

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — June 1884

We saw three new reapers leave town Saturday.

Thos. Fawcett's cattle brought good prices at the sale Saturday.

The Oberlin school closed last Friday. Miss Ormsby gave universal satisfaction as a teacher.

C. Graves informs us that he has set out 18,640 sweet potato plants.

Marriages: By Elder Crouse, Mr. I.M. Brown to Miss Mary A. Adams, all of Traer. By Rev. J.E. Langley, Mr. Frank E. Gilder of Lenora to Miss Martha E. Worley of Olive Township.

The Herald this week is printing the programs for the Fourth of July celebrations to be held at Bradbury grove near Decatur, and at Ufford's grove in Bassettville Township.

Klayton Klatter: Mr. Pease has shelved the south side of his store-room and filled them with hardware.

The Oberlin baseball team beat the Danbury team 54 to 34 on the 18th. Charley Maddox made six scores and was put out only once.

100 YEARS AGO — June 1909

Art S. Steele has a new Ford auto. It is a fine looker and is reported to only have cost about one-third as much as the other cars about town. It is also reported that I.O. Wear has a Ford ordered.

Orville Becholdt and Will Landau got in a friendly scuffle Tuesday afternoon on the tennis grounds near the high school and Will's leg was broken just below the knee.

Irving Cook returned home this week from Ann Arbor, Mich., where he had been taking a course in forestry in Michigan University.

The Oberlin team won two ball games from the Hill City team during the past week by 4-3 and 6-5 scores, in both games scoring two runs in the last of the 9th inning to win. Barnes pitched the first games, Earl O'Toole the second.

75 YEARS AGO — June 1934

Since Tuesday evening most parts of Decatur county have been visited by rains totaling nearly two inches. The only discouraging part is the high temperatures with 102 degrees Tuesday and dust storms that evening.

Jennings was the host for the county meeting of unit clubs with more than 200 persons attending despite the wind and dust storm.

Court House News: Vernon

Dwight Stephens, Jennings and Miss Edna Faye New, Norcat, were granted a license on the 17th and married later by Judge Kulp.

Some 23 candidates have filed for nine county offices with seven persons filing for register of deeds and four for probate judge. Only present officials to be unopposed are John Bremer, county attorney; Geo. Jörn, county clerk and Dorothy McGee, Clerk of the District Court.

Norcat: Wedding bells rang June 10, 1934, for Miss Helen McCormack of Hill City and Fay Betts of Norcat, the Rev. O. G. Brown of Hoxie officiating.

Mrs. Betts is a graduate of Washburn and taught the Rockwell school in the Colony last year. Fay is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Betts and a partner in the Sinclair Refining Co. here.

Dresden: Mr. and Mrs. Wes Baintert took their little girl, Eunice Marie, to the Norton Hospital Saturday evening.

50 YEARS AGO — June 1959

Excavation is underway at the Area TV site west of Oberlin for the tower foundation. A site has been cleared for the concrete block office and studio building and it is expected to be completed a few weeks after the foundation is poured.

A new figure for the population of Decatur County reveals that the population is actually 6,004 rather than 5,875. Because the new county total is more than 6,000, salaries of county officials will not decline after all. Salaries are fixed according to population in the state of Kansas.

The past three weeks have been unlucky for a trio of Oberlin youngsters. Joel Shaw, 3, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Shaw, broke his right leg when he fell from a lawn table; Chuck Ellis, 7, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ellis, ran his hand through a window and Danny Castle, also 7, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walt Castle, Jr., broke his right leg in a fall from a tree.

Hospital administrator Joe Polara said "marrying, mothering and moving" are the chief reasons for a critical shortage of nurses at Decatur County Hospital. The staff now consists of one full time RN, and four part-time RN's and when the full-time RN leaves Oberlin in August, no replacement has been found.

Jennings: Creta Rae Carter,

daughter of Mrs. Hazel Carter, has been nominated for Outstanding Senior Award at the University of Kansas where she majored in music. She plans to continue graduate study.

New Arrival: Mr. and Mrs. Marion Wenger, Norcat, daughter, Susan Gayle, June 14, 1959.

Miss Lois McMullen, former Decatur Community High School faculty member, was a houseguest of Miss Agnes Dowling over the weekend en route to Greeley, Colo., She will be on the faculty of Marysville High School again next fall.

Dresden: Funeral services were held for Mrs. Ed Sorell who made her home in and around Dresden for a number of years.

25 YEARS AGO — June 1984

Local managers of the Enfield Memorial Chapel at Oberlin and Jennings, Myron and Darlene Veh of Norton, will be moving to Oberlin as soon as housing is available.

Both are licensed funeral directors. Corcoran-Bateman Funeral Home and Bainter-Bateman Funeral Home were purchased recently by Larry and Dorothy Enfield of Norton.

Ed Stillions, systems technician for American Telephone & Telegraph, will soon be leaving Oberlin

and customers in the Oberlin area will reportedly be served from the Colby office. Stillions told the Herald that he and a number of other Kansas employees were informed they were considered surplus personnel and a full-time person is not considered needed in Oberlin.

Stillions has worked for the Bell system 27 years and before moving to Oberlin 16 years ago worked for the Chesapeake Potomac in Virginia.

New Arrival: Paula and Lee Shields, daughter, Tracy Lynn, June 17, 1984.

Michele Marie Hickert and Tony Alan Krizek were united in marriage May 26, 1984, at Joy Fellowship Church in Hays. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hickert, rural Clayton, and Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Krizek, rural Jennings.

Glenn Logan, a 1909 graduate of Decatur County High School, was honored recently at Washburn University as its distinguished alumnus.

Two students recently received associate degrees in nursing: Robyn Karls, daughter of John and Helen Karls, Selden, from Barton County Community College and Julie Russ, daughter of Richard and Clara Russ, from Garden City Community College.

Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

Greetings! I hear things are growing slow out there in the gardens, so the Farmer's Market might be a little later than usual this year.

I'm not sure when the usual time is for starting, but any Wednesday that anyone has something to bring, just come on down to the gazebo at Centennial Park to get started. Starting time is 8 a.m.

As I was writing this article, I had a call asking about the Farmer's Market, so at least one person will be coming.

I visited several garage sales over the weekend, and of course found a few things that I thought I couldn't live without. It looked like a lot of people traveling the streets and enjoying themselves.

There is information at several places in town about the Fourth Annual U.S. Highway 36 "Treasure Hunt" that will take place Friday to Sunday, Sept. 18 to 20. Listings

must be received in their office by July 1 to get in the bulletin. That address is on the registration sheet. I also have them in the Chamber office. This event draws shoppers from a wide area, so this will be a good chance to sell your items.

There will be entertainment, plus ice-cream and brownies, at 7 p.m. Sunday, June 21, in Centennial Park, sponsored by the Oberlin Chamber of Commerce. Come for a fun evening. I might even see that some chocolate syrup is available.

I also visited the new facilities at the Hansen Mueller open house last Friday. There was a large crowd and the food was great.

A couple of events happening this week are the Relay for Life on Friday evening and the Norcat Citywide Garage Sales from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

I hope everyone has a great week!

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Neil Portschy participated in the Northwest Kansas Junior Golf Tournament in Colby on June 1. He placed first in the 12-13 year old age division and received a gold medal. There were 10 participants in that age division. He will be attending other tournaments throughout the summer.

Family and friends from New Mexico, North Dakota, Colorado, Nebraska and Kansas came to help Vern and Sue Frick celebrate their 50th anniversary, Friday, June 5. Two daughters and five grandchildren were among those congratulating the couple, along with family in Herndon.

Deb Portschy took her son, Marcus and friend Blake Bergling to Salina on June 7 to attend the Heart of America basketball Camp. Deb spent Sunday night with Cindy Munk, a sorority sister from Fort Hays State University, before returning home on Monday.

Marcus and Blake will return

home on Thursday with Gail Bergling. Marcus and Blake both won several awards during the week. Marcus was honored by being chosen for the All-Star team for the week and participated in the All-Star game on Thursday morning.

Amy Schlimmer, Volga, S.D.; Gigi Sattler, McCook; and Chelsey Hackney, Herndon; hosted a baby shower for Lauren Faith Sattler, daughter of David and April Sattler Saturday afternoon at the Herndon senior center. Family and friends enjoyed snacks, games and each showed off their talent in decorating "baby onesies" for Lauren.

Cheryl Hicks, Mountain Home, Idaho, was a Saturday afternoon visitor of Julie and Bob Hafner. Cheryl is in Herndon visiting her Aunt Esther Pennington and her Aunt Joan Noble, Cedar Living Center in Oberlin, and other relatives in the area.

She traveled to Bertrand Sunday to visit her brother, John and

Sylvia Sattler and their family in Kearney.

Sharon Ecker returned home Saturday from spending a week with family in Hays. Brandi enjoyed time with grandma while sons, Troy and Bart worked.

Visitors this past week at the home of Theresa and Richard Rippe were Brenda Schilde from Minneola, and Norma and Roger Cichorz from Boulder, Colo.

On Saturday the ladies attended a baby shower at the Senior Center for April and Lauren Sattler. On Sunday Megan Rippe and Myra Sattler accompanied them to Colby for a baby shower for their niece and cousin, Jennifer Selby, daughter of Pat Louise Sloan.

Word was received this week of the death of Bernice Arkle Miller, Denver. Bernice, daughter of Buford and Helen Toth Arkle was born June 13, 1927 in the family home in Ludell, and passed away June 10, 2009, at the age of 82.

Bernice is survived by two sons and a daughter, and brothers, Melvin Arkle of Grand Island, Neb., and Bob and wife Janice Arkle of York, Neb.

Happy Birthday to sister, Janice Sattler, celebrating her 75th birthday on Sunday, June 21. And you thought we would forget to announce it to everyone! Happy Birthday sis!

Weekend visitors of Joan Noble were sons, Rich and Mike Noble, Colorado Springs. Rich and Mike visited with relation in Herndon Saturday afternoon.

The Jim Schroeder family returned to Herndon on Sunday after a week long trip to the Black Hills in South Dakota. They also attended the Dewey Family Reunion in Hillrose, Colo. Also at the reunion were Rachelle Solko, Renae Solko, Mark Solko and Katie Jo Snodgrass, Don and Diana Solko, Raye Ann Solko Dalton and Jayden.

is also survived by a brother, Martin and Evelyn May; sister-in-law, Wilma May; brother-in-law, Jack E. Fortin, and many other relatives and friends.

Among those from out-of-town who attended the funeral of Arthur May were relatives Leo Voelker and Delmer and Gertrude Wilgers, Palmer; Ernest May, Tonganoxie; Stephanie (May) Frankforter and Ethan, Lincoln, Neb.; Sharon Wright, Manhattan; Brian and Hannah Hartman, Jeannette, Phillip and Brianna, Greeley, Colo.; Aaron Carlson, Mason, Colo.; Bill and Myra Sater, Holcomb; Martin and Lois Leibbrandt, Imperial, Neb.; and Matt Coleman, Manhattan.

Lyn Tomasz was a Wednesday overnight guest of John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica and attended the Arthur May funeral.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Trivia questions and fun facts were on the agenda during the social hour held at Cedar Living Center on Monday afternoon. Residents enjoyed snacks and lively conversation.

Myrna Jones, Mary Ann Amack, and Nadeane Haag assisted with the sing-along time before supper.

Donna Kent won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon. The blackout game ended in a tie between Darlene Fisher and Ira Kolsky.

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

Juanita Williby hosted the pin-hoc players on Wednesday afternoon.

A group of residents gathered on Wednesday afternoon to watch a video of favorite moments from the Tonight Show with Johnny Carson. There was a lot of laughter coming from this corner of the room. Ice cream treats were served.

Fr. Henry Saw Lone brought Communion for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

Penny card players on Thursday afternoon included Dale Butler, Darlene Fisher, Elsie Goodnight, Donna Kent, Ira and Mary Kolsky, Ruth Leopold, Alice May, Joan

Noble, Agnes Pruitt, Aleen Van Vleet, and Leroy Wessel.

The baking group made chocolate cookies on Friday afternoon. They were served up warm from the oven along with a hot cup of coffee.

The Herndon Covenant Church held their Sunday service in the Cedar Living Center dining room on June 14. The room was filled with church members and CLC residents. Pastor Keith Reuther led the service and Barb Olson provided the music.

Recent Visitors: Kristen Bremer, Colby; Carolyn and Glen Streyev, Norcat; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Carol Kompus, Bob and Julie Hafner, Herndon; Aaron Carlson, Loveland, Colo.; Brian Hartman and family, Greeley, Colo.; Rich and Mike Noble, Colorado Springs; Keith, Alysa, and Matthew Pettersson, Denver; Eunice Andrews and family, Perry, Ga.; Marilyn Fisher, Topeka; Mike, Sara, Grace, and Hope Sulzman, Cleveland, Ohio.

Jody Betts, Mirium Fisher, Opal Huntley, Ila Ray, Lyle Gamblin, Max and Veanna Carman, Mary McEvoy, John, Dianne, and Jessica Bremer, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Marilyn Gamblin, Gene Plotts, Norman Wendelin, Bruce Wendelin, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

Rain, rain, go away, Come again another day.

The rain hasn't put a damper on activities, or our spirits yet... but we are hoping things will dry out before Saturday, when we have our Second Annual Sammy's Safari Carnival! The residents look forward to this event, because they get reacquainted with their past. First Hand Friend Reading Buddies, and the children always bring such joy and excitement! Plan to join us from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Court Yard (we'll move indoors if needed). Admission is free!

Monday, everyone gathered in Town Square to sing-a-long during Ole' Time Music.

Faye Miller, Kathryn Post, Leone Porsch, Dorothy Pryor, Lucy Schissler, Amy Rehm, Shirley Hayward, Myrtle Ross, Alice Bobbitt, Opal Bryan, Edla Olson, Leona Helmkamp, Emma Sanford, Elsie Macy, Bonnie Weskamp, Evelyn Olson and Lora Zwicke joined in. All those voices sound pretty impressive and makes for a lot of fun.

Tuesday during Art Class Evelyn Olson, Myrtle Ross, Amy Rehm, Leone Porsch, Faye Miller and Lora Zwicke made Sparkling Square mobiles that are hanging in the Angel Lane Dining room. Fair Days are rapidly approaching and more and more are joining the class to have some treasure to enter in the fair.

Hillbilly Horseshoes was a hit earlier in the day. We played in Town Square because of the weather. Olive Arnold, Amy Rehm, Leone Porsch, Opal Bryan, Faye Miller, Evelyn Olson, John Ready and Shirley Hayward played while Lora Zwicke, Nadine Anderson and Paul Meisner watched. Evelyn Olson was our first place winner with a score of 135.

In the Butterfly Garden, the rain made for a good time. Alice Bobbitt, Emma Sanford, Dorothy Hunt, Jeanette Conway, Nadine Anderson and Elsie Macy were each given an open umbrella while they listened to thunderstorms on CD. We matched various pairs of goulashes, sang rainy day songs and held slimy wet worms. There were lots of memories shared about the rain... and this made one more!

Lunch Bunch made their first outing for the summer heading up to the talk of the town... Subway.

Earl Brown accompanied seven ladies for an enjoyable time at the new eating establishment. This is just the first of many trips planned. Watch for the Good Sam van out and about and be sure to give us a hearty wave as we drive by.

Amy Rehm and Shirley Hayward were our June birthday honorees. St. John's Women hosted a party in their honor on Saturday afternoon. We are so grateful for all who come on these special occasions... we look forward to seeing friends from the community.

Our Father's Day Family Potluck was a success too. We served hamburgers and hot dogs to about 80 people Saturday night. Everyone brought a covered dish to share so there was plenty to go around. Darrell Stern was our entertainment host. He brought his Karaoke machine and several got up to sing. The courageous singers were Amy Rehm and Lora Zwicke, Marilyn Horn, Eunice Martin and Edla Olson, Dorothy Pryor and John Paulson, Bob Mooty and Darrell Stern. Our thanks to the kitchen staff, as well as the Certified Nurse's Assistants for doing an awesome job and making the evening run so smoothly.

Visitors this week were Mert McEvoy and Ralph Crimm, Atwood, who came to see **Lucy Schissler**. Reva Marshall and Dixie and Ron Snyder, Colby, visited their mother, **Dorothy Hunt**. Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh were guests of **Opal Bryan**. **John Ready**, was happy to see Gail and Kay Marcuson. Charles and Donna Lincoln and Nikki Lincoln, Lawrence, were the guests of **Faye Miller**. **Hubert Mumm** had family in, Alberta Ritter, Eleanor Rogers, Selden, and Dolores Raile, Hoxie. Becky and Edie Tate visited **Lois Carlson**. **Edla Olson** saw her kids, Galen Olson, McKinney, Texas, and Nione Rhodin, Loveland, Colo. **Leo Mooty** also had his kids visit, Pat and Melody Wilshire, Burleson, Texas, Bob and Pat Mooty, Dallas, Texas, and Ralph and Norma Unger. **Amy Rehm** was also blessed with out-of-town children here to help celebrate her birthday. Donavon and Lora Randolph with great-granddaughter Amy Lynn. **Shirley Hayward** was able to see her son Jim Hayward.

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

The city has received dog tags for 2009-2010. They are \$3.50 per dog and are effective Wednesday, July 1.

As in the past, the fee doubles if not purchased by Aug. 1. City Clerk, Jolene Hansen is in the office on Tuesday afternoons.

Cleda Moeder and Buck Harper drove to Shawnee on June 4 to help Cleda's granddaughter, Teyton Moeder, celebrate her ninth birthday. Teyton is the daughter of Tim and Shelly Moeder. Their son Taylor wrestled in Wichita on Saturday, taking first place in Free Style and Greco-Roman events. Cleda and Buck returned home on Monday, June 8.

David Ketchum is again asking for residents to drop off grass clippings, leaves, wood chips and other biodegradable items, broken down to shorter than an inch, at his garden site located on the corner of Center and First Street. Dump them on top of the existing pile behind the snow fence. David asks everyone not to leave trash or other items. For questions, call him at 687-2575.

Red Barn happenings: Monday - Barnswallows, 2 to 5 p.m.; Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m., Ladies Bible Study; Thursday - Come on Down, 2 to 5 p.m.; Fridays - Koffie Klatch, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Until next time, make your week memorable.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

The Brian Hartman family, the Jay Tate family, Edith Tate, and Kristen Bremer were dinner guests and Abbie Bainter and Justin Prater of Hays, and Warren and Jan Bainter were after-dinner guests Thursday evening at the John Bremer home.

Hannah May and Ryan May attended a 4-H leadership camp at Rock Springs Tuesday through Friday.

John and Eunice Andrews and Jennifer, Perry, Ga., were Wednesday afternoon visitors of the John Bremer family.

Dan Nedland and Elizabeth left Friday for a State 4-H Geology field trip at Dodge City/Go County where they collected fossils, minerals, and rocks. Elizabeth was a junior leader and Dan was a senior leader. They returned home Sunday evening.

Ralph and Violet Shaw visited over the Memorial Day weekend with Duane and Marilyn Waldo of Tucson, Ariz., who were in town visiting his step-mother, Myrtle Waldo.

Jennifer Shaw, Emporia, visited her parents, Richard and Anna Shaw, during the week following the Memorial Day weekend.

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