

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — April 1887
Saturday was extremely warm and dusty; Sunday was a howler. Ludell expects to have the cars running into town by July 4th. F.F. Bliss sold one of his barber chairs last week to a party from Ludell. McCook, Nebr., is to have the electric light. R.A. Marks is having a new front put in his building on Penn Avenue, now occupied by the Oberlin Loan and Trust Co. Rev. W. K. Loufborrow is the newly appointed Methodist minister at Oberlin. The Herald last week sold its Washington hand press to parties in Ludell and has ordered a new improved Prouty power press. Results of the city election: mayor, A.L. Patchin; police judge, S.W. McElroy; Councilmen: Francis Browne, J.J. Folz, D.C. Moser, W.A. Lloyd, A.J. King, N.W. Addleman.

100 YEARS AGO — April 1912
H.A. Griffith and J.E. Love went to Norton Monday evening to attend the good roads convention held Tuesday. Claus Anderson of Summit Township was the first trustee to turn in his assessor's books to the county clerk. The second transcontinental flight across the United States was completed by Robt. G. Fowler recently. He covered the 3800 miles in 18 days. The telephone company has paid out \$250 livery hire the past three months just to haul out repair men to fix up the line the company operates. Three boys were fined \$25.00 each at Wichita for smoking cigarettes in public. Traer Items: Rev. James Swartwood, wife and granddaughter Bernice, started for Oregon last Monday. The Beaver was a terror last week and out of its banks in some places.

75 YEARS AGO — April 1937
Statistics in the Topeka Journal indicated that one-fifth of the families in the State of Kansas are receiving public assistance. In Decatur County the percentage is 28.95 while in Norton County it is 38 percent. It was disagreeable weather for the county track meet but the children braved the all-day affair. Results in the county spelling contest were: Division A, high school students, first, Irene Unger, Oberlin; second, Dorothy Frewen, Norcatour and third, Annaline Wahlmeier, Jennings. Division B, 7th and 8th grades: Harry Rathbun, Traer; Christine Ricketts, Traer and Inez Chambers, District 62. Division C, up to 6th grade: Mary Margaret Sapp, District 69; Florence Bader, Allison and Billy Jader, District 50. Hospital News: There have been three babies born this past week: A daughter, Glenna Rose, to Mr. and

Mrs. Albert Anderson of Herndon; a son by Caesarian birth to Mr. and Mrs. Merle Bishop and a son to Mr. and Mrs. Warren Galusha of Traer. Twins, a boy and a girl, were born Sunday, April 4 in McCook at the home of Dr. D.A. Furman to Mr. and Mrs. John Armstrong, Jr., of Washington D.C. Mrs. Armstrong is the former Bess Furman, daughter of A.C. Furman of Danbury, and is a writer with the Associated Press. She received her early training working for her father-editor. Among the congratulatory telegrams was one from Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt who had knitted a blanket for the baby and she promised to knit another for the other twin. Harold Rehm returned to school in Denver Saturday night after spending Easter vacation with his parents. Custer: Five rural schools were represented at the Custer school-house last Wednesday for the track meet and spelling contest and a big cooperative dinner at noon. Dresden: A large crowd attended the grade school operetta Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hall have purchased the lot just west of the Tom Thomsen home in the 400 block on East Commercial from Dan Campbell and are starting this week to erect a single story residence of six rooms, bath and breakfast nook. During the building of their new home they will live in the Landau house recently occupied by Mrs. Caleb Smick and her son.

50 YEARS AGO — April 1962
The KBI is investigating a burglary at Brown Motor Company in which the office safe weighing between 350 and 400 pounds was apparently lifted into the back seat of a 1960 Dodge and driven out the west shop door. Phil Walton retired from the city police force March 31 after serving as policeman for five years. Winners in the Decatur County Women's Bowling Championship were: Team Championship, Brown Motor Co., Mrs. Ray Adams, Mrs. Evelyn Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Joe Brown, Mrs. Kenneth Schmoker and Mrs. Bernard Larue. Doubles Champions, Irene Corcoran and Kate Lohoefer; Singles Championship, Mrs. Walter Castle, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Owen Totten of Winifred announce the engagement of their daughter, Sharon, to Howard Kessinger. Miss Totten is a graduate of Kansas State University and is employed as news editor of The Abilene Reflector-Chronicle. Kessinger attended the University of Wichita and KSU and is managing editor of The Oberlin Herald. State speech festival entries receiving 1's were: Nancy Kathka, reading; Charles Frickey, extempore and Christine Russ, poetry. Tall, lean Bob DeMay soared to a new DCHS track record last Friday at Norton when he pole-vaulted to 11 feet, 9 and 1/2 inches. The record had been held by Jerry Baker at 11

feet, 8 and 3/4 inches. **25 YEARS AGO — April 1987**
Life goes on even with smiles in Northwest Kansas, despite back-to-back major winter storms that tested the strength and endurance of many area residents and the Blizzard of '87 is now a memory. Double blizzards which closed schools for six days gave kids plenty of time for sledding. Young snow enthusiasts had many hours of fun sliding down the hill north of the Oberlin fire station. All types of devices were being used including toboggans, trash can lids, boxes and just plain old rolling. Nearly every farmer in the area has a story to tell about the 1987 March blizzards that stranded residents and worse yet, stranded cattle and calves. Decatur County Extension Agent Mick Glaze said some stockmen lost as high as 50 percent of their baby calf crop and that losses could top the half-million dollar mark. Cows left their calves and cattle drifted away from protected areas and some death loss was caused by suffocation. The same story came from hog producers. Thirty tons of hay were airlifted by the National Guard effort coordinated by undersheriff Bert Cool which served some 26 livestock owners. Bob Fraker, local airport manager, said the traffic in and out was hectic as the choppers could fly about two hours before they would have to return to refuel. The USD 294 board of education voted to increase the length

of the school day to 4 p.m. for the remainder of the term to compensate for the six school days missed due to blizzards. The S&W Dairy located 18 miles south of Oberlin is in operation again with Carl Spesser of Selden as local manager. After the facility closed in 1984 it was later purchased by Don Spesser of Dresden. Norcatour: Residents of this community celebrated the grand opening of Keith's Market this week which is owned by Keith Anthony who has retired from AT&T in Houston and come home to Norcatour. He is the son of Ruth Anthony. Renell Erickson, daughter of Ron and Marlene Erickson, was crowned 1987 Miss Troia-Thomas County and will represent Thomas County in the Miss Kansas competition in Pratt in July. For her talent number she played a clarinet solo entitled "Rhapsody In Blue." Herndon: An early morning fire destroyed the old flour mill, a historic landmark in Herndon for many years. New Arrivals: Kevin and Nancy Ketterl, daughter, Kimberly Renee, 3-3-87; Mr. and Mrs. Alan Shuler, Great Bend, daughter, Genna Marie, 3-23-87; Charles and Susan Betts McMonagle, Carlsbad, Calif., son, Charles Wesley, 3-30-87 at Scripps Hospital, La Jolla, Calif. The Oberlin Social and Rehabilitation Service office is moving this week to the former location of Cobblestone Ltd. after heavy snow damaged the roof on the building where they were located.

Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

The Oberlin Business Alliance thanks everyone who came out on Friday to support their Burger and Fish Fry. These supporters helped the group gather \$400 to add to the fund for street banners. Laurie Wasson at Prairie Petals will be selecting new patriotic and summer banners. Mrs. Wasson brought a suggested purchase list to the alliance meeting last Wednesday, and the group gave her approval to buy them. Joe Stanley announced that he will be having an auction in front of Stanley Hardware on Saturday, May 5. If any other businesses want to participate, they are welcome. Each will have to supply their own table or trailer as needed. If any wish to list what they will be offering for auction, I will be creating a list to put on the Chamber window and at Stanley Hardware. At the Chamber meeting on Wednesday, the vote was unanimous to approve updated by-laws that were sent to all members. Board member Sharleen Wurm was elected as secretary and Ruth Miesner as treasurer. This will help make my job as manager much easier. President Candi Ketterl approached the board about having a

garage sale in June and renting the Golden Age Center for those who wished to have a spot inside. I have had several people each year who have been interested. A couple of years ago, the board chose not to sponsor a city-wide sale and just promoted the Highway 36 Treasure Hunt in the fall. This year, we will be doing both. The Golden Age Center will be available on Saturday, June 9, for those who want to participate. Each space will cost of \$10, which includes your information being printed on the handouts and maps as before. For those not using the Golden Age Center, but would still like their information on the printouts, it will cost \$5 to list your items. To reserve a spot, call the Chamber office at 475-3441. If I am not available, leave a message and phone number and I will return your call. The Oberlin Convention and Visitors Bureau will be putting out another Table Tent by May 1, which will include May and June events. May is a busy month, and some activities may need to be added. There will also be a section about unique shopping in Oberlin. Have a great week!

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led the sing-along time before supper on Monday afternoon. There were lots of winners at bingo on Tuesday afternoon. Following the game, several residents assisted with preparations for the Easter egg hunt. The annual Easter Egg Hunt was held in the Cedar Living Center dining room on Tuesday evening. About 20 children turned out for the hunt. Several residents assisted as greeters and in entertaining the children before the hunt. It did not take the children long to fill their baskets. We would like to thank the parents for sharing the children with us for one delightful evening. Violet Brown was the guest of honor at a birthday celebration held at noon on Wednesday. Kirk Brown sent a large decorated cake, which Violet shared with all of the residents and staff. Dale Young and DeeAnna Krizek also celebrated birthdays this past week. Helen Helm, Donna Kent, Wilma May and Alice Shirley assisted Earla Connell in dyeing eggs on Thursday morning. The eggs were served as a snack on Thursday afternoon.

Alice Shirley had coffee on Friday morning with her friends at Wheat Ridge Terrace. The baking group made chocolate chip cookies on Friday afternoon. Good Friday was observed during a devotion service held on Friday afternoon. The service included scripture reading, prayer, and music. The Oberlin Community Fellowship led the worship service at Cedar Living Center on Easter Sunday. Recent visitors: Stacie, Emily, Ryleigh and Rodney Coyle, Rossville; Mabrie, Savannah and Jackson Gregory, David City, Neb.; Sharon Wurm, Staplehurst, Neb.; Jim Helm, McCook; Mike, Deb, Matthew and Timothy Helm, Norcatour; John and Ceanne Rinehart Colby; Linda Bosler, Herndon; Jalyn Shaw, Selden; Susie Youngblood and Linda Files, Atwood. Marian Dempewolf, Dolores Depperschmidt, Juanita Williby, Gerry Neff, Mirium Fisher, Marilyn Gamblin, Randy and Lynda Peters, Jillian Peters, Kelsey Peters and Macie, Ashlynn and Bailey Powers, Gene and Helen Gee, Doris Yacovetta, Opal Huntley, Galen Huntley, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan Center

By Lisa Paulson

Last week was dedicated to preparations for Easter morning. The pond area turned into the tomb and a cross was draped in black on Good Friday. A stone was at the entrance of the tomb and rolled away Easter morning. The image of Jesus painted into the mural highlighted the celebration. Amy Rehm, Marylu Brown, Leona Helmkamp and daughter Julie, Walt and Betty May, Eva Bryan, Connie Cramer, Leone Porsch, Alice Bobbitt, Dorothy Pryor, Myrtle Ross and Evelyn Olson took part in the preparations. Our lesson was taken from this month's edition of In Touch magazine. Pastor Judi Stricker and Melanie Anderson came and shared Communion closing out our time together. A Memorial Service was held in honor of Arlie Hafer this week. He was a good humored, faithful man. A Good Friday service led by Pastor John Paulson was held Friday night. Anita Hirsch and Jenny Tally blessed us with the music. Several from the community joined us, including one young man from Japan, a guest of Joe Hirsch. The United Methodist Women held their meeting here on Wednesday. We love to host these things, so that our residents can still participate in important life happenings while living here. Literary Club finished the "Heaven is For Real" book, and will begin Gisela Fisher's book, "It is Well" next time. We celebrated birthdays! Myrtle Ross turned 95 and Eulaine Benda 92. Myrtle's family, Steve and Marilyn Horn, along with Carol Duncan and Yuki Berkeimer brought treats to get the party rolling. Ice cream and three different cakes were served to the harmonica tunes of Loren Schrock. Eulaine's son came

to be with her on her special day, and the rest of the family will come on Easter. In House Club met to welcome Spring with a game of Spring-time Jingo. Connie Cramer, Leone Porsch, Dorothy Pryor, Margaret Vacura and Marylu Brown played while discussing various facts about this bright new season. Artsy Craftsy Club finished up their birdhouses. Evelyn Olson, Betty May, Alice Bobbitt, Connie Cramer, Amy Rehm, Opal Bryan, and Marylu Brown all have their creations on display. Pastor Keith Reuther and Frank McEvoy hosted the Good Sam version of "round table coffee" with the men: Earl Brown, Dennis Brown, Loren Schrock and Elden Haas. This week's guests were: Penny Fringer for Margaret Vacura, Susie Sabatka for Vera Kacirek, Jeanette Diederich, Pastor John Paulson, Pastor Brad Rick, Julie/Capri (Cambridge, Neb.) and Pat Wurm for Dennis Wurm, Jerry and Cheryl Miller for Loren Schrock, Nadine Tacha (Jennings) and Larry and Starla Guymon (Okla.) for Galen Tacha. Max Carman for Myrtle Waldo, Mert McEvoy for Earl Brown, Jerry Hill for Cheryl Hill, Reva Marshall, Penny Fringer, Tami Cook and Eric Kuhlman (Norcatour) Dixie Snyder (Colby) for Dorothy Hunt, Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh and Brian and Pam Simonson for Opal Bryan, Murry and Audrey Pavlicek for Mary Lemman, Galen Olson and Arian Arnold for Edla Olson, Gerald Benda for Eulaine Benda, Connie Simonson for Amy Rehm and Marylu Brown, Steve and Marilyn Horn, Carol Duncan and Yuki Berkeimer for Myrtle Ross, Bob and Cheri Pomeroy (Denver) and Rea and Dea Magers (Norcatour) for Mary Waldo.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Pharmacy student, Corinne (Shields) Hickey, Omaha, is a guest of her grandparents, Gaylord and Shirley Shields, during the month of April while doing her Rural Pharmacy Rotation at McCook Community Hospital. Martin and Evelyn May, Dorothy Moore, Marvin May, Walter Penneil, and Lois Lamb were guests of Greg and Janice Cundiff at an area restaurant Friday evening to celebrate Martin and Evelyn's 65th wedding anniversary. Jeff and Kimberly Wickersham, Calvin and Cason, Council Bluffs, Iowa, arrived Friday at the Craig Larson home for the Easter weekend. Additional Easter Sunday dinner guests at the Larson home were Zane and Gladys Geis. Ladd Wendelin, Lincoln, Neb.; Greta Wendelin, Lawrence; and Rory Wendelin, Seward, Neb., were weekend visitors of their parents, Norman and Joanne Wendelin. Additional Easter dinner guests at the Wendelin home were Wayne Larson, Brad Larson, Kathy Almqvist, and Bruce Wendelin. Wayne Larson, Norman and Joanne Wendelin, Ladd, Greta, and Rory Wendelin, Carl Larson, Monica Larson and Adam Steinmetz, Colby Larson and friend Anna; and Jeff and Kimberly Wickersham, Calvin and Cason, were Saturday evening dinner guests at the home of Craig and Karen Larson.

Easter dinner guests of Gaylord and Shirley Shields were Patrick and Corinne Hickey and Mike and Nancy Shields, Omaha, Neb., and Paul and Kelly Shields, Tyler, Cassidy, and Caitlin. Greg and Janice Cundiff, Marvin May, Andy and Kelley May and Lauren, Kalen Townsend, Chris May, Kelsey and Hunter. Jack Fortin, Charles Fortin and Dorothy Moore enjoyed Easter dinner at the home of Martin and Evelyn May. John and Edith Tate and Jay and Becky Tate, Dakota, Mollie, and Grace enjoyed celebrating Dakota's 15th birthday Sunday evening with pizza and homemade cheesecake (Dakota's favorite dessert) at the Jay Tate home. Easter dinner guests at the home of Roland and Pam May, Zach and Hannah, were Walter and Betty May, Dan Nedland and Rhonda May, Roger and Susan May, Ryan and Erin, Robert May and Cole, and Kenny Crawford, Levant. Garrett Moore and Joel and Tami Shaw and Dante enjoyed Easter dinner at the home of Ralph and Violet Shaw. Kristen Bremer and Rowan, Colby; Jessica Bremer; and John and Dianne Bremer enjoyed Easter dinner at the home of Herschel and Jody Betts. Carol Kompus, Oberlin, spent an

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Tanner Lincoln of Oberlin was confirmed into the Catholic faith at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Herndon on Holy Saturday evening. His parents are Griff and Cindy Lincoln of Oberlin. Sponsor was Del Solko of Herndon and Father Nick Parker officiated at the ceremony. Herndon seniors gathered at the Senior Center March 21 for their noon potluck and entertainment. Sharon Frick and Karen Yarin shared the blackout prize and Sue Frick was the lucky winner of the door prize. The April senior gathering will be at noon, Wednesday, April 18, at the Center. All Herndon residents are invited to bring your favorite dish for a tasty meal and enjoy an afternoon of fun. Jason Hafner and Raquel Frerichs of Lexington, Neb., met Bob and Julie Hafner in Oberlin on Easter Sunday to enjoy dinner with Joan Noble at Cedar Living Center. Aunt Joan still reigns as domino queen after several games following dinner. The Herndon Pride-sponsored bake sale and egg-hunt were very successful Saturday morning. Little ones toting baskets covered City Park with much excitement finding eggs and wrapped candies. The lucky winners of the Easter baskets were Cheryl Thompson Hargett of Herndon for the women and Marty Rohm of Aurora, Colo., for the men. Carol Kompus, Oberlin, spent an

extended Easter visit with Lauri and J.L. Fox and T.J. of Wichita. Chris Hosaka and Alex of Alpharetta, Ga., arrived on Sunday and remained until Easter. Wednesday the ladies and Alex visited with Donna LeSage in Salina and toured the Rolling Hills Museum. Following the tour they dined at the Chinese buffet. Chris's son John Hahn, Trent and Ashton of Garden City were weekend visitors

and all returned home after a great time of shopping, visiting and playing games. Richard and Theresa Rippe and Tim and Wyatt Rippe spent Easter Sunday in Hays with Rodney Rippe and Katelyn Clark. Also joining them were Aaron and Brenda Schilde and Addison from Minneola. Marty, Michelle and Tyler Rohm, Aurora, Colo., were Easter weekend

guests of Kent and Chris Wood. They attended the Herndon Pride bake sale and Easter egg-hunt on Saturday morning. Ron, Diana, Kimberly and Rodney Solko of Oberlin and Tom and Tim Solko were Easter dinner guests of Judy Solko in Herndon Sunday.

Decatur Health Systems

By Becky Wilson

One of my tasks here at the hospital is to update the bulletin board in the main lobby with something new each month. Generally, there's an awareness week or month highlighting some sort of health issue that can make for an informative and hopefully attractive display. For April, I chose to focus on stress relief. It seemed like a sensible choice - nearly everyone can be affected by stress, whereas some of the other awareness efforts aren't quite as universal. Staff, visitors, patients: everyone could use a reminder to take a deep breath and center themselves, particularly in a waiting area in which people are usually outwardly calm, but inwardly it is not necessarily so. The day after I put the information on the board, someone asked if it was a direct message to them, as

they'd had some recent health issues that may have been in part caused by stress. It wasn't, to tell the truth, but if saying that the anti-stress message was targeted to them would have inspired a more thorough investigation of the advice on the board, perhaps I should have said it was meant that way. Because this is National Stress Awareness Month, it's a good time to make changes in your life to

reduce the level of stress you experience, improve your health and make your life more enjoyable. Take a long walk. Cut back on caffeine. Spend time with friends. Most people know what works for them, so do whatever seems right to you. Whatever it is, just do something for yourself this month. And do something for me: Be kind to yourself and to one another. Have a good April.

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