

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — June 1884

A herd of 6,000 Texas yearlings went up the Wallace trail Saturday the 7th.

Klayton Klatter: Bill O'Toole arrived last Thursday with 200 head of young cattle that Mr. Stillson had purchased in southwestern Missouri.

T.H. Fawcett last Friday brought to this office a fine specimen of Kentucky blue grass, grown from seed sown on his farm near Altory three years ago.

Frank J. Haren of Miltonburg, Ohio, was drowned in the Cedar Bluffs mill pond June 12th.

The contract for carrying the mail twice a week round trip between Oberlin and Herndon has been let to H.O. Douglas.

F.A. Throckmorton brought three young antelope to town Friday. He has caught five this spring south of the mouth of the Big Timber on the divide between the Prairie Dog and the Solomon.

100 YEARS AGO — June 1909

The Herald printed a 16-page supplement celebrating the 30th anniversary of the establishment of this paper. The supplement was printed on book paper, 9x12 inches in size and half tones and biographical sketches of 59 others, including those of the entire Herald force.

The first rains of many years fell the first of this week.

The frame of the new mill is up and the work is being pushed as rapidly as possible.

75 YEARS AGO — June 1934

Active management of the City Cafe, property of Frank Anderson and the estate of the late Howard Anderson, was taken over Monday morning by the Anderson brothers, Arnold and Russell. Since the death of their brother, the cafe has been operated in a capable manner by Elwood McKinzie. Arnold and Russell are both in the school teaching profession and will probably make other arrangements before the start of the fall term in September.

Alfred McChesney, young farmer living three miles east of here, suffered severe head injuries when the combine on which he was working apparently slipped off the jack.

Dresden: Mr. and Mrs. Everett Fortin are the parents of twin boys.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wenger are the parents of a baby girl born Monday.

Miss Mae Paulson and Mr. Robert Herzog were married June 7 at the home of the bride's parents at Whitewater, Kan. The bride graduated from Kansas State College and has taught mathematics at Decatur Community High School the past three years. Mr. Herzog is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Herzog of Herndon, and received a degree in journalism from Kansas University. He purchased the Herndon Non-paniel five years ago and has made it a fine paper. They will be at home in Herndon to their many friends.

Norcat: Funeral services were held for Mrs. Frances Frewen who died June 1 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clyde Ward at the age of 71. She was united in marriage to John Charles Frewen Oct. 17, 1880, and they moved to Norcat in 1896 where they entered the mercantile business.

Custer: We are so glad that Jean Ann Gaumer is finally home from the hospital in Norton where she had surgery and has gained several pounds.

50 YEARS AGO — June 1959

Selden residents are trying to recover from a freak storm which brought 18 inches of hail to an area of about 12 square miles during a two-hour period the evening of Wednesday, June 3. According to Mayor Ted Andrews the wind just kept circling and circling in all directions to keep the hail all in one place. The high school gym, only four years old, was extensively damaged and many roofs collapsed from the weight of the hail. The torrential rains which followed flooded many basements. Highway 83 was blocked for four hours.

Three persons were killed and two seriously injured last Thursday evening in Decatur County's worst traffic accident since 1955. The accident occurred east of town on Highway 36 when a west-bound station wagon collided head-on with an east-bound pick-up. Highway patrolman Galen Bennett said apparently the Davis car was traveling on the wrong side of the road and an insurance investigator said that a third car was possibly also involved. Killed were John Davis of Belleville and Vernon Simmons of Mankato, occupants of the station wagon reportedly headed for Selden to inspect hail damage, and Mrs. Florence Wimsatt, 43, of Portland, Ore., who was a passenger in a 1953

Ford pickup en route to Richmond, Mo., to attend a family funeral. Mrs. Wimsatt's husband and daughter were taken to the Decatur County Hospital in critical condition and flown to St. Joseph's Hospital in Kansas City.

Funeral services were held for Josephine Heitmann, 70, longtime resident of Oberlin and highly respected for her many years of service in church and school circles. She was organist and choir director at Sacred Heart Catholic Church for more than 42 years. She was employed at Farmers National Bank from 1922 until 1951 when her illness forced her to resign.

Carolyn Bosler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Bosler, graduated from Fort Hays State May 28 and plans to teach second grade in Salina next fall. Others receiving degrees were Vayle Rohan, Jennings, music education; Ronald Temple, Norcat, history; James Geisinger, Selden, business administration; Vincent Welter, Selden, education; Richard Franke, Herndon, physics and math and Edward Keplinger, Herndon, business administration.

Marcia Petracek, Jennings, graduated from Kansas State University and will teach in the Topeka school system next fall.

New Arrival: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lincoln, son, June 8, 1959.

25 YEARS AGO — June 1984

Decatur County Extension Agent Allen Dinkel predicts the county will have only a 25 to 30 percent wheat crop compared to normal. Acreage in the Jennings-Clayton area which appeared to have a fair crop was lost to hail in the past two weeks. He predicted that milo

acreage will double last year's plantings.

D-Day + 40 was observed in The Oberlin Herald with features on World War II veterans Paul Nauer, Willard and William Carter, Tony Sebaugh and Albert "Swede" Unger.

In a recovery of money and foreclosure petition filed with the District Court of Decatur County, Clarence A. Wilson (assignee of Westgate State Bank) prays for a court judgment seeking more than a half million dollars from defendants Farrell D. McAtee, Rebecca J. McAtee and Farrell D. McAtee Enterprises, Inc.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bainter, rural Dresden, are honoring their parents with a reception on June 9 in celebration of their 65th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Neff, rural Dresden, announce the engagement of their daughter, Debora, to Mark Jennings, son of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Jennings, Oakley. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Fort Hays State and is employed as a first grade teacher for USD 274, Oakley-Monument. An Aug. 10, 1984, wedding is planned at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Selden.

Rohn Hamilton, son of Arthur and Wilma Hamilton of Oberlin, received a degree in civil engineering and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Air Force on May 11 in graduation exercises at Kansas State University.

He will begin pilot training at Laughlin Air Force Base, Del Rio, Texas, in January. He is a 1980 graduate of Decatur Community High School.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

The 8th Annual Museum Summerfest Car and Vintage Sports Show is now in the history books. The weather was great and the show was well attended. The vintage race cars were a wonderful addition and we would like to thank Bill and Connie Riedel for getting so many to come to Oberlin.

This week we have several genealogy research projects to follow up on since most of our time the last several weeks have been on Summerfest.

If you are planning a party or get-together this summer and need a place to hold it, contact us at 475-2712.

Besides the Bohemian Hall for larger parties, the museum has an area that can be used for small group meetings. Our newly-renovated Parlor that was the old office space can be rented for organizational or club meetings. Both places are air-conditioned! The museum is the place to be for your upcoming summertime activities.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

The Herndon Covenant Church will hold its Sunday Worship Service in the Cedar Living Center dining room at 10 a.m. on Sunday, June 14. Church members and residents will attend the service together. Visitors are welcome to attend.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Art May who passed away on Sunday. Alice May continues to reside at Cedar Living Center.

There were several winners at the penny card game played on Monday afternoon. Those joining in on the fun included Dale Butler, Darlene Fisher, Elsie Goodnight, Ruth Havel, Donna Kent, Mary Kolsky, Ruth Leopold, Alice May, Aleen Van Vleet, Mary Votapka, and Fern Wenger.

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

Fern Wenger won the first Bingo on Tuesday afternoon. The black-out game ended with a three-way tie among Donna Kent, Blanche Skubal, and Elsie Goodnight.

The ladies of the Jennings United Methodist Church hosted the June birthday party in the Cedar Living Center dining room on Wednesday afternoon. They served cupcakes and ice cream.

The entertainment was provided by Julie Carter and Kay Brown, who played duets on the piano and Clavinova. The party was a big success even though there were no

birthdays to celebrate.

Juanita Williby hosted the pinochle players on Wednesday afternoon. Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson.

There were lots of high rollers during the dice game played on Thursday afternoon. Winners received nickels or candy. Refreshments were served following the game.

The baking group made pineapple cookies on Friday afternoon.

Fern Wenger attended the anniversary celebration on Saturday afternoon for Wesley and Eulaine Benda.

Bowling was on the agenda for Saturday afternoon. We had a great time cheering each other on. Ice cream treats were served after the game.

Recent visitors: Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Jim and Carolyn Plotts, Norcat; Drake Row, Julie Carter, Rachel Carter, Louise Cressler, Doyle and Kay Brown, Lila Jennings, Tom Votapka and Terry Henke, Jennings; Carol Kompus, Linda Bosler, Herndon; Jeanette Adams, Cheyenne, Wyo.; John, Eunice, and Jennifer Andrews, Perry, Ga.; Cathy Wenger, Aubrey, Texas.

Marguerite Bailey, Orlin Beneda, Elvin Beneda, Max and Veanna Carman, Ila Ray, Opal Huntley, Lyle Gamblin, John and Dianne Bremer, Elwood May, Mary McEvoy, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your path straight. Proverbs 3:5

This is a very well-known verse in the Bible, but the ladies in Bible Study were surprised to find it came from the book of Proverbs, a book that many had not ever studied. So Proverbs will be the focus of study for the next six weeks. We have just finished an interesting look at heaven and have unanimously decided we all want to be there, and we want to take others with us. If you are not sure that heaven is your eternal resting place, come visit Lora Zwickle, Evelyn Olson, Faye Miller, Kathryn Post, Leone Porsch, Dorothy Pryor, Lucy Schissler, Amy Rehm, Shirley Hayward, Myrtle Ross, Alice Bobbitt, Opal Bryan, Edla Olson or Leona Helmkamp and they will tell you how you can know!

Our card playing residents got a workout. The Lyle Gals came for pinochle last Monday and Larry Mack dealt poker on Friday. Myrtle Waldo also heads up to Wheat Ridge Terrace once a week to play Canasta with friends. We like to encourage this fellowship because it serves several purposes: keeps the mind sharp, allows for good old-fashioned fun and builds friendships and there is always something good to eat for a bonus!

Anita Hirsch took everyone to Yellowstone National Park via technology. Our Arm Chair Travelers were Faye Miller, Kathryn Post, Leone Porsch, Dorothy Pryor, Lucy Schissler, Amy Rehm, Shirley Hayward, Myrtle Ross, Alice Bobbitt, Opal Bryan, Edla Olson, Leona Helmkamp, John Ready, Evelyn Olson and Lora Zwickle.

Art class has finished a two session project that can be seen on the bulletin board outside of the Angel Lane dining room. Father's Day is fast approaching and there are a lot of fishermen in our midst, but no one has ever caught a fish as beautiful

as the ones that are on display. The Foil Fish, swimming on a sea of bubbles are like none you've ever seen. You need to see them! Artists these past two weeks are Amy Rehm, "Ready to Catch" and "Fish n' Fun"; Opal Bryan "Sunshine"; Alice Bobbitt "King Fish"; Evelyn Olson, "Fish Stew"; Myrtle Ross, "Goldie"; Lucy Schissler, "Road Runner"; Faye Miller, "Emerald" and Leone Porsch, "Blue Boy."

Don't forget the Father's Day Family Potluck at 6 p.m. on Saturday, and Sammy's Safari Carnival will be from 2 to 4 p.m. next Saturday, June 20, in the courtyard! Tell your Pre-Kindergarten through 6th grade friends! Admission is free!

Recent visitors were Mert McEvoy, Dave Simpson, John Paulson for **Lucy Schissler**. Helen Brooks and Shelby Hackney for **Ethel Nemeth**. Reva Marshall, Dixie and Ron Snyder (Colby) and Mildred Black for **Dorothy Hunt**. Julia Otter (Hays) for **Leone Porsch**. Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh, Dick and Donna Kelley and Kirk B. Kelley Davenport, Iowa) for **Opal Bryan** and **Eva Bryan**. Gail and Kay Marcuson, John Paulson, Lois Lamb and John Bremer for **John Ready**. Barbara Castor and Elsie Wolters for **Elaine Thomas**. Donna Lincoln for **Faye Miller**. Chris Dempewolf and M.J. Dempewolf (Norcat) and Ray Thornton, Jr. (Hays) for **R.D. Thornton**. Elsie Wolters for **Dorothy Pryor**. Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem) and Ken and Clem Mumm (Selden/Colby) for **Hubert Mumm**. Bud and Vicky Mumm for **Doris Marintzer**. Duane and Marilyn Waldo (Tucson, Ariz.), John Paulson and Marguerite Bailey for **Myrtle Waldo**. Gladys Geis for **Kathryn Post** and **Lois Carlson**. Daisy Rhein for **Jeanette Conway**. Evelyn May for **Leona Helmkamp**. Pete and Eileen Portschy (Herndon) for **Pooch Portschy**. Helen and Gene Gee from Oberlin Community Fellowship church for all.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

The Herndon community extends sympathy to the family of Denis Tongish. He was born April 24, 1925, and graduated from Herndon High in 1943. He farmed in the area all his life and died in Newton on Tuesday, June 2, 2009.

Mass of Christian Burial was Monday held at St. Mary's Assumption church in Herndon with Father Dan Scheetz officiating. Interment was in St. Mary's cemetery. The Christian Mothers Altar Society provided lunch at the hall for family and friends, following the service.

David and Bonnie Franke spent a week visiting Brian and Tracy Franke, Ellen and David James in Albuquerque, N.M. They observed Ellen performing at a gymnastics competition, visited the ABQ Zoo and enjoyed some of the dining pleasures.

While being guests, they attended the first open house of Sandia Laboratories where Brian is employed. They toured his office and appreciated seeing two electrical machines called the Z and Saturn. Sandia is a multiprogramming engineering

and science laboratory operated by Sandia Corporation, a Lockheed Martin Company.

Congratulations to Carol Kompus for Yard of the Month. Her combination of porch and yard lights, a manicured lawn and ornaments, along with colorful flowers won her this award.

May 24 weekend family and friends gathered at the BS Café in celebration of Renae Solko's graduation from Washburn University in Topeka, with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry. Guests traveled from Kansas, Nebraska, Wyoming and Colorado.

Weekend guests at the Don Solko home were Mark, Renae, and Janelle Solko and Kati Jo Snodgrass. All attended the wedding of Coley Hackney and Chelsey Schissler in Oberlin on Saturday. Mark was a groomsmen and Kati served cake. Katie passed her state nursing boards and is now a registered nurse.

Bart Ecker, and Troy and Brandi Ecker, Hays, spent the weekend with Sharon Ecker and Carla

Marintzer. Saturday they toured the Last Indian Raid Museum in Oberlin, visited Marlin and Dana Marintzer, and enjoyed the array of antique cars during the Summerfest Sports show.

Rachelle Solko spent vacation in North Platte with Billi Jo and Bailey Hiser. They all took a day trip to Kearney, Neb., to visit the Great Platte River Road Archway and Fort Kearney.

The Archway has been selected as the Number 1 Western Museum in the United States, according to True West Magazine.

Bob and Julie Hafner enjoyed a tasty Sunday chicken dinner with their Aunt Edie Pettera and visited with their Aunt Joan Noble, both at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin.

Janice Sattler, Hattie Toth, Shirley Williams and Frances Kompus, all of Atwood, attended the funeral of their cousin, Margie Kompus Howland on Saturday at St. Mary's church and ate lunch with family at the hall.

Pat Marintzer, Idalia, Colo., was a recent guest for several days of

Carol Kompus. They were Sunday dinner guests of Wilma Bobinmyer at Cedar Living Center, Oberlin.

Houseguests of Carol this weekend, to attend the funeral of Margie Howland, were Donna and Gary LaSage; Troy, Connie, Gabrielle and Dalton LaSage, all of Salina; and Todd, Kim and Lukas LaSage of Raytown, Mo. Brief visitors Saturday afternoon were Pam and Stu Stuczynski, Herndon.

Julie's Memory Jigger
The Citizen Patriot
June 3, 1976

Cox's IGA Market, Herndon, Kan. Ox-Roast Specials: IGA Sliced Peaches, 29 oz., 49 cents; Golden IGA Corn, whole kernel, 4-\$1; Kool-Aid Canister Pack, \$1.29; Dad's Root Beer, 1/2 gal., 79 cents; Pampers Daytime 30 ct., \$2.49; IGA 1/2 gal Ice Cream, 89 cents; Texas Cantaloupe, 49 cents; Tomatoes, 1 lb., 39 cents; Mary Baker Cookies, 3 pkgs., 99 cents. 322-5221. Hours 8-6 Mon-Sat.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Government Commodities will be given to eligible households from 2 to 3 p.m.; on Thursday, June 11, at 403 S. Penn Ave.

Rachel Carter, Julie Carter, Kay Brown, Lila Jennings and Louise Cressler, members of Jennings United Methodist Women's group, went to Cedar Living Center at Oberlin on Wednesday, June 3, with ice cream and cupcakes to serve the residents there. There were no June birthdays so we held an "Unbirthday Party." Kay Brown and Julie Carter played several musical numbers for the residents.

City Council met Thursday evening, June 4, in the Senior Center. Council members attending were

Stann Hartzog, Rick Foster and Louise Cressler. Marge Hartzog, mayor, called the meeting to order. Bills were approved for payment. They discussed charges when water is turned off and on again at different locations. We will be reviewing our policy. Nuisance properties were discussed. Letters will be mailed to several property owners whose properties need cleaned up and mowed.

Jacque Boultinghouse, Selden, Decatur County Emergency Management Director, arrived at about 8 p.m. with some information on the County Multi-Mitigation Plan. Council passed a resolution and it was signed by the mayor for the

city of Jennings. McGuire Iron has not yet come to clean and repair, if needed, the city watertower. Norton Sheet Metal had not been up to look at the chimney on the Community Building. Roofmasters had looked after we had a leak and told us we needed a chimney cap.

Norton Correctional will be contacted to see if they might mow the inside banks of sewer ponds again. Council discussed who might be contacted to mow the rest for the hay. They also reviewed the Emergency Water Supply Plan. Several questions were brought up and will be looked into. The bid from Nelson Concrete and Construction, Oberlin, for curb and gutter at various lo-

cations on main, also repair to steps and sidewalk at the Community Hall was accepted by the council.

Recycle trailer will be in town from Thursday, June 11 through Saturday, June 20.

Saturday overnight guests of Wayne and Louise Cressler were Gwen and Jeff Anderson, Council Grove; and Megan Faris, Manhattan. They had come to attend the birthday party held for Jeff's dad, Don Anderson on Saturday in Oberlin, and also an Anderson family reunion held in the evening.



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