

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**125 YEARS AGO — April 1887**

The streets of Oberlin are in a horribly muddy condition, and residents make no complaint about drouthy weather.

Sunday was a cold and disagreeable with a light flurry of snowfall most most of the day.

The Norcat Register appeared on time last week notwithstanding the fact that the fire completely destroyed the office. We are glad to note that Bro. Hoskins is not discouraged by his misfortune but comes up smiling.

The Herald's new power press has arrived.

Tom Griffin has purchased the milk route of A.H. Hollister.

More forest and fruit trees have been shipped and delivered at Oberlin than in any previous season.

George Wheelock and Miss Arta Cooper were made man and wife on Sunday the 10th.

Allison Items: We learn that the deed of half of the Allison townsite has been acknowledged to the Rock Island R.R. This looks like the iron horse would be with us soon and that it will be only a matter of time when Allison will be a flourishing and booming town of Northwest Kansas.

**100 YEARS AGO — April 1912**

There has been little wind this spring and really the first we have had was on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and then it was only a mild zephyr.

G.W. Battin and family who have spent the winter in Nebraska returned to their farm in Sappa Township this week.

Fortney & Wolfe are repainting the courthouse.

D.F. Hosstetter, former B&M agent in Oberlin, was elected mayor of McCook in the recent election by a 120 majority.

Married, April 14th, Mr. George Adams of Traer and Miss Norma McCuan of Oberlin.

Gay & Johnson of Norton were awarded the contract to build the \$4000 schoolhouse in Union Grade District #1 southwest of Dresden.

**Jennings Items:**

The following people had their windmills blown down Saturday and Sunday: J.A. Shearer, Henry Hickert, W.H. Wente, Mike Standfast and A. Sears.

Regardless of the dust storm Friday about 65 attended the school meeting. Dr. H. O. Hardesty was elected clerk by a large majority.

**75 YEARS AGO — April 1937**

One of the most successful Music Weeks in Oberlin concluded Sunday evening. The Hays college musical group said the Oberlin audience was one of the most appreciative before which they had ever performed.

A library open to everyone is being opened in the N.Y.A. room with Miss Mamie Johnson there to receive and check out books on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and

Saturday afternoons. A traveling library of 60 books will be sent out from the state for two months and Miss Johnson would welcome contributions of books and better magazines as well. There is no charge except for overdue books.

Progress is being made on the 400 foot-dam project at Sappa State Park with "Shorty" Weir in charge of the 77 men now employed on the WPA project.

A real estate transfer made this week made Mrs. Zella Driskell, who bought the building and the entire barber shop equipment of Fred Close, the new owner of the building on South Penn. A room will be added for a beauty shop which will be entirely separate from the barber shop to be operated by Carl Driskell who is planning to sell or lease his shop in Garden City. Mr. Close had operated his barber shop for 30 years in the same site.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Gill are planning to move soon to Belen, New Mexico, which is about 30 miles from Albuquerque, where he will be connected with the Chevrolet-Oldsmobile dealership.

Last week a young couple from Curtis, Nebraska, came to Oberlin and were married by the probate judge. Sunday's Omaha paper carried word of their marriage and stated the couple had overestimated their ages slightly and the parents were seeking an annulment of the marriage.

The buffalo horn in the display window of The Herald office was given to the Herald by Mrs. Myra Ufford who tells us she shot the buffalo near where the F.F. Bliss home now stands during the winter of 1873-74. The Love home was then near the C.F. Kirkendall home one-half mile east of Oberlin.

Prairie Dog: A very successful term of school was closed Friday at North Valley but patrons of the district came on Thursday with well-filled baskets to surprise the pupils and their teacher, Miss Iris Moore.

**50 YEARS AGO — April 1962**

What the national political scene needs is some intelligent, moderate spokesmen. Are we doomed to listen to the impossible braying of the far-right and left wings? --hdk

Attending the US-Highway 36 annual meeting held this year in Hiawatha on April 18 from Oberlin were Milton Nitsch, Ben Miller, Elmer Kathka, Bill Warren and E.R. Woodward. The Oberlin delegation also visited in the home of Harry Miller, former Oberlin resident and now county attorney in Brown County.

Sgt. Gary Soderlund arrived home April 10 after spending the past 14 months overseas in Korea.

Nine 8th grade students from St. Mary's School in Herndon visited The Oberlin Herald last Wednesday. They were Sister Andrea, Cheryl

Barenberg, Judy Green, Judy Solko, Ramona Hatch, Vicki Weishapl, Henry Hartman, Kenny Solko, John Kleidosty and Leslie Lippold. They were accompanied by Mrs. Don Hatch and Mrs. Virgil Lippold.

Wendell Frickey, 44, owner of Frickey Hardware in Lebanon, Neb., received severe burns on his arms and hands when a stove which he was lighting exploded. He is being treated for burns and shock at the Cambridge Hospital.

Twenty-five families met at the Sappa Park shelter house the evening of April 13 for a picnic planned by the DCHS wrestler co-captains, Mike Machart and Bob Brown. The event honored Coach Melvin Simpson and a gift from the squad was presented to Mr. Simpson during the evening.

Student council officers elected at DCHS for the coming year were: Bob DeMay, president; Linda Nemeth, vice-president and Linda Rehm, secretary and treasurer.

**25 YEARS AGO — April 1987**

Farmers are looking at lush green wheat fields but it is not all wheat that is showing good growth. There are a lot of weeds in fields that are getting attention from aerial sprayers.

Decatur County commissioners

and the hospital board members are working closely with county attorney Terry Rogers on the \$2.7 million general obligation bond issue that was approved by voters April 7.

Gary Mitchell, who has been druggist at Addleman Drug Store since May 1977, has accepted a position as full-time pharmacist at the Jefferson County Hospital in Fairbury, Neb. He will begin his new job on May 11 and the move will make them closer to his wife's family. In addition to his duties at the drug store Mitchell also served in the pharmacy department at Decatur County Hospital for several years. Rusty Addleman, owner of Addleman Drug Store, will become full-time pharmacist.

New Arrivals: Janet and Troy Smith, Norton, son, Forrest Donovan, 4-15-87.

A recent CPR class sponsored by The Oberlin Herald has certified 63 persons.

The engagement of Amy Denice Black to John David Campbell has been announced by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Black, Oberlin, and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Campbell, Fayette, Iowa. A June 6, 1987, wedding is being planned in Oberlin.

## Decatur Health Systems

By Becky Wilson

Dr. Stephen Albert, laboratory manager Jodi Votapka, Decatur Health Systems Chief Executive Officer Lynn Doeden and laboratory technicians Evelyn Roberts, Lee Ann Goetz, Andrew Morgan and Kim Waltman were present when Oberlin Mayor Bill Riedel signed a proclamation honoring the Decatur Health Systems laboratory for National Medical Laboratory Professionals Week this week.

"Buying local" is a concept that's received a good amount of support in recent decades, but when most people think of it, they may be thinking of groceries or clothing. But it's also getting your lab work done at the hospital or clinic.

Many small hospitals and clinics lack a full lab that offers microbiology services and use courier services to take their samples to larger cities to get tests done. In this area, lab tests are typically sent to Quest Diagnostics in St. Louis. In Oberlin, however, about 90 percent of the lab work needed by the hospital and Family Practice Clinic is performed in-house.

Other hospitals from the area send some of their lab work here. The lab staff works hard at fulfilling these requests and keeping up with the best practices. The lab is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, ready along with the emergency room for any overnight or weekend

health needs.

As a result of their efforts, blood tests, throat and urine cultures and other types of screenings that the lab can do are back in the physician's hands quickly, without having to send samples cross the state, which is an enormous time-saver for patients. In recognition of all that the laboratory staff does, Oberlin Mayor Bill Riedel came to Decatur Health Systems last week to sign the proclamation in their honor.

April 22-28 is National Medical Laboratory Professionals Week, an event now in its 36th year. We have a table in the main lobby of the hospital that celebrates the lab and its contributions to our community. Stop by to read the proclamation, to get information about what the lab does (just what is done during a blood test), pick up a bookmark and take part in one of the various contests for the week.

The lab staff has brought in baby pictures of themselves for a picture contest, and there's a guess-the-number-of-sample-clips guessing game and a word-search trivia game as well. Everyone is invited to enter, and there are T-shirts and gift baskets for the winners.

Come on down and try your hand at guessing, and while you're here, if you see one of the lab staff, say thanks. I think we can all agree they deserve it.

## Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

The morning coffee hour in the Cedar Living Center dining room has become a popular place for residents to meet. Earla has the coffee ready by 10:15 a.m. and she nearly always has a crowd around the table. Visitors are always welcome.

Several residents tried their luck with the dice game on Monday afternoon. There were lots of winners and lots of laughs. Before supper, the sing-along group met with Myrna at the piano.

The bingo players continue to meet on Tuesday afternoon. Everyone always ends up a winner and a social hour is held following the game.

Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of the Faith Lutheran Church had the monthly communion service on the Cedar Living Center patio before supper on Tuesday afternoon.

Residents meeting for a game of penny cards on Wednesday afternoon included Audra Duncan, Darlene Fisher, Irene Fringer, Alvinna Gamblin, Ira Kolsky, Dottie Lotker, Joan Noble, Alice Shirley and Mary Votapka.

Father Mark Berland brought communion for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

The craft group met on Thursday afternoon to work on decorations for the dining room. Julie Hafner

assisted. Several residents also met in the evening to play a few table games.

The baking group made chocolate cookies with peanut butter chips on Friday afternoon. Staff member Julie Weigel provided the recipe.

We had a great time on Sunday afternoon when Ron Temple and his group, Faith, Hope and Charity gave a program of gospel music. We all tapped our toes and sang along.

The dietary department teamed up with the activity department at supper on Sunday to make ice cream sundaes. Each resident selected from an assortment of toppings for an extra special ice cream treat.

Recent visitors: Martin and Ceane Rinehart, Colby; Mike, Del Matthew and Timothy Helm, Norcat; Jacob Helm, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado; Kathy Brashear, Curtis, Neb.; Jim and Janis Helm, Kathy Shaffer, McCook; Susie Youngblood and Linda Files, Atwood; Keith and Helen Muirhead, Dresden.

Marian Dempewolf, Yuki Berkheimer, Bill and Carol Duncan, Carol Kompus, Jerry and Connie Olson, Robert Fringer, Julie and Norm Gallentine, Mary Ann Amack, Phyllis Screen, Sherri Shuler, Jim and Laurie Wasson, Mirium Fisher, Oberlin.

## Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Chief Dave Halvorson and Rachel Barnett were married on Saturday, April 14, in Clovis, N.M. Rachel is the daughter of Dennis and Pat Barnett of Fort Walton Beach, Fla., and the granddaughter of Daisy Schmidt and Keith Barnett.

Other relatives attending the wedding were Lt. Col. Colin and Sara Connor, Payton and Alyssa, Greg and Emily Harrell, Addison and Owen, Chris and Sherri Schmidt, Joe and Vicki Schmidt, Kurt and Kathy Frisbie, Danace McDonald, Erin Kittson and Noah, Clint Schmidt and Morgan Higley, and Mike Barnett.

Dennis and Pat Barnett have been visiting family the past week.

Congratulations to Randy and Sharon Olson on the arrival of a new grandson, Braden Ray Ostmeyer, who was born April 19, 2012, at Hays Medical Center. His parents are Matt and Kristy Ostmeyer of Ellis and he has two brothers, Jace and Tyler.

Sharon Olson has been in Ellis helping care for the new grandson and on Sunday, Randy Olson, Eunice Martin and Brent Olson visited to meet the new baby.

Weekend guests of Mildred Holmdahl were Sherrill and Janet Vermillion of El Dorado.

Congratulations to David Noren and Blake Bergling, who were among recipients of college scholarships which were given during the Decatur Co-op annual meeting at The Gateway in Oberlin Thursday evening. David is the son of Steve and Connie Noren and plans to attend Central Christian College in McPherson. Blake's parents are Mark and Jill Bergling and he plans to attend Kansas State University.

A board meeting will be held following morning worship services on Sunday at the Herndon Covenant Church.

The Herndon Covenant Church congregation will join the Lund Covenant Church congregation at 11 a.m. for morning worship services on Sunday, May 6, when their new pastor, Roy Matthewson, is installed, so there will be no services at the Herndon church.

Daisy Schmidt, Dennis and Pat Barnett and Joe and Vicki Schmidt were among those who attended the 65th birthday party on Saturday in Hoxie which honored Tom Sloan.

## Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Linda McFarland, Megan, their friend, Teresa, and June Jolly went to Omaha, on April 14. The girls attended an opera while June visited her son Carroll and family and kept track of the storms. While returning home on Sunday, they managed to evade a long wait on Interstate 80 where traffic was stopped because of a burning truck.

Liberty Star Club met at the home of hostess, Carol Moye, with Kathy Van Meter, Toots Magers, Joyce Price, Babe Hawkins, new member Sandy Gade, Carolyn Plotts, Veda

Wood, and two children, Kylie and Skylar. The ladies had a plant sale/exchange which was fun and added to their meager coffer.

Martha Scrivner Mack, her daughter, Sherry Abernathy and Sherry's son and daughter, Robert and Susan of St. Louis visited Toots Magers.

Teresa Wood picked up Veda Wood and went to the Andbe Home in Norton on April 18 and visited with Oran and Laverne Milner. Veda visited with John and Marilyn Mann and found that C.J. has returned to

her home. The other daughter has gone back to work. I missed Eleanor Jensen, but had a good visit with Grace Reeves.

Toots Magers, Joyce Sumner, Gary Anthony and Veda Wood attended the memorial service for Carol Woodmansee at Almena on Saturday. Afterward, Toots stopped to see her daughter, Jane Engelhardt and got her hair cut.

Those who attended church at Lyle on Sunday morning enjoyed a special breakfast: a rerun of the Easter casseroles which had rested

in Toots' freezer. The tables can be transformed instantly from work benches, to dining tables, not long ago into 4-H projects etc. to places of worship and fellowship.

Judy and Charlie Easton visited Toots Magers Sunday afternoon. June Jolly entertained 11 members of her KT Club at the Senior Center in McCook on Thursday.

Kathy Van Meter and Lloyd Frandsen were guests of the First State Bank of Holbrook on Thursday. They saw the movie about the race horse Secretariat.

## Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

Saturday will be the Selden Community Cleanup. Anyone wanting to help should meet at the city park at 1 p.m. Bring a rake and shovel.

A tribute honoring Vietnam Veterans will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 6, at the Parish Hall in Selden. The Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs will be presenting Vietnam War Medals to those veterans who qualify and are present. Guest speaker will be author Joanne Emerick of Hoxie. Entertainment will be provided by Golden Plains students with refreshments to follow.

On April 12 during Senior Citizens at the Community Center, Paulie Neff won high, Lola Cook took second, Wilma Ritter got low and Betty James had the most aces. Other members present included: Lillian Sulzman, Royce Cook, Pat Wessel, Jeanie Spresser, Edna

Schiltz, Ann Hazlitt, Gail Mumm, Ralph Weis, Carolyn Woodard, Bob Wessel, Bernita Aumiller, Carlene Bruggeman, Carl Mumm, Shirley Emigh and Helen Karls.

On April 19, Ann Hazlitt won high, Betty James took second, Carolyn Woodard got low and Lillian Sulzman had the most nines. Others present included: Jeanie Spresser, Lola Cook, Royce Cook, Edna Schiltz, Marjorie Hartzog, Ralph Weis, Paulie Neff, Matt Finney, Bernita Aumiller, Bob Wessel, Pat Wessel, Gail Mumm, Shirley Emigh, Carl Mumm, Wilma Ritter, Helen Karls and Carlene Bruggeman.

Birthdays and anniversaries: April 20, Sandy Koerperich, Rob Schiltz, Bingston Rogers; April 21, Heith Sauvage, Mike Peter; April 22, Brian Schroer, Michael and

Danielle Schiltz, Linda Spresser, Layn Bruggeman, Tammy Fredrickson, Tyree Turnbull; April 23, McKayla Bainter, Jeremy Kruse; April 24, Davis and Terra Rath; April 25, Robert and Laura Ritter; T.J. Preston, Lance and Lisa Stoll; April 26, Tracey Bruggeman, Roger Emigh, Dena Dellere, Jerry and Paula Schiltz; April 27, Tricia Bullcock Carney; April 28, Betty Hickert, Erin Rogers; April 29, Ann Hazlitt, Russ Aumiller, Bernita Aumiller, Ken Mumm; April 30, Don Pratt, John Geisinger, Dennis Spresser; May 1, Ron Shaw, Deanna Schmidberger, Kent and Tenna Ashley, Ron Cooper; May 2, Cody Shaw; May 3, Nicole Moore, Lance Stoll, Harold and Eileen Murphy, April Hunziker; May 4, Tim and Monica Svoboda, Shane Boultinghouse.

School Calendar: Friday, 10 a.m.,

junior high track at Quinter; 3 p.m. high school track at Quinter; Saturday, State Music; Tuesday, 3 p.m. high school track at Logan; May 3, 9 a.m. junior high track at Logan.

Results from Pinochle night: first place was Julie Ziegelmeier and her son, Cole, with a score of 791; second place was Carl Mumm and J.R. Albers with a score of 758; third place was Jeanie Spresser and Lillian Sulzman with a score of 710. Other teams include: Ann Hazlitt and Shirley Emigh 655; Pete and Phyllis Ziegelmeier 707; Joe and Cathy Broeckelman 670; Bob and Pat Wessel 679; Bernie Ritter and Wilma Ritter 691; Bob Ritter and Devin Ritter 600; Rick and Tammy Shaw 621; and Dallas Koerperich and Warren Ziegelmeier 696. The next pinochle night will be the third Saturday in October.

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**Dana Jewell, PA-C**  
**Michael Dorsch, PA**

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