and everyone went home with a long-stemmed rose. Toots Magers gave the program on "Wild Women of the West" which was featured in the Kansas Country Living Magazine.

The members agreed to order the documentary, "Kansas, the Center of it All", and after watching it to donate it to the Norcatat Library. Our activity was a fun game of Scrabble. To top it all, we have hopes of having

a new member, right, Sandy?

Whoever gave me those delicious cookies, thank you!

June Jolly celebrated a birthday on the 10th. She and her daughter, Linda McFarland, had lunch at Fullers in McCook, played cards at the Eagles, and had Mexican dinner with family; Dean and Rhonda Jolly, Linda, Megan and Dennis McFarland and Dean and Rhonda's daughter, Jennifer, Jack and Taylor.

A week ago Toots Magers' telephone was "out". A lot of people who tried to call her, dropped in to check on her, and did what they could, for which she says "Thank you". She and seven others played pinocle on Thursday.

Kathy Van Meter and Lloyd Frandsen have had bad colds, but are better. Kathy went to her First State Bank of Holbrook party.

It snowed for 10 minutes or so Monday morning- shall we hope for more?

## Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

years. Her daughter, Janeil Jensen, of Oberlin, also attended.

The services also included invocation by Patti Benda; scripture by Sandy Reuther, a women's chorus, which included Cindi Grafel, Becca Reuther, Sandy Reuther, Patti Benda, Beth Holle and Rosalie

Capo, and sharing by Jenny Popp. A potluck dinner followed.

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don and Greg and Gwen Jones of Atwood.

Paul and Rita Collard recently moved to Atwood from Washington state. He is the son of the Rev. Ernest Collard and the late Ruth (Holle) Collard. He works for his cousin, Kevin Holle, and she is employed at the Good Samaritan Center in Atwood.

Congratulations to Violet Holle, who observed her 89th birthday on Feb. 9. She is a resident of the Atwood Good Samaritan Center, 850 Lake Road, Atwood, Kan., 67740.

Kurt Olson visited on Sunday afternoon with his grandparents, Keith and Mary Lou Olson.

Arlie Hafer is a resident of the Decatur County Good Samaritan. Mail will reach him at 108 E. Ash, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

## Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

High School in Brookville on Saturday.

Ralph and Norma Unger were Saturday guests of Duane and Lois Unger, Colby, for lunch and an afternoon of visiting.

Norman and Joanne Wendelin were Sunday breakfast guests of Craig and Karen Larson at a local restaurant.

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League's annual "Over 80" brunch was held Sunday morning after Sunday School at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin. All

congregational members were invited to honor those in the congregation over 80 years of age.

The third annual Good Samaritan Hoedown fundraiser for the residents at the Oberlin Good Samaritan Center will be held Saturday evening, March 24, at the Oberlin American Legion and will include a dinner, auction, and dance. Tickets are \$25 each; contact Dianne Bremer at Great Northwest Insurance, 475-3400, or at home, 475-2973.

