

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

## 125 YEARS AGO – July 1885

The southern Cheyennes are becoming restless and threaten an outbreak.

Our neighbor, August Pollnow, has put up one of the Vaneless Monitor windmills on his farm.

J.R. Neal is putting up a business building just north of the skating rink which will be 24x60.

The Lincoln Land Company laid off the north part of the Isaac Cole homestead as an addition to the town of Oberlin last week.

Jennings: F.H. Cornish died at a St. Joe Hospital on June 19th.

The band boys received their instruments last week. They are in tone and finish just as good as new. No one would ever suspect they had once been ground through a cyclone mill.

## 100 YEARS AGO – July 1910

A special train will run to Norton July 4th, leaving Oberlin at 7 a.m.

J.J. Jackson is having his office building and coal bins moved down to the railroad close to the old Co-op Elevator which he recently purchased.

J.P. Noble of Atwood recently purchased the S.A. Welstead brick home in north Oberlin. Mr. Noble will move his family here in time for school.

Irving Cook, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cook, arrived home Saturday from Ann Arbor, Mich., where he had just graduated from Michigan University, specializing in forestry work. He will soon leave for the State of Washington to enter the forestry service of Uncle Sam.

Jennings Items: W.P. Noone sold over two carloads of headers this season.

Farmers are being agreeably surprised by their wheat threshing out greater yields of wheat than they anticipated.

## 75 YEARS AGO – July 1935

With neither the harvest nor inclement weather to interfere, Oberlin's Fourth of July celebration attracted one of the largest crowds in recent years. With a seeming total disregard for the sweltering rays of Old Sol which sent the temperature to 98 degrees, ball games and the swimming pool kept people busy in the afternoon. Quite a number of air-minded folks took flights over the city in a plane recently acquired by Joe Martin who had an aviator here taking passengers for short rides at one dollar per. The band concert and fireworks provided restful evening entertainment.

Dr. and Mrs. Wayne Brewster left this morning for a few weeks vacation in southern California. Marilyn, their little daughter, is in Holdrege with her grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Brewster. Dr. C.M. Nelson

## Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Guests of Doyle and Kay Brown during harvest week were Dorothy Stealy, Greg Stealy and Denise Waldo, Denver; Jim and Jo Stealy, Sarasota, Fla.; Kurt Brown, Millie and Dashiell, Quinter; Kent Brown, Jordan and McKenzie, Estes Park, Colo.; Joan Moore, McPherson; and Kara Kuntz, Katherine and Zachary, Hays. Col. Gordon Kuntz has been deployed to Djibouti, Africa, where he has command of a medical troupe.

Stan and Ramona Shaw attended the first birthday party Saturday of their great-grandson, Jackson Gillespie, at the home of his parents, Aaron and Tara Gillespie, Hays.

Mark Shaw and Ethan, rural Logan, visited his parents, Stan and Ramona Shaw, Sunday morning.

Chuck and Jo Mowry, Yuma, Ariz.; their daughter Terri and son from Texas recently visited Dorothy Jones, Bob Jones and Carla Latimer. Chuck is a brother of Dorothy.

of Seattle, Wash., will handle the professional business of Dr. Wayne during his absence.

Thieves pilfered the gas stations of K.T. and Phillips over the weekend.

Virgil Olson will handle the agency for Hudson-Terraplane automobiles to be located in the former Griffith garage building on North Penn Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. S.J. O'Toole celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Sunday, June 30, at their farm house in Summit township.

Dresden: A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Florian Karls June 22 at St. Anthony's Hospital in Hays.

Jennings: Mazaneks launched a new boat Sunday on the Jennings lake. We understand there will be several other boats put on the lake.

Dresden will have free picture shows this summer, sponsored by the business men of Dresden.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Wilson are the parents of a 9-pound boy born June 28 and named Jerry Lee.

## 50 YEARS AGO – July 1960

Idle combines were a common sight this week as custom cutters bided their time, waiting for favorable weather. Atley Muirhead in Custer Township reportedly had a field which made 54 bushels to the acre with a 64-pound testweight and Fred Zodrow, who farms west of Selden, reported a 50-bushel yield on a 50-acre field of Wichita variety which had a 64-pound testweight. Most elevator operators reported that 40 bushels had been a typical yield with some running into the 50s.

In an endeavor to eliminate the dread disease polio, a free immunization clinic has been scheduled for Thursday, July 14, at the Oberlin American Legion by Joe Pollara, administrator of Decatur County Hospital. There is no charge and it is recommended that those up to age 50 who have not had the regular four shots should do so and those who have had four shots and not had one in the past year should receive the fifth shot.

In the annual Lions Club drawing Saturday night druggist Charles Stevenson won the riding lawn mower and librarian Mrs. Harold Brown won the portable TV set. The lawn ensemble went to Cecil Clingman of Peru, Ind., the sound man for the recent Diamond Jubilee celebration.

Funeral services were held at Lund Covenant Church for Mabel Piel, 81, who operated the Lund switchboard for a number of years and was the Lund correspondent for The Herald for a number of years. She had made her home with her sister, Bessie Alstrom.

Norcatur: Mr. and Mrs. Donald

Stapp entertained with a picnic supper at their home in honor of their son, Rodney Stapp, who is home on a 10-day furlough before going to Fort Dix, N.J., and then on to Frankfurt, Germany.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Wurm. Herndon, daughter, Patricia Dianne, July 2, 1960.

## 25 YEARS AGO – July 1985

Wheat harvest continues in Decatur County with some yields in the 50-60 bushel range but a few in the 10-bushel range due to weed and cheat problems. Area elevator operators estimate that about half the crop is in the bin with plenty of storage left as cars are being loaded out daily.

A hot bearing on a combine is believed to be the cause of a blaze along the Sheridan-Decatur county lines south of Allison with about 1,500 acres destroyed including 100 acres of uncut wheat.

Warren Bainter, 36, took over as president of Oberlin Rotary Club on July 1 replacing Jack Metcalf. The Bainter family moved to Oberlin in 1981 from Colby where he had been associated with Paul Steele, a CPA firm. He is a partner of Arthur J. Dowling in the accounting firm of Dowling and Bainter, Chartered. He is a graduate of Hoxie High School and Kansas State University and his wife is the former Jan Ryan of

Colby. They are the parents of two children, Abbie, 6, and Ben, 4.

Hospital News: Sandra and Kevin Ploussard, daughter, Trista Joann, June 28, 1985; Mike and Joan McKenna, Colby, son, Brett Michael, June 21, 1985; Mike and Merlou Robinson, Selden, son, Jake Clifton, June 16, 1985.

The picture "The Good Shepherd" which was on the altar at Enne (Bethel) Lutheran Church has been restored and framed by Loyal and Betty Duffy with the lettering done by Scott Braden. It now hangs in the entrance at Faith Lutheran Church in Oberlin. Enne Lutheran Church located south of Herndon merged with Faith Lutheran in 1960. The altar was designed by the Rev. Carl A. Glad and donated to the church by Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Glad in 1921.

The wedding of Annette Richardson, daughter of Dale Richardson, Cedar Bluffs, and Mrs. Jeanette Diederich, Oberlin, to Jeff Troyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Troyer, Ellinwood, is planned for Aug. 24, 1985, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hess and their daughter, Jean Ann of St. Francis, have returned from a two-week vacation trip to Mobile, Ala., where they visited his sister, Millie Hess. En route home they visited Steve Hess at Kansas City and Dan Hess at St. Joseph, Mo.

## Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

Another holiday came and went! For some I know it was just another day, and a chance to get that much needed nap. I did manage to get a short one myself. I enjoyed watching some of the events and socializing during the day on Sunday, which was very relaxing for me. And the best of all was the fireworks show at the fairgrounds. This fabulous light show tells the world that we are proud to be Americans.

I would like to say a big "Thank You" to the Decatur-Oberlin Ministerial Association and Kem Bryan for organizing and making all the July 4th activities happen; and the Oberlin Business Alliance for the fireworks show at the fairgrounds, which was organized by Rusty Adleman. Also a thank you to all the volunteers that helped to make July 4th a fun day. I believe there were enough donations for the daytime activities, but the Oberlin Business Alliance is still short some funding for the fireworks show. You can still make a donation by leaving it at the Chamber office, in the "Fireworks" jars at businesses around town, or with Rusty Adleman.

The third quarter Table Tents are out for July, August, and September. I will also be making a listing of all the events to put in the window at the entrance to the Bee Building. If you know of events coming up

that I don't have listed, please let me know and I will update the list as needed.

I have been asked several times what the theme is for the parade on Oct. 2. It is "Generations: Past, Present, and Future." I always enjoyed getting things around for a parade when my kids were little. We used to do many different things. Maybe I will round up the grandkids this time.

The Amusement Authority has left a sign-up sheet here in the Bee Building for your convenience in signing up to work at the Decatur County Fair. It still has lots of empty spaces on it just waiting for you to pick your favorite spot to help.

My business of the week is the Oberlin Inn. As some know, it was purchased by a South Dakota company and was opened up on July 1. There are a few rooms still to finish with some remodeling work, but 12 of the rooms are finished.

I visited there a few days ago and JoAnn, the local manager, showed me suite 1, which has a hot tub in it. Each room has a new décor, refrigerator, microwave, carpeting, new paint, new fixtures, etc.

Landscaping is still in the process with several changes. Several rooms have been full each night already, so the staff is keeping very busy. Have a great week!!

## Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Funeral services were held Saturday at Williams Funeral Home in Atwood for Melvin Arkle, 90, of York, Neb., who died June 30, 2010, at Grand Island, Neb. Pastor Keith Reuther officiated. His wife was the former June Bergling, a sister of Verol Bergling, and she preceded him in death on June 24, 2004.

Other survivors include a daughter, Donna and Larry Schroeder, Longmont, Colo.; a son, John and Christie Arkle, Kearney, Neb.; a brother, Bob and Jan Arkle; and five grandchildren. Burial was at the Atwood Fairview Cemetery.

Supper guests at the home of Richard and Maureen Anderson, Chris and Gabe to honor Samantha Anderson on her birthday June 14 were Elden and Detta Anderson, Gary Anderson, and Dick and Donna Kelley.

The Herndon Covenant Church congregation will hold morning worship services at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Good Samaritan Center in Atwood.

Sarah White of Olathe spent the holiday weekend Mark and Barbara Olson, Kurt and Sarah.

Supper guests of Elden and Detta Anderson on June 23 to honor him on his birthday were Richard and Maureen Anderson, Samantha, Chris and Gabe, and Gary Anderson.

Ken and Alice Robson visited her mother, Esther Noren, and the Steve Noren family from Thursday to Saturday.

Guests of Daisy Schmidt, Chris and Sherri Schmidt, and Joe and Vicki Schmidt for a Fourth of July

celebration were Kathy and Kurt Frisbie, Monument, Colo.; Dennis and Pat Barnett, Fort Walton, Fla.; Lt. Col. Colin and Sara Connor, Payton and Alyssa, Shreveport, La.; Greg and Emily Harrell, Addison and Owen, Decatur, Ga.; 1st Lt. Rachel Barnett, Cloverton, Mexico.

Also attending were Clint Schmidt and Morgan Higley, Mike and Erin Kittson and Noah, Denver; Danace McDonald, Clae, Jordan and Kainin, Colby; Chuck and Tobina Norris and Josie, Brookville; Wade and Mandi McKinley, Gabriel and Zoey, Tanner Schmidt, Manhattan; and Barry and Megan Schmidt, Lincoln, Neb.

Vacation Bible School for ages 2 through 10 will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, July 16, at the Herndon Covenant Church. All children are welcome. Please call Kristi Dirks at (785) 626-9205 to register.

Judy Scott of Boulder, Colo., was a holiday weekend guest of Steve and Arian Arnold.

Chris Anderson was honored on his birthday on June 28 and Gabe Anderson on June 30 with birthday suppers at the home of their parents, Richard and Maureen Anderson and Samantha.

Others present were Dick and Donna Kelley, Elden and Detta Anderson and Gary Anderson.

Joy Votapka and Mary Lou Olson took Detta Anderson out for lunch on Friday for her birthday at the LandMark Inn.

## Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

*A friend loves at all times. Proverbs 17:17a*

When you read the Good Sam News it is very apparent that we are so very blessed with friends. The list of visitors at the end of every article is proof enough, but space does not allow for the mention of all the friends that contribute daily to the behind the scenes happenings here. To all the families, clergy, volunteers, staff, financial supporters and the community at large, we would like to thank you. Some days the front door seems like a revolving door with friends coming and going.

The indoor front porch area has become a favorite place for Eva Bryan, Ethel Nemeth, Glenn Martin, Leone Porsch, Evelyn Olson, Opal Bryan, Alice Bobbitt and Eulaine Benda to gather just to watch the people!

During Bible study this week, we were studying Joseph, and learned that his brothers threw him into a pit... and then talked about when we felt alone in a "pit" in life. One 96-year-old resident voiced an interesting "pit" that she finds herself in... and yet she is not alone there. She discussed the frustration of not being able to remember names. She said a friend will come to visit and she remembers that they are friends... perhaps even good friends but the person's name will not come to her mind and the whole time they are visiting she is distracted by trying to remember. When the friend leaves she is frustrated for hours because the name still has not registered. Heads were nodding in agreement all over the room. One woman said she could not even remember the names of her children or husband and began to cry saying "I must not be a very good mother."

So friends, when you come to visit if you would include your name in the greeting it could be the opening to a more relaxed and enjoyable time together. They may not remember your name but they will remember how you make them feel!

Everyone loves a parade! And it was the highlight of the week! The front lawn and patio were filled with spectators who came from near and far to watch. They were delighted to see the bikes, trikes, strollers, walkers, wheelchairs and our own

"Happy Birthday America" float all decorated in red, white and blue.

Gavin Uehlin led the parade as our honorary Uncle Sam! Residents who joined the parade were Amy Rehm and "Ollie," Faye Miller, accompanied by her daughter and son-in-law; Alice Bobbitt, Doris Marintzer, Evelyn Olson, Leone Porsch and Myrtle Ross. Parade participants ranged in age from three 90-year-old ladies to 8-month-old Grady Leitner.

After the parade, Miranda Long sang the National Anthem and Grand Ol' Flag while ice cream, prizes and fellowship were served up, making this a great "family get-together! Our thanks to all who participated making this another memorable event!

Take a look at our recent visitors: Penny Fringer, Reva Marshall and Dixie and Ron Snyder (Colby) visited **Dorothy Hunt**. Gerald and Connie Olson were here to see **Evelyn Olson**. Rita and Maurice Schaller for **Faye Miller**. **Hubert Mumm** visited by Stan, Becky, Muriel and Rebecca, along with Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem) who also spent time with **Doris Marintzer**. **Francis Janousek**. Marilyn Horn visited with **Myrtle Ross**. Dave and Dan Schissler, came to see their mom, **Violet Schissler**. Edie Tate and Gladys Geis looked in on **Lois Carlson**. Eunice Martin for **Glenn Martin**. Marilou Long for **Elden Long**. Donovan and Lora Randolph (Hutchinson) and Amy Lynn Espinoza (Manhattan) came to see **Amy Rehm**. Jeff Hayward for **Shirley Hayward**. **Nila Weschhad** Jim and Pam Wesch for company. Mert McEvoy and John Paulson for **Lucy Schissler**. Max Carman, Peggy Carman and Duane and Marilyn Waldo (Tucson) for **Myrtle Waldo**. Audrey and Murry Pavlicek visit daily with **Mary Lemman**. Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh and Braylon Simonsson (Wamego) for **Opal Bryan**. Roger, Susan, Ryan and Erin May, and Gerry and Darlene Schaffer for **Walter and Betty May** and **Amy Rehm**. Detta Anderson for **Eva Bryan**. Melissa Chambers for **Barb Beisner**. Steve and Arian Arnold (Herndon) for **Edla Olson**. Steve and Linda Smith and family (North Platte, Neb.) to visit **Dorothy Pryor**.

## Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

The warm summer days have been good for our flower beds and our garden boxes. Residents have enjoyed watching the progress of the plants. We have also had a good time speculating about the harvest and guessing when the first load of wheat would come in.

Residents met on Monday afternoon to try their hand at rolling the dice. There were lots of winners before the game ended.

Mary Ann Amack led the sing-along time on Monday afternoon. Linda Shuler won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon. The blackout game ended in a tie between Aleen Van Vleet and Edna Mott.

The craft group was hard at work on Wednesday afternoon. They were working on another project for the fair.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson before supper on Wednesday.

Fr. Mark Berland had Mass for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

There were lots of laughs and cheers at the bowling game on Thursday afternoon. Players included Dale Butler, Darlene Fisher, Irene Fringer, Elsie Goodnight, Ruth Havel, Donna Kent, Ira and

Mary Kolsky, Edna Mott, Agnes Pruitt, Linda Shuler and Mary Votapka.

The baking group met on Friday afternoon to fry up a batch of doughnuts. There was a lot of finger licking going on afterward.

The dietary department hosted an indoor picnic at noon on Sunday in honor of the Fourth of July. Hamburger, salads and ice cream were on the menu.

Recent visitors: Chris Wood, Carol Kompus, Herndon; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Jan Sattler, Shirley Williams, Karen Focke, Atwood; Alysha Tadlock, Goodland; J.L. and Lauri Fox, Wichita; Caitlyn Foxhoven, Denver; Marlene Cook, Parker, Colo.; Stephani and Adrian Hawkins, Dallas; John and Eunice Andrews, Perry, Ga.; Chris and Alex Hosaka, Alpharetta, Ga.; Evan Wenger, Aubrey, Texas; and Eda, Jay and Mark Allen, Miami.

Opal Huntley, Marian Dempe-wolf, Ila Ray, Carol and Gary Allen, Mirium Fisher, Max and Veanna Carman, Connie Miller, Shawn Vogel, and Dolores Koerperich, Oberlin.



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## Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Claire Abigail May, daughter of Pastor Paul and Meaghan May, Marco Island, Fla., was born Wednesday, June 30, 2010, weighed 8 pounds, and was 19 1/2 inches long. Claire, the granddaughter of Ernest May of Tonganoxie and the great-granddaughter of Martin and Evelyn May, has a sister, Austen, to welcome her home.

John and Eunice (May) Andrews, Perry, Ga., returned home Sunday afternoon after spending a few days in Oberlin visiting her mother, Wilma May; sister, Connie Olson and family; brother, David May of McCook, and other relatives.

Todd Lubbers and daughter, Becka, Laramie, Wyo., were Fourth of July weekend guests of Craig and Karen Larson.

John and Eunice Andrews and John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica were Friday supper guests of the Rhonda May and Dan Nedland family to celebrate Eunice's birthday.

Kelly Olson, Manhattan; and Stean Olson, Hays, were weekend guests of their parents, Gerald and Connie Olson.

Camaron Nedland, Manhattan, was a Fourth of July weekend guest at the Dan Nedland and Rhonda May home.