

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Joan Betts

125 YEARS AGO – July 1888

John B. Colt is offering \$5 per bail for the barb wire taken from in front of his store.

The sheriff of Cheyenne County, Nebr., celebrated the Fourth of July by killing a horse thief, capturing another one, and recovering seven head of stolen horses.

A search revealed, few, if any, empty houses in Oberlin.

J.C. Wilson if building two residences on Penn Avenue.

The waterworks question is a bit of a muddle; when the time for letting the contract arrived, several parties were on hand, and after the bids we received the contract was awarded to J.B. Hitchcock for \$23,500.00.

100 YEARS AGO – July 1913

Most of the wheat will be in the stack by the last of the week.

A number of our people are arranging to go to McCook today or tomorrow to see the flying machines.

The attendance at the county normal will probably reach 100 before the week is out.

Miss Tina Andrews of Norcat, who will teach domestic science in DCHS, was in Oberlin Monday and Tuesday to assist in the purchase of the equipment for her department.

Norcat Items: John Boyd is off on a motorcycle tour of the West in company with several other motorists.

F.F. Bliss was in town Friday with the first roasting ears we have seen on the market this season.

75 YEARS AGO – July 1938

By the end of the week the wheat harvest will be pretty well over with an estimated two million bushels harvested from 147,000 acres with an average of 14 bushels per acre. The acre yields have varied over the county with summer fallow fields showing the best results.

Dresden: W.S. Ewer, 44, for a number of years principal of the Dresden Consolidated Schools, died July 12 at a hospital in Iowa following a gall bladder operation recently. He is survived by his wife and one son, Byron. Funeral services were held at the Methodist Church in Dresden.

Miss Dorothy Olson, a 1934 graduate of DCHS who attends Kansas State, was chosen president of the American Home Economics Association of colleges and high schools, at a national meeting held in Pittsburgh, Penn.

In the passing of "Uncle Joe" Foster, 82, Dresden loses another of the early pioneer settlers. He came to Kansas with his parents in the early years when settlers were few and far between and in the days of wild horses, buffaloes and occasional Indian raids. Moving from Sheridan County to Dresden in 1895, he was engaged in blacksmithing and traveled many miles on foot to preach the Gospel. He leaves to mourn his death his wife, Margaret; four sons, Doug, Alfred, Elfred and Ralph; two daughters, Bessie and Ollie, three sisters and one brother.

Fairview-Summit: Orval Harold came home from Colby Saturday night to help his father harvest but found the wheat about all cut. Funeral services were held at Sacred

Heart Church for Mrs. S.J. O'Toole who had lived in this county exactly 53 years coming here with her husband from Wisconsin after their marriage in 1885.

50 YEARS AGO – July 1963

Stock ponds are full on most Kansas farms, water is pouring over the dam at Sappa Lake, and lawns, pastures and fall crops have taken on new life after the July rains. The 2.68 in Oberlin brings the total precipitation for the year to 10.04 which still lags 7.03 behind last year's figure.

"We're doing a complete modernization job to make it more convenient for our customers to shop," said John Ward, owner-manager of Ward's Rexall Drug. All new fixtures will be moved into the store in mid-August.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Helmkamp, a daughter, Lori Lea, July 11; Mr. and Mrs. Dale Carlisle, a daughter, July 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Laidig announce the engagement of their daughter, Deloris Marie Musgrave, to Stephen Lawrence Berland of Lamar. A three-ring circus will come to town August 12 under the sponsorship of the Oberlin Chamber of Commerce.

25 YEARS AGO – July 1988

Three top-rated drum and bugle corps, with 125 members in each, will perform at the annual summer Ah's Festival Sunday, July 24 at 7:30 p.m. at Smick Field. A fireworks display by the Oberlin Jaycees will follow. The Freelancers of Sacramento, Calif., the Sky

Ryders based in Hutchinson, and the Phantom Regiment of Rockford/Love's Park, Ill., are all on this year's program. All three corps will be coming from Denver where they will perform at "Drums Along the Rockies" on Saturday evening.

City administrator Robert Finkbinder has been informed that Oberlin's request to the Kansas Dept. of Transportation to widen the access to North Penn Avenue at the intersection of Highway 36 has been granted and that funding of the \$40,000 estimated cost will be included. Truckers had requested the widened access to Penn Avenue, saying they had difficulty avoiding the Oberlin sign at its northern terminus.

Kansas Governor Mike Hayden will be the starter for the 17th annual Lake Atwood Ten-Mile Race to be held July 31 beginning at 7 a.m.

Two DCHS graduates, Darlene Sater and Mark Frickey, have returned from trips abroad as Rotary International Exchange students. Miss Sater spent eight months in Belgium living with three different families and visited in Holland, Germany, Spain, Luxemburg and France. Her parents are Bill and Myra Sater.

Frickey, the son of Chuck Frickey, Oberlin, and Linda Starkey, Wichita, flew to Copenhagen, Denmark, last July and lived in Slagelse about an hour by train from Copenhagen where he made his home with four different Rotary families and attended school. During the year he toured Europe by bus on a Rotary-sponsored trip with other overseas scholars.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

The community extends sympathy to Eleanor Morel and her family. Eleanor received news of the death of her sister Louise Cameron, 96, Watsonville, Calif., on July 15, 2013.

Colleen Wagoner, Sharon Springs, and grandchildren, Tyce and Tenley Bollers, Strasburg, Colo., visited Wednesday and Thursday with Stan and Ramona Shaw.

The Sunflower Senior potluck supper and program were enjoyed on Tuesday evening by Agnes Wahlmeier, Eleanor Morel, Carol Carter, Carla Latimer, Daniel Schwarz, Bob Jones, Bob and Neoma Tacha, Mary Wahlmeier, Diane and Dave Carter, Jacinta Carter, Stan and Ramona Shaw, Rachel Carter, Louise Cressler, Heather West, Donnie and Grace, Jenny Fenner, Jayden and Ty; Denise and Scott Taylor and children, Candace, Sidney, Rayna, Abe, Quinley and Vincent. We were entertained with piano solos and singing by Jayden Fenner. Candace, Rayna, Sidney, Abe and Quinley Taylor, directed by Diane Carter.

There were only six pinochle players at the Center Wednesday afternoon. Scott Taylor, Agnes Wahlmeier, Linda Spesser, Diane Carter, Eleanor Morel and Louise Cressler.

Norton Correctional Men worked

in Jennings Tuesday and Wednesday. They mowed the sewer ponds inside banks, painted curbs and cut trees in the Roadside Park. The city of Jennings appreciates the work they do for our town.

There will be a community meeting at 7 p.m. on Friday, July 26, at the Jennings Community Building. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss, "What you would like to see done in Jennings." Representatives from the Economic Development will be on hand to discuss a Neighborhood Revitalization Program. Do you care about your community; if so, you are encouraged to attend this meeting.

The Czech Museum board met July 11 with Neoma Tacha presiding. Directors present were Mary Wahlmeier, Lila Jennings, Mike Tacha, Dean Gawith, Doyle Brown and Bob Tacha. We had many out-of-state visitors this past month. It is time to start planning for Fireman's Fun Day on Saturday, Aug. 24.

The City of Jennings will celebrate its 125th birthday this October. The storage shelving and items recently purchased are in place. Part of the meeting was spent in relocating displays. The next meeting will be at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 1. Please note the change in meeting time. The public is invited to attend.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Miren Bogatzky was honored with a farewell party Friday evening at the Green Room in Atwood. She has spent the past 11 months with Orrin and Beth Holle, Henry, Eli, Maggie and Will, and attended school at Rawlins County High School. The family will take her to Denver on Sunday and she will be returning to her home in Saarbrücken, Germany, where she will be a junior in high school.

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

Judy Thelander of Salina and Alice Noren of Ellsworth left Tuesday after visiting their mother, Esther Noren. They came for memorial services for their aunt, Dolores Benda, on Saturday at the Herndon

Covenant Church.

Those in the family of Eulaine Benda who attended the services of their aunt were Leanne Pike, Wes and Chandra Pike, Ashland; Gerald and Patti Benda, Ludell; Shirley Maresch, Nekoma; Bev Messerly, Sublette; Mark and Barbara Olson, Kurt and Mary, Hoxie; and Brandon and Sarah White, Gardner.

Steve and Arian Arnold visited Monday morning with his sister, Joy Hall, in Norcat.

Keith and Mary Lou Olson were among invited guests for the birthday party on Saturday which honored Trevor Witt on his third birthday and Tessa Witt on her first birthday in Oberlin. Their parents are Tyler and Tiffany Witt.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Janice and Jayme Sattler, Atwood, joined Bob and Julie Hafner for Sunday dinner in Oberlin before visiting Gene and Marcella Leitner in the afternoon.

Julie's Memory Joggers

1924 Herndon Nonpareil News

Ray Diamond moved over his family and household goods from Oberlin on Monday and are now located in the rooms in the rear of the post office building. Mr. Diamond is employed in Mr. M. Smith's barber shop.

Come out and see the Herndon Kid Gridsters in action next Saturday when they meet Atwood on the Herndon Gridiron. Game called at 2:30 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. David Walsh and children; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Riepl and children and Philip Riepl and Mr. and Mrs. O.H. Nehring autoed

over to Leoville Sunday. The ladies looked over the beautiful new church and took in sights of the burg while the Messers Walsh, Riepl and Nehring attended the Knights of Columbus installation ceremonies and debate between Leoville and Selden councils.

Grampa Kirchner made us a brief call last week and handed us the necessary coinage, kale, medium of exchange, or whatever you call it sent by his son, Jake E. Kirchner of Ellsworth, Minn., to pay for the Nonpareil going to the Jake E. Kirchner home until Sept 1, 1925.

James A. Pitner and daughter of Beardsley country were in Herndon last Thursday evening to attend the Knights of Columbus Ball. Jim was engaged in the garage business at Herndon for a time and has a wide acquaintance here.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Our search for volunteers to help with weekend and evening activities continues. We are also still looking for Scrabble and pitch players. We hope that our readers in the Oberlin area will consider these rewarding opportunities.

Several residents met on Monday afternoon to reminisce about the good old days. The sing-along group met before supper on Monday. Dolores Koerperich assisted.

Thirteen residents and several volunteers made for a full table at the bingo game played on Tuesday afternoon in the dining room. Ann Szwewist and Helen Helm won the first games and Juanita Eckhart won both blackout games.

Residents enjoyed a concert following supper on Wednesday evening in the dining room. Mirla Coleman and Susan Nelson entertained the group with a selection of songs from the musical, "The Sound of Music." The concert closed with several patriotic tunes.

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

A social hour was held on Thursday afternoon following the gathering of the ironing group. Fresh cantaloupe was on the menu for the social hour.

The Thursday evening bingo group met for a lively game after supper. Dallas Paul and Dewaine Stapp assisted. Ann Szwewist was

the big winner of the evening.

The baking group started homemade bread in the machines on Friday morning and then met in the afternoon to enjoy the bread fresh from the oven along with butter and jelly.

A large and enthusiastic group met on Saturday afternoon to feast on strawberry milkshakes. Several residents stayed around for a game of penny cards.

Residents, staff and guests enjoyed a great concert on Sunday afternoon. The music was provided by Nora Urban and Mel Pelkey, whose mother, Dee McDougal, is a resident at Cedar Living Center. Dee Anna Williams of Atwood also performed.

Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of the Faith Lutheran Church was in charge of the services on Sunday afternoon.

Recent out-of-town visitors: Mariah Helm, Lori and Rick Seveia, Shoreline, Wash.; Martin and Ceanne Rinehart, Ogallala, Neb.; Kathy Brashears, Curtis, Neb.; Jim and Yanis Helm, McCook; Iris Osborn, Wichita; Roger Emigh, Cimarron; Tara Larson and Baily Wolf, Colby; Payton, Paycie, Parker and Dana Juemann, Atwood; Cindy Sattler, Herndon.

Oberlin visitors: Robert Fringer, Varlan and Catherine Neal, Ron McDougal.

NOTICE

On Monday, July 1, the Mayor of Oberlin declared a Stage 2 Water Warning due to the continuing drought and the lowered water level in our city water wells.

The regulation actions of a Stage 2 Water Warning are as follows:

Regulation Actions

An odd/even lawn watering system is imposed on water consumers. Residents with odd-numbered addresses will water on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday; even addresses will water on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. A rotation system for non-resident water consumers will be developed by the City Administrator.

Outdoor water use, including lawn watering and car washing will be restricted to from 12:01 AM to 9:00 AM, and from 8:00 PM to midnight.

Refilling of private swimming pools will be allowed one day a week after sunset.

Emergency water rates may be imposed.

Waste of water is prohibited.

Good Samaritan Center

By Whitney True

Here at Good Sam we seem to have adopted a few wise words from Dr. Seuss himself, "Today was good. Today was fun. Tomorrow is another one."

Everyone is keeping busy and having fun while doing it. Activity assistants ran the show this week and did a fantastic job! Karlie Black, Kim Williams and Coleen Rippe stepped up to the plate and brought new ideas to the table to give a try.

Karlie spent a great deal of time with residents in one-to-one time in our beauty shop, curling hair. She also helped residents bake cookies and challenged them to a tough game of kickball. Kim took residents to the Golden Age Center for a few rounds of pitch and assisted PEO with sponsoring our monthly birthday party. She also hosted a few sensory activities including art and horticulture therapy. Coleen accomplished many one-to-one activities to include sensory work, sorting and led devotions, folding fellowship and coffee. She also hosted a special social hour over the weekend where she assisted residents in making Orange Julius.

This week residents are working on a staff appreciation party and picking vegetables from our garden. We will give Mexican train dominoes a try and will have Bingo and poker in the evenings. We also have a field trip planned to the museum on Friday and a Happy Hour planned for staff and residents. We will offer tropical drinks with a twist.

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