

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**125 YEARS AGO — July 1883**

Oberlin Post Office has been made an international money order office.

A new post office is to be established on the Beaver near the old Connersville office.

H.O. Douglas has purchased the fine horse "Henry Ward Beecher" of S.A. Gaunt for \$500.

In the big Fourth of July ball game Oberlin defeated Vallonia in a 5-inning game, score 24-18.

The following men made up the Oberlin team: Chapin, Douglass, Maddox, Bebb, Henshaw, Mackey, Wear, Patchin and Cross; while the Vallonia team had the following: Riley, D. Beal, Farrant, T. Smith, A. Beal, Johnson, W. Park, M. McKinsey, Eno, DeHart. The prize was \$5 in money and the bat given to the player having the best score in the game was won by Fred Henshaw of the Herald force, who made 4 runs and no outs.

**100 YEARS AGO — July 1908**

A heavy rain fell in many parts of the county on Sunday and at Oberlin a nice rain came Monday.

W.D. Street lost his best team of horses Sunday by lightning.

Married July 5, 1908, Miss Montana Brooks and Benjamin S. Brooks of Dresden.

Rexford lost one of its livery barns by fire the night of July 5th.

The Oberlin ball team were beaten 5-4 in 10 innings at Franklin, Nebr., Monday. On Tuesday they were to have played at Riverton, but were rained out. Wednesday they beat Long Island and are playing at Almena today.

**75 YEARS AGO — July 1933**

Only Graham and Rawlins counties raised more winter wheat than Decatur which has an estimate of 378,000 bushels.

Fine rains in some parts of the county will help the corn crop. According to Mr. Flora, state weather observer, June was the hottest month on record and the second driest for the entire state.

Rev. J.E. Bartholomew, who served as pastor of the Presbyterian Church here for eight years, has been chosen by the congregation of the Third Presbyterian Church in Topeka.

The Decatur County treasurer Wynonah McCartney has announced that 78 percent of the 1932 taxes had been paid by the June 20 deadline.

Dresden: A large crowd attended the free picture show Saturday night.

A family reunion was held at the home of Mrs. Amy Rezner on Sunday, July 9 with 57 people attending. Mr. Charles Breithaupt, father of Mrs. Rezner, gave each of his 19-great-grandchildren present a token of remembrance of his 89th year.

— The Opera House is the coolest place in town on warm evenings or on Sunday afternoon. Try a show scheduled for Sunday and Monday and you will forget it's summer time.---adv.

The Primary Department of the Presbyterian Sunday School is happy over the arrival of a new piano.

The 25 girls who comprise the a cappella choir of the Federated Church sang at the Lund Church Sunday evening and were followed by a sermon by Rev. Bowles. The church people served lemonade and cake on the lawn following the services.

**50 YEARS AGO — July 1958**

Construction finally began on the 254,000 bushel Decatur Co-op elevator which has a target date of

completion by Oct. 30.

Two featured attractions at the Decatur County Fair Aug. 4-5-6 are the Heart of America carnival show and the Mid-States Racing Assoc. stock car races.

Cedar Bluffs: Funeral services were held at Cedar Bluffs Methodist Church for Dollie Fisher, 68, postmaster at Cedar Bluffs for the past 18 years, who died in a Denver Hospital. Dollie and her husband, Bert, moved to Cedar Bluffs in 1915. Her husband died in March 1957.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. John Gustin, Selden, son, David Scott, 7-16-58; Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Shields, Oberlin, son, Leslie Ernest, 7-19-58; Mr. and Mrs. Elden Long, Norcatour, son, Greg Lynn, 7-20-58.

A/2c Dennis Shirley has returned to Fairchild Air Force Base, Spokane, Wash., after spending a 30-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fay Shirley, Norcatour.

Duane Wenger recently began work at Morrish Inc. Wenger had been employed at Claar's Clothing for more than seven years.

Prairie Dog: This community has been receiving rain and harvest is not yet over. Several bridges have been washed out; the one east of Neffs and the one north of North Valley schoolhouse.

**25 YEARS AGO — July 1983**

It's been a week of near perfect harvest weather and crews have taken advantage of the situation with area elevator operators indicating Tuesday that cutting has passed the halfway mark. The harvest looks to be a bin-buster with yields averaging nearly 50 bushels an acre across the county.

Decatur Co-op manager John Juenemann, who has coordinated the unit train effort for the three Oberlin elevators, reported to the

Herald Wednesday morning that the train was expected in momentarily with 28 cars and that 26 would arrive that evening. Within 10 minutes after it arrives, the grain storage problem will be over and it will be full speed ahead," Juenemann said.

The appointment of Greg Ulery to replace Dave Nichols on the Oberlin City Council was approved. Nichols was elected mayor at the April election.

Ronnie and Karen Bryan entertained at their farm on Sunday, July 3 with their fifth annual hog roast. The day was spent eating, visiting, swimming, pitching horseshoes, throwing Frisbees and playing baseball.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fortin announce the engagement of their daughter, Marla, to Leland Kehler, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Kehler, Culbertson, Neb. The couple plan an Aug. 7, 1983, wedding at St. Patrick's Church in McCook.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lawson are hosting a reception in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, July 17 at the American Legion in Oberlin. Maleta Reichert and Earl Lawson were married July 2, 1933. Their children are Donald Lawson, Norcatour; Gerald Lawson, Englewood, Colo.; and Mrs. Dean (Betty) Huff, Olathe. There are five grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Olson, their grandson, Lee Munsell, Louisville, Colo., and their son and wife, Galen and Lynne Olson, Arvada, Colo., returned Sunday from a three-week trip to Europe. While in Sweden they visited in Rattvik at the Olson ancestral home as well as in Donaberga where they were guests in the home built by Mrs. Olson's grandfather prior to emigrating to the U.S.

## Cedar Living News

Bob Wurm is a new resident at Cedar Living Center.

The Herndon Covenant Church will return to Cedar Living Center on Sunday at 10 a.m. for their Sunday services. Residents will join with the church members for this hour of worship. Guests are welcome to attend.

We received a lovely donation this week of several movies from Mary Votapka's family.

There were several winners at the dice game played on Monday afternoon. Players included Zola Brown, Alvina Gamblin, Elsie Goodnight, Donna Kent, Elwood Mines, Edie Pettera, John Schuhart, and Wilma May.

Myrna Jones led the sing-along time on Monday afternoon.

Mary Kolsky and Wilma May tied for the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Elsie Goodnight won the blackout game. The bingo volunteers assisted Teresa Shaughnessy in serving cake and ice cream after the game.

Teresa and Mary Votapka shared a birthday on July 8.

Juanita Williby hosted the pinochle players on Wednesday afternoon. Stuart Euhus gave the Bible

study lesson.

Father Henry Saw Lone brought Communion for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

The P.E.O. Club hosted the July birthday party on Thursday afternoon. Mary Votapka was recognized as the only resident celebrating a birthday in July. Club members served homemade pies to residents and staff.

The baking group made cookies on Friday afternoon.

Recent visitors: Woody Morford, McCook; Janice Kruse, Selden; Doyle and Kay Brown, Jennings; Margaret and Russell Rhodes, Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Linda Bosler, Herndon; Cherie, Kierra, and Leilani Schmidt, Hays; Keith Pettera and family, Wheat Ridge, Colo.; Christy Wesch, Topeka; Carol Shaw, Rick and Tammy Shaw, Selden.

Eunice Richards, Marguerite Bailey, Lyle Gamblin, Jackie Votapka, Marilyn Gamblin, Orlin Beneda, Elvin Beneda, Jody Betts, Zane and Gladys Geis, Doug, Pat, and Skyler Brown, Roxie Pomeroy, Edie Tate, Ira Kolsky, Jodie Wenger, Janice Shobe, Delores Dempersmidt, Jon and Ana Wishon, Oberlin.

## Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

The Shepherd's Staff will be holding an open house of the "Lonesome Dove" at 385 Main Street, from 1 to 3 p.m., Sunday, July 27. Light refreshments will be served. The "Lonesome Dove" was originally an active hotel and restaurant during the time period when there was a passenger train stop at Rexford. The building has been renovated and available for public use. A definite "must see."

Rexford City Council will be purchasing five new picnic tables for the city park, replacing several worn out wooden tables.

A "Happy Birthday" to these

individuals celebrating during July: DeAnn Dible, July 14; Andrew Luna, July 16. Mark and Lori Miller celebrate an anniversary July 18.

Red Barn on-going activities: Monday, Barnswallows, 2 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m., Ladies Bible Study and 8 p.m., Men's Bible Study, led by Pastor Lane Purcell; Come on Down, Thursdays, 2 p.m.; and Friday's Koffee Klatch at 9:30 a.m. Bingo has ended for the summer and will continue in the fall as well as the pinochle tournaments.

Until next time, make your week memorable.

## Good Samaritan News

Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due. When it is in the power of your hand to do so. *Proverbs 3:27*

A couple of weeks ago, we reported on a special guest consultant, Erin Bonitto who came to train us on better caring for our residents with dementia. In addition to an overview of the changes that take place in the brain associated with dementia and Alzheimer disease, Erin taught us communication strategies and how to create a "memory care environment" for all the residents. We have been implementing these strategies now for two weeks, and thought you might like an update on how they are working and the changes we have seen.

The most effective strategy is simply approaching the residents in a different way. There is a four-step guideline to follow, and if you have a loved one struggling with dementia it would be a great thing for you to adopt as well.

Step 1: Approach from the front. (so not to surprise or frighten). Get down a little lower than eye level (puts your loved one in a place of honor and respect). Call her by her familiar name ("Sally" or "Mom"), extend your hand (wait for her to reach for yours).

Step 2: Say your familiar name and a simple statement (seven words or less) of who you are ("I'm Lisa, your daughter.")

Step 3: Make a simple statement of what you are doing ("I'm here to have coffee with you."), avoid questions ("Do you want to have a cup of coffee?")

Step 4: Always end your interaction with an endorphin boost ("I love you." I'd like to give you a hug."). This approach is proven to set the mind at ease by gently re-orienting her. Your mom may recognize you, but be unable to retrieve your name, causing great frustration that will hinder further communication during your visit. Remember while conversing to again avoid questions. Instead of saying "Do you remember Dad and how hard he worked?" Replace the question with a statement like "I was thinking about Dad, he worked hard." This will facilitate much more meaningful conversation.

Lora Zwickle once told me, "Old people are slow, we need everyone to slow down." This technique causes us as caregivers to slow down. It puts the focus on relationship versus tasks. It makes our jobs more enjoyable and the residents more relaxed. It has been a very good thing to do for those we love and easily in the power of our hands to do so. (Proverbs 3:27)

Our week was one of sweet routine. After the excitement of the fourth it was rather refreshing. Of course, there are always a few exceptions. The Pinochle Playing Lyle Gals came for their monthly visit on Monday. Friday we took two vans out to watch the wheat cutting. Herndon Covenant Church brought the entire congregation for church services on Sunday.

We would like to thank the Alif Be Khe Club for donating an additional Wii game remote control. Jeff Hayward and sons, Alex and

Logan, have agreed to help get a bowling league in the works. They will be working with teams of four to make them more comfortable with "virtual bowling".

Mark these dates on your August calendar: Friday, Aug. 1, will be our Family Potluck and Tuesday, Aug. 5, will be a Fair Days Ballroom Launch to kick off Fair Week. Watch for more information!

Visitors this week were: Ken Mumm, Eleanor Roger (Selden) Delores Raile (Hoxie) and Bud and Vicki Mumm (Gem) for Hubert Mumm. Mert McEvoy and Mable

McLaughlin (Missouri) for Lucy Schissler. Ron and Dixie Snyder (Colby), Reva Marshall and Penny Fringer for Dorothy Hunt. Sharon Slabaugh, Keri and Jeanne Britton (Denver) and Eunice Richards for Opal Bryan. Eunice Richards for Earl Brown and Lora Zwickle. Deta and Elden Anderson and Donna Kelley for Eva Bryan. Janice Baer (Topeka) for Evelyn Olson. Betty Heisel for Ethel Nemeth. Marian Thornton for R.D. Thornton. Janice Mehl (North Platte) for Ruth Laidig.

Informal American Legion Meeting,  
Thursday, July 17  
7 p.m.  
Please Attend

### Oberlin American Legion

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### NEW HOURS

To provide our patients with better customer service, we have extended our hours to fit their needs.

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