

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**125 YEARS AGO — May 1887**

Chilly north wind Monday. The Oberlin Loan & Trust Co. has let the contract for the erection of their two-story building to H.P. Pelkey.

A.W. Allen has purchased the stock of goods in the brick store belonging to J.R. Sexton.

There are 4 ice wagons delivering daily in Oberlin.

Born Monday, May 16, Mr. and Mrs. Patten Kearns, twin daughters.

J.L. Calvert has purchased the building and Dr. Mead's one-half interest in the lot on Penn Avenue, two doors south of Maddox's drug store.

The Oberlin boys have organized a baseball club. We did not learn their names but are assured that that old thoroughbred, Mont Chapin, will be one of them.

Whilst rambling along the Sappa last Sunday, John Humphrey came upon a large sized ant hill, on top of which was strewn red, white and blue beads, which had evidently been thrown up by the ants while at work. A good Indian probably rests beneath that ant hill.

**100 YEARS AGO — May 1912**

Perry Bradley took Earl O'Toole, Dan Roach and Editor Coldren to McCook last Thursday to see the ball game. It was Mr. Coldren's first trip to McCook since his freighting days 27 years ago.

John F. Nitcher and Miss Eltha Vernon were married Wednesday, May 8th.

Miss Gertie Peters will leave this week for Boston where she will keep house for her brother, Harry, for a while.

The following pupils had parts in the annual senior play entitled "The Cricket on the Hearth": Floyd Carr, Mayo Heston, Orville Walton, Hugh Cramer, Angie McMullen, Helen Scott, Helen Parker, Ivia Moser and Alma Tacha.

Norcatour: The following named teachers have been hired for the Norcatour Schools the coming year: Edith Page, Anna Playford, Myrtle Hoskins; the principal has not yet been chosen.

Allison Items: The old Solomon River went on a rampage last week and did considerable damage to two bridges in the township.

**75 YEARS AGO — May 1937**

Every owner of a car, truck or motorcycle in this county must obtain a certificate of title by July 1. The new law has three purposes: stop the traffic in stolen motor cars, permit the transfer of cars without

the license plates (anyone trading in a car may put his license plates on the new car) and stop the buying of cars out-of-state and bringing them into Kansas without paying the usual fees.

Last Sunday night Mr. and Mrs. John Bivans left McCook on the Zephar to go to New York City where they will sail on the S.S. Roma of the Italian Line to Nice, France to attend the Rotary International convention. More than 2500 Rotarians from the U.S. will be among the 8000 Rotarians worldwide who are expected to attend.

Miss Helen Enyeart has won the title of "Miss Oberlin 1937" and will compete in the beauty pageant at the Kansas State Fair. Miss Marjorie McGee was second and Miss Edith Miller, third.

Mr. John V. Riley, known here as "Jake" Riley, who came to Decatur County in 1878 in time to witness the last of the Indian raids, has died at the of 77.

Dresden School News: Commencement was held for high school and grade school graduates with W.H. Clark of Hoxie giving the address. Diplomas were given to the following seniors: Helen Nelson, valedictorian; Irva Walkey, salutatorian, Letha Mapes, Maida Tice and Elfred Foster. On Tuesday Mr. and Mr. Ewer took the seniors to Hays to visit the campus.

Raymond Lippelmann won the singles tennis championship at the regional tournament at Hays to qualify for the state tournament in Emporia.

**50 YEARS AGO — May 1962**

The most cheerful news in the Herald this week is to be found in the weather report— general, soaking rains all over Northwest Kansas with amounts varying from 2.5 to 4.5 inches in Decatur County.

A tornado was reported Thursday evening about 25 miles southwest of Oberlin. At the time the Oberlin City School auditorium was filled with students and parents gathered for the annual grade school concert. They were "herded" into the lunchroom of the basement of the building and after an hour of suspense the twister failed to develop and the crowd dispersed to their homes, sorry to have missed the concert but grateful that the tornado failed to materialize.

Fifty seniors— two in absentia— will graduate from DCHS May 24. Charles Frickey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Frickey, is valedictorian and Judy Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Brown, is salutatorian. Frickey is a finalist in the National

Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. Ronald Carlson and Vergil Versch will graduate in absentia. Class officers have been Jack Wesch, president; Sharon Bryan, vice-president; Janice Nitsch, secretary-treasurer and James Bryan, marshal.

At the Oberlin Elementary School, 50 eighth graders received diplomas from Principal John Bearley.

Bishop F.W. Frekig, D.D. bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Salina, has assigned the Rev. Ernest Gallagher to the pastorate of Sacred Heart Church, Oberlin. He replaces the Rev. Emil Sinner who was transferred to Holy Cross Church, Pfeifer. Fr. Gallagher was born at Leoville, lived at Grainfield and was ordained on May 28, 1950.

**25 YEARS AGO — May 1987**

Memorial Day services will be held on Monday, May 25, at Oberlin Cemetery, Sherman Chapel and Herndon while services at Norcatour and Big Timber will be held on Sunday. Speaker at the Oberlin ceremony where the Avenue of Flags now totals 257 will be Kansas Gov. Mike Hayden.

Bob Kelley and Bertha (Macy) Kelley, members of the DCHS Class of 1947, have ridden their bicycles from their home in Chicago to Oberlin to attend the 40th reunion of their alumni class. How will they plan to return to Chicago? If they can get to Wichita, they have airline

passes as Bob is a pilot with United Airlines. Jim Ater from Honolulu, Hawaii, came the farthest distance, but the Kelleys showed the most persistence in cycling their way from Chicago.

Helmer and Mary Ann Nelson, owners of Hoppy's Vans, located on East Highway 36 in Oberlin, have expanded their business and now have a sales lot located on East 8th Street in Hays. Six persons are currently employed by the local business which customizes vans and sells golf carts, snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles. The business here will be headed by the Nelson's daughter, Deb Boucher and husband, Dale, and another son, Dan Nelson and wife, Melissa.

The DCHS girls' track team made history Saturday by winning the NWKL track meet held at Hoxie. They were led by individual champs Laurie O'Toole in the long jump, Jeni Peter in the 100-meter dash and the 400-meter relay run by O'Toole, Peter, Catherine Braden and Kristy Unger which set a new league record of 51.9.

The Oberlin boys' placed a strong fourth according to Coach Dorshorst with John Adams winning the long jump and Darren Horn the mile.

The DCHS golf squad coached by Dick Ahlberg placed fourth in the NWKL tournament held at Hoxie.

## Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

There has been some confusion over when the City-Wide Garage Sales are.

Originally it was June 9 and flyers went out with that date. There were several other things going on that weekend and the Chamber Board decided to change the date to June 2.

The Table Tents still say June 9 since they had already gone to the printer when the date was changed. The Golden Age Center is reserved for those that would like to have their items inside. Call here at the office if you want your items listed. (475-3441)

The Burger and Brat Fry sponsored by Oberlin Business Alliance is Friday, May 25 in front of the Museum. The Chamber will also be there selling root beer floats, so come down to the south end of main street for lunch and dessert on Friday beginning at 11:30 a.m.

As I mentioned last week, I have set June 20 as the opening date for the Farmer's Market. I have infor-

mation here in the office for any vendors interested in bringing items to our market.

This flyer helps you with ideas and information to make your venture a success, plus rules, regulations and resources for Kansas Farmers Markets.

Anyone with a home business is welcome to come set up at the Oberlin Farmer's Market, or they can set up a table inside the Business Entrepreneurial Enhancement Building if it would be more convenient. The Market will begin at 8 a.m., on Wednesday June 20.

We will have a salad demonstration including strawberry spinach salad and one other lettuce and spinach combination salad with other fresh veggies.

If I find a helper, I will also be serving grilled chicken to finish out the meal. Anyone will be welcome to come eat as long as the food lasts.

Have a great week!

## Rexford News

By Gwen Griffiths

The Rexford community sends its condolences to the family of Nancy Dahl as they grieve her passing.

Relatives who gathered for the recent estate sale of Jack and Hulda Wark enjoyed dinner and a get-together in Colby after the sale.

Those present included the following families:

Frank and Irene Rall: Norman's family - Ross, Rexford; Donald and Colleen Rall, Rexford; Jerry Rall, Selden.

Norman's family: Sondra Barnett, Rexford; Bryan Barnett and Gabriella, Garden City; Cory Barnett, Tabitha and Corban, Liberal; Gloria and Dave Dible, Rogers, Ark.; Roger Wark, Topeka;

Tamera and Ken Searls, Quinter; Vicki Wark and Kalyn Weber, Rexford; Chad and Dez Wark, Morgan, Hayden, Dylan and Lakin, Rexford; Rebecca and Chance Rains, Jaren and Braylon, Sharon Springs; Kristin Wark, Kansas City, Mo.; and Jami Wark, Hays.

Ethel's family: Barbara and Alan Scheibmeir, Sherman, Texas.

Dorothy's family: Gary and Clara Gillum, Jennings; Shawn and Dennis Spesser and Kade, Dresden; Katie and Regan Coulter, Colby; Shelly and Chris Nordyke, Casey and Corey, Westcliff, Colo.; Tyler and Camden Gillum, Hadley and Hayden, Palco.

Jim and Irene Gillum Canon City, Colo.; Angie Gillum, Denver; Deb and Craig Crouch, Goodland; Travis Haines, Trevon and Tori, Hays.

Charlotte's family: Dan and Cheryl Traub, Goodland. Victor's family: Peggy and Bill Miller, Colby Raynce, Dryce and Wyncee Brott, Ron and Rhonda Hurtt, Dalene and Butch Cox, Jennifer Rall and Sean, Colby.

Velma's family: Velma Rasmussen, Colby; Cindy Warren, Great Bend; Gordon and Karin Rasmussen.

Rex and Betty Carswell and Peggy Dible spent Friday morning cleaning the Rexford Museum, located east of the Red Barn on Kansas Avenue. The Rexford Museum contains many interesting artifacts and photos showing the history of Rexford, and will be open on Monday, May 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and learn a little more about our community!

"Doc" (Frank) and Joan Dingwerth have been in town this week. They visit quite often from their home in Arlington, Texas. This time they also brought Joan's brother, Gustav Holmberg, who is visiting the United States from Odense, Denmark.

Don't forget that Vacation Bible School is coming up June 4 through June 8!

The Rexford Community Church will be decorated to reflect a mining environment to support the theme, "Digging for Truth." Children age 2 through sixth grade are welcome to come each day from 9 a.m. to noon.

Finally, we're still planning for the Rexford community garage sale on June 23. This is your chance to get rid of items that have been in storage for too long!

You can call me or visit the "Get Rexford" Facebook page for more information.

That's the news from Rexford! I hope you all have a lovely Memorial Day. Please send news items to: griffithsgang@gmail.com or call 687-2076.

## Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

We enjoyed a great week of special events at Cedar Living Center in honor of National Nursing Home Week. Many of our activities revolved around a carnival theme. Time was spent on Monday afternoon decorating the dining room as well as many of the walkers and wheelchairs with streamers, balloons, flowers and banners. Prairie Petals donated helium-filled balloons for the dining room in honor of the occasion.

An old-fashioned ice cream social was held after bingo on Tuesday afternoon. The nursing and activity departments at Cedar Living Center hosted the event which was attended by residents, staff and visitors. Our great bingo volunteers, Ila Ray and Marian Dempewolf, assisted with making the ice cream sundaes.

There was laughter all around on Wednesday afternoon when we were visited by a couple of clowns, a basket of puppies and a dog trained to perform the cutest tricks. Special thanks go out to Sharla Ritter and Hurlly, Myrna Jones, Catherine Neal and Lori Zodrow for helping to make the afternoon so successful.

The dietary department and the activity department teamed up to host a pizza lunch for the residents at noon on Thursday. The meal also included a salad bar. The dietary department also hosted a watermelon party for residents and staff on Thursday.

We enjoyed an afternoon of carnival games on Thursday. Residents tried their hand at a several games including a penny pitch, ring toss, duck pond and soda can toss. Poker

chips were awarded for each successful game and these were later traded in for prizes. Leah and Dillon Downer, great-grandchildren of Helen Helm, assisted with the games.

The dietary department helped keep the fun going on Friday when they served up a sack lunch at noon. The lunch included fried chicken and potato salad. Reports were that it was all finger-licking good.

The week wrapped up on Friday afternoon with residents decorating their own confetti cupcakes on Friday afternoon. The baking group met to frost and sprinkle each cake with assorted colors of sugar and other toppings. They turned out to be works of art, but most disappeared quickly when it was time to sample the cakes.

Recent Visitors: Chayten and McKenzie Kleinsorge, Sioux Falls, S.D.; Kirstyn Shaffer, Littleton, Colo.; Dick and Delores Longwith and Gale, Hastings, Neb.; Leah and Dylan Downer, Cambridge, Neb.; Rick and Sharon Gamblin, Columbus, Neb.; Ray and Myrna Haag, Bartley, Neb.; Kathy Brasher, Curtis, Neb.; Jim and Janis Helm, Kathy Shaffer, McCook; Rebecca and Jaron Cox, Manhattan; Barb Ulmer, Rebecca Fringer, Ceanne Rinehart, Colby; Margaret Magers, Lyle; Jane Engelhardt, Norton; Mike, Deb, Matthew and Timothy Helm, Virgil and Joyce Price, Norcatour; Susie Youngblood and Linda Files, Atwood; Marian Dempewolf, Gary Walter, Henry Edgett, Dolores Koerperich, Robert Fringer, Oberlin.

## Good Samaritan Center

By Lisa Paulson

On Monday Arlene Glad, Elden Smith, Opal Bryan, Eulaine Benda, Amy Rehm and Violet Schissler posed for a picture to celebrate their 75th Class Reunion. As we talked about the memories of their graduation day the responses were varied. Some were vivid and delightful, others were foggy and faint and for one there was no recollection at all.

Although their memories (or our memories one day) may fade, their lives (our lives) make a mark on the hearts of loved ones that will have eternal consequences. Old age and even death will sneak up on us and catch us by surprise!

This discussion took place at the STAR's Mother's Day Hat Parade. Cheryl Miller and 98-year-old Loren Schrock were providing our entertainment. Cheryl graciously yielded her piano bench to Arlene Glad who made the piano keys sing in a way that reminded us all of our beloved Edla Olson.

Donna Lincoln, Francy Miller and Dorothy Woods made sweet carnation corsages for all the moms to wear with their fancy hats. Pat Fringer and her mom, Margaret Vacura, looked pretty enjoying the music together in their festive attire.

During Rhyme Time, Loren Schrock, Amy Rehm, Phil Erickson, Violet Schissler, Betty May and Connie Cramer put their heads together to write some poems. This is another way to use our imaginations to create fun and keep us thinking.

Tuesday, the ladies enjoyed an outdoor luncheon in honor of Mother's Day. Anita provided the menu, fresh garden vegetables and her good cooking. Quiche Lorraine, strawberry spinach salad, radishes, watermelon, a relish tray and angel food cake for dessert. Mary Waldo, Amy Rehm, Connie Cramer, Margaret Vacura, Violet Schissler, and Betty May were the honored

guests. Wednesday, during our weekly buffet, the DCHS Singers performed for the last time this school year. Our thanks to Susan Nelson, Jenny Tally and all the singers for making us a part of their performing tour. We look forward to seeing you all again next year...or perhaps some this summer.

Thursday, we restocked Old Mother Hubbard's Cupboard. Coleen led a brain game where the pantry was filled with food starting with letter's corresponding with HER CUPBOARD.

Friday was "Tacky Tourist Day." The summer weather has us all yearning for vacation!

Sunday Dorothy Hunt had a wonderful birthday party! She has certainly left a legacy: Reva Marshall, Dixie Snyder (Colby), her sister Mildred Black, Tami Cook (Norcatour) Robert and Penny Fringer, Brandy and Eric Kuhlman (Norcatour) Rodney Marshall, Casey Cook and kids, Becky and Tara Fringer (Colby), Levi Jones (Goodland), Leanna Bryan, and Robert Hessenflow (Kanona).

This week's guests: Pat Fringer for Margaret Vacura. Cheryl Miller for Loren Schrock. Max Carman, Lois Tressher (Arvada, Colo.) and Liz Kerr-Quintana (Denver) for Myrtle Waldo. Jerry Hill for Cheryl Hill. Reva Marshall and Dixie Snyder (Colby) for Dorothy Hunt. Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh for Opal Bryan. Murry and Audrey Pavlicek for Mary Lemman. Gerald Benda for Eulaine Benda. Connie Simonson for Amy Rehm. Marilyn Horn for Myrtle Ross. Bob and Jan Baer (Topeka) Wendy, Gage and Wyatt Scott for Evelyn Olson. Ralph and Norma Unger and Mert McEvoy for Lucy Schissler and Earl Brown. Galen Olson came to visit Amy Rehm, Lucy Schissler, Violet Schissler and Eva Bryan. Eunice Martin for Glenn Martin.

## Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Don't forget the Lyle Memorial Day service at the Lyle Cemetery at 11 a.m., Sunday. Services will be followed by a potluck dinner at noon or a little before, allowing time for people to get to services at Norcatour or other places.

Lloyd Frandsen was an honored guest of the Cambridge Neb., American Legion last Thursday. He and Kathy Van Meter received a free meal supplied by the Chuck Wagon Grill. Last Saturday, they went to the Buffalo Barbecue at the Cambridge Community Building sponsored by the American Butchers of Beaver City, Neb., and others. They named the oldest and youngest in the group of 120. They hope to make this an annual tradition.

Nearly everyone has a graduate, and it sometimes complicates matters; trying to decide which way to go. Sometimes one member of the family attends one, and another per-

son another. We wish all the graduates success. Mine this year was Emily Bader, who plans to attend McCook Beauty Academy. We went to her graduation, then had pizza during the downpour in Oberlin. Thank goodness, no hail, but as we neared Norcatour, we realized the rain didn't make it that far east.

Joyce Sumner went with Greg's family to Ellsworth to see grandson, Andrew Archer's graduation.

Judy and Charlie Easton came to Toots Magers on Sunday, had dinner with her, and did some extra work for her.

Dean and Rhonda Jolly and daughter, Jennifer's family went to Lincoln, Neb., last Saturday to see Jennifer's son, Austin Blume, run in the Nebraska State Track Meet. He took first in the 880 and third in the mile run. Congratulations! On Thursday, June went to her KT Club at Myrna Haag's home.

## Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

The Jennings Alumni Banquet will be held at 6 p.m., Saturday in the Senior Center with registration beginning at 6 p.m.

On Sunday, Memorial Day services at Big Timber Cemetery will be at 10 a.m. A potluck dinner will be held at 12:30 p.m. in the Senior Center at 12:30 p.m. On Monday, Memorial Day services will begin at 10 a.m. at the Jennings Cemetery.

On Tuesday, June 5, Sean Conroy will see patients in the afternoon at the Jennings Outreach Medical Clinic. On Tuesday, June 19, Lynnetta Ward will be at the clinic.

The 21st Annual Fireman's Fun Day has been set for Aug. 25. In the past we had a community Garage Sale. This year we are planning a Craft Fair with 20 spaces available for a charge of \$25 each. Tables are provided. If you are interested in renting a space for this fun event

please call: Terri at (785) 678-2333. Reservation must be made and paid in full by July 1.

Seniors playing cards last Wednesday were: Agnes Wahlmeier, Linda Spresser, Eleanor Morel, Alice Wagoner, Stan Shaw, Ramona Shaw, Wayne Cressler and Louise Cressler. If you enjoy playing cards, come join us at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the senior center.

Men from Norton Correctional Facility came Thursday and Friday to mow the sewer pond inside banks. These men worked very hard to get finished with the mowing since they had to leave early on Friday. The City of Jennings appreciates their work very much.

If you have news for the paper, please call (785) 678-2233 or e-mail at wcanlc@webtv.net. We can't print it if we don't know about it.

## Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Graveside inurnment services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the Oberlin Cemetery for the Rev. Bob Fleenor, who died Feb. 3, 2011. His late wife was the former Beverly Bryan, a sister of Detta Anderson and Donna Kelley. The Rev. Paul Babcock of Baldwin City, will officiate.

Barbara Lindell and Brooke of Kansas City were last weekend guests of her parents, Verol and Rosemary Bergling. They came to attend the graduation of Blake Bergling from Rawlins County High School.

Weekend guests of Richard and Maureen Anderson, Samantha, Chris and Gabe were Nick and Stephanie Anderson, Bryan and Cole of Lawrence; Colleen and

Dennis Bishop of Broomfield, Colo.; and Catie and Erin McNulty of Arvada, Colo. They came to attend the graduation of Samantha Anderson on Saturday from Decatur Community High School.

Dave and Ida Marie Erikson were last Monday overnight guests of her sister, Esther Noren. They also visited the Steve Noren family, Eulaine Benda and Gerald Benda. They were en route to Montana to spend the summer near their children and families after spending the winter in Green Valley, Ariz.

Jeff and Nancee Meyer and Erica of Stafford were guests of Mark and Gail Bergling, Jill and Blake and attended Blake's graduation on May 13. A reception honored him at the farm following graduation.