

Events of Yesteryear

By Joan Betts

125 YEARS AGO – JULY 1888

A glorious rain visited this section of the country Sunday. Charles Page, the Kanona postmaster, was in the city Tuesday. Geo. Keys is building on his homestead four and one-half miles southeast of town.

J. J. Jackson has received the contract for the excavation of the basement of the new hotel.

The pauper expense for Decatur County for the past quarter was \$900. A poor house is needed.

The Oberlin Tank Line, for the supply of coal oil and gasoline, will soon be under headway.

Henry Herman, while passing the Commercial Hotel Monday afternoon, was hit upon the head by a piece of 2x6, which was thrown from the scaffold near the third story by a workman. A scalp wound four inches long was the result of the blow.

Commissioner's Proceedings: The petition of J.M. Crooks, et al, to set off Town 1, Range 28, from Olive Township, and form a separate township was granted; the township to be known as Sherman. The following officers were appointed: T.J. VanPelt, trustee; C. McCarty, treasurer, Geo. Mc Curdy, constable.

100 YEARS AGO – July 1913

Much of the wheat crop is cut and while the quality is said to be good the quantity is not very large and nobody will get very rich out of their wheat crop this year. Corn, however,

is as good as we ever saw this time of year and is growing fast.

Neil Rogers has landed a job as principal of the high school at Augusta.

John Rea, the miller, went to Phillipsburg Monday for a visit with his brother.

Laura Plotts left Monday afternoon for Goldendale, Wash., where she will visit her brother, Roy.

Dr. L.C. Tilden and family returned Monday from Montana. He said it was the first warm day they had had this summer and he had worn a coat all the time he was away.

Sunday was one of the hottest days we ever saw in this country; the mercury standing at 108 the greater part of the afternoon.

Jennings Items: Frank Bowers has taken charge of Hinsdale's cash market store. Stanley Shook left Tuesday night for Topeka.

75 YEARS AGO – July 1938

Charles E. Hawkes, for the past five years superintendent of schools here, and one of the outstanding men in the field of education in Kansas, has been elected as superintendent of schools at Salina. Mr. Hawkes will go to Salina Aug. 1.

Retiring president of Oberlin Rotary V.H. Griffith closed the 1937-38 year with a membership of 43 business and professional men as active members and two honorary members, D.G. Campbell and C.L. Frickey.

Jennings News: About two

o'clock Saturday afternoon the Chandler warehouse was discovered to be on fire. By the time the fire department arrived the blaze had reached the roof and could not be brought under control. Fortunately the wind had switched to the north, otherwise the Jennings Cleaners and the Noone Hardware Store would have been in grave danger.

What a sight, and almost a strange one at that, to see the truck loads of fine wheat rolling through the streets to the elevators. For the first time in a number of years these trucks, carrying from 100 to 160 bushels of the golden grain, stand awaiting their turn on the scales and into the elevator dumps.

50 YEARS AGO – July 1963

20-bushel county average as wheat harvest nears completion.

The 1963 intangible tax valuation in Decatur County is up from \$71,004 over last year's total, according to Lloyd Corcoran, Decatur County clerk.

Miss Kathryn Sater, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sater, became the bride of Lyle R. Beaumont, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Beaumont of Clifton on June 8 at the Wesley Foundation in Hays.

Nearly 100 persons gathered in the library basement in Oberlin Sunday to help Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Tice of Denver celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary.

Dale Overmiller has been appointed U.S. weather observer for Oberlin. Emmett West has asked to

be relieved of his duties.

Burch Drilling Co., has moved in on a location on the Leo Harmon property in Center Township and drilling has gone to 32,900 feet. Halliburton Drilling Co., has the lease.

25 YEARS AGO – July 1988

Dr. Gary Fredrickson, who has practiced dentistry in Oberlin the past six years, became president of Oberlin Rotary July 1. He succeeds Mike Coleman. Other officers are Gordon (Buzz) Matson, vice president; Stan Morgan, secretary and Ralph Brown, treasurer. He is married to the former Sarah Woods who teaches physical education at Oberlin Elementary School and the couple is expecting their first child in October. He is the son of Doyle and Jody Fredrickson of Oberlin.

Two DCHS seniors, Chad Stanley and Sam O'Toole, have returned from Wichita State University where they attended an Entrepreneur Camp which was funded by the Dane Hansen Foundation.

The Downtown Farmers Market in Oberlin offered potatoes, onions, honey and rhubarb last week. It will be held at 8:30 a.m. every Wednesday in front of the Chamber office.

Michele Walters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Veryl Walters and Luanne Votapka, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Votapka, were members of the Lions International Band which performed in Denver last week where the Lions International Convention was being held.

Good Samaritan Center

By Whitney True

Daily devotions start the day at Good Sam. It is one of those rituals that has a way of helping us to find a positive frame of mind for the rest of the day.

So many of our residents share their special talents often and on one particular morning it was a simple and genuine comment that turned my morning and the subject of our devotion around instantaneously.

I turned on the microphone, paused the music that had been playing and greeted my audience with a silly, "Good morning, how are you all?"

Amy Rehm sat in the middle of everyone and cheerfully replied, "I am grateful."

And there it was. A reminder that I needed to come back to earth and thank God for this not so perfect morning, find my laughter and commit to a good day. It also brought to mind the movie "Pollyanna."

"Pollyanna" is the story of an 11-year old orphan girl. The book was written in 1913 and Disney turned it into a movie in the 1960s. Pollyanna's mother died while giving birth to her and she is raised by her father, a missionary, who teaches her to live life by playing "The Glad Game" or to find something in every situation in life to be glad about.

Amy Rehm and many of our residents are great at reminding staff to be grateful and cheerful. Apparently there are over 800 scriptures in the

Bible that encourage people to live life with a grateful heart. It seems to me that this is something so many of our residents have committed to in life! Rejoicing and living with a cheerful heart just might be something that gets better with age.

This week we kept super busy with a center barbecue. Staff and residents joined together for good grub and lots of fun. We also had a banana split social for staff and residents to celebrate our great family/staff survey! We had an outing to the Golden Age Center where we played pitch and dominoes and then cooled off at the swimming party that our S.T.A.R.S committee sponsored.

In other news, residents council met last week and formed a hospitality/welcoming committee. Members include Amy Rehm, Phil Erickson, Marilou Long, Marylu Brown, Betty May and Betty Jones. The committee will put together staff appreciation events and welcoming events to new residents. Our first event was on Tuesday as we welcomed our newest resident, Don Fredrickson.

As always we appreciate our volunteers and visitors. They included: Cheryl Miller for Loren Schrock; Reva Marshall for Dorothy Hunt; Nadine Tacha for Galen Tacha; Becky Hunziker for Amy Rehm; and Ann Mines for Leona Helmkamp.

Norcatour News

By the Norcatour News Committee

A big dance is planned for 8 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, July 13, in the newly air conditioned all purpose room at the city building. It will be a fundraiser to help finish the new roof on the building. Come dressed in a costume from your favorite era. There will be a \$50 prize for the best costume.

If you have any news to submit for publication in the Newsheet, please send to dotw25@ruraltel.net, jolyon@ruraltel.net or debmclerk@gmail.com.

Norcatour Senior Citizens met June 21 to play pitch at the Methodist Church Educational Building. There were 16 players present. Winners were Retta Hare, Jackie Porter and Jodi Lyon. They will meet again at 1 p.m. on Friday.

Happy birthday wishes go out to Larry James, June 29, and Ron Temple, July 1.

Several Norcatour residents attended a meeting of the U.S. Highway 36 Association at the Huck Boyd Center in Phillipsburg on June 21. They heard the district engineers explain some of the planned highway improvements and celebrated the association's 106th anniversary.

Of special interest to the Norcatour contingency was the approval of the

association to designate the former Norcatour City Hall as the location of the U.S. Highway 36 Museum. Plans and options for the museum will be presented to the Norcatour City Council.

Casey and Justine Tuttle decided to take a mini-vacation before the hustle and bustle of harvest hits. They drove to Denver with Caleb and Kelsey Peters. They went to Elich Gardens Theme and Water Park.

If you are planning a garage sale in conjunction with the U.S. Highway 36 Treasure Hunt on Sept. 20-22, and would like to be advertised in the Treasure Hunt's vendor's guide, your listing must be received before July 10. Listing forms are available at the City office, Post Office and Jerry's Bar and Grill. The cost is \$13 for 10 words. The City Building will be unavailable that weekend.

To find a complete listing of all activities in Decatur County go to www.oberlinks.com/calendar-2/. Norcatour, Jennings, Dresden and Oberlin activities are listed.

Following Sunday church services, Bee Nelson and Dorothy Ward met Dwayne Stapp and Charlotte Meints in Oberlin then drove on to Herndon for a fried chicken dinner at the local cafe.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Sympathy is extended to the family of Dolores (Cochran) Benda, 85, who died Friday in Euless, Texas. She and her late husband, John Benda, and family were former residents of this community. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 13, at the Herndon Covenant Church with burial in the Achilles Cemetery. Memorials were established in her name.

Congratulations to Josiah and Mandi Jones on the birth of a son, Jacob Gregory, on June 20, 2013. He has a brother, Ryan, and a sister, Emma.

Chris Schmidt will observe his 60th birthday on Friday. All of his children and grandchildren plan to be here to help him celebrate and friends are invited to join them at

7 p.m. Friday for birthday cake at their home.

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

Gerald and Patti Benda attended Big Sunday services on June 23 at Covenant Heights Camp near Estes Park, Colo.

Mark and Barbara Olson visited Rex Olson at Presbyterian/St. Luke's Hospital in Denver on Sunday.

Gert Myers of Mansfield, Ohio, is visiting the Elden and Detta Anderson and Norma Anderson families. Gary Anderson met her at the airport in Denver on Monday.

Tyler and Tiffany Witt, Trevor and Tessa were Sunday supper guests of Keith and Mary Lou Olson.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

We are enjoying some very cool nights, but it's just the first of July so we know it won't last long. No rain in sight, which is what we really need.

Sunflower Senior Citizens carry-in potluck supper will be held at 6 p.m., Tuesday. The grandchildren of Diane and Dave Carter will be furnishing entertainment. Come join them.

The Jennings City Council will meet at 7:30 p.m., Monday at the Senior Center.

Ken Carter and Dalene Gawith led church at the United Methodist Church in Jennings Sunday. Our new minister, Ed Wood, will lead services next Sunday. We welcome him and his wife to our church.

They are living in the parsonage at Jennings.

Eight senior citizens enjoyed playing pinochle at the center on Wednesday afternoon. Diane Carter, Eleanor Morel, Agnes Wahlmeier, Linda Spesser, Stan and Ramona Shaw, Scott Taylor and Louise Cressler attended.

There was a nice picture of the shelter at the Roadside Park in last week's Oberlin Herald. However, the truck being used belongs to Stann Hartzog and the roof did not cost the city \$4,000. Everyone said the park looks very nice.

The men from Norton Correctional facility have done many projects for the City of Jennings.

Public Notice

to Residents of Oberlin

The City Water Department will be Flushing City Water Mains

Thursday – July 11 after 10 p.m.

Please be aware that certain amounts of discoloration may appear in your domestic water supply.

Thank you for your cooperation
Karen Larson, City Administrator

Sell it in the Classifieds

475-2206

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

We appreciate the volunteers who give so freely of their time and talents at Cedar Living Center. We have several volunteer opportunities available at the present time. We are looking for a pitch player to lead a game once a week. We are also looking for Scrabble players to play one-on-one with two of our residents. We are especially looking for volunteers who might be available on Saturday or Sunday to host a social hour, organize a bingo game or other game, or provide an entertainment. We have volunteer openings for evenings as well as during the day. Please call Cedar Living Center at 475-2276 and ask for Teresa Shaughnessy or Connie Miller.

Deb Helm assisted when residents met for word games on Monday afternoon. Connie Miller hosted the sing-along time before supper on Monday.

Wanda Heller won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Ann Szewiastis won both blackout games.

The craft group met on Wednesday afternoon. We are beginning to think about getting some serious work accomplished before the De-

catour County Fair in August.

Fr. Mark Berland brought Communion for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

Several ladies met on Thursday afternoon to get a little ironing done. Snacks were served when the work was completed.

Baking was postponed until next Friday so residents could enjoy a bonus game of bingo on Friday afternoon. Sonya Mann and Reba Porter assisted.

Nearly all of the residents joined in on the fun Saturday afternoon when we made root beer floats in the dining room.

Residents gathered in the dining room on Sunday morning to sing hymns. We no longer have a church service on the fifth Sunday of the month, so those who gathered on Sunday praised the Lord in song.

Recent out-of-town visitors: Reba Porter, Mason, Ohio; Kathy Brashers, Curtis, Neb.; Kathy Shaffer, McCook; Deb, Matthew, Timothy and Mike Helm, Norcatour.

Oberlin visitors: Gladys Geis, Evelyn Meitl, Laurene VanOtterloo, Sherri Shuler, Laurie Wasson, Bill and Carol Duncan, Mary McEvoy.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Two weeks ago, when Charles Keller pastored the Lyle Church, he asked about a few pieces of old pictures, etc. that we had been "talking about" taking to the Oberlin Museum, but none of us had done it. So, he said, "It's time," and took them.

We hope they will interest people. One is a portrait of Lois Witham, who went from the Lyle community to China during the '30s and '40s as a missionary. I believe her main work was in nutrition. World War II caused much American work there to be shut down, and her own health finally caused her retirement. Charles also took them the picture of the four buildings used by the Lyle Church. They first met in dugouts, including my great-great-grandfather, Samuel Andrews, then in a log church, then one of sod, then a frame building, and finally the one that still stands.

Charles served as pastor at Lyle again Sunday, as it was the fifth Sunday in the month. His wife, Inez, has been hospitalized, but expects to be home soon. We were happy to have visitors, Brian Kelley, Kathy Van Meter and Lloyd Frandsen.

Joyce Sumner is home from her visit to her sister, Geraldine Everist, in Redondo Beach, Calif. She went somewhere every day and had a great time, and now it is good to be home. She was glad to have Sherry Regal meet her and bring her home from Denver on Thursday. Her granddaughter, Amy, is still waiting for a liver transplant.

Ma Laura Hall, the lady who brought my sister, Dixie, to visit, is one of the most enthusiastic visitors I've had. She walked all over town, taking pictures and raving about the beautiful little town. We toured the museum, office, paper room, old high school and spent so much time looking at our senior pictures that we were almost too late for pie and ice cream at the home of Dee Magers. Thanks so much, Dee, Bee and Jody for a fun afternoon.

Tom Baker and Cheryl Parrish put a second coat of paint on my porch and ramp on Saturday. They do very good work. I went to Oberlin for my daughter, Carol's birthday. Other guests were Tracey Pershing, Tielia High and Aubrey, Adrienne Vacura, Kylie and Skylar, and Mariah Bader.

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