

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Joan Betts

**125 YEARS AGO — June 1887**  
Ninety-eight in the shade Tuesday.

The Herald has again been designated the official paper of Oberlin. Clark & Son are building a large addition to their feed store.

Allison and Shibboleth will celebrate the Fourth.

The city council has served an injunction restraining the platting of North Street.

M.E. Mix has sold his interest in the windmill business to his partner, S.J. Morrish, and will leave this week with two carloads of cattle for the Kansas City market.

Wm. A. McCarty of Indianola, Neb., has just completed his contract for the construction of two bridges, one at the Forks and one at the Bliss Crossing, and both are now ready for travel. McCarty will next build a bridge across the Beaver at Cedar Bluffs.

The Oberlin baseball team played Lyle last Friday to the tune of 49-6.

**100 YEARS AGO — June 1912**

Decoration Day services were somewhat curtailed in the forenoon because of the hard wind, but the usual good program was held at the Opera House in the afternoon. Prof. F.B. O'Grady delivered the oration. Others on the program were: Florence Cathcart, Salome and Mildred Langmade, Harry Anderson, a quartet composed of D.G. Addleman, Geo. D. McMullen, N.B. Bush and L.M. Parker, and 5 little girls who put on a patriotic drill.

Lester Wylder returned from KU before commencement; his high grades exempting him from the usual examinations.

J.E. Love bought his third new Ford auto last week.

Art Steele has a new Ford auto, selling his old one to Doctor Tilden.

Spec Kennedy is playing with a fast amateur baseball team of Cedar Rapids, Ia.

H.A. Griffith and son Val and their wives left last Thursday morning in their auto to drive to Ottawa, Kans., where Miss Emma Griffith is a member of the graduating class.

**75 YEARS AGO — June 1937**

With more than four inches of rain in the past weeks, crop prospects are brighter than any time in recent years. Prior to May 30 even the most optimistic farmer or businessman had given up on any harvest this summer and stockmen and dairy-men were commencing to dispose of their stock because of no feed or pasture.

Slowest to recover from the drouth and dust will be the pastures. When they did green up this spring they were mostly weeds and a tickle grass which lives only a few weeks.

The good old buffalo sod has been seriously damaged during the past three or four years and time will be required, together with moisture, to restore them to their original state.

The enrollment at the Vacation Church School has increased to 104. At the Methodist Church the kindergarten is under the direction of Miss Della Carter and the primary department superintendent is Mrs. Ernest Nemeth. The junior department at the Presbyterian Church is directed by Miss Sarah Woolley and Mrs. Ben Miller has charge of the intermediate department being held at the Federated Church.

Harlan: The Metcalf Ranch received a three-inch rain Tuesday afternoon. Dorothy Metcalf's sister, Miss Beulah Mousel, has returned to her home at Cambridge after a week's visit.

Funeral services will be held at the Swedish Lutheran Church for Mrs. John S. Cederberg, about 70 years of age, whose death was caused by heart trouble.

Friends in Oberlin have received announcements of the commencement exercises in Denver for Ben Bancher, son of Mrs. Pansy Bancher.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Barclay announce the birth of a son, Richard Lee, on June 5 at Benton Memorial Hospital.

Dresden: A large crowd attended the party Tuesday at the Schroer home which was a get-acquainted party for Miss Muller of Oberlin who became the bride of Harold Lohofener Sunday morning. They will make their home in the Anna Schroer home and Mrs. Schroer will make her home with her daughter, Clara Schieferecke.

**50 YEARS AGO — June 1962**

Sauvage Oil Company's modern new eight-pump gasoline station located on US-36 in north Oberlin will hold its official grand opening Friday and Saturday according to Rex Schroeder, station manager.

Centennial Bowl, owned by Art Dowling, has been a bee-hive of activity this week as workmen from Brunswick Company are refinishing the eight lanes and adding two new lanes. During the past bowling season there were some 100 bowling teams, men and women, and the need for an additional two lanes was apparent according to manager Joe Corcoran.

Two Oberlin musicians received special recognition at the Lions State Band Camp held at Marymount College in Salina according to Lonnie Richards, Oberlin band instructor, who directed the bassoon section of the 240-piece band. Following the auditions for 48 clarinet players, Pam Banta, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Banta placed first-chair clarinet and Janice Nitsch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Nitsch, placed seventh chair.

New Arrival: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Montgomery, Jennings, son, Russell Lewis, 6-5-62.

Six of the recent graduates from Fort Hays State are from Decatur County: Jim Miesner, Oberlin, BS in geology; Larry Guinn, Oberlin, BS in physical education; Robert

Pavlicek, Oberlin, BS in business; William Hayes, Oberlin, BA in English; Bruce Bishop, Norcat, BS in education and Roger Shimek, Jennings, BS in physical education. Royce Rasmussen, a 1949 graduate of DCHS, is completing requirements for a PhD in chemistry at the University of Kansas and has accepted a position at the University of Indiana as Reserve Associate.

Dr. J.A. Anderson, a recent graduate from Manhattan in Veterinary Medicine, is now employed with Dr. R.M. Phillips at the Decatur County Animal Hospital. He and his family moved to Oberlin the first of the week from Paradise and reside at 301 South Beaver. They have three children, Steve, 8, Jill, 4 and Amy, 1. Anderson is the son of Arnold Anderson, a former Oberlin resident.

Miss Carol Schissler was first runner-up in the Kansas Wheat Queen contest held at Colby last week. She is a 1961 graduate of DCHS and will attend Fort Hays State this fall. She was sponsored by the Oberlin Milling Company.

**25 YEARS AGO — June 1987**

More than 65 persons attended the meeting of the U.S. Highway-36 Association held at the Oberlin American Legion with Kansas Secretary of Transportation Horace Edwards

as keynote speaker. "Substantial improvements will be made on U.S. 36 and the highways which feed into it," he said, "and plans for the completion of the US-83 project south of Oberlin would in no way be delayed." During the meeting Max Brooks of Denver gave a short tribute to the late McDill "Huck" Boyd who was a long-time member of the U.S. Highway 36 association and former president.

Michelle Addleman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Addleman, has returned from a nine-month stay on the island nation of New Zealand as a Rotary International Exchange student.

Two DCHS members of Future Farmers of America, Marlene Tally and Kayla Unger, were awarded State Farmer Degrees at the recent FFA convention held in Manhattan.

An average of 134 children attended Marketplace 29A.D., a three-day Bible school held at Sappa Park.

A total of 35 teams, 70 women, competed in two-woman scramble tournament held Saturday at Oberlin County Club. Two Oberlin teams tied for second with scores of 72, Pat Glenn and Wilma Hamilton and Karen Aten and Denice Aten of Grant, Neb.

## Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

I didn't leave the country; I just didn't have much to write about last week. This week is a different story.

Table Tent information is due today, we have two ribbon cuttings on Thursday, an American Eagle Club bus tour coming through on Friday and Farmer's Market starting next Wednesday.

First of all, July and August tourism events are due for the table tents today. I will be sending the information to the printer Thursday morning, no later!

Two ribbon cuttings will take place Thursday afternoon. The first one is at the Penn Avenue Boutique, 101 S. Penn, at 1:30 p.m., and the second at Carman Computer Service at its new location across the street from the movie theater, 211 N. Penn, about 2 p.m.

Refreshments will be available at Penn Avenue Boutique. Anyone is welcome to attend and welcome these businesses to downtown Oberlin.

Donation jars for the Oberlin Business Alliance fireworks display are out at area businesses. Without your donations, this could not happen, so please stop by to leave something.

The Oberlin Farmer's Market will be starting at 8 a.m. next Wednesday, June 20. It is not a necessity, but if you are bringing something

for the market, I would be happy to spread the word ahead of time to help promote your products.

I will keep a list on the front window and I can put it on the marquee with each week's advertising, also in the Chamber News if I know by Monday mornings.

New this year to the Market will be cooking demonstrations. Salad Samplings, Strawberry Spinach and other greens and veggie variations (with recipes available) will be available. Later dates will be announced.

On July 11, we will be doing a stir-fry dish with chicken, beef or shrimp. If you have spinach, lettuce and salad or stir-fry veggies that you will be bringing to the Farmer's Market, we would buy some for these demonstrations. Home-business owners are welcome to come set up at the Farmer's Market also. There is space inside if the weather is uncomfortable.

On Friday, a bus tour is coming to Oberlin from American Eagle Club to visit the Eight Wonders of Oberlin. First stop is Sappa Park, then the home-owned carnival (the train, and possibly a ride), then down Main Street to see the Pete Felton sculpture, the brick streets, the museum, then dinner and a tour of the LandMark Inn. If you see them, please make them welcome

Have a great week!

## Museum Matters

By Sharleen Wurm

During Memorial/Alumni weekend, I was asked about the Decatur Community High School anthem. What I have been able to research is that the music was taken from: "Annie Lisle," the name of an 1857 ballad by Boston songwriter H.S. Thompson. It was first published by Moulton & Clark of Newburyport, Mass., and later by Oliver Ditson & Co.

It is about the death of a young maiden, by what some have speculated to be tuberculosis, although the lyric does not explicitly mention tuberculosis or "consumption" as it was called then. The song might have slipped into obscurity had the tune not been adopted by countless colleges, universities and high

schools worldwide as their respective alma mater songs.

The words for the high school anthem were written by Darwin Earle LaBore, a piano tuner and music teacher in Oberlin. I do not think he was a teacher in the school system, but gave private lessons and maybe helped out in the school. He does not show up as a teacher in any of our records. The first evidence of the anthem was in the *Oberlin Times* newspaper, May 14, 1915.

Anyone with more information please contact the museum at (785) 475-2712 or by e-mail at lirm@ruraltel.net.

I will have more on the LaBore family in next week's article.

## Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Thursday with their grandparents, Keith and Mary Lou Olson.

Rachel Grafel is working as a counselor this week at Covenant Heights Camp near Estes Park, Colo.

The Herndon Covenant Church Sunday School picnic was moved from Lake Atwood to the church basement on Sunday due to the high winds. Services preceded it at the Good Samaritan Center in Atwood.

Bill and Maxine Peebles, Sheri Steineman and Lia and Sheila Wa-

## Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Dice players on Monday afternoon included Audra Duncan, Darlene Fisher, Alvina Gamblin, Irene Fringer, Helen Helm, Donna Kent and Alice Shirley.

Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led the sing-along time before supper on Monday afternoon.

Floyd Edgett won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Irene Fringer won the blackout game. Ila Ray, Julie Hafner and Mike Helm assisted with bingo.

The ladies of the Jennings United Methodist Church hosted the June birthday party in the Cedar Living Center dining room on Wednesday afternoon. The group served angel food cake, peaches and ice cream. Kay Brown and Terri Hanke provided the musical entertainment. Audra Duncan, Gene Files and Lillie Corpier were the honored guests celebrating birthdays in June.

The craft group met in the dining room on Thursday afternoon to hang pictures taken at some recent special events.

Several residents met for a game of dominos on Thursday evening.

The baking group made some really good double chocolate cookies on Friday afternoon.

Recent visitors: Eunice and John Andrews, Perry, Ga.; Gary and Pam McClelland, Shawnee, Okla.; Laurie Helm, St. Joseph, Mo.; Jim Helm, Kathy Shaffer, McCook; Mike, Deb, Matthew and Timothy Helm, Norcat; Martin and Ceanne Rinehart, Colby; Susie Youngblood, Atwood; Lila Jennings, Louise Cressler, Helen Rhodes and Kay Brown, Jennings; John Bremer, Myrna Jones, Mirium Fisher, Dolores Koerperich, Martin and Evelyn May, Oberlin.

## Norcat,ur News

By the Norcat,ur News Committee

Matthew Helm, son of Mike and Deb Helm, attended Boys State at Kansas State University, Manhattan, last week. Matthew will be a senior at Decatur Community High School.

Bonnie Rapp, a former resident of Norcat,ur, is recuperating after suffering an injury to her back. She spent six weeks in a rehabilitation center.

Beth Johnson recently spent a weekend with Claire and Norma Rupp at Wilson.

There are lots of June birthdays. Happy birthday to Twila Forbes and Dennis Wood, June 7; Pansy Price, June 8; Cheryl Hill and Bill Woods, June 10; and Linda Woods, June 12.

Last Sunday, the Norcat,ur, Clayton and Almerna United Methodist churches held church services at the

Prairie Dog State Park, followed with a covered dish dinner.

Senior Citizens met June 1 with 19 players. Winners were Jackie Porter, Jodi Lyon and Ed Yeater. They will meet again at 1 p.m., Friday. Everyone is welcome.

Jaron and Becky Cox, Manhattan, came home for a visit the weekend before Memorial Day. Mrs. Cox is the daughter of Mike and Deb Helm.

The Bargain Box in Oberlin donated \$200 to the Norcat,ur Library. The money is being used to purchase new children's books.

Book Potpourri will be at 1 p.m. next Wednesday at the library.

The medical outreach clinic will be Tuesday, June 19, from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Call 475-2015 to schedule an appointment, but walk-ins are welcome.

## Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Toots Magers has been having a bad backache and saw the doctor on Saturday. She didn't make it to church on Sunday, but says she is feeling better.

Kathy Van Meter and Lloyd Frandsen attended the annual Tri-Valley supper at the Ella Missing Center on Friday in Arapahoe, Neb. We were sorry to hear that Kathy fell, causing compound fractures in her back. June Jolly went to Willow Ridge for their KT Club on Thursday, played cards Friday and helped the Eagles do Bingo Saturday.

Gary and Cathy Anthony took Windy Kuhlman and children out to dinner on Sunday.

Joyce Summer went for a fun day with her family Sunday afternoon at the special playground Greg has

fixed for the kids. Later, she visited Ivy Rolland at the Andbe Home.

Dwight Wood is looking forward to having teeth pulled [not!]. After being on so much medication over the years, they are not good. We hope he gets along well.

Visitors at my home have been Carol Moye and great-granddaughters. They played with the dog and Kylie pulled Skylar in the wagon. We had some of Denny's birthday cake, brought to him by Kimber Robinson. Other guests have been Brandy Cohart, Tielia High and her children; Emily, Mariah, Garrett and Grant. I succeeded in getting the kids to try gooseberry pie, and three out of four liked it. It was a big favorite of their grandpa.

## Decatur Health Systems

By Becky Wilson

If you were to walk down the hallway of the Decatur County Hospital toward patient rooms 112, 114 and 116 today, you'd notice the evidence of some wall work being done - sanded-down, spackled and unpainted drywall. It's a sign of a constantly updated facility, ready to serve the community.

A building the size of the hospital requires a lot of maintenance, both in regular upkeep and in major renovations, such as the newly reformatted Computerized Tomography scanner room. Prior to that, it was the Family Practice Clinic that was getting a new carpet and coat of paint in order to provide a welcoming environment for our patients.

A facility like this has to keep on its toes in order to provide a proper roof for the variety of services offered beneath it. Think of all the services that need a home:

- Long-term care and short visits to the emergency room.
- Cardiac and respiratory patients

receive therapy regularly.

- The lab works around the clock to provide test results on demand.
- The Fitness Center with treadmills and bicycles at work.

- The Specialty Clinic coordinates the services of an ever-expanding group of specialists who travel here from such places as Hays, Kearney and Denver.

- The interactive television connection offers a convenient solution for issues where an outside consultation is necessary.

- And then there's the inpatient services: those patient rooms are always ready.

There's a surprising amount of activity that can go on behind the walls of a small-town hospital. If there's a health issue you need help with, don't assume you have to go elsewhere to find what you need.

We have an important local resource that can save the people of Decatur County the time and expense of travel.

## Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Arnold Behrman, Orange, Calif., passed away Monday, June 4, at his home. His wife, Lois, is the sister of Walter May of Oberlin; our sympathies to their families.

Bill and Bonnie Condit, Winfield, were visitors this past week of Norman and Joanne Wendelin and Rory.

Gaylord and Shirley Shields and Caitlin met Keric Shields at the Denver airport on Tuesday. From there, they traveled on to Florissant, Colo., to visit Stan and Deanie Moore and their grandson, Jacob Moore.

Keric, his grandparents, and Caitlin returned home on Saturday.

Melvin Waterman, St. John's Lutheran Church's congregational delegate, attended the Kansas District Convention June 7-9. The theme was "Mercy, Witness, Life Together".

Susan May picked up her son, Ryan, in Manhattan on Saturday. He had spent two weeks at Kansas State University attending 4-H Discovery Days and the American Legion Boys State. En route home they stopped in Hoxie to visit Susan's parents, Gerry and Darlene Schaffer. Ryan and Matthew Helm, Norcat,ur, were the Oberlin American Legion delegates to Boys State June 3-9.

Tami Shaw and Dante had speaking parts in the Last Indian Raid reenactment held Friday at the Decatur County Museum for the Buffalo Commons group. The last Indian raid in Kansas was in 1878, 134 years ago, with 19 people killed

in Decatur County. A monument still stands today in the Oberlin Cemetery in their memory.

Mollie and Grace Tate competed in the swim meet Saturday in Wray, Colo. Grace placed 14th in the 50-yard freestyle and 13th in both the 25-yard freestyle and the 25-yard backstroke. Mollie placed fifth in both the 100-yard and 50-yard freestyle and placed fourth in the 50-yard breaststroke. Mollie is ranked sixth in the Northwest Kansas swim league.

Kristen Bremer and Rowan, Colby, and Jessica Bremer were Saturday lunch guests of John and Dianne Bremer to celebrate Kristen's 31st birthday.

Rhonda May hosted an open house Sunday afternoon for John and Eunice Andrews and Jennifer, Perry, Ga. They are in Oberlin visiting her mother, Wilma May; brothers, Elwood and David, sister, Connie Olson, and their families,

Greta Wendelin, Lawrence, and Ladd Wendelin, Lincoln, Neb., were weekend visitors of Norman and Joanne Wendelin and Rory.

Calvin Anderson, Bismarck, N.D., was a Sunday afternoon visitor of John and Dianne Bremer.

Daniel Nedland and Elizabeth attended the State 4-H Geology field trip June 8-10 based at the Newton Recreation Center. Among the many activities were collecting specimens from the Flint Hills, Osage Cuestas, Kiowa formation and the Kanopolis area. They returned home Sunday evening.

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

Betty Hafer accompanied Don and Sarah Benda to Colleyville, Texas, to visit Dolores Benda and help her celebrate her birthday on June 3. They also visited the Dave Benda family. Mail will reach Mrs. Benda at 5314 Bransford Street, Room 2001, Colleyville, Texas 76034. Her phone number is (817) 918-3180.

Seth and Sam Olson of Boulder, Colo., visited from Tuesday to

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