

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Joan Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1888

Aslight cold wave Tuesday morning. W.S. Andrew of Lyle has received notice of his commission as notary public.

The Rock Island surveyors received marked attention while surveying through town last week.

N. Liepold & Co. are advertising for sealed bids for the construction of their mammoth brick store.

Among those invited to the children's party at the Rink on Feb. 18th are: Minnie and Allie Marks, Gladys Ackely, Etta Reynolds, Paul and Julia Pelkey, Nora Ward, Winnie and Posy Griffis, Maud and Minnie May, Mina King, Mary Joiner, Lou Hayes and Pearl Bell.

A choice bit of word-painting by the editor of the Atwood Citizen in a recent issue: "The soft-headed, sore-eyed, club-footed, knock-kneed, pigeon-toed, owl-eyed, lop-eared, blossom-nosed, brassy-cheeked, dirty-nosed, idiotic, crazy, silly slobbery tenderfoot of the Blakeman Register attempted in a recent issue, etc."

100 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1913

D.J. Coulter, Geo. McMullen and Henry Meier are building a large carpenter shop in the lots of the Chicago Lumber Co.

C.L. Buswell and family left Tuesday evening for Smith Center where they will make their home in the future.

The chicken show is in full blast with about 150 birds on exhibition. Mayor Morrish will not compete at

the show. His fine bunch of Buff Chochins that were the pride of his eye all left him in a single night.

H.A. Olson, the auctioneer of Rawlins County, was an Oberlin visitor Saturday.

Jennings Items: J.B. Jennings has rented the Bradbury farm just east of town and will convert it into a sheep ranch.

Lyon Items: Don Mizer's team ran away one day last week; making things lively for a time. One wagon was badly torn up but no one hurt.

Elmer Bartley had a very exciting time one day last week while thawing out the water pipe in his tank house. The building caught fire and was half destroyed before the flames could be extinguished.

State Line News: Frank Van Vleet recently shelled 25 loads of corn in one afternoon. He now has a corn pile 7 times larger than his hay stack was one year ago.

75 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1938

Smiles wreathed the faces of farmers and businessmen alike as 1100 agricultural conservation checks arrived with about 600 more to come.

Last summer when Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dodd, Elmer and Elsie, were vacationing on the west coast, they were particularly impressed with the territory north of Portland, Oregon, and agreed that is where they would like to live. When a card came to the Oberlin post office recently wanting a rural carrier to trade routes with a carrier at Puyallup, Wash., who wished to be in a dryer climate for

the benefit of his health, Mr. Dodd and family agreed to make the move. Mr. and Mrs. Allen Jeffus and three little daughters will move to Oberlin and he will begin as carrier on Route one on March 1.

Norcatur: When the Norcatur boys basketball team was returning from a game at Morland Friday night they found a badly wrecked car on the corner about a half-mile south of Norcatur's Main Street with what appeared to be a dead body inside. After prying back the fender and lifting the man out, he was found to be only stunned but injuries on his head and face necessitated several stitches by Dr. Smith.

Dresden: Friends and relatives gathered last Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J.K. McManis in Dresden honoring Mr. George Launchbaugh on his 89th birthday.

Last Friday afternoon the pupils of District 52, accompanied by their teacher, Miss Mamie Garver, toured the Herald office in connection with their school work. Pupils were: Betty, Rollie, Ruben, Phyllia and Phyllis Pope; Marion, Lawrence, Clifford and Stella Wenger; Faye and Donald Koehler, Waldemar and Ralph Marcuson; Daisy Wasson and Darlene and Pauline Cox.

50 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1963

Civil defense classes taught by Eugene Oshima, DCHS science instructor, have now graduated 52 adults.

Approximately 165 persons attended the Boy Scout Blue and Gold banquet. Marcellus Hickert is scoutmaster for Troop 125, Don Anderson is Cub Scoutmaster and Dr. Wayne Parker is executive officer of the Tomahawk District. Ice cream was furnished by the sponsoring Oberlin Rotary Club.

Funeral services were held for Augusta Maine Geisenhauer who was born in 1883 in Prairie Dog Township. After graduating from DCHS she attended Ottawa University and served in the mission field in India until 1926 when she returned to the

farm near Selden. She pioneered in establishing the Baptist Church camp, Camp Christy, near Scott City.

A Dec. 30 ceremony in Sedgwick, Colo. united in marriage Anne Bollinger and John W. Kelley. The bridegroom is a graduate of the College of Emporia and is an accountant with the Martin Company of Denver. The bride is a senior at the University of Colorado majoring in church organ music.

25 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1988

After a lengthy meeting between the Decatur County Hospital board and representatives from Rhoads Construction, the apparent low bidder on the hospital expansion and renovation project, commissioners were advised that despite 30 days of negotiations, the bids still exceeds the amount of the bond issue.

A tour bus of Canadians returning on Highway 83 to Manitoba after a tour of the Southwest stopped at the Last Indian Raid Museum in Oberlin and enjoyed the 30-minute stop so much they plan to make Oberlin a regular stop on future tours.

DCHS wrestlers qualifying for State are Shannon Metcalf, 98 lbs; Mike Ayers, 112; Bill Harmon, 145; Brian VanPelt, 155 and Chad Stanley, heavyweight.

Three Oberlin athletes competed at the AAU Junior Olympic indoor national track meet held in Lawrence last weekend: Jody Gaskill placed fourth in the two-mile run and Tracie Rome, 14th; Jeni Peter placed 8th in the 300-meter and 10th in the 60-meter dash.

New Arrivals: Reta and Donald Barratt, Oberlin, daughter, Amber Lynn, Feb. 21, 1988; Karen and Gayle Berkey, Aurora, Colo. daughter, Kayla Marie, Feb. 18, 1988.

The Rev. Earl Johnson will be installed as pastor of the Evangelical Covenant Church of Oberlin on Sunday, Feb. 28. He has been serving as interim pastor of the church since Nov. 1, 1987, moving to Oberlin from Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Cedar Living Center

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Love is in the air and we are ready to celebrate Valentine's Day at Cedar Living Center. Residents are already receiving cards and phone calls. There is a big Valentine's box at the front desk where cards can be deposited for residents. The cards will be sorted and delivered on Valentine's Day. Visitors are always welcome, so stop by this week to let your favorite resident know that someone cares.

Several residents met on Monday afternoon for word games. Snacks were served following the game. Mary Ann Amack assisted with the sing-along time before supper on Monday.

Bingo was a big success on Tuesday afternoon. We have tried mixing things up and adding extra games lately, much to the delight of many of the residents. We did try offering quarters at one game instead of candy, but found that our residents really prefer the sweet treats to cold hard cash. Everyone left the game on Tuesday with at least a little chocolate.

The craft group worked on Valentine's cards on Wednesday afternoon. Before supper a group gathered to listen to the news from *The Oberlin Herald*.

The dietary department, nursing, front office and activity staff teamed up to host a pancake supper in the dining room on Wednesday evening. Margee Wilson and Derek Lorentz flipped the hot cakes with assistance from Carolyn Miller and Julie Weigel. Becky Wilson took lots of pictures of the event. Connie Miller and Teresa Shaughnessy assisted the dietary staff with serving. Johnathan and Jessica Owens and Emily joined in on the fun too.

Several residents from Wheat Ridge Terrace also attended the supper including Merle Shirley, Doris Sloan, Doris Gilbert, Ivis Hanson and Luetta Pollnow. Melanie Anderson assisted the group. Cedar Living Center residents Juanita Eckhart, Marguerite Bailey, and Alice Shirley sat with the group.

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

The Pi Alpha Club hosted the February birthday party in the dining room on Thursday afternoon. The club served homemade desserts to an appreciative group of residents and staff. Entertainment for the party was provided by students from the Junior High music department who performed their contest pieces.

Juanita Eckhart was recognized for having the only February birthday. She received a red carnation in a vase from the club members.

The baking group met on Friday afternoon to make sugar cookies decorated in red in honor of the upcoming Valentine's Day.

Every door at Cedar Living Center received a Valentine's Day decoration on Saturday from the Sappa Valley 4-H group. The group also left decorations at Wheat Ridge Terrace.

Recent visitors: Marty and Ceanne Rinehart, Ogallala, Neb.; Kathy Shaffer, McCook; Timothy, Matthew, Deb and Mike Helm, Norcatur.

Oberlin visitors: Gerry Neff, Dolores Depperschmidt, Elaine Bryan, Kristy Evans, Cecil M. Hess, Dorothy Alstrom, Sharla Ritter, Myrna Jones, Dolores Koerperich, Robert Fringer, Mary McEvoy, Sherri Shuler.

Good Samaritan Center

By Whitney True

Keep this card if you have ever broken a bone. Do you remember wearing a cast?

This is a card from the game called "Shake Loose a Memory." Residents enjoy playing this game when we have free time because it is excellent at getting someone to share a story from days gone by. This particular card was pulled last week and just about everyone had a wild broken-bone tale to tell. Some funny, some too painful to hear and some just plain silly. There were a few of us that, believe it or not, didn't have a broken bone story and so we talked about when other pieces of us might have been broken. Opal Bryan said that people can have other broken things, like our hearts. She was right and so we all started to talk about how one fixes a broken heart.

Isn't a particularly conventional healing process; it's not scientific or as simple as seeing a doctor, x-rays and wearing a cast. So we begin to talk about what happens when we have a broken heart? Do we look for support from others; do we keep it all to ourselves? Do we stay sad forever, do we regret and how do we alas move forward, able to understand the experience as part of our journey.

In Psalms 34:18 it says, "The lord is near the broken hearted and saves the crushed in spirit." Our residents seem to believe that this scripture holds so many truths. They spoke of prayer as the best healing tool for a broken heart through praying alone as well as in fellowship with others.

Sure the residents are here for medical, dietary services but it turns out that making Good Sam your home means that you become part of a new family. The communal feel and spirit that exists here is created by the types of conversation and personal sharing that comes about through the dialogue mentioned

above. Also, the variety of fun we have weekly contributes to the overall tremendous goodness that is here.

We kicked off last week with an activity called "Random Acts," which is part of our theme for February. Residents meet once a week and think up a way to thank random people in our community. This week we thanked the local post-office for all of their service to our community by making no-bake cookies and delivering them.

We were paid a visit by our very special friends who we call first hand friends. They stop in and read books to our participating residents. Smiling faces and the energy of little kids always brighten the day for our residents. To continue the celebrations we threw a "Thank You Party," for Anita Hirsch complete with a performance by one of our own, Loren Schrock on the harmonica and his daughter, Cheryl Miller.

Bingo and poker were also some of this week's faves. And to top it all off we celebrated National Hershey Kiss Day on Friday that commemorated the first day Hershey Kisses were available to buy in stores, way back in 1907. We did this by eating a ton of kisses and playing Hershey Trivia. To end such a great week we met on Sunday morning and residents baked banana nut muffins. As you can imagine they were a hit and got the residents thinking about other cool cooking projects to try in the future!

As always, our visitors and volunteers add flavor and lend a hand in making our week the best it can be. They included: Cheryl Miller for Loren Schrock; Reva Marshall and Penny Fringer, Tami Cook, Eric Kuhlman for Dorothy Hunt; Max Carman for Myrtle Waldo; Laurie and Preston Mekeburg and Jannis Buschky for Vivian Mock; Ralph and Norma Unger for Earl Brown.

Selden News

By Jacque Boulinghouse

On Saturday, there will be a benefit soup supper from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Parish Hall in Selden for Klint Wessel. Klint was injured in an automobile accident Dec. 15 in Colby. He is still hospitalized in Denver and faces an extended recovery period. All proceeds will go towards his medical and family expenses as they support him during his recovery. If you are unable to attend and would still like to donate towards Klint's recovery, donations will be accepted at The Bank in Selden.

On Thursday during Senior Citizens at the Community Center, Ralph Weis won high with a score of 711, Jeanie Spresser took second with a score of 669, Pat Wessel got low with a score of 508 and Bob

Wessel had the most Kings. Other members present included: Lola Cook, Ann Hazlitt, Royce Cook, Betty James, Edna Schiltz, Lillian Sulzman, Carl Mumm, Paul Neff, Bernita Aumiller and Helen Karls.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Feb. 15, Mikayla Lobato; Feb. 17, Samantha Juenemann, Don and Helen Juenemann; Feb. 20, Isabella Sauvage, Heather Hunziker, Lindsey Shaw.

School Calendar: Feb. 15, high school basketball at Wheatland/Grinnell; Feb. 16, high school forensics at Colby; Feb. 18, no school.

Pinochle night will be at 7 p.m., Saturday at the Community Center. It costs \$10 per person to play, so bring a partner and some snacks. Everyone is welcome.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

My helpers who have been with me since the end of December are moving. They had come to stay with me until I could take care of myself, and now, I believe I can. I appreciate their help and will miss them. They won't be far away in case any changes need to be made. I may not see as much Sesame Street, etc for a while.

June Jolly has had another birthday. It's surprising how often those things come around. Linda McFarland entertained June, Dean and Rhonda Jolly, Louis and Laveda McFarland and Dennis McFarland to supper at the Loop in McCook. She went to her usual KT Club on Thursday, and went to Indianola for supper and cards on Wednesday.

Jane Engelhardt and Pam and Mike Hornung visited and ate with Toots Magers on Saturday. Pam and Mike went back to Colorado on Sunday. Judy and Charlie Easton were there Sunday afternoon.

The Lyle congregation held church in the cold on Sunday, almost forcing Joyce Sumner to play the piano with gloves on. We hope the furnace trouble is resolved before next Sunday.

Dwight Wood suffered with an ear infection last week and saw a doctor.

We hear there is an oil well being drilled east of the Lyle Church. Best of luck to you.

Joyce Sumner went to Colby to watch her great-grandson, Chandler Sumner wrestle. She said Ward is child-sitting Chandler and Clayton this week. Brady Sumner and Skylar Sumner, whose picture was recently on the front page of *The Norton Telegram* being congratulated by Greg Mann, Norton schools superintendent, were both honored for receiving exemplary scores in reading. Chandler's picture is also with the wrestling group. Congratulations to all.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Jesse Niemeth, Topeka, son of Jerry and Kim Niemeth of Herndon, graduated Friday as a Topeka police officer. Jesse, along with 18 other recruits, graduated from the 48th class of basic training academy. Jerry and Kim attended the ceremony.

Aaron, Sarah, Gideon and Isaiah White, Norton, were Saturday visitors of Dave and Judy Ketterl.

St. Mary's 12 hour Day of Adoration with Confessions begins at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26. The Adoration will close with Benediction at 7:45 p.m. Parishioners are encouraged to sign the sheet in the church entrance to spend their hour in prayer.

Julie's Memory Joggers
The Rawlins County Square Deal
Thursday, Feb. 11, 1999

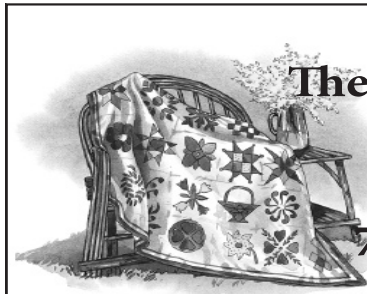
Senior Center Birthday Party
The monthly birthday party was held at the Herndon Senior Center, Feb. 3. There were 24 in attendance. County health nurse Shirley Organ

and Judy Curtin, took blood pressures. Bingo was the entertainment of the afternoon. Blackout was won by Alvina Kogl. The door prize went to Edie Pettera.

Herndon Site Council Meets

The Herndon School District Site Council met Feb. 1 with 10 members present. In a public forum, parents voiced concerns about lack of communication between coaches, parents and players. Members watched a film on Healthwave. It was reported the informal Internet classes were a big success. Pat Allen and Di Solko are adding a new scoreboard on the east wall of the Herndon School gym, in memory of Pat's daughter, Kristi, and Di's son, Cory. This will be a nice addition to the gym and will be honored and appreciated by students, faculty, friends and families of Herndon. The next meeting will be March 1, 7 p.m.

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Decatur Health Systems

By Becky Wilson

It's been an exciting few months here at Decatur Health. Dr. Robert Rosin returned to his hometown to be medical director. Dr. Allen Hooper is returning, too.

The people we'd like to see return next are the people who have been getting their medical care outside of Decatur County.

You'll be hearing a lot about the Coming Home campaign over the next year. We're hoping to get 500 new or returning patients over that time, and we're already well on our way.

I remember listening to public comments at hospital board meetings about why Oberlin needed more providers and more stability.

People pointed out that it's good for the county's economy, it's good for our health and it's just good for the town's morale to have a thriving hospital and clinic.

Well, they're right. And so far, I'm happy to say that 49 patients who hadn't been to the clinic or hospital in the past two years have returned, and that's just the beginning.

If you flip through the paper this week, I hope you'll take time to look over the Decatur Health calendar. We've redesigned it a bit, and you'll be seeing it every week now instead of once a month.

The Family Practice Clinic providers and Specialty Care Clinic schedules are included as always, but some other items have been added.

These are things like the pacemaker technicians visiting from Platte Valley Medical Group, the foot-care clinics at the Golden Age Center offered by Cottonwood

Home Health, the monthly diabetic support groups.

A lot of services are offered every day by our various departments, and it can be difficult to keep track.

Our aim is to fill people in on services they might not be aware of, and also make sure everyone has the most up-to-date information in case anything is added or changed.

We're not stopping here, either. In the coming weeks we should have information available about how we're planning on expanding the services available from the physical therapy and radiology departments.

The aim of health care is increasingly focusing on prevention and wellness - working on a person's high blood pressure, for example, in the hopes of preventing cardiac problems or a stroke down the road.

As we go along, we're hoping to fill the calendar with all sorts of services to help people of all ages stay healthy.

Decatur Health's leadership has been developing a great many ideas to make sure we're positioned to meet the demands of health care in the 21st century. An important part of that is making sure the community knows what's available to help.

Our providers and nurses will be here for you in the case of an emergency, but they're also available to help make your day-to-day lives healthier. If you haven't been to see them in a while, maybe it's time to come on home.

THE RIGHTEOUS BROTHERS' BILL MEDLEY Sun., Feb. 17, 7:30pm	THE CELTIC TENORS Thur., Mar. 14, 7:30pm
MAVIS STAPLES Sat., Feb. 23, 8pm	THE DOOBIE BROTHERS Tues., Apr. 9, 8pm
CHRIS YOUNG Thur., Mar. 7, 8pm	JUDY COLLINS Thur., Apr. 11, 8pm
	LEWIS BLACK Fri., Apr. 12, 8pm
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