

## THE OBERLIN HERALD

## Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

## 125 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1884

John Hayward is duly installed postmaster at Vallonia.

Fred Henshaw is building a house on his homestead three miles west of town.

Last Monday there were 13 immigrant wagons in town at one time.

J.B. Jenkins informs us the Cedar Bluffs mill is ready to run again as the dam has been repaired.

We have sold the Herald block to Maj. W.C. Don Carlos of Kirwin, reserving the south room for one year, during which we expect to erect a suitable building for the Herald.

A complete list of the names and amounts allowed the sufferers from the Cheyenne Indian raid of 1878, as allowed by Congress:

Mrs. J. Smith, \$295; Mrs. E.J. Humphrey, \$623; John R. Van-Cleve, \$245; Peter D. Adams, \$60; Robert Bridel, \$585.85; James Bailey, \$110; N.W. Rider, \$61.50; J.J. Keefer, \$70; Henry Rathbun, \$45; E.D. Stillson, \$40; Patrick Drohen, \$491.50; Mary Hamper, \$55; John McKinzie, \$125.50; Lizzie Steffen, \$80; J.B. Jennings, \$88; Thomas L. Collins, \$700; Wenzel Rohan, \$80; Franz Tacha, \$100; Joseph Cilek, \$150; George M. Miller, \$40; estate of J. Irwin, \$305; a total of \$4,348.35.

There were others who lost heavily to whom no appropriation was made because they neglected to file proof of loss.

## 100 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1909

Third Chautauqua a great success — some of the speakers: Taffy Sears, Tom Corwine, Irl R. Hicks, Senator Gore of Oklahoma, Dr. T.E. Green.

Ray Palmatier has secured a position in the private office of Arthur Capper at Topeka and will work there and attend Washburn College the coming year.

Frank McMullen arrived from Chicago on Wednesday to act as chauffeur for Mr. Benton.

A great series of ball games run in conjunction with the Chautauqua programs:

Saturday: Oberlin vs. Norton, Oberlin winning 1-0 with batteries for Oberlin Barnes and Briggs and for Norton, Morehead and Poort;

Monday: Oberlin, 7, Haskell Indians, 6, batteries, Oberlin, Barnes and Briggs; Indians, Parnell and Haden;

Tuesday, Oberlin, 2, Haskell, 1, batteries, O'Toole and Briggs; Indians, Gillenwalter and Lawrence;

Wednesday, Oberlin 3 and Haskell, 4 in 10 innings; batteries for Oberlin, Barnes and Briggs and for Haskell, Charles and Lawrence.

## 75 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1934

Only .22 of an inch of moisture fell during July. This is the driest

July since records were begun in 1887.

In the primary election, Mayor Omar B. Ketchum of Topeka, received the Democratic nomination for governor while Gov. Alf Landon won the Republican nomination to succeed himself by a large majority. Gov. Landon carried Decatur County over John R. Brinkley with a majority of 7 to 1. In the contest for a county register of deeds position Mattie Cleland was the winner over Thos. Counter, R. Hess, R. Riley and W. J. Roshong.

Thousands of Manhattan citizens witnessed the worst fire in the history of the city when Denison Hall at Kansas State College burned to the ground according to Junior Howard who had been working on an experiment in the chemistry building just several days before.

— Wheat is nearing the \$1.00 mark, better pay your subscription.--adv

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pachner are the parents of a baby boy born Sunday, August 5, who weighed 9 pounds. His name is Donald Gary.

Mr. and Mrs. Abbott Morton are the parents of a 9 pound son named Billy Arnold who was born Sunday at the home of Mrs. Plotts.

Mrs. Glen Bagley will leave tomorrow for New York after spending the past two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. D. McMullen and other relatives. Shortly after her return the family will be moving to Niagara Falls.

## 50 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1959

The stage is set for another version of the Decatur County Fair which opens Monday and lasts through Wednesday evening.

John Ready is completing plans to open a modern, coin-operated Giant Wash laundry here.

Band director Lon Richards reports all Decatur Community High School musicians are rating well at the High Plains Music Camp at Fort Hays State. Linda Vernon was named first chair French horn in the gold band, the camp's top outfit. Other gold band members are Sue Matthews, Robyn Urban, Clara Ann Brown, Joleen Miller and Charles Kiefer. Other band members are Connie Cody, Leland Cody, Carol Cameron, red band; Janice Nitsch, blue band and Charles Frickey, black band.

The sudden death of Alvin Johnson, 51, came as a shock, not only to his family, but to neighbors and friends everywhere. Funeral services were held Monday morning at the Oberlin Methodist Church and interment was in the Kanona Cemetery in the community in which he had lived all his life.

Dr. and Mrs. Fred Reith and son, Jerry Joe, will leave this month for

their new home in Chico, Calif., where he has accepted a position at Chico State College.

Mrs. Fred Ater and Jackie left last week for Honolulu, Hawaii to visit Jim Ater.

Seven Oberlin Boy Scouts, Rod Fisher, Barry Avery, Allen White, Mark Torluemke, Gary Young, Jim Claussen and Jon Peters left for a week-long encampment at Cedar Bluffs dam. Jim Miesner and John Harris drove the boys down and Miesner stayed for the encampment.

Sarah Woolley left a week ago Tuesday for a three-week tour of Nova Scotia.

## 25 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1984

The Decatur County Fair and the home-owned carnival continues to draw capacity crowds at the fair-ground. Grandstand events include a rodeo Thursday and Friday nights and a demolition derby Saturday night. The Decatur County Area of Commerce will sponsor a free barbecue Friday evening and the parade will be Saturday evening.

The Grand Champion market lamb was shown by Marlene Tally, 15, daughter of Mrs. Sharon Tally, and a member of Stick-To-It 4-H Club and the Grand Champion market hog by Brian Olson, 10, son of Mrs. Sue Olson, who is a member of Star Valley 4-H Club.

Funeral services were held for Joseph S. Flaska, 96, who was born in 1887 in a dugout on his father's

homestead in Jennings Township. He was the son of Wenzel and Mary (Hlavac) Flaska. He was engaged in farming and carpentry in the Jennings area and was the supervisor of the Jennings Community Building, a WPA project in 1937.

Three Decatur County teachers, Debra Conaway, Oberlin Elementary School, and Blanche and Archie Harman, Jennings, have completed a 17-day Appalachian study tour conducted by Dr. Paul Phillips, Earth Science instructor at Fort Hays State. The tour was made by bus starting in New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Ziegelmeier, Gem, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Rita, to Lt. Ken Erickson, son of Phillip Erickson and Margaret Erickson of Oberlin. The wedding is planned for Dec. 22, 1984, at the United Methodist Church in Oberlin. The bride-to-be is employed as a respiratory therapy technician at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. Her fiancé is working as a pediatric nurse at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., where he is stationed.

Jennifer Juenemann, a senior at Jennings High School, was one of the 1,500 home economic students who attended the Future Homemakers of America convention held July 16-19 at the Palmer House Hotel in Chicago. She is the daughter of Melvin and Lavonne Juenemann, rural Norton. Her FHA Chapter advisor is Linda Dettmer.

## Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

Another month has gone by, and only two weeks until school starts. It's amazing how the time flies by.

I was at the arena at the fairgrounds helping with the horse show on Saturday. I noticed the rides were all ready to go and freshly painted. Someone was putting the finishing touches on the trimming. It was looking good.

There are still spots to be filled on the volunteer list for helping with the rides and games at the fair. If anyone would like to help, please call the Chamber office at 475-3441.

There are several people that have been putting in a lot of hours to help make this fair the best, so please help out in whatever way you can. A little time spent helping the community is always a good feeling.

Coming up next week on Wednesday, Aug. 12, is the Back-To-School Picnic in the City Park. Barbecued meat and drink will be provided and all who attend should bring a covered dish. Please let the Chamber office know if you will attend,

so we can have an idea how much meat to prepare. The picnic will start at 6 p.m.

This Wednesday morning at 8 a.m. will be the time for another Farmers' Market. I hope all are enjoying the great things that are available.

Come by our booth at the Decatur County Fair to see the scooter that will be raffled off. Raffle tickets will be available at the booth and the Chamber office and each board member will have them also. Board members are Ken Shobe, Dave Olson, Richard Kimble, Deanna Castle, Martin Burton, Robert Groneweg, Amanda Grafel, Amanda Anderson, and Cindy Shirley.

The drawing will be during half-time at the home football game on Oct. 2. You don't have to be present at the drawing to win. I hope all will enjoy the fair this week. It's always fun to see old friends at the fair and maybe make a few new ones.

Have a great week!!

## Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Lawson and Matt Cook of San Carlos, Calif., enjoyed the country with cousins, Ron and Cindy Sattler last week. On Saturday they visited Payton Juenemann in Hays. Chase and Dana Juenemann, Ron, Lawson and Matt went bowling with Chase and Dana having high scores. The women shopped while the men went golf ball driving. Payton enjoyed horseback riding with PaPa before they returned home.

The Brian Clark family of Atwood and Rodney Rippe joined the Sattlers and the Cooks for a fishing trip to Parks, Neb. Everyone caught fish but the award went to Matt for catching the biggest.

Justin Davis welcomed to Herndon his mom, Shelly Davis, and brother, Jordan Davis of Humboldt, Iowa, and uncle, Ronnie O'Donnell of rural Humboldt, along with his sister, Lindsay Davis of Fort Dodge, Iowa. They headed home early Monday morning.

John Kleidosty, North Platte, Neb., and Del Solko, Herndon, were visitors of Alan and Ann Solko Saturday evening. Del assisted John with some summer yard chores Saturday.

Friday evening, a bachelorette party was held for Katie Jo Snodgrass at It'll Do Motel Convention Center in Atwood. Destiny and Rachelle Solko participated in an evening of fun including games, fashion show, and karaoke.

Ashlie and Kyle Frick of Seattle, Wash., are spending part of summer vacation with grandparents, Laverne and Sharon Frick, in Herndon. They are the daughters of Kyle Frick of McCook.

A "sisters" party was held at the home of Vivian Horinek of Wheat

Ridge, Colo., on Friday evening. Attending the barbecue were Chris Wood, Herndon; Myrna Pettera, Loveland, Colo.; Ardis Jefferies, Overland Park; and host, Vivian. Others attending included Alan and Misty Hartner, Jack, Linda, Brian and Cindy Hartner, Deb Riepl, Les Pettera, Kent Wood, Keith, Tress, Alyssa and Matthew Pettera, Marty, Michelle and Tyler Rohm, Mercedes Hartner, Gina Fantini, Dana, Pat and Devlin Horinek, Frank and Charmaine Cardamone, Shari and Ashley Hendricks, Jared, Melissa, Hailey, Chelsey and Madison Bours, T.J. Hackney, and Joe and Amber Selander.

Family celebrating the birthday of Doris Riener, Palisade, Neb., last week were Joe and Nadine Green, and Cork and Jackie Riener, Herndon; and Denny Riener, Palisade. They treated the birthday gal to dinner and beverages at Roger's Bar and Grill in Herndon.

Guests of Ron and Peach Beims this week were her brother, Tim Sartorius and wife, Wanda, of Tulsa, Okla. It was a fun weekend of activities with scrap-booking and participation in the three-day Atwood jamboree and catching up on visiting. The Sartorius left Monday morning for Colorado.

On Friday, July 24, Delaney Dewey of Trenton, Neb.; and Ceanne and Garrett Schroeder were overnight guests of Rachelle Solko. They enjoyed pizza at Roger's Bar and Grill followed by playing in PRIDE Park and ended the evening with pedicures and a movie. The next day, Delaney, Ceanne, Donnovan and Rachelle enjoyed the day in the sun at Swanson Lake at Trenton Neb..

Jo Harris has returned home after an extended stay with her daughter, Brenda Guess, at Lee's Summit, Mo. She spent over a month and a half dealing with medical issues and is happy to be home.

Descendants of Edwin and Verneda (Schmid) Rippe over the weekend for a first time reunion at the Embassy Suites in Denver. Those attending for lots of hugs, laughs and picture taking were Emaline Rippe, Lauri Rippe, Gary and Shelayne (Rippe) Higgs and son, Chase, all of Oakdale, Calif.; Doug and Cheryl (Rippe) Reece and children, Ian, Ethan, and Sarah, Galt, Calif.; family of the late Clarence Rippe, Richard and Theresa Rippe; Tim, Alicia and Wyatt Rippe; Rodney Rippe and friend, Katelyn Clark, and Ed Rippe, all of Ludell, and Ed's friend, Michelle Stevens, Hays; Kevin and Megan Rippe and Lilly, Michaela and Allison, Oberlin; Aaron and Brenda (Rippe) Schilde, Minneola; Ron

and Debi Rippe, Tyler, Texas; and their daughter, Holly and husband John Brockway, Denver; and Cliff and Sue Rippe, Lenexa. Cousins also joining the group were Mark and Lorrie (Schmid) Covert, Denver. Bob, Vic and Carolyn (Rippe) Graves and families were not able to attend. The California Rippes then drove to the Richard Rippe farm on Monday and joined the family for a day of reminiscing.

## Julie's Memory Joggers

Citizen Patriot, 1957

Herndon Grade School students who participated in the Northwest Kansas Grade School Music Festival held in Norton on Friday, March 22, received the following ratings: Excellent: Marlene Barenberg, Trombone; Superior: Julie Hutfles, Alto-Saxophone; Highly Superior went to Gary Sallans and Carol Bobinmyer for Clarinet ability. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Bobinmyer accompanied the students to the festival center.

## Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Shirley Gaede, San Antonio, is enjoying an extended vacation in Oberlin, visiting her brothers, Brad and Lois Unger, Colby, and Ralph and Norma Unger, as well as other family and friends.

Hunter Nedland returned home Friday, July 24, after attending a Student Council Camp in Emporia.

Elizabeth Nedland returned home Friday, July 24, after attending a Fort Hays State band camp on the Fort Hays State University campus.

Leslie and Ryan Nelson were honored with a wedding reception at the home of her parents, Brad and Elaine Marcuson, on Saturday evening, July 25. The Nelsons were married June 6 in Topeka. Among those attending the wedding reception were John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica.

Jessica Bremer attended a training session on July 24, in Topeka, for her part-time job with the Washburn Alumni Association while she attends college this fall in Topeka.

## Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

The Cedar Living Center residents will be displaying some of their craftwork in the Open Class building at the Decatur County Fair. We have once again opted to show our crafts for the enjoyment of the fair goers, but we will not have our work judged for ribbons or premium money. We have some colorful and fun items to display. Please stop by and take a peek while you walk around the fair. We are still looking for helpers to go to the fair with us on Wednesday evening and again to ride the train on Friday morning.

The craft group was hard at work on projects Monday afternoon. Everyone was rewarded with a slice of watermelon when the work was finished. Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led the sing-along before supper.

Darlene Fisher won both the first bingo and the blackout game on Tuesday afternoon.

Wednesday afternoon, residents had a choice of playing pinochle or working on the craft display. Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson

before supper.

Marsha Morford hosted a social hour on Thursday afternoon. She had a big crowd gathered to feast on ice cream sandwiches. Charlotte Kurtz hosted a game night on Thursday.

The dietary and activity departments teamed together to host a Men's Luncheon on Friday. More than a few ladies were a little jealous when the menu included grilled steaks and all of the trimmings. The men report that they all left the table in a good mood.

The baking group made chocolate chip cookies on Friday afternoon.

Recent visitors: Carolyn Plotts, Norcatur; Patti and Ron Uehlin, Danbury; Koby and Jaxon Smith, Kearney, Neb.; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Linda Bosler, Gene Kleidosty, Cheri Kastens, Julie and Bob Hafner, Herndon; Jan Sattler, Atwood.

Eunice Richards, Ila Ray, Opal Huntley, Juanita Williby, Betsy and Charlie Haag, Lyle Gamblin, Max and Veanna Carman, Oberlin.

## Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

"Routines sustain us and celebrations refresh us." Quote from Pastor Del Paulson.

Routine is very important to the lives of those who live here. Especially for those with memory loss; it helps them to relax and know what to expect. Routine is the skeleton of our day, but little surprise celebrations keep our days from becoming monotonous and boring.

The past week was intentionally routine because this week is Fair Week and will be anything but routine. Even though we tried to keep it low key, we still threw in a couple of celebrations: the Family Potluck and Eileen Laird's birthday party.

Here is a glimpse of what our routine entails on a daily basis: Devotions, Social Hour, Garden of Hope.

Mondays and Fridays: Folding Fellowship, Ladies Coffee, Exercise. Tuesdays: Hillbilly Horse-shoes, Butterfly Garden, Art Class. Wednesdays: Songs of Worship and Bible Study, Buffet and Bingo. Thursdays: Catholic Services, Current Events, and Bible Study, same as above. Saturday: Movie, Kick Ball. Sunday: Worship.

The residents just decided in last month's Resident Council meeting to add: Walking the Square, Courtyard Chat and an evening Prayer Team that they can initiate anytime without the help of staff members.

Don't forget our second annual Fair Days Balloon Launch. It is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 4!

## Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Government commodities will be given from 9 to 11 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 7. Anyone who meets the monthly income guideline may pick them up at 403 S. Penn in Jennings. Delivery can be arranged.

Sunflower Senior citizens Potluck supper will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11. Bingo will be played. Bring a \$3 bingo prize and come join us.

The Adrian Mowry descendants met at the Sunflower Senior Center in Jennings on July 25.

Those in attendance from the Eugene Mowry family were Ralph Mowry, Phoenix; Carol Stephens, Hoxie; Richard and Donna Mowry, Morland; Cai Mowry, Caitlyn and Megan Mowry, Greensboro, N.C.; and Masha Loomis, Paul and Masha A. Loomis, Richmond, Va.

Those attending from the Mabel Mowry Shimmick family were Dean and Dorothy Vacura, Jennings; Bill and Amy Vacura, Matt and Brandon, Norton; Daryl and Marge Hartzog; Stann Hartzog and Becky Carter, Jennings; Stacy and Jocelyn Hartzog, and Allison, Olathe. Special guests were Justin and Carla Kramer, Seneca; Bob Jones and Carla Latimer, Jennings.

Don Rowilson, Morland, gave a very interesting slide presentation on the history of the American Cowboy.

Preparations are underway for the 18th annual Fireman's Fun Day to be held Saturday, Aug. 22. The theme this year is "Celebrate the Harvest." All the events of last year will be repeated including the garage sale, bake sale and a cake walk. Donated items for all of these events are appreciated. The horses and the big slide are returning. A new event will be a treasure hunt and the raffling of a \$300 nativity set from the Holy Land donated by Terri Hanke. Kolaches will be baked at Bus and Coach International

Balloon sales start at 5:30 p.m. and the Launch is at 6 p.m. Proceeds will benefit our Beauty Shop renovation. The Pet Parade will take place in the Court Yard on Friday, Aug. 7, at 1:30 p.m. Plan to make Good Sam part of your Fair Day family tradition!

Visitors are a wonderful surprise celebration everyone looks forward to! Visitors last week were:

Arian Arnold (Herndon) and Gail and Kay Marcuson for **Edla Olson**. Sally Olson (Atwood) for **Lucy Schissler**. Reva Marshall, and Dixie and Ron Snyder (Colby), and Ty, Kade and Chase Snyder from Boise, Idaho, for **Dorothy Hunt**. Gail and Kay Marcuson for **John Ready**. Kenny Mumm (Selden) and Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem) for **Hubert Mumm**. They also visited **Doris Marintzer**. Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh, and Jeanne Britton (Thornton, Colo.) for **Opal Bryan**. Becky, Edie and John Tate for **Lois Carlson**. Ralph and Norma Unger and Shirley Gaede (San Antonio) for **Leo Mooty**. Johnnie and Connie Simonsson, Carol and Steve Sloan (Lawrence), Diana Alstrom (Hoxie) and Mike and Luanne Laird (Celina, Texas) for **Amy Rehm**. Mike and Luanne Laird also visited **Eileen Laird**. Eunice Wenger and Zayne and Taylor Godbout (Topeka) for **Lora Zwickle**. Ann Hazlitt (Selden) for **Leone Porsch**. Diana Alstrom (Hoxie) for **Myrtle Waldo**. Wendy, Gage and Garrett Scott for **Evelyn Olson**.

building on Friday, Aug. 21, and sold Fireman's Fun Day. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Oliver Hermann, Muelheim, Germany, came Thursday to visit Kenny and Rhonda Wildeman and others in the Jennings and Norton area. He was an exchange student, graduating from Jennings School with the Class of 1993. He visited at the home of Marge and Harry Unrein, Kay and Doyle Brown and Jamie Wildeman family in Norton. He also stopped by the Czech Museum on Saturday and visited Lois Heilman at the Bus and Coach International business in Jennings. On Saturday evening, he attended a "Get-Together" of the Class of 1994 held at the home of Missy and Jamie Amlong in Norton.

Guests of Alice and Larry Mizer on Monday and Tuesday were their daughter Barbara Herl, Manhattan; grandson Cody Herl, Natoma Beach, Fla., and great-grandson Taryn, Manhattan.

Myrtle Kropp, Colby, and Mabel Brendt, Monument, visited their sister, Alice and Larry Mizer several days last week.

Family members attending the baptism of Lexy Shay Golemski at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colby included her parents, Katie and Zach Golemski; Stan and Ramona Shaw, Jennings; Jeff and Mary Wahlmeier, Clayton; Chris Gillespie and Tom Neff, Downs; Aaron and Tara Gillespie and Jackson, Hays; and Logan Black, Carlsbad, N.M. A luncheon followed in the church basement. Most of the group attended the Shaw-Carman family reunion at the Senior Center in Selden on their way home.

Logan Black accompanied Katie and Zach Golemski and Lexy of Colby to Carlsbad, N.M., after spending the summer with his grandparents, Stan and Ramona Shaw.