THE OBERLIN HERALD Events of Yesteryear

125 YEARS AGO - Aug. 1883

The new Presbyterian Church is being plastered. Sherly & Vandyke are doing the job.

Those who enjoy horse racing chipped in the funds to fix a half mile race track on J.B. Hitchcock's farm east of town and the course will soon be in good shape.

One day last week a pony belonging to E.I. Randall fell into a well on the H.G. Fair farm east of town. Strange to say the 30-foot fall didn't injure the pony.

Married, Mr. J.N. Counter to Miss Mary Tucker, July 29th. – Belleville Telescope. (Mr. Counter will be remembered by our readers as the former editor and proprietor of the Herald, who did much in the upbuilding and advancement of Oberlin and Decatur County.

The Herald prints this week a lengthy description of the national G.A.R. meeting at Denver as witnessed by Geo.W. Keys of Ober-

100 YEARS AGO - Aug. 1908

At this writing every indication is for a long dry spell of weather. This means a poor corn crop and close and pinching times for another

Marriages: July 31, Earl J. Auker and Miss Ida M. Sorrick, both of Norcatur. Ernest Danielson and Miss Gertrude Bliss were married Aug. 2.

The Chautauqua opened Tuesday with a lecture by Senator Jonathan P. Dolliver of Iowa.

In the first ball game of the Chautauqua series Selden beat Oberlin married by the Rev. Simpson of 8 to 1.

Jennings Items: The Feely and Brelsford buildings are about complete. The teachers for the Jennings school are: John Bertram, Stanley Shook, Cora Sears and Pearle Hagan.

75 YEARS AGO – Aug. 1933

In a special meeting by the Oberlin Chamber of Commerce it was voted to endorse President Roosevelt's National Recovery Administration program. As an example of some of the changes which become effective Monday morning, the clothing, dry goods and variety stores will open at 9 and close at 7 each day except Saturday when they will remain

ing hours 35 for mechanical and 40 for all other employees except grocery clerks which may work 48 hours per week.

Again death has claimed one of our older citizens, James D. Flanigan, 77, who came to this country in 1879 putting homestead papers on the east half of section 10 in Altory Township three miles east of Kanona. As a member of the minority Democratic party he was elected to the lower house of the Kansas legislature.

Norcatur: Two persons are dead and one perhaps fatally injured in a shooting scape at the McCune place a mile east of Norcatur.

Two or three inspectors from the state highway department, all dressed up in their new uniforms, were guests of the community about a week ago and as a result of said visitation a number of new, 1933 license tags are to be seen around town.

Mr. and Mrs P. L. Worcester are the parents of a baby girl born Saturday, July 28.

Dresden: Mr. and Mrs. Doctor Funk are leaving for parts in the east for a vacation this week.

Court House News: Melvin S. Young, 64, and Miss Alice Gertrude Smith, 60, both of Dresden, were married at the home of the bride Sunday, July 30 by Rev. Charles Simpson; on July 29 a license was issued to Ralph New and Ruth Cleland, both of Norcatur; on Aug. 1 a license was issued to Velcy Jones, 21, of Dresden, and Miss Viola Webster, 22, of Rozel and they were Dresden.

50 YEARS AGO - Aug. 1958

New teachers for the coming year at DCHS are Miss Dorothy Daughterty, vocational homemaking; Miss Sheila Nation, voice and piano; Milford Dean Messer, English; and Stanley Moore, industrial arts and head football coach.

Berny Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bailey, is playing baseball with the Bulldogs of Pratt. Berny formerly was on the Foster Lumber team coached by Lemoin Landau.

Jennings: Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Feely, accompanied by their nephew, Clarence Danley, celebrated Page family, rode the Rev. and Mrs. their 50th wedding anniversary at Lee Huebert. In the Sparking Buggy open until 10 p.m. In towns the size Lake Hotel, Yellowstone National of by-gone days rode the young of Oberlin minimum wage will be Park. They have resided in Jennings son and daughter of the Hueberts. \$12 per week with maximum work- since their marriage and are long- All were dressed according to the

time residents of Decatur County. Mr. and Mrs. John Simonsson entertained with a barbecue supper and party at the home Friday evening, July 25 in honor of their children, John Jr., who will enter military service Aug. 11 and Carlyne who will attend Kansas Wesleyan University this fall.

A Westman reunion picnic was held Sunday, July 27 at the City Park in Herndon.

25 YEARS AGO - Aug. 1983

Despite searing hot winds, the first night of Decatur County Fair Tuesday drew capacity crowds. Amusement Authority member Ann Ooton speculated that was probably "the biggest first-night crowd." The Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce plans its annual free barbecue at the fairgrounds on Friday at 6:30 p.m.

New Arrival; Wally and Susan Lyle-Liberty Star picnics are held.

Let's Go to the Museum By Sharleen Wurm, director

fith.

Looking Back - The Oberlin vintage they represented. Herald Aug.14, 1958.

Day by Day at the Museum by Mrs. Lawrence Claar

"Many articles are coming in each day. It seems we have barely scratched the surface as yet. Some of the interesting new exhibits are a plush album, foot warmer for horse and buggy days, many primitive farming implements and household goods. Mrs. Carrie Curry brought in some pictures taken at the time the Memorial Monument was erected at the cemetery for those who lost their lives in the Indian Raid.

Our Museum was well represented in the parade the last day of the County Fair. Mr. and Mrs. John Houtsma, who have contributed so generously toward filling the museum, drove their car of early vintage, bearing the Museum sign. Andv Castle and daughter, Andrea were 'Ma and Pa' in the 1916 car belonging to the Drydens. The small DeKnights filled the back seat, making the family complete. In the modern Sparking Buggy, a new Chevrolet owned by the Bus

Mrs. Clyde Shaw and Mrs. Sandy Russell were volunteer helperouters at the Museum during the week. More volunteer help will take over part of this week so the curator may contact various people who have expressed a desire to add to the

collection at the Museum. The curio business is picking up daily and new things are coming in right along. We are still in the pioneer stage at the Museum but each day shows forward progress. We are always happy to have visitors, as we too are proud of what has been accomplished by many hands working together."

Back to August 2008: Our souvenir business at the Seeds of Creation Gift Shop is doing great with all the new items such as books, maps, hand knitted items, baby gifts and wedding gifts. With 50 years since the above article was written we are past the pioneer stage at the Museum but each day we show forward progress for the next 50.

See you all at the Fair! The Museum will be having a booth in the commercial building with our three raffle items, 50th Anniversary shirts and bags, and several items from the gift shop.

Oh, Gosh Golly...Good Sam's adopted"Ollie" Born: May 2, 2008. Adopted: July 17, 2008, weighing 3 pounds, 12 ounces. Breed: Shih Tzu.

Terry and Sue Black donated this little bundle of fluff and the residents adore him. Amy Rehm is his official resident caregiver. You can find him riding on her walker to and from activities, or sleeping on Arlene Rossitto's lap, but you'll seldom see him walking, for he is held and loved almost every minute of the day! He is a blessing and a joy!

The Herndon Covenant Church congregation came a week ago Sunday to worship in Town Square. The residents love going to a full service. How sweet to hear the singing fill the room with life giving words of praise! They particularly like the children's portion of the service and the fellowship afterwards.

Oberlin Community Fellowship gave the afternoon message. We so appreciate all the churches coming to bring God's Word to this place. It is something we never tire of.

Monday, Alex and Jeff Hayward came to oversee our Wii Bowling game, and again on Tuesday for Kick Ball. Alex is Shirley Hayward's great-grandson and our cream machine. Yeah! Ken and faithful Junior Volunteer. He is just a second grader, but has devoted many hours this summer to reading, bowling and playing kick ball with us. We love you, Alex. Thanks for all you do!

Tuesday, we said good-bye to June Saum. She was dearly loved and will be greatly missed. Janice Shobe officiated and Anita Hirsch led the music. We extend our condolences to her family and friends.

This week we had help from several community friends. The Needles and Pins Quilting Club donated a beautiful new banner to be hung when a loved one passes away. This replaces one that was made by Angie Wilson many years ago. Angie and several other ladies pieced it and Ruth Miesner did a lovely job quilting it.

As beautiful as it is, we don't want to use it, if you know what I mean.

Dennis Brown and the Forget-Me-Not Ministry brought pizza for both staff and residents on Wednesday. His timing couldn't be better. The kitchen staff was busy emptying the kitchen into the dining room in preparation for our new floor to be installed. It was an unexpected double blessing!

The 180 Boys joined us on Thurs- Opal Bryan.



Ollie

Good Samaritan News

day; the discussion centered on an article about a 25- year-old man, sentenced to life in prison, but finding purpose and joy by serving God, while serving time.

Friday was again a family potluck! This one was tricky to pull off with the kitchen being out of service, but Ken Shobe and John Paulson agreed to withstand the heat of the court yard to grill our porkburgers. If it weren't for state regulations, they could have fried them right on the sidewalk without even turning on the grill!

Cindi Sauder reported that we are only \$600 shy of purchasing our ice John can be first in line!

Don't forget our Fair Days Balloon Launch on Tuesday at 6 p.m. and the Pet Parade Friday, at 1:30 p.m.! We have a booth in both the Commercial Building and the Open Class Building. Some of the ladies will be helping with the Duck Pond while Earl Brown and others will be on the midway both Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Hope to see you at the fair!

Visitors included: Ray, Jen, Bryce, Abbey and Isaac (Hays), Chris Dempewolf, Larry James (Norcatur), Marian Thornton for RD Thornton. Shelby and Mika Hackney for Ethel Nemeth. Ron Snyder (Colby), Reva Marshall for Dorothy Hunt. Gladys Geis for Kathryn Post. Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem) for Doris Marintzer and Hubert Mumm. Jerald and Elaine Leitner for Lucy Schissler, John & Muriel Ready, RD Thornton and Shirley Hayward. Clem and Ken Mumm (Selden/Colby) for Hubert Mumm. Connie and John Simonsson and Luanne and Mike Laird (Celina, Texas) for Amy Rehm and Eileen Laird. Brian, Pam, Breck and Nathan Simonsson, Sharon and Marvin Slabaugh for



Cedar Living Center News

On July 24 at Senior Citizens, 25 - Lori Truetken, Chrissy Stan-Alfred Albers won high, Anna ton. July 26-Jennifer Spresser. July Albers took second and had the 28 - Jill Boultinghouse, Betty Pauls, Lacey Evans. July 29 - Marcia most aces and Leone Porsch got Schlageck. July 30 - Josh Miller, cluded: Carol Shaw, Paulie Neff, Tex and Charlene Shaw, Arvilla Juenemann, Ryan Ptashkin. July Gail Mumm, Lois Neff, Helen 31 - Sara Emigh. August 1 - Ben and Renee Filmore, Loretta Rodriguez. Aug. 2 - Edith Carman (Happy 104th), Rodney Smith Jr. Billy and Tasha Belair, Ponca Aug. 4 - Karly Miller. Aug. 5 - Jesse Mumm, Sara Juenemann, Marilyn Kaus, David Kruse, Cory Shaw. Aug. 6 - Robbie Koerperich, Dick and Pat Stevenson. Aug. 7 - Laura Ritter. Aug. 8th - Rick & Tammy Shaw. Aug. 9 - Nick and Elaine Koerperich. Aug. 10 - Delaena Neff, Dallas Koerperich. Aug. 11 -Mike Ritter, Ben Wessel, Gary and Clara Gillum, Rhonda Sabatka. Aug. 12 - Mike Spresser, Charlene On Thursday at Senior Citizens, Werth, Kanisha Carman. Aug. 13 -Dan Shaw, Rodney Brantley, Stan and Ramona Shaw. Aug. 14 - Julie Kennedy, Monica Neff, Kaycee Miller.

By Jody Betts

Wilson of Oberlin are the parents of

a son, Brady Ryan, born July 31 at

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Woolsey and

son moved the past weekend to the

former John Nitsch home located

at the intersection of Oak and Grif-

beauty shop at 132 S. Penn took

place Friday. Beauticians are Kay

Officers of the Oberlin chapter

of Future Farmers of America who

attended the state leadership camp

held at Rock Spring Ranch were

Mary Wilson, Becky Tally, Julee

Plotts, David Brown and advisor

Lyle Community News: The

Powell picnic ground received ex-

tensive damage in the recent tornado

and area residents met July 24 to

clean it up before the Powell and

Scott and Judy Kogler.

Duane Dunn.

The grand opening of Hair Unique

McCook Community Hospital.

B y Teresa Shaughnessy

Clara Fringer and Wilma Bobinmyer are new residents at Cedar Living Center.

We are sad to report the loss of some dear friends at Cedar Living Center this week including Elma Ashley, Mildred Cochran, Mildred Tacha, and Geneva Morford.

Mrs. Cochran had been a volunteer at Cedar Living Center for many years before becoming a resident. Mrs. Ashley and Mrs. Tacha were long-time residents, while Mrs. Morford had been with us only a few months. Sympathy is extended to all of their families.

Mary Votapka's family donated sweet corn to Cedar Living Center this week. Several residents helped with cleaning the corn and everyone enjoyed eating it right off of the cob.

past week working on our display for the Open Class building at the fair.

There were several winners at the dice game played on Monday afternoon. Refreshments were served following the game.

Myrna Jones, Mary Ann Amack, and Nadeane Haag led the singalong time on Monday afternoon. the bowling time on Thursday Myrna played the new Clavinova.

Mary Kolsky won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon. The blackout game ended in a tie between Elsie Goodnight and Mary Votapka.

The pinochle players met on noon. Wednesday afternoon for a game. The Bible study group also met with Stuart Euhus.

on Wednesday evening to share sto- Center patio.

Tara Votapka has been busy this ries about farming and eat ice cream bars. Those joining in included Zola Brown, Darlene Fisher, Elwood Mines, Al and John Schuhart, Blanche Skubal, Frank Ward, Lloyd Wishon, and Wilma May.

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

There was a lot of laughter at afternoon. We do not keep score, but we have a lot of fun cheering evervone on.

The baking group made sour cream cookies on Friday after-

Pastor Carrie Buhler of the Jennings and Dresden United Methodist Churches gave the Sunday Residents met in the dining room worship service on the Cedar Living

Recent visitors: Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Doyle and Kay Brown, Tom Votapka, Jennings; Carol Kompus, Linda Bosler, Herndon; Woody Morford, McCook; Betty Jean Wicke, Ludell; Jean Skubal, Leoville; Randy and Janice Fringer, Richmond, Texas; Laura Fox, Valley Center; Frank Bouts, Janice Kruse, Selden; Brett and Jodi White, Wichita; Jill and Jace Winter, Clifton; Don Pettera, Mesa, Ariz.

Marilyn Gamblin, Ella Betts, Earl Brown, Dolores Koerperich, Jackie Votakpa, Roberta Johnson, Norabell Manning, Mabel Bailey, Eunice Richards, Lyle Gamblin, Shelli Fortin, Glady Geis, Marguerite Bailey, Ira Kolsky, Ron and Patti Uehlin, Roxie Pomeroy, Edie Tate, Ana and Spencer Wishon, Jodie Wenger, Oberlin.

By Mary Lou Olson

low. Other members present in-Karls, Betty James, Jeanie Spresser and guests, Laura Shaw and Janet Shaw.

City, Okla., are the proud parents of a baby boy. Rowdy Lee Belair was born July 29, 2008. He weighed in at 7 pounds, 8 ounces. Rowdy's grandparents are Dan and Miriam Shaw of Selden; Mike Belair of Ponca City, Okla., and Vicki Lower, Arkansas City. Great-grandparents are Lester and Charlene Belair, Ponca City, Okla.; Leonard and Carol Rosin, Norcross, Minn., and Tex and Charlene Shaw, Selden.

Carol Shaw won high, Lola Cook took second, Leone Porsch got low and Edna Schiltz had the most tens. Other members present were Helen Karls, Jeanie Spresser, Ann Hazlitt, Anna Albers, Alfred Albers, Betty James, Paulie Neff, Lois Neff and Gail Mumm.

Birthdays and anniversaries: July

Golden Plains School enrollment will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday and Friday at Rexford and Selden Schools. First day of school is coming up Thursday, Aug. 21.

Midway News

Sympathy is extended to Ardythe and John Cederberg following the death of her mother, Thelma Anderson, 93, on July 29 in Oakland, Neb. Funeral services were held Friday in Oakland with burial at the West Side Cemetery.

Guests of Andy Hanson for a belated Fourth of July picnic and fireworks on Saturday, July 26, were Kenny and Pauline Micek, Matt and Melissa Micek, Kenny, Abbi and Sami, Simon Micek, and Jacque Hanson, Eddie, Gus and Raleigh, all of Atwood; Roger Holmdahl, Herndon; Roger Emigh and Tatum, Danbury; Kay and Debbie Rummel, Ludell; Elizabeth Horney, Goodland; and Troy Emigh and Fran Bertram, Wichita.

Shirley Maresch of Nekoma and Bev Messerly of Sublette were Thursday visitors and overnight guests at the Wesley Benda home. They came to attend the bridal shower for Sarah Olson on Thursday evening at the Golden Age Center, hosted by Sherri Schmidt,

Patti Benda and Gayle Carlson. Joy Votapka and Mary Lou Olson spent Friday in Kearney, Neb., and took Detta Anderson out for lunch on Fridav at the LandMark Inn for a belated birthday celebration.

Gary and Mary Ann Erickson visited a few days in Chetopa with Dale and Debbie Withington, Hana, Ellie and Chloe and attended the fair to view their grandddaughters' entries.

Detta Anderson was honored with a belated birthday supper and fireworks Sunday at the home of Richard and Maureen Anderson, Samantha, Chris and Gabe. Others present were Kendra and Jessica Kelley, Frederick, Colo.; Dick and Donna Kelley, and Gary Ander-

The congregation of the Herndon Covenant Church will meet for morning worship at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Atwood Lake, followed by a potluck picnic. The Herndon Covenant Youth Group will have a pool daughter, Taylor, was a visitor at party at 4 p.m. in the afternoon at the home of Kyle and Cindi Grafel.

Barbara Olson, Sarah and Mary visited Keely Wilson, Julie and Harmony.

Lyle News By Veda Wood

ited at the Veda Wood home, while Teresa took Alta May Van Gundy to McCook, where Alta got a new hearing aid.

We got to visit with Dwight throughout the day, and they had supper with us before going home. On Friday, Carol Moye, Oberlin; Sandra McNames, Grinnell, and her grandchildren, Devon and Skyler, Taos, N.M.; Carol's daughter, Tielia High, and her daughter, Aubrey, visited Veda and Denny Wood. All the girls had lunch at the Cardinal Bar and Grill.

Jim and Carolyn Plotts' grand-Lyle Church on Sunday, where Jim had the message, and he and their

On Tuesday, Dwight Wood vis- friend, Andrew Wells, sang some special music, which was very much appreciated.

> Joyce Sumner took 20 quilts, made by the Lyle group, to Norton to be sent to a military hospital in

As I usually get a few news items on Monday morning, and nobody seems to be home, I will toss in this little ditty I wrote a year or so ago: My back is tired, my hands are sore, and I ain't pullin' weeds no more! Now aren't you sorry you weren't home? Ha. I haven't kept my word, though.

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