

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**125 YEARS AGO — May 1885**

This section was visited with both rain and snow last Friday; the latter was of short duration, however.

A.A. Wilbur and family of Marshalls town, Ia., arrived here last Saturday bringing with them his stock and goods and will locate five miles west.

Dan Beal and Henry Beardsley have purchased the building now occupied by J.W. Allen & Son as a millinery store, and we understand will open a drug store in the same at an early date.

Work commenced on the skating rink Monday morning under the supervision of C.E. Thomas of Jackson. The building will be two feet higher than the one blown down, and will be superior in point of strength and finish.

John B. Colt was married in Brooklyn, N.Y., April 22, to Miss Florence Brown. They arrived in Oberlin last Friday and have taken up their residence in Mr. Colt's property just north of the city.

Clayton: Mr. Hill, from Nebraska, and family have arrived in this township.

**100 YEARS AGO — May 1910**

Knowing ones tell us that the greater part of small fruit has been killed by the series of hard freezes.

Allison Items: Ice one-half inch thick Sunday night.

The Decatur Community High School orchestra gave a concert in Dresden Friday evening.

Kanona Items: Susie Landau left Thursday for her homestead in Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. C.F. Kirkendall are the parents of a baby girl who arrived April 16th.

The high school baseball team beat Long Island 14-8 Friday and the Jennings team 24-4 on Saturday.

**75 YEARS AGO — May 1935**

Speculation has run rampant that the western boundary of the proposed 100-mile wide shelter belt going from the Canadian border to Texas would seem to put Decatur County almost entirely in the tree planting strip.

Lund: Most of the women in our neighborhood have closed the rooms that aren't used much, taken down the curtains, covered the furniture, stuffed cloth in the windows, closed the doors and don't plan to do any cleaning until it rains.

Matt Allacher started out Monday to take his son to Hays where he is attending school but the dust was blowing fierce at Hoxie and he had to turn back. That afternoon Guy Morrish telephoned from Norton that he couldn't start home because of the dust storm.

Cedar Bluffs: Carl Wesch closed a very successful term of school Friday at Valley View District 19.

The patrons came at noon with well-filled baskets. Mr. Wesch will teach there again next winter. He accompanied the 7th and 8th grade pupils to Traer Saturday where they took county exams.

Norcatour Dispatch: At high noon on a pleasant day in April 1885 in the home of John P. and Mrs. Eva Ankenman occurred the marriage

of their daughter Eliza J. to Samuel W. Betts in the sod house home of her parents located in Crystal Township, Norton County, nine and one-half miles northeast of Norcatour. Fifty years later the couple celebrated their anniversary at their home in Norcatour with all their six living children present except a son, Alva, of California. In addition to farming Mr. Betts did a great deal of carpenter work including the building of the first frame building on the original townsite of Norcatour in 1885, a general store for Mrs. M.E. Rockwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Eiler announce the marriage of their daughter, Margaret Virginia, to Lloyd Wendling Hurlbut on April 20th at the Westport Presbyterian Church in Kansas City, Mo. They will make their home in Lincoln, Neb., where he is with the agricultural department of the University of Nebraska.

**50 YEARS AGO — May 1960**

Henrietta Goscha and Larry Nelson reigned as king and queen at the annual Decatur Community High School junior-senior banquet held Saturday night. Marcia Ward, junior class president, welcomed the group and James Wesch, senior class president, responded. Theme of the banquet was "Island Dreams" and decorations in the ballroom were in a "South Pacific" theme. Later the group watched a film at the Chief Theatre and went to the American Legion for the annual all-night party with breakfast served at 4 a.m.

A festive crowd estimated at 800 persons, many decked out in old-fashioned dress, attended the Jennings Songfest Sunday afternoon planned by Mrs. C.E. Feely. Nearly \$1,000 was raised and donated to the Decatur County Historical Society toward the building of an addition to the county museum through her efforts.

A grand opening will be held May 14 at the Fifth Wheel Service station located at the junction of Highways 83 and 36. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kathka have purchased the entire corner from Ward Sauvage including the service station, cafe, transport and real estate.

The Kathkas plan to operate the service station but have leased the cafe to Ed Hicks of Albuquerque, N.M. Mrs. Hicks is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schissler of Atwood.

Alif Be Khe Jr. Club entertained 100 members and guests of the Oberlin City Federated Clubs on April 29 at the Oberlin American Legion. All women present received baby orchids sent from Hawaii by Mrs. Jim Ater, a former member of the club.

Leoville: Dorothy Schieferecke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Schieferecke, a senior at Leoville High School, has been awarded a \$600 a year scholarship to Marymount College at Salina.

Selden: Three couples celebrated their 35th wedding anniversaries last weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Camp: Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jader, also of Selden, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hendrix, Hoxie and the Camps. The couples have been

close friends for over 35 years.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Norman Davis, Jennings, daughter, Marina Sue, April 26, 1960; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Shepherd, Oberlin, daughter, Julia Lynn, April 30, 1960; Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Nicholson, Lebanon, Neb., son; May 2, 1960.

Eugene Oshima, science instructor at Decatur Community High School, has been selected from a field of 500 applicants to receive a scholarship to attend the Institute of Chemistry at Colorado State College, Greeley, this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin R. Anderson announce the engagement of their daughter, Sandra, to Eugene Gardner. She is a 1953 graduate of Decatur Community High School and attended Fort Hays State College and is employed in the main office of Blue Cross-Blue Shield in Denver. Her fiancé is a graduate of Pueblo Centennial High School and served four years in the U.S. Navy after which he attended the University of Colorado at Boulder. He is employed with the Sturgeon Electric Co., Denver, as an IBM operator. An August wedding is planned.

In his first track meet this spring Bob Vernon, 6 foot, 7 inch sophomore at the University of Colorado erased the disc record with a toss of 160 feet, 7 inches.

**25 YEARS AGO — May 1985**

The weather was perfect for the 15-mile Oberlin Centennial trail ride Sunday with more than 100 riders from Kansas and Nebraska taking the opportunity to participate. The riders took a trail which went down town and then southwest of Oberlin before coming full circle to the fairgrounds. Awaiting the riders was a chuckwagon supper provided by the Decatur County Historical Society.

Rocking Horse Farms furnished trophies in eight categories including the best decorated horse-drawn vehicle which went to Virgil and

Joyce Price, Norcatour. The most authentic horse-drawn vehicle award, a covered wagon, went to Kenneth and Pansy Price, Clayton. The best-dressed rider award went to 81-year-old "Boots" Eckhart, McCook; the oldest male rider award to Guy Votapka, 83 and the youngest rider was Chris Smith, 4, the son of Larry and Karen Smith.

Decatur County commissioners, the district highway engineer and county engineer Jim Basendale spent more than an hour discussing the proposed detour route during the 9-mile construction on Highway 83 south of Oberlin which is scheduled to begin in March and be completed in seven months.

New Arrivals: Dr. and Mrs. Mark Olson, St. Joseph, Mo., a daughter, Sarah Eulaine, April 30, 1985, at Heartland West Hospital, St. Joseph; Connie and Leon Miller, Oberlin, son, Kary Lee, May 1, 1985.

Bill and Ila Stevens were honored with a potluck supper at the Golden Age Center with more than 50 friends and relatives attending from Oberlin, Jennings, Hoxie, Colby and Atwood. Entertainment was provided by Neal and Norma Elwood, Edla Olson and Peg Gierhart. The Stevenses will leave this week for Canada where they will make their home near a son and his family.

Robert Rosin, a 1976 graduate of Decatur Community High School, is among the 52 students to graduate from the University of Kansas School of Medicine, Wichita, on May 19.

Jennings: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Tacha of Jennings celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary with an open house.

The Decatur Community High School golf team composed of Perrell Stanley, Dustin Nichols, Ron Juenemann, Gary Juenemann, Kevin Vavroch and Evan Wilson qualified for the State tournament to be held at Hesston.

## Museum Matters

By Sharleen Wurm

The new 2010 Alumni Directories are done and will be available for sale on Saturday, May 8, at the Decatur County Museum. The museum will be open that Saturday from 10 a.m. until noon and from 1:30 to 4 p.m. The directories are \$10 each if picked up and \$15 if they are to be sent out of town.

The Decatur County Last Indian Raid Museum will host Alumni Weekend on Friday and Saturday, May 28 and 29. We invite all alumni and the public to make this a place to come and socialize.

We will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. There will be snacks, coffee, tea, and water. Dick Carman, Class of 1957, will be showing a Decatur Community High School picture presentation throughout the two-day party. The two-day event, along with museum tours, will be free, but donations will be appreciated.

The Oberlin Business Alliance

will be grilling up hamburgers and polish sausages in front of the Museum on Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a freewill donation.

Come to the Museum, tour the museum, look through the yearbooks, enjoy the Alumni Room, reminisce over pictures, watch the history of DCHS through a picture presentation, buy a 2010 Alumni Directory and an Historical Oberlin calendar, and relax and visit with family and friends in our newly expanded Parlor.

The museum is the place to be on Alumni Weekend.

Museum hours: April to Nov. 1: 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

With all the wonderful and exciting happenings at the Museum, you should come and join us! Memberships are only \$20 per family or \$10 per individual. Be a part of Oberlin's number one attraction.

## Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Lavern Niemeth was a Sunday morning brunch guest of Jerry and Kim Niemeth. Kim tried a new breakfast casserole recipe and, of course, served the traditional Tang beverage.

Mothers will be honored Sunday at a breakfast following the 8:30 Mass at St. Mary's with the CYO students serving rolls, coffee and juice.

A dinner party was held on Saturday, April 24, at the home of Esther Pennington in Herndon in honor of her 96th birthday. Family attending were Mary Rushing, Sacramento, Calif.; Mark Pennington, Arvada, Colo., and Alan and Ann Solko, Herndon. Sunday afternoon visitors were Beth Chartier, Herndon, and Cindy Cohn, Colorado Springs. Birthday guests on Tuesday were Chris Wood, Devona Sattler, Deanna Williams, Sharon Ecker and Vicky Mumm. Mary and Ann served cake and snacks. Esther received many cards and gifts but especially enjoyed the calls from Joan Noble, Oberlin, and Rita Eckert, Loveland, Colo. Birthday greetings came from Michael Rushing, Mathias Anderson, Kurt Pennington, Chris Pennington, John Solko, Jared Solko, Val Solko, Akacia Pennington and Garrett

Rushing. All the family wishes Esther a happy 96th birthday and blessings all year.

Francis Janousek (Chaz) is settling in his new surroundings in Oberlin. Cheery greetings will reach him at 108 E. Ash St., Good Samaritan Center, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

Friday evening dinner guests of Bob and Julie Hafner were Marlene Cook, Parker, Colo.; Tommy and Deanna Cook, Littleton, Colo.; Janice Sattler, Brian and Mary Clark, and Eric Sattler, all of Atwood; Ron and Cindy Sattler, Herndon, and Dana, Payton and Paycie Juenemann, Hays. The ladies visited the rhubarb patch while the little ones fed the neighbors' chickens and duck. On Saturday, pizza was enjoyed at the bowling alley.

Thousands of events across the country will take place Thursday, May 6, for the annual National Day of Prayer. Observance will take place at 12 noon for our great nation.

**Julie's Memory Joggers**

Latest News from the Capuchin Franciscans:

Father Christopher Rengers died Monday, Jan. 25, 2010, at the Vincentian Home in Pittsburgh, Pa. He was 92. Father Christopher was a

noted confessor, spiritual mentor and author. Many regarded Father a saintly Capuchin friar and priest. Father was ordained to the priesthood on May, 28, 1942. His first assignment was as chaplain at Visitation Academy in St. Louis, Mo., from 1943-1945. He then taught at St. Joseph Military Academy in St. Louis, Mo. He then was transferred

to Herndon as parochial vicar of St. Patrick Church in Tully, Ks and chaplain for Atwood Hospital in Atwood. Even until a few days before his death, Father worked on various scholarly and devotional projects. For interesting reading on Father's life, check the Capuchin Franciscans website.

## Selden News

By Jacque Boultinhouse

On April 30 at Senior Citizens, Edna Schiltz won high, Alfred Albers took second, Carl Mumm got low and Bernita Aumiller had the most nines. Other members present include Lola Cook, Royce Cook, Batty James, Ralph Weis, Anna Albers, Ann Hazlitt, Helen Karls and Lois Neff.

Birthday and anniversaries: May 7 - Debbie Shuler, Gwen Schultz. May 8 - Kim Wessel, Darcie Spesser. May 9 - Travis Rogers. May 10 Don Koerperich, John Koerperich, Greg and Traci Bruggeman. May 11 - John Mosier, Jason Rall, Tom Aumiller, Madison Stanton. May 12 - Jennifer Radovich, Dan Shuler, Ramona Shaw, Tom and Jan Juen-

emann. School Calendar: May 7, 3 p.m., High School Track at Colby. May 9, 2 p.m., High School Graduation. May 10, 7 p.m., Grade School Music Program. May 11, 7 p.m. 8th Grade Graduation and Junior High Awards. May 12, Last day of school, Kindergarten Graduation. May 13, 6:30 p.m. Awards Banquet. May 14, 9:30 a.m., Junior High League track at Scott City; 3 p.m., High School League track at Scott City.

## Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

Another busy week has come and gone. Time surely does fly by when you're having fun!

This week began with Frannie taking to the kitchen to do baking with Leona Helmkamp, Faye Miller, Alice Bobbitt and Leone Porsch. They served their delicious warm cookies for Social Hour. This has become a weekly favorite for us!

On Tuesday, Cindy Sattler's first grade class came to read for the last time this year. What a difference a year can make in the reading abilities of these sweet little people. Both classes will come one more time for our end of the year "Teddy Bear Picnic" celebration!

Marilyn Horn spent the day on Wednesday. She led Songs of Worship and Bible Study. The ladies enjoy her story-telling type teaching and her love and enthusiasm for God's Word. She took a break and then returned for Bingo!

Thursday is Current Events with Carol Duncan. Lisa is teaching on the Holy Spirit in Bible Study and the ladies gather in the Quiet Room for Prayer Team in the evening. Amy Rehm and Edla Olson plan and execute the meeting every week.

On Friday, Eulaine Benda, Faye Miller, Leone Porsch and Betty May spent some time working with clay. Funny little animals were the result of their efforts. When they are dry, we will paint them and put them on display.

Pooch Portschy, Don Thomas, Alan Addleman, Myrtle Waldo and Lucy Schissler played a serious game of Poker while enjoying pizza. Larry Mack is good to come deal for us the last Friday of every month.

We are pleased to welcome Wade Juenemann to our Activity Staff. He comes Tuesday through Thursday

to walk Ollie and then play table ball or kick ball with the residents. He has had a warm reception from our Good Sam family and the residents (and Ollie) look forward to his coming.

Saturday was May Day, so you know what that means — May Baskets! Dorothy Pryor, Eva Bryan, Shirley Hayward, Myrtle Ross, Betty May, Amy Rehm and Faye Miller each made one. You can see them in the shadow box in the hallway down by the Quiet Room.

Visitors included Audrey and Murray Pavlicek, Darren, Jenny, Dylan and Madison Newton (Cimarron), Donnie Lemman (Hays) for **Mary Lemman**. Paul and Debbie Babcock, (Fort Scott) and Detta Anderson for **Eva Bryan**. Helen Brooks, Sharon Black Hecox (Wichita) for **Ethel Nemeth**. Penny Fringer, Reva Marshall, Dixie and Ron Snyder (Colby) for **Dorothy Hunt**. Pam Glassmann and Julia Otter (Hays) for **Leone Porsch**. Gerald Olson for **Evelyn Olson**. Francy and Dale Miller for **Faye Miller**. Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem) for **Doris Marintzer**, **Hubert Mumm** and **Charles Janousek**. Marilyn Horn for **Myrtle Ross**. Edie Tate, Gladys Geis, Becky, Dakota, Molly and Gracie Tate visited **Lois Carlson**. Eunice Martin, Rod and Glenna Copeland (Colchester, Vt.) for **Glenn Martin**. Marilou Long and Linaa Wade for **Elden Long**. Connie Simonsen for **Amy Rehm**. Jeff and Penny Hayward for **Shirley Hayward**. Elsie Wolters for **Dorothy Pryor**. Mabel McLaughlin (Sturgeous, Mo.) and Mert McEvoy for **Lucy Schissler**. Max Carman for **Myrtle Waldo**.

## Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Residents and staff are looking forward to celebrating National Nursing Home Week and National Hospital Week, May 9 - 15. Plans for the week-long celebration are being finalized.

Residents who met for a game of penny cards on Monday afternoon included Irene Fringer, Elsie Goodnight, Ruth Havel, Donna Kent, Wilma LaSalle, Edna Mott, Joan Noble, Agnes Pruitt, Aleen VanVleet, Mary Votapka and Delores Wheeler.

Myrna Jones led the sing-a-long time on Monday afternoon before supper.

Ira Kolsky won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Elsie Goodnight won the blackout game.

The craft group worked most of Wednesday afternoon in order to finish making May baskets to hang on every door at Cedar Living Center. The crafters did a good job of cutting, gluing, and assembling the colorful decorations.

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

Residents enjoyed a special delivery from a group of little ones on Thursday morning. Becky Ayers

brought her preschool students to deliver May baskets. The children made stops at each room. This fun event was arranged by the Royal Neighbors.

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

The word game played on Thursday afternoon ended up with a tie between Edna Mott and Elsie Goodnight. Several residents also met to play games on Thursday evening.

The baking group had a great time making and eating doughnuts on Friday afternoon.

Everyone enjoyed bouquets of lilacs on all of the tables over the weekend. The fresh flowers were brought in by Linda Bosler, sister to residents Delores Wheeler and Darlene Fisher.

Recent visitors: Carol Kompus, Linda Bosler, Herndon; Lillian Sulzmann, Dresden; Alysha Tadlock, Goodland; David May, McCook.

Dorothy Moore, Marian Dempewolf, Opal Huntley, Ila Ray, Lois Lamb, Phyllis Screen, Nadean Stoney, Lyle Gamblin, Max and Veanna Carman, Jon Fisher, Connie Olson, Robert Fringer, Mary McEvoy, Oberlin.

## Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

Carolyn, our secretary, attended the Kansas Sampler Festival Friday through Monday, so we here at the office will try to give you some information on the happenings that are coming up this week. The Chamber of Commerce stays very busy, so each day of the week seems to be full.

Today, May 5, will be a celebration of Cinco De Mayo at the Centennial park. There will be a supper of walking tacos starting from 5:30 to 7 p.m. There will be music and a great time to come and visit with your friends. This is sponsored by the Chamber so there will be a place for donations for our organization.

Thursday, May 6, there will be a benefit in the city park for "House of Hope" in Haiti. It will be a potluck meal, so fix up your favorite recipe and bring it to enjoy with everyone. It is also National Day of Prayer, so the Decatur County Ministerial Association will have a prayer service following the meal.

A reminder that Sunday, May 9, is Mother's Day. Don't forget to remember your mother with something special from our many businesses in Oberlin. Next week Carolyn will again be featuring a special business in this column and giving us a full report of the Kansas Sampler Festival.

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