

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1884

A new land firm in Oberlin, Bertram & Doom.

J.P. Rouse has returned from Cass County, Iowa, to his place near Jennings.

Oberlin Township elected the following officers: D.C. Moser, trustee; Finnis Penn, clerk; R.A. Marks, treasurer; I.O. Wear, justice of the peace; G.A. Tubbs and H.O. Douglas, constables.

Klayton Klatter: Al Griffith has a new roof on his sod mansion. Ira Wear of Oberlin did the job.

J.A. Rodehaver has had two very favorable offers for his hotel property — the Oberlin House — the past week.

100 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1909

H.Q. Banta is in the east this week looking after mill matters. We understand he hopes to have his new mill running by September.

Wednesday was the hottest day we have ever seen this time of year in this or any other country. The mercury stood at 68 degrees at 3 o'clock.

H.A. Griffith, H.C. LaTourette and Dr. Robert Smith accompanied Otis L. Benton on the latter's regular trip to his Gove County ranch. The trip both ways was made in six hours.

Elizah Tiner, a resident of Oberlin since 1879, died Wednesday at his home.

Last Thursday this country was visited by one of the worst wind storms in its history. The entire front of the Herald office was covered by a pile of Russian Thistles 10 feet deep. The home of Jap Mines was almost hidden from view by the thistles and he said the wind had blown the fences across the road in 37 different places between his place and Oberlin.

Lem Miller and George Vawter started from Selden for Oberlin Thursday evening in Miller's Reo car and ran up on a bunch of Russian Thistles in the road. The car

stalled and the exhaust set fire to the thistles. Miller and Vawter escaped but the car was a total loss. It was valued at \$700 and there was no insurance.

75 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1934

When the Roberts Motor Company took in a used car on a trade last week, little did they realize they were getting something unusual in the way of extra equipment. Renovating the old car, they found a pint bottle of home brew. This will not be included as standard equipment in the resale of the car we are told.

With the victory over the Goodland High wrestlers at Goodland last Friday night, Coach Bill Huey and his Decatur wrestling team completed their league schedule without suffering a single defeat. Four of Huey's grapplers, Norton, McCarty, Hackney and Montgomery have won all their matches.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Laidig, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hawkes and Mrs. Maye Banta drove to Wichita where Mr. Hawkes and Mr. Laidig attended the council of administration meeting and Mrs. Banta attended an art meeting. Mr. Laidig was elected president of the grade school principals and supervisors department.

Boyd Loves are having their kitchen enlarged. Ernest Nichols is in charge of carpentry work. George McMullen the painting, and the extension is as attractive from the outside as it is convenient within.

In a try-out of more than 50 students at Northwestern University, Ray Votapka was awarded third place in clarinet solo work.

50 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1959

Each of the 12 4-H clubs in Decatur county will be represented in County 4-H Day Saturday.

Snowfall this year has already exceeded 13 inches.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gamblin and family of Atwood have rented the Walt Roshong home on North Wilson. Gamblin is employed with

the Pepsi Cola Bottling Company. New Arrival: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Young, Selden, boy, Kirk Charles, Jan. 30, 1959, 9 pounds, 2 ounces.

Mrs. H.G. Mahon and Mrs. A.J. Thomsen will spend the weekend in Kansas City where they will see "The Music Man." They will also visit Sylvia Mahon and Jerry Thomsen.

Miss Joeline Martin, who is employed with Frontier Airlines in Denver, spent from Friday morning until Monday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin.

25 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1984

At the request of the Decatur County commissioners, Dick Kjelland, administrator of Good Samaritan Center, brought a sheet listing comparative room rates at numerous similar facilities in northwest Kansas. Currently, rates at Good

Samaritan Center in Oberlin, are lowest in the area.

Owen King has begun his year as president of Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce succeeding Ed Bateman.

Long-awaited plans for a multi-purpose community building (civic center) were unveiled Tuesday morning in a meeting at the Fifth Wheel Cafe.

Midway: Dick Kelley of Saudi Arabia arrived in the States last week and spent a week with his wife, Donna. They visited over the weekend with their sons, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Kelley and Nathan of Topeka; Sheldon Kelley of Concordia; and Kirk Kelley of White City.

New arrivals: Feb. 3: Kent and Carol Nicholson, Wilsonville, Neb., daughter, Megan Dawn; Gerry and Theresa Tally, Oberlin, son, Paul Jeremy.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Sympathy is extended to the family of Marge Wigner of Atwood, who died Thursday. She and her husband, Harry Wigner, formerly lived in this area.

Congratulations to Eric and Susan (Bell) Flavin, of Ireland, who are the parents of a daughter, Evangeline Helen, born Feb. 7, 2009. She has two sisters, Belle and Una Fae. Her sister, Gwen Jones, and Josiah returned home last week after spending two weeks with the Flavin family.

Keith and Mary Lou Olson received word Friday of the birth of a son, Derek Anthony, to their granddaughter and husband, Chris and Keely (Witt) Wilson, of Kearney, Neb. He weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces, and has two sisters, Julie Beth and Harmony.

Arlene Glad, formerly of this community, will be honored on her

90th birthday Sunday afternoon at the Atwood United Methodist Church.

Kevin and Mary Holle, rural Herndon, Eunice Martin, Oberlin; and Violet Holle, Atwood, spent last weekend in Denver. They met Lila Thorson of Poulso, Wash., at the Denver airport. The three sisters, Eunice, Violet and Lila, enjoyed visiting and reminiscing.

On Friday they went to Boulder, Colo., to attend a dinner theater with Mrs. Martin's daughter, Connie Robison, of Littleton, Colo. They were joined by Mrs. Holle's son, Larry Holle, of Conifer, Colo., for the Super Bowl game.

Large crowd enjoyed the Sweetheart supper on Sunday at The Gateway in Oberlin. Entertainment was provided by the gospel group, Crossroads, of Hays.

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

The City Council will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday. At last month's meeting, the council talked about properties that need to be condemned. There are several vacant properties with overgrown vegetation (a fire hazard) and abandoned houses (rodent infestation) that need attention.

The three open positions on the school board for Golden Plains have drawn a lot of interest. Ten people filed for the positions, so a primary election will be held on Tuesday, March 3, to reduce the field to nine. All registered voters in the school district received a letter and advanced mail ballot application from Shelly Harms, Thomas County Clerk and Election Officer, giving the times and places for voting.

The letter read, "For the 2009 City/School Primary Elections, your polling place will be located at the Thomas County Courthouse in the county clerk's office, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Advanced voting will be from Feb. 18 to noon, March 2 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.. Satellite Voting will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, at the Red Barn Senior Center. The advanced mail ballot application needs to reach the County Clerk's Office by Feb. 27."

Sympathy and condolences are extended to the family of Lois (Jim) Jones, whose mother, Frances Turrel, passed away last week. Services were last Tuesday at the Rexford Community Church. Also, condolences are extended to the family of Marguerite Black on the passing of her husband, Andy. The funeral was Saturday.

Sondra Barnett and Clede Moeder had lunch with Hulda Wark in the Sheridan County Long Term Care Center to help her celebrate her birthday on Feb. 3.

Golden Plains School activities for the week:

Monday: The high school Western Kansas Liberty League Band Clinic will be held at Sharon Springs at 10 a.m.

Tuesday: High school basketball at Hill City, 5 p.m. No junior varsity girls game.

Wednesday: A high school gifted and talented seminar will be held at Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center.

Thursday: The high school Bulldogs play Heartland Christian at Colby. Games start at 6 p.m. with junior varsity girls, varsity girls, the junior varsity boys.

Friday: Colby Community College Sunflower Singers will perform at 10 a.m. The public is invited. High school basketball at Weskan, 5 p.m. No junior varsity girls game.

Red Barn happenings: **Monday,** blood pressure clinic. Barnswallows meet at 1 p.m.

Mondays and Come on Down meets at 1 p.m. Thursdays.

Wednesday mornings at 11, Ladies Bible Study.

Fridays at 9:30, Koffee Klatch.

Saturday evening, Valentine's Day, the monthly Bingo will be played at 7 p.m.

The Red Barn Gang will be back to practicing on the second and fourth Fridays, which will be Feb. 13 and 27, at 1:30 p.m.

Do you have any Rexford news? Call me at 687-2525.

Until next time, make your week memorable.

Cedar Living News

Valentine's Day is just a few days away and we are busy making plans. Vic Mowry and his band will be at Cedar Living Center on Thursday evening for a dance.

The public is invited to join us for an evening of music and fun. Dancers, singers, and toe-tappers are welcome.

We will be serving punch and cookies from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday afternoon in honor of Valentine's Day.

Please join your favorite resident for refreshments and some old-fashioned Valentine's Day fun.

There is a Valentine's Day mail-bag at the nurses' station that may be used to drop off cards for any of the Cedar Living Center residents.

The Valentines will be sorted and delivered before supper on Saturday.

The penny card group met on Monday afternoon for a game.

Those joining in on the fun included Dale Butler, Darlene Fisher, Elsie Goodnight, Donna Kent, Mary Kolsky, Edie Pettera, Jim Plotts, and Delores Wheeler.

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

Delores Wheeler won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Elsie Goodnight won the blackout game.

Juanita Williby hosted the pinochle players on Wednesday afternoon.

The craft group also met on Wednesday afternoon to finish up making party favors for Valentine's Day.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson before supper on Wednesday.

Sam Mack visited with residents on Thursday morning. Residents and staff took advantage of the beautiful weather on Thursday afternoon and spent time sitting outside in the sun. Some of the group reported symptoms of spring fever.

The baking group made mince-meat cookies on Friday afternoon.

Zola Brown, Elsie Goodnight, Donna Kent, Art and Alice May, Doris Sloan, Marie Thomas, and Fern Wenger enjoyed a game night hosted by Charlotte Kurtz on Friday evening.

Recent visitors: Carol Kompus, Linda Bosler, Pete and Eileen Portschy, Herndon; Vendla Tacha, Norton; Tammi Engel, Colby; Isabelle Erickson, Tecumseh; Glen and Carolyn Strevey, Norcatur; Tom Votapka and Terry Hanke, Jennings.

Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Jackie Votapka, Roberta Johnson, Lyle Gamblin, Ira Kolsky, Gerry Neff, Dolores Depperschmidt, Jody Betts, Connie Miller, Max and Veanna Carman, Elwood May, Earl Brown, Ella Betts, Connie Cramer, Ron and Patti Uehlin, John and Dianne Bremer, Roxie Pomeroy, Norman Wendelin, Oberlin.

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