

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**125 YEARS AGO — July 1883**

A cool wave Tuesday. Everyone trading in ponies. The Oberlin ball team have neat new uniforms. They will play the Dallas (Norton County) Red Britches at Clayton Friday.

Stephen DeYoung, formerly of the Cawker City Free Press, will soon become a permanent resident of Decatur County.

A.H. Hollister tells us that the artesian well at Akron, Colo., has been abandoned without reaching a flowing vein; the hole was sunk nearly 1400 feet.

**100 YEARS AGO — July 1908**

Another big rain on Tuesday. The force of men putting in the piping for the new city well will have a hard time of it caulking the joints in the muddy ditches.

Almena has a ball player that despite his age — 52 — is a whiz at first base.

Roy Chilson and wife returned home from the West last Saturday.

Mrs. Joseph Bivans came home from Utah Friday of last week. She tells us that the valley of the Prairie Dog between Long Island and Norton was the best looking country she saw on the trip home.

“Married July 5, 1908, Miss Montana Brooks and Benjamin S. Bowman of Dresden.”

**75 YEARS AGO — July 1933**

Oberlin business men honored the memory of one of their number last Friday afternoon when businesses were closed during the funeral for Lew Weir at the Presbyterian Church. The deceased came to Sherman Township over 40 years ago, later engaging in the delivery business and in recent years operated a grocery store with his son Arthur.

Quite a number of golfers from Oberlin, 14 to be exact, entered the Cambridge golf tournament Sunday and the championship flight was won by Elmer McKenzie.

The record of Miss Ruth Elvin, head of the Normal Training department at Decatur Community High School, is still clear. Since coming to the local school in 1925 she has not had a failure before the state board and this year's class of 27 students was no exception.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett O'Toole are the parents of a baby girl born early Sunday morning.

Jennings: Funeral services were held for Mrs. Matt (Marie Koka-chova) Kaspar, 88, who was born in Rupe, Czech Slovakia, Europe, and came to America with her husband at the age of 23. They came to Decatur County in 1879 where they

homesteaded in Jennings Township. The Rev. O.G. Brown and Frank Pachner officiated at the services held at the home of her son, Joe, and burial was in the Bohemian cemetery with Shimmick Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

Kanona: Mrs. Tude Robertson gave a birthday party in honor of her daughter, Janice, with 21 little guests to help her celebrate. Delicious ice cream and cake were served at a late hour.

Custer: There will be a community picnic at Brookwood next Sunday. Come with freezers ready to freeze and dinner.

**50 YEARS AGO — July 1958**

Almost daily rains last week upset baseball schedules, put the swimming pool on an erratic schedule and slowed last minute wheat cutters. With 4.29 inches of rain already recorded for Oberlin in July, the year's total of moisture jumped to 15.43.

With wheat prices taking their customary harvest time dip, wheat growers with plenty of farm storage stand to benefit according to Rodney McCammon, chairman of the Kansas ASCS.

Selden: Funeral services were held at the Methodist Church in Selden for a pioneer resident, Cynthia Hunziker, 80, who came to Selden from Kirwin in 1901 with her husband, Herman. They lived on a farm six miles southwest of Selden until 1945 when they moved to Oberlin. She is survived by her husband, one daughter, Mrs. C.R. Finley, Detroit and one son, Donald, Selden.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen King of Corpus Christi, Texas, are the parents of a baby boy, Owen Eugene, Jr. born July 16.

Francis Bruggeman thought he must be seeing things Sunday evening as he was returning home about two miles south of town when a deer darted across the road in front of his car.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Frickey, Phil, Charles and Michele spent the weekend in LaCrosse at the home of her brother, Paul Nitsch, Jr., and Mrs. Nitsch. Charles and Michele stayed for a visit and Paul III returned to spend some time with Phil Frickey.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Mrstik returned from an 18-day vacation thru the Black Hills, Yellowstone Park, Grand Lake and Estes Park.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Kolsky, daughter, Gina Lee, July 11.

**25 YEARS AGO — July 1983**

The Decatur County valuation

has dipped 20 percent due to decreased oil production and the loss of tax assessments on farm machinery. County taxpayers may well see a dramatic rise in mill levy requirements as a result.

The condition of Oberlin Locker owner George Wolf remains serious, but stable after an explosion last Wednesday evening at the plant burned 35 percent of his body. The Wolfs' son, John, 17, also received burns on his neck, left arm and hand and lightly on his face. He is also a patient at St. Anthony's in Denver but is expected to be dismissed later this week. Carole Wolf, and children, Julie, 15, and Marc, 13, had just driven up to the plant when they heard someone yelling inside. When George came out his wife grabbed a hose and began shooting water on him to douse the fire. They were transferred to the hospital by ambulance and to Denver by Flight For Life.

Boyd Bainter has announced his retirement as vice president of Columbia Savings, formerly Reserve Savings Assoc. A native of Jennings and a graduate of the University of Kansas, he served three years in the Air Force before coming to Oberlin in 1950 as Farm Bureau agent, transferring to the Concordia office in 1952. He returned in 1957 to join Carl Frickey in the Farmers Loan and Abstract Company and Reserve Building and Loan Assoc.

Hospital News: Kim and Tom

Miller, McCook, daughter, Brooke Erin, July 14; Kathy and John Ritter, Selden, daughter, Accalia Kay, July 16; Teresa and Rocky Diedrich, Oberlin, daughter, Danielle Danette, July 16; Gwen and Kevin Slinker, Goodland, son, Christopher Lee, July 17; Rose and Clarence Banzet, daughter, Rebekah Jolie, July 19.

An outdoor ceremony June 25 at Oberlin City Park united in marriage Helen Brown, McCook, and Richard Karnopp, Oberlin. The Rev. Grant Davis officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dejmal, Ryan, 6 and Trena, 3, have moved to Oberlin from Mahaska and he has joined his brother-in-law, Bob Woolsey, in the operation of Dale's Fish 'N' Fun according to Mr. and Mrs. Dale Young, owners of the business.

A sculpture by former Oberlin resident Gary Coulter of Pueblo, Colo., was dedicated May 13 in Riverside, Calif., in tribute to police officers killed in the line of duty. The bronze nine-foot symbolic sculpture dominates the plaza between the city and county buildings. The ceremony was attended by the artist, his mother, a sister and family and a daughter.

Sherri Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Johnson, received an associate degree in dental hygiene from Central Community College in Hastings, Neb., and is employed in Tulsa, Okla.

## Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

Back into History from *The Oberlin Herald* July 31, 1958:

“Sod House Rises at Decatur County Museum: Soon to Display Authentic Furnishings

A sod house has risen at the site of the Decatur County Museum within a short three days, thanks to volunteer laborers.

Begun only Monday, the sod frame of the 22 by 28 foot structure — roof excepted — is nearly complete.

The sod house will eventually be furnished with authentic pieces from the pioneer era.

A rope spring bed and an old cupboard have already been obtained for the house.

Some items still needed are a straw tick, pillows, feather bed, coverlet, cradle, marble-top dresser, antique table stand, stove, table, chairs, cupboard safe, cow chip container, and a wall-bracket lamp with reflectors.

To complete and furnish the sod house is the big project at the museum at the moment, according to Curator Mrs. Lawrence Claar.

She said it is hoped the furnishing of the house can be completed in time for the museum's official opening, probably on the anniversary of the Last Kansas Indian raid, September 30th.”

Back to July 2008: Many things are still going on at the museum today. With the hail damage to Duke's Grocery, a new roof is being put on, new windows and framing are being installed on the Land Office, our newest building, St. Mark's Church is being renovated on the inside, and with help from Steve and Sue Ervin, we are remarking and rearranging the Indian display. All of this is being done in time for the Museum's 50th Anniversary Celebration and the 130th Anniversary of the Last Indian Raid in Kansas during Mini Sappa on Saturday, Oct. 4.

## Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

July 12 - 13 weekend guests at the homes of Wayne and Lois Larson and Norman and Joanne Wendelin and Rory were Suzanne Cooper and friends, Gloria Hegge and Jonathan Beachy, Wichita; and Gloria's brother, Dean Hegge, Pasadena, Calif.

Wednesday guests of Ralph and Violet Shaw were Carolyn and Bryce Abel, friends from Colorado Springs.

Kimberly Wickersham and son, Calvin, visited with Craig and Karen Larson. Kimberly and Calvin accompanied her grandparents, Zane and Gladys Geis, to Wyoming on Wednesday where they met her husband, Jeff, who had been on a bike tour through the Wyoming mountains with Karen's two broth-

ers and one nephew. They returned home Friday and stayed through the weekend.

Hunter Nedland, a member of the DCHS Singers, attended a Singers Show Choir camp Sunday through Friday at Butler County Community College in El Dorado. Also attending were Susan Nelson and other members of the DCHS Singers. Rhonda May, Dan Nedland, Cameron and Elizabeth drove to El Dorado to watch the group perform Friday evening and returned home on Saturday.

Hannah May and Sadie, and Zach May and Mollie competed in the Thomas County Dog Show held Saturday in Colby. In the 4-H division, Hannah and Sadie received a blue and Reserve Grand

Champion in showmanship and a red in obedience; Zach and Mollie received a purple and Grand champion in showmanship and a blue and Grand Champion in obedience. In the open class division, Hannah and Sadie received a blue in both showmanship and obedience, and Zach and Mollie received a purple and Reserve Grand Champion in both showmanship and obedience.

Chris Brandt, Sweet Springs, Mo.; Martin and Evelyn May, and Greg and Janice Cundiff were Saturday guests of Dorothy Moore.

Norman Wendelin attended Sunday morning Confirmation for Bill

Manning at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Norton as well as the dinner held in Bill's honor following worship services at the home of his son-in-law, Garrett Willour.

Stuart Euhus, accompanied by Gaylord and Shirley Shields and Caitlin Shields, left Thursday for Snow Mountain Ranch YMCA camp, Tabernash, Colo., where they attended an Euhus family reunion. They returned home on Sunday.

Joanne Wendelin returned home Sunday after spending the weekend with her sister, Bonnie and Bill Condit of Winfield.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 423

AN ORDINANCE ATTESTING TO AN INCREASE IN TAX REVENUES FOR BUDGET YEAR 2009 FOR THE CITY OF JENNINGS.

WHEREAS, the City of Jennings must continue to provide services to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of this community; and

WHEREAS, the cost of providing essential services to the citizens of this city continues to increase.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Governing Body of the City of Jennings:

Section One. In accordance with state law, the City of Jennings has scheduled a public hearing and has prepared the proposed budget necessary to fund city services for January 1, 2009 until December 31, 2009.

Section Two. After careful public deliberations, the governing body has determined that in order to maintain the public services that are essential for the citizens of this city, it will be necessary to budget property tax revenues in an amount exceeding the levy in the 2008 Budget.

Section Three. This ordinance shall take effect after publication once in the official city newspaper.

Passed and approved by the governing Body on this 18 day of July, 2008.

/s/ Robert W. Jones, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ M. Sue Long, Jennings City Clerk

## Cedar Living News

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

There were several winners at the penny card game played on Monday afternoon. Residents joining in on the game included Mildred Cochran, Darlene Fisher, Elsie Goodnight, Donna Kent, Ruth Leopold, Elwood Mines, Edie Pettera, John Schuhart, Delores Wheeler, Fern Wenger, Wilma May and Helen Derby. Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led the sing-along time on Monday afternoon.

Delores Wheeler won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Mildred Cochran won the blackout game.

We had an exciting delivery on Wednesday morning. Hershberger Music delivered our new Clavinova. It is a beautiful instrument that will provide many years of enjoyment for the residents of Cedar Living Center. The Clavinova was purchased with memorial money donated by the families of Betty Harden and Naomi Carter. We are anxious to have it put to use and we would welcome anyone who would share their keyboard talent with us.

Wednesday afternoon found several events going on, with some residents playing pinochle, some drinking coffee, and others playing Scrabble. Bible study was held before supper.

The dice players met for a game on Thursday afternoon. Refreshments were served following the game.

The baking group made a delicious batch of peanut butter chocolate chip cookies on Friday afternoon. We ate them warm from the oven.

The poker players met with Sam Mack on Saturday evening.

The Herndon Covenant Church visited again on Sunday morning. Church members and residents met together to share in this special service. For an hour the dining room was transformed into a church and the service included music, scripture, and a message from Pastor Keith Reuther.

Recent visitors: Lillian Sulzman, Stephanie Ritter, Dresden; Judy Vaughn, Denver; Marvin and Beverly Withington, Atwood; Linda Bosler, Carol Kompus, Herndon; Doyle and Kay Brown, Jennings; Wava Reames, Norcatour.

## Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Sympathy is extended to the family of Teryn Haremza, son of Kim (Heilman) Haremza. The funeral was held in Colby. Lois and Bill Heilman were his grandparents. Alice and Wilfred Wagoner, and Galen and Nadine (Heilman) Tacha were his great-grandparents.

James Thompson gave the sermon at the United Methodist Church in Jennings Sunday.

A new refrigerator was purchased for the church kitchen with money made from lunch at the Arch Harman auction. We appreciate all the baked goods that were donated for the lunch stand.

Eldon and Cruz Mrstik of California visited several days with his

brother, Gene and Donna Mrstik. They also visited friends and family in the Jennings and Oberlin area.

Anyone who would like to help hang clothes on racks, etc. at the American Legion building for the garage sale to be held on Fireman's Fun Day are welcome. We will be working Sunday afternoon about 2 p.m.

Calling all NASCAR fans; the 2008 NASCAR matted photo prints have arrived at the Jennings Post Office. Ryan Newman's Daytona 500 Win; Dale Jr's Bud Shootout win; Cute Kasey Kahne; Happy Harvick and Of Stewart in a Toyota, to name a few. Stop in or call (785) 678-2283 to get your favorite driver today.

## Herndon News

By Voni Sattler

Wayne and Linda Bosler spent the Fourth of July weekend in Santa Fe, N.M., and enjoyed the opera, "Falstaff."

Guests last weekend at the Beth and Frank Hraha home were her daughter, Cindy Chartier-Cohn, Colorado Springs, and her friend, Norma Fogel, London, England.

Guests of Mrs. Hraha to celebrate June birthdays were Norma Fogel, London, England; Mary Pennington Rushing, Zihuatanejo, Mexico; Cindy Chartier-Cohn, Colorado Springs; and other local women of Austr Beth Hafner Chartier Hraha, Chris Hartner Wood, Nadine Riemer Green, Voni Sattler, Sharon Marintzer Ecker, Carol Bobinmyer Kompus, and Rachelle Solko.

Voni Sattler met her children in Colby on Friday for the Pickin' on the Plains Bluegrass Festival. At-

tending were Melodie Sattler, Levi Sattler, Roma, Michael and Desiree Sattler, of Colorado; Allen and Patti Park, Alex, Breanna, Brittani and Nicolas, Hays; Dave, Kathy, Sami, Joey and Braden Leitner, Atwood; Pat Eland, Hoxie; Brad and Deanna Williams, Brandi and Cassidi, Herndon; Junior Hollerich, Tipton; Austin Molecyk, McCook; Chelsey Williams and Chris Bentors, Colby. Voni, Deanna, Patti, Kathy and Roma sang the festival.

Three of Mrs. Sattler's grandchildren also participated in the 12 and under talent contest. Nicolas Park, 5, placed third, and Brittani Park, 7, placed first. In the 13 to 19 youth contest, Cassidi Williams, 14, played the guitar and sang a song she had written and she won second place.

## Lyle News

By Veda Wood

The Lyle community picnic will be held on Sunday, Aug. 10, at the Powell Picnic grounds, located 4 1/2 miles west of the Lyle church. It is sponsored by the Liberty Star Club and everyone is welcome. In case of bad weather, it will be held at the Lyle community building. Drinks are furnished — iced tea, water and lemonade. The Liberty Star club met on Wednesday, July 9, with Cathy Anthony taking the place of Veda Wood as hostess, as she wasn't feeling too peppy yet. Kathy Van Meter gave a very interesting report on her recent trips to Chicago, New Jersey and Washington D.C. with pictures. There were five members present and a guest, Mary Leslie. The club made plans for the upcoming picnic and fair week, where we will take turns sitting at the 4-H building.

Gary Anthony saw the doctor on Wednesday, and had a good report.

Emily, Mariah, and Garrett Bader, Grant Slater, and Aubrey High visited Veda Wood on Thursday and Sunday. Veda and Dennis Wood visited Alta May VanGundy on Friday, July 11.

Jim Plotts was the minister at Lyle on Sunday, and he and Carolyn gave a good musical number. We are glad to hear that his father, who is still in the hospital in Kearney, is improving.

Kathy Van Meter's sister, Charlotte, had the upper-quarter of her right lung removed, and it was found to be malignant. We will remember her in our prayers.

Judy and Charlie Easton attended the funeral for his son-in-law. They have found a house in Quinter.

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**Lonny Lynn Orchestra**

Thursday, July 31st  
Norris Park, McCook

Concert at 7:00 p.m.

Bring a lawn chair & enjoy some great music!

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