

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**125 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1886**

Cool nights are now in order. Norcatour has voted \$1000 in bonds for a new school house. Atwood is to have a new \$5000 brick school house. There are now 80 organized school districts in Decatur County. At the county seat election in Sheridan County, Hoxie was chosen as the county seat by a large majority.

**A crosswalk has been put down on Commercial Street between the Presbyterian Church and Dr. Bariteau's residence.**

The efforts of G.F. Bogue to obtain water at his place west of town were rewarded by striking a flowing vein at the depth of 600 feet. While the flow is not large it is constant. This is the first artesian well in northwest Kansas.

The Oberlin Democrat outfit was moved to Colby last Saturday. The Herald will fill out the subscriptions of those of the Democrat list not now taking the Herald.

The route of the Norton and Oberlin stage line has been changed. By the new arrangement Oronoque becomes the eastern terminus.

**100 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1911**

Vern Bradley has been somewhat under the weather for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fahringer left Tuesday evening for California where they will make their future home.

A fire at Achilles Monday night destroyed the store of Fields & Bagdley.

A very threatening cloud made many people take to their caves Wednesday evening; but the storm did not prove to be as bad as it looked. A half inch of rain practically insures a partial crop of corn. However, at Almena the storm did considerable damage washing out the B & M tracks between Norton and Almena.

Oscar Brown and Miss Ethel Ankenman were married at the Gabriel Brown residence on Aug. 2.

The last three ball games of Chautauqua week resulted as follows: Norton 7, Oberlin 2; Norton 1, Oberlin 5; Selden 10, Oberlin 6.

**75 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1936**

The last band concert of the year will be given Friday night at Peters Park. Ted Adleman will be soloist with band accompaniment. Mr. Hostinsky asks that all members of the band who have school horns that need repairing check them in after the concert.

Eight chickens were stolen from

the Paul Marcuson chicken pen the evening of July 21. They had their chicken fry that evening but they got a little drunk and talked about it too much and Wednesday they were arrested and charged with petty larceny.

Mr. Earl Leonard was badly injured last week while working on the WPA project at Sappa Lake. A tree fell on him mashing his chest so severely that he was removed to the local hospital where he is getting along as well as can be expected.

The farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Tice, who live on the Solomon River southeast of Dresden, was completely destroyed by fire Saturday night. Only a few small pieces of furniture were saved.

Five young people of Oberlin passed the Red Cross Live Saving tests: Norma Louise Benton and Raymond Lippelmann received Senior Awards while Junior Red Cross Awards went to Harold Van Pelt, Elma Cramer and Maxine Walker. Every child or adult who wishes to learn to swim is being given the opportunity to attend free swimming lessons each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings at the local Oberlin pool.

Jimmy McKay is visiting his cousin, Harold Miller, this week. Mr. and Mrs. Shelley Barnes and children ate supper at the Willis Miller home Thursday night before leaving for Live Oaks, Calif., where they plan to make their home.

The St. John's Lutheran Church northwest of Oberlin was the scene of a pretty wedding July 22 when Miss Mildred Berndt, daughter of Mrs. Theo Berndt of Herndon, and Mr. Glen Ewing, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Ewing, Oberlin, were united in marriage by the Rev. Mr. Wegener. Fairview-Summit: Miss Gladys Smith returned Saturday from Hays where she has been attending school.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Laird are the parents of a baby son born Monday night and named Wallace Dean. Mrs. Laird and baby are at the home of her mother, Mrs. Lucy Sedustine.

Jennings: Miss Margie Warren attended the birthday party of her cousin, Veda Nielsen, at Oberlin on Sunday.

**50 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1961**

Decatur County taxpayers will welcome the news conveyed in the county budget, published in this issue of The Herald.

Funeral services for John W. Smith, 46, were held Aug. 2 at Oberlin Covenant Church.

Loy Mason will start work Monday as a mechanic in the shop of Kump Motor Company filling the position vacated by Johnnie Richards who has accepted a position in the SCS office at Atwood. Mrs. Mason will be the new home ec teacher at DCHS this fall.

Stanley Moberly will leave the last part of the week for Camp McCoy, LaCrosse, Wis, for two weeks of Reserve training.

Jennings: Funeral services for Thomas A. Brock, 86, were held at the Jennings Methodist Church. He had been a resident of the Jennings area since 1892.

Custer News: Mrs. Nobel Nelson is helping care of the new grandson, Gene Nobel, who was born July 25 and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Nelson.

**25 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1986**

A devastating hail storm hit Sunday evening cutting a wide swath through Sappa and Oberlin townships continuing through Center Townships and striking again in Allison Township. A possible 5 inches of rain and hail which lasted 45 minutes occurred at the Wayne Larson and Lemoin Raulston farms stripping corn, milo and sunflower fields and breaking windows in some areas.

Three area residents are vying for the 120th District seat for state representative vacated by Mike Hayden: Democrat Ray Lohoefer and Republican Ralph D. Unger

who faces Fred Gatlin, Atwood, in the primary election.

New Arrivals: Linda and Larry Maley, Norcatour, daughter, Hope Michelle, July 21; Christine and Michael Rix, Herndon, son, Brian James, July 22; Karmel and Daniel Chambers, Oberlin, twin sons, Daron Ray and Brett Daniel, July 22

The Bassettville Rogues men's team defeated Norcatour 8-3 and the Ludell women's team clobbered Larry Ayers Trenching 18-2 in the final games of the league softball tournament over the weekend.

Descendants of the Henry and Dora May family gathered Aug. 1 at the Golden Age Center to celebrate the family centennial. Henry Mai had arrived earlier in the U.S. from Germany and had changed the spelling of his name to "May" at the time of immigration. One hundred years ago, Henry and Dora (Siler) May came to Decatur County in a covered wagon from Washington County, Kansas, and began homestead proceedings on a quarter of land located 10 miles west and one mile north in Logan Township. In 1886, Mr. May applied for a timber claim for a second quarter of land and planted 1,000 trees, but they all died due to the drought. They were replanted the following year and in 1891, after paying \$1.25 per acre, the land was theirs.

The home place is now owned by the Walter Mays, who reside there along with their son, Roger.

## Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

By the time you read this, the fair will be in full swing.

The 4-H Building will be full of exhibits, with samples of food, photography, woodworking projects, bugs, sewing and clothing projects and many more. The livestock will be wondering where in the world they have been taken, and the open-class building will be full of beautiful needlecraft work and projects for those who still remember being in 4-H.

I don't miss all the work that was involved, but all the accomplishments and memories can't be measured in any dollar amount. The experiences are awesome. You were either freezing when washing those calves for show early in the morning or the sweat was dripping in your eyes while listening to the judges when learning what you did wrong with your food product or showing

your livestock.

My kids could tell you about many happy or trying experiences during their years of projects, and I believe they would say it was all worth it.

Also remember the Dustin Evans Concert on Saturday night at The Gateway.

There are still empty spots on the carnival sign-up sheet, so call the Chamber office in the afternoons to fill a spot.

The Farmers Market is happening every Wednesday morning beginning at 8 a.m. outside the Chamber office on Main Street. The garden produce is coming on better and there have been beets, onions, cucumbers, tomatoes, squash and corn, plus baked goods and Watkins products.

Have a great week and enjoy the fair!

## Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

The Decatur County Fair is truly fun for all ages. It is an exciting week at Cedar Living Center.

Our crafts are ready to display in the Open Class building. We have once again opted to show our crafts and not have them judged for ribbons or prize money.

We plan to make a couple of trips to the fair, weather permitting. We will travel to the fair grounds on Wednesday evening to see the sights and sample a few treats, then we will return on Friday morning to ride the train. We also have an afternoon of carnival games planned on Thursday.

We kept busy this past week with the usual round of activities. Residents met on Monday afternoon for a game of penny cards. There were several winners and snacks were served following the game. Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led the sing-along time before supper on Monday.

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

Juanita Williby and Dolores Deperschiedt assisted the Catholic residents with saying the Rosary on Wednesday afternoon and Fr. Mark Berland brought Communion on Thursday morning.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study

lesson Wednesday afternoon. Stuart, representing St. John's Lutheran Church, was also the leader for the Sunday Worship Service Sunday afternoon.

Several residents met to try their luck at bowling on Thursday afternoon. The reading of The Oberlin Herald was on the schedule before supper.

The dietary and nursing departments assisted the baking group with making chocolate chip cookies on Friday afternoon.

Tom Votapka brought in a big bag of sweet corn for the residents to enjoy. Fresh garden treats are always a big hit.

The activity department received a donation of a lovely bag of candy to be used for bingo prizes. The bag and note showed up in the office early this week, but no one took credit for the donation so we do not know who to thank. It is however, much appreciated.

Recent visitors: Susie Youngblood, Linda Files, Delpha Sis, Jaelynn Sis, Atwood; Esther Pennington, Ann Solko, Linda Bosler, Herndon; Norma Ward, Clayton; Tara Carson, Colby.

Lyle Gamblin, Carol Kompus, Marian Dempewolf, Ila Ray, Mirium Fisher, Robert and Penny Fringer.

## Selden News

By Jacque Boullinghouse

School enrollment at Golden Plains will be Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 9 and 10, from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., with the first day of school Wednesday, Aug. 24. First day for 3-year-old preschool will be Monday, Aug. 29, and first day for 4-year-old preschool will be Tuesday, Aug. 30.

On Thursday during Senior Citizens at the Community Center, Bob Wessel won high, Jeanie Spresser took second, Pat Wessel got low and Ralph Weis had the most nines. Other members present included: Betty James, Lillian Sulzman, Carl Mumm, Paulie Neff, Matt Finnesy, Ann Hazlitt, Gail Mumm and Shirley Emigh.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Aug. 5 - David Zodrow, Sara Jueneemann, Marilyn Kaus, Corey Shaw, Paul and Karla Bruggeman. August 6 - Mike Beckman, Dick and Pat Stevenson, Robbie Koerperich. Aug. 7 - Ben and Kelsey Rhodes, Jesse Mumm, Cory Wurm, Laura Ritter. Aug. 8 - Rick and Tammy Shaw, Clara Gillum, Casey and Shannon Shaw. Aug. 9 - Nick and Elaine Koerperich, Ty Gillum, Robyn Wessel. Aug. 10 - Doug Wessel, Kevin and Kayla Wurm, Dallas Koerperich, ReChelle Kennedy, DaLaena Neff. Aug. 11 - Mike Ritter, Rhonda Sabatka, Ben Wessel, Gary and Clara Gillum.

## Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Les and Myrna Pettera, Loveland, Colo., were Friday morning visitors of their aunt, Esther Pennington.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Duane Allacher. Duane was a 1952 graduate of Herndon High, born to Ernie and Freda Klawonn Allacher in 1934. Duane died Wednesday, July 20, 2011 in Aurora, Colo.

Dean, Deb, Marcus and Neil Portschy returned home from vacation Tuesday. They spent five days at the Hilton Tamaya Resort near Albuquerque, N.M. They enjoyed golfing, swimming, shopping and relaxing in the beautiful surroundings of the Resort.

Chris and Alex Hosaka, Alpharetta, Ga., and Carol Kompus, Oberlin, drove to Salina for the rosary and funeral of Gary LeSage. Meeting them in Salina were JL and Lauri Fox, Valley Center, and Brian, Stef and Adrian, Euleus, Tx. The funeral was held at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Salina.

Following lunch, the family met at the Troy and Connie LeSage home, visiting with Larry and Bernie Kompus and Cyndi, Bradley and Clare, daughter of Larry and Bernie's of Thornton. All of Carol's daughters gathered at Lauri and J.L.'s for the weekend, celebrating an early birthday for Stef, Lauri and

J.L. left for a week in Florida and the rest returned home on Sunday.

Les and Myrna Pettera, Loveland, Colo., and Janice Sattler, Atwood, were Friday evening dinner guests of Bob and Julie Hafner. Mary Clark was a brief visitor.

Bonnie Franke drove to Belleville on Sunday morning, where she met Brenda Van Horn to pick up Candae and J.D., who will be visiting her for a week. They drove to Campbell, Neb., where they visited Dale and Gwen Needham.

**Julie's Memory Joggers**  
The Herndon Nonpareil  
August 21, 1919

The violin recital at the Opera House last Wednesday evening by Andrew Wendelin, assisted by Misses Ramona and Irene Wolkenstorfer, was highly appreciated by the audience. In this day of Phonograph, Victrola, Jazz Bands and Player Pianos, we are getting such a flood of ragtime, jazz and canned music that we are losing interest and appreciation of the really fine points of the music art.

Mr. Wendelin is a member of the Edison Symphony Orchestra of Chicago and is known as the artist pupil of the great Maurice Goldblatt. He left last Saturday to resume his studies at the Conservatory.

## Good Samaritan Center News

By Lisa Paulson

It's Fair Time again! We are busy getting our projects ready for the judges. Come to the 4-H Building see what we've been doing.

Loren Schrock has made a wonderful airplane out of pop cans and a wooden covered wagon that he is very proud of and the Artsy-Craftsy ladies will be entering some batik wall hangings, woven sunflowers and much more in the open class building.

In the Commercial Building we will have nice display highlighting our STAR's program. The Residents will be there Wednesday night to enjoy the food, games and visiting on the midway. You can be sure Earl Brown will be there if he is able; I don't think anyone enjoys the Fair more than he does!

We used the festive Fair week activities to blend a little Circus flair to our weekly events. The pond area has been transformed into a Circus ring complete with announcer and performing animals. All in anticipation of the Music Cir-

cus Day planned for this Thursday afternoon. We are looking forward to seeing and hearing a joy-filled court yard as 30 kids gather together to make music! We can hardly wait to watch them perform for us at 3:20 p.m. and you are welcome to join us! While you are here, make sure to walk the hallways to see all the Circus Performers who reside here. It is sure to make you laugh!

On Monday, Janice Shobe, Pat Fringer and Marilyn Horn hosted a Special Bingo game. Bingo is such a favorite around here; everyone comes out for the fun. Prizes included edible treats, stuffed animals, trinkets and knick-knacks. Nobody went home empty-handed!

Now for the Club Minutes: The Artsy Craftsy Club met in the Garden of Hope for a special luncheon in the "Courtyard Café." Anita is the chef and prepared a lovely atmosphere where the ladies could enjoy her good cooking and a time of relaxed fellowship.

The Storytellers met Wednesday to write a story that will be put into screen play. Next month instead of the story being read, it will be performed! Card Club had two nights of poker this month thanks to Max Carman, our official dealer. The Artsy Craftsy Club also did some "cheater-art" paintings on Tuesday.

Don't forget Friday, Aug. 5, at 1 p.m. we will host our annual Fair Days Pet Parade. This combines two of our favorite things — Kids and animals, plan to join us!

Recent guests: Edie Tate for **Lois Carlson**. Eunice Martin for **Glenn Martin**. Von Johnson for **Crystal Moore**. Marilyn Horn for **Myrtle Ross**. Loyd Waldo, and Jody Betts for **Mary Waldo**. Dave Meyer and "Sable" for **Charlene Meyer**. Johnny and Connie Simonsson for **Amy Rehm** and **Ollie**. Max and Veanna Carman for **Myrtle Waldo**. Arrian Arnold (Herndon) and Galen Olson for **Edla Olson**. Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh, and Jeanne

and Keri Britton (Thornton, Colo.) for **Opal Bryan**. Mert McEvoy for **Lucy Schissler**. Reva Marshall and Ron and Dixie Snyder (Colby) for **Dorothy Hunt**. Murry and Audrey Pavlicek for **Mary Lemman**. Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem) for **Doris Marintzer**. Jerry Hill for **Cheryl Hill**. The Scott family for **Evelyn Olson**. Barb and Brian (Atwood) for **Don Gilbert**. Cheryl Miller for **Loren Schrock**. Ralph and Norma Unger for **Walt and Betty May**, **Alice Bobbitt**, **Evelyn Olson** and **Opal Bryan**. Bob and Neoma Tacha for **Emma Sanford**. Mildred Holmdahl for **Edla Olson** and **Lois Carlson**

## Midway News

By MaryLou Olson

Jim, Renae, Christa and Jamie Wolf arrived at the home of John and Ardythe Cederberg late on Saturday night for bed and breakfast as they were en route back to Pierre, S.D., after spending the past week at the National Little Britches Rodeo competition in Pueblo, Colo., where Christa and Jamie competed.

Jamie went home with four new belt buckles to add to his collection, one of which was for third place in the World for calf roping (based on points accrued during the year) and one was for the sixth place finish in calf roping at Pueblo.

The congregation of the Herndon Covenant Church will meet at 10 a.m. Sunday for morning worship services at the Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin.

Brenda Kelley, Kendra and Jessica came last week to visit Dick and Donna Kelley. Mrs. Kelley returned home, but the girls remained to attend the Decatur County Fair.

Hana Withington, granddaughter of Gary and Mary Ann Erickson, will be teaching special education in Eldorado this year.

She is the daughter of Dale and Debbie (Erickson) Withington of

Chetopa.

Frank and Margaret McEvoy returned home last week from Hotchkiss, Colo., where they had visited their son, Evan McEvoy, Renee and Alex. En route they visited Ruthie Swanson at Rifle, Colo., a former resident of this community.

Michael and Erin Kittson and Nolan of Montana visited last week with her parents, Chris and Sherri Schmidt and other relatives.



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