

## THE OBERLIN HERALD

## Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**125 YEARS AGO — June 1886**  
Ludell is talking of street cars.  
Mrs. M. Green has been reappointed postmistress at Jennings.  
Geo. Langmade has received this appointment as postmaster at Sheffield.

A frame awning with iron pillar support has been erected in front of the brick block.

The Eye is at home in its new office corner of Commercial Street and Rodehaver Avenue.

At the recent election in Cheyenne County Wano got there on the permanent county seat question by 327 majority. The entire Wano ticket for county officers was also elected.

Rev. D.O. Banta on the evening of the 19th inst. was the recipient of a donation party and received \$70.00.

The bachelors of Oberlin held a picnic in the Hollister grove on the banks of the Sappa Sunday. They had plenty to eat and swim in. An immense time was reported.

**100 YEARS AGO — June 1911**

The annual Alumni meeting was held at the high school building Friday evening. Out of a membership of 242 (exclusive of the 1911 class) only 20 attended; seven of them from the 1910 class. H.Q. Banta was toastmaster.

A recent letter from J. E. Kulp says he is out of the hospital and will soon be home.

Dick Stevenson left Saturday evening for the mountains of Colorado.

Mrs. H.Q. Banta, the twins and Miss Grace left Wednesday evening for Ottawa for a few weeks visit.

Raymond Wolfe, Eugene O'Grady and Harvey Street left Saturday for Colorado where they will try to find employment during the summer.

Mrs. Joseph Bivans left Tuesday evening to join her husband in the State of Utah.

Dan Roach was appointed city marshal Tuesday night in place of

John Stastney who has accepted a position in Denver.

The best rain that this country has had in five years — 1.66 inches — fell Sunday and Sunday night. However, it came too late for much of the wheat.

**75 YEARS AGO — June 1936**

According to the assessor's reports in the office of the Decatur County clerk, our county followed the trend of most northwest Kansas counties in the loss of population. The county population in 1935 was 8567 while in 1936 it numbered 8411. Population of towns was: Dresden, 204; Norcat, 496; Jennings, 310 and Oberlin, 1880.

Married 50 Years: On June 8, 1886, Mr. and Mrs. M.G. Reist of Custer Township were married in Lancaster, Penn. In March 1894 they moved to a farm in Cook Township and have been highly respected citizens ever since.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Adleman went to Emporia last week where they attended the alumni banquet at the College of Emporia. This was an especially interesting time as it marked the 10th anniversary of his graduation. Mr. and Mrs. D.G. Adleman, the grandparents, assisted by Mrs. Harmon, took care of Alan Dale and Ruth Ann.

Leoville: Mr. John Kleinsorge had the misfortune to break his arm while cranking his tractor last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Musgrave are the parents of a daughter, Darleen Faye, born May 27 and weighing 11 pounds.

Miss Ilonka Lippelmann went to Topeka last week to attend commencement week activities at Washburn College.

A new pair of twins have come to this county. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wade who live near Traer are the parents of twin girls, Janet LaVonne, 7 pounds, and Jeanine LaV

ay, 6 pounds, born the first of last week.

Jennings: Anthony Tacha died at

his home Tuesday morning. He was a pioneer of this county and leaves a wife and a family of grown children and four brothers.

**50 YEARS AGO — June 1961**

More than 150 youngsters are enrolled in the summer ball program. The Oberlin Lions Club sponsors the program and supervisors are Jack O'Toole, Joe Corcoran and Lewis Shields.

Funeral services were held May 31 at York, Neb., for Tom Counter, 68, who died after being kicked by a horse. Graveside services were held later that day at Oberlin Cemetery. Area survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Norman Bainter, Jennings; a brother, Fred J., and a sister, Mrs. Lowell Ayers, both of Oberlin.

Construction of the new kindergarten building on the grounds of Oberlin Consolidated School is expected to start next week with the contract going to Boethin Construction Co., of Stockton with a bid of \$55,000. Guinn Heating & Plumbing was awarded the heating and plumbing contract with the electrical contract going to Shelton Electric of Stockton.

Evening worship services will be conducted at Sappa State Park near the shelter house at 7:30 p.m. each Sunday evening until Sept. 3 sponsored by the county Ministerial Association. Informal dress is acceptable and those attending are asked to bring chairs or blankets for seating.

Patricia Nelson, who is employed as a secretary with the Naval Department in Washington, D.C., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Art Nelson.

Dresden: Mrs. Anna Deupree who has been living in Ponca City, Okla., has sold her residence to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Jacobs. Gerald will be the manager of the new elevator now under construction.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ward Sr., announce the engagement of their daughter, Marcia Kay, to Jerry L. Lohofener, son of Mr. and Mrs.

Harold O. Lohofener. An August wedding is planned.

Jennings; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Taylor moved this week to their new home in Cimarron.

**25 YEARS AGO — June 1986**

Memorial Day programs were held at cemeteries across the county despite intermittent showers. Speaker at the American Legion-sponsored program held at Oberlin Cemetery was the Rev. Dale Clare, Scott City, former pastor of Oberlin and Prairie Chapel United Methodist churches.

Decatur County Sheriff Ken Badsy was the speaker at Oberlin Rotary on Tuesday and expressed his concern about the level of drug and alcohol abuse in this county.

A community Bible School sponsored by all churches in the Ministerial Alliance entitled "Market Place 29 A.D." is being held at Sappa Park with nearly 140 students enrolled.

New Arrival: Debra and Gavin Stanley, Oberlin, daughter, Megan Leigh.

DeDe Parker, junior at Fort Hays State University, plans to travel with five other volleyball team members to play in competition in Tahiti this summer. Parker is a 1983 graduate of DCHS and is the daughter of Daryl and Dora Parker.

Winners in the 4-man golf tournament held Friday and Saturday at the Oberlin Country Club were Steve Aten, Richard Ahlberg, Kevin Brown and John Windschffel. According to Kurt Vollertsen, tournament director, 21 teams were entered.

"Kanona Day" will be held on Sunday at the Gary Dean Orr farmstead located one mile west of the Decatur Co-op elevator. Those who attend will have the opportunity to share and reminisce about "the good old days" when Kanona was a bustling community in the area.

## Good Samaritan Center

By Lisa Paulson

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. II Timothy 4:6-8.

This was the Scripture used in the Memorial Day Devotion to honor the faithful men and women who have served or are now serving in the armed forces to protect our great nation. Patriotic music serenaded the 140 flags proudly lining the front walkway to publicly declare our love and appreciation for their service. Phil Erickson was on hand to oversee and re-tape any name placards the wind tried to carry off. This display has become an annual tradition at Good Sam and as you will see below many visitors come by to read each name and remember loved ones.

Club happenings this week included the "Humm Bees" gathering to enjoy a musical experience with Anita. Cheryl Hill, Dorothy Hunt, Edla Olson, Myrtle Ross and Ben Jorns, hummed, sang, tapped or swade their way through this activity.

The "Stage Hams" performed a Radio Mystery Theater skit entitled "The Case of the Missing Mail" to a full house of both staff and Residents. Actors were Betty

May, Mary Waldo, Leone Porsch and Loren Schrock.

The "Praying Mantis Club" got together to discuss "Fishing." John Paulson brought his fishing gear and tackle box complete with worms, to whet their appetite for a fish fry later this summer. Ben Jorns, Glenn Martin, Earl Brown, Evelyn Olson and Opal Bryan participated.

The favorite game of Flower Toss was played by the ladies! They scored high points: Betty May (530) Alice Bobbitt (455), Edla Olson (435), Amy Rehm (370) Mary Waldo (345), Leone Porsch (280), Myrtle Ross (270), Opal Bryan (220), and Dorothy Hunt (200). What makes this a favorite is everyone can play and encourage one another with some pretty clever cheers!

Bessie's prayer meeting meets on Thursday evenings. Our resident Prayer Warriors are Bessie Peterson, Amy Rehm, Mary Waldo, Lucy Schissler and Phil Erickson. Other highlights of the week were Jennifer Tally and Jeanette Diedrich leading Songs of Worship for us on Wednesday and a box full of baby chicks brought in by Sara

Weyeneth for everyone to cuddle!

June dates for your calendars are June 3: our Family Potluck at 6:30. June 9: Loren Schrock's 98th Birthday Dance with Michael Milbauer performing live with Loren at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited! June 11: our very own Garage Sale all day in the Garden of Hope side yard!

Visitors this week were plenty, what a blessing: Edie Tate for **Lois Carlson**. Eunice Martin for **Glenn Martin**. Carolyn Strevey and Von Johnson for **Crystal Moore**. Marilyn Horn and Tom and Kay Franke (Council Grove) and Helen (Hill City) for **Myrtle Ross**. Loyd Waldo, Rose Marie West (Denver) and Jana Rae Oliver (Raleigh, NC) for **Mary Waldo**. Dave Meyer and "Sable" for **Charlene Meyer**. Connie Simonsson, Becky Hunziker (Breckenridge, Colo.) for **Amy Rehm and "Ollie"**. Elden and Detta Anderson for **Eva Bryan**. Lois Tressler (Arvada, Colo.), Liz Kerr-Quintana (Denver) and Max Carman for **Myrtle Waldo**. Steve and Arian Arnold (Herndon) Galen and Lynn Olson and Mike and Nione Rhodes (Loveland, Colo.) for **Edla Olson**. Jeanne Britton

(Thornton, Colo.) for **Opal Bryan**. Frank and Mert McEvoy for **Lucy Schissler**. Jim and Reva Marshall, Mildred Black, Leanna Bryan, Penny Fringer and Ron and Dixie Snyder (Colby) for **Dorothy Hunt**. Murry and Audrey Pavlicek and Donnie Lemman (Hays) for **Mary Lemman**. Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem) for **Doris Marintzer**. Jerry Hill, Lori, Kaylee Irtenkauf, Brett and Erin Fredrickson (Thornton, Colo.) and Sandra Craig (Colorado) for **Cheryl Hill**. Gerald Olson for **Evelyn Olson**. Ralph and Norma Unger for **Lucy Schissler, Earl Brown and Walt and Betty May**. Steve and Rex McGowne (Houston, Texas) and Donna Fisher Reist (Olathe) for **Alice Bobbitt**. Chris Dean for **Don Gilbert**. Kenny and Pam Hess (McDonald) for **Laddie and Vera Kacirek**. Eunice Richards for **Earl Brown and Lucy Schissler**. Bernice Sevier (Denver) and Linda Schwab (Hays) for **Earl Brown**. Rosa Lee Jones (Hoxie), Helen Brooks, Vicki Heisel (Fort Morgan, Colo.) Sharon Black and Betty Heisel for **Ethel Nemeth**. Walden and Ruth Peterson (Lindsborg) for **Eulaine Benda**.

## Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Tom and Kay Franke, Council Grove, and Dean, Carrie and Heidi Franke, Jefferson City, Mo., were visitors at the Bonnie Franke home this weekend. All attended the alumni get-together Saturday night. They also helped Bonnie get ready for the David Franke Estate auction to be held Saturday, June 4 in Atwood. Other helpers were Leon Portschy and David Sattler.

Nanette Philbrick of Casper, Wyo., spent the past week with Don and Joan Grafel. They were dinner guests of Steve and Susan Nelson in Oberlin on Sunday. Other guests were Todd Nelson, Colby; and Makenzie Nelson and Matt Buesch, Wichita.

Les and Myrna Pettera, Loveland, Colo., spent time visiting Edie Pettera in Oberlin and relatives in Herndon last week. Myrna visited her Aunt Esther Friday afternoon.

Neil Portschy and Donovan Schroeder were among the kids from St. Mary's and Sacred Heart parishes that attended Junior CYO camp at Rock Springs Ranch near Junction City over the weekend. They had a great time canoeing, swimming and enjoying the various activities. They returned home on Tuesday.

The Marintzer reunion was held on Sunday, May 29, at the Herndon City Park. Greg and Rita Marintzer and families hosted the event. Around 130 Marintzers attended. The day started with a meal of BBQ pork and beef sandwiches along with many, many salads and desserts. The afternoon was spent reminiscing, singing and playing games.

Don and Kent Grafel spent Friday and Saturday in Council Grove with Keith and Roma Grafel. They were in Manhattan to watch Saeger

Grafel play baseball with the Council Grove High school team in the 3A State Baseball Tournaments.

Bob and Julie Hafner attended the VFW Memorial Day Services on Monday afternoon. Later, they were pleasantly surprised to receive the "Yard of the Month" Pride award for May.

Theresa Rippe and Wyatt met relatives in Hays on Saturday for a mini reunion. They enjoyed a meal at Professors Steakhouse and then a fun time at the park. Those there were Deb Rippe from Texas, her son Ryland from Arizona, daughters Cristol and son Barrett from Ohio, and Holly from Denver. Also joining the group were Brenda Schilde and Addison from Minneola, and Rodney Rippe and Katelyn Clark from Hays. On Sunday, Tim Rippe and Wyatt accompanied Rodney and Katelyn to Manhattan where they attended the wedding of

their friend, Bethany Holste.

Jerry Bennett, Christian Music Singer from Nashville, Tenn., will be performing at 7 p.m. at The Gateway in Oberlin on Sunday, June 19. Admission is free. A free will offering will be taken. The public is invited. He has written and recorded several songs that have made it on the top 40 charts. Last year, Jerry was the recipient of the 2010 Peoples' Choice Award in the Rio Grand Valley in Texas.

Jeff, Leslie, Payton and Reagan Beims came to Herndon Friday evening as guests of Jennifer and Justin Davis. Saturday evening they smoked ribs and held a BBQ, games of horseshoe and a bonfire to make S'mores. Sunday, Ron and Peach Beims hosted a family gathering with family and Scott Beims, Mitch, Courtney, Braden and Berkly Beims and Bobi and Juan Robles.

## Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Marcus McKenna received his Bachelor's Degree at the commencement at Fort Hays State University on Saturday, May 14. Family and friends who attended the graduation, and the barbecue lunch that followed, included Norma and Dave Ward of Clayton, Pat, Shelley and Chris McKenna, Mike and Joan McKenna, and Ken and Julie Carter of Jennings, Sarah McKenna of Topeka, Amy and Doug Osborn of Overland Park, Brett and Tracy McKenna of Clafflin, Lori, Terry, and Kelly Wycoff of Scott City, and Brian Ring and Kelsey Hladek of Hays.

Many families gathered for Memorial weekend services and for the Alumni banquets. On Monday, the weather was very hot and windy.

The Community dinner Sunday at the Sunflower Senior Center was attended by approximately 70 people. Four tables were overflowing with carry-in dishes of every kind of food you could think of. Everyone enjoyed visiting and

eating.  
Visitors at the Tom Votapka home Memorial weekend were: Rex and Ann Rowh, Cimarron; Jean Lee and Rollie Halligan, Goodland; Ethel Taylor, Hays; Mary Votapka, Cedar Living Center, Oberlin; Jason Rowh, Drake and Brecken and Sue Long, Sunday visitors were Lief and Eva Rasmusson and daughter Sofia of Ystad, Sweden, cousins on the Johnson side of the family.

William and Tommy Kump recently moved from Jennings to WaKeeney.

"The Children" will be singing at the Sunflower Senior potluck supper on Tuesday, June 14. The group's director is Diane Carter. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the evening with us.

Memorial weekend guests of Kay and Doyle Brown were: Dorothy Stealy and Greg Stealy, Denver; Bill and Janiece Dowell, Colby; Steve and Jenny Dowell, Ella and Liam, Wichita; and Smokey and Pat Robertson, Alamogordo, N.M.

## Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Worship services will begin at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Herndon Covenant Church. There will be no Sunday School during the summer months.

Recent visitors in the home of John and Ardythe Cederberg have included Jim and Judy Cederberg of Northfield, Minn.; Marge and Chuck Lindgren of Hendricks, Minn., and Cheryl Lindgren of Gaylord, Minn. They all were en route to visit family in Colorado and to attend the wedding of Rachel Cederberg and David Southern in Manitou Springs, Colo. on May 21. John and Ardythe, as well as Cindy Sattler, joined them all at the wedding.

Other recent visitors in the Cederberg home have been Jim, Renae, Christa and Jamie Wolf of Pierre, S.D., as well as Denise and Larry Pettera of North Platte. Friday night, John and Ardythe helped Denise Pettera celebrate her

birthday along with her family in North Platte.

Mike and Nione Rhodin of Loveland, Colo., were weekend guests of Steve and Arian Arnold.

Kirk Kelley of Davenport, Iowa, Bill and Betty Kelley of Junction City, and Bob Kelley of McPherson were weekend guests of Dick and Donna Kelley.

Memorial weekend guests of Esther Noren were Ken and Alice Robson of Ellsworth.

Walden and Ruth Peterson of McPherson visited relatives over the weekend.

Leanne Pike of Ashland visited her mother, Eulaine Benda, and other relatives over the weekend and attended the alumni banquet in Oberlin.

Jeani Hengst of Mechanicsburg, Pa., is visiting her mother, Mildred Holmdahl, and sister, Janeil and Mike Jensen. She also came for the alumni banquet in Oberlin.

## Norcatour News

By the Norcatour News Committee

Senior citizens met on May 20, at the Educational Building with 14 present. Winners were Rea Magers, Kathy Van Meter and Jackie Porter, tied for second, and Eleanor Jensen. The next meeting will be at 1 p.m. Friday.

Chance Harman came through Oberlin recently, en route from Texas to Canada to work.

Bob and Anita Montgomery went to Bartley, Neb., on May 10 to attend the school program for their great-grandson, Keegan Shuler. They also helped their great-grandson Karson Shuler, celebrate his third birthday in Bartley on May 16. Bob is recuperating well from recent cataract surgery.

Von Johnson won first; Fred Molzahn, second, and Stan Miller, third at the pool tournament at the Cardinal Bar and Grill on May

18.  
Birthdays include: Jodi Lyon and Chance Harman, May 27; LaVerne Milner, May 29; Jamie Wentz, May 30.

Guests at the Stan Miller farm from May 19 through May 21 were Peggy Mast and Jerold Rule, Emporia, and Amy Siple, Wichita. All were supper guests of Lila Rule at Whispering Pines in Norton on May 20.

A memorial service was held at the Clayton Cemetery on Saturday afternoon for Phyllis Leichter.

Parents of children who are interested in attending a summer reading program at the Norcatour Library are asked to contact Deb. at (785) 693-4461.

Library hours are from 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday at the City Building.

## Lyle News

By Veda Wood

On May 14, Kathy Van Meter and Lloyd Frandsen went to the graduation exercises of Drew White, son of Grant and Rhonda White of Colby, with a reception at "City Limits." On May 22, she attended a baby shower for Marty Houtelling. Other guests were Jim Hillburn of Hoxie, Vivian Redfern of Sublette and Jamie Engelman of Atwood.

On Sunday, they came to the Memorial services at the Norcatour Cemetery, then visited at the Educational Building with Donna, David, Dennis and Jamie Knutson of Omaha, Neb., and Council Bluffs, Iowa. Kathy and Lloyd went to Cambridge, Neb., to the Alumni banquet where Lloyd celebrated his 65th year with some of his classmates. Kathy went to the Hill City, WaKeeney and Quinter cemeteries, then visited her son, Kim and Jolene at the Q-Inn, and visited Jolene's mother, Martina Zimmerman at the Assisted Living in Quinter.

June Jolly went to the cemetery at Norcatour on Sunday, and had dinner with Butch and Barbara Jolly on Monday. They had planned to eat at the park in Lebanon, Neb., but due to the terrible wind, they moved to the house.

The Memorial Service at the Lyle Cemetery was wonderful. We had no wind, so we could hear everything, and the Helm family did a good program. Aaron Helm gave the address, as he did at Norcatour and the next day at Lebanon. We appreciate the American Legion and VFW for their part in the services, also. The Lyle Community Building was full to overflowing with diners afterward, which is how we like it.

Speaking of overflowing, the VFW Hall at Lebanon was filled to capacity on Monday after the ceremony at the cemetery. So much good food and good friends. You can't beat that.

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