

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**125 YEARS AGO — June 1880**

Several parties passed through town this week for the head waters of the south Sappa to capture wild horses.

Married, June 7, 1880, at the Oberlin House, Michael Sadler to Miss Lillie Lee, both of Adell, Sheridan County.

Thursday and Friday were two of the hottest days we have experienced in a number of years, the thermometer going up to 105 degrees in the shade.

Commissioner Claar informed us that it rained enough in the southwest part of the county Sunday night to wet the soil three inches deep.

R.G. Doom, formerly proprietor of the Tremont Hotel, rented the Oberlin House.

Several teams pass through town every day loaded with buffalo bones, which are sold at the railroad for about \$8 a ton.

Married on Saturday, June 5, 1880, at the residence of the bride's brother, county treasurer George Metcalf, by Rev. John A. Wilson, Mr. W.A. Frasier and Miss Eva Metcalf.

**100 YEARS AGO — June 1905**

J.D. Flanigan is having a barn put up on the lots he recently purchased from Jap Southard.

The business men of Herndon have put up \$300 for a Fourth of July celebration in that town.

The B. & M. surveyors are in town today and reporters say the line will be extended west at once.

Last week the Lyle baseball team invaded Oberlin and were beaten 16 to 7. Both teams made numerous errors. Barnes pitched for Oberlin; Van Gundy for Lyle.

**75 YEARS AGO — June 1930**

Robbers broke into Nitsch Hardware and Addleman Drug Store Saturday night. John Nitsch estimates his loss at about \$200 but the loss at the drug store was between

\$800 and \$1,000. One of the peculiar things about the robbery was the apparent absolute absence of fear on the part of the thieves. While in the drug store they had made two strawberry ice cream sundaes, sitting at one of the tables while eating them. Bloodhounds have been brought in to help solve the case and it is thought to be the work of out-of-town persons.

Damage amounting to more than \$200 was done in the past 10 days at the Bassettville schoolhouse. All the windows were broken out.

In a business transfer the E.G. Odell grocery store has been purchased by L.E. Weir and son Arthur.

Funeral services were held at the Federated church for Isaac Gardner Flinn, 80, who came to Decatur County in 1902, buying land in Center Township and later moving to Oberlin. He is survived by his wife, Sarah, and a nephew, Chas. C. Walton, whom they raised from early childhood.

Traer: Sunday afternoon the Oberlin band, directed by Prof. Julius Pillar, gave a concert on the streets of Traer in response to an invitation.

**50 YEARS AGO — June 1955**

Rainfall was general in Northwest Kansas Saturday although a strip extending south of Jennings and extending through Selden and Rexford received severe hail damage.

Stan Shaw, a hulking 17-year-old import from Selden, set the Norcat Junior down with no hits as the Oberlin American Legion opened the baseball season with a 3-2 win at Norcat on Sunday afternoon.

The new Chiz and Clancy Grocery Store moved to their new location on North Penn Avenue May 31 and held their grand opening. The store is owned and operated jointly by LaVern "Chiz" Ruzicka and Clarence Bailey.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rumble and children of Manhattan have purchased the new house built by Edgar Simonsson on Marks Avenue. Mr. Rumble will be an instructor at Decatur Community High School and replaces Bob Lawson as basketball coach.

Bob Russell received his discharge at Fort Hood, Texas, and has returned to Oberlin where he will work for Dale Young. Bob and Mrs. Russell, the former Sandra Ward, and baby daughter, will move this week to the basement apartment in the Lyle Guinn home.

**25 YEARS AGO — June 1980**

Dr. Marguerite Palmer, who formerly practiced in Oberlin with Dr. Ren Whitaker, is returning later this month. Lee and Estella Waldo will fly to Spokane, Wash., to assist Dr. Palmer in loading her personal belongings for her move here.

Twin concrete elevators are under construction at Garvey Elevators in Dresden which will add 125,000 to the current 250,000 bushels. Garvey officials expect it to be operational before harvest.

Perfect weather greeted participants at the Miss Frontier Day celebration being held this year at Decatur County fairgrounds. The reigning Miss Frontier is Cindy Bullock of Norton.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Wendelin, Herndon, son, Wyatt Patrick, May 16, 8 pounds, 4 ounces; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Manning, Wichita, son, Chad Allen, May 29, 8 pounds.

Selden: A special meeting May 16 at the Selden Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star honored Mrs. Elizabeth Jader of Independence, Mo. She was presented with a 50-year-membership pin by Ione Jordan, Norton, former Worthy Grand Matron. The pin was placed by her son, Bill Jader, of Kansas City, Mo. Members from Norton, Hoxie, Jennings, Oberlin and Selden were present.

Jennings: Some 240 persons were in attendance at the Jennings Alumni Banquet. Oldest class represented was 1925. Alumni president Mike Bailey, Class of 1972, presided over the meeting. Largest class present was the Class of 1945.

## Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

With the fourth annual Summerfest Car Show being history we want to thank everyone who helped in any way to make it a success.

We had many guests over alumni/Memorial weekend and during the car show. The states represented were Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado, Wyoming, South Dakota, Texas, Missouri, Michigan, Arizona, Florida, Iowa, Montana, New York, and California. Our foreign country visitors were from Brazil.

We now turn our time and attention to the move of St. Mark's Lutheran Church. The mover from

Farnum, Neb., was down Thursday to see what equipment he would need and the route that will be taken to get the church to the museum grounds. He will be down with trucks and machines the end of this week.

We are still in need of funds for the move and restoration. Plaques for all donations of \$100 or more will be placed in the church.

If you have not gotten your tickets for the Modern Woodmen of America matching fund-raiser, now is the time. You can get tickets from any Modern Woodmen member, museum board member or staff, or at the museum.

## Rexford News

By Sondra Barnett

What wonderful moisture. I do believe that the drought has been broken. Praise God!

Weekend visitors of Deborah and Polo Gamboa were their grandchildren, Aunysa and Lani Jackson and Kentrail Fletcher, and their mother, Tonja Fletcher, of Liberal.

The Terry Preston family moved to Brewster and the Tony Bice family relocated to the farm home vacated by them. Pfc. Tony Bice has been sent to Fort Riley with the National Guard, 995 Maintenance Company, but spent the weekend in Rexford.

Deb Stepper spent some time during Memorial Day weekend at the home of Bert Dible in Colby. Other guests were his daughter, Kay and Ben Denham; Kay's children and grandchildren, Mike and Laura Garcia, Zach and Zane; Michelle and Jim Lincoln, and twin daughters McKenzie and Savannah, all of Colorado; and Bert's nephew, Jim and Judy Cormack, from Washington.

Guests of Clea Moeder and Buck Harper last Sunday evening were Tim and Shelly Moeder and Peyton of Colby.

Jean Hawkins was hostess for Social Hour Club. Other members present were Hulda Wark, Vesta Roth, Fran Leach, Ruth Luna, Grace Cheney, Deb Stepper, and Sondra Barnett. Sondra's granddaughter, Lacey Barnett, was a guest. Winners of the bingo prizes were Fran, Vesta, Deb, and Sondra. The hostess prize winner was Hulda. Vesta will be the next hostess.

After 5 Club will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 14, at the Colonial Steak House in Oakley. Call Deb Stepper for reservations by Sunday. Cost is only \$11. Theme is "Extreme Make Over" and the feature presentation is by Penny Ottley from the Flower Garden in Oakley. Special music will be provided by Bobbi Barton of Colby. Bobbie Eichenberger will speak on "Interior Renovation."

Tim Dahl and Robert Korte went to Denver for a Broncos Fan Appreciation party.

We extend our sympathy to Edna Colson and all the family of her son, Charles Colson, who died this week.

Visitors of Vesta Roth over Memorial Day were Rick and Jason Roth, Stockton; Janice and Dan Roth, Abilene; Rebecca Runquist, Kansas City; and Eric Roth, Smith

Center.

Tom and Nina Bonine, Kansas City, Mo., visited Fran Leach and Melody and Bob Leach en route to Colorado Springs. Dr. Bonine is a professor at Calvary Bible College.

Dennis and Vicki Allison, Kristin and Jami Wark went to the John and Emma Huss family reunion in Herndon over Memorial Day weekend. John and Emma were Vicki's grandparents.

Guests of Dennis and Vicki Allison, and Kristin and Jami Wark, over the weekend were Rebecca Wark and Chance Rains, Hays; Vicki's sister, Cindy and Chris Neff, and daughters, Jessyca and Brett Bailey, Chicago, and Vanessa Neff and Paul Hurr, Fort Polk, La.; another sister, Debbie and Dan Thompson and Aaron Morton, Round Rock, Texas; and her brother, David and Lori Anderson and Sage. They all attended the wedding of the youngest brother, Shawn Anderson, to Nikki Feldt of Hoxie on Saturday at the Catholic Church in Seguin.

We have some new residents in Rexford, Melissa and Mark Bird, McKayla and Clayton. Melissa works at the Farm Bureau office with her dad in Hoxie and Mark works at the Thomas County Feeders (Halford). Welcome!

Bill and Margaret AraSmith are the great-grandparents of Isaiah Marshall, born on May 31. He joined the family of Shawna and Justin Schwarz, Jaden and Jayda of Auburn, Ind. Grandparents are Linda and Rocky Parker, and Robert and Nancy Schwarz.

City Pride met on Saturday to finalize plans for the city-wide garage and yard sale and to discuss possibilities for the fitness center. There are several people signed up for the garage sale on Saturday, June 11. Maps to the sales and food will be available from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Community Building.

Kenneth Bastin went to the State Square Dance Convention in Salina.

Glendora Bastin recently attended the Eagle Scout ceremony for her grandson, David Barnum, at the Presbyterian Church in Colby, as well as his high school graduation. David is the son of Regina and Evan Barnum.

Glendora Bastin was a Sunday dinner guest of Regina and Evan Barnum and David in Colby to celebrate her birthday.

Birthdays for the month are: June

2 - Bill Dible and Bill Gilchrist; June 4 - Glendora Bastin; June 13 - Liz Rall; June 15 - Vesta Roth; June 23 - Gary Taylor and Doris Jean Oliver. Happy birthday to all of you!

Those attending Koffee Klatch last week were Grace Cheney, Berneda Zoberst, Fran Leach, Doris Jean Oliver, Clea Moeder, Dolores Dible, Freda Ketchum, Margaret AraSmith, Jean Hawkins, Vesta Roth, Deb Stepper, Hulda Wark, Deborah Gamboa, Sondra Barnett and Lacey Barnett of Holcomb.

Hulda Wark and Sondra Barnett

went to Garden City to take Sondra's granddaughter, Lacey Barnett, back home after she spent a week in Rexford. They also visited some of Sondra's children.

Congratulations to Rex and Betty Carswell on their 59th wedding anniversary on May 6.

Chris Flores is home from the hospital, but is still in need of our prayers.

Makin' It Happen: Hats off to Fran Leach for the good work she does on the *Red Barn News* each month. Thank you for keeping us informed.

## Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

The 12th annual Antique Tractor and Car Show was held in Selden this past weekend. A number of activities as well as the exhibits and nice weather brought out a very nice crowd. The American Legion sponsors the event every year but they would not be able to put it on if not for the help of the entire community. We are all looking forward to the show next year which will be the first Sunday in June.

The Selden Public Library kicked off its summer reading program, "Dragons, Dreams, and Daring Deeds," on Monday. Sessions continue every Monday in June at 10 a.m. All children ages 3-12 are invited to attend.

The Teen Reading Challenge will take place during the months of June and July at the library. In this program, teens document the pages they read during the summer. When they read 1,000 pages, they may select a prize. Prizes are donated by various organizations, including Colby Community College, Kansas State University, University of Kansas, Kansas City Chiefs and others. There are several prizes on display with others becoming available throughout the summer. There's something for everyone at the Selden Public Library this summer!

Kids Summer Softball program starts today (June 8) at the ball field in Selden. Age groups range from 3 and 4 years at 6:30 p.m., with the older age groups following. For details, call Shirley Emigh.

Birthdays and anniversaries: June 1 - Gary Gillium; June 2 - Charles Focke; June 3 - Greg Bruggeman, Leannie Shaw, Abbie

Miller, Kendra Manis; June 4 - Robert and Pat Wessel, Larry and Marge Miller; June 5 - Mindy Fleckenstein, Steve and Judy Rogers, Chris and Robynn Wessel, Sue Rohleder; June 6 - Mike Schlageck, Tammy Robinson, Mark and SueAnn Hill, Gerald and Arvilla Juenemann; June 7 - Gary and Shirley Emigh; June 8 - Randy Sulzmann, Melissa Lobato, Jayln Shaw; June 9 - Helen Juenemann, Marci Shaw, Rick and Betty Hickert, Barbara Wenger, Joyce Juenemann; June 10 - Don Spreser; June 11 - Tom Juenemann, Juanita Smith; June 12 - Jodi Koerperich Ryan, Katie Aumiller, Larry and Kim Juenemann; June 13 - Rose Bainter; June 14 - Darrel Dipman, Bev Morris.

On May 26 at Senior Citizens, Alfred Albers won high, Lola Cook took second, Julie Pope got low and Leone Porsch had the most nines. On June 2, Anna Albers won high, Alfred Albers took second, Shirley Baker got low and Lola Cook had the most nines. Other members present included Betty James, Carol Shaw, Jeannie Spreser, Royce Cook, Edna Schiltz, Don Smith, Cecelia Ottley, Ann Hazlitt, Irene Kruse, Shirley Emigh and Clara Schieferecke.

Internet tonight!  
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## Cedar Living News

Sympathy is extended to the family of Esther Wilson who died on Sunday.

Channing Farr gave a piano recital in the dining room at noon on Tuesday. Channing recently completed his first year of piano lessons. He is the son of Amanda Farr, office manager at Decatur Health Systems.

Alice Fiala won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Freda Gamblin won the blackout game.

Myrna Jones played the piano for the sing-along on Wednesday morning. Everyone was happy to see Myrna who had been out with an injury for several months. Mary Ann Amack assisted with the program. The bowling group met on Wednesday afternoon.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Stan Chapin gave a Catholic communion service on Thursday morning.

Barb Solko played pinocle on Wednesday afternoon with Don Shaw and Scrabble on Thursday afternoon with Wynemah Cox.

A group of residents gathered on Thursday afternoon for a game of dice. Those joining in the fun included Hank and Bea Wolfram, Charley Vavroch, Alice Fiala, Don Shaw, Eva Marie Vacura, Nettie Britton, Harold Frickey, and Lyle and Freda Gamblin.

The baking group made potato

chip cookies on Friday afternoon. June Harold celebrated her birthday with family members on Saturday.

Don Shaw attended the Selden Tractor Show on Sunday.

The Oberlin and Prairie Chapel United Methodist churches were in charge of the Sunday worship service this week.

Recent visitors include: Marie Vacura, Pueblo, Colo.; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Ann Martin, Frank Cox, Herndon; Dale and Phyllis Wilcox, Aurora, Colo.; Joe and Linda Allen, St. Louis, Mo.; Jerry Temple, Gary Anthony, Lowell Sebaugh, Norcat; Christine Stanley, Mitchell, S.D.; Merlin and Lola Diederich, Cape Coral, Fla.; Nadine Chandler, Denver; Kathy Albers, Colby; John and Lois Jordan, Boulder, Colo.; Marj Law, Lakewood, Colo.; Micky Kellogg, Frederick, Colo.; Jessica, Hailey and Morgan Payne, Orchard, Colo.; Ray, Julie, Kailey and Alexis Harold, Hays; Pat and Audrey Diederich, Moundridge;

Laurene Van Otterloo, Opal Huntley, Lyle Gamblin, Norma Richards, Elaine Bryan, Marie Jean Vavroch, Paul Sass, Dana Winstead, Alice Shirley, Fern Jording, Elvin Beneda, Orin Beneda, Dolores Koerperich, Phyll Cramer, Carrie and Teague Morford, Oberlin.

## Good Samaritan News

A memorial service for Eryline Nichols was held Tuesday, May 31, with many of the staff and residents sharing memories of her. The choir also sang. Janice Shobe officiated.

Alice Bobbitt and Gladys Geis, volunteers, spent time with several residents later on Tuesday. Alan Addleman shared reading time with Aura Marine. Lisa Stacy presented marble art with Ruth Laidig, Jan Conway, Hildegard Euhus, Fern Anderson, and Garrah Gaumer.

Reminisce corner Tuesday afternoon focused on those who have fought for our freedom. Enjoying conversation about World War II were Fern Anderson, Jan Conway, Ruby Shuler, and Ruth Laidig.

Jeanette Diederich and Anita Hirsch led Wednesday morning songs. Steve Wurm, son of Iris Wurm, and daughter Emily joined Joey Hirsch in this special time. Mert McEvoy led Bible study that morning.

Wednesday after lunch, volunteers Roxie Erickson, Dorothy Alstrom, Sally Henningson, and Jessica Bremer provided nail care. STARS committee featured a party for retiree Merla Rhodes, who had worked for Good Sam for 27 years. Card Sharks who gathered for canasta were Edla Olson, Lucy Schissler, Jan Conway, and volun-

teers Evelyn Olson and Mildred Holmdahl.

On Thursday, devotions were by Dennis Brown. Garden Gals helped Lavern Burtis and Lisa Stacy plant flowers and vegetables in the garden. They included Garrah Gaumer, Eva Cuthbertson, Hildegard Euhus, Jan Conway, Ruth Laidig and Ruby Shuler. Joey Hirsch, junior volunteer, joined Fern Anderson, Ruth Laidig, Jan Conway, and Ruby Shuler to tee off on the greens with a little indoor golf. Bible study was led by Lisa Stacy with over 13 women present.

Pastor Heidi Wiebe shared communion services Friday morning. An anniversary party honored Dave and Hilda McGee and featured root beer floats.

Dennis Brown led Saturday devotions.

The Oberlin and Prairie Chapel United Methodist churches shared Sunday church services. Phil Erickson, volunteer, served social hour.

Recent guests: Garrah Gaumer - Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs; Dena Gillespie - June Vavroch; Iris Wurm - Betty Rall, Jeff, Annette, Shawn and Stephanie Troyer of Ellinwood, Ben and Shannon Richardson, of Salina.

## Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Don and Ann Mines returned home Tuesday from Georgetown, Texas, after spending the Memorial Day weekend with their daughter and family, Patrick and Sheri Coon, Nathan and Todd. While there, they attended Todd's high school graduation. Also visiting at the Coon home were Pat and Lynette (Mines) Salvo, Tucson, Ariz.

Norman and Joanne Wendelin went to Grand Island, Neb., on Tuesday to meet Ladd and Greta Wendelin. Greta returned Monday evening from her two-week London-Paris study tour. At the end of her trip, she traveled by train from Paris to Stuttgart, Germany, to meet Jantje Kramer of Heidelberg, Germany, and spent several days visiting her. Jenny was a foreign exchange student in Oberlin several years ago.

Danica May and Anne Marie Wasson, sponsored by Decatur County Farm Bureau, attended Leadership America, a Kansas Farm Bureau leadership and motivational camp held at Barton County Community College.

Gail Harvey and Zeb, Lamar, Colo., were weekend guests of her father, Stuart Euhus.

Jerry and Connie Olson and Kelly, and Norman and Joanne Wendelin, Greta and Rory, attended the wedding of Danielle Diederich and Jeffrey Leitner Saturday evening at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin and the dance held at The Gateway.

Martin and Evelyn May were among those attending a surprise party at the Golden Age Center for Elaine Leitner in honor of her 80th birthday.

John and Dianne Bremer attended the rehearsal dinner Friday evening and the wedding Saturday evening of Danielle Diederich and Jeffrey Leitner. Danielle is the daughter of Rocky and Teresa Diederich, and Jeffrey is the son of Danny Joe and Jean Ann Leitner, Herndon. Jessica Bremer also attended the wedding.



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