

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO – June 1885

Saturday was the warmest day of the year. W.A. Frasier has taken possession of his new residence.

Three hundred dollars of fireworks have been ordered for the Fourth.

J.B. Hitchcock has platted a 40-acre tract on his farm and termed the same East Oberlin.

Hank Beardsley has left the road and can now be found daily at his drug store on Penn Avenue.

Bassettsville and De La Plaine, two rival towns of southwest Decatur County within a stone's throw of each other, will each celebrate the 4th.

Dr. C.E. Corporan and Miss Edith Allen, two of Oberlin's most esteemed young society people, were united in marriage Tuesday evening.

100 YEARS AGO – June 1910

The H.A. Griffith and I.O. Wear families took an auto trip to the Solomon Sunday.

H.Q. Banta has been elected a trustee at Ottawa University.

Ira Litton left Monday evening to visit his sister, Mrs. W.F. Wicker, at Kansas City and attend a meeting of the Western Veterinary Association.

Marion Johnson and Edna Drescher, both of Cedar Bluffs, were married at McCook, June 15.

We note from the Rexford paper that Art and Sam Claar have purchased a new threshing outfit.

75 YEARS AGO – June 1935

Heavy rains covered all of Decatur County with considerable damage especially east of Oberlin where amounts were estimated to be as much as 10 inches in the area of the Ola Scott and A.E. McChesney farms where buildings and livestock were swept away. Damage to crops can only be estimated at this time and damage to highways and bridges is severe.

With this week's issue, The Oberlin Herald is entering into its 57th year of service to the people of Oberlin and Decatur County.

Big Timber: Myron Skubal was caught by the current at the lake a week ago and bowled around considerably. It was decidedly serious for a time but Myron kept his head and got out.

The local Boy Scout troop has been pretty busy the past few days pulling weeds from the new bluegrass lawn in the parking on Penn Avenue and Tuesday evening they assisted in cleaning the swimming pool.

Raymond Jones is employed at

the J.C. Nitsch implement store now.

Mrs. Albert (nee Ruby Peterson) Marcuson, 33, of Prairie Dog Township, passed away at the Oberlin Hospital after several weeks' courageous fight against cancer. Funeral service will be held at the Lund church. She is also survived by two sons, Glenn and Gail; three daughters, Doris, Donis and Mildred; seven sisters and three brothers.

Jennings: Funeral services will be held at the Jennings Methodist Church for Mrs. W.O. Tice, 74.

Norcatur: Lightning struck the large barn on the Ray Stapp farm three miles northwest of Norcatur and the barn and entire contents were destroyed. The loss was partially covered by insurance but the loss will hit Mr. Stapp pretty hard.

Leoville: Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Diederich are the parents of a baby girl born June 14. Mrs. Diederich is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Schroer of Dresden.

50 YEARS AGO – June 1960

Sidelights on the Jubilee:

Many men of this community seem also naked — from the shoulders up that is. The barbers must have had a rough time on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Houtsma, who made their home in the "soddie" during Jubilee week reported more than 1700 visitors.

The committee members, cast personnel, and hundreds of others who had worked with the Jubilee were getting acquainted with their families again.

It would be impossible to mention by name everyone who contributed to the "Proud Heritage" performance but we are thinking of Scott Brown and Simonsson Bros. who nightly brought their horses and mules and Roy Kahlor who provided the cow for each performance.

Mrs. Alex Francis of Hays has been awarded a Bobbs Memorial fellowship to attend the University of Indiana's writer conference July 5-12.

Funeral services were held this past week for two long-time area residents, Oscar Walinder, who came from Sweden with his family to this area in 1887 and Mrs. Allen (Letha White) Thomas, 72, who had lived in Oberlin since 1918.

Mrs. Leslie Walker left Saturday by train for Chicago and from there by plane for New York City to visit her granddaughter, Wanda Welliver, and to attend her wedding there on July 9.

Norcatur: Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rohne, Norcatur, observed their 50th wedding anniversary June 19 at the city hall. All of their 15

children were present except their son, Bernard, who is stationed in Seoul, Korea.

A candlelight ceremony June 11 at Immanuel Church of Herndon united in marriage Bonnie Gayle Grafel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Grafel, and Randell B. Weber, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Weber of Traer.

25 YEARS AGO – June 1985

Area farmers got in three good, long days of cutting before showers put a halt to any further progress on the 1985 wheat crop. County elevator operators indicate that about half the crop is in the bin and that most farmers seem happy with the yields. Bob Rapp of M-G-M Grain Elevator in Norcatur said that timely spring rains had made it twice as good a crop as he had expected.

At their year-end meeting Monday morning, Board of Education members of USD 294 were forced to take a hard look at the money they will need to ask for from county taxpayers in the coming year in order to make up the projected loss in state aid dollars.

The good news is that the district is ending the year June 20 with an unencumbered balance of \$1,625,000. The bad news is that the district must find a way to absorb the loss in state aid which is likely to be \$102,616 or approximately 4 mills.

Supt. Keith Adams asked the board, including the two new members, Evan Unger and Ward Sauvage, to give him some direction about how many mills they felt could be

requested

An old-fashioned Fourth of July picnic at Oberlin City Park with plenty of food and entertainment will be the Centennial way of celebrating the nation's birthday.

Jennings: Two teachers, Archie and Blanche Harman, were among more than 300 teachers who were honored recently by the University of Kansas for their long-term teaching service. Archie has completed 35 years and his wife 31.

Those from Faith Lutheran Church who enjoyed a confirmation retreat over the weekend at Hugh Butler Lake were Mark Bricker, Theresa Brown, Randy Chambers, Ed Frickey, Michael Hansen, Jared Martinson, Kenda Unger and Seth Lohoefer. Accompanying the young people were Karol Unger, Bea Hansen, Renae Slatt and the Rev. Jon Mapa.

Among those attending the International Lions Convention in Dallas last week were Mr. and Mrs. Murry Pavlicek and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Schuetz and family, all of Oberlin; Mr. and Mrs. Norman Bainter, Jennings, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Glad and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Beamgard, Atwood.

Among the dignitaries who spoke were Henry Kissinger and President Ronald Reagan.

The Oberlin swim team placed third in the meet held in Oberlin Saturday. This was their best finish in three years according to swim team coach Steve Beaumont.

Museum Matters

By Sharleen Wurm

You have been reading about all the wonderful activities being planned for the Fourth of July in Oberlin. We urge you to take part in as many of them as possible. A lot of people have been working hard on this project and many groups and organizations are involved in helping.

The museum is sponsoring one of the later ones of the day, just before the beautiful fireworks display. Our event is a Historical Scavenger Hunt or "Where in Oberlin WAS???" The rules are easy: 1. Each team will be given a sheet with locations of "Where in Oberlin WAS? Go to that location and tell the person on site what was located there. 2. Collect a token from them and continue with your hunt. 3. The first team to hand in their sheet and correct tokens to me on or before 9 p.m. will be winner of \$100.

You will need to team up with a family member or friend with knowledge of where businesses were located in Oberlin in the 1950s 1960s and 1970s. With them, as team leader get a group of two, three or four members together to have fun and enjoy Oberlin History. Those in one car will be a team.

The Historical Scavenger Hunt will start at the Museum at 7:30 p.m. The team that arrives back first with the correct items will win \$100 and the second team \$25. The Museum Board and Staff will provide snacks after the hunt for all team members. Our parlor will be open and cool until 9:30 p.m. for people to sit and visit while waiting for the fireworks.

We are in need of a few more volunteers to help with the hunt! Call us if you would be willing to assist.

Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

There goes the month of June!! Our hottest months are coming up. Are you ready?

Remember to attend all the events going on for the Fourth of July. A listing of them is on flyers that have been posted around town by the Decatur Area Ministerial Association. There is also one on the window by the Chamber door.

Along with the July 4 events will be the annual Fireworks display which is sponsored by the Oberlin Business Alliance each year at dusk.

There is still a need for funds to help support on this display. Donation jars are at all four financial institutions, Stanley Hardware, LandMark Inn, Raye's Grocery, and Ward Drug. Anyone may also contact Rusty Addleman or the Chamber office to leave a donation. This has been a tradition for many years, and is enjoyed by many Oberlin residents. Please help this event by each of us doing our part. I think individuals should do their part.

The vendors were a bit short last week for the Farmers Market, but some good stuff was there, including jams and jellies, and home baked goodies. If you have any good things to sell, please come join the others in front of the Chamber office or the Gazebo across the corner in Centennial Park on Wednesday mornings starting at 8 a.m.

I had the privilege of attending a meeting last week in Dodge City concerning the making of the Chisholm and Great Western cattle trails as National Historic Trails. Three people from the National Park Service; National Trails Intermountain Region in Santa Fe, N.M., are in charge of doing a feasibility study along the trails to make a report back to the Congressional Committee. The feasibility study will consider several important questions with

input from the general public.

To qualify for designation as a national historic trail; a trail must meet all three of the following criteria, which are taken from the National Trails System Act. of 1968:

1—It must be a trail or route established by historic use and must be historically significant as a result of that use. The route need not currently exist as a discernible trail to qualify, but its location must be sufficiently known to permit evaluation of public recreation and historical interest potential.

2—It must be nationally significant. To qualify as nationally significant, historic use of the trail must have had a far reaching effect on broad patterns of American culture. Trails significant in the history of Native Americans may be included.

3—It must have significant potential for public recreational use or historical interest based on historic interpretation and appreciation.

The feasibility study will make a recommendation on national significance that will be sent to the National Park System Advisory Board.

The process will take up to the Spring of 2012 to get approved. To learn more about this planning project, go to <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/ntir> The deadline for comments is July 5, 2010. The committee will be through our area probably late fall and winter to gather information.

My business of the week is Beauty Boutique which is located at 102 S. Elk. A three-generation family has operated Beauty Boutique since 1976. The owner is Marie McKisson, manager-stylist is daughter Jan Walters, and color specialist and stylist is granddaughter Timmarie Sporn. Beauty Boutique is a full-

service salon offering appointments Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Later appointments are available upon request. Stop

in and see the ladies at Beauty Boutique for all your hair styling needs.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Sympathy is extended to the family of Max (Bud) Greve who was tragically killed at age 21 at a Russell grain elevator last week. Bud was a roommate of Jesse Niemeth and Wesley Martin of Hays. The funeral was held at the Eaton baseball field in Wakefield, Neb., on Monday.

The fourth annual Herndon PRIDE Fourth of July community picnic will be held at the Herndon City Park on Sunday, beginning with a potluck supper at 7 p.m., followed by games for kids all ages. Fireworks will follow at 10 p.m. Those attending are asked to bring a main dish and a side dish for the supper. Iced tea, table service and watermelon will be furnished.

Bob and Julie Hafner and Keleigh Hafner, Scottsbluff, Neb., visited Edie Pettera, Joan Noble, Hattie Toth and Shirley Williams Sunday afternoon at Cedar Living Center. Caitie and Allie Foxhoven, Parker, Colo., and Keleigh are visiting Grandma and Grandpa this week.

St. Mary's Parishioners bid a fond farewell to Father Stephen Folorunso after Sunday morning Mass. Folks meeting Father were dealt an 'Ace' with his warm heart and caring ways. Father is 'King' at cooking mystery meat and friends know he can be a 'joker' so a 'card party' atmosphere seemed appropriate. Altar society and helpers served finger foods, sandwiches, cheese,

crackers, and other snacks. Everyone visited before saying goodbye and wishing him many blessings in his next endeavor. We will miss you, Father Stephen!

Guests of Sharon Ecker for the Herndon Ox-Roast were Troy and Brandi Ecker and Bart Ecker, Hays, Dan, Tina, Keegan and Eryn Ecker of Colorado Springs. Dan is the son of Lyle Ecker. All had a fun time.

Time to lighten up your evenings. Fireworks stand is now open on main in Herndon. Approximate hours are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

George Randy Sattler, and Dan and Karen Sattler, Winston, Bennett and Casey, and Marlene Cook were guests of Jan and Jayme Sattler over the Ox Roast celebration weekend.

Other relatives they enjoyed seeing were Tom and Marjorie McClaren, Jeanie Jobs, Tom and Susie Cook, Chandler and Cassidy, Bob and Lisa Cook, Lawson and Mathew, Deanna Cook, Harvey and Bernadine Pfannenstiel and Rob Sattler.



Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

Summer has arrived! With it comes our STAR'S Father's Day celebration! John Juenemann came to serenade our "Caps" Parade. Brownie sundaes were served up all around along with smiles and toe-tappin' fun.

We loaded up 10 residents for our first Lunch Bunch outing. We headed south a couple of blocks to our destination – the Golden Age Center! Last year's Rock-a-Thon proceeds were donated to the center, but we had not visited since the building was completed. Walter and Betty May, Faye Miller, Amy Rehm, Shirley Hayward, Goldie Stapp, Opal Bryan, Leone Porsch, Evelyn Olson and Alice Bobbitt were warmly welcomed by Helen Gee and Dorothy Moore. What an awesome resource for our community! If you have not stopped in yet, I wholeheartedly encourage you to do so.

Hillbilly Horseshoes is in full swing. Everyone enjoys the sunny front porch activity. This week Faye Miller was our first place winner, followed by Elden Long in second place and Leone Porsch in third. Also playing were Opal Bryan, Amy Rehm, Doris Marintzer and Goldie Stapp. Don Anderson made and introduced this game to us and it has become a tradition. If you follow the Good Sam News you will notice that all the residents can participate even if they have health challenges. So again, we want to thank Don for this gift.

Two more stories have been added to our collection since the last writing. "A Man Riding on a Duck" and "Railroad Tracks." This takes place during our new weekly Story Telling Time and will be featured in our fair booth in August. The authors of the stories are Elden Long, Olive Arnold, Dorothy Hunt, Myrtle Waldo, Amy Rehm, Leone Porsch, Shirley Hayward, Alice Bobbitt, Evelyn Olson, Opal Bryan, Myrtle Ross, Violet Schissler, Leona Helmkamp, Cheryl Hill, Walter and Betty May and Earl Brown.

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League hosted our monthly birthday party, honoring Barb Beisner, Cheryl Hill, Shirley Hayward and Amy Rehm! Thank you la-

dies! The Herndon Covenant Church congregation came for Father's Day services. What a joy and a blessing to worship with "church family." The children did some special music which delighted the crowd. Thank you, Herndon Church, for reaching out to our community!

Our Fourth of July Parade is next Sunday!! Plan to watch or be in the parade. Decorate your stroller, bike, trike, walker or wheelchair and join the fun! Staging will be in the parking lot behind Good Sam at 6 p.m. and the parade will be at 6:30 p.m.

Homemade ice cream will be served on the front lawn after the parade. Come join us!

Recent visitors were Penn Fringer, Reva Marshall and Dixie and Ron Snyder (Colby) visited **Dorothy Hunt**. Ann Hazlitt (Selden) for **Leone Porsch**. Gerald and Connie Olson and Janice Baer (Topeka) for **Evelyn Olson**. Rhonda Wildeman (Jennings) and Dale and Francy Miller for **Faye Miller**. Pat and Clem Mumm (Colby), Kenny Mumm (Selden), Eleanor Rogers (Selden) and Bud and Vicki Mumm (Gem) for **Hubert Mumm, Doris Marintzer** and **Frances Janousek**. Marilyn Horn for **Myrtle Ross**. Dave and Dan Schissler visited **Violet Schissler**. Edie Tate and Gladys Geis for **Lois Carlson**. Eunice Martin for **Glenn Martin**. Marilou Long for **Elden Long**. Sharon Slabaugh and Erin May for **Amy Rehm**. Jeff Hayward for **Shirley Hayward**. Nila Wesch had Jim and Pam Wesch. Elsie Wolters spent time with **Dorothy Pryor**. Mert McEvoy for **Lucy Schissler**. Max Carman for **Myrtle Waldo**. Audrey and Murry Pavlicek visit daily with **Mary Lemman**. Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh and Brian and Pam Simonsson for **Opal Bryan**. Betty Heisel for **Ethel Nemeth**. Susan and Erin May for **Walter and Betty May**. Elden and Donna Anderson and Dick and Dettie Kelley for **Eva Bryan**. Melissa Chambers for **Barb Beisner**. Ralph and Norma Unger for **Leo Mooty, Earl Brown** and **Walt and Betty May**. Pete and Eileen Portschy for **Pooch Portschy**.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

We started off the first day of summer with an afternoon of games and treats on Monday. Though many of the residents do not get out much, summer time still means lots of travelers stopping in for a visit, ice cream parties and indoor picnics, preparing for the county fair, enjoying treats from the garden, and sitting outside to soak up the sun. Visitors are always a welcome addition to our summer schedule.

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

Darlene Fisher won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Mary Votapka won the blackout game.

Ardith Wayne and Lillie Corpier both celebrated birthdays on Wednesday, June 23.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

The dietary department teamed up with the activity department to serve a special pizza lunch on Thursday. Residents feasted on assorted salads and several pizza choices. This meal was selected by the Residents' Council at their last meeting.

Residents tried their luck at rolling the dice on Thursday afternoon. Players included Dale Butler, Darlene Fisher, Irene Fringer, Elsie Goodnight, Marian Miller, Edna Mott, Joan Noble, Agnes Pruitt,

Aleen Van Vleet and Mary Votapka.

Several residents met for games on Thursday evening.

The baking group made chocolate chip cookies on Friday afternoon. The cookies disappeared quickly. Several residents took time out from baking to play a game of pinocle.

The Herndon Covenant Church met for their Sunday service in the Cedar Living Center dining room on Sunday morning. Residents joined in the service which included scripture, prayer, music and a sermon. Pastor Keith Ruether and the congregation will return for services at Cedar Living Center on Aug. 22.

Recent visitors: Shirley Williams, Jan Sattler, Betty Jean Wicke, Wilda Walker, Atwood; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Linda Bosler, Kyle, Cindi, Ben, and Rachel Grafel, Herndon; Gregg Sayer, Cambridge, Neb.; Rick and Sharon Gamblin, Columbus, Neb.; Elle and Will Walker, Lincoln, Neb.; Keleigh Hafner, Scottsbluff, Neb.; Mike Miller, Denton, Texas; John and Eunice Andrews, Perry, Ga.

Connie Olson, Marilyn Gamblin, Connie Miller, Marian Dempewolf, Ila Ray, Lyle Gamblin, Max and Veanna Carman, Esther Noren, Orrin, Beth, Henry, Eli, and Maggie Holle, Mary McEvoy, Oberlin.

Photo show set at Logan

"Fragile Nature, Photographs by Joe Sartore," will be on display at the Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum through Sunday, Aug. 8.

In his new photo show, Mr. Sartore takes the viewer on assignment with the world's greatest magazine, *National Geographic*, into the natural world across much of North and South America, from jaguars and macaws to gray wolves and grizzly bears.

For the past 16 years with the magazine, his work has focused primarily on endangered species

and preservation of their habitat. In 2001, he spent months traversing the shrinking habitat of the North American grizzly bear, beginning high in the Canadian Rockies, extending south through narrow lineage zones to Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming. "Grizzly" was selected as the July 2001 *National Geographic* cover.

Museum hours are 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday and holidays. Admission is free.

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