

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**125 YEARS AGO – August 1885**  
Over 100 in the shade Friday and Saturday.

The Oberlin Red went down to Vallonia Saturday afternoon and were taken into camp by the Vallonia club to the tune of 30 to 63.

F.F. Bliss is the father of a 10-pound girl. There's more bliss in the family than ever and Fred receives congratulations with becoming meekness and acts up the cigars with alacrity.

A race between Jake Riley's sorrel and an unknown horse created considerable excitement Friday evening. The unknown horse bolted and threw its rider just before the finish and the heat was declared a draw by the judges.

Over 60 local members of the Grand Army of the Republic took part in the memorial services for ex-president U.S. Grant held at the rink Aug. 8. The Oberlin band and the following individuals had part in the program: Rev. John Wilson, Col. Hilliard, G. Webb Bertram, J.C. Wilson, L.G. Parker, J.B. Kershner and Rev. Nulton.

The herd of horses being brought to Oberlin by Gene Thomas and W.D. Street is said to be the best ever brought to town.

**100 YEARS AGO – August 1910**

The fine rain Friday and Saturday made all the thresher men stop work and come in and attend the Chautauqua.

The lecturers of the Chautauqua program: U.S. Senator Clapp of Minnesota; Everett Kemp, Lucian Edgar, Follansbee, Dr. James Hedley, Mrs. Florence Green, George R. Steward of Tennessee, J. Meritt Driver.

The entertainment numbers included The Highland Ladies Orchestra, Tennessee Jubilee Singers and Royal Hungarian Orchestra.

The ball game results: Oberlin 6, Selden 2; Selden 3, Oberlin 1; Oberlin 16, Norton 3; Oberlin 8, Norton 5; Oberlin 11, Norcatur 2.

Norcatur Items: The Norcatur Register that has been in Norcatur almost a quarter of a century has been moved to Cedar Bluffs. We will miss the Register, having been a subscriber since the very first issue.

In the only county contest in the primary election, R.M. Anderson of Center Township defeated A.J. Brock of Jennings and F.A. Fleming of Oberlin for the nomination on the Democratic ticket.

**75 YEARS AGO – August 1935**

The officers and sponsors of the Old Settlers picnic have settled on Thursday, Aug. 29 as the date

for the four-county picnic and old settlers reunion that seemingly has become a fixture in the late summer at Brookwood Park.

A new kind of communication system insuring absolute secrecy in the dispatch of messages has been invented by Junior Howard, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. S.H. Howard of here and a graduate engineering student at Kansas State College.

John E. Love dropped into the office and casually announced it was his 78th birthday and then just as casually picked up a newspaper and began to read without the aid of glasses. Mr. Love came to Decatur County with his father's family on Sept. 12, 1873, and is therefore one of the earliest settlers now living in Oberlin. In April of 1874 he helped the surveyor lay out the original townsite of Oberlin (then called Westfield). Included in the group that arrived in Oberlin were his sister, Mrs. W.E. Ufford, W.L. and J.V. Riley and J.K. Stiner.

In the *Herald* this week will be found the announcement of the opening of Unger's Beauty Shop, a new addition to Oberlin's constantly growing list of businesses.

Kenneth Norton, freshman at Manhattan, ranked in the upper 10 percent of his class. Besides the study hours required to attain that rating, he worked 90 hours a month to defray expenses.

P.E.O. Sisterhood held a party Tuesday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Lee Ora Benton who is leaving soon to take the position of housemother at the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity house at Kansas State College. Mrs. L.C. Tilden was hostess for the occasion and bridge was the afternoon's entertainment.

**50 YEARS AGO – August 1960**

Following the Decatur County fair parade and talent show the following prizes were awarded:

PARADE: Floats: HDU: Chat & Do, \$30; PEP, \$20; 4-H: Star Valley, \$30 and Wide-A-Wake, \$20; Club: Hospital Guild, \$30; Square Dance, \$20 and Decatur Saddle Club, \$10; Church: Federated \$30; Lund Covenant, \$20 and Prairie Chapel, \$10. Individuals: Ole Johnson and donkey, \$10; Sandra Bearley with Marcellus Threlkel of McDonald and dog, \$7.50; Bill Sauvage, motor cart and wagon, \$5.

TALENT SHOW: Nancy Mines, pantomime, \$20; Jens Nielson, vocal solo, \$10; Boys quartet, \$5 (Harold Cochran, Bill Machart, Leland Cody, Sid Metcalf); 6-way tie. \$2.50 each between Carolyn DeMay, vocal solo; Deanna Roe, tap routine; Donna Kump, musical number; Cathy Cramer, tap routine;

Star Valley 4-H Club, folk dance and Mary Reeves, marimba solo.

At a special meeting last week, the St. John's Lutheran congregation voted not to operate its parish school during the 1960-61 term. St. John's has been operating a parish school since 1926.

Ival Kathka, president of the Decatur Co-op Assn., announced plans to construct a Co-op feed mill following a board of directors meeting.

New Arrival: Mr. and Mrs. Gary Coulter, daughter, born Aug. 13 at Hays.

Liberty Star: Two local boys, Don Lawson and Gary Anthony, who plan to enter service soon, were honored at a farewell party in the Lyle church yard.

**25 YEARS AGO – Aug. 1985**

A bridge on a county road 12 miles east on U.S. Highway 36 and five miles south on a township road in Alton Township is out according to acting sheriff Gary Reiter. A truck and trailer belonging to R.C. Williams Inc., and driven by George Younger of Victoria, went through the bridge Saturday morning. According to county engineer Jim Baxendale, the weight of the loaded vehicle broke the stringers and dropped the deck to the bottom causing an estimated \$2,500 damage.

Ron Uehlin of Ron's Applying Service was released from McCook Community Hospital Monday surviving a plane crash Saturday noon

near Hayes Center with only minor cuts and scratches and a concussion. Uehlin said he still had some memory loss but considers himself lucky to be able to walk away from the crash site some 7 miles south of Hayes Center where he was spraying parathion on milo. As Uehlin exited the plane in a hurry, crews for Southwest Power that were working in the area arrived on the scene and a floater from Wauneta Co-op that had water available was also in the area.

Kyle Elwood, 17, won the world championship in breakaway roping in competition at the American Junior Quarter Horse Association world championship in Tulsa last week. Elwood won the title over 39 other competitors riding his palomino mare, Miss Goldie Hancock.

New Arrival: Ron and Sondra Fowler, Oberlin, daughter, Krista Kay, Aug. 8, 1985.

In observance of the 100th birthday of Adolf Lohoefer on Aug. 15, he and his brothers, Oscar and Waldo, will be honored with a birthday party at Good Samaritan Center from 2-4 p.m.

The Rev. Mike McVay officiated at a private baptismal service for Jake Clifton Robinson on Aug. 12 at the United Church of Oberlin.

Dick Ahlberg, social science teacher at Decatur Community High School, has been appointed by Mayor Dave Nichols to replace Dave Diederich who expects to be working in Colorado through next spring.

## Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

We will no longer have a fax machine here at the office. We are trying to trim expenses.

Our Annual Holiday Craft Show will be Nov. 27, the Saturday after Thanksgiving, at the Gateway Civic Center. Registrations are coming in each week, so reserve a spot soon. Call the Chamber office at 475-3441 to receive a registration form and guidelines for the show. Last year there was a variety of crafts and over 700 potential buyers walked through the door.

The Highway 36 Garage Sale is coming up on Sept. 17, 18 and 19. A flyer will be posted in the Chamber window with instructions on how to get an ad on the Treasure Hunt website. Sizes and prices will be in the office. Each person is responsible for making their own payment arrangements with the web site.

I will be putting together a map of garage sale sites. If you wish to be

on the map bring your information to the Chamber office. There will be a \$5 fee to the Chamber office for this service. Copies of the map will be distributed to many locations along Highway 36 and downtown businesses. I can post a yard sale location map for free on the treasure hunt website, but I need all of your information by noon Monday, Aug. 30.

I found an old flyer about a trail ride that was organized for the 100th anniversary of the City of Oberlin. As a member of the 125th Anniversary committee, I thought it would be good to do another trail ride. A tentative date is Sunday, Sept. 19. Time and details will be announced by next week. The ride will start at a location in Sappa Park, two miles east of Oberlin.

Tickets are available in the Chamber office for the Colorado Guest Ranch gift certificate worth \$250 toward your stay. The drawing will be Saturday, Oct. 2, at the Indian Raid Museum at noon, along with many other activities for our 125th Anniversary celebration.

A horse-back rider from California will be coming through Oberlin sometime this week. He was in Mankato last Thursday night and headed west again on Friday. I have feed for his horse, Rico, and a place for Rico to stay, but I need a place for the rider to stay. If anyone would be kind enough to offer a bed and shower, I'm sure he would appreciate it.

Have a great week!!!

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

A group of residents met on Thursday for an evening of games.

The baking group made chocolate chip cookies on Friday afternoon.

Residents enjoyed a special music program on Sunday evening presented by the group, Clueless. Those performing included Lonnie McEvoy, Sid Metcalf and Mike Elwood.

Recent visitors: Roberta Petracek, Breckon Rowh, Tom Votapka and Terri Hanke, Jennings; Lillian Sulzman, Mildred Welter, Dresden; La Vina Waters, McDonald; Zach and Bailey Wolf, Colby; Allan Vavroch, Manhattan; Les and Myrna Pettera, Loveland; Jodee Stillman and Cash, Hoxie; Tammi Engel, Atwood; and Cindy Kohmetscher, McCook.

Connie Miller, Marilyn Gamblin, Mirium Fisher, Max and Veanna Carman, Dolores Koerperich, Lyle Gamblin, and Bernie and Othelia Vacura, Oberlin.

## Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

New volunteers are always a welcome addition at Cedar Living Center and we are always looking for additions to the group. At the moment we are seeking some additional help with bingo. Our game is at 2 p.m. on Tuesday afternoon and the volunteers are usually here from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Anyone interested in becoming involved should contact Charlotte Kurtz or Teresa Shaughnessy at 475-2276.

Hattie Toth has returned to her home in Atwood after a few months at Cedar Living Center.

I always worry about leaving someone out when reporting the news, and I did just that last week. Judy Scott of the Decatur Amusement Authority went the extra mile to make sure that the residents all received a box of popcorn when we went for the train ride on Friday morning. These little extras go a long way toward making an event a very special occasion.

Residents met for a social hour

and a time for reminiscing on Monday afternoon. Mary Ann Amack and Myrna Jones led the sing-along time before supper.

Wilma May won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Hattie Toth won the blackout game. Breckon Rowh, granddaughter of Mary Votapka, assisted with bingo.

Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of the Faith Lutheran Church gave the monthly Communion Service Tuesday afternoon on the patio.

Several residents met to watch a movie on Wednesday afternoon and enjoy snacks.

Fr. Mark Berland brought Communion for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

The Western Fraternal Association hosted the August birthday party on Thursday afternoon. Lodge members served cake and ice cream bars. Agnes Pruitt was recognized for being the only resident with a birthday in August. She received a small gift from the lodge.

Davies and Doris Auker.

Sunday noon, Rhonda May and Dan Nedland and Elizabeth hosted a lunch at their home in honor of Liam's baptism. Guests included Hunter Nedland and Rhiannon Davies and Liam, Walter and Betty May, Richard and Delayne May and Brianna May and fiancé, Shane Steckline, Lawrence; Robert May, Roger and Susan May, Ryan and Erin, Gareth and Lisa Davies, Rhys, Meghan and Cerys, Doris Auker, and Lisa's sister, Sandy Gade.

Guests of Gaylord and Shirley Shields the weekend of Aug. 7 to

enjoy the last day of the fair and spend the weekend visiting were their sons and families, Mark and Corby Shields and Keric, Tucson, Ariz.; Phil Shields and Anna, Salisbury, Md.; Mike and Nancy Shields, Omaha, and their grandson and family, Brett and Ali Shields, Sam and Levi, Harlan, Iowa. They all returned home after the busy weekend except for Anna who stayed with her grandparents and was later met at the Shields home on Tuesday by her mother, Karen, and brother, Justin. Karen Shields, Anna and Justin returned home on Sunday.

## Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

*A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones. Proverbs 17:22*

This verse speaks volumes to those of us who care for the elderly. Isn't it amazing how God knew exactly the words we would need to sustain us while on this earth!

Walking down the halls, visiting with each resident, it is easy to detect those with a cheerful heart. No matter the physical challenges facing them, a cheerful heart keeps them active and purposeful. In contrast, those without a cheerful heart seem to age and wither before their time.

Varying stages of Dementia are affecting more and more of the elderly. Currently we see two-thirds of our population struggling with this ailment to some degree, causing us to rethink the activities we plan for them.

So it is exciting to think outside the box to find ways to promote those cheerful hearts that will be good medicine that physicians can't prescribe!

We have implemented two new programs that are not only good for the residents but also for the staff! You have already been introduced to our weekly Story Telling, which is a hoot! The stories allow people with dementia to tap into an area of their brain that is not affected by memory loss and that is imagination! In the process of the telling, anything goes...there is no right or wrong answer, but every answer is validated and built upon. There is so much fun and laughter that goes into the process that isn't captured in the final telling. We would encourage you to come sit in sometime to experience it for yourselves.

On Friday, we had our first

"Laugh it Up" session. This is based on Laughter Yoga. Not only is it fun, but it is a form of exercise in disguise; only we are exercising from the inside out! Betty May, Opal Bryan, Alice Bobbitt, Olive Arnold, Leone Porsch, Edla Olson, Dorothy Hunt, Eva Bryan, Amy Rehm, Shirley Hayward, Eulaine Benda and Faye Miller all participated. We were laughing so hard staff members who came couldn't keep themselves from joining in. One nurse was smiling to herself 15 minutes after the activity had ended. When I asked her what she was smiling about, she replied, "I think my face is just stuck after laughing so hard!" Good medicine!

The Alzheimer Forum that was planned for Sept. 5. will be rescheduled.

Visitors this week were: Eunice Richards for **Earl Brown**. Roz Fuller and Amaya and Isaiah Onna (Woodbridge, Va.) for **Amy Rehm**. Ken and Clem Mumm (Selden/Colby) for **Hubert Mumm**. Donna Kelley for **Eva Bryan**. Reva Marshall, Sara and Bailey Wolfe, and Tara Larson (Colby), Charles Madison (Cawker City) and Julie Schlinder (Cawker City), Tami Cook (Norcatur) for **Dorothy Hunt**. Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem) for **Hubert Mumm and Francis Janousek**. Ralph and Norma Unger for **Leo Mooty, Earl Brown and Walt and Betty May**. Janice Baer (Topeka) and Gerald Olson for **Evelyn Olson**. Joanne Yoger (Tucson, Ariz.) and Roger Holmdahl (Herdon) for **Lois Carlson**. Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh for **Opal Bryan**. Betty Heisel for **Ethel Nemeth**. Audrey and Murry Pavlicek for **Mary Lemman**. Elsie Wolters for **Dorothy Pryor**.

## Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

On Aug. 5 at Senior Citizens, Ralph Weis won high, Alfred Albers took second, Jeanie Spresser got low and Janice Kruse had the most Jacks. Other members present included Betty James, Pat Wessel, Shirley Emigh, Edna Schiltz, Matt Finnesy, Anna Albers, Carl Mumm, Bob Wessel, Ann Hazlitt and Helen Karls.

On Thursday at Senior Citizens, Gail Mumm won high, Pat Wessel took second, Jeanie Spresser got low and Lola Cook had the most tens. Others present were Ralph Weis, Betty James, Matt Finnesy, Pat Wessel, Bob Wessel, Carl Mumm, Edna Schiltz, Ann Hazlitt, Paulie Neff, Lola Cook and Royce Cook.

School News: Monday, Aug. 23 - Teacher inservice; 6:30 p.m., Back to School Night. Tuesday, Aug. 24 - Teacher workday. Wednesday, Aug. 25 - First day of school Welcome to the 2010/2011 school year.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Aug. 20 - Alisha Broeckelman,

Darrel and Carlene Bruggeman, Joe and Phyllis Trembley, Sandra Lobato. Aug. 21 - Melissa Broeckelman, Jerry Schiltz. Aug. 22 - Steve Rogers, Tammie Stevenson, Alan Bruggeman. Aug. 23 - Eileen Murphy, Kelly Stevenson, Tim Schiefer-ecke. Aug. 25 - Chris Broeckelman. Aug. 26 - Dusty Spresser, Valerie Broeckelman, Ivonn Vargas.

New books at the Selden Public Library Adult Large Print Fiction: "Fragile," by Lisa Unger; "Twilight's Serenade," by Tracie Peterson; "Autumn's Promise," by Shelley Shepard Gray; "Scarlet Nights," by Jude Deveraux, and "Hangman," by Faye Kellerman. The Selden Public Library is open every Monday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. as volunteers are available. If you would like to volunteer at the library, please contact any of the board members.



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## Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Liam Evan Davies Nedland, infant son of Rhiannon Davies and Hunter Nedland, was baptized Sunday, Aug. 15, during morning worship services at the Oberlin Evangelical Covenant Church. Liam's baptismal sponsors were Richard and Delayne May, Lawrence; Amanda Marshall, Norcatur; and Shane Hollars, Oberlin. Among those attending were his paternal grandparents and great-grandparents, Dan Nedland and Rhonda May and Walter and Betty May; maternal grandparents and great-grandmother, Gareth and Lisa