

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — June 1880

The bill to divide the Kirwin Land District has passed the Senate and now only awaits the President's signature to become a law.

The east line of the new district runs through Norton County 30 miles east of Oberlin, and all the territory in the two northern tiers of counties in Kansas and west to the Colorado line is embraced in the district.

Our blacksmiths are kept busy repairing breaking plows. We venture the assertion that more prairie has been turned since the drenching rain of last week in Decatur County than any other county in the state.

On May 26 at about 1:30 p.m. Deputy Sheriff Chas. Ayer shot Sam McNeal in self defense.

100 YEARS AGO — June 1905

Memorial services at the M.E. Church Sunday were nearly rained out, being attended by the smallest crowd we have ever seen at such exercises in Oberlin.

Rev. E.H. Teall preached the sermon.

Decoration Day Services: The procession to the cemetery was headed by high school cadets, a martial band and the old soldiers.

At 1:30 the rink was crowded to hear the program consisting of a male quartet composed of Frank Smith, A.C. Banta, Walter Smith and Charles Brewer.

Miss Lila Worrall and Miss Millie Marvin gave recitations and Hon. W.H. Haskell of Gaylord gave a splendid address.

Selden: The stone walls of the Anthony Hotel are done and the carpenters are working on it.

The annual Alumni banquet was held at the K.P. Hall Friday evening.

The welcome to the 1905 class was given by Miss Gertie Leist and the response by Mayo Maddox. The officers selected were L.M. Parker, president; Graybill Leaman, vice president and Hazel Connell, secretary-treasurer.

75 YEARS AGO — June 1930

Diplomas were presented to 108 rural school students and 30 from Oberlin Consolidated School at the 8th grade commencement exercises Saturday afternoon at the City School auditorium.

Students recognized for having an average above 90 percent were: Kenneth Norton, Charlotte Cilek, Arlene Shirley, Rex Chambers, Maxine Ewing, Kathryn Schmoker,

Gladys Swift, Dorothy Barratt, Mildred Walinder, Clarence Perrin, Louise Anderson and Antonie Vytlacil. Alice Coldren won first honors at Oberlin City School, followed by Ernest Wilson and Naomi Griffith.

Alvin Johnson, the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Johnson of Topeka, and Miss Frances Sheldon, daughter of Mrs. Carrie Sheldon of Blue Rapids, were married at the home of the bride on May 21. Rev. O.G. Brown, an uncle of the groom, officiated at the ceremony.

The bride is a member of the graduating class at Kansas State Agricultural College and the bridegroom has been attending the State Agricultural College the past four years.

He will have charge of his father's farm near Kanona, where they will make their home.

Oberlin is continually forging ahead as a stock market center for northwest Kansas.

After Saturday's sale, 4 cars of cattle and 7 cars of hogs were loaded and shipped out and 5 cars of hogs were kept in the yards because of insufficient stock cars to handle the day's purchases.

Mrs. Mary Heitmann announces the marriage of her daughter, Kathleen, to Mr. William B. Miller of Lodge Pole, Nebr.

The ceremony took place at 5:30 o'clock Wednesday morning at Sacred Heart Church with Father Dreiling of Selden officiating. Miss Agnes Heitmann, sister of the bride, and Joseph Martin attended the couple.

Memorial services were held at the Shibleth Church last Sunday. Rev. J.G. Roberts gave the address and there were a number of people from Oberlin and the Lund community present.

The Shibleth cemetery was the first cemetery to be plotted in Decatur County. One of the men killed in the Indian raid in 1879 is buried at Shibleth.

Farley Mac and Fern Anderson went to Sidney, Neb., Saturday and spent the weekend with their sister, Mrs. Faye Weimer.

50 YEARS AGO — June 1955

One Oberlin man and four Norcat residents were killed in a two-car collision just east of the Kanona-Danbury road on US-36 Sunday.

Killed instantly were Mrs. Elsie Meeks, her daughter, Denise Meeks, and her son, Elwood

Lockhart, all of Norcat, and Dallas Harmon, also of Norcat.

Don Lawver, driver of the second car, died en route to the hospital and his wife Velma, and their five children are all hospitalized.

Norman Stanley suffered a stroke at the Traer Cemetery on Memorial Day while taking part in the American Legion Post No. 70 service. He remains in fair condition at Decatur County Hospital.

Norcat: The Foster Lumber Company has a new manager, William J. Ankle of Burlington, Colo. Mr. and Mrs. Ankle have two children, Randy, 2, and Arlen, 5.

Dr. Mrs. Herbert J. Morrison observed their golden wedding anniversary today.

Miss Delores Keith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Keith of Danbury, and Emery Kathka, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Kathka of Oberlin, were united in marriage at the Nazarene parsonage in Oberlin on May 25. The couple will be at home on a farm near Marion, Neb.

Mrs. Effie Jom will attend graduation exercises at the University of Kansas where her son Wallace will receive a degree in pharmacy. He will start work immediately for the Rexall Drug Store in Syracuse.

25 YEARS AGO — June 1980

The swimming pool in Oberlin City Park is undergoing major repairs including the replacement of the recirculating pipe. Built some 22 years ago, the pool has had numerous patching jobs done but no extensive repairs.

Larry Van Vleet, a 1973 gradu-

ate of Decatur Community High School, received his M.D. degree from the University of Kansas School of Medicine. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Van Vleet. After spending a month at several locations in California, Van Vleet will be at the Northwest Kansas Medical Center in Goodland for seven months, prior to beginning a residency at a location still to be determined.

The Unified School District 294 Board of Education has hired Mrs. Violet Shaw to replace Karen Fetsch Smith as Decatur Community High School librarian.

Mrs. Shaw served at the school from 1965-70, then at Widefield High School in Security, Colo., and has been librarian at McCook High School from 1976-80.

Recent graduates from the Wesley Medical Center School of Nursing in Wichita include Darla Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Anderson, and Betty Carter, daughter of Mrs. Mae Hester.

The Decatur Community High School boys' mile relay team composed of Rohn Hamilton, Roger LaSalle, Kevin Unger and Mike Neff placed second at the state track meet in Wichita with a time of 3:26.8.

Others receiving medals were Rusty Montgomery, 5th in the high jump, and Jody Elwood, 3rd in the discus.

Norcat: The five-year reunion of the alumni of Norcat Rural High School was attended by 460 persons. Eldon Auker, Vero Beach, Fla., traveled the farthest to attend.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

Modern Woodmen of America of Oberlin is sponsoring a matching fund project for the benefit of the Decatur County Museum. The drawing is to be held Wednesday, June 29.

All proceeds raised from this project will be matched by the home office of Modern Woodmen of America up to \$2,500.

The money will be donated to the Decatur County Museum and will be used for moving and restoration of the St. Mark's Lutheran Church from Norcat to the museum grounds.

First prize is \$100; second prize, \$50 cash; and third prize is \$25. What a wonderful way to double

your money and help the museum at the same time.

You can get tickets from any Modern Woodmen member, museum board member or staff, or at the museum.

The movers will be bringing trucks and equipment from Farnum, Neb., to Norcat on June 6 and 7.

The long process of getting the building ready for the move will start June 8 and by the end of the month the church should be on the move to Oberlin.

Don't miss all the fun and excitement at the fourth annual Museum Summerfest Car Show. See you all in Oberlin on Saturday.

Cedar Living News

Dennis Brown of the Forget-Me-Nots hosted a party in the dining room on Monday afternoon. He served watermelon to residents, guests, and staff.

Darlene Stanley won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Freida Matheny won the blackout game.

Beth Sebaugh played the piano for the sing-along time on Wednesday morning.

Residents Nettie Britton, Hank and Bea Wolfram, Alice Fiala, Tressie Samson, and Eva Marie Vacura assisted Teresa Shaughnessy with planting tomatoes and cucumbers in our planter boxes on Wednesday afternoon.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Barb Solko played pinochle with Don Shaw on Wednesday afternoon.

Father George provided Catholic mass on the patio on Thursday morning.

There were many winners at the dice game on Thursday afternoon. Joining in the fun were Freda and Lyle Gamblin, Hank and Bea Wolfram, Nettie Britton, Alice Fiala, Harold Frickey, Myrtle Hazuka, Tressie Samson, Don Shaw, Eva Marie Vacura, and Charley Vavroch.

The baking group met on Friday afternoon to make sour cream chocolate cookies.

We enjoyed having many visitors over the long holiday weekend.

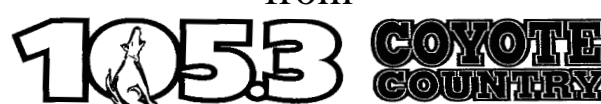
Recent visitors: Leanna Davis, Salina; Bill Roberts, Abilene; Royal and Aneta McKay, Lakewood, Colo.; Dick and Aleta Phelps, Salt Lake City; Curtis and Connie Meixner, Arkansas City; Jamie Samson and Sara Bishop, Lindsborg; Ann Martin, Frank Cox, Herndon; Don and Marie Aschwege, Mesa, Ariz.; Allan Vavroch, Manhattan; Johnnie and Christine Richards, Olathe; Rita Carey, Westminster, Colo.; Leonard Cullison, Topeka; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Becky Boehm, Kearney, Neb.; Chris Stanley, Mitchell, S.D.; Francis and John Levendofsky, Belleville; Rosa Boehm, McCook; Susan McKain, McDonald; Nancy and Terry Kruse, Kayla, Mason and Josie Stewart, Russellville, Mo.; Gary and Nancy Janousek, Gary Matheny, McCook; Mike and Marie McVay, Colby; Merlin and Lola Diederich, Cape Coral, Fla.; Joanne Dolance, Dallas; Susie Dolance, Minneapolis; Dale and Avis Hazuka, McDonald; Dona Hughes, Hays;

Lyle Gamblin, Marie Jean Vavroch, Earl Brown, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Elaine Bryan, Laurene Van Otterloo, Alvina Gamblin, Opal Huntley, Alice Shirley, Ila Ray, Rita Garver, Paul Sass, Dana Winstead, Teague and Carrie Morford, Brandi Diederich, Adrienne Pauls, Oberlin.

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Alumni weekend wet, fun

Greetings: If we wait long enough, it will rain. Alumni weekend seems to be when that happens. Not everyone was lucky to receive as much as their neighbor, but every little drop helps.

The streets were buzzing with much laughter and, "I know you, but the name has been lost." This is the time when those "senior moments" really set in. That's just because you have changed, but I still look like I did on graduation day. It is great that so many alumni still come back for those class reunions, which means they haven't forgotten where their roots are.

Last week was very busy and the next two will slow down a little.

Saturday will be the Last Indian Raid Museum's Car Show and Summerfest. They have many cars, trucks and a bit of everything else to be on display that day on main street. There will be vendors selling their wares along the street and down at the museum all day. The day will start with a pancake feed at the Bohemian Hall at 7 a.m. for a freewill donation. They will have many things going on all day, with the awarding of prizes in the after-

noon. Don't miss out on the fun. The Relay for Life walk is scheduled June 17 at the high school football field starting at 7 p.m. Hopefully, it won't storm this year. You can donate, or buy a luminary in someone's name that has been a survivor or has lost his or her battle to cancer.

Don't forget the Community Garage Sale late Friday, July 22 and all day Saturday, July 23. Plans are also in the making for vendors to be on main street with their wares and there will be entertainment to make the day complete.

Contact the chamber office to be on the garage sale list. The cost is \$5 per listing. This will cover the cost of maps and advertising with the radio stations and local newspapers. Last year we had over 40 on the list, which are organized by street addresses. There have been some in the country and we list them according to mileage with direc-

tions outside of town. Hopefully the Farmers Market will start the first week of July. The sun has to shine and the temperatures go up to make things grow.

We still have the *Avenue of Flags* magazine, the alumni directory and the Decatur County history book for sale in the chamber office. Stop by and have a cup.

Chamber News

By Glenva Nichols



Day & Night Shifts Available. earn \$11 per hour base wage. Health insurance and vacation for full-time benefited employees. Earn an evening shift differential of \$1.50 per hour. CRT, Inc. is one of the fastest-growing companies in Southern Iowa and Nebraska. We are looking for people to work for us as teleservices agents. The beginning hourly wage is \$7.50 per hour. If you want to move forward and obtain your life health insurance license your base wage will be \$11 per hour. We even pay for your insurance training. Combine that with an evening shift differential and incentives and our top employees make \$14 an hour or better. We offer an excellent work environment, health and vacation benefits, and paid training and growth opportunities, please call the Facility Manager Susan Emerson or stop by and fill out an application.

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Honor Roll

Unified School District 295

Jennings



Jennings High School - Second Semester 2004-2005

Seniors	Juniors	Sophomores	Freshmen
Rocki Bochert Tiffany Wheeler	None	Clint Krizek Marcus McKenna	None

Jennings High School - Year of 2004-2005

Seniors	Juniors	Sophomores	Freshmen
Rocki Bochert Tiffany Wheeler	Elise Kinser	Clint Krizek Marcus McKenna	None

Jennings Grade School - Second Semester 2004-2005

8th Grade	7th Grade
Jacinta Carter	Marissa Baker

Jennings Grade School - Year of 2004-2005

8th Grade	7th Grade
Jacinta Carter	Marissa Baker

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Herndon News

By Carrol Ginther

Jake and Jeanette Haller of Richland, Mo.; Rebekah Martin of Lubbock, Texas, and Pat and Elsie Howard of Hemingford, Neb., were guests of Ann Martin last week.

Saturday dinner guests of Monica Solko were Ron and Rodney Solko of Oberlin. Tom Solko was a Sunday visitor.

Don Pettera, Mesa, Ariz.; Les and Myrna Pettera, Loveland, Colo.; and Bud and Pat Bosler, Pine, Colo., are spending time with Edie Petera;

Senior Citizens held a potluck at the Senior Center on May 16. Shari Horinek, county health nurse, took blood pressures. Ann Martin won

blackout in bingo and Doris Martinzer, the door prize.

Alice Kleidosty is observing her 88th birthday. Mail will reach her at 737 W. Jackson Street, Apt. 238, Lancaster, Calif.

Randy and Mary Stoney Purdy of Elm Creek, Neb., are the parents of a daughter, Anjolina Marie, born May 11, 2005. She weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. She has a brother, Randall, of Kearney, Neb. Grandparents are Dorene Purdy, Elm Creek; and Roseanna Stoney, Herndon. Beulah Purdy, Grant, Neb., is her great-grandmother.