

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**125 YEARS AGO — July 1886**

The brick work on the Bank of Oberlin is completed.  
Oberlin bootblacks do a thriving business.  
115 degrees in the shade was the record last Thursday.  
Buffalo Park and Hoxie play big ball this week: \$100 a side.  
Born, July 19, to Mr. and Mrs. Rev. John Wilson, twin boys.  
Fine rains in the Hawkeye and Jackson neighborhoods Sunday.  
The work of the Danbury catcher Saturday was the finest exhibition of ball playing ever seen on the Oberlin grounds.  
The Herald is indebted to F.F. Bliss for a fine mess of roasting ears — the first of the season.  
Teague Ray, attorney-at-law from Ohio, has located in Oberlin.  
A great deal of new hay is being brought to the market.

**100 YEARS AGO — July 1911**

Dr. Fredrick A. Cook, great Arctic explorer, will appear on the Chautauqua platform Sunday evening; Gov. J. Frank Hanley of Indiana will be here Tuesday afternoon.  
Frank Fleming is working at the mill again. It looks natural to see Frank with flour on his nose.  
Ray Street arrived home last week. He has grown in width since he has been away and now looks like a full-fledged attorney.  
Rev. Gillett, the Presbyterian minister, is moving to Jewell City, Kan.  
John Bivans and Val Griffith and their wives, who have been motoring through the mountains of Colorado the past six weeks, returned on Sunday.  
Dresden: Dr. E.L. Davis has sold out his drug store and we hear he expects to locate at Seneca, Kan.

**75 YEARS AGO — July 1936**

The Decatur County Board of Commissioners meeting with the Resettlement Organization has estimated that unless rain comes soon there will be at least 250 farmers in the county who will be without crops for the year. The combined boards have appealed to the state and federal administrators of the Works Progress Administration for additional work slots for them on WPA projects in the county as these men are most worthy but who have stayed off of relief but now must help.  
The biggest rain in 44 days fell Tuesday — just .20 of an inch.  
Mrs. Lena Jordan and Henry Olson were married early Wednesday morning in the office of the probate judge. Mrs. Jordan operates a beauty shop in the post office building and Mr. Olson owns the Oberlin Hotel.  
Following the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Olson and Miss Henrietta left for a trip to Colorado and Wyoming and they will attend the rodeo in Cheyenne.

Joe Fiala with his two combines and crews again this year was busy during harvest.  
With the two combines, one a 20-foot machine operated by himself and Fred Kennedy and a smaller machine managed by Wes Flaska and Ed Pavlicek they threshed grain from 1,795 acres running from 3 to 22 bushels with 320 acres on the C.L. Frickey farm and the remainder in the Indianola community. The smaller machine was used on threshing 700 acres in the Kanona vicinity.  
A marriage of much interest to Oberlin people took place in Buenos Aires, Argentina, June 23 when Charles O'Grady, youngest son of Mr. J.P. O'Grady, former resident of Oberlin, was married to Miss Victoria Julia of Belgano in a nuptial mass at St. Patrick's Church.  
A baby daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Valti Magers July 20 who has been named Maralynd Kay.  
Mrs. Guy Votapka and three-week-old son, John Neil, have returned from the McCook Hospital. The young man arrived June 26.

**50 YEARS AGO — July 1961**

The Oberlin Municipal swimming pool was jammed to capacity Sunday when 407 persons took to the water as a means of cooling off in the summer's heat. Pool manager Rusty Addleman said Sunday's attendance set an all-time high.  
The Oberlin Livestock Commission Co., held its first sale in the newly-acquired sale barn at Atwood. Owners are Pete and Jess Jones and Albert McVay. Art Leitner, who has been auctioneer at the Atwood barn for many years, will continue in the same capacity and the Pete Jones family will move to Atwood in the near future but he will continue his services at the local barn here each Friday.  
Funeral services were held for Henry Olson, 71, owner and proprietor of Hotel Oberlin the past 31 years. He is survived by his widow, Lena, three daughters, Mrs. Robert Kirk, Longmont, Colo.; Mrs. David Rothweiler, Seattle, Wash.; and Mrs. Fred Bremer, rural Dresden; six grandchildren, three sisters, two brothers and a step-daughter.  
Construction was started last week on the third unit of the Frontier Motel which will add six units when completed this fall bringing the total number of sleeping units to 27. Dale Young Construction Co., has the general contract for the motel operated by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Warren.  
Funeral services are pending for Amos Fred, 42, who died at the Decatur County Hospital July 18 after an illness of several weeks. He is survived by his wife, Bernadine; two daughters, Linda, 11, and Glenda, 3, two brothers and a sister.  
Due to the increased demand for their products, the Pepsi Cola Bot-

tlng Co., of Oberlin, now in their season's peak, now have a total of 16 employees and are bottling in double shifts to keep their trucks supplied.  
Besides the increased demand for Pepsi and Sun Crest flavors, the addition of "Teem" has added to their activity.  
New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Dale Marcy a daughter, Shalia Jean, 7-10-61; Mr. and Mrs. Aard Erickson, Oberlin, son, Troy Lee, 7-14-61; Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Johnson, Oberlin, son, Darren Lynn, 7-12-61.  
Robbie, Jan and Jill Campbell of Independence arrived Sunday to visit their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McLaughlin.

**25 YEARS AGO — July 1986**

New president of Oberlin Lions Club is Dave Mathes, replacing Wayne (Harold) Hopping. Oberlin Lions Club meets Tuesday evenings twice a month at Oberlin American Legion.  
In reorganizing for a new school year, members of the USD 294 board of education re-elected Ron Temple president by a vote of 4-3. Decatur Co-op was the low bidder on diesel and unleaded fuel at .417 for diesel and .573 for unleaded.  
Jerry Cathcart, retiring Decatur County Rural Fire Chief, will be honored with a social in Oberlin city park in observance of 20 years of service to the department.  
Evelyn Esther Zabel and Michael John Wilson announce their engagement and approaching marriage.  
The bride-to-be is currently employed as an attorney at Lund Law Firm in Oberlin.  
Her fiance is Superintendent of Schools at Golden Plains Unified School District. A wedding date of

Sept. 20, 1986, has been set.  
Mr. and Mrs. Gene Leitner, rural Herndon, announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Donna Lee, to Steven Wilson, son of Robert Wilson, Wichita, and Mary Thompson, Manhattan Beach, Calif.  
The bride-to-be is employed as a registered nurse at Wesley Medical Center, Wichita, and her fiance is an engineer for Missouri Pacific Railroad.  
A July 26, 1986, wedding is planned in Wichita.  
Cpl. Rick Michel, the son of Dave and Shirley Nichols, is currently home on leave from the Marine Corps Logistic Base in Albany, Ga., where he is part of the Marine Drum and Bugle Corps.  
While in Oberlin he played trumpet in the DCHS band and was chosen to be in the State and Lions International Bands for two years.  
New Arrivals: Darlene and Francis Wahrman, Herndon, son, Jeremy Lee, 7/9/86; Sheila and Jeffrey Rhodes, Dresden, daughter, Nickie Kay, 7/11/86.

"Overall our best meet of the year," commented swim coach Jerry Carpenter on the swim meet held Saturday at the Oberlin pool at which the local team placed third. He cited the performances of Kortney Aten, Selena Ulrich, and Amy Fowler as well as Andy Matson who broke the pool record in the butterfly set by his older brother.  
The Bassettville Rogues won the ASA district tournament by beating Norcat 8-6. Team members are Bernard Flax, Dan Buchanan, Tom Alstrom, Gary Alstrom, Greg Landau, Bob Hartzog, Kevin Unger, Mark Depperschmidt, Roland May, Roger May, Brian Moore and Clifton Hartzog.

## Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

Well, I didn't ride on the trail ride like I said I was. I just couldn't make my 21-year-old horse carry me in that 100-degree weather.  
My daughter Julie and granddaughter Brittany went ahead and rode for awhile even though all others decided it was too hot. We will be having one again in late September or early October and plan a supper also at the shelter house. We'll pick a date and let you know later.  
I had a call that the Garden Tour was postponed until Sunday, July 24, with times and places the same as planned previously.  
The Oberlin Convention and Visitors Bureau will be meeting Thursday for their regular noon meeting at the LandMark. Some of the topics to discuss will be updates on Sappa Park, which includes the restrooms, playground equipment, and wetlands ponds, chain

link fence, cattle trails, Mini-Sapa, brochures, table tents, and 150th parade in Wichita; among other topics that always come up during the meeting.  
Some of these members also serve on the city-appointed Sappa Park committee. Those people and many others who helped with all the volunteer work that they put in at the park to help remove the damaged trees and limbs from the roads and walking trails need a special thank you.  
They donate a lot of hours to help make the park a pleasant place to spend time. Even when it's hot, it is a beautiful place.  
Just a reminder about the Farmers Market on Wednesday morning each week. All home-based businesses are welcome to come join. If you need an inside spot, please call the office at 475-3441.

## Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

We are pleased to report that good health is returning to the residents of Cedar Living Center. We had a very quiet week with no group activities and almost no visitors. We are once again reminded of how important it is to have healthy visitors and staff around our residents and we encourage anyone not feeling well to postpone visiting to another day.  
Sympathy is extended to the families of Dale Butler and Edna Mott who passed away on Wednesday. They will be missed by everyone at Cedar Living Center.  
We have been saddened by the loss of several residents in recent months. Though death is an all too often part of the job in the nursing home, we never get used to losing our friends. Some residents only spend a short time with us and others make their home here for several years. Either way, we feel

diminished by their passing.  
We are in a time of transition at Cedar Living Center. We are looking forward to the admission of new residents. New residents bring new opportunities to learn the life histories of amazing people. Some residents have spent all or most of their life in Decatur County and others have traveled the world. Each person brings a set of experiences, some familiar and some unique. It is always a joy to spend time with each and every person who passes through our door.  
Our new spa bathing room has been in use for two months now and continues to be a big success. The residents enjoy the spacious tub and shower. It has been described as being homey, relaxing and inviting. Staff members are always happy to show off the new room to visitors.

## Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Sympathy is extended to the Gary LaSage family of Salina. He suffered a stroke several weeks ago and died Sunday, July 17, 2011, in Wichita. His wife is the former Donna Kompus and she has relatives in the area. Services are being held this week in Salina.  
Don and Joan Grafel attended the 40th anniversary celebration of Leon and Marita Portschy on Saturday evening. From there, they went to Culbertson to wish Kloe Clapp, a great-granddaughter, a happy first birthday. Kloe is the daughter of Chris and Kristyn Clapp  
Bob and Julie Hafner met the David Foxhoven family in Stratton, Colo., at the Golden Prairie Inn for dinner Saturday. Emilie Johanna Foxhoven spent a week with Grandpa and Grandma having fun but returned home to Parker, Colo., anxious to be back with her family.  
Greg, Rita and Joe Marintzer babysat for Addisyn, daughter of Abe and Alex Marintzer this past week. They fed the cats, dogs and cows every day. Addisyn had many visitors during the week, Great-Grandpa Pete, Great-Grandma Leen, Uncle Justin and Aunt Lori, Uncle Isaac, Uncle Dean, Aunt Deb and cousins Marcus and Neil,

Aunt Cheri and Jacque Leitner. All returned home Saturday after a fun week.  
A report Monday indicated that harvesting in the Herndon area is close to 80% complete. The grain is dry and ready but harvesters are waiting for the muddy fields to dry from the recent rains.  
The Alan Solko family, Del and Sam Solko visited with Tony Kleidosty, Riverdale, Neb., and Johnny Kleidosty, North Platte, Neb., in Herndon on Sunday.  
Stan Brenning of Lincoln, Neb., was a weekend guest of Don and Joan Grafel. Stan is a nephew to Don and enjoys visiting during harvest.  
Recent family visitors of Emmie Lou Sattler were Terri Dechant of LaSalle, Colo., and John Sattler and family of Derby. They came to help with harvest and to attend the funeral of Francis Janousek.  
Justin and Jennifer Davis traveled to Denver last weekend to celebrate Nicole Julius's 30th birthday on Saturday and her baby shower on Sunday. The couple stayed with Landon and Nicole Julius and met Nicole Eppley and Jeff Keenan of San Diego, Calif., and Nicole Gulle of Phoenix, Ariz. Nicole Eppley and Jennifer Davis were champions of the bean-bag tournament.

## Good Samaritan Center News

By Lisa Paulson

*Even to your old age, I am He, And even to gray hairs I will carry you!*  
*I have made, and I will bear; Even I will carry, and will deliver you.* Isaiah 4:46  
What an exciting time to be part of a Christian community of care that strives to make every day a day filled with peace, pleasure and purpose for those who live here. With the increase of dementia awareness, the way we approach activities is changing and we are pleased to be actively pursuing new and better ways to meet the needs of those we love and care for.  
This week we re-introduced "TimeSlips," a creative storytelling method that opens storytelling up to everyone by replacing the pressure to remember with encouragement to simply imagine. The stories capture the hopes, dreams, regrets, fears, humor and desires of people with memory loss, and help them connect with staff, family, and friends.  
Amy Rehm, Mary Waldo, Alice Bobbitt, Betty May, Loren Schrock and Leone Porsch wrote this week's story and titled it, "The Bird, the Cat and a Dog".  
The activity room now has a cozy little Snoezelen corner (two Dutch words put together meaning "to seek out, to explore" and "doezelen" (to doze, to snooze) set up using lighting effects, color, sounds, music and scents to create a soothing and stimulating multi-sensory environment where residents with various mental challenges can relax and enjoy a colorful display.  
Our first attempt was very suc-

cessful. Cheryl Hill, Eva Bryan, Don Gilbert and Shirley Hayward all took turns exploring the corner and handling the lighted objects. I am looking for more items to add to our collection, specifically lava or bubble lamps, rope lights (preferably that have motion), small fountains (tabletop) and fiber optic pieces. If you have any of these and would like to donate, we would be happy to have them.  
We are enjoying some intergenerational programs this summer. The 180 boys have returned and we are making preparations for fair week. We will be hosting a Music Circus Day specifically designed for youngsters in grades 1-6 on Thursday, Aug. 4, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. For more information, call Jennifer Tally (785) 470-9121. Then on Friday Aug. 5, bring your favorite, cutest, most unusual pet to be part of the Pet Parade! Both events will be in the Lora Marietta Memorial Garden.  
Recent guests: Edie Tate for Lois Carlson. Eunice Martin for Glenn Martin. Von Johnson for Crystal Moore. Marilyn Horn for Myrtle Ross. Loyd Waldo for Mary Waldo. Dave Meyer and "Sable" for Charlene Meyer. Connie Simonson for Amy Rehm and "Ollie." Max Carman, Tom and Deb Campbell and Cindy Ostmeyer, Hoxie, for Myrtle Waldo. Steve and Arian Arnold, Herndon, and Galen Olson for Edla Olson. Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh for Opal Bryan. Mert McEvoy for Lucy Schissler. Reva Marshall, Penny Fringer and Ron and Dixie

Snyder, Colby, for Dorothy Hunt. Murry and Audrey Pavlicek and Van and Nola Burrus and daughter for Mary Lemman. Bud and Vicky Mumm, Gem, for Doris Marintzer. Jerry Hill for Cheryl Hill. Gerald Olson for Evelyn Olson. Betty

Heisel for Ethel Nemeth. Connie Bryan for Leone Porsch. Eunice Richards and Holly Young, Colby, for Earl Brown. Ralph and Norma Unger for Alan Addleman, Lucy Schissler, Walt and Betty May and Earl Brown.  
**Lyle News**  
By Veda Wood  
So soon after Virgil and Joyce Price's beautiful 65th anniversary celebration, many of their family members were together again for the funeral of his sister, Bula Price Kelley, on July 8 at the Norcat United Methodist Church.  
Saturday, July 9, the Norcat Educational Building was the scene of the celebration of the 60th wedding anniversary of Rea and Dee Magers. It was hosted by their son, Jeff Magers, and daughter, Cheri Pomeroy.  
Margaret Magers attended the marriage of her great-granddaughter, Cori Guy to Brian Zey. They will live in Wichita and continue their education, she to be a certified public accountant, and he, a lab technician.  
Kathy Van Meter and Lloyd Frandsen went to Glen Elder to help celebrate grandson, Colton's fifth birthday. She also visited with a son. They are still harvesting whenever they can as it rained five inches. As much as we always want rain, during wheat harvest we would like for it to "Come again some other




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