

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — April 1887

Cold snap Saturday. Walter Addleman is sick this week.

The March lion has evidently swallowed the lamb.

Thomas County folks are coming down into Egypt for corn and potatoes.

John LaPlant will recommence operations at his brick yard in a short time.

The brick for W.D. Street's new office building is being delivered on the ground just north of the Oberlin House.

E.I. Randall last week sold his farm in the Vallonia neighborhood for \$1600.

Mr. Zullof of the Decatur Flour and Feed Mill has sold his half interest to Messrs Metcalf and Fish.

Twenty-five carloads of household goods were recently billed to Oberlin from one station in Lee County, Iowa.

Mose McKinzie is happy because the new B. & M. town on the Beaver is within a half mile of his place.

R.G. Doom has purchased the Oberlin Lumber Co. office building last week and will remove it to the west part of town and have it remodeled into a residence.

100 YEARS AGO — April 1912

It really seemed odd to hear the passenger train come in on time Monday.

The eastern part of the state was snowbound again Saturday.

It is reported that Jay Paddock has bought one of the finest horns ever seen in Oberlin. We are sorry as we were expecting to record Jay's marriage soon but this puts it off another year at least.

Forty-five cars of freight came up Friday and picked up the big engine and snowplow that had laid in the ditch some 10 days and put it back on the track.

Ray Bobbitt, who has been attending school at Hutchinson, arrived home Sunday on the freight.

The 21st of March was said to

have been the coldest recorded in 46 years. The snowfall for the winter was 53 inches as compared with 35 inches the previous year.

Frank Arehart and wife (nee Linna Woody) who were recently married in Iowa have arrived in Oberlin and will go to housekeeping on the J.W. Nicholson farm north of town.

75 YEARS AGO — April 1937

Over 2,000 people from Decatur County will be in Oberlin April 7 for the county meet for rural and graded schools which will include spelling contests, a mass chorus and a track meet. Cash awards and ribbons for first place, second and third in the track meet will be awarded furnished by the Chamber of Commerce and the Decatur County Teacher's Association.

School News: Irene Walker and Harold Rubendall will represent the city school in the county spelling contest in Class B and Cecil Bendon and Betty Greene in Class C.

Clouds of dust caused an accident two miles west of Jennings involving a funeral coach and four cars of mourners. None of the occupants were seriously injured due to the slow rate of speed.

Want a dog? If you do just drop downtown about 7 o'clock any morning and take your pick.

King Muirhead of Dresden was a business visitor in Oberlin Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W.C. (Jack) Riley and children, Tad and Lora Linn of Pottstown, Penn., arrived last week for a visit with Mrs. Riley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Herzog of Herndon.

The Hastings, Neb., college choir of 42 voices will present a concert at the Oberlin City School next Wednesday evening. It will be the only Kansas stop the choir will make in their 500-mile tour.

Dr. Frank Brewster of Hastings has sold his plane, the Monocoach, the last of a series of nine planes he has owned in the past 18 years in the

practice of medicine and surgery. The expense of flying is the determining factor in his decision and good roads and automobiles make it easier now to travel distances.

Leoville: Mr. and Mrs. Ed Berls are the parents of a girl born Tuesday, March 23.

50 YEARS AGO — April 1962

On March 27 the Morton Sand and Gravel Co. started a new industry in Decatur County when a 6-inch diesel sand pump roared into life and began drawing sand and water from the excavation on the Wayne Larson farm, 8 miles southwest of Oberlin in Oberlin Township. The Mortons will deliver sand and gravel to any point within a 25-mile radius of Oberlin.

Alex Francis, head track coach at Fort Hays State College, addressed approximately 200 DCHS athletes, fathers and Chamber of Commerce members at the annual C of C-sponsored athletic banquet. During December, January and February, Francis was in Saigon, Vietnam, as a track and field specialist representing the U.S. Department of State.

Bill Sater of Oberlin was a member of the Fort Hays State College wrestling team during the 1961-62 season.

25 YEARS AGO — April 1987

A weekend blizzard with up to 25 inches of snow paralyzed northwest Kansas and caused Governor Mike Hayden to declare the area a disaster area. Road crews were working 24 hours a day but US-36 remained closed as snowplows in Rawlins County were hung up in drifts.

Three National Guard helicopters and 13 crewmen charged with a hay lift to snowbound cattle in devastated Western Kansas had no more than crossed into Decatur County late Monday afternoon when they were summoned for a medical emergency in Norcat. Oberlin airport manager Bob Fraker suggested a strip of Highway 83 just south of Oberlin as a landing site as that stretch of roadway had been

cleared of fresh snow. Numerous vehicles were brought to that area to provide lights for the helicopter, a HueyUH1, and the passenger who was suffering from a heart condition was transferred to an ambulance and taken to the hospital.

Snowpacked streets and muddy rural roads have combined to force the Commercial Club to postpone the planned April Fool's Day promotion.

Dr. Allan Hooper, president of the Amarth Corporation, has announced that they are temporarily ceasing baking for area customers. Hooper said they have been very, very pleased with the success of the project but the numbers were getting too large to handle and maintain the quality. The bread has been available in Northwest Kansas in local groceries, nursing homes and restaurants and been widely accepted.

Winners in the "First Snowman" contest sponsored by The Oberlin Herald were: Erin Doeden, first; Matthew and Heather Long, second and Chad Addleman and Koi Morford, third.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lotker and granddaughter, Amy Shuler, have returned from a 10-day vacation in San Diego where they visited Floyd Lotker III and family. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lohofener in Yuma, Ariz.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Temple, Norcat, announce the engagement of their daughter, Suzanne Marie, to Larry J. Cahoj, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Cahoj of Atwood. The bride-to-be is a graduate of DCHS and of Kansas State University and is employed by the Sunflower Family Clinic in Atwood. Her fiance is a graduate of Atwood High School and Fort Hays State University and is self-employed by Cahoj Tax and Accounting in Atwood. The wedding has been set for April 25, 1987, at St. John's Catholic Church, rural Atwood.

The restoration of Cottonwood Ranch in eastern Sheridan County will be the subject of archaeologist Don Rowilson's talk at the annual meeting of the Decatur County Historical Society on April 9. The site has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

The ornamental fruit trees in our front yard have been in full bloom this past week to the delight of residents, staff, and guests.

We received a donation from the family of Charles Haag that allowed us to purchase new sing-along CDs for the residents. Our pianist was out sick on Monday so we had the opportunity to try one of the CDs out. We sang along to old favorites including "Love's Old Sweet Song," "Red River Valley" and "Home on the Range." We look forward to many more fun afternoons with this great music.

The Reading Buddies from Kathy Tacha's second grade class at Oberlin Elementary visited on Tuesday morning. The residents look forward to their visits each month.

The bingo players met on Tuesday afternoon. Marian Dempewolf assisted.

Several residents met on Wednesday afternoon to plant seeds. The group planted a variety of vegetables and flower seeds in small cups. By Sunday, we could see the seeds sprouting in some of the cups.

The Bible study group met before supper on Wednesday.

Fr. Mark Berland had Mass for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

Several residents met on Thursday afternoon for a game of penny cards. The players included Audra Duncan, Darlene Fisher, Irene

Fringer, Alvina Gamblin, Helen Helm, Donna Kent, Dottie Lotker, Joan Noble, and Mary Votapka.

Residents and staff enjoyed a visit from the Star Valley 4-H Club after supper on Thursday. Club members performed a couple of skits. It is always a delight to be entertained by the children in our community. We appreciate when groups contact us when they have special programs to share.

The baking group made an especially good batch of oatmeal cookies on Friday afternoon. The cookies were full of both chocolate chips and butterscotch chips.

Tom Votapka and Terri Henke hosted a pizza party for Mary Votapka in her room on Friday evening. Several friends joined the group.

Recent visitors: Susie Youngblood, Atwood; Joyce Sumner, Norton; Ann, Alan, John, and Jake Solko, Herndon; Joelyn Davidson and Florence Uerling, Indianola, Neb.; Mike, Deb, Matthew and Timothy Helm, Norcat; Jacob Helm, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo.; Jim and Janis Helm, McCook; Laurie Helm, St. Joseph, Mo.; Kathy Brashears, Curtis, Neb.; Tony and Michele Krizek and family, Hays; Bob and Julie Hafner, Herndon; John Rinehart, Colby.

Dolores Depperschmidt, Juanita Williby, Gerry Neff, Carol Kompus, Robert Fringer, Oberlin.

Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

"April showers bring May flowers," but the flowers are already here!

This is quite the unusual spring. Everything seems to be about three weeks ahead of schedule.

Don't forget the Oberlin Business Alliance-sponsored Burger and Fish Fry from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday in the alley south of the BEE Building.

I have sent invitations to all businesses for the Professional Assistants Luncheon, which will be Wednesday, April 25, in the upstairs meeting room at The Gateway. If you didn't get a letter, please call the office at 475-3441 for details.

The Chamber will have a hospitality room in the BEE Building for the alumni/Memorial Day weekend, Friday and Saturday, May 25 and 26. We'll have a Wounded Warrior

Quilt Display and refreshments for all visitors.

I would like to stay in contact with anyone who might be planning to bring sale items to our Oberlin Farmers Market. The market won't start until later, but with this nice weather, it might be earlier than usual. If I have an idea of what will be coming to the market, I will post it on the First National Bank marquee on Mondays and Tuesdays to let people know what to look forward to.

I am attempting to grow some of the "Savor the Season" vegetables that the Kansas Rural Center promotes each year. Basil (several varieties), lettuce, spinach, peppers and spaghetti squash are some of the crops. I will put a complete list in next week.

Have a great week!

Good Samaritan Center

By Lisa Paulson

Even to your old age, I am He, And even to gray hairs I will carry you.

I have made, and I will bear; Even I will carry, and will deliver you. *Isaiah 4:46*

In a society that exalts youth and beauty, it is no wonder that there is a misunderstanding that living or working in a nursing home would be uneventful and depressing. But nothing is farther than the truth.

Monday we gathered for Storytelling, a creative tool that captures the hopes, dreams, regrets, fears, humor and desires of people with memory loss, and helps them connect with staff, family, and friends.

Not to mention, the fun we have while doing it. Our story was about a little girl named Anna Marie who rode to the grocery store on the back of a crocodile. Makes you want to hear the rest of the story, doesn't it.

Loren Schrock, Betty May, Opal Bryan, Alice Bobbitt, Connie Cramer, Amy Rehm, Evelyn Olson

and Violet Schissler authored the story, while I acted it out and Anita wrote furiously to capture all the comments.


On Tuesday, the First Hand Friends came to read to their reading buddies. This is a treasured time for the residents when they can share in the progress of these youngsters, and give and get their hugs for the day.

On a more serious note, the 180 boys came to tell their stories. Loren Schrock was intrigued to hear them. He commented on how much the times have changed and much of what the boys shared was so fascinating. They tried to help Loren understand the "gang" culture. They talked about loyalty: their definition versus Loren's.

On Friday, Loretta McFee told another story, this one about the life of Louise Coburn. She loved the Lord and now she is in heaven living happily ever after.

Guests in our home this week

were: Pastor Brad Rick, Jeanette Diederich, Pat Wurm for **Dennis Wurm**. Cheryl Miller for **Loren Schrock**. Mert McEvoy for **Lucy Schissler**. Jerry Hill with daughter Lori and granddaughter Kaylee, Broomfield, Colo., for **Cheryl Hill**. Reva Marshall for **Dorothy Hunt**. Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh for **Opal Bryan**. Murry and Audrey Pavlicek for **Mary Lemman**. Galen Olson, Nione Rhodin, Loveland, Colo.; Arian Arnold for **Edla Olson**. Gerald Benda for **Eulaine Benda**. Pat Fringer and Reta Barrett for **Margaret Vacura**. Johnnie and Connie Simonsson for **Amy Rehm and Marylu Brown**. Marilyn Horn for **Myrtle Ross**. Gerald Olson for **Evelyn Olson**. Jody Betts for **Mary Waldo, Margaret Vacura and Myrtle Waldo**. Helen Brooks, Vicky Heisel, of Fort Morgan, Colo.; Sharon Black for **Ethel Nemeth**. Marian Fraker for **Mary Waldo**.




RAWLINS COUNTY HEALTH CENTER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

707 Grant Atwood, KS 67730 (785) 626-3211

Bringing Specialized Healthcare To Your Community

April 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Dr. Rubinowitz Oncology	3	4	5 Dr. Reeves Podiatry	6 Dr. Reeves Podiatry	7
8	9 Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab	10 Mammograms	11 Dr. Frankum Surgery	12	13 Nuclear Medicine Cardiac Rehab MRI's	14
15	16 Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab	17	18 Dr. Curtis Cardiology	19	20	21 Nuclear Medicine Cardiac Rehab MRI's
22	23 Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab	24 Dr. Frederick C. Miller Cardiology	25	26	27	28 Cardiac Rehab MRI'S
29	30 Dr. Rubinowitz Oncology					
	Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab					

To schedule an appointment with a visiting physician, **PLEASE CALL (785) 626-3211**
Cheryl Banister, RN - Specialty Clinic Director

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Is the weather playing "April Fool" tricks on us?

With 90 degree weather on April 1 and 82 degrees on March 31, we have had several records broken this year already.

Lloyd Frandsen and Kathy Van Meter made a trip last Wednesday, to Eustis, Neb., to deliver dictionaries to schools from the American Grange, which was started in the 1860s to better the life of farmers, and I can't think of anything that would help more than teaching the children to read and spell.

On the way home, they were caught in a hailstorm in the Arapahoe-Holbrook area. It was bad

enough to cause them to get off the road, and when they were able to drive on, the ice on the road was a problem. Al and Mary Sedlmayer said the same storm totaled their car.

June Jolly played Bingo last Wednesday, helped with it on Thursday, played Friday, and participated in the 20-member marathon at the north sale barn on Saturday. On Tuesday, she came by Toots Magers' to take her to the Prairie Land lunch and meeting but Toots didn't feel like going, so she went to the doctor instead.

Jane Engelhardt brought Toots Magers home on Tuesday, and on

Friday, Toots came to the Senior Citizens potluck. She, and all the people at Lyle, were happy to have Rosa Brown, her daughter, Judy and son-in-law Tom Nedgen as visitors.

Remember the Easter Sunrise Service which will be held on the east side of the Lyle Church at 6:30 a.m. Sunday. In case of rain or snow, it will be held in the Community Building.

Rexford News

By Gwen Griffiths

It's been a busy and beautiful week in Rexford. With the weather being so warm all week, many people were at work in their yards and gardens. I'm watching for my lettuce, spinach and herbs to start sprouting--and waiting to harvest my rhubarb!

Adrian (A.J.) Comacho partici-

pated in a free throw competition earlier this spring. A.J. is a fifth grader at Golden Plains, and made 10 free throws in a row to earn third place in the competition. He will also be a part of a three-on-three basketball tournament later this month. Congratulations, A.J.!



Russell E. Frack, Account Executive

Protecting Your Ag Operation

Operators in Northwest Kansas and Nebraska, turn to Russ Frack and AG PRO Crop Insurance for solutions to their unique agribusiness insurance needs:

- Crop insurance • Livestock risk protection • 24/7 claims service
- Choice of companies • Knowledgeable adjusters
- Personal service • GIS mapping services

Call Russ Frack in Norton today! 785.871.0303



AG PRO CROP INSURANCE
A DIVISION OF INSURANCE PLANNING, INC.
1504 East 27th Street Terrace - Hays
785.650.0500 Toll Free 877.650.0500
www.agprocrop.com

Trusted Choice