

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**125 YEARS AGO — June 1886**

J.R. VanCleave of Bassettsville has been appointed county surveyor, but it is not certain as yet whether he will accept the position as he has notions of moving to Oregon.

Corn is growing at the rate of two inches a day, and some of it is over three feet high.

The Atwood Democrat reports that George Hand came very near throwing in his last line of type last week — got the laudandum bottle instead of the other — and took too big a dose. He was enabled to recover by applying the necessary remedies in time.

**100 YEARS AGO — June 1911**

The editor of the Topeka Capital has announced his candidacy for the governorship of Kansas.

The garage on the corner of Penn Avenue and Hall Street has been converted into a storage place for the hose carts and hook and ladder company's goods.

E. Vernon shipped another car of horses to Pennsylvania.

M.E. Mix has 220 head of cattle and 400 hogs in his feed yard at present. He is feeding about 125 bushels of shelled corn per day along with a lot of alfalfa hay.

A group of girls from the junior class at the high school are camping out in the timber on the Sappa in the western part of the county: Bertha Steele, Faye Dean, Angie McMullen, Helen Scott, Sylvia Vernon and Rena Palmatier. Miss Pearl Love and Miss Lois Street are the chaperones.

Norcatour Items: Hughes Brothers have moved their restaurant to the Wickham building on the west side of the street.

Henry Lippelmann is visiting with friends in Kansas City.

Jennings Items:

C.D. Boullis is expected home from the hospital this week.

The steam shovel has been doing a rushing business on the Rock Island the past week.

**75 YEARS AGO — June 1936**

The state of Kansas held the spotlight of the nation last week as Kansas Governor Alfred M. Landon

was nominated at the Republican National Convention in Chicago to be the party's candidate for president of the United States.

Two Oberlin students, Harold Dyer and R. Harold Love, received degrees at the 64th annual commencement of the University of Kansas. Gov. Alf Landon continued the practice of previous administrations by attending and speaking briefly. Principal speaker was Chancellor E.H. Lindley. Mr. Dyer will continue his study of medicine while Mr. Love, who graduated in business, has been offered a position with a finance company in Kansas City.

Funeral services were held in Dresden for Jess Harold, age 54, whose body was found Sunday morning along the railroad tracks just east of Dresden. It is thought that he was struck by the westbound Rock Island passenger train while he was walking home from Dresden. Mr. Harold was the father of eight children who with his wife, the former Jennie Houtsma, survive him.

The opening game on the recently lighted baseball field attracted a large crowd as Oberlin defeated Herndon 8-1 in a pitcher's battle.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Kulp were guests of honor last Sunday at an afternoon reception and evening dinner family dinner honoring the couple on their 50th wedding anniversary. Nearly 200 guests visited the home during the reception. The outstanding feature of the afternoon was the musical program given during the afternoon by their granddaughter, Miss Aileen Schafer, who will be a senior at the University of Denver where she has received her voice training. She also sang one number with Mr. Ted Addleman. Accompanist was Mrs. D.G. Addleman. Piano solos were given by Doreen Nitsch and Lorraine Love.

Kanona: Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Monaghan and daughter AnnaBelle of Denver were Saturday night guests of Mr. and Mrs. B.B. Miller.

**50 YEARS AGO — June 1961**

Decatur County Extension Agent Ed Hinkle told the Herald that with

the exception of localized hail damage, the 1961 wheat crop should be one of our best with an estimated average of nearly 30 bushels.

Lonn Richards, DCHS band instructor, left Saturday for Wichita where he will complete work for a master's degree. In his absence instrumental lessons will be given by the following: Helen Pelkey, flute; Robyn Urban and Pam Banta, clarinet; Doreen Cameron, drum; Connie Cody, baritone, trombone, cornet and Linda Bremer, saxophone.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. John Cederberg, Oberlin, daughter, Cynthia Ann, 6-10-61.

Mr. and Ms. Gilbert Anderson, Oberlin, announce the engagement of their daughter, Phyllis Elaine, Denver, to James D. Klich, Lakewood, Colo. A June wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Robertson were honored on their 45th wedding anniversary with a family dinner at the Legion.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Morrish, Tommie and Mary Beth, Albuquerque, N.M., arrived Saturday to visit his parents, Mayor and Mrs. Guy B. Morrish. They also visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G.F. Friesen at Newton.

The Rev. Ray B. Bressler found last Sunday quite a busy day. The Rev. Grey Dasher being out of town, the Methodist minister, after conducting 10 o'clock service at his own church, delivered the sermon at the Presbyterian Church at 11 o'clock. In the afternoon he had a wedding at the Methodist church at 2 o'clock and another one at the Presbyterian Church at 4 o'clock and in the evening he preached at the union service at Sappa Park.

Mrs. Cloyd Railsback, debate instructor at DCHS, took Charles Frickey and Christine Russ, members of the debate team the past school year, to Manhattan on Sunday where they will attend a speech clinic for two weeks.

**25 YEARS AGO — June 1986**

A race for the First District Commissioner seat developed in the final hours before the before

the Tuesday noon deadline for filing for those governmental offices that are up for election this year. Incumbent Republican Don Kump will face Democrat Dennis Sloan in a rematch for the position that Kump won from Sloan four years ago.

Mary Wilson, member of the DCHS chapter of the Future Farmers of America, was elected state FFA president at the convention held last week in Manhattan. The daughter of Roger and Angie Wilson, she is the first young woman to be elected Kansas FFA president. Others from the Oberlin chapter who attended were Marlene Tally, John Kelley, Stan McEvoy, Marc Wolf, Kurt Bennett and Rob Bryan and advisor Duane Dunn.

Kyle Elwood, a 1986 DCHS graduate, won the calf roping championship at the Kansas State High School Rodeo Association finals held in Topeka last weekend. His first place won him a saddle and boots and the right to compete in the nationals to be held in July at Rapid City, S.D.

Herschel Betts was officially installed as Rotary Governor of District 567 at the noon meeting of Oberlin Rotary by outgoing Governor Don Kready of Colby. His term will begin July 1. Betts joined Oberlin Rotary in 1968 and served as president during the 50th anniversary year in 1974.

Oberlin city administrator Bob Finkbiner and the directors of the Kansas Coach Manufacturing learned this week that the request for a Community Block Grant had been denied.

The engagement of Renee Slatt and James F. Wolf, both of Manhattan, is announced by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Cederberg, Herndon, and Mr. and Mrs. James R. Wolf, Clayton. An Aug. 9, 1986, wedding is being planned at Faith Lutheran Church, Oberlin.

Local businessman and biking enthusiast Warren Bainter was a participant in last week's Bike Across Kansas and hopes to have time to ride the entire route next year.

## Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Sympathy is extended to the family of Edie Pettera who passed away on Saturday at Cedar Living Center. Edie was a long-time resident of Cedar Living Center who will be missed for her cheerful and friendly spirit.

Every player won at least one game when residents gathered on Monday afternoon for penny cards. Those joining in on the fun included Dale Butler, Irene Fringer, Ira Kolsky, Edna Mott, Joan Noble, and Mary Votapka. Snacks were served after the game.

Wilma LaSalle won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Darlene Fisher won the blackout game.

Our weekly sing-along time has been moved from Monday afternoon to Tuesday. Tara Votapka led the group before supper on Tuesday. Additional singers or listeners are always welcome.

Residents celebrated on Wednesday afternoon with a banana split party. Assorted toppings were available to go along with the ice cream and bananas. Staff members also enjoyed building their own ice cream treat.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson before supper on Wednesday afternoon. Fr. Mark Berland had Mass for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

The dietary department hosted a special lunch served at noon on Thursday. The menu included chicken from Raye's and a salad bar. This menu was selected by residents at the last Resident's Council meeting.

The craft group met on Thursday afternoon to make centerpieces for all of the tables in the dining room. The decorations consist of a flower pot with a brightly colored tissue paper flower. They give the room a real summer look.

Supper time was made extra special on Thursday with a piano concert given by Dianne Bremer. Mrs. Bremer played a selection of old-time favorites to an appreciative audience.

The baking group made some really delicious chocolate chip cookies on Friday afternoon. It was impossible to eat just one.

Recent visitors: Susie Youngblood, Atwood; Eileen Portschy, Pete Portschy,

Jan Sattler, Atwood, Deanna Cook, Littleton, CO., Nancy Clark, Atwood, Cindy Cindy Sattler, Julie Hafner, Herndon; Bailey Wolf, Colby.

Carol Kompus, Marian Dempe-wolf, Ila Ray, Mirium Fisher, Marilyn Gamblin, Robert and Penny Fringer, Lyle Gamblin, Oberlin.

## Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Congratulations to Brian and Krista Gutchewsky of Kearney, Neb., on the birth of twin daughters on June 9, 2011, at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. Jena Sue weighed 4 pounds, 1.3 ounces and Jillian Marie weighed 5 pounds, 4 ounces. They are still in the neonatal unit at the hospital. They have a brother, Gavin, 4. Grandparents are Jack and Mary Gutchewsky and Brian and Pam Simonsson. Both sets of grandparents have been to Kearney to make the acquaintance of their new granddaughters.

Morning worship services will be held at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Herndon Covenant Church.

Guests for a cookout on Friday evening at the home of Steve and Arian Arnold were Gary and Mary Ann Erickson, Pete and Nan Zander, Rusty and Sharon Addleman and Gaylord and Shirley Shields.

Samantha Anderson was honored with a birthday party on Friday evening at the home of her parents, Richard and Maureen Anderson, Chris and Gabe. Others present were Garrett Berry, Elden and Datta Anderson, Dick and Donna Kelley, and Gary Anderson.

Keith and Mary Lou Olson visited on Sunday afternoon with Olive Bergling and Mac Olson, residents of the Atwood Good Samaritan Center, and also his cousin, Hank Olson, of McDonald.

Richard and Maureen Anderson took Samantha Anderson, Miki Dorshorst, Katie and Ben Glading and Caleb Koerperich to Manhattan on Sunday, where they are attending band camp this week at Kansas State University. There will be a concert at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday in McCain Auditorium.

## Good Samaritan Center

By Lisa Paulson

June is always an unpredictable month when it comes to weather, and this spring we are keenly aware of the impact a tornado can have on a community. Many people have inquired as to our protocol when a tornado warning is issued, other readers may be curious as well.

When a tornado watch is in effect, dispatch calls us, and we use this time to close all the drapes in the Resident's rooms and gather emergency supplies that could be needed in case of an actual tornado.

If the watch changes to a warning, dispatch again notifies us and we begin to evacuate the Residents to the inner hallways, complete with blankets and pillows. (It is the Resident's choice to remain in their rooms if they desire). An "Occupied" or "Evacuated" doorhanger is placed at each room and roll is taken to determine that everyone is accounted for.

After all safety measures are in place, we do our best to make sure everyone is as comfortable as possible. We pass the time in prayer, singing hymns and silly songs, playing trivia word games and eating snacks. Everyone is always very cooperative, making it a sort of an adventure instead of a burden.

Keeping the Residents safe is our primary focus and we appreciate your concern and ask that you would always lift us up in prayer when the weather is threatening.

This week was a whirlwind (not a tornado)...a whirlwind of Birthday

celebrations!! It started Thursday night when the public was invited to Loren Schrock's 98th Birthday Celebration. The place was packed with well-wishers, friends and family. Dorothy Woods made 300 donuts to feed the crowd.

Loren, playing his harmonica, joined our guest musician, Michael Milbauer, to create an atmosphere of fun and frolic! The dance floor got a good workout as Residents danced the night away! Lots of Loren's family traveled fair distances to honor him this night. Loren's son, Keith, sang with Michael and he and his daughter, Cheryl, shared a father/daughter dance together. Before the night was over, he took pictures with four generations of Schrocks! It was night to remember!

On Friday, Cheryl Hill had a Birthday. Her husband surprised her with a visit from some dear old friends from Colorado. They, too, came with music in their hearts. Town Square quickly filled with residents eager for another round of beautiful song, and beautiful it was! What a wonderful gift!

Sunday was Amy Rehm's turn to party. She was able to celebrate her special day in Salina and Abilene with her daughters. They came home bringing with them a cake with Ollie's image on it! Everyone loved sharing the sweet treat made by Donna Fortin.

Our Garage Sale was a success! We made about \$350 that will benefit the Activities Department.

Our thanks to all who helped out, STARS Committee and volunteers, Coleen Rippe, Bernice Martin, John Paulson, Seth Cody and Chelsea!

Those joining the whirlwind were: Edie Tate for **Lois Carlson**. Eunice Martin for **Glenn Martin**. Marilyn Horn for **Myrtle Ross**. Loyd Waldo, and Rea and Dee Magers (Norcatour) for **Mary Waldo**. Dave Meyer and "Sable" for **Charlene Meyer**. Johnny and Connie Simonsson and Lora Randolph (Hutchinson) and Alyce Avery for **Amy Rehm**.

Max and Veanna Carman for **Myrtle Waldo**. Steve and Arian Arnold (Herndon) and Galen Olson for **Edla Herndon**. Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh, Norm and Karen Bryan and Kelle McLene (Tennessee) for

**Opal Bryan**. Mert McEvoy for **Lucy Schissler**. Murry and Audrey Pavlicek for **Mary Lemman**. Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem) for **Doris Marintzer**. Jerry Hill, Betsy and Lowell for **Cheryl Hill**. Bob and Janice Baer (Topeka) and Gerald and Connie Olson for **Evelyn Olson**. Chris Dean for **Don Gilbert**. Eunice Richards for **Lucy Schissler and Earl Brown**. Keith Schrock (Topeka), Jerry and Cheryl Miller, Gerald and Betty Brewster (Hoxie), Dawn Mouser (Colby), Cara Anderson (Topeka), Dewaine Stapp and Charlotte Meints for **Loren Schrock**. Breckyn Jensen for **Violet Schissler**. David and Leanna Davignon (Demar) for **Shirley Hayward**.

## Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

I had my first experience at volunteering in the new theater Saturday evening. I was a bit tired from a long week, but it was good to do my part. I will be happy to do it again.

Oh, and the one free popcorn was good, also. Many thanks go to all who helped make this facility a part of Decatur County.

The Farmers Market will start next Wednesday, June 22. You are welcome to set up at 8 a.m. Anyone who has a home-based businesses and would be interested in setting

up an area at the Chamber during market hours should give me a call in the afternoons at 475-3441.

I will have a schedule here in the building for volunteers to work at the games and rides at the fair by the time you read this. The Amusement Authority board is working Thursday evenings at the fairground to get everything in shape, and could use help from anyone who would like to volunteer.

Have a great week!

also ate spaghetti and managed to get more on our inside than outside, I think.

I spent some time with son, Dwight, on Thursday after taking Gary Anthony to McCook.

Wade Bader and family had the misfortune of hitting a deer outside of Norcatour on Saturday evening. Carol Moye and Veda and Dennis Wood also were visitors.

## Lyle News

By Veda Wood

The community was sad to hear of the death of Fred Helm, son of Helen Helm of Cambridge, Neb., and brother of Mike Helm of Norcatour. The Helm family lived in the Lyle neighborhood during their growing-up years.

Margaret, "Toots" Magers returned home on Wednesday after flying with her daughter, Judy Easton, to Tampa, Fla., for the Confirmation and graduation of Madison, daughter of Joanie and Kent Killen. They also visited, shopped and watched Cody play in

an ice hockey game. Kathy Van Meter, Carolyn Plotts, Joyce Price, Carol Moye, Veda Wood and guest Aubrey High, attended Liberty Star Club on Thursday at the home of hostess, Toots Magers. Kathy gave a humorous lesson and Carolyn gave a quiz which showed us how smart we were NOT.

Lynn Scrivner called Toots Magers to tell her his sister, Martha Scrivner Mack is in the hospital with a collapsed lung and other ailments. We hope she will be better soon.

Judy and Charlie Easton ate dinner with her mother on Sunday and worked in her yard, afterward.

Joyce Sumner and Eleanor Jensen worked on quilts at Lyle on Tuesday.

June Jolly and Eleanor Jensen took third in the pitch tournament in Eustis, Neb., on Saturday.

We had a good time over the weekend at Norcatour's City-wide Garage sale. My great and great-granddaughters and I took in most of it and came home supplied with videos and stuffed animals. We

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