

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1883
A government survey is being made of an unsurveyed part of Graham County.
The Cedar Bluffs mill is grinding full time with plenty of water.
The frame for the new school-house is up and the work progressing in fine shape and Oberlin will soon boast of as fine a schoolhouse as can be found in the northwest.
The big excitement of the week was the race between H. O. Douglas' horse "Roan Pete" and the mare "Millie Wheeler" owned by Byron Wheeler of Norton. In the race the mare was injured and all bets were declared off.
The Oberlin and Lyle baseball teams played to a 42-42 tie Friday — a hot game — 108 degrees in the shade. Oberlin team: Chapin, Wear, Babb, Hollowell, Maddox, Patchin, Marks, Kulp, Henshaw, Johnson. Lyle: Powell, J. Hale, W. Andrews, C. C. Andrews, L. M. Andrews, Mattern, Young, Raymond, L. Hale, Branson.

100 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1908
Prin. C.L. Clow, the new principal of the high school arrived in the city Friday and is proceeding to get acquainted with our people.
It came so near frosting Sunday night that people who had late corn awoke with a shiver.
The city fathers tried out the new electric motor at the city well near the railroad track. It seemed to work perfectly.
Elbert Chilson bought a meat market at Herndon.
A rain of 1.55 flooded Oberlin Sunday night.

75 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1933
Heavy rains have covered Decatur County and most of northwest Kansas in August and the soil is in good condition for the seeding of wheat.
School will open next Monday morning with William Huey of Ogden filling the place of Lester Kirkendall who obtained a year's leave of absence to attend Columbia University on a scholarship. Lydia Trimmer, second grade teacher, has tendered her resignation due to health and will be replaced by Miss Francis while Helen Johnson of Kanona has been hired to teach the fourth grade in her place.
Funeral services were held for Mrs. O. E. McCartney, 60, who came to Decatur County in 1880. She is survived by three daughters, Effie Lohoefer, Gracie Brannan and Wynonah McCartney.
Jimmy Vavroch killed a large rattlesnake and nine small snakes all in one day last week.
Howard Votapka escaped serious injury last week when his pony fell backwards on him on Howard's first ride.
Big Timber: Mrs. Kate Tacha, Mrs. Heilman (Sr.) and Henry Heilman are enjoying the big fair at Chicago. The Tacha kinfolk had a family reunion Sunday at John Tacha's with around 200 present. The elder Tacha brothers brought 10 gallons of ice cream and 200 cones and the children were happy. Mrs.

Kate Tacha was greatly missed.
Jennings: Miss Nedra Sears is the new waitress at the Chandler Hotel.
Custer: A large crowd attended the funeral service of Bessie Flaska Monday afternoon. Burial was at Big Timber.
Russell Anderson drove a new Chevrolet sedan purchased through Oberlin Motor Company back from Flint, Michigan as he was returning from a trip to the World's Fair.
Fairview-Summit: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robertson, Ila and Velva called at Alvin Lunkenheimer's to see the new girl. She will answer to the name of Gloria Mae.

50 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1958
All rural schools are underway with the following teachers: Allison, Wilma Teel; Addleman, Cora Churchill; Cedar Bluffs, Wilma Batterton; Vallonia, Mildred Southard; Sunnyslope, Sarah Woolley; Plainview, Esther Lindquist; Bassettville, Charlotte Lebow; Lund, Fern Moore; Vickers, Neva Aase; North Valley, Linda Graybill; Kanona, Vera Landau; Dresden, Mrs. Effa Davis and Grace Tice; Spring Branch, Claudine Macfee; Star and Decatur, Karen Cushing, Helen Brown.
Rev. Clarence Swanson, pastor of the Evangelical Covenant Church of Oberlin, has resigned and accepted a call from the Evangelical Covenant Church in Shenandoah, Iowa. The Swansons have two boys, John, 9, and Wesley, who is a junior at North Park College in Chicago.
Rev. W.B. McCollum, acting pastor of the Nazarene Church since May, has accepted a call to pastor the church for the coming year. He and Mrs. McCollum reside in the church's basement apartment at 308 W. Ash Street.
Midway: The Hobby Club had a farewell for Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Lindgren and Cheryl at the Achilles School. The Lindgrens will leave this week for Rock Island, Ill., where he will enter the Lutheran Seminary. Mrs. Lindgren is the former Marjorie Cederberg.
Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Ruzicka and daughters, Sharon, 11, Sandy, 10 and Candy, 2, will leave this week to make their home in Pratt where "Chiz" will manage a sporting goods store. Mrs. Ruzicka closed her beauty shop last week.
Mrs. Joyce Campbell has been attending Initial Training School for the telephone company the past four weeks in Dodge City.
Gerald Kolsky began work Tuesday at the A. S. C. office.
Rusty Addleman and Jerry Baker left Sunday for Emporia where they will attend college.

25 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1983
Schools in USD 294 went to a shortened school day with classes to be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. until there is a definite break in the heat wave. Athletic practices were shortened an hour.
Superintendent of Schools Keith Adams and John Ready brought the new activity bus for USD 294 from St. Louis to Oberlin last week.

A freak windstorm raked Oberlin Monday night leaving window damage at Hamilton Oil and Culligan's, uprooting a locust tree at the home of Evald Rydquist on South Beaver and a hackberry tree across from the American Legion. Both trees were weakened from interior damage by borers, according to Winder Tree Service.
Oberlin's newest business, the Stop 'N' Shop on North Penn opened for business under the management of Vicki Ulrich.
Hospital News: Pat and Jerry Foster, Jennings, son, Jared Adam, Aug. 24, 1983; Tina and Doug Johnson, Oberlin, son, Travis Lee, Aug. 27, 1983; Connie and Larry Screen, Oberlin, son, Justin Tyler, Aug. 28, 1983; Barbara and Leonard DeBolt, Oberlin, son, Joshua Wayne, Aug. 28, 1983; Barry and Patti Richards, Oberlin, son, Curtis James, Aug. 26, 1983.
Darrel Ruzicka returned last week from a 5,000 mile cross-country bicycle trip to the East Coast and back.
Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Bastin, Cook Township, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Janet Grace Bastin of Prairie Village to Mark DeVan Carson, Kansas City, Mo. The future bride graduated from DCHS in 1975, Colby Community College and Kansas State University and from the KU Medical Center

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

Looking Back to *The Oberlin Herald* from Sept. 18, 1958
"Thanks a million to all you wonderful people who have responded so wonderfully to our requests for items we need at the Museum. Since our appeal last week for organ stools, we now have four. No tidies as yet so perhaps we should make it clearer what we want along that line.
A tidy is a throw for the back of a chair, usually pieced or sometimes knitted. There are a few things still needed for the soddie. They are pillows, nice fat ones to go under pillow shams, shuck or straw ticks for one full width bed and one for a narrow trundle bed.
Would also like a narrow pad for a settee to be used in the kitchen-living room. Does anyone still make homemade soap? Would like a few pieces, just for atmosphere mostly. We could use a few throw rugs, which look old. We now have two hair wreaths and they attract much attention from our visitors.
With the help of young John Bremer and L. V. Fringer, a tool shop and harness room have been set up in the building just east of the soddie. These boys are the original eager beavers when it comes to helping out at the museum.
Everyone seems to be getting into the act for the coming official opening. Sewing machines are whirring away, attics are being ransacked, and beards are being grown, all in preparation for a bang-up affair.

in 1980 with a degree in physical therapy. Her fiancé graduated from Kansas City Business College in 1981 in business administration. A Sept. 3, 1983, wedding is planned at Rexford Community Church.
Norcatur E. E. Club members observed their 50th anniversary with a dinner. The "Energetic Eight" was organized in May 1933 during depression and dust bowl times with the first meeting at the home of Pearl Alexander. Other charter members were Vinna Pool, Lulu Hix, Merle Shirley, Ruby West, Bess Mapes, Fern Mapes and Marguerite Temple.
Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Kirchner of Donnellson, Iowa and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Heim of Westminster, Colo., announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Julie Kirchner and David Heim. An Oct. 1 wedding is planned.
As part of the Mini-Sapa Day events, Oberlin Rotary will host a 15-kilometer run and a 2-mile fun run on Saturday, Sept. 24. According to race director Randall Braden, races will be divided into age groups and will start in the parking lot of DCHS and finish in downtown Oberlin. The 15-K course will be an "out-back" course and will go through Oberlin's Sappa Park adjacent to the Cookson Hills School complex with the turn around point near the park's shelterhouse.

Clubs and other organizations are planning booths and other money-making entertainment, all of which will help promote this rapidly growing museum.
If there are others who wish to have a part in this, please contact, either Joe Pollara or Ira Laidig. Entries are coming in at a much faster pace for the "You Name IT" contest. Twenty silver dollars will pad for the honor of having their selection for a name chosen for this annual event."
Back to the present — September 2008. With only a month before the 50th Anniversary Celebration, everyone seems to be getting into the act for this upcoming event. The parade committee is busy with preparations; the Oberlin Arts and Humanities are busy with the business of the Indian Raid tour, speaker, and Buffalo tour on Sunday, Sept. 28, the Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) along with the Oberlin Arts and Humanities are making plans for the Koshare Indian dancers, and the Decatur County Area Chamber is making plans for a money maker, all of which will help promote the museum.
If there are others who wish to have a part in this historical day, please contact me at the museum. We need help to make the 50th annual celebration an exciting and successful day. We are only asking for a couple of hours on Saturday, Oct. 4, and would greatly appreciate your time.

and Marilyn Horn for **Myrtle Ross**. Chris and Sharee Dempewolf (Norcatur), Marian Thornton, Ralph and Norma Unger for **RD Thornton**. Kathy and Francis Porsch (Lawrence/Selden) and Myrna Porsch (Colby), Shirley Emich (Selden) for **Leone Porsch**. Steve and Arlan Arnold (Herndon) for **Edla Olson**. Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem) for **Doris Marintzer**. Ralph and Norma Unger for **Earl Brown** and **Leo Mooty**. John and Patty Guy and Kohen Towne (Kearney, Neb.) for **Mae Guy**. Bobbie and Richard Hurmley and Richard and Nina Elson (Great Bend), Opal and Eldon Huntley and Mert McEvoy for **Lucy Schissler**. Vi Smith and Sheila Street (Lincoln, Neb.), Cindy Field (Stockton) and Jim Hayward for **Shirley Hayward**. Eric Bryan (Denver) for **Amy Rehm**. Ross, Jami and Savannah Rauhut (Kansas City, Mo.), Kerrie Olson (Ellis) Connie Robison (Littleton, Colo.), Candy and Ken Rauhut (Garden City) and Eunice Martin for **Glenn Martin**.



Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Sympathy is extended to the family of Ann Martin who passed away last Thursday. Ann had only lived at Cedar Living Center for a short time, but she had been a volunteer at Cedar Living Center for many years. She drove over from Herndon every Tuesday to assist with bingo for more than fifteen years.
We had a wonderful response to our request for some polyester fabric that will be used by one of our residents to make quilts. Blanche sends her thanks to those who donated.
Dorothy Bell is a new resident at Cedar Living Center.
Donna Kent won the most games at penny cards on Monday afternoon. Other players included Clara Fringer, Elsie Goodnight, Mary and Ira Kolsky, Elwood Mines, Edie Pettera, John Schuhart, Blanche Skubal, Frank Ward, Delores Wheeler, and Lyle Gamblin.
Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led the sing-along time on Monday afternoon.
The first win at bingo ended in a tie between Delores Wheeler and Clara Fringer on Tuesday afternoon. Luella Overmiller won the blackout game.
Juanita Williby hosted the pinochle players on Wednesday afternoon. Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson.
The dietary department served

the monthly menu selected by the Residents' Council at noon on Thursday. The menu included fried chicken from Raye's Grocery and a salad bar.
There were several winners at the dice game on Thursday afternoon. Vic Mowry and his band from Hoxie provided some good old-fashioned music for a dance on Thursday evening in the Cedar Living Center dining room. Residents and guests enjoyed dancing, singing, and listening to the music. Refreshments were served. Margaret Magers, Eunice Richards, and Nora Bell Manning donated cookies and several of the guests helped with serving.
The baking group made pineapple cookies on Friday afternoon.
Recent visitors: Rhonda Jennings, Wichita; Carol Kompus, Linda Bosler, Bob and Julie Hafner, Herndon; Adrian Hawkins, Dallas, Texas; Janice Kruse, Selden; Pat Marintzer and Phil Timm, Idalia, Colo.; Charlie and Sharon Wurm, Staplehurst, Neb.; Malorie, Savannah, and Jackson Gregory, David City, Neb.
Jackie Votatkpa, Marilyn Gamblin, Orin Beneda, Elvin Beneda, Shelli Fortin, Estella Waldo, Millie Lippelmann, Roxie Pomeroy, Ila Ray, Alice Shirley, Opal Huntley, Max Carman, Edie Tate, Pat Fringer, Connie Olson, Lynn Overmiller, Roberta Johnson, Oberlin.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

On Aug. 14 at Senior Citizens, Ann Hazlitt won high, Edna Schiltz took second and Paulie Neff got low. Other members present included: Lola Cook, Helen Karls, Betty James, Carol Shaw, Jeanie Spresser and Lois Neff.
Carol Shaw won high and had the most Jacks, Bernita Aumiller took second and Lois Neff got low on Aug. 21 at Senior Citizens. Other members present included: Jeanie Spresser, Helen Karls, Shirley Emigh, Alfred Albers, Anna Albers, Ann Hazlitt, Julie Pope and Paulie Neff.
On Thursday at Senior Citizens, Jeanie Spresser won high, Shirley Emigh took second, Alfred Albers got low and Gail Mumm had the most nines. Others present were Betty James, Lola Cook, Carol Shaw, Ann Hazlitt and Anna Albers.
Birthdays and anniversaries - Aug. 15 - Elaine Koerperich. Aug. 17 - Amy Schieferecke, Leanna Schultz, Homero Vargas. Aug. 18 - Cheri Bainter, Margaret Stanley. Aug. 19 - Cody Wurm. Aug. 20 - Sandra Lobato, Alisha Broeckelman, Norbert Korte, Kelvin Sulzman, Darrel and Carlene Bruggeman, Joe and Phyllis Trembley. Aug. 21 - Melissa Broeckelman, Jerry Schiltz. Aug. 22 - Steve Rogers, Alan Bruggeman, Samantha Dice. Aug. 23 - Eileen Murphy, Kelly Stevenson, Tim Schieferecke. Aug. 25 - Chris

Broeckelman, Allison Ryburn. Aug. 26 - Dusty Spresser, Valerie Broeckelman, Ivonn Vargas. Aug. 27 - Jimmy Kruse, Bob and Elaine Koerperich. Aug. 28 - Lisa Stoll, Andrew Broeckelman. Aug. 29 - Russ Emigh, Jerry and Chrys Rall. Sept. 1 - Bart Karls, Barry Quanz, Dan Wessel, Emily Rogers. Sept. 2 - John Kaus. Sept. 4 - Myra Kennedy, Curt and Jennifer Spresser. Sept. 5 - Kevin Juenemann, Darin Neff, Matt and Aldea Finney, Ron and Sherrie Jacobs. Sept. 7 - Jace Lobato, Don and Katie Koerperich. Sept. 8 - Jim Rogers, Jerry Juenemann, Kain Priess, Daniel Weis. Sept. 9 - Nicholas Anderson, Evelyn and Neal Wahl. Sept. 10 - Seth Gilbert, John Kennedy, Shelby Vance. Sept. 11 - Dustin Shaw.
School News - Friday: Fall pictures (Start at Selden at 8:30 a.m.), High School Football at Quinter, 7 p.m.; Tuesday, Sept. 9: High School Volleyball at Winona at 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11: Junior High Volleyball and Football in Rexford with Greeley, Colo., football, 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 14, will be the Selden Community Appreciation Barbecue at the park unless weather forces us to move to the Community Center. Serving will begin at 5:30 p.m. so bring your lawn chairs (and horse shoes if you want) and enjoy an evening of good food and good company.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Congratulations to Doyle and Kay Brown, who were honored by their family with a dance at the Jennings Community Hall on Saturday night in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary.
Relatives who were here for the celebration included: Kent and Robin Brown, Jordan and McKenzie, Estes Park, Colo.; Gordon and Kara Kuntz, Katherine and Zachary, Hays; Kurt Brown, Millicent and Dashiell, Quinter; and John and Deanell Tacha, Lawrence.
Many family reunions have been held in August.

Fall is in the air. We got only a sprinkle of rain Monday night in Jennings.
The Sunflower Seniors Potluck Supper will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday Sept. 9. Following the meal, Bob Jones will speak and show antiques. You may bring an antique to show also. Everyone is welcome to come. You don't have to be a "Senior".
City Council meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Senior Center. You are welcome to come to coffee hour at the Senior Center every morning.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

On Saturday, Aug. 16, June Jolly went to the Danbury Days celebration and played Bingo in the evening.
On the next Saturday, she took Kathy Van Meter and Veda Wood to Jennings to the Firemen's Fun Day, where they had food, a big garage sale, book sale, Bingo, parade, water fight and dance. They didn't stay for everything, but it is always fun. Kathy went to a fundraiser for the Oberlin Senior Citizens in the

evening.
Visitors of Margaret "Toots" Magers' on Aug. 20 were Don and Shanna Nitzel of Oxford, Neb., their daughter, Jessica and son, Caleb from Oregon, and Sydney Nitzel of San Diego. Lynn Scrivner dropped by on Aug. 22.
Lyle had a half inch of rain on Saturday.
Keith Anthony says his hand is doing fine, and no report on former tests.

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Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

On Sunday, Sept. 28, we will be celebrating Founder's Day with a Readers Theater and Dessert Social at 7 p.m. We would be honored to have you join us.
In 1922, Pastor "Dad" Hoeger, the founding father of the Good Samaritan Society, wrote this about the beginning of this good work, "I, of course, like to think that the whole Good Samaritan Society started in the heart of God; that it was His good will that His old people should have Christian care, and so He put into the hearts of men that they should go and do His good pleasure."
He financed his vision by asking that people send two pennies to help a young boy named Christian who was crippled by polio. The response was overwhelming he had to ask people to quit sending money. He received enough to send young Christian for treatment and still had \$2,000 left over. He used this money to start his first home for the elderly, believing that "In Christ's Love, everyone is someone."
This is a fascinating story and it can be read now when you visit us. A beautiful painting is now hanging in the Angel Lane hallway depicting the history of the Good Samaritan Society.
Have you ever considered that what we do today will be history

tomorrow? We can impact the lives of those who come after us? That is exactly what Dad Hoeger did. The residents that live here were just children when he received his calling to care for them 76 years ago. In fact, he is no longer living, but the seed that God planted in his heart has continued to grow and bear great fruit. It is an awesome privilege for us who work here to be a small part of such a wonderful harvest.
When someone comes to live here, we recognize that there will be many adjustments to be made. They have to deal with many losses, their home, their health, their independence. But what they do not have to give up is their zeal for life. We do all we can to ensure that life happens here. In addition to the many routine activities we do weekly, there is always a splash of new things to do and learning opportunities. We encourage the residents to be involved in the community by being out in it, and bringing children and pets in.
This week "Ollie" got his first bath. Amy Rehm, RD Thornton, Dorothy Hunt and Paul Meisner all helped Kelley May do the job. Alan Addleman and Lisa Paulson went to McCook to have lunch with the geese at Republican Park and purchase 33 fish for our aquarium.
Several residents enjoyed being

out with friends and family, many attending their home churches: Elaine Benda (Herndon Covenant), Shirley Hayward (St. John's Lutheran), Amy Rehm (United Church), Evelyn Olson (Faith Lutheran), RD Thornton, Lora Zwickle, Dorothy Pryor, Alice Bobbitt, Opal Bryan, Kathryn Post and David McGee (A Working Man's Church).
Be sure to put these dates on the calendar: Tuesday, Sept. 9, 3 p.m.: a Lewis and Clark presentation. Saturday, Sept. 20, 10 a.m.: Public invited for a Beautiful Baby Pageant. Sunday, Sept. 28, our Founder's Day Celebration and Saturday, Oct. 11: Dr. Michael Breiner will host a Dementia Education Forum. Watch for more information on this.
We had many visitors which are such a joy and a blessing to us; Eleanor Rogers and Kenny Mumm (Selden), Alberta Ritter, Delores Raih (Hoxie), Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem) for **Hubert Mumm**. Ron and Dixie Snyder (Colby), Reva Marshall and Penny Fringer, Nicole and Treytn Curran and Wesley Zeigelmeier and Teena Friend (Stillwater, Okla.) for **Dorothy Hunt**. Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh, Norm and Karen Bryan, Keri and Jeanne Britton and Corey Rogers (Denver) for **Opal Bryan**. Carol Duncan, Eunice Richards