

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Joan Betts

125 YEARS AGO — April 1888

Norton cast 439 votes at her recent city election; Oberlin cast 453.
L.G. Parker is going to have one of the finest residences in the city.
J.E. Kulp has accepted a position as clerk in the post office and entered upon his duties Tuesday.
The are 82 civil and 18 criminal cases on the district court docket for the April term.
A chapter of Royal Arch Masons was instituted at Oberlin April 5 at the Masonic Hall. Following is a list of officers: Ed Carmichael, H.P.; M.J. Chapman, K.; C.E. Chandler, S.; Teague Ray, C.H.; J.D. Hayes, P.S.; W.G. Riste, R.A.C.; W.C. McGonigal, G.M.T.V.; Orin Campbell, G.M.S.V.; Dave Fessler, G.M.F.V.; G.W. Houghton, Secy.
Our former townsman, Frank H. Smith, came within five votes of being elected mayor of Colby.

100 YEARS AGO — April 1913

Will E. Landau and Miss Etta Acton were married April 7 by Rev. A.W. Dick.
Victor Lorig and wife are visiting in Alabama at the present time.
McCook went wet by 109 votes at a recent city election.
The city election on Monday caused but little interest and the following are the new officers: Mayor, S.J. Morrish; councilmen, H. J. Hitchcock, F.B. Patton, J.H. Fleming, J. D. Hayes, W.K. Curry; Police Judge, J.S. Leake.
Mr. and Mrs. Ira O. Wear returned from Topeka recently where they spent the winter.
Recent marriages: Harrison Wickham and Miss Lelia Myers, both of Grant Township; Clyde McLaughlin, Clayton, and Miss Ethel Wylie, Jennings; Charles Lamb of Cheyenne County and Miss Sarah Fisher of Norcatour.
The first issue of The Selden Observer, Will E. Landau, editor, comes to our exchange table with a nice assortment of ads.

H.J. Larreau has made a new desk for the county clerk that adds materially to the convenience of the office.

75 YEARS AGO — April 1938

A new band shell, long the hope of many of the community, is about to become a reality as the result of action taken by the Oberlin City Council. Included in the project which will be submitted to state WPA officials for approval, are also plans for the construction of a memorial gate at the entrance of Smick Athletic Field as a memorial to the late beloved educator Caleb W. Smick.
Walter Gaumer, student at Fort Hays State College, and the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gaumer of Custer Township, underwent an operation at St. Anthony's Hospital in Hays in which his leg was amputated above the knee caused by an injury two years ago to his toe while playing football.
Barring further delay because of the weather, the big concrete dam in Sappa State Park will be complete next week.
A son was born April 12 at Benton Memorial Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lohoefer, who has been given the name of Jerry Dean. Thue Jorgensen, instructor in blacksmithing at DCHS, passed out apples to the students in honor of the birth of his great-grandson. Mr. and Mrs. Lohoefer recently moved from Dresden and will make their home on a farm northeast of Oberlin which was purchased from the late Jake Riley. While the farm home is being remodeled they are staying at the home of Mr. Lohoefer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lohoefer. George Olson of Dresden is now the manager of the elevator at Dresden.
Dresden: Funeral services were held at the Methodist Church for Noah Fortin, 66, who moved with his family to Dresden in 1887. He

is survived by his wife Martha; six children; three brothers; four sisters and grandchildren.

50 YEARS AGO — April 1963

Francis Stanley, principal of DCHS, has submitted a letter of resignation to the Board of Trustees effective at the end of the school year.
Decatur County 4-H'ers won 77 blue ribbons at the Regional 4-H Day.
Gene Morford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Morford, rural route 3, Oberlin, ranked first in a field of 180 boys who competed in the Northwest Kansas District Livestock Judging contest held at Foster Farms, Rexford.
Claude Bell, McDonald, has been appointed to fill out the unexpired term of the late Sen. August Lauterback of Colby to represent the 39th District.
L.F. Cushenbery, Oberlin attorney, said he plans to be a candidate for the State Senate next year.
Linda Purvis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Purvis, is the 1963 delegate for the United Nations Pilgrimage Youth Tour sponsored by the Odd Fellows and Rebekah Lodges.
25 YEARS AGO — April 1988
Kirk and Holly Young, Oberlin, and Kay and Margaret Young, Loveland, Colo., have formed a partnership and opened a new business, K&K Motors located at 503 East Frontier Parkway. The business will sell strictly late model cars, pickups and boats and an office is under construction at the site. Mr. and Mrs. Young recently returned to Oberlin from Orlando, Fla., and he is engaged in farming with his brother, Dana Young. Kirk holds a business degree from the University of Kansas.
Phyllis Cramer, who officially retired March 31 as Oberlin City Superintendent, was honored at a surprise

party by city employees and presented a clock inscribed with these words "To Phyll in appreciation of all the time you gave the City of Oberlin, 1948-1988." Cramer will work part-time as sexton at Oberlin Cemetery replacing Alvin Jording.
A dinner and reception April 10 at Golden Age Center honored Mr. and Mrs. Edward Anderson, Caldwell, Idaho; Delmer Anderson and Brent, Topeka, and Dole Anderson, Brigham City, Utah. The Andersons have been city house guests at the Don Anderson home and left Sunday to visit relatives in Topeka.
Terri Hamon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harmon, will compete in the Miss Fort Hays Scholarship pageant. She is a sophomore at FHSU where she is majoring in chemistry. Her talent will be a vocal number.
Jennings: Florence Wyld has returned to Jennings from Illinois where she attended graveside services for her husband, Leroy Wyld.
New Arrival: Karen and Marvin Nelson, Ludell, son, Brady Dain, April 6, 1988.

The Oberlin track teams got off to a good start at the Oberlin Invitational with the girls taking first and the boys second. Double winners were Christy Stanley in the shot put and javelin; Darren Horn in the mile and two mile and the girls 440 and 880 teams. Jody Gaskill set a new meet record in the two-mile.
Funeral services were held for a longtime Oberlin resident, Ila Landau, 92, who worked at *The Oberlin Herald* when E.M. Coldren was editor, and clerked at Dowden's Cash Store and Campbell, Dean and Wilbur before her marriage in 1920 to Rell Landau. Survivors include a son, Darrell and Mary Landau, Garden Grove, Calif., and two daughters Phyllis and George Brown, Castle Rock, Colo., and Marjorie Krisman, Houston, Texas.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy
Margee Wilson was honored for her 20 years of service as the director of nursing at Cedar Living Center with a potluck supper in the Cedar Living Center dining room on Monday.
The dietary department provided sandwiches and staff members brought in salads and desserts. Residents and staff enjoyed the big selection. We will continue to see Mrs. Wilson around Decatur Health Systems in her new position as the quality coordinator.
Bingo was on the agenda for Tuesday afternoon. Everyone went home a winner.
Myrna Jones led the sing-along time before supper on Tuesday afternoon.
The ladies of Cedar Living Center keep busy on Wednesday and Thursday morning when Helen Juenemann operates the beauty shop. Helen usually finds several ladies waiting at the door when she arrives in the morning. Some come for a shampoo and a set, while others also like to have their nails done. Helen keeps the men in tip top shape as well. Helen also finds time to give perms and color hair as needed. The Cedar Living Center residents feel especially fortunate to have these services available.
Fr. Mark Berland had Mass for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.
Violet Brown was the guest of honor at a birthday celebration hosted by her children in the Cedar Living Center dining room at noon on Thursday. Residents enjoyed cake and ice cream along with Violet.
The baking group made peanut butter cookies on Friday afternoon. The cookies were a hit with residents and staff.
Carolyn Miller provided treats for the social hour held in the dining room on Saturday morning.
DeeAnna Krizek celebrated her birthday on Sunday with many family members stopping in to wish her well.
The Oberlin United Church gave the Worship Service on Sunday afternoon.
Recent visitors: Janie Beall, Denver; Jackie Frickey, Kansas City, Mo.; Sharon Wurm, Staplehurst, Neb.; Zac, Kara and Brooke Brashears, Valentine, Neb.; Kathy and Hezzy Brashears, Curtis, Neb.; Jim Helm, Kathy Brashears, McCook; Mike, Deb, Timothy and Matthew Helm, Norcatour.
Oberlin visitors: Robert Fringer, Kathy Shaffer, Sherri Shuler, Mary and Lonnie McEvoy, Mert McEvoy, Kirk Brown, Connie Olson.

Chamber News

By David Swank
It's April, and if you're paying attention to the calendar, I don't need to tell you that Monday is Tax Day, usually not a cause for celebration. However, this year is different.
The Chamber and Oberlin Business Alliance are sponsoring "Tax Free Day" next Monday at participating merchants in Oberlin. Look for signs in the windows of the Bargain Box Plus, Carman Computers, Custom Trophy, Oberlin Mercantile, Penn Avenue Boutique, Oberlin Automotive, the Dresser and the Museum Gift Shop.
Buy at these Oberlin stores, and the merchant will pick up the sales tax! There are some limitations and exclusions, but check with each merchant to see how much you can save. And, the best news is that there will be a Tax Free Day at these merchants on the 15th of each month between now and Nov. 15.
Another date for your calendar is Wednesday, April 24, Professional Assistants Day. This year's luncheon will be held at The Gateway. Cost is \$15 per person. Door prizes, music, fun - don't miss it. Chamber members will be canvassing your business for participation - don't forget your most valuable employees.
Then, on Sunday, April 28, the Decatur County Sheriff Department and Emergency Medical Services will be sponsoring a Kansas Concealed Carry license class. Call Linda Manning at 470-7297 for times of the class, location and costs. Spaces are still available. Exercise your 2nd Amendment right - and do it safely.
More events: at 1 p.m. Thursday, come join us at New To You, 104 S. Penn, for a ribbon-cutting event celebrating this new business. And then, about 1:45 p.m., we'll be going to Quality Plus Oil Field Services on U.S. 36, east of town, for another ribbon cutting. It's nice to see new businesses. Please support them.
And there's one more location to visit this month: Oberlin's Facebook page. The Rocking R and Oberlin Mercantile are being highlighted. Check out the great pictures of these stores, and the great new items being offered. And watch Oberlin's Facebook page in the coming weeks for more pictures and information on our stores. Shop in town and save.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

This is what the old singer, Burl Ives, called a "misty, moisty" morning; cool, with heavy fog. Early Sunday evening, we had a fast and furious rainstorm with pea size, and slightly larger, hail. As quickly as it came, it was over and the sun was shining again.
Margaret "Toots" Magers' family had a birthday party for her 95th on Saturday at the Lyle Community Building, with 50 people for lunch, and 98 signing the book, visiting, and having cake and punch at an afternoon reception. It was a wonderful celebration for a wonderful lady!
Jane, Kevin and Pam Engelhardt spent a fun day with her on Friday.
Jim and Carolyn Plots are home after their trip to Guatemala. They honored us at Toots' reception with the song about the crippled man in the Bible who was running and the blind man who saw it all. Well, you'd have to hear it. I love that song.
Eighteen people enjoyed the "first Sunday of the month" dinner after church at Lyle on Sunday. Dewayne Jackson was our minister and Aurelia played the piano, and they were finally persuaded to stay for dinner.

Emily and Mariah Bader took their great-grandma to church, and Fred Molzahn was another first-time guest.
Kathy Van Meter and Lloyd Frandsen came to the birthday party on Saturday, and that evening went to the Cambridge Hospital benefit supper and dance. Lonny Lynn and their 10 piece band from Lincoln was the entertainment, which also included an auction and wine tasting. Christina Houghtelling visited Kathy and Lloyd Saturday.
June Jolly, always busy, took the driver's training class at Oberlin, and later visited Coleen Rippe, had KT Club and Bingo on Thursday, cards Friday, came to Toots' reception on Saturday, and finished her income tax business on Sunday. I don't know what she does in her spare time, besides quilting.
I had a call from my sister, Twila Vernon of Arvada, Colo. She had heard that Dwight Wood was having health problems and was checking. I was glad to tell her that no cancer was found. Outside of her failing eyesight, she and Lee seem to be doing pretty well.

Good Samaritan Center

By Whitney True

"Hope is like a road in the country; there never was a road, but when many people walk on it, the road comes into existence."
I can't remember who or where I heard this saying but we like this quote because it speaks to the power of making a communal choice to find hope in each day! Last Friday we held our second prayer meeting and are creating a "Tree of Hope," that will feature notes of hope, positivity and funnies. The tree will sit somewhere in the building and will offer our residents and staff alike a recess from daily stress and personal hardship.
Amy Rehm, Betty May, Vera Kacirek, Barb Beisner and Leona Helmkamp picked out the notes that will be hung. Our residents are excited for the Tree of Hope. Betty May and Barb Beisner talked about hope as something that all people need and can give each other. It doesn't matter if you have anything in common. Regardless of age, sex, religion, race or anything else that makes us different from one another. "Hope, it's a universal language," said Betty May.
In other news, sounds of Conga drums, piano, rainmaking and cowbells filled the halls this week as we met for our very first Rhythm Band session. Making music is a big part of many of our resident's pastimes so we decided to collaborate and see what we could come up with.

Who knows, maybe someday we will be entertaining enough to hold a concert.
Residents also enjoyed devotions, trivia, a visit from our First Hand Friends and our mad science experiments! This week we made an actual volcano and yes it shot out lava!
We are still collecting money for the Food Bank and are collecting clothing and other miscellaneous items for the ABC Pregnancy Center in McCook.
Coming Soon: Thursday, Horticulture Club; Saturday, Going for a Cruise and Van Outing; Tuesday, April, 16, Volunteer Appreciation Donut Social.
We need volunteers to help with gardening and cleaning up our courtyard. We would also love for anyone interested in volunteering to join us at our Volunteer Appreciation Social. Meet staff, residents and other volunteers.
As always we appreciate our faithful volunteers and families for their time and support.
Visitors included: Rod and Glena Copeland for Glenn Martin; Connie Simonsson for Amy Rehm and Ollie; Cheryl Miller for Loren Schrock; Ralph and Norma Unger for Earl Brown and Betty and Walter May; Ann Mines for Leona Helmkamp; Reta and Krystal Barratt for Margaret Vacura.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Jerry and Kim Niemeth, along with Laverne Niemeth, spent Easter weekend in Arvada, Colo., with Jan Alexander. Monday they helped their daughter, Kati, and husband, Mike, and granddaughter, Brooke, move into their new home in Aurora.
The Grapevine Gals gathered Friday afternoon, at the Sunflower Villa to celebrate the birthdays of Sharon Ecker, Char Hartner and Debbie Humphrey. Homemade birthday surprises were handed out, courtesy of Joyce Gibson. Char won the birthday game. Six famous Kansas people were discussed; Kirstie Alley; Hugh Milburn Stone; John Michael Hayden; Charles Joseph Chaput, O.F.M. Cap; Hilda Clark and Aneta Corsaut (Helen Crump). Birthday cake was served along with tortilla pinwheels, southwestern dips and chips and cheese and veggie trays. The GG's will meet on Monday, April 22, to celebrate the April birthdays.
The second Sunday of Easter was declared Divine Mercy Sunday by Pope John Paul II in 2000. St. Mary's parishioners participated in the Divine Mercy Chaplet following Mass on Sunday, as a reminder and

reflection of mercy, trust and the forgiveness of sin.
Herndon Pride meets at 7 p.m., Thursday, at the Herndon Sunflower Villa. The results of the Easter bake sale and egg-hunt will be discussed. Plans for the community clean-up day will be scheduled and ideas for the kiddie playground equipment. All residents are invited to attend.
Julie's Memory Joggers
The Citizen Patriot
Sept. 12, 1963
Work Progresses at Library
Mr. E.L. Grafel reports that further work in concrete on the grounds around the newly completed Community Library in Herndon is underway. The parking apron completed a week ago has completely set, and sidewalks along with other construction are now in progress. Plans have been submitted for the complete renovation of the grounds around the Library on Main Street. Open House will be Sunday, Sept. 15 with coffee and cookies being served from 3 to 5 p.m. Ball games and free watermelon feed at the City Ballpark. Free to the public. Everyone is invited. Sponsored by the Community Library Board and Chamber of Commerce.

Selden News

By Jacque Boulinghouse

On March 28 during Senior Citizens at the Community Center, Lillian Sulzman won high with a score of 722; Paul Neff took second with a score of 708; Carl Mumm got low with a score of 408; and Jeanie Spreser had the most nines. Other members present included: Pat Wessel, Ralph Weis, Betty James, Bob Wessel, Ann Hazlitt, Gail Mumm, Royce Cook, Lola Cook, Bernita Aumiller, Helen Karls and Shirley Emigh.
Thursday during Senior Citizens at the Community Center, Marilyn Meyer won high with a score of 775; Paul Neff took second with a score of 764; Helen Karls got low with a score of 442; and Jeanie had the most aces. Other members present included: Pat Wessel, Lola Cook, Royce Cook, Betty James, Ralph Weis, Carl Mumm, Bernita Aumill-

er, Lillian Sulzman, Bob Wessel, Ann Hazlitt and Shirley Emigh.
Birthdays and anniversaries: April 5, Mike Porsch, Gloria Walkler, Dick Pauls; April 6, Dennis Urban; April 7, Becky Wilson; April 8, Raymie Mahanna, Devinn Ritter; April 9, Scotty Hunziker; April 10, Joe and Carol Lobato; April 11, Gary Emigh; April 12, Mike and Tammy Miller, Brenlyn Rath, Wayne Brantley; April 13, Bill Wessel; April 15, Carl Mumm, Greg and Steph Ritter, Steve Shaw; April 16, Gail Mumm; April 17, Dan Benoit, Dan Spreser, Mike and Linda Spreser, Jaci Schaben, Vicky Ray.
School Calendar: April 12, 10 a.m., junior high track at Northern Valley; 3 p.m., high school track at Northern Valley; April 17, State Music Contest.

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