

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**125 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1885**  
J.A. Rodehaver left this week for Kansas City, Mo., where hereafter he will engage in business.  
The Crystal restaurant is building a large addition.  
Charles Maddox is building a residence in the west part of town.  
Doolittle & Co. are putting up a store building just north of Neal & Son's store. It will be a two-story structure 22x60.  
Miss Bertha Rodehaver departs for Topeka this week where she will take a course of instruction at one of the educational institutions.  
Sol Rees, of Jackson, has a field of corn that will, without doubt, yield 75 bushels per acre.  
Center Notes: The grading in Center Township is all done, with the exception of a small section of L.G. Parkers.  
Treasurer Kellogg has fenced in 80 acres of land. He also has, we believe, the finest piece of corn in the county.  
Fitch Colby, J.B. Hitchcock and H.O. Douglas each have trotting stock that can wear out a mile in less than three minutes.

**100 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1910**  
The Benton family left for Colorado in their Haynes car, but the car broke down at Colby and they had to continue their trip by rail.  
Dan Roach and his boys are doing a lot of cement work at Clayton.  
Theodore Schultz and wife are visiting his parents in Antelope County, Nebr.  
The telephone company has received their new cable to take the place of the 128 feet of cable that was put out of commission by the burning of the blue barn.  
The Beaver Valley Booster, a new paper printed at Cedar Bluffs, is before us. Harry S. Kennedy is the editor and Bard McMullen is the printer.  
Miss Grace Love, Arch Connell and Vincent Larrick are all taking a course in shorthand and typewriting at the Central Business College at Denver.

**75 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1935**  
Superintendent Charles Hawkes and the high school secretary, Miss Marian Cathcart, said that 230 students had enrolled in the high school. Another change has been made in the high school faculty as Miss Goldie Proffitt has taken a position at the training school in Hays which is an advancement both in position and salary. Her position will be filled by Miss Edith Herzog who has been teaching at the grade school and has a degree and post-graduate work from K.U.  
Miss Ethel Crosswhite of Farmington, Kansas, who has a life

certificate from Emporia Teachers College, will fill her place at the grade school.  
Court House News: Marriage license was issued to Elmer Kiou and Bessie Canfield, both of Norcaur. William Tuttle and Erma Macy were married by the judge on the 22nd of August.  
Arthur Pollnow tells us there will be no corn in his neighborhood this fall and very little feed. Phil Wagner of the Prairie Dog country said that corn and feed were awfully scarce over his way and livestock feeders will have a hard time of it this winter.  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Maggard entertained over a hundred people at their farm home on Sunday, Aug. 18, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Van Pelt of Freedom, Okla., who are here for a visit to their home territory after an absence of six years.  
Traer: The baseball team played the Swedes Sunday and the score was 3-0 in favor of the Swedes.  
A very beautiful church wedding was witnessed by 170 guests at the Lund Mission Friend Church on Aug. 22 when Miss Vergie Anderson and Rev. Arvid Nygren, pastor of the Lund Church, were united in matrimony. After Oct. 1 they will be at home in Butte, Montana, where Rev. Nygren will serve as pastor of the Mission church.  
Little Donna Gayle Shaw was seven years old last Friday and a party to celebrate the occasion was attended by Donna Hulbert, Dixie Riley, Joe Herzog, Joe, Bonnie and Ralph Shaw, Edwin Shaw, Henrietta Olson, Carl Mann, Jean Slagel, Carl Vernon and Joyce Gardner.  
Three men who have been confined for several weeks with typhoid fever are back at work: Lemoin Landau, Denzil Gill and Virgil Olson. Winifred Wiggins, who has been confined for many weeks at the hospital, has been taken home.

**50 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1960**  
The new minister for the Presbyterian Church of Oberlin is the Rev. Grey Dashen who comes here from the Northminster Church of Kansas City, Mo. He and his wife, Bess, have two daughters, Mrs. Robert Hampton of Los Angeles and Mrs. James Carney of North Kansas City, Mo.  
Ray Lohoefer of the Decatur County National Bank was among the 323 men who graduated from the School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin Aug. 28.  
Mrs. Harold Metcalf and Sid have returned from Seattle, Wash., where they visited her brother and family, Dr. L.H. Mousel.  
Traer: School begins this Monday with Mrs. Esther Herring and Herbert Graves returning as teachers

with 40 students.  
A family picnic was held at Oberlin city park Aug. 28 in honor of Ray Kennedy who will enter the service soon and also in honor of the birthdays of Vada Kennedy and Edgar Kennedy.  
Funeral services were held for Carl Driskell who came to Decatur County in 1906 and was in the barber business in Oberlin since that time. In the past years when he was in failing health he was assisted in his shop by Alvin Wenger and Lairy Goltl.  
The Donald Ashley family near Selden are hosts for several weeks to an International Farm Youth Representative, Q.A.M. Habibur Haque whose home is in East Pakistan. His tour is being sponsored by the Ford Foundation.  
Center of interest at Sappa State Lake these days is the motor-powered raft belonging to Solomon Hart of Hoxie. A railroad man, Hart visits the lake over weekends and cruises in his unique craft, giving free rides.

**25 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1985**  
There was special local interest in the launch of the space shuttle the Discovery this week as a former Burlington, Colo., resident, Astronaut John M Lounge, is one of the five-member crew which is commanded by Joe Engle, a native of Chapman, Kan. Lounge spoke to some 150 local residents at the annual Decatur County Chamber of Commerce banquet in March of last

year. He is also an acquaintance of Leslie Bartels, a local resident who is a Goodland, Kan. native.  
Board members of Decatur County Historical Society were in for a jolt when they learned at their last meeting of the immediate need for two furnaces at the museum. In the discussion on the critical financial status of the museum it was noted that over the years as the museum has grown, no money has existed for maintenance and replacement. Curator Sandy Russell said that in the meetings of the State Historical Society which she attends, she has learned that this may be the only museum in the state seeking to exist without tax money.  
Mr. and Mrs. Gail Marcuson have returned from a two-week visit with relatives in Sweden and England. Their daughter and granddaughter, Julie and Jessica Thompson, Lakewood, Colo., accompanied them. It had been over 100 years since Gail's grandparents left Sweden for America and they had lost contact with the Peterson-Marcuson relatives until recent years when a cousin contacted them.  
Mike Hayden, Kansas Speaker of the House, and 120th District state Representative, was the guest speaker at Oberlin Rotary on Tuesday. Hayden and his wife, Patti, recently joined other state leaders including U.S. Senator Robert Dole and Kansas Governor John Carlin on a tour of the People's Republic of China, specifically in the Henan Province, an agricultural area.

## Museum Matters

By Sharleen Wurm

Another event celebrating Oberlin's 125th Anniversary! Vintage Baseball games will be held Sunday, Sept. 12, at the baseball diamond in Oberlin starting at 2 p.m. The Hodgeman 9 from the Jetmore area will play the team being formed from Oberlin and in the second game the Hodgeman 9 will play the team from Nicodemus. If you would like to be in on the fun, contact Gary at the LandMark or myself at the Museum to join the Oberlin team. The rules that will be followed are from the 1860 - 1880's era.

**Oberlin Quasiquintennial Tidbits:**  
*Oberlin Herald*, April 9, 1925: Are You Interested in Baseball?  
"A meeting of those interested in Oberlin having a baseball team is called for the Commercial Club rooms this Thursday evening, April 9th, at eight o'clock.  
The project of backing a ball team by the Oberlin business men will be

discussed. Also the proposition of providing a grandstand. If interested in the matter at all come to the meeting Thursday evening and express your opinions."  
*Oberlin Herald* April 25, 1925: Oberlin to Have Ball Team:  
"At a meeting of those interested an organization was started last week to give Oberlin a good baseball team this year.  
John Scott was elected manager and Hap Graber, captain, and most of the business men put their names down to back the team financially.  
A grandstand 18 x 32 is being built at Chautauqua Park, facing south, which will make it much pleasanter for patrons of the games.  
Oberlin has needed a grandstand for years and this is a move in the right direction as the grandstand can be used for football games, track meets and other athletic activities as well as baseball."

## Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Lauren Candace May and Kalen Bradley Townsend, children of Andy and Kelley May, were baptized Sunday, Aug. 29, during morning worship services at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin with Pastor Kevin Schnakenberg officiating. Lauren's baptismal sponsors are Brian and Sarah (May) Shaw and Kalen's baptismal sponsors are Chris and Kasey May. Following church services, a congregational dinner was held in the fellowship hall in honor of the children's baptisms.  
Hannah May, Zach May, and Regan Bartels of Phillipsburg attended the Northwest Kansas 4-H Youth and Leaders' Forum at the K-State Ag Research Center Auditorium in Hays on Saturday.  
Brian and Sarah Shaw and Kaden, Andover, attended the baptism of her niece and nephew, Lauren May and Kalen Townsend, and also visited with her father, Marvin May, grandparents, Martin and Evelyn May, and her brothers, Chris and Andy May, and their families.  
Milton and Jeanene Euhus, Yuma,

Ariz., were Friday to Sunday, Aug. 20 to 22, guests of Gaylord and Shirley Shields. Other Saturday visitors included Dennis Euhus who joined them for supper and Kent Euhus who dropped by after supper. Paul and Kelly Shields, Tyler, Cassidy, and Caitlin were additional Sunday noon dinner guests and visited with Milton and Jeanene before they returned home.  
Ben and Leone Spiers, Winterset, Iowa, were Friday and Saturday guests of his sister and husband, Ralph and Violet Shaw. Additional Saturday supper guests at the Shaw home were Don and Joan Grafel, Herndon; Todd Nelson, and Norman and Ruby Weed, Colby; Steve and Susan Nelson, Joel and Tami Shaw and Dante, and Richard and Anna Shaw.  
Ben and Leone Spiers were weekend visitors of his sister and husband, Joan and Don Grafel, Herndon, and were Sunday overnight guests of her sister and husband, Gary and Leola Zodrow, returning home on Monday.

## Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

Wow, what a week! Myrna Jones came on Monday to take requests for our Ol' Time Music sing-a-long. Oddly enough, the first request was rousing rendition of Jingle Bells!  
On Tuesday, the courtyard was bursting with Hillbilly Horseshoe enthusiasts; Amy Rehm, Faye Miller, Evelyn Olson, Walt and Betty May, Elden Long, Eileen Laird, Opal Bryan, Myrtle Ross, Dorothy Pryor, Olive Arnold, Shirley Hayward, Leone Porsch, Dorothy Hunt and Hubert Mumm even came out to enjoy the nice weather. Faye Miller was our daily winner. Next month we will have a Hillbilly Horseshoe Official Tournament, so you sports fans keep a watch!  
Later that afternoon, Anita took everyone on a trip to Colorado and Wyoming during Armchair Travel. They had a look at the Wild West and handled a genuine bull snake skin she found in her front yard.  
Our Story Tellers came up with another story. Hans Hippity-Hop Rabbit and His Swedish "Hare" em. Authors this week were Violet Schissler, Alice Bobbitt, Faye Miller and daughter-in-law Francie Miller, Dorothy Hunt, Olive Arnold, Opal Bryan, Leone Porsch, Paul Miesner, Elden Long, Betty May, Evelyn Olson and Edla Olson. All the stories will be published for your reading enjoyment, but the words will not capture the atmosphere in which they were written. You should come see for yourself, Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m.  
Bible study has begun a new series on "Loving One Another." Discovering how we can reflect the love of Jesus to others who sometimes

are unlikeable and even unlovable. It was a touching time of honesty, vulnerability and courage.  
Can't forget to mention Bingo! Everyone loves it, and everyone plays!  
The week ended with our new Laugh it Up Circle. This is really a hoot with a purpose, to exercise from the inside out...and it is just fun! Enjoying it were Edla Olson, Eva Bryan, Faye Miller, Walt and Betty May, Olive Arnold, Myrtle Ross, Shirley Hayward, Alice Bobbitt, Leone Porsch, Opal Bryan, Dorothy Hunt and Evelyn Olson. Staff members, Montine Alstrom, Kelley May, Sheena Dallman and Anita Hirsch came to watch and help out.  
Mark your calendars for Friday, Sept. 17. It is time for another Family Potluck. We will be celebrating Founder's Day or Good Sam's 88th Birthday. It is important to RSVP early for a birthday surprise!  
Visitors were Jerry Chambers for **Barb Beisner**. Phyll Carman, Deb Campbell, Diana Alstrom and Max Carman for **Myrtle Waldo**. Wava Williams and Michael and Debbie Shelton (Hastings, Neb.) for **Elden Long**. Reva Marshall and Ron Snyder (Colby) for **Dorothy Hunt**. Brian and Pam Simonsson for **Opal Bryan**. Cheri Kastens for **Pooch Portschy**. Becky and Gracie Tate for **Lois Carlson**. Jim Rogers (Selden) and Ken Mumm (Selden) for **Hubert Mumm**. Gerald Olson for **Evelyn Olson**. Ralph and Norma Unger for **Leo Mooty, Walter and Betty May and Earl Brown**. Murry and Audrey Pavlicek for **Mary Lemman**.

## Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

The schedule for birthday parties at Cedar Living Center and the Good Samaritan Center has recently been completed. This schedule is for September 2010 to August of 2011. The letters are being mailed out to a member of each participating organization. Any club not receiving their letter should contact Teresa Shaughnessy at Cedar Living Center.  
There are still some months available on the schedule and any group or individual willing to host a party may contact Teresa about a party at CLC or contact Lisa Paulson for a party at Good Samaritan. The residents at both facilities look forward to these monthly parties and it is wonderful to have so many organizations willing to participate.  
Linda Shuler has returned to her home in Oberlin after a short stay at CLC.  
There were lots of winners at the dice game played on Monday afternoon in the dining room. Residents joining in on the game included Dale Butler, Darlene Fisher, Elsie Goodnight, Ira and Mary Kolsky, Edna Mott, Agnes Pruitt, Blanche Skubal, Aleen VanVleet and Mary Votapka.  
Mary Ann Amack and Myrna Jones hosted the sing-along time before supper on Monday afternoon.  
Irene Fringer won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Wilma LaSalle won the blackout game.  
A crowd of residents gathered on Wednesday afternoon to listen to a musical program given by Jim and Carolyn Plotts. Jim played the guitar and they sang many of the favorite old hymns.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.  
Fr. Mark Berland brought Communion for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.  
Several residents met in the dining room on Thursday afternoon for a game of penny cards. Snacks were served following the game.  
The baking group made chocolate chip cookies on Friday afternoon. The cookies were served warm from the oven along with a cup of coffee.  
We continue to enjoy fresh garden produce from our own garden boxes and from the generosity of others. These treats have included sweet corn, tomatoes, cucumbers, and Colorado peaches. We send our thanks out to all who have remembered us.  
Recent visitors were Linda Bosler, Herndon; Betty Rall, Michele Rall, Mike and Rich Noble, Colorado Springs; Gregg Sayer, Cambridge, Neb.; Evan and Cathy Wenger, Aubrey, Texas; Alysha Tadlock, Goodland; Lillian Sulzmann, Dresden.  
Marian Dempewolf, Ila Ray, Marilyn Gamblin, Mirium Fisher, Jody Betts, Lyle Gamblin, Max and Veanna Carman, Laurene Van Otterloo, Loyd Waldo, Mary McEvoy, Ralph LaSalle, Janelle Walters, Oberlin.

## Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

On Thursday at Senior Citizens, Ralph Weis won high, Shirley Emigh took second, Marilyn Meyer got low and Edna Schiltz has the most nines. Other members present included Lola Cook, Royce Cook, Paulie Neff, Betty James, Ann Hazlitt, Carl Mumm, Bernita Aumiller, Gail Mumm, Bob Wessel and Shirley Baker.  
School Calendar: Friday - 7 p.m. Volleyball and Football at Weskan. Monday - No school, Labor Day. Tuesday - 4:30 p.m., High School Volleyball at Tribune. Thursday - Junior High Volleyball and Football at Rexford with Cheylin.  
Birthdays and anniversaries:

Sept. 3 - Roger and Cyndie Aumiller. Sept. 4 - Curt and Jennifer Spreser. Sept. 5 - Kevin Juenemann, Darin Neff, Ron and Sherri Jacobs. Sept. 6 - Mike Miller. Sept. 7 - Jerce Lobatto, Don and Katie Koeperich, Patty Ochs. Sept. 8 - Jim Rogers, Kain Priess, Jerry Juenemann, Daniel Weis. Sept. 9 - Nicholas Anderson.  
The Annual Community Barbecue will be held on Sunday, Sept. 19, at the Community Center in Selden. The city will start serving at 5 p.m. Throughout the year numerous people donate their time and skills with projects in the community. This is a thank you barbecue to everyone for their care for the city.

## Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

A fun time was had Saturday at Fireman's Funday by many local residents and out-of-towners. It takes the cooperation of all to have a successful day.  
Tom Neff and Chris Gillespie, Marion, visited her parents Stan and Ramona Shaw, Sunday and ate lunch with them.  
Paul and Kathy Nauer spent time visiting friends at the Chase County Fair, Imperial, Neb., and partying at Fort Collins, Colo., celebrating Paul's sister, Julie Kidder's 50th birthday with other family members and vacationing at Steamboat Springs, Colo. They returned home

last Tuesday.  
Neoma Tacha returned home Sunday, Aug. 29, from the Hays hospital. She had major surgery on Aug. 20th and she is doing well.  
Eugene Mrstik had knee surgery last week at Community Hospital in McCook. He is doing well and was to return home Sunday.  
Violet Foster had hip replacement surgery last week. She is doing well and will be in a swing bed while taking therapy.  
The City Council will be meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 9, instead of Sept. 2.

Call Tim Davis for all your advertising needs! 785-475-2206

**The Black Crows** Tues. Sept. 28, 8pm  
**100 Years of Broadway** Fri. Oct. 1, 8pm  
**Eric Johnson, Andy McKee, Peppino D'Agostino**  
**"The Guitar Masters"** Wed. Oct. 6, 7:30pm  
**Don Williams** Thur. Oct. 7, 7:30pm  
**Straight No Chaser** Thur. Oct. 21, 7:30pm  
**Merle Haggard** Thur. Nov. 11, 7:30pm  
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