

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — June 1886
 Jas. Page, manager of the Chicago Lumber Yard at Kanona, was a Monday visitor in the city.

Judge McElroy now occupies his residence in the north part of the city.

George Colby has a lawn sprinkler in operation at his residence.

Tully Scott and Fred Henshaw will attend the Democratic convention at Stockton.

George A. Brown, our lumber and coal dealer, was married June 23rd to Miss Enola Griffith of Vandalia, Ill.

J.W. Dunn, the mill man, received a separator last week and expects to take the road soon with his engine and threshers.

100 YEARS AGO — June 1911
 The Normalites beat the Swede Home ball team Friday afternoon.

This is the last week of Normal; 158 have been in attendance.

The rain Sunday evening was a welcome change from the intense heat which has prevailed the last three weeks.

Hail did considerable damage to all manner of crops southwest of town Sunday evening. Ted Seavey and wife got caught in the storm while coming home from Fred Wheeland's in Summit Township and drove up beside the Willcox schoolhouse to get some protection from the storm. Lightning hit the building and knocked his team down and Ted cut the harness straps to get his team up after the storm but the harness was so spoiled he couldn't drive home.

Editor Shook and his son, Stanley, were Oberlin visitors Saturday. Stanley has been teaching at Central Business College in Kansas City this past year.

A phone message from Norcatour Saturday afternoon said 50 men were needed in the harvest fields. Among those who responded to the call were Frank and Mike Roach, Elmer McKenzie, Carl Heitmann, Ralph Blake and Burnie Clark.

75 YEARS AGO — June 1936
 Franklin D. Roosevelt, president, and John Nance Garner, vice president, won by acclamation of the Democratic party the nomination to head the ticket for re-election

to their respective offices at the convention held in Philadelphia last week.

June 1936 has been one of the driest on record having received only .62 of moisture in a month which averages three inches. The month comes close to being one of the hottest on record.

Matrimony has claimed three of Oberlin's teachers during June: Miss Eunice Blickenstaff and Mr. William Huey on June 17th and Miss Ruby Ridgway and Mr. John McCain on June 28th.

Complete approval has been received from the WPA for the state park to be located two miles east of Oberlin. It means an immediate start for the actual construction of the dam across Sappa Park in the 480-acre park area now being developed by the National Park Service. Mr. Kenneth Jones, inspector for the National Park Service was in Oberlin Tuesday and agreed to provide trucks to haul rocks from the site of the quarry to the site of the dam. Construction of the dam is expected to form a lake of approximately 160 acres.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Rogers and daughter of Seward, Alaska, are visiting relatives in Decatur County before returning in August where Glenn is a teacher in the public schools of Seward.

Death has claimed another of our fine old pioneers, Gilbert White, 84, who with his family has lived on a farm northeast of Oberlin the past 33 years. In March 1931 Mr. and Mrs. White celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Funeral services were held at Olive Chapel Church with the Rev. Roy Frey of Glen Elder officiating and burial was in Oberlin Cemetery.

War against the grasshoppers will be waged in earnest next week as the county has received its allotments of barrels of sodium arsenate in liquid form to be mixed with bran.

Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Lile entertained the employees of the Safeway Store in the basement of their new home last Sunday evening. Home-made ice cream was served. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Gilming, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Anderson and daughter, Janice Kay, Mr. Leo Ridgway, Miss Doris Helmkamp, Mr. Lloyd Maggard and Miss Gladys

Lunkenheimer.

50 YEARS AGO — June 1961

Effective July 1, the Farmers Loan and Abstract Co., Oberlin, will take over the fire and automobile insurance business of the late Mike Roach according to Mrs. Roach whose husband died May 6. Mrs. Roach will continue as agent for the National Reserve Life Ins. Co. Boyd Bainter, secretary-manager of Farmers Loan and Abstract which has been in the insurance business since 1916, says his company will welcome all inquiries from any policyholder.

Merlin Cook, Marilyn Reichert and Alan Scott are attending State 4-H Conservation Camp at Rock Springs this week.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist Church for Mrs. Clif (Ida May Barr) Waldo, 73. The Waldo family lived on a farm west of Oberlin until 1930 when they retired and moved to Oberlin. Her husband preceded her in death in August 1960.

Stewart Francis, owner of Francis Furniture, will take over the reins of Oberlin Rotary July 1 succeeding Chris Jörn. Other officers are Carl Frickey, vice-president; Boyd Bainter, treasurer and Francis Stanley, secretary.

Mary Anderson, a senior at DCHS, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Anderson, Oberlin, will be among the 1500 delegates to the National Future Homemakers of America convention in St. Louis July 3-7.

Midway: The Decatur Saddle Club members enjoyed a trail ride and a picnic dinner Sunday at the Ernest Nelson home. There were 40 persons present with 20 participating in the trail ride.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynne McNutt of Coos Bay, Ore., and children spent 10 days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Pollnow, and with relatives and friends in Colby. They also attended Lynne's 20th anniversary class reunion in Colby.

Construction is under way on the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Steinmetz in northeast Oberlin with Dale Young Construction the builder.

25 YEARS AGO — June 1986

out game on Tuesday afternoon. Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of the Faith Lutheran Church gave the monthly Communion Service on the patio Tuesday afternoon.

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Wheat farmers are hoping for a breather this week after rains pelted much of the area on both Thursday and Saturday nights and terrace channels are full in many parts of the county. John Bearley, operator of the local harvest information office, said that there are many custom cutters looking for jobs but things were basically at a standstill. The decline in job placements could be tied to the fact that farmers have chosen to participate in the government program and cut back on acreage. In addition, because the price of wheat is just over the \$2 per bushel mark, many neighbors plan to help each other out to save where possible.

A Bendon family reunion was held earlier this month with family members attending a dinner by the Modern Woodmen which honored Glee and Don Jörn on Thursday evening as well as the wedding of Jean Ann Hess and Steve Confer on Saturday at the Oberlin United Methodist Church.

Descendants of the Olaf, Emma and Johahn August Erickson families met in Oberlin June 15th to observe the centennial year of their ancestors coming to the United States from Sweden. Most settled on farms within a few miles of the Midway Community in eastern Rawlins County. More than 125 relatives attended a worship service held at the Golden Age Center in Oberlin. Oldest family member present at the reunion was Albert Erickson, Atwood and youngest was Eric Eugene Appareti, Littleton, Colo., born May 29, 1986.

Some 100 persons attended a pork barbecue held at the tennis courts at Decatur Rec Friday night which was a fund-raising event for Atwood native Mike Hayden who is seeking the gubernatorial nomination in the August primary.

A new business, the Dresden Thrift Shop, will open June 27 in the former Karls Grocery Store building in Dresden. The store will be operated by women of the Dresden and Leoville communities and hours will be 9-12 and 1-5 Monday through Friday. Helping will be Evelyn Meitl, Delores Depperschmidt, Kathy Brainard, Jeani Spresser and Mildred Welter. Proceeds will be used for charitable causes.

Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

For the first time in my eight-year career at Good Sam, our Resident population has taken a huge jump in men joining our family. We now have 16 men living under our roof including Respite and Adult Day Care.

This creates a new and exciting challenge of meeting their need for peace, purpose and pleasure. Typically, the guys are much less inclined to join the structured large group activities. While discussing this with my husband, he tried to give me some insight into a man's brain. He introduced me to the concept of men having a "Nothing Box" and that they enjoy going to it on a regular basis. Pastor Mark Gungor has a humorous depiction of this on YouTube. (Check it out for yourself). While watching, I saw so much truth in the presentation, I thought adding a new club to the calendar called "The Nothing Box" may be quite appropriate! Meanwhile, the following is a sampling of activities currently on the calendar specially geared for our gentlemen.

This week we celebrated Father's Day with a "Cap" Parade sponsored by the STAR's Committee. Everyone wore caps and enjoyed ice cream sandwiches while tapping and swaying to music provided by the Father/Daughter duo of Loren Schrock and Cheryl Miller.

The "Praying Mantis" club was formed to give the men some time away from the ladies to enjoy some guy time. This has been fairly successful, but I could use some male brains to help me with ideas. Ben Jorns, Walt May, Dave and Charlene Meyer and Loren Schrock headed to the front patio for a game of Hill-billy Horseshoes. Our thanks to Phil Erickson who spent a good amount of time sturdy-ing up our ladder. Walt May was our first place winner, Ben Jorns was our surprise second place winner who made a great comeback in the third round and Loren Schrock took third.

Men's Coffee is on the calendar every Friday at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Keith Reuther and Frank McEvoy kept the conversation going. This is reminiscent of the "round table" talk at the Frontier Restaurant, Cross-roads or Ampride.

Max Carman comes every month as our new PoKer Dealer. So far, Max and Alan Addleman are the

only men in attendance. Joining them are Lucy Schissler, Barb Beisner and Myrtle Waldo. No money is exchanged, the group plays for peanuts (literally) and a trophy, donated by Larry Mack, is passed to the monthly winner. Lucy stole the trophy this week from Alan who has hung on to it for the past two months.

The "In House Club" has been preparing some music to sing during Devotions on Thursday so we are looking forward to that.

Our thanks to the Herndon Covenant congregation who joined us for worship on Sunday morning and to the Oberlin Covenant church who came in the afternoon. Sundays can be a long day for those who don't have many visitors so they love having the opportunity to be with church families. We are so grateful for the love and support of the Decatur County Ministerial Association. It keeps us connected to the community and loved ones.

We will be having a "Red White and Rhu" Ice cream Social for the community on July 4th at 2:30 p.m. It will include ice cream and homemade rhubarb cobbler. Please join us as we celebrate Independence Day.

Recent guests: Gladys Geis for **Lois Carlson**. Eunice Martin for **Glenn Martin**. Marilyn Horn for **Myrtle Ross**. Loyd Waldo and Jody Betts for **Mary Waldo**. Dave Meyer and "Sable" for **Charlene Meyer**. Connie Simonsson and Alyce Avery for **Amy Rehm**. Max Carman for **Myrtle Waldo**. Steve and Arian Arnold (Herndon) and Galen Olson for **Edla Olson**. Sharon Slabaugh and Jeanne Britton (Thornton, Colo.) for **Opal Bryan**. Mert McEvoy for **Lucy Schissler and Earl Brown**. Murry and Audrey Pavlicek for **Mary Lemman**. Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem) for **Doris Marintzer**. Jerry Hill for **Cheryl Hill**. Gerald and Connie Olson for **Evelyn Olson**. Chris Dean for **Don Gilbert**. Cheryl Miller for **Loren Schrock**. Brecklyn Jensen for **Violet Schissler**. Von Johnson for **Crystal Moore**. Connie Bryan and Kadie Rogers for **Leone Porsch**. Janna, Grady and Rhianna Leitner for **Ethel Nemeth, Alice Bobbitt, Alan Addleman, Evelyn Olson and Opal Bryan**. Detta Anderson for **Eva Bryan**. Herschel Betts for **Mike Jensen**.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Sympathy is extended to the family of Aleen Van Vleet who passed away at Cedar Living Center on Sunday.

Several residents tried their luck at a penny card game played on Monday afternoon. Snacks were served following the game. The Resident's Council met before supper on Monday afternoon. The agenda for the meeting included making plans for participating in the Decatur County Fair in August.

Joan Noble was the lucky winner of both the first bingo and the black-

board game on Tuesday afternoon.

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Several residents enjoyed a ride around town on the county's new transportation bus on Sunday evening. Bernie Goetz was our excellent bus driver and tour guide. The group included Edna Mott, Mary Votapka, Ira Kolsky, Dale Butler, and Floyd Edgett. We are very grateful to the County Commissioners, County Clerk Colleen Geihlsler, and the bus drivers for allowing us to use the bus for social outings. It is a wonderful service to our residents, some of whom do not have many opportunities to be out in the community.

Recent visitors: Norma Ward, Clayton; Eugene Kleidosty, Pete and Eileen Portschy, Herndon; Chris Hosaka, Alpharetta, Ga.

Lyle Gamblin, Marian Dempewolf, Carol Kompus, Mirium Fisher, Varlan and Catherine Neal, Phyllis Screen, Lois Lamb, Nadean Stoney, Audra Duncan, and Robert Fringer, Oberlin



The Fort Hays State University Kansas Small Business Development Center (KS-BDC) seeks a Business Consultant for the Bird City Outreach Center.

If you value small businesses, enjoy working with the public, and have strong business knowledge & skills, then consider joining the FHSU KSBDC team. The Business Consultant will provide counseling and training to existing and prospective business owners from the Outreach Center in Bird City, in cooperation with the regional center office in Hays. The position requires frequent day travel for on-site business assistance to the northwest counties and occasional overnight travel.

There is tremendous opportunity for personal and professional growth. Final candidate will have consented to and successfully completed a criminal background check. A complete position description can be found at <http://bigcat.fhsu.edu/positions/admn.php>. FHSU is an AA/EEO Employer.

Museum Matters

By Sharleen Wurm

The museum has been a hub of activity this week. Up until this week we have not had many large campers and Wednesday the west side of the street was lined with them. On Saturday we had over 30 people tour the museum. They were in town for either a funeral or family reunions. On Sunday the Carman family gathered in the hall for a reunion.

The museum will be closed Friday, July 1, for the funeral of Michael Hoberty who passed away Friday. Michael was the carpenter

that did the renovation on St. Mark's Church. He leaves his wife, Mary, and two small children. Sympathy goes out to the family from the Museum Board and Staff.

Museum hours: April 1 - Nov 1: 10 a.m. to noon and 1 - 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

With all the wonderful and exciting happenings at the Museum, you should come and join us! Memberships are only \$20/Family or \$10/Single. Be a part of Oberlin's number one attraction.

Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

This will be short today, as time just goes and I sometimes can't keep up.

We started the Farmers Market last week with three vendors. They brought lots of home-baked items along with fresh lettuce and herbs.

The Chamber is inviting any home-based business to come set up inside the building during the market hours, 8 a.m. to noon every Wednesday. Please pass the word on to any friends that might be interested.

I had one call today from a couple who do leather work. They are planning to come to the market on July 6. I will be putting a list of the home-based vendors on the window of my office as I know for sure who is coming.

Just a reminder that information for the August and September table tents needs to be in the Chamber office by Wednesday, July 13. It will go to the printer late that afternoon.

We still need two volunteers to

come join us as board members. If you could just help us out for one year it would be much appreciated. We need some new ideas and help with our fund-raising events. I know everyone is busy, but please see what you can do to help find the people we need.

Have a great week, and don't forget to sign up to work at the fair! A list is in the Business Enhancement Entrepreneurial Center downtown.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

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

Curtis and Dawnelle Heim, Karli, Kelsi and Christopher, Tucson, Ariz.; and Sara Connor, Payton and Alyssa, Colorado Springs, are visiting Daisy Schmidt and Chris and Sherri Schmidt. The Connors visited last week with their grandfather, Keith Barnett, of Atwood.

Donna Kelley spent last week with Sheldon Kelley and Jessica in Frederick, Colo., while Brenda Kelley and Kendra were in Galveston, Texas, where Kendra participated in the National Jump Rope competition. Jessica accompanied Mrs. Kelley home on Friday for a visit and her mother plans to come Wednesday and she will accom-

pany her home.

Cecil Hess and Mary Lou Olson spent last Tuesday in Cimarron visiting their sister, Helen Riepl. Mrs. Riepl plans to move to Edmond, Okla., in July to be near her son, Greg and Connie Riepl, and family.

J.R. and Carroll Ginther, Achilles; Roger and Mary Bennett, McCook, and Terri (Kelley) Anderson, Goodland, attended the Nebraska Foundation Quarterhorse Show at Broken Bow, Neb., on Sunday.

The Grand Champion and Reserve Champion geldings, owned by Dr. Dan Naimon of Hutchinson, were from a mare owned by Joel Shaw of Oberlin, and were sired by a stallion owned by J.R. Ginther. Mrs. Bennett also had Grand Champion mare; and there were several other firsts and seconds from their entries. Mrs. Anderson's entries also won numerous awards.

Scott Olson of Celina, Texas, is visiting his grandfather, Bob Olson.

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