

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1885

The Norton Courier comes to us this week enlarged to a six column folio.

Monday night was as windy as a mid-summer politician.

Mail has been delayed by the snow storm. The Central branch was blocked again.

100 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1910

Saturday was an extremely busy day in Oberlin. People took advantage of the fine weather and poured in from every direction. Our merchants report trade to have been brisker than any other day this winter.

The Herald and The Eye were designated the official papers of Decatur County by the county commissioners at their meeting Monday.

Monday, Fitch Colby purchased the O.K. Livery Stable building of Ed Isham and will at once proceed to remodel it and restock it up in fine shape.

75 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1935

Zimmerman Bros. Grocery and market is nicely located in their new home — the Noble building on the corner of Penn Avenue and Commercial Street. They moved into the remodeled building Saturday evening.

Miss Norene Steele entertained with a New Year's Eve party. Her guests included Miss Eloise Utterback, Miss Dorothy Olson, Miss Naomi Griffith, Miss Alice Coldren, Max Brooks, Lyle McGee, Neil Reeves, Leo Ridgway and Bob Beardsley.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo Counter are the parents of a baby boy born Dec. 26 in the McCook Hospital. The little boy has been named Duane Noel.

Mrs. Steve Tuttle and children spent the holiday with Mrs. Howard

Hanson, Mrs. Esther Bendon and other relatives in Jennings.

Miss Muriel Barratt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Barratt, and Mr. Clifford Blickenstaff, son of Mr. C.A. Blickenstaff were united in marriage at the Methodist parsonage in Randall, Kansas, Sunday evening, Dec. 23, 1934. Rev. Roy E. Frey read the impressive double-ring ceremony.

Both are graduates of Decatur Community High School and are successful teachers in Decatur County and will continue the rest of the school year before setting up housekeeping on the farm in the spring.

Mr. Ivan Cochran and Mrs. Myrtle Van Pelt, both of Decatur County, were married at Colby Dec. 26th.

50 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1960

The office recently received a letter addressed to "Mr. Herald Oberlin" which marks a new high, or low, in the way our correspondence is addressed.

Arian Olson is spending the vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Olson. Arian is attending Colorado State.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Addleman left today for Tucson, Ariz., to see their son, Rusty, play in the All-American Bowl. The bowl matches small-college and major-college All-Americans.

Construction is scheduled to be completed by early fall on the dial telephone building to be constructed on the south side of Hall between Griffith and Penn, a block east of the present telephone building. Total cost of the dial conversion project in Oberlin will be nearly a quarter million dollars.

25 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1985

Tyler Paul Neff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Neff, was born at 1:59 p.m. on New Year's Day to be the

first arrival of the year at Decatur County Hospital. He has a sister, Lacy, who will be three on Jan. 26. Grandparents are Paul and Velma Neff, rural Selden and Leonard and Carol Rosin, Oberlin.

David Lund, who has been in practice with his father, Elmo Lund, in the Lund Law Firm, Chartered since August 1983, has moved his practice to Wichita where he will be associated with Coombs & Standlee, Chartered.

New residents of the Oberlin community are Mr. and Mrs. Willard Frickey, Trevor, Tracey, Brian and Brad who moved here from LaCrosse, after purchasing Raye's

IGA from Mrs. Frickey's mother, Vi Kathka. They took over management beginning Jan. 1, 1985. Willard's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Frickey.

Fifty-nine descendants of the late John and Lizzie Frickey gathered at the Golden Age Center on Dec. 29 for a potluck luncheon hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Frickey and Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Frickey.

Bill and Ann Ooton have moved to Sarasota, Florida, where they will make their home. The Oootons lived in Oberlin the past 17 years where they operated Campbell's Draperies and were active in the community.

Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

The year 2010 is upon us. I hope it is a very prosperous one for all.

Our first event for 2010 will be coming up next week on Thursday with our Annual Chamber Banquet. It will be held at the Golden Age Center in the west room at 6:30 p.m. The meal will be roast beef, baked potato, Brookville corn, lettuce salad, dinner roll and dessert — an assortment of pie, cake and cheese cake.

Our speaker for the evening is Dave Buchholz, who is the president of David & Associates, a marketing communications firm headquartered in Hastings, Neb., which he founded in 1984. He was the 2002 recipient of the National Agri-Marketing Association award for professional excellence in public relations. Raised on a farm near Ayr, Neb., he is a graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Instead of golfing, he plays keyboards in two bands on the weekends. He was a presenter of "Marketing Effectiveness" tips at a MarketPlace Success

Conference and was heard by one of our board members.

He will also be speaking the following day on Friday, Jan. 15, at The Gateway. There will be two sessions, one from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. Coffee and rolls will be served. The second session will be 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch will be available at this session. There is a fee of \$10 for Chamber members and \$15 for other attendees to help cover expenses to bring him here. Please make reservations by Monday, Jan. 11, to the Chamber office at 475-3441.

The Table Tents with activities listings will be in today, and I will have them out on Thursday.

Remember, I have a large calendar here in the Bee Building for your convenience, and mine, to put events on for visitors to attend. The Table Tents are provided by the Oberlin Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Have a great week!!

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Mary Long hosted the sing-along time on Monday afternoon. She led residents in singing Christmas songs and she favored the group with a few solo performances as well.

Phil Law gave a concert on his trumpet before supper on Monday afternoon. He had also played a variety of Christmas tunes over the weekend.

Delores Wheeler won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Edie Pettera won the blackout game.

Elsie Goodnight and Wilma May finished on top in the word game played on Wednesday afternoon. Other players included Darlene Fisher, Irene Fringer, Ruth Havel, Fern Jording, Donna Kent, Edna Mott, Joan Noble, Agnes Pruitt, Blanche Skubal, Marie Thomas and Delores Wheeler.

We rang in the New Year at noon

on Thursday, starting with a count-down, games, and other fun at 11:30 a.m. Residents spent New Year's Day watching parades and football games.

Recent visitors: Jim and Carolyn Plotts, Todd and Deanna Sumner, Norcatur; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Carol Kompus, Linda Bosler, Herndon; Steve Skubal, Leoville; Jan Sattler, Atwood; Alysha N. Tadlock, Goodland; Rebecca Surmeier, Emporia; Greg, Stacie, Emily, Rodney, Kaidyn and Ryleigh Coyle, Rossville; Gregg Sayer, Cambridge, Neb.; Phil and Marj Law, Lakewood, Colo.; Chris, Ken and Alex Hosak, Alpharetta, Ga.; Stephani, Brian and Adrian Hawkins, Euleus, Texas.

Opal Huntley, Ila Ray, Mary Ann Amack, Mirium Fisher, Marilyn Gamblin, Lois Lamb, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

We continue to enjoy the company of friends and family who are home for the holidays. On Monday, Jennifer Tally came to play the piano for Ol' Time Music. It is such a joy for the residents when young people come to share their love and their talent with them. She played for a full house: Edla Olson, Alice May, Alice Bobbitt, Eva Bryan, Faye Miller, Walt and Betty May, Opal Bryan, Louise Pollnow and guests, Ruby Shuler, Myrtle Ross, Myrtle Waldo, Dorothy Hunt, Dorothy Pryor, Elden Long, Earl Brown and Leone Porsch.

The ever changing Art Gallery has some new pieces on display. Edla Olson's "Darling Violet"; Betty May's "Paradise"; Amy Rehm's "Beauty is as Beauty Does"; Opal Bryan's "A Penny for Your Thoughts"; Faye Miller's "Pretty Roses"; and Alice Bobbitt's "TBA." These shiny metallic floral paintings are just what we need to add a little sparkle to these wintry days.

A lively game of Kick Ball was played to get the stiffness out of our bones! All the way downstairs the giggles and laughter could be heard. This is still a favorite game to be played no matter the weather!

Midweek turned a bit more somber as we said goodbye to two more dear friends. Helen Derby's memorial was Wednesday morning given by Anita Hirsch who spoke of Helen's love of teaching and her personal quest of lifetime learning. She quoted the scripture from *Philippians 3:12-14* which speaks of running toward the prize of heaven.

Elsie Macy, who had lived at Good Sam for 17 years, also went to be with the Lord. Several staff members endured the bitter cold to be at her graveside service that took place on Tuesday. A Memorial Service was planned for her on Tuesday. When we say good-bye, it is evident that truly we are one big

family. We become so attached and love so deeply but are reminded that "we need not sorrow as others who have no hope, for if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus." *1 Thess. 4:13b-14*. We weep together and we comfort one another. What a blessing!

New Year's Day the residents celebrated with games, popcorn and hot cocoa! We pray God's Blessings on you and yours this New Year!

2010 promises to be pretty exciting! Lots of new things are on the drawing board and lots of babies are due. We will be having a huge baby shower on Wednesday, Jan. 13, at 2 p.m. Two babies have already arrived but we are waiting for six more! We are doing our part to keep Oberlin hoppin'!

Visitors included Doug, Chris, M.J. and Sharee Dempewolf, Lisa and Laci Leichter, Scott Lyon, Aaron Mann, Ray, Bryce, Isaac and Abbey Thornton, also Lynn and Jacob Streit for R.D. Thornton. Dick and Donna Kelley, Sheldon and Brenda, Kelley, Kendra and Jessica (Frederick, Colo.), Elizabeth Fahrnholtz and Jan Hardy (Wauneta, Neb.) and Kirk B. Kelley (Davenport, Iowa) for Eva Bryan and Opal Bryan. Jeannie and Kerri Britton (Thornton) and Sharon Slabaugh for Opal Bryan. Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem) for Doris Marintzer and Hubert Mumm. Reva Marshall for Dorothy Hunt. Zayne and Taylor Godbout (Topeka), Wayne and Phyllis Zwicke and John Paulson for Lora Zwicke. Trudy Stockham (Norton) for Louise Pollnow. Mert McEvoy for Lucy Schissler. Jim Wesch for Nila Wesch. Jim Rogers (Selden) for Hubert Mumm and Alice Bobbitt. Mildred Holmdahl for Evelyn Olson, Edla Olson and Eulaine Benda. Again we want to thank all of you who drop by with cheerful greetings; you are always welcome in our home.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

The Herndon community was transformed with an array of lighting and decorations this Christmas season. Many residents decorated with family traditions, all styles, some elaborate and some simple, but all gave inspiration to those driving by.

On Monday, Dec. 28, the Kyle Grafel family celebrated Rachel Grafel's 18th birthday with a trip to McCook to go to the movies. Birthday cheese cake, made by Sarah Grafel, was enjoyed after the movie.

Don and Joan Grafel traveled to Casper, Wyo., to celebrate Christmas with Kevin and Nanette Philbrick, Ryan Philbrick and Brett and Brenna Philbrick of Laramie, Wyo. Don and Joan were guests of Leon and Marita Portschoy on New Year's Day for dinner and cards.

Marge Koetter, McCook, joined Stu and Pam Stuczynski of Herndon for the Christmas Holidays in Omaha. They spent several wonderful days with Diana and family learning new card games from son, Brandon. Sleigh riding worked well with the many feet of snow in the yard.

Rachelle Solko hosted the IMA Dewey Christmas gathering in Herndon at the Senior Center on Saturday, Dec. 26. A potluck lunch

was served with the main course being Ox-Roast style beef and soup, accompanied by salads. Yummy treats included a variety of cookies and candies. All enjoyed Roger's pizza in the evening. Children enjoyed a gift exchange while the adults spent the day visiting and playing games and cards.

Attending were Don, Diana and Rachelle Solko, Lance Jording, the Jim Schroeder family, all of Herndon; Mark and Katie Jo Solko, Colby; Renae Solko, Topeka; Janelle Solko, Hays; RayeAnn Solko and family, Stratton, Neb.; Shad, Jane and Nichole Dewey, McCook; Dena and Delaney Dewey, Trenton, Neb.; Craig Hansen, Cambridge, Neb.; and Mike and Darla Lovelady and family, Ness City. The Don "Skeet" Dewey family of Hillrose, Colo., were missed at the event, as they were unable to attend due to inclement road conditions.

New Year's weekend guests of Dave and Judy Ketterl were Adam and Angela Ketterl, Atwood, and Aaron, Sarah and Gideon White of Norton.

Kyle and Cindi Grafel, Ben, Sarah and Rachel traveled to Loveland, Colo., to celebrate Christmas with Cindi's family. It had been several years since the families were

together so they all had a wonderful time.

Troy, Brandi and Bart Ecker, Hays, spent the weekend with Sharon Ecker. Saturday they celebrated their belated Christmas dinner. They were joined by Carla Marintzer and Marlin and Dana Marintzer of Oberlin. The Eckers returned home Sunday afternoon.

St. Mary's Christian Mothers Altar Society met Sunday evening at Roger's Grill for their Christmas party and meeting. Those enjoying a stocking guessing game, pizza, cookies and candy were Deb Portschy, Nadine Green, Eileen Unger, Theresa Rippe, Vicky Mumm, Ann Solko, Rachelle Solko, Carla Marintzer, Sharon Ecker, Jean Kogel, Chris Wood, Deanna Williams, Voni Sattler, Sharon Frick and Julie Hafner. Eileen Unger and Deanna Wil-

liams were thanked for their year of service and Theresa Rippe was welcomed as new president. Vicky Mumm chose Boys Town as her door-prize charitable donation.

On Tuesday, Dec. 29, Nik and Lisa Martin, Oxford, England, arrived to welcome in the New Year on the farm with Bob, Liane and Anikka Martin. Family enjoyed Christmas and New Year's with friends at Elk Inn, Oberlin, visiting and spending time together before returning to Denver on Wednesday, Jan. 6, to fly back to England.

Robert and Julie Hafner spent New Year's Day with Jason Hafner and Raquel Frerichs in Lexington, Neb., cheering on Oklahoma State on Saturday in that sloppy Cotton Bowl, but with no success!

A Blessed New Year!

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Covenant Women will meet at 9 a.m. Saturday for a missionary work day at the Herndon Covenant Church. Hostesses are Gayle Carlson and Sherri Schmidt.

Those joining Eulaine Benda at her home for a belated Christmas celebration last week included Losson and Leanne Pike, Ashland; Gerald and Patti Benda, Ludell; Daryl and Shirley Maresch, Nekoma; Beverly Messerly and Anna, Sublette; Brandon and Sarah White, Olathe; Nathan Maresch, Salina; Jenna Maresch, Hays; Kurt Olson, Paul Messerly and Tim Maresch, Manhattan; Greg Solko, Garden City; and Mark and Barbara Olson and Mary Rachel, Oberlin.

Christmas supper guests on Dec. 29 of Frank and Margaret McEvoy were Lonnie and Mary McEvoy, Ryan and Shane, Katlyn Klima, Stan McEvoy, Tammy Sporn, Brian and Dawn Beckman, Ethan, Jordyn and Spencer, and Joan and Kristi Evans.

Guests for a post-Christmas dinner at the home of Esther Noren on Saturday were Larry and Judy Thelander, Salina; Ken and Alice Robson, Kirk and Janelle Robson and Brielle, Ellsworth; Andy Robson, Bennington; and his fiancée, Dayna Ellis, Salina; and Steve and Connie Noren, Britta, David and Michael.

Guests of John and Ardythe Cederberg on New Year's Day included Larry, Denise and Dalton Pettera, as well as Tanner, Jolene, Boston and

Presley Pettera of North Platte; Donny, Diane, Derek and Megan Ruppert of McCook; Chase, Dana and Payton Juenemann of Hays; Eric Sattler, Makala and Talon of Atwood; Cindy and Ron Sattler of Herndon; and Jan, Chloe, Mariah and Cianna of Colorado Springs.

Mildred Holmdahl, and Mike and Janel Jensen were Christmas guests on Saturday, Dec. 19, of Sherrill and Janet Vermillion and family in El Dorado. Mrs. Holmdahl had spent a few days at their home, then accompanied the Jensens home.

Guests for a post-Christmas supper on Wednesday at the home of Keith and Mary Lou Olson were Rex Olson, Seth, Sam and Abbie, Boulder, Colo.; Chris and Keely Wilson, Julie, Harmony and Derek, Kearney, Neb.; Brandon and Sarah White, Olathe; Kurt Olson, Manhattan; Mark and Barbara Olson and Mary, James and Kimberly Witt, Ashley and Whitney, and Tyler and

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Herschel and Jody Betts and John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica attended funeral services for Helen Maxine Derby, 90, at the Dresden United Methodist Church Tuesday morning with burial in the Dresden Cemetery. She is survived by a daughter, Betty Jean and Elmer Baus, and grandson, Leigh Aaron Baus, of Pratt and granddaughter, Dawn Renee and Shane Irvin of Wichita. She was preceded in death by her parents, Tandy and Kyttee (Bremer) Nelson; husband Harold; son Donald, and sister Lois Welter.

Rhonda May, Elizabeth Nedland, Hunter Nedland and Rhiannon Davies returned home New Year's Eve after spending a few days skiing in Breckenridge, Colo.

Sunday afternoon and evening guests at the home of Roland and Pam May, Zach and Hannah, to celebrate their May family Christmas were Richard and Delayne May, Brianna, Danica, and Nolan,

and Josh Ishmael, Lawrence; Dean Hillman, Cheney; Regan Bartells, Phillipsburg; Walter and Betty May, Robert and Sally May and Cole, Rhonda May and Dan Nedland, Cameron, Hunter, and Elizabeth, Rhiannon Davies; Roger and Susan May, Ryan and Erin, and Shannon and Carie Schurr, Dustin, Tyler, Haylee and Colton.

Gathering on the afternoon of New Year's Day for their annual family Pond Butter Pudding, hosted by John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica, were Alice May, Lois Carlson, John and Edith Tate, the Jay Tate family, and Warren and Jan Bainter. Pond Butter Pudding is an English tradition that has been carried down through the years. It originated from Alice and Lois's grandmother, and was also made for many years by their mother, Lela Reznor, then by Alice, and now the last few years by Dianne.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Sarah McKenna, Topeka; Jacque McKenna, Iowa City, Iowa and Marcus McKenna, Hays, have been home over the Christmas holiday, visiting their parents, Pat and Shelley McKenna and Chris. They celebrated Christmas Eve at the home of Greg and Paula McKenna, Marlee, Landee, Hallee and Baylee at Selden, along with many other relatives.

The Pat McKenna family went to Shelley's parents, the Max and Norma Ward home at Clayton, on Christmas Day for dinner. The family group included Dave Ward, Clayton; Jake and Krisha Ward, Manhattan; Jodi Bina and Braxton, Herington; Julie and Ken Ward; Jesse and Megan Carter, Clayton and Anna, Oberlin; Becky Carter and Stann Hartzog; Ann and Wes DuBois, Abbie and Madi, Norton; Lori, Terry and Kelley Wycoff, Scott City.

New Year's Day guests of Galen and Meme Carper were grandchildren Steven Mangus, Kanorado; Devin Mangus, Manhattan; Matthew Hopson, Goodland, and

friend Rachel, Stratton, Colo.; Rebecca Hopson, Bethune, Colo., and friend, Nathaniel, Burlington, Colo. Rebecca and Nathaniel brought a four-wheeler with snow plow to help Grandpa Galen move snow from driveways.

New Year's Day and weekend guests of Wayne and Louise Cressler were their children Russell Cressler, Bison; Gwen Anderson, Council Grove; their granddaughter, Megan Faris, Manhattan, and two-year-old great-grandson, Gabriel Lemmons, son of Jessica and Ben Lemmons, Manhattan.

United Methodist Women will meet at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 6, at the church. The program will be "Call to Prayer and Self Denial."

Jennings City Council will meet in the Senior Center at 7:30 p.m. Thursday evening Jan. 7.

Sunflower Senior citizens will have potluck dinner at the center at noon on Tuesday, Jan. 12. They will be playing Bingo so bring a prize to play. Everyone is welcome to come join us.

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