

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**125 YEARS AGO — June 1883**

There are now in the land office at this place about 140 patents that parties have made final proof on. We will from time to time publish a portion of the same.

A post office had been established on the Garfield route between Oberlin and Shibboleth in Custer Township. Judge N.W. Strong is postmaster and the office is named Stephen.

Fred Hinshaw, foreman of the Herald office, moved into the Neve cottage last Monday.

Last Friday the Oberlin baseball team played the Vallonia Boys. Our boys were beaten by a score so numerous that we will not occupy the space to give the exact figures.

Oberlin Lodge, No. 158, IOOF, has elected the following officers for the ensuing term: F.H. Smith, N.G.; F.A. Douglas, V.G.; W.D. Street, secretary; Geo. M. Miller, treasurer.

**100 YEARS AGO — June 1908**

Covered wagons from Colorado are beginning to be seen going east. It has been a discouraging year for new settlers.

Mrs L.H. Hoskins has bought out the Norcat Register, owned by A.A.P. Coppedge.

Lee Lang brought down his bunch of ball players from St. Francis and lost a 2-0 game to the Oberlin boys. The game was cut to seven innings by the rain. On Tuesday Lang took this team on down to Norcatur and lost again, this time by a 2-1 score. Mr. and Mrs. A.D. Litton accompanied by Mrs. Joe Bivans and Mrs. H.A. Griffith will start this evening for a summer's outing in Colorado and Utah.

The family of M.E. Mix who have been camping out in the brush on Love's Draw have moved back to civilization again.

**75 YEARS AGO — June 1933**

For many weeks Sam Francis has been working hard to get into condition to enter the national interscholastic track meet in Chicago where he will throw the shot put. Coach Frank Anderson, Freddie Peters and Jack Dryden and another boy from Rock Creek left Tuesday for the windy city. His many followers and admirers in northwest Kansas and southwest Nebraska believe he will make a good showing.

Royal Neighbors of America met at the IOOF Hall June 7 with 140 members registered as delegates.

Sarah Cook, high school girl who suffered a skull fracture and other injuries seven weeks ago when struck by an automobile while hiking with a group of other high school

girls, was released from the hospital Monday morning.

Leoville: A baby girl arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Schieferecke Thursday, June 8.

Norcatur: Mr. and Mrs. John Ward have a new daughter born June 6. Helen Barnhart was the nurse and Mae McChesney assisted with the housework.

Glee Cody, nine-year-old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Glen Cody of Denver, arrived here Saturday and is visiting the Patton, Brooks, Clark and G.E. Cody homes.

Fifteen or twenty golfers braved the 100+ temperatures Sunday to attend the Jennings golf tournament. A number of others planning to play weakened in the face of the extremely hot weather.

Norcatur: The First National Bank is ready for any robberies now, as they have a new tear gas gun. We hope they will not have to use it but it will be prepared.

**50 YEARS AGO — June 1958**

According to Dr. R.M. Phillips, veterinarian at the Decatur Animal Hospital, Decatur is the first and only county in the state to be declared "certified, modified brucellosis-free." The county-wide program included blood tests of some 20,000 cows.

Col. Glenn Jones, Dresden, has cried more farm sales in Decatur County than any other auctioneer and now he is inviting bidders to his own sale next Monday in Dresden. Mr. Jones has purchased the property at 706 E. Maple and plans to move his family to Oberlin about July 1.

One of the latest family additions to Oberlin is the new pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Rev. Lee Huebert who have moved here from Ashmore, Ill. Their daughter, Midge, will be a junior at DCHS and a son, "Butch," will be in the eighth grade. An older daughter, was recently married and an older son, Mike, remained at Ashmore where he has work for the summer. and will join the family in August where he will be a senior at DCHS.

Mildred Foster has joined the staff of the Herald as society editor and reporter replacing Mrs. Lucille Kyte who will become director of publicity at Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina in July.

Norcatur: Twin daughters, Beverly Jill and Barbara Joy were born June 14 to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Miller.

Miss Roberta Simonsson has accepted the position as teacher in the 5th and 6th grades in the Haigler, Neb., schools this coming year.

Henry Anthony and son, Edwin

and Mrs. Anthony of Fresno, Calif. and his daughter, Mrs. Keith Hall, nee Fern Anthony of Oakley, were renewing acquaintances in Oberlin last week. The elder Mr. Anthony came with his parents to Decatur County in 1874 when he was three months old and settled 9 miles southwest of Oberlin.

Among those who attended the Presbyterian Camp Lincoln near Cawker City last week were Janice Nitsch, Nancy Claar, Susan Ridgeway, Pam Guinn and C.J. Pollara.

Clayton: Carl Brooks, 67, died June 13 at the Norton Hospital after suffering a heart attack.

An Aug. 6 wedding is planned by Martha Yost, LaCrosse, and her fiancé, Phil Nemeth Oberlin. Miss Yost teaches at DCHS and her fiancé will teach at Herndon High School this coming term.

Dr. Frank Gierhart has moved his dental office from the second floor of the Morrish building to the IOOF building, formerly Dr. D.E. McCoy's office.

**25 YEARS AGO — June 1983**

Damage reports continue to filter in following the severe storm which backed into the county Sunday afternoon causing tornadoes, hail and heavy rains. The brunt of the storm appeared to have hit in Roosevelt Township about seven miles east of Oberlin and two miles north of Highway 36 where the Bill Harmon home was destroyed and just a half-mile north where a machine shed on the Lemoin Rush farm was toppled.

Oberlin received four inches of rain in the storm and Decatur County Extension Agent Allen Din-

kel said that many of the county's terraces overflowed and there was extensive crop loss in the western and northern part of the county from the heavy rain, hail and wind.

Three local musicians, Jay Smith, Pippa Stanley and Rick Michel, leave next week to accompany the 130-member Lions Band to the international convention in Hawaii. For French Horn player Smith, his selection is the fulfillment of a family tradition as his oldest sister, Renee, made the trip to Hawaii seven years ago while an older brother, Jerry, accompanied the band to Tokyo five years ago and his other sister Barbara went to Chicago three years ago. Flute player Pippa Stanley won't be taking a flute as flute players were in abundance and flag girls were needed. For trumpet player Michel, who attended the convention last summer in Atlanta, Ga., this will be his post-graduation celebration before he enters the Marine Corps in September. After boot camp Michel expects to become a member of the drum and bugle corps at the Marine base at Parris Island, S.C.

After the completion of 18 holes of golf at the women's tournament held Saturday at Oberlin Country Club with 47 golfers entered, three players had total scores of 85. Following a one-hole playoff, Delores Wiemers of McCook captured first, followed by Joy Davis, Colby, and Judy Ostmeyer, Oberlin. Karen Aten and Pat Glenn, also of Oberlin, tied for fourth.

Vernie (Kellum) Fredrickson attended the 70th reunion of her high school graduating class held at St. Francis June 18.

## Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

As the Museum prepares to celebrate its 50th anniversary on Saturday, Oct. 4, most of my articles this summer will be history taken from the 1958 editions of *The Oberlin Herald*.

Remember to check out our remodeled Seeds of Creation Gift Shop this summer, as you need wedding or baby gifts, hand knitted bags, wash cloths, and scarves, Oberlin and Kansas items.

Oberlin Herald June 1958. "Tourists from Oberlin, Ohio, visit Kansas Namesake for Newspaper."

Visitors from Oberlin's counterpart, Oberlin, Ohio, were in town early this week collecting information on the Decatur town for their hometown newspaper.

The Ohio tourists took pictures and gathered information about their Kansas namesake for a feature story spread.

The Ohioans were particularly interested in the town's historical aspects and took several pictures at the museum.

This town was named after Oberlin, Ohio, by request of the influential Rodehaver family, who came here in the town's early days from Ohio. Oberlin had been known as Westfield prior to that. A local street still bears the Rodehaver name.

Oberlin, Ohio is located in north-central Ohio about 12 miles south of Lake Erie in Lorain County; unlike here it is not the county seat."

## Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Congratulations to Brian and Sarah (May) Shaw, Andover, on the birth of their first child, Cayden Brian. He was born Friday, June 13, weighed 8 pounds 4 ounces, and was 19 1/4 inches long. His maternal grandfather is Marvin May; maternal great-grandparents are Martin and Evelyn May, Oberlin, and Fred and Theda McKee, Hoxie, and his maternal great-great-grandmother is Edith Carman of Hoxie.

Friday visitors of Brian and Sarah Shaw and Cayden were Marvin May, Andy and Kelley May, and Chris and Kasey May, Kaylee, Kelsey, and Hunter.

Karen Eskew attended funeral services on Thursday for Henry Waterman, Jr., at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Elk Creek, Neb. He was a cousin of Karen's father, Gerhardt Waterman.

Rhonda May, Pam May, Sue May, and Carrie Nichols hosted the May Family Farms wheat test plot tour breakfast at the fairgrounds Tuesday morning. This tradition started with Walter and Betty May over 50 years ago and has been held continuously every year since.

Hunter Nedland and Jordan Crow flew into Denver on Tuesday after spending 10 days in Malibu, British Columbia, Canada, attending a Young Life Youth camp, a teen Christian organization. They were met by Dan Nedland at the airport and returned home with him that evening.

Ryan May, Zach May, and Elizabeth Nedland returned home Wednesday from attending Campference, a 4-H leadership camp, at Rock Springs. Roland May and Dan Nedland took them to the camp the previous Sunday and Roger May picked them up on Wednesday.

Jared Marcuson of Oberlin was one of the counselors at the camp.

Keith and Evelyn Shaw were Monday to Thursday guests of Ralph and Violet Shaw. They were en route home to Tallahassee, Fla., after visiting Maxine Shaw Hatch, Los Angeles, Calif., and Don and Lorna Shaw, Florissant, Colo.

Susan May, Ryan and Erin, attended ceremonies honoring veterans at the Hoxie fairgrounds on Thursday. Susan sang in the choir providing patriotic music for the opening ceremonies for the Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall.

Dan Nedland and Elizabeth left Friday for Ottawa where they attended a State 4-H Geology field trip where they collected rocks and fossils. They returned home Sunday evening.

Andrea Bailey and Gabriel Bromm were married Saturday afternoon at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin. Their parents are Chris and Karen Bailey, Norcatur, and Rodney and Kathleen Bromm, Tekamah, Neb.

Among those attending were Ralph and Norma Unger, the Butch Rittmann family, the Roland May family, the Roger May family, Rhonda May, Cameron Nedland, Jerry and Connie Olson, Wilma May, Norman and Joanne Wendelin and Rory, Greta Wendelin, Lawrence; Ladd Wendelin, Lincoln, Neb., and John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica. Ladd was one of the soloists at the wedding.

Joel and Tami Shaw and Dante, and Richard and Anna Shaw were Sunday noon guests of Ralph and Violet Shaw for a birthday dinner and party to celebrate Dante's tenth birthday.

Rhonda May entertained at her home Sunday afternoon to honor Walter May on Father's Day. Also attending were Cameron Nedland, Robert and Sally May, Roland and

Pam May, Zach and Hannah, Roger and Susan May, Ryan and Erin, and Derrick and Katie Sowers and Kelly, Sharon Springs.

Gaylord and Shirley Shields were Sunday evening supper guests of Paul and Kelly Shields, Tyler, Cassidy, and Caitlin to celebrate Father's Day.

John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica took homemade cake and ice cream to Arthur and Alice May

at their home Sunday afternoon and celebrated Father's Day with them.

John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica were dinner guests of Kristen Bremer and Dwayne Bray Sunday evening at a Colby restaurant to celebrate Father's Day.

Following dinner, they returned to Kristen's apartment to celebrate her birthday with homemade cake and ice cream.

## Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Margaret "Toots" Magers, Joyce Sumner and Kathy Van Meter played pinochle with Oberlin senior citizens on Monday, June 2. The same group sewed at Lyle on Tuesday.

Toots went to Quinter on Sunday and visited with Judy and Charlie Easton, J.T., and Denise Guy and Kendra. They are still house hunting.

June Jolly's fingers are healing, although more painful than they were at first.

Veda Wood was visited by Mariah and Garrett Bader, Grant Slater, and Aubrey High several times through the week. Their parents, Tielia and Anthony High, visited and mowed on Thursday, which was very much appreciated. Veda had a visit from her sister Bonnie's friend, Ralph Crim, and they had lunch at the

Cardinal Bar and Grill. He hears from Bonnie and Dena occasionally, and we are both concerned about her welfare.

John Paulson spoke at the Lyle Church on Sunday. He and his wife, Lisa, brought several visitors from the Oberlin Good Samaritan Center. We are thankful for all visitors.

Joyce Sumner took 20 quilts to Norton, which the Lyle women had made, to be sent to the wounded men in Iraq.

Dwight Wood continues to do well, (or in Teresa's report, "Great!") on his home dialysis. One real accomplishment was that he walked seven blocks to their home after a doctor's appointment. The arm that was bothering him has improved enough for him to play the guitar again.

## Cedar Living News

Myrna Wilson has returned to her home in Oberlin after a short stay at Cedar Living Center.

Nila Wesch is a new resident.

Lloyd Wishon and Fred Counter both celebrated birthdays last week at Cedar Living Center.

There were several winners at the dice game played on Monday afternoon. Players included Mildred Cochran, Elsie Goodnight, Ruth Havel, Donna Kent, Agnes Pruitt, John Schuhart, Frank Ward, and Delores Wheeler.

Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led the sing-along time on Monday afternoon.

Mary Kolsky won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Delores Wheeler won the blackout game.

Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of the Faith Lutheran Church gave the monthly Communion Service on Tuesday afternoon on the patio.

Barb Solko hosted the pinochle players on Wednesday afternoon. Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study

lesson.

A big crowd of residents gathered on Thursday afternoon to feast on watermelon. Roberta Petracek donated the melons. They were delicious and there was plenty for everyone.

The baking group made chocolate chip cookies with cream cheese in the recipe.

Sam Mack was in charge of the poker club on Friday night. The poker group will move their game to Saturday night for the summer.

Recent visitors: Carolyn Streyve, Norcatur; John and Julia Geisinger, Selden; Lila Jennings, Jennings; Janice Kruse, Selden; Woody Morford, McCook; John Tacha, Lawrence.

Marilyn Gamblin; Jon, Ana, and Spencer Wishon, Crystal Moore, Phyllis Screen, Jolene Fortin, Lyle Gamblin, Connie Miller, Roxie Pomeroy, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Edie Tate, Ira Kolsky, Jodie Wenger, Janice Shobe.

## Good Samaritan News

Nothing gets the residents talking more than reminiscing about life on the farm. This month in honor of Father's Day we have a lighted farm town (much like a Christmas Village) surrounding the pond, complete with little figurines. It was donated to us by Pam Wesch and has stimulated a lot of memories and good conversation.

Glenna Nichols brought by her collection of barn photos taken all over the county. Anita Hirsch, our techno guru, scanned them into the computer and put together a nice Living History presentation for Monday afternoon. Those who attended were Opal Bryan, Lora Zwickle, Alice Bobbitt, Shirley Hayward, Amy Rehm, R.D. Thornton, Earl Brown and Kathryn Post.

On Wednesday, we loaded up two vans to view the barns up close and personal. We stopped in Norcatur to refuel and had a great visit with Dwight Wentz, an old friend of Emma Sanford's.

John Juenemann was our special guest at the STAR's Father's Day Celebration. Homemade pie and ice cream were served as John performed a collection of songs about fathers and grandpas. He ended the program with "The Auctioneer Song," dedicated to Phyllis Metcalf's brother, the late Harry Eiler. There wasn't a dry eye to be found.

The 180 Boys came to show the ladies how to Wii Bowl. Opal Bryan, Alice Bobbitt, Dorothy Pryor and Doris Marintzer were their students. Hopefully, we'll get good enough to challenge Cedar Living Center to a tournament, but we hear Elsie Goodnight will be hard to beat!

Amy Rehm's daughter, Connie Simonsson, held a surprise birthday bash in the Angel Lane for her on

Thursday. It is always a challenge to pull off a surprise around here, but Connie did it!

Summer readers so far have been Alex Hayward, Erin May and Stephen Edminton, Jr. We hope to have several more join us, so tell your friends!

The Herndon Covenant Church congregation came to have services here Sunday morning. The residents enjoy a full service and the sound of the whole congregation singing. The children did some special music which is always a delight to see. Thank you, Pastor Keith Reuther and his church family.

Sammy's Safari Carnival will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday. Make sure to tell all your young friends to join us. It is free to the public. We'll have games, treats, prizes and cotton candy! So come for fun and fellowship!

Mark your calendars for July 4 as well. At 7 p.m., we will have a parade and ice cream social. You won't want to miss this. Decorate a bike, wagon, stroller, wheelchair or walker and join the parade!!

Visitors were: Chris and M.J. Dempewolf (Norcatur) and Marian Thornton for R. D. Thornton. Jim and Eleanor Rogers and Ken Mumm (Selden), Anagene Rogers (Rexford), and Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem) for Hubert Mumm. Reva Marshall and Mildred Black for Dorothy Hunt, Eunice Richards for Opal Bryan and Lora Zwickle. Brian, Pam and Nathan Simonsson and Marvin and Sharon Schlaugh for Opal Bryan. Ralph and Norma Unger for Leo Mooty, Earl Brown and Lucy Schissler. Dick and Donna Kelley for Eva Bryan. Hraha Girls/Boys (Arizona, Colorado and Iowa) for Pooch Portschy. Carol Duncan for Myrtle Ross.

## Herndon News

By Voni Sattler

The family of Theodore and Elizabeth Barenberg is having a reunion at the Herndon Senior Center at noon on Sunday. Friends of the family are welcome to visit in the afternoon.

Julie Geisinger of Selden visited her mother, Ann Martin, on Friday.

Bob, Liane and Ann Martin had pizza at Roger's Bar and Grill on Saturday night.

Weekend guests of LaVerne and Sharon Frick were Trevor and Jackie Frick of Denver, who came to observe Father's Day and the 35th anniversary of their parents. They returned home Sunday.

Clarence and Evelyn Lorentz hosted a barbecue at their home on Sunday for Father's Day and the anniversaries of Vernon and Sue Frick, and LaVerne and Sharon Frick. Other guests were Andy and Sandy Green.

Celebrating Father's Day at the Greg Marintzer home were Greg, Rita, Joe and Isaac Marintzer, Justin and Lori Marintzer of Hays, Dean, Deb and Neil Portschy, Pete and Eileen Portschy, Cheri Kastens, and Gene Kleidosty. Justin was the cook

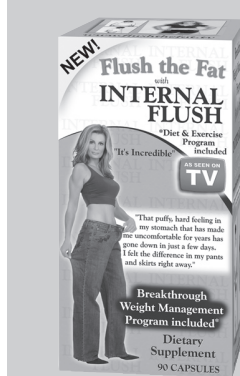
for the barbecue.

A Father's Day barbecue on Sunday was hosted by Cindy and Ron Sattler. Those attending were Ron and Cindy, John and Ardythe Cederberg, Oberlin; Don, Diane and Megan Ruppert, McCook, and Eric Sattler, Attwood. Eric was the cook for the barbecue.

Bob and Julie Hafner, Cindy Sattler and Janice Sattler visited Chase, Dana and Payton Juenemann of Hays on Saturday, June 7. Bob and Julie attended the wedding of Jarad Solko and Vanessa Ellis and returned to Herndon Saturday night with Janice Sattler. Cindy stayed overnight and returned home with Ron on Sunday.

A sidewalk party to honor Anetta Ketterl's return to Herndon was held at the Herndon Pool Hall Friday evening. Enjoying laughs and chatter were Anetta, Peach Beims, Rose Hargitt, Rita Marintzer, Cindy Sattler, Jacque Leitner, Deb Portschy and Chris Wood.

Voni Sattler visited Brad, Deanna, Brandi and Kassidi Williams Sunday evening. Brandi is recovering from her tonsillectomy on Friday.



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