

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**125 YEARS AGO — June 1883**  
OUR NATIONAL ANNIVERSARY: to be celebrated Wednesday, July 4, 1883; attractions by the people, the band, the soldiers, the fire companies, the calithumpians. Horse racing at 3 p.m.

The citizens of Bassettville met at the school house to make preparation for the 107th anniversary of Independence Day. The celebration will be in Evans' grove (entrance through the pasture on the east side, south of the creek).

Edwin Grist has purchased the U.H. Kennison's sawmill on the Beaver. Mr. Grist will erect a flouring mill in connection with it. He is an experienced miller.

Ten immigrant wagons passed through town last Thursday en route for Oregon or Washington Territory. Four of the teams were from Texas and six from Southwest Missouri.

Lyle: W.H. Andrews' new sod house is nearing completion. It will contain four rooms and pantry, and be about the finest in the community.

Senator John J. Ingalls and Congressman Lew Hanback arrived in Oberlin on Saturday and took rooms at the Oberlin House. On Monday accompanied by W.D. Street, they started to Atwood and Wano, and will return today.

**100 YEARS AGO — June 1908**  
A baby tornado passed through Dresden last Thursday evening.

Norcaturn Items: A cyclone struck Norcaturn Monday afternoon doing damage to a number of buildings. The upper part of the old elevator was dumped over on the railroad tracks.

Normal School Notes: This week Prof. W.G. Riste closes his educational work in Kansas and will go to California. Few men in Kansas have done more educational work than Professor Riste and he will be missed in the ranks of Kansas school teachers.

John Stastney, water commissioner of Oberlin, collected over \$1200 for water the first of May. Oberlin will not celebrate July 4th this year but will concentrate their efforts on having an extra good Chautauqua program Aug. 4-13 inclusive.

Geo. W. Bayne and family will soon start overland for the west to spend the summer.

**75 YEARS AGO — June 1933**  
This week's issue of The Oberlin

Herald is Vol. 55, No. 1. This means that the Herald completed its 54th year with the June 15 issue. We have been very lenient with Herald subscribers knowing that all have had their financial difficulties, but if those who are in arrears would pay just half of the amount due us, it would allow us to pay our taxes before the interest charges run long enough to hurt and allow us to pay a little on our debts.

Sam Francis, an Oberlin boy, took first in the shot put in the national interscholastic field and track meet held in Chicago when he put the 12-pound shot 53 feet, 3 inches which was 7 and a half inches beyond the mark of his nearest opponent. Francis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. V.A. Francis of here and comes from a family of athletes. Two older brothers, Stewart and Lowell, who is now playing football at Hays College, and Viscount, a young brother, who will enter high school next fall. He intends to attend college next year but has not determined where he will go but should have no trouble making the first team in football and basketball.

Decatur County's 50-acre state lake mentioned in these columns in recent weeks has been given approval by Governor Landon and Harry Darby, highway director, according to information given to Dr. Morrison and Elwood Brooks who were in Topeka Monday and Tuesday.

An advertisement in this issue of the Herald informs the patrons and public that several Oberlin stores will close at eleven o'clock on Saturday evening beginning next Saturday. It is felt that if the public realizes the stores will close at 11 they will do their shopping a little earlier in the evening at no inconvenience.

The Allison Union won the banner for having the largest attendance at the county Sunday School convention held last Tuesday at the Methodist Church in Oberlin. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Carlson announce the arrival of a boy born May 18 at their home in Traer who has been named Donald Eugene.

Big Timber: No rain but plenty of wind; wheat about gone; pastures very dry.

**50 YEARS AGO — June 1958**  
Figures from the county clerk's office show an increase in population with the county having 6,046 residents compared to 6,015 last

year. All-time high for the county was 9,200 in 1900 when 80% of the people lived on farms. Totals for cities are: Clayton, 15; Dresden, 131; Jennings, 274; Norcaturn, 351; Oberlin, 2,310.

Four consecutive nights of rain last week brought 2.69 inches of moisture but no hail or wind damage as in Norton County near Dellvale.

L.J. Skubal received his MA degree at Chico State College in California June 6. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. V.L. Skubal of Dresden and is an instructor in industrial arts in Arbutle, Calif.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Norman Tally, Danbury, daughter, Debra Ann, June 18; Mr. and Mrs. John Dark, Oberlin, son, William Albert, June 19.

Materials have been ordered and work is scheduled to start on the Decatur Co-op elevator between July 1-12.

Edwin F. Knoernschild from The Grove, Texas, has accepted the call to teach the Lutheran Parochial School in Oberlin.

**25 YEARS AGO — June 1983**

The past two months of cool and wet weather has caused the wheat to be 10 days to two weeks behind normal according to Merrel Mikesell, area extension agronomist.

Precipitation to date: 21.19 inches; a year ago, 9.89.

Miss Heidi Martinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marty Martinson of Oberlin, is a state finalist in the 1983 Miss United Teenager Pageant to be held in Topeka July 22. Contestants will be judged on scholastic and civic achievement, beauty, poise and personality and are required to write and present on stage an essay entitled, "My Country."

Clarice Thomsen, a member of Chapter BHPEO for over 50 years, was honored at the June 9 meeting. Chapter president Nadine Bailey made the presentation of a 50-year pin.

New arrivals: June 14: Gayle and Dennis Anderson, Oberlin, son, Clay Michael; June 18: Vivian and Jim Redfern, McCook, daughter, Erika Lynae.

Exchange students at DCHS the past school year Paul Haimberger and Paulina Frietsch are returning this week to their homes. Paul is from Aerquipa, Peru, and has made his home with the Marvin and Bea Hansen, Mark and Michael. Paulina is from Helsinki, Finland, and has lived with Dale and Cheryl Votapka, Beth, Pam and Luanne.

The Rev. Wesley Davis who is moving from Dighton was assigned to the pastorate of the Clayton-Norcaturn-Lyle churches during the meeting of the Kansas West conference held in Salina. Davis and his wife, Jean, will make their home at the parsonage in Clayton.

## Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

Taken from *The Oberlin Herald* June 19, 1958.

"Museum Collection Grows: More Remodeling on Tap

More historical items have been donated to the Decatur County Museum and plans for the site continue to take shape.

Among recent additions is a collection given by Mrs. John Houtsma, an antique dealer. She contributed a pair of churns, a lamp, a cast iron kettle and waffle iron, flatirons, a crumb tray, and other items. All were used on the Tacha homestead near Jennings.

Alvin Leist gave the museum a one-share hand plow belonging to Howard Danks of Waltham, Minn. The plow was also used on a county homestead.

Elmer Ufford plans to donate a bird egg collection of more than a

thousand eggs from birds from this territory and all over the country. Some of the eggs are from species that are almost extinct.

A display case contains assorted relics and the Decatur County Historical Society has in storage several pieces of antique furniture to be used in the sod house. The sod house is to be constructed on the southwest corner of the block and will be approximately 22 x 28 feet.

Basement area of the museum is being remodeled and will be a permanent meeting place for the Boy and Girl Scout organizations. Construction of a private entrance to the basement is planned for the south side of the building.

Painting and decoration has been accomplished by volunteer labor and more finishing is yet to be done."

## Good Samaritan News

All of us at the Good Sam have been diligently seeking ways to create a more homelike environment for our loved ones to live. We consider ourselves one big family, coming together daily to do all the things that families do. We work, worship, pray, laugh, cry and celebrate life, together. It is important that we continue living even though our health limits us in varying degrees.

All summer long we are having community events to bring extended families to our home, beginning with our Summer Reading Program, and Sammy's Safari Carnival. About 35 youngsters came Saturday to fill the courtyard with laughter, fun and games. Several residents helped with greeting, games and snacks, while many others just came to watch and everyone enjoyed seeing the children. Some of the games were Parachute Play, Rhino Ringers, Fun Roller, Tiger Darts, Swamp Pond, Body Boppers and Safari Jungle. We had a Safari sound-off where the kids did their best imitations of lions and monkeys. We want to especially thank

the 180 Boys and the Decatur Community High School cheerleaders for helping with the games. Also, Brooklyn O'Hare for the yummy snow cones!

July will start off with a Bang! On July 4th we will host our first Fourth of July Parade and Ice Cream Social. At 7 p.m. the city will block off the streets, as decorated bikes, trikes, strollers, scooters, wagons, wheelchairs and walkers parade around the block and then participants and spectators will join us for homemade ice cream out on the front lawn. Kind of like a great big family reunion. This happens to be a great kick-off for our activity theme for July — "Families."

On Tuesday, Aug. 5 at 6 p.m. will be our Fair Days Balloon Launch. This will be another family event also mark your calendars and plan

to join us. In addition to activities, we also want to ensure that our family members are getting the highest level of care possible. We have been blessed to have two very valuable continuing education opportunities come our way.

We are so excited to have Erin and Chris Bonito, founders of Gemini Consulting, coming to give us some valuable training. This is a mandatory workshop for every employee, in every department. They specialize in Alzheimer and Dementia care and will give special attention to the Garden of Hope. I'll give a full report next week!

The other training comes from a grant we received from the Foundation for Aging and Care of the Elders of Kansas (the FACE of Kansas) for an oral health training program. Only a limited number of homes are accepted into this program and we feel very grateful to be one of them.

Thank you for all you do to support these activities and being such a vital part of our Good Sam Family!

Visitors included: Chris and MJ Dempewolf (Norcaturn), Shannon, Megan and Erb Erin (Jennings), Dean and Eloise Thornton (Charleston), Shelby Thornton (WaKeeney), Shon, Kori, Kale, and Karen Thornton (Grinnell) and Marian Thornton for **R. D. Thornton**. Jim and Eleanor Rogers and Ken Mumm (Selden), Anagene Rogers (Rexford), and Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem), and Alberta Ritter for **Hubert Mumm**. Ron and Dixie Snyder (Colby), Reva Marshall and Mildred Black for **Dorothy Hunt**. Doris Fringer for **Kathryn Post** and **Lora Zwickle**. Sharon Slabaugh for **Opal Bryan**. Ralph and Norma Unger, Bobby and Pat Mooty (Dallas), Melissa (Mooty) Morell, and Blake and Christina Allsbrook (Arlington, Texas), for **Leo Mooty**. Carol Dun-

can for **Myrtle Ross**. Mert McEvoy for **Lucy Schissler**. Eunice Martin for **Glenn Martin**. John and Carol Barrett for **Dorothy Bryan**. Helen Brooks and Shelby Hackney for **Ethel Nemeth**.

There were 35 kids for the carnival. Other helpers for the carnival in-

cluded: John Paulson, Joey Hirsch, Cheryl and Cheyenne Soderlund, Derrick Chambers, Serena Stacy, Brooklyn O'Hare, Brianna Klima, Libby Fossum, Megan Wentz, Sara Kyte, Lakin Brown, Kathy Brainard, Don and Christian from the 180 House.

## Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Home-based Primary Care committee will be meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Ambulance Barn. City Council will be meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 10, instead of the first Thursday, July 3 in the Senior Center.

Keith and Helen Muirhead went to Chicago on June 4 for a few days to visit their daughter, Teffani and Joe Zadeh and grandchildren, Natalia and Dylan. They attended Natalia's graduation from Kindergarten.

## Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

Joe Keating, a grandson of Ed and Irene Kaus, will be hosting a fireworks display at the ball park in Selden on Saturday, July 5. This will be open to the public and will begin around dark. Due to harvest and the fields near the ball park, the Fire Department will determine that day (wind conditions and any fields in the vicinity) if the display will be allowed to proceed. Also for this reason no one other than Joe Keating will be allowed to shoot off fireworks at the ball park. If you have fireworks you want to shoot off, please take them home to do so. No one wants a fire to get out of hand and destroy a home or someone's crop. Anyone wanting to contribute

Anyone who likes to play cards, is welcome to come to the Sunflower Senior Center on Saturday evenings at 7 p.m.

Stan Shaw had knee surgery last week at McCook hospital. He is home and doing well.

Doug Cressler is again taking therapy on his arm at the Oberlin hospital. He was in an accident at work last fall.

If you have any questions or news items, please call me at (785) 678-2233.

or donate fireworks for the display may do so when they arrive at the ballpark.

On Thursday at Senior Citizens, Lois Neff won high, Carol Shaw took second, Edna Schiltz got low and Betty James had the most tens. Other members present included: Anna Albers, Alfred Albers, Lola Cook and Jeanie Spreser.

Birthdays and anniversaries - June 27 - Carrie Spreser Turnbull. June 28 - Shane and Jill Boultinghouse. June 30 - Rick Pauls, Olivia Filmore. July 1 - Gary Gillum, James Schreiner, Phyllis Trembley. July 2 - Terry Goscha, Terra Rath, Danny Eatherly. July 3 - Michele Juemmann.

## Cedar Living News

Cedar Living Center was invited to participate in the National Free Float Day sponsored by the A&W on Monday, June 16. We were given enough floats for everyone. The A&W even sent some floats made with diet root beer so that those who have sugar free restrictions could still have one. Root beer floats are always a big hit with residents and staff. We are grateful to Wanda and everyone at A&W for including us in this fun event.

The men of Cedar Living Center were treated to a special Men's Lunch on the patio at noon on Tuesday. The menu featured barbecued beef, deviled eggs, and assorted salads. The men all reported having plenty of good food. A special thanks goes out to the dietary department for preparing the feast and to Tara Votapka for serving.

The first bingo on Tuesday ended with a tie between Frank Ward and Mildred Cochran. John Schuhart won the blackout game.

Barb Solko hosted the pinochle group on Wednesday afternoon on the patio.

Tornado warnings were issued during the supper hour on Wednesday. Once again residents and staff took the interruption in stride and many residents ate their supper in the hallway while waiting for the storm warnings to pass.

Father Henry Saw Lone had the Catholic Mass on the patio on Thursday morning. Several members of the Sacred Heart Church attended, along with residents.

The bowling group met on Thursday afternoon for a game. Joining in on the fun were residents Mildred Cochran, Darlene Fisher, Elise Goodnight, Donna Kent, Mary Kol-

sky, Ruth Leopold, Edie Pettera, and John Schuhart. Refreshments were served following the game.

Frank and Velda Ward played Wii bowling with their great-grandson on Thursday afternoon.

The baking group made cookies on Friday afternoon. The cookies were served warm from the oven along with coffee or lemonade.

The poker group met on Saturday evening with Sam Mack. The game was interrupted by tornado warnings issued during the evening.

The Herndon Covenant Church will be holding their Sunday services in the Cedar Living Center dining room on Sunday, June 29, at 10 a.m. Visitors are welcome to join church members and residents for this special service.

Recent visitors: Danny and Betty Wicke, Orleans, Neb.; Wava Reames, Norcaturn; James Reames, Dover, Okla.; Rick and Tammy Shaw, Selden; Vendra Tacha, Cheryl Roberts, Norton; Doyle and Kay Brown, Jennings; Cherie Schmidt and Leilani Hollingsworth, Hays; Deb Witt, Lexington, Neb.; Jan Sattler, Atwood; Linda Bosler, Herndon; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Bill and Lu Calkins, Sutton, Neb.; Tom and Glenva Burrell, Max, Neb.; Kurt, Millie, and Dashiell Brown, Quinter.

Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Laurene Bryan Van Otterloo, Nadeane Haag, Barb Solko, Juanita Williby, Ila Ray, Opal Huntley, Connie Miller, Carol Morford, Millie Lippelmann, Eunice Richards, Marilyn Gamblin, Dorothy Moore, Roxie Pomeroy, Lyle Gamblin, Ira Kolsky, Earl Brown, Ella Betts, Edie Tate, Sandy Counter, Oberlin.

## Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, July 1, at the Herndon Covenant Church for Wayne Duell, who died May 26, in Englewood, Fla. He is a former resident of this community. His first wife was the late Arvilla (Erikson) Duell. Survivors include his wife, Irene; two sons, Larry and Bruce Duell, of Colorado, and a daughter, Marlys Allison of Alaska, and their families.

Congratulations to Wes and Chandra Pike, who were married on Saturday at St. John's Cathedral in Denver. He is the son of Losson and Leanne Pike of Ashland and a grandson of Wesley and Eulaine Benda of Oberlin and Gladys Pike of Ashland. Her parents are Richard and Donna Frost of Arvada, Colo. They will make their home in

Manhattan. Among relatives of the bridegroom who attended were the families of Bob and Connie Smith, Chippawa Falls, Wis.; Losson and Leanne Pike, Ashland; Gerald and Patti Benda, Ludell; Daryl and Shirley Maresch, Nekoma; Mitch and Bev Messerly, Sublette, and Mark and Barbara Olson, Oberlin. The group was joined for the Rockies-Mets game on Sunday by Bill and Maxine Peebles of Denver.

Bob and Connie Smith and Losson and Leanne Pike and their grandsons, Mitchell and Marshall Pike, came to Oberlin to visit Wesley and Eulaine Benda and family.

Congratulations to Joel and Sarah Uerling of McCook on the birth of a son, Hayden Robert, on June 16, 2008, at the McCook Community

Hospital. He weighed 8 pounds, 4.6 ounces and was 21 inches long. He has a sister, Addyson, 4. Grandparents are Jack and Mary Gutchewsky, rural Herndon, and Mark and Sheri Uerling, McCook. Robert and Claire Uerling, Indianola, Neb., are his great-grandparents.

Saturday visitors at the home of Jack and Mary Gutchewsky were Kendal and Tammy Neal, Katrina and James, Oberlin; Brian Gutchewsky and Gavin, Kearney, Neb., and Joel and Sarah Uerling, Addyson and Hayden, McCook.

The Herndon Covenant Church congregation will hold morning worship services at 10 a.m. Sunday at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin.

Tyler Witt was a Sunday dinner guest of Keith and Mary Lou Olson.

Dick and Donna Kelley spent the weekend in Topeka, where they made the acquaintance of their new great-grandson, Brody Michael, son of Seth and Chelsey Kelley. En route to Topeka, they were overnight guests of Wane and Cheryl Stull in Solomon. They also visited Jim and Linda Kelley at Lawrence.

Sunday dinner guests of Elden and Delta Anderson to honor Elden on his birthday were Richard and Maureen Anderson, Samantha, Chris and Gabe, and Gary Anderson.

Elma Lee Erickson, Don and Em Threlkel, and Neva Lou Holub, Eric and Emily were among relatives who attended the wedding of Karla Mosteller and Justin Kramer in Bern on Saturday.

## Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Jay and Suzanne Cooper, Wichita, were Father's Day weekend guests of Wayne and Lois Larson and the Norman Wendelin family. Norman and Joanne Wendelin and Rory hosted a Father's Day supper at their home that evening to honor the fathers in their family. Attending were Wayne and Lois Larson, Jay and Suzanne Cooper, Craig Larson, Monica Larson, Tom Wasson, Carl Larson, and Colby Larson.

Stuart Euhus returned home Wednesday from Chicago after spending a week visiting his son and family, Brad and Melody Euhus, Ariel, Rhiannon, and Addison. While he was there, they also celebrated Ariel and Rhiannon's birthdays.

Hannah May attended 4-H camp at Rock Springs from Tuesday through Friday.

Roland and Pam May were Thursday overnight guests of her aunt, Bernice Munson, in Junction City. They left Friday for Rock Springs to pick up Hannah before driving on to Emporia to watch Zach May and Cassidy Shields sing in the Hall of Fame Honors Choir concert Friday evening. Zach and Cassidy had left earlier for Emporia, accompanied

by Susan Nelson. Zach returned home with his family on Saturday.

Wayne and Lois Larson and Joanne Wendelin attended the wedding of Wayne's niece, Karen Dole Washburn, and John Vogt at the First United Methodist Church in Norton on Saturday.

Visitors of Leo Mooty and guests of Ralph and Norma Unger from Friday through Sunday were her brother, Bob and Pat Mooty, Farmers Branch, Texas; Melissa Morrell and Benjamin, and Blake and Christina Allsbrook, Faith and Trinity, all of Arlington, Texas. Additional Saturday evening guests at the Unger home were Ryan and Darci Unger, St. Francis, and Butch and Colleen Rittmann, Christian and Rielly.

Mike and Nancy Shields, Omaha, were weekend guests of Gaylord and Shirley Shields.

The congregation of St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin hosted a potluck dinner in the fellowship hall following Sunday morning worship services to honor Pastor Kevin Schnakenberg. He is serving as their new interim pastor, as well as the minister of St. John's Lutheran Church in Ash Creek.