

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Joan Betts

125 YEARS AGO — June 1888

The school house has a handsome tin roof, by I.O. Wear.

The sound of the reaper will soon be heard in the land.

The walls of the Liepold block are completed to the second floor.

A move is contemplated to organize Oberlin as a city of the second class.

The Sheridan Times is no more. It is now issued under the name of Selden Times.

Clayton: J.J. Cameron is building a store 22x40 two stories high, south of the post office.

Two brick yards, running full force, can hardly supply the needed brick.

A.N. Burch, formerly of the Herald force, will spend a couple of months in lower California.

The charter of the Selden Town Company was filed on the 5th inst.

with a capital stock of \$16,000. The incorporators are: S.G. Hopkins, M.F. Vandiver, M.D. Gallogly, I.N. Pence, R.B. Gray, Joseph Jenkins, C.E. Chandler, F.C. Thompson.

100 YEARS AGO — June 1913

Miss Angie McMullen returned from her Iowa visit Thursday.

Dresden and Cedar Bluffs will celebrate the glorious Fourth.

Potatoes are selling in Kansas City at 4c per bushel; here they are 5c a pound.

Miss Edna Mix, who has been attending Northwestern University near Chicago, returned home Saturday for the summer vacation.

The Rev. S.J. Miner, a brother of Dr. Selden Miner, preached at the Baptist Church Sunday morning.

The County Commissioners are considering the advisability of designating certain roads as "county roads" to be maintained by the new automobile and motorcycle taxes.

Probably one road from Norcat, through Kanona and Oberlin and up the north fork of the Sappa will

be so designated as well as the road from Cedar Bluffs through Oberlin to Dresden and on south towards Hoxie.

Norman Ketchum, who is traveling for an eastern firm, came home Saturday for a visit with his parents. Norm says he has a pleasant job with good pay.

N.B. Bush and family left Tuesday evening for Long Beach, Calif., for an extended summer vacation.

75 YEARS AGO — June 1938

June 19 has been chosen for the dedication of the new Bassettville School located 18 miles southwest of Oberlin. The old building was destroyed by fire last November. The pupils and their teacher, Miss Eulaine Erikson, continued their school work in the Bert Feaster home until the new building was completed.

Miss Janette Vernon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vernon of Oberlin, was married June 12 at the Methodist parsonage on Norton to Floyd Smith of Calvert. She graduated with the DCHS Class of 1937 and has been teaching the Plainview District rural school. Mr. Smith is a graduate of the Almena High School. They will make their home on a farm near Jennings.

Hospital News: A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Leitner.

The CCC camp baseball team won another hard-fought game from Leoville on the Oberlin diamond by a score of 7-6. Vernon on the mound was in rare form striking out 16 while Burnett, the Leoville hurler, struck out 11. The Camp team will play host to Rexford Sunday in their third meeting.

Fairview-Summit: Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Anderson and son, Jay, spent last weekend at the Tom Anderson home before leaving for Boulder, Colo.

Jennings: The Miller circus here

had a fair-sized crowd in the evening. Those attending reported a good performance.

Norcat: Preparations are being made for entertaining a large crowd next week when the Methodist Episcopal District Conference is to assemble here with about 200 people expected including Bishop Mead of Kansas City.

Wallace Wolfe and John Bremer attended the 10th annual meeting of the Kansas Bar Association held in Salina at the Hotel Lamer.

Dresden: Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bowman and daughter, Billie Lee, and Mrs. Neva Funk attended the annual picnic of stockholders, officers and employees of the Farmers National Bank of Oberlin held June 12 at the C.I. Frickey home. Fifty people were present for the picnic dinner held at noon.

50 YEARS AGO — June 1963

Change in the city power rate structure this month will mean an overall reduction in local power rates.

A remodeling and expansion project will get underway July 15 in Addleman Drug Store.

Gerald VanVleet, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.E. VanVleet, was recently appointed manager of the Farm Supplies Division of the Garden City Co-op Equity Exchange.

Dr. James Coffman was elected to a three-year term on the Oberlin Consolidated School board of education filling the vacancy created by Carl L. Frickey.

Jim Wesch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wesch, and a graduate of DCHS, was Kansas State University's top pitcher for the spring baseball season this year.

Funeral services were held in Beaver City, Neb., for a longtime Dresden-area resident, Don Noyes.

Local persons earning degrees from the University of Kansas were

Janice K. Castle, bachelor of arts; Eva Sue Myers, bachelor of science in education; George Russell Addleman, bachelor of science in pharmacy and Patricia Euhus, bachelor of arts in music education.

25 YEARS AGO — June 1988

Steven P. Brungardt, originally from Victoria, has filed by fee for county attorney in Decatur County as a Republican. Brungardt graduated from Fort Hays State University and the KU School of Law and began practicing as an associate with the Rogers Law Firm June 9. Prior to that he was with a law firm in Ellis County.

Bill Kirk, a lifelong resident of Decatur county, has filed for the 120th Kansas House of Representatives District seat. A Democrat, Kirk and his family operate a farm west of Clayton.

Norcat: the NRHS Class of 1938 celebrated their 50th reunion with a luncheon at the Norcat Cafe and a dinner later at the Town and Country Restaurant in Norton. Those attending were Buford Clark and wife, Clay Center; Faye McCrea Johns and husband, Belle Plaine; Jack Reed and wife, Wichita; Audrey Hackney Curran and husband; Iva Lee McCalister Wilson and husband, Oberlin; Roy Rubendall, Norton, Jon Bell, Albuquerque, and Dorothy Frewen Clarson, Easton, Md.

Hospital News: Bernita and Merle McCowell, son, Luke Arthur, June 19, 1988.

Herndon: Cathy Solko, city carrier at Atwood, has been appointed postmaster at Herndon effective June 4. She succeeds Francis Escher, who retired April 1, 1988. In the interim, Annette Miller has served as officer-in-charge. She will return to her regular duties as postmaster at the Selden post office.

Norcat News

By the Norcat News Committee

The Norcat Senior Citizens met May 31 for a covered-dish dinner at the Norcat Methodist Educational Building. There were 15 present and they played pitch after lunch. Winners were Chuck Brumitt, Jodi Lyon and Phyllis Yeater. The group will meet to play pinocle at 1 p.m. Thursday in the Norcat Methodist Church Educational Building. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Dave and Patty Stapp hosted a family luncheon on May 26. Attending were: Jerrod and Kortney Poire, Kynleigh and Bailey, Sam Stapp, Jason and Staci Breiner, Tana, Grady and Gage, Rusty Montgomery, Scott Harman and Carl Lyon, all of Norcat; Michael and Kaitlyn Schamberger and Gabby, Hoxie; Janell Morell, Dave and Pam Cuthbertson, Jerris McMullen, Rodney and Delores Stapp, Norton; Ronnie and Gina Montgomery, Alyssa Montgomery, Jennings; Bob and Anita Montgomery, Renee Harman, Dewaine Stapp, Oberlin; Larry and Marcia Stapp, Holcomb; Chris Stapp and friend, Allyssa, Denver; Randy and Karen Stapp, Mount Vernon, Ind.; LeAnn Stapp and Joseph, Wichita; Delores Longwith, John and Linda Hunt, Dale Gregory, Brad and Susie Gregory, Barry and Donna Gregory, Gale Weiner, Hastings, Neb. Afternoon visitors were Linda Hunt, Robbie and Jeni Henningson, Ganon and Nolan.

Steve and Debbie Obrecht and

Kami, Pueblo, Colo., were Memorial weekend visitors of Denny Leichliter and Janet and Vene Leichliter. During their stay they went bowling in Oberlin and had pizza, attended church services in Norcat, at lunch at the former school building, decorated graves, toured the Norcat Museum and attended Memorial services held in the old high school auditorium because of the high winds. They also helped host a dinner party for Norm and Julie Gallentine, Tami Shaw and Dante, Bill LaSalle, Gavlin and LeAnn Henderson and their baby, Kayne. Later, Denny made homemade ice cream.

Diana Ward, Denver, recently visited her grandmother, Dorothy Ward. They had lunch with Judy Jackson and Vonda Laird at Jerry's Bar and Grill in Norcat and at the Pizza Hut in Norton.

Happy birthday: Twila Forbes, June 7; Pansy Price, June 8; Bill Woods, June 10.

Anniversary congratulations to: Darrel and Alice Barnett, June 5; Dean and Eloise Thornton, June 10.

A memorial graveside service to honor Dorothy Rowh will be held at 3 p.m., Saturday at the Clayton Cemetery. Family and friends are invited to attend.

Commodities will be distributed from 9:30 to 10 a.m., Saturday, June 22, at the home of Al and Mary Sedlmayer, 101 S. Kansas Ave.

Work has begun anew on the re-roofing project at the former Norcat Grade School. Inmates from Norton Correctional Facility removed the rock from the roof so that work could begin. It is hoped that a new roof will cover the entire former grade school section by the end of summer. This was made possible by many people who donated to the project.

Dewaine Stapp's sister, Delores Longwith and family, Gail and Brad Gregory and Susie Gregory, from Hastings, Neb., came May 25 to visit another sister, Alice Shirley and sister-in-law, Goldie Stapp, both residents at Cedar Living Center. They were houseguests of Mr. Stapp. During their stay, they were guests of Herb and Carol Shirley, Oberlin, for a pizza supper.

Dewaine Stapp attended Memorial services in Woodruff. Part of the service was to dedicate a new fence and cemetery directory. Mr. Stapp's uncle, Don Bailey, is buried there. While at the cemetery, he had a chance to visit with a cousin, Virginia Ott.

Deband Anthony Marshall, along with Inez Jackson, recently attended the wedding of Nathaniel Bergen and Katie Litzenberger.

More than a dozen people came to the Norcat Methodist Church Educational Building June 2 to see pictures and hear about the March mission trip Jim and Carolyn Plotts made to Guatemala.

Wava Reames and grandson, James Reames, drove to Hays May 29. They stopped to tour the Sternberg Museum, something they have done regularly since James was 2 years old. During the drive back to Norcat, they received a call from Shawnda Hall, Wava's granddaughter who is living with her, to advise them of possible severe weather. She suggested she meet them in Norton to wait out the storm at the home of Leslie and Lynn Ward. Upon returning home to Norcat, their rain gauge indicated 1.5 inches.

On Saturday, June 1, Shawnda Hall and M.J. Dempewolf participated in the Rainbow Run held at Sappa Park. It was a fundraiser to help Decatur County residents who have trouble paying their medical bills. It's called "Rainbow Run" because at checkpoints along the route, runners and walkers are sprayed with colored chalk, acquiring a "rainbow of colors" by the end of the run. Laci Roe, formerly of Norcat, also participated.

Norcat Outreach Clinic will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday at the City Building. Call 475-2015 to schedule an appointment, but walk-ins are always welcome.

Don't forget the Decatur County bus will come to Norcat on Wednesday afternoons. Just call the Decatur County Clerk at 475-8101 to schedule a ride.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

The 88th meeting of the Jennings Alumni Association was called to order by the president, Judy Tacha Vaughn, with the class of 1959 conducting the meeting. The banquet was served in the Senior Citizens Center in the Jennings City Hall basement. The officers for 2014 were elected and they are with the class of 1960: Frank Bennett, Carl Wahlmeier, Carolyn Mizell Linsenmeyer, John Jones and Doreen Wahlmeier Zimmerman. After the business meeting, the school song was sung accompanied by Kay Tacha Brown and the meeting was adjourned.

Heritage Associates of Jennings, Czech Museum Board met June 6 in the Royal Neighbors Hall. Neoma Tacha presided with directors Mary Wahlmeier, Dean Gawith, Lila Jennings, Bob Tacha, Alice Bizer, Mike Tacha and Doyle Brown present.

The museum held a tour for visitors from Oberlin on Sunday. Volunteers hope to have the new additions completed with displays by Aug. 24. The family of Mac Harris had a tree planted here in his memory. The next museum board meeting will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 11. The public is invited.

Good Samaritan Center

By Whitney True

To all of us, our families and friends are the biggest source of joy, love, support and hope in our lives. One of the other great support systems we can have is with our co-workers. Good Sam believes in everyone's worth and value. Of course our relationships aren't perfect but we work hard to lift each other up and carry one another's burdens.

As activity staff we try to create an environment that includes all residents and staff on some level all the time. Last week we worked on building a rocket, had a baking class, played Bingo and made Orange Julius' over the weekend. We also planted a garden on campus. Faye Meitl, Earl Brown and Woody May helped volunteer Dave Bergling and Carolyn Hackney plant green beans, watermelon, peppers, corn, radishes, beets and a few other veggies. We also took a field trip to

Barnett Park in McCook, fed the geese and ate lunch at McDonald's. Woody May, Betty Jones, Marylu Brown and Earl Brown attended.

We also celebrated Loren Schrock's 100th birthday with cake and live music by Michael Milbauer. This week we made memory collages, took a trip to play cards at the Golden Age Center and celebrated Amy Rehm's birthday. We are looking forward to attending Music in the Park and the hamburger feed on Friday at the American Legion.

Thanks to all of our volunteers and visitors.

Visitors included: Cheryl Miller for Loren Schrock; Reva Marshall for Dorothy Hunt; Gerald Olson for Evelyn Olson; Joan Betts for Margaret Vacura; Keith Schrock for Loren Shrock.

Goodland-USD 352 Garage Sale

USD 352 will be having a garage sale on Friday, June 14th, 2013 at North School from 2-6 p.m. MT This sale will have many items no longer needed by the school district and space is needed in order to begin the construction activity. Some items for sale include student & teacher desks, bookcases, file cabinets, some limited technology and other miscellaneous school items too numerous to mention. Keep watching the website for photos: www.usd352.org

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