

Events of Yesteryear

By Joan Betts

125 YEARS AGO – June 1888

This issue of The Herald carries a historical sketch of the schools of Oberlin from 1875 to 1888 inclusive written by Prof. W.G. Riste.

Variety Camp No. 611, M.W.A. has been organized in Oberlin with the following officers: J.E. Aznoe, V.C.; A.L. Emberson, clerk; E.B. Nelson, W.A.; J.H. Struck, B; P.H. Blake, Escort; T.M. Miller, W; W.A. Curtis, S; Dr. W.M. Mead, local physician.

About 3 years ago J.F. Heitmann of Oberlin started a colony of Germans in Prairie Dog Township. There are now about 100 families who have put up a beautiful Catholic Church and have ample grounds on which they propose to erect large school privilege. A town site will be located at the church on sections 27 and 28, town 5 south, range 28 west, named Cologne. It being just 35 miles from Norton and also Colby on the Rock Island route, and also on the main route of travel between Oberlin and Hoxie, a bright future is predicted for Cologne.

We are in receipt of the first issue of the Jennings Echo. It is a creditable paper and occupies a good field.

Ed Beardsley has opened up a clothing house in Atwood.

100 YEARS AGO – June 1913

One of our compositors, Ila Bobbitt, is taking her vacation and attending Normal Training.

Judge Langmade, I.K. Huber and Gilbert White, who went to New Mexico in the Judge's Ford, returned Saturday without a particle of trouble.

Charley Emerson has rented the Hugh Bryan threshing outfit and will run it this season.

Austin Dodd, who has been working in Washington County for the past three months, returned Tuesday. He will leave at once for the wheat fields of Rawlins County to help his uncle, Joe Green, with harvest.

Eighty parishioners of the Catholic Church surprised Father McGrath on June 16 with a social gathering.

Kanona Items: Elna Bailey

and John Houtsma were married Wednesday.

Vollie Griffith of the Oberlin Mercantile Co., has received a \$90 DeLaval cream separator as a prize for having the best window display in a recent contest. The territory covered by the contest was "west of the Mississippi River, in the United States."

75 YEARS AGO – June 1938

Why talk about the cat with nine lives? Why not the Decatur County wheat crop of 1938 which had been killed by frost, damaged by worms, ruined by root-rot, eaten by rust, destroyed by hail and shriveled up by dry weather and heat but refused to be put in the tomb prepared for it?

Trucks that haven't been in use for years are being licensed and used to haul this year's wheat crop.

A soap box derby will be staged in Oberlin on July 29 sponsored by the Chevrolet division of General Motors. Boys must build their own Derby car. Call at the Oberlin Motor Company to get details.

Big Timber: Harvey Rohan is the pleased owner of a new rubber-tired John Deere.

The Presbyterian Sunday School class taught by Mrs. Ralph Clark spent the afternoon of June 21 at the swimming pool in McCook followed by a picnic at the city park. Those going included Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Fay Smick, Elizabeth Rutledge, Eleanor Walker, Dixie Lee Patton, Edith Smick, Creta Sproul, Elda Johnson, Annette McBride, Joe Ridgway, Evan Clark, Sidney Morrish, Ted Pruden, Willard Stapleton and Duane Vernon.

—adv. Dance July 4 at the Old Bohemian Hall with Clara Skala and her All-Girl Orchestra. Adm. 40c and 10c. A good place to celebrate.

Deanna Kay is the name given to the 10-pound daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Harley Woodside on Tuesday, June 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Love entertained Sunday night at the J.E. Love home for about 20 friends of James J. O'Grady who has been visiting here from Buenos Aires, S. A.

Jennings: The golf tournament Sunday was well attended with 58

playing and Mr. Robbins of Atwood was the winner.

50 YEARS AGO – June 1963

A 20-bushel average for the Decatur County wheat crop is predicted as harvest nears completion. The most optimistic report came from the Dresden area where Ted Kantor of Hart Grain reported yields from 11 bushels to 34.5 with an average of 27 while the report from Bob Rapp at Norcatour Grain was not encouraging. "It's half a crop," Rapp said, "about 15 bushel, and you can blame it on freeze and hail damage."

Those attending 4-H Camp at Rock Springs June 19-22 included Judy Wenger, Norbert Wenger, Kathy Harris, Diane Hix, Carol Pollnow, Connie Michel, Cindy Carlson, Diana, Carlson, Connie Menges, Susan Arnold, Connie May, Lark Gunther, Judy Schreiber and DeAnn Gunther. They were accompanied by Home Economics Agent Barbara Templeton, County Agent Ed Hinkle and Mrs. Lawrence Wenger.

Funeral services were held at the Osborne Assembly of God for Esther (Hollis) Alfen, 23, and her 10-month-old baby, who died in a car crash near Osborne. Mrs. Alfen was the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Harold Hollis who served the Assembly of God Church in Oberlin before moving to Osborne. Her husband was seriously injured and is reported to be hospitalized in Hays.

A 20-year-old Formosan farmer, Chu-hua Lin, an International Farm Youth delegate, is spending time with the Dick Fredrickson family in Prairie Dog township.

Leoville: The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Miller is nearing completion and they plan to move to Leoville soon.

Norcatour: David Cozad is one of 15 Kansas Future Farmers of America who will depart July 10 from Wichita for a 22-day Goodwill Mission to eastern and western Europe.

25 YEARS AGO – June 1988

Area elevator operators were beginning to wonder just how low the moisture tester would register this week. This year's wheat crop proved to be one of the driest on record. John Wells, Cedar Bluffs Grain, has been in the business 30 years and this is the first 6.7 moisture he can recall coming across the scales. Single digit readings were the rule this year, not the exception. Harvest should be wrapped up this week making it one of the earliest and quickest veteran harvesters can remember.

A rash of traffic accidents in Decatur County occurred during harvest week including a one-vehicle crash on U.S. Highway 83 15 miles south of Oberlin in which a Texas woman was killed.

P.A. Engle and his wife, Sherry, formerly of Vinita, Okla., is the new Resident Director at Cookson Hills Christian School located in Sappa State Park. They are the parents of four children, Carrie Jo, 9; Kody, 7; Josh, 5 and Andrea, 2.

Larry Dempewolf was awarded the State Farmer degree at the 60th state FFA Convention held in Manhattan. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Dempewolf of Oberlin. Others attending the convention were Darren Horn, Dea Macfee, Justin Brown, Brian Olson, Kurt Bennett, Galen Wentz and the DCHS FFA advisor, Lowell Ely.

A Snowball Quilt, made by Mrs. Walter (Bonnie) Anderson, is among the quilts which is on display in the Kansas Quilt Project in Topeka.



LEWIS AND SUESTONEY received Herndon Pride's Yard of the Month award for June. They maintain a nice yard, and flower planters grace the porch.

— Photo by Julie Hafner

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Herndon received word of the death of Darlene Boy-Horn this week. She was born Oct. 6, 1931, to William J. and Stella Riener Tongish. She was a 1949 Herndon High graduate. Darlene died June 6, 2013, in Olathe, with McGillen Frye Funeral Home in charge of the visitation and prayer service on Tuesday, June 11. Burial was in Mount Calvary Cemetery in Olathe. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Richard Holub in 1953; husband, William Boyd, in 1985 and husband of 20 years, Jack Horn, May 12, 2013; her son, Joe Holub, June 6, 2012, sisters, Dorothy Helen Tongish and Clementine Herron and brother, Duane Tongish. Burial was in Mount Calvary Cemetery in Olathe.

Herndon seniors gathered for their monthly dinner on Wednesday. Jan Hackney was the winner of the door prize and Sandy Green won the blackout. Jerry and Jo Harris brought their great-granddaughter

as guest. The next potluck dinner meeting will be Wednesday, July 17, at noon.

The Herndon community extends sympathy to the family of Larry Kompus who died suddenly this week at his home in Thornton, Co. Larry was born to Francis and Margie Berger Kompus in Herndon and graduated from Herndon High School in 1956. Horan and McCornaty Funeral Home in Denver is in charge of arrangements.

Herndon Pride members are planning their annual community 4th of July celebration. Watch for details on posters around the Herndon community. An evening potluck gathering begins at 7 p.m. at the City Park with drinks and paper supplies being supplied by Pride. Games and fireworks are being planned. Depending on weather, alternate plans will include a potluck at the Senior Center, followed by bingo. Everyone is welcome.

Norcatour News

By the Norcatour News Committee

Norcatour Senior Citizens will meet at 1 p.m., Thursday to play pitch in the Methodist Educational Building. Everyone is welcome.

Almost three weeks ago Jeff Magers and Joy Luoto, Cedar Bluffs, with the help of some co-workers and friends, built a safer landing and steps from the garage to the patio for his mother, Dee Magers. They also took care of some tree trimming, replaced a walk-out garage door, moved some metal roofing plus many other jobs.

Casey and Justine Tuttle and Jade went to Lake Webster on June 15 to meet Casey's parents, Rodney and Marsha Tuttle. On Father's Day they all went to Quinter where 23 members of Tuttle family attended church together and shared lunch.

On July 16, Jeff Magers and Joy Luoto, visited his mother, Dee Magers for lunch. They helped finish some chores, but didn't have time to play Scrabble.

Shawnda Hall celebrated her birthday June 8 with a supper party at Las Canteras in Norton. Those joining the celebration were her brother, James Reames, grandmother, Wava Reames and other family members, Leslie and Lynn Ward, Kaley and Robert Daniel, Keith Ward and M.J. Dempewolf, Ruby Pflieger, Steve McMurry, Eva Cribbs and Shawnda's co-worker, Deanna Gallentine.

Happy birthday wishes to: Keith Ward, June 20; Bev Miller DeLano,

June 21; Jeni Henningson, June 23; Brandon Ward, June 25.

Dave and Patty Stapp celebrated their wedding anniversary June 23.

Combined congregations of the Almena, Clayton and Norcatour United Methodist Churches and the Lyle Church met for worship June 16 at Sebelius Reservoir. Pastor Ed Woods conducted the services. Following was a potluck lunch with the added feature of hamburgers and hot dogs prepared by Darrel Barnett on his traveling barbecue grill.

Don't forget Story Time at 10 a.m. every Wednesday at the Norcatour Public Library. If you have grandchildren, nieces or nephews visiting, they are all welcome. The Summer Reading Program, "Dig Into Reading" has started and there are always fun activities involved with that. A free "family-friendly" movie will be shown after Story Time.

The Norton Outreach Clinic will be open from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday in the City Building. Call (785) 475-2015 to schedule an appointment, although walk-ins are always welcome.

The All-Purpose Room is air conditioned, so you may want to consider having your family get-together there. Call Deb at the City Office, 693-4461 to schedule.

Great progress is being made on the new roof at the City Building.

Good Samaritan Center

By Whitney True

During my first week as activity director, I was given a book on the struggles of a caregiver which recognizes the unique struggles from the perspective of many kinds of caregivers.

Many of our residents had family members who acted as their sole caregivers before making the transition into Good Sam and then, of course, all of the staff at Good Sam, to include volunteers, are a sort of caregiver as well.

The book pointed out that as Christians, or as a person of any spiritual background, we should try to stand tall with deep roots.

I have started to share this book with residents' family members. The responsibility as a caregiver is demanding and requires selflessness and great effort. The experience also teaches us to love deeply and without pause. It teaches us to value the small things in life and that in the most important moments of life we as people need others to love us and to stand by us infinitely. To so many of us here at Good Sam the fact that we almost always get more from our residents than we give is incredible. Regardless of what trials we face, we face them together and it seems that at the end of the day that's what life is all about.

We have kept so busy this week with Bingo, devotions and social hours daily. We also received communion on Friday and took a field

trip to attend the museum's brown bag and learn program. Marilou Long, Marylu Brown, Bertha Burnett, Woody May, Margaret Vacura, Elden Haas, Betty May and Betty Jones attended. Cranium Crunches with Karlie, Bible Study and a game of parachutes with Kim left most of us exercised and tucked out by mid-Monday afternoon.

We held a good-old-fashioned drive-in movie in the courtyard complete with moon-light, popcorn, candy and sodas. At rhythm band we turned a plunger, spatula and a bucket into world class instruments. Tuesday we stopped in at the Golden Age for a round of pitch and had a center-wide barbecue in our courtyard for staff and residents alike.

Later this week we have Residents Council, Art Therapy, Kickball and a banana split party planned. Our volunteers and visitors have a special way of making our residents and our center come alive.

Visitors included: Loretta Story, Desiree Bates and Marcella Capps for Margaret Vacura; Bob and Neoma Tacha and Nadine Tacha for Galen Tacha; Cheryl Miller for Loren Schrock; Erin May for Betty and Walter May; Reva Marshall and Penny Fringer for Dorothy Hunt; Cheri Kastens for Marilou Long and Marcella Leitner; Stephanie and Isaac Frankforter and Ethan for Woody May; Row and Barbara Sneider for Lee Foley.

The Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center is accepting applications for the 2013-2014 school year

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- Head Start Teacher/Rawlins and Cheyenne County
- Interrelated Teacher
- Paraprofessionals

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Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

We were fortunate to have a nice, mild day on Monday which made it possible for a few residents to sit outside in the afternoon. Residents are patiently watching our little vegetable garden and longing for fresh produce.

The sing-along group met before supper on Monday to sing some favorite hymns.

The bingo players were out in full force on Tuesday afternoon. Marguerite Bailey and Irene Fringer tied for the blackout on the first game of bingo. Everett Gerdes won the second blackout game. Helen Helm had the first bingo.

Residents met on Wednesday afternoon to play table games. The Oberlin Herald was read aloud before supper. There were lots of laughs over Carolyn Kelley Plotts' column and her run-in with the rooster.

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

Thursday afternoon residents met to celebrate the arrival of summer. Everyone enjoyed feasting on watermelon. The highlight of the afternoon was when Abby, Garrett and Gus Emigh brought three of the cutest six-week-old white lab puppies to meet the residents. Several residents took turns holding the

puppies. The residents also enjoyed watching Gus and Garrett, ages 4 and 6, at play.

The baking group met on Friday afternoon for a healthy snack of assorted raw vegetables and dip.

The dining room was full of worshippers on Sunday morning when the Herndon Covenant Church brought their whole congregation to Cedar Living Center. Pastor Keith Reuther led the service. The residents especially enjoyed the many children present at the service and the wonderful singing. Following the service the children spent time hunting for the turtles in the courtyard while the adults spent time visiting.

Herndon Covenant will return for services at Cedar Living Center at 10 a.m. on July 28.

Recent out-of-town visitors: Kathy Brashears, Curtis, Neb.; Martin and Ceanne Rinehart, Ogallala, Neb.; Mike and Deb Helm, Matthew and Timothy, Norcatour; Shirley Emigh, Selden.

Oberlin visitors: Dolores Deperschmidt, Juanita Williby, Gerry Neff, Varlan and Catherine Neal, Eula Juenemann, Robert and Penny Fringer, Dorothy Cochran, Connie and Jerry Olson, Sherri Shuler, Bill and Carol Duncan.

Wood, of Canadian, Okla., for a two-day visit with her sister, Veda Wood. Dixie intends to visit at the McCook home of another sister, Sheryl and Richard Patterson, and then go to see Leland and Twila Vernon in Arvada, Colo. The four sisters are the survivors of a family of nine. The two, Mrs. Wood (who married brothers) have been visited by Carol Moye, Aubrey High and Gary Anthony, who attended the Spring Branch School when Dixie did. Dixie and MaLaurasaw friends, Don and Dwila Argabright and Ralph Crim while there.

Jane Jolly says she is doing the "same old thing," quilting, swimming and bingo, which sound like interesting things.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

The No. 1 resident of Lyle, Margaret "Toots" Magers, had several visitors last week. Both of her daughters, Jane Engelhardt, Norton, and Judy and Charlie Easton, Quinter, were there on Sunday; Tuesday visitors were Jacob, Timothy and Mike Helm; she was in Norcatour for cards on Friday; and on Saturday Coleen Rippe of Oberlin, Leonard Powell of Seattle, Wash., and his son, David of Sacramento, Calif., were there.

Wes and Beverly (Van Gundy) Bowman of Merced, Calif., were visitors in the home of Veda Wood on Tuesday and Wednesday. She is the daughter of Sam, brother of Archie Van Gundy.

On Saturday, MaLaura Hall, of McAlester, Okla., brought, Dixie