

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — July 1886

The city park has been enclosed with a wire fence.

Work on the new M.E. Church will commence this week.

A depth of 410 feet has been reached in G.F. Bogue's artesian well.

County Treasurer Kellogg left Wednesday to make settlement with the state treasurer.

J.W. Allen & Son, the pioneer business firm of Oberlin, sold their mercantile business to eastern parties this week. Leopold Bros., is the style of the new firm we believe.

There are 556 dwelling houses in Oberlin according to a recent count.

L.G. Parker and family left Tuesday for a 60-day jaunt on the Pacific Coast.

106 degrees in the shade last Friday. Saturday saw it and went two harder.

At the Democratic congressional convention Tully Scott received 18 votes in the informal ballot, but declined to be a candidate for the place.

100 YEARS AGO — July 1911

The fine big barn at the Charles Pollnow place west of town was completely wrecked Saturday evening by a windstorm.

Curry Brothers have put up the monument in the cemetery to commemorate the Indian Raid in 1878. It is a fine monument and will last for ages.

A number of autos will take the band boys tomorrow on an advertising trip for the Oberlin Chautauqua; the towns of Herndon, Traer, Marion, Danbury, Lebanon, Norcatur and Kanona will be visited.

The best rain since the first of April fell Wednesday night — 1.01 inches.

Jerry Votapka, up from Big Timber country, says his wheat was not worth cutting. F.B. Maggard of northeast of Oberlin is the first person to thresh that we have reports of and his wheat made one and a half bushels an acre. Comments are unnecessary.

Earl Claar was down from Hawk-eye on Tuesday inquiring as to the procedure for having a town site vacated. He would like to have the title cleared up.

Don Koehler, the champion horseshoe pitcher of the southwest-ern divide, was beaten Wednesday by one of the local experts.

Kanona Items: Opie Cody leaves this week for Grand Junction, Colo., where he hopes to find employment.

75 YEARS AGO — July 1936

The 1936 wheat crop in Decatur County is estimated at 8 bushels an acre. Moisture shortage was acute from January through April but May was above average with favorable growing conditions.

Since the middle of June, however, extremely high temperatures and failing moisture supplies combined with a grasshopper invasion to cause

a rapid decline in corn, sorghums, hay crops and pastures.

Local people and athletic fans all over northwest Kansas will be happy to know that Sam Francis, former Oberlin boy and now popular fullback on the Nebraska Cornhusker team, has won for himself the privilege to represent this country in the Olympics at Berlin, Germany, next month. In the trials in New York City he took second in the shot put on the Olympic team which left New York for Berlin Tuesday.

A seven-pound daughter named Wanda Frances was born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Welliver Sunday at the home of Mrs. Welliver's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L.G. Walker. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Paddock are the parents of a girl named Colleen who was born at the hospital last Thursday and weighed between 5 and 6 pounds.

During the past month men have been at work graveling the Swede road beginning about 13 miles southwest of town as a WPA project. As work on the lake demands these men, they will be released from the gravel work and work on the road will be discontinued at least temporarily.

Clayton: Funeral services were held at the United Brethern Church for Lyman Gallentine, 10, who fell Sunday from the top of a 96-foot oil derrick being erected near the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. King Gallentine in Garfield Township. He is also survived by a sister, Doris Fae, 12.

Kanona: Henry Heilman drilled a well for Kanona Equity Thursday.

Custer: Ernest and Bill Petracek had some wheat on summer fallow ground that when combined made 20 bushels to the acre.

A group of his neighborhood friends were the guests at a fifth birthday party for Jerry Thomsen. A picnic luncheon was served in the basement at noon. In addition to his neighborhood friends, his grandmother, Mrs. Jessie Scott and his uncle, Rodney Scott of Allison were guests.

50 YEARS AGO — July 1961

The county wheat yield estimate is near the 25-bushel average with yields ranging from 10 to 40 depending on rust and the sudden extreme heat.

An open house will be held Saturday at the recently remodeled and enlarged State Bank of Herndon by its owners, Leslie and Bobbie Needham. The Needhams purchased control of the bank from Mr. and Mrs. A.D. Bauer on April 1, 1959.

The State Bank of Herndon was chartered 60 years ago and was the first bank in Northwest Kansas to operate under the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp (FDIC), joining in 1934.

The Needhams have two children, Kent, 8, and Kim, 5, and came to Herndon from Sylvia where Needham was managing officer of the Sylvia State Bank.

Traer: An early morning fire de-

stroyed the store building owned by Mrs. Ed Hawley located on the main street of Traer. The frame structure was erected in 1905 by J.K. Paterson and used a hotel, then a bank, drug store, post office and grocery store but had not been used in the past seven years. The cause is thought to have been firecrackers.

Judge Robert Hemphill upheld the ruling of the Kansas Corporation Commission in the Jennings telephone case which tested the validity of the Jennings, Kanona, Lund areas being awarded to Rural Telephone of Lenora.

The Sixth District American Legion baseball tourney will be played at the Jennings ball park under the new flood lights. Teams entered are Oberlin, Jennings, Sharon Springs, Colby and Alma. The sixth team was to have been Norton but they failed to register before the deadline.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. John Ward Jr., Oberlin, son, John Henry III, 7-7-61; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mosier, Selden, son, William Walter, 7-7-61; Mr. and Mrs. Dick Kompus, Herndon, daughter, Laura Lea, 7-9-61; Mr. and Mrs. Vance Baldwin, Oberlin, son, James Michael, 7-10-61; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wheeler, Oberlin, son, 7-10-61; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Temple, Norton, daughter, 7-11-61.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ater have moved into the home at 312 East Hall which they recently purchased. The Aters have moved here from Hawaii where they have lived for several years.

25 YEARS AGO — July 1986

With wheat harvest out of the way, the community is gearing up for the Great Northwest Ah's Festival July 23, a summer celebration that may become an annual event.

The evening show at the high school stadium will be a return per-

formance by the Sky Ryders Drum and Bugle Corps based at Hutchinson as well as the Central Brass Quintet from Pittsburg State University. At dusk the Oberlin Jaycess will put on a fireworks show.

Decatur County Rural Fire Chief Jerry Cathcart offered his resignation effective June 30 at the Tuesday meeting of the Decatur County Commissioners. Commissioners named William J. "Bill" Cathcart who has served as assistant fire chief the past five months, as acting chief.

Two new police officers were hired by the Oberlin City Council: Doug Richards, a native of Oberlin but currently of Thornton, Colo. and Scott Zeigler of Russell.

Warren Weibert, Oberlin, has been selected by the Kansas Livestock Association to represent them as a member of the Cattleman's Traveling Leadership Conference tour July 12-18 which will begin in Denver and go to Chicago, New York City and Washington, D.C.

Gail and Kay Marcuson, rural Oberlin, were hosts to a picnic for seven 4-H visitors from Denmark and their host families.

Doyle and Kay Brown, Jennings, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kara Beth, to Gordon Kuntz.

The bride-to-be graduated from the University of Kansas with a B.A. in Geography and is completing her M.A. at Kansas State University specializing in Environmental Research.

Her fiance spent nine years in the U.S. Army in the medical field and is currently in the School of Nursing at Washburn University.

He is presently serving in the National Guard and will graduate from Officer's Candidate School on July 12. An Aug. 2 wedding is planned.

Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

I do believe that summer has hit! With all the humidity, you'd think we lived in South Carolina. The spring crops love it, and hopefully the wheat isn't going down too bad with all the moisture.

I have been sort of busy the last two weeks, so I didn't get an article written. I apologize.

The Decatur County Fair is coming up Tuesday, Aug. 2, through Saturday, Aug. 6. The sign-up sheet is here in the BEE Building for anyone who wants to volunteer their time. Just one two-hour shift would be very helpful.

Table-tent information will be going to the printer on Thursday morning. If you have an event that would be good for visitors or tourism, please let me know by then.

The Back-To-School Picnic will be Wednesday, Aug. 17. Time and place will be announced later.

Farmers Market has started. It is

a bit early for garden produce, but there have been some good looking baked items. Anyone with a home-based business is welcome to come set up a table inside the building during the Wednesday-morning market. If you are interested, just call the Chamber office at 475-3441 to reserve a spot.

The trail ride scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday will take place. The Sappa Park committee said that the trails are cleared, so anyone who would enjoy a short ride (two to three hours), please come join us.

There is parking down by the shelterhouse, and the ride will begin and end there. It may be hot, but surely we can pack enough water to get us through for that short time. There is a lot of shade along part of the way, so please come and enjoy the park.

Have a great week!

Erin placed first in the 100-yard freestyle relay and 10th in a second 100-yard freestyle relay, fifth in the 25-yard freestyle, 10th in the 25-yard backstroke, fifth in the 25-yard butterfly and first in an individual medley and ninth in a second individual medley.

Quintin Cundiff was installed Sunday as pastor of both Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Reedsport, Ore., and Christ Lutheran Church, Coos Bay, Ore.

Patrick Ryan, Ponchatoula, La., arrived Tuesday to spend a couple weeks visiting at the home of his daughter and family, Becky and Jay Tate, Dakota, Mollie and Grace.

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June Jolly played Bingo Wednesday and Thursday and cards on Friday. She and Louis and Laveda McFarland, Dennis and Linda McFarland, Les McFarland and Amber had a picnic in Minden, Neb., on Saturday. She watched the fireworks in McCook.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Friends and family members who came to visit at Cedar Living Center over the weekend found a "No Visitors" sign on the door. Residents and staff were hit hard at the end of the week by some type of a bug. We are hopeful that everyone is now on the mend and we will be back to normal as soon as possible.

All over Oberlin there are households where one or more very spoiled pets are in residence. My dog is certainly a pampered pooch and I know many other doted on dogs and well kept kittens, but at Cedar Living Center we may have the only spoiled turtles in town. We have had turtles living in our enclosed courtyard for several years now. Throughout most of this time they have managed to fend for themselves with only the very rare handout from staff. We did stop raising cucumbers because the turtles ate the crop, even standing up on their hind legs to reach any that were climbing a trellis. Recently, the dietary staff started providing little treats such as the occasional banana or lettuce leaf. Now every time someone stands in the courtyard for more than a minute the turtles come running. It is surprising how fast they can travel given the right motivation. On Sunday afternoon I went out to water the tomato plants and six turtles came at a trot from every corner of the yard. I finished my work and hurried back inside before they decided my toes looked tasty.

Children always enjoy searching for the turtles. Be sure to stop in one of these nice summer mornings for a look.

Several residents met on the afternoon of July 4 for a social hour and a patriotic trivia game. Refreshments were served.

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on Tuesday afternoon and Wilma LaSalle won the blackout game.

Dolly, the Dachshund, stopped in for a visit on Tuesday evening. She went from room to room to meet and greet residents.

Several residents met in the dining room on Wednesday afternoon to laugh along with Johnny Carson. Johnny's timeless humor is always a hit.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Wilma May attended funeral services for her brother, Eugene Wurm, on Thursday.

Tara Votapka severed ice cream sundaes on Thursday afternoon to an appreciative group of residents and staff. After the residents who came to the dining room had their fill, Tara put the ice cream and all the toppings on a cart and wheeled up and down the hall until everyone had been served.

The baking group made cookies with M&M candies on Friday afternoon.

Mary Votapka celebrated her birthday on Friday. She received many phone calls, visitors, cards and gifts. Her family brought cake for her to share with other residents.

Recent visitors: Julie Hafner, Esther Pennington and Ann Solko, Herndon; Caleb and Elijah Foxhoven, Parker, Colo.; Kelly Olson, Manhattan; John and Eunice Andrews, Perry, Ga.; Neta and Allen Jeffus, Topeka; Jamie Bolts, Overland Park; Stephani Hawkins, Euless, Texas; Susie Youngblood, Atwood; Tom and Celeste Noble, Hot Springs, Ark.

Carol Kompus, Marian Dempewolf, Juanita Williby, Dolores Depperschmidt, Lyle Gamblin, Oberlin.

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Midway News

By MaryLou Olson

The Herndon Covenant Church congregation will meet at 10 a.m. Sunday for morning worship services at the Good Samaritan Center in Atwood.

Chris Anderson was honored by his parents, Richard and Maureen Anderson, Samantha and Gabe with a breakfast on June 28 for his birthday. Other guests were Elden and Delta Anderson, Dick and Donna Kelley and Jessica Kelley.

Noah and Obadiah Jones and Matt Glading spent last week at Covenant Heights Bible Camp near Estes Park, Colo.

Patti Benda visited over the

weekend with her father, Gene Hadacek, who was hospitalized in Belleville.

Spencer and Griffin Beckman of Grinnell spent the weekend with their grandparents, Frank and Margaret McEvoy.

Guests of the Richard Anderson family on June 30 to honor Gabe on his birthday were Gary Anderson, Donna Kelley, Brenda Kelley and Jessica and Elden and Delta Anderson.

Rennie and Jeaneen Olson of Celina, Texas, visited several days with his father, Bob Olson.

Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

As most of you know, I'm a transplanted city girl. I was born in a small farming community in Michigan, but was raised very near downtown Denver. My experience with farming was a couple of family vacations back to my birthplace.

Then, I became a Christian and read scriptures that used farming terms to teach Biblical truths.

However, it wasn't until I moved to Oberlin and even more specifically, until I began working at the Good Sam, did those Scriptures actually come alive to me.

We have focused many activities toward the growing number of male residents who have joined our Good Sam family. Many discussions this past week emphasized farming and the principles of sowing and reaping, harvesting, gleaning the fields, first fruits and most of all...trusting the Lord. The ladies also, are so familiar with the harvest, working long days cooking and taking meals to the fields, driving combines and grain trucks.

Now that the physical work of the harvest has been passed down to the next generation, the residents are still keenly aware of the need for a spiritual harvest in our land and they have not surrendered their role in participating in the Lord's harvest.

We were so excited to welcome the 180 Boys back to engage and invest in their young lives. (Anita had to clarify the meaning of "180" when one resident asked, "where are we going to put 180 boys?"). Eight young men (from the 180 House) came to meet the residents and play a round of Hillbilly Horseshoes. Each one was outfitted with a physical challenge to simulate a few of the physical challenges residents face as they age i.e.: ear plugs (hearing deficit), tape over one young man's mouth (dysphasia), blind fold (total blindness), distorted glasses (Macular degeneration) wheelchair with a scarf limiting the use of his right side; stroke).

Letting the young men talk about

how it felt for just this short exercise and then the residents tell about how they adjust and compensate for their ever changing physical and mental health very insightful and rewarding.

The Thursday afternoon Bible Study Class is studying the Sermon on the Mount and will be looking at ways to reach out beyond the walls of the Good Sam to other elders in the community that still live at home. Wow, what an amazing heart for the Lord's work do these ladies and one gentleman have? Watch for more details as we solidify our ideas and put them into action.

These residents are living history books filled with knowledge, humor, faith and wisdom. Please don't miss the opportunity to be blessed, come spend some time with us!

Our visitors this week included: Gladys Geis, Edie, Molly, Grace and Dakota Tate for **Lois Carlson**. Eunice Martin for **Glen Martin**. Steve and Marilyn Horn and Carol Duncan for **Myrtle Ross**. Loyd Waldo and Jody Betts for **Mary Waldo**. Dave Meyer and "Sable" for **Charlene Meyer**. Alyce Avery for **Amy Rehm**. Max Carman for Myrtle Waldo. Steve and Arian Arnold (Herndon) and Galen Olson for **Edla Olson**. Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh and Jeanne Britton (Thornton, Colo.) for **Opal Bryan**. Frank and Mert McEvoy and John Paulson for **Lucy Schissler**. Ralph and Norma Unger for **Lucy Schissler, Alan Adleman 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, Kelly Olson (Manhattan) for **Evelyn Olson**. Chrian and R.G. (Herndon/Atwood) for **Don Gilbert**. Cheryl Miller for **Loren Schrock**. Brecklyn Jensen for **Violet Schissler**. Von Johnson and Carolyn Strevey for **Crystal Moore**. Gary Anderson for **Eva Bryan**. Reva Marshall, Penny Fringer and Ron and Dixie Snyder (Colby) for **Dorothy Hunt**.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Funeral services for Eugene Wurm were held Thursday morning at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin with Pastor Bradley Rick officiating. Our sympathies to Eugene's wife, Bette; daughters, Shanna Long, Judy Jordan, Nancy Corder and Patricia Buffum, siblings Wilma May, Oberlin; Lester and Kay Wurm, Overland Park; and Neta and Allen Jeffus, Topeka and their families.

Funeral services for Dean Groneweg were held Friday morning at St. John's with Pastor Kevin Schnakenberg officiating. Our sympathies to his wife, Peggy; sons Robert and Judy Groneweg, Lynn and Donna Groneweg; and daughter Joyce and Jim Jones and their families.

John and Eunice (May) Andrews,

Perry, Ga., attended the funeral of her uncle, Eugene Wurm and spent a couple days in Oberlin visiting her mother, Wilma May.

Donna and Ed Wright, Westminster, Md., sister and brother-in-law of Kelly Shields, were visitors at the Paul Shields home the week preceding the Fourth of July holiday.

Friday evening supper guests of Ralph and Violet Shaw were Ron and Lanette Busch, Jefferson City, Mo; Geniece Tyler, Osage Beach, Mo.; Ben and Leone Spiers, Winterset, Iowa; Joan Grafel, Herndon; Steve and Susan Nelson, Richard Shaw and Joel and Tami Shaw and Dante. Lanette and Geniece are first cousins of Ben, Joan and Violet.

Friday supper guests of Martin and Evelyn May were Evelyn's

cousin, Betty Brandt and Betty's daughters-in-law, Janet Brandt and Karen Brandt and Lakota, Sweet Springs, Mo., and Greg and Janice Cundiff.

Mollie and Grace Tate and Erin May competed in the League Swim Meet Friday and Saturday in Colby.

Mollie placed second in the league overall, placed first in the 100-yard individual medley, second in the 100-yard freestyle, fourth in the 25-yard butterfly, first in the 25-yard breast stroke, eighth in the 25-yard freestyle and first in each of two relays.

Grace placed in a relay, the 25-yard freestyle and the 25-yard back stroke and placed first in her heat in the 25-yard breast stroke.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Margaret Magers attended the funeral of her great-nephew, Jacob Gallentine, on June 27 in Alma. He was the son of Brett Gallentine and the grandson of Ruth Vise of Beaver City, Neb. On Wednesday, Ruth received a stent for a heart blockage and is doing well.

Many attended funeral services for Bill Schwab, longtime farmer in the Lyle neighborhood, at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin. Burial was in the Oberlin Cemetery.

We wish to thank Mike Helm and the 4-H young people for making the Lyle Cemetery look so nice at Memorial time. We thank Richard Huff for mowing the church yard and the Helms for mowing around the Community Building. Bless you all!

Margaret Magers, Eleanor Jensen, Joyce Sumner, Kathy Van Meter, Jackie Porter and Veda Wood had lunch at the Cardinal Cafe on Friday before going to the

Educational Building for cards. The occasion was Jackie's birthday, which we managed to do ahead of time. Happy Birthday, Jackie!

It's good to see Keith Anthony back in town after his long stay in Texas. His daughter is still not very well, so he may go back later.

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