THE OBERLIN HERALD Events of Yesteryear

125 YEARS AGO - Aug. 1883 The Cheyennes, going north, crossed the K.P.R.R. near Sheridan Station about 15 miles east of Wallace week before last and are now probably beyond the Platte river.

Two neat sod houses have been erected in the west part of town by two mail carriers, W.S. Jackson and J. A. Barnard.

H.A. Griffith, a stockman near Clayton, was a caller last week. He says cattle are doing splendid and that crops look very well; has a field of 20 acres of corn that he estimates will go 50 bushels per acre.

The second semi-annual dividend of the state school fund for Decatur County amounts to \$307.02.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Marks, Aug. 27, 1883, a son, weight 10 pounds.

The new Presbyterian Church building was dedicated last Sunday. The building is frame, 28x40 in size, and 32 feet from the ground to the apex of the roof; cost \$1247.67. A deficit of \$187.46 remaining, additional pledges to the amount of \$193.25 were quickly made. Present membership of the church is 15 and the pastor is Rev. John Wilson.

A grand circle wolf hunt was held in the east part of the county last Friday attended by 50 men. Three wolves were killed; seven antelope inside the circle escaped.

100 YEARS AGO - Aug. 1908

Elbert Chilson has bought a meat market in Herndon.

A rain of 1.55 flooded Oberlin Sunday night.

Ray Street is home on a vacation. Roy Marks is also here visiting home folks.

Just after Dan Roach had finished the cement walk in front of the Baptist Church on Monday the heavy hailstorm put a lot of dents in it, but probably didn't seriously damage the walk.

75 YEARS AGO – Aug. 1933

Elmer Shaw estimated that nearly 2,000 people attend the Old Settlers 4-county picnic held at Brookwood Park. In the business meeting President Addleman found people reluctant to follow his suggestion of electing for president someone from another county than Decatur but finally Ike Crumley of Rexford was placed in nomination and elected; C. C. Andrew of Norcatur chosen for vice president and Ora Eller of the Fairview community chosen secretary. Miss Augusta

Geisenhener, secretary, was absent, having undergone an operation in Kansas City a few days before the 50 YEARS AGO - Aug. 1958

picnic. The singing was led by Mr. and Mrs. Norman Reist of Olathe; Mrs. P. G. Postmas of Rexford accompanied on the violin for numbers by the Pauls sisters of Leoville; Lois Carman and Clyda Shaw sang with guitar accompaniment by Miss Carman and a male quartet from Colby pleased the crowd with sacred numbers. Rev. Joe Foster of Dresden gave a talk on early days and displayed a fine collection of muzzle loading rifles

and shotguns. A short biographical sketch of Mrs. Kate Tacha of Jennings was read as she attended as the oldest resident of the county coming with her parents to the Big Timber community Aug. 20, 1873, 23 days before J.E. Love, Mrs. W.E. Ufford, J.K. Stiner, W.L. and J.V. Riley arrived in the town of Oberlin.

Mrs. Zella Driskedll, Mrs. Lena Jordan, Mrs. Roy Kiefer and Mrs. Mike Roach and Marguerite left from McCook Saturday night en route for Chicago. Mrs. Driskell and Mrs. Jordan expect to attend the national convention of cosmetologists in Chicago and all will attend the World's Fair.

Lester Kirkendall, assistant principal at DCHS, has arranged for a to Columbia University where he has received a scholarship to complete work for a doctor's degree. During the summer he completed his course and received his master's degree.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Votapka announce the marriage of their daughter, Grace, to Mr. Earle L. Brock of Norton . The wedding took place in the vine covered summer home in the rear garden with the Rev. C. M. Williams of the Methodist Episcopal Church reading the ring ceremony. The bridal party was led by Norma and Faye Votapka, nieces of the bride, and little Howard Votapka carried the ring on a blue satin pillow. Following the ceremony, dinner was served at the Hotel Oberlin. Mr. and Mrs. Brock will be at home in Norton after Sept. 1 where he is employed in the Brooks Cash Store.

Fairview-Summit: Mr. and Mrs. Owen Vernon are the proud parents of an 8-pound girl both Aug. 15 named Marjorie Myrth and in the afternoon of the same day a 7-pound girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Alvin

Lunkenheimer.

Enrollment at DCHS has taken another upswing according to Superintendent Mahon with more than 240 students registering compared to 227 at the same time a year ago.

Miss Claudine Macfee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Macfee, graduated form Kansas State College, Manhattan, Aug. 8 with a degree in elementary education. Miss Macfee will teach at Spring Branch this year.

Registration is scheduled at St. John's Lutheran Church parochial school according to Principal Edwin Knoernschild.

Roberta Wurm, 18, began employment Monday at The Oberlin Herald as new society editor. Mildred Foster, former society editor, will replace Wauneta Wurm as secretary at the office when Miss Wurm goes into training at Newman Hospital School of Nursing at Emporia next week.

Miss Carolyn Soderlund and Lavern Holle were united in marriage Aug. 24, 1958, at 3 p.m. at the First Methodist Church in Oberlin.

Helen Dannefer Francis, wife of Alex Francis, former coach here, now track and cross country coach at Fort Hays, has written another book. This one is entitled "Double one-year leave of absence, to return Reverse" a sports story for older

boys which was released by Doubleday Junior Books Aug. 21.

25 YEARS AGO - Aug. 1983

The first measurable precipitation in nearly two months in that area of the county left amounts of up to three inches along Prairie Dog Creek.

David Lund, a recent graduate of Washburn University School of Law, Topeka, is now affiliated with Lund Law Firm, Chartered in Oberlin. He is the son of Elmo and Margaret Lund and a 1975 graduate of DCHS. He graduated from Kan-

sas State University in 1979 with a degree in finance and received a Juris Doctor degree from Washburn in May 1983 and took the bar exam in July.

Winners in the Lions Club slowpitch tournament were Prickett & Son, Inc., of Hoxie in the men's division and Larry's IGA of Colby in the women's.

Dell Pomeroy returned Sunday after 10 days in the Vandalia, Ohio, where he participated in the 84th annual shoot of the Grand American, the largest trap shoot in the world.

New Arrival: Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Lemman, son, Christopher Donald, Aug. 16, 1983.

Tonya Jones is a new employee at Farmers National Bank replacing Dorothy Cozad who moved recently to Cheney to make her home.

Cedar Living News By Teresa Shaughnessy Vic Mowry of Hoxie and his band homemade cherry rhubarb sauce.

Edna Mott donated the rhubarb for

the sauce. Sam Mack met with the poker players on Saturday evening.

The Herndon Covenant Church came for one last visit of the summer at Cedar Living Center on Sunday morning. A large crowd of church members and residents listened as Pastor Keith Reuther led the service

Lillian Sulzman brought four homemade cakes and a bucket of ice cream to serve to residents and staff at noon on Sunday in honor of John Schuhart's birthday.

The cakes were delicious and included zucchini spice, chocolate zucchini, orange cake, and chocolate cake with peanut butter icing.

Rick and Tammy Shaw and Carol Shaw of Selden visited on Sunday evening and organized a pinochle game with residents.

Recent visitors: Linda Bosler, Carol Kompus, Julie and Bob Hafner, Herndon; Stephani Hawkins and Adrian, Dallas, Texas; Carol Mallory, Topeka; Elwood and Norine Bailey, Jennings; Jan Sattler, Atwood; Wava Reames, Lynn and Leslie Ward, Norcatur.

Shelli Fortin, Eunice Richards, Jackie Votapka, Roberta Johnson, Connie Miller, Marilyn Gamblin, Gladys Geis, Dolores Koerperich, Jon Fisher, Orlin Beneda, Elvin Beneda, Rod and Pat Fringer, Roxie Pomeroy, Jon, Ana, and Spencer Wishon, John Bremer, Edie Tate, Sandra Young, Ira Kolsky, Lyle Gamblin, Connie Olson, Jodie Wenger, Lynn Overmiller, Ober-On Friday afternoon the baking lin.

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

Looking back in history of The Oberlin Herald August 1958.

"On Sept. 26 and 27, 1958, Oberlin will shift its memories back eight decades into history to commemorate the last Indian raid on Kansas soil, and to officially open the Decatur county museum, which came into being this spring and which has been open to the public since early in July. With an entire community planning and working together, the success of this historical event is assured.

Twenty silver dollars will be presented to the person who offers the best name for this new annual celebration. The contest is open to everyone. The deadline for entering is Sept. 24. The winner will not have to attend the celebration to get the prize. The celebration will include a parade, pancake feed, square dancing and early day costumes.

Mr. Art Peterson will soon have the soddie completed, then a group of ladies will move in and furnish it in a primitive way, a replica of the way our pioneer ancestors once lived. Much research and thought has gone into this part of it."

Back to 2008: On Saturday, Oct. 4, 2008, Oberlin will once again shift its memories back into history to commemorate the Last Indian Raid on Kansas soil, and to celebrate the Decatur County Museum's 50th Anniversary. With an entire community planning and working together, the success of this historical event is assured.

The celebration will include a pancake feed, bake sale, parade, the Koshare Indian dancers, old-time craft displays, live buffalo, and much more. It will be a day marked in history, a day that you will want to be a part of.

By Lisa Paulson

tained Marion Thornton. Ralph

Kay Brown for funeral services for Mildred Tacha were: Deanell and John Tacha, Lawrence; John R. Tacha and Joel and Sarah Bergman and Anna Rose, Portland Ore.; David and Diana Tacha and Avery Reece, Denver; Leah Tacha, Purchase, N.Y.; Kent and Robin Brown, Jordan and McKenzie, Estes Park, Colo.; Gordon and Kara Kuntz, Katherine and Zachary, Hays; Chad and Kim Kuntz, Olathe; Kurt and Valerie Brown, Millicent and Dashiell, Quinter; and Phil and Keli Kleidosty, Kekaha, Hawaii.

Other out-of-town relatives who attended the funeral were Gary and Judy Vaughn and Laura Vaughn, Henderson, Colo.; Vendla Tacha, Norton; Don and Ann Mines, Oberlin; Vicki Vinzant, Elwood, Neb., and Louise Berndt, Quinter.

The Firemen's Funday was a huge invited to attend.

Guests at the home of Doyle and was won by Dawn LaRue, Wa-Keeney; the grill, given away in a drawing by the Czech Museum, was won by Terri Hanke who then gave it back to be auctioned off. Many tickets were sold and we thank all who participated.

By Louise Cressler

The firemen's drawing of a flat screen television was won by Terri Hanke; Boom Box by Victor Ritter and the DVD player by Craig Ritter.

This week, millings were put around the new shop building of the City which is located north of the Community Hall. Grass will be planted later on the banks.

Kay and Doyle Brown will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary from 7:30 to 11 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 30, in the Community Hall. Polka music will be played at the dance. Everyone is

Wavne and Louise Cressler met

By Jody Betts

will be playing for a dance in the

Cedar Living Center dining room

at 7 p.m. Thursday. The public is

invited to attend. Refreshments

and Dale Butler are new residents

Ann Martin, Luella Overmiller,

Residents enjoyed Colorado

Velda Ward was the guest of

peaches donated by Frank Bouts of

Selden and watermelon donated by

honor at a birthday party hosted by

her children and grandchildren on

the patio on Monday evening. Oth-

ers attending included her friends,

Norma Ward, Pansy Price, and

the dice game played on Monday

afternoon. Players included Alvina

Gamblin, Elsie Goodnight, Ruth

Havel, Donna Kent, Mary Kolsky,

Wilma May, Elwood Mines, Edie

Pettera, John Schuhart, Blanche

Skubal, Frank Ward, and Delores

Myrna Jones, Mary Ann Amack,

Frank Ward won the first bingo on

Juanita Williby played pinochle

on Wednesday afternoon with Frank

and Velda Ward and Elsie Good-

lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study

Father Henry brought Commu-

nion for the Catholic residents on

group met for ice cream topped with

Jennings News

and Nadeane Haag led the sing-

along time on Monday afternoon.

Tuesday afternoon and Donna Kent

won the blackout game.

Thursday morning.

There were several winners at

Roberta Petracek this past week.

will be served.

Dorothy Ward.

Wheeler.

night.

at Cedar Living Center.

Good Samaritan News

O, taste and see that the Lord is good. Psalm 34:8

With gardens at their peak, we have enjoyed tasting the goodness of the Lord this week. Laurene Dempewolf brought in fresh vine ripened tomatoes, you know there is nothing as good as that – oops except maybe fresh, fuzzy, yummy Colorado peaches that Frank Bouts (Selden) blesses us with each year. Cool cucumbers are quite refreshing thanks to Gail Martin, but the corn that Anita Hirsch brought to be shucked by loving, wrinkled hands is mighty fine too. I guess beauty is in the eye (or taste bud) of the beholder.

Food is such an important part of life here at the Good Sam. Tastes and smells can prompt some wonderful memories like nothing else.

Anita does an exceptional job using food to promote meaningful

discussions, and Social Hour treats, and Leo Mooty, enjoyed touching, giving the kitchen a break now and then

This week she will be helping the residents plan the menus the kitchen Norcatur on Tuesday. We are trywill use for the regular meals. She helps them write down their own recipes complete with side dishes and desserts.

If all goes as planned they will be able to help and oversee the the neighborhood. Norcatur boasts preparing of their own special meal and then be recognized for their creations!

The Butterfly Garden was opened for the second time with a whole new set of stations. One was set up and a link to the activity calendar, as a Gardening Station full of fresh the Museum and also the Chamber produce and aprons.

This could have been the only station we needed to set. Each resident who entered made their way to this table. Marie McChesney, Ruth

tasting, smelling and visiting over a delightful array of bounty.

Two vans headed east to tour ing to take every opportunity to get out and about while the weather permits. RD Thornton was our tour guide; he took us to the Red Roof Antiques, the cemetery and through some beautiful flower gardens.

Remember to check out our web page to find out what is happening here at Good Sam, www.good-sam. com. There are pictures, articles of Commerce. Pictures and articles will be updated every two weeks, so make sure to save it to your favorite's folder.

Laidig, Elsie Macy, Dorothy Hunt This week R.D. Thornton enter- Houston for David McGee.

Crim (Atwood) and Mert McEvoy came for Lucy Schissler. Barbara Castor for Elaine Thomas. Ron Snyder (Colby) and Reva Marshall visited their mother, Dorothy Hunt. Stan and Ramona Shaw (Jennings) came to see Leone Porsch and Emma Sanford. Mae Guy had a guest from Wichita. Donna Kelley visited Eva Bryan. Ken and Clem Mumm (Selden/Colby) are faithful visitors of Hubert Mumm. Helen Brooks and Darci Meitl spent time with Ethel Nemeth. Brian and Pam Simonsson came for **Opal Bryan**. Norma Richards visited Mae Guy, Lora Zwickle and Violet Schissler. Esther Ready and Nick Chomowicz get the prize for coming the farthest distance, New York, N.Y. to visit John and Muriel Ready. Mike We always enjoy our visitors. and Sharon McGee traveled from

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

The community would like to welcome the recent opening of Jokers, a new business to our town, formerly the Country Store, owned by Dick Kyle.

Dick moved to Texas and Chachi Ochoa and Alan and Sally Jones are the new owners. Business hours are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday; 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturdays and closed on Sundays. A weekly noon special is offered Monday through Friday.

The garage is serviced by Irvin Ramsey and he can help you with your automotive needs.

Lula Thieler will celebrate her 103rd birthday on Sept. 1. A card shower is being held in her honor. If you would like to send her a card, it will reach her at: 1625 S. Franklin Ave, #303, Colby, Kan., 67701.

and Lois Jones who recently moved

to Rexford from Denver.

reach (GPCO) will be holding A-Look-at-the-Book Day, a presentation of the Dolly Parton Imagination is encouraged. Library, on Thursday, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Community Building on Main Street.

This will be an opportunity for children have been receiving in this school district and will be a chance to sign up children under 5 years of age for a free monthly book.

The outreach has been working on expanding to reaching all of Thomas County. Contact Evelyn Johnson at 687-3925 for more information. The group would love to have your involvement.

The City of Rexford held its monthly meeting on Aug. 13. The The community welcomes Jim discussion of an all terrain vehicles ordinance has been tabled for six

months. If you have an opinion a copy. Golden Plains Community Out- concerning them or use of golf carts, talk to any council member or Mayor Dennis Allison. Your input

> The Golden Plains 2008 Yearbook has been published and is available to purchase for \$30.

Contact the Rexford School at the public to view the books the 687-3265 or stop by and purchase

Red Barn on-going activities: Monday, Barnswallows, 2 to 5 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m., Ladies Bible Study and 8 p.m.; Come on Down, Thursdays, 2 to 5 p.m.; and Friday's Koffee Klatch at 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Until next time, make your week memorable.

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success Saturday. The cool weather and little shower didn't dampen the their granddaughter, Jessica and crowd. Over 100 kolache were all Ben Lemmons and Gabriel of Mansold out before 11 a.m. The digital hattan in Hoxie Monday for lunch. camera, given away by Historical Jessica, Ben and Gabriel were on Building Preservation Committee, their way to vacation in Colorado.



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