

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1886
J. J. Keefer of Hooker has just completed a neat new house on his place.

It was 112 degrees in the shade Tuesday, yet some folks were complaining of the heat.

Mrs. H.O. Douglas, who has been visiting in Colorado for some time past, returned this week.

E.M. Coldren is fast acquiring a reputation as one of the best auctioneers in these parts.

W.C. McGonigal has been appointed surveyor by the governor.

On Saturday, Aug 8th, the corner stone of the new M.E. Church was laid with appropriate ceremonies by Mountain Slope Lodge No.

186. A.W. Bariteau conducted the ceremonies assisted by U.I. Ward, J.D. Hayes, W.A. Burnett, G. Webb

Bertram, Ed Carmichael, W.C. McGonigal and about 60 members of the order. The religious ceremonies were conducted by the pastor, Rev. Nulton.

100 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1911
M.E. Mix is having difficulty in getting corn to feed his cattle.

W.H. Montgomery says he has corn that will make 50 bushels per acre.

Ray Bobbitt arrived home from near Hutchinson Saturday evening, having ridden 61 miles on his bicycle Saturday to reach home.

Allison Items: The members of the Christian Church bought the F.M. Wheelock house last week and moved it just west of the church and are remodeling it for a parsonage.

A couple of Oberlin men took a trip on the gasoline-propelled handcar Sunday all the way to Almena to get a mess of potatoes for dinner, and didn't get any.

75 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1936
Nearly 2,400 votes were cast in Tuesday's primary election. Three persons whose names were not even on the ballot received more than the necessary number of votes (100) to have their names on the ballot in November: Iva Millen for clerk of the district court; Wallace Wolfe for county attorney and Maye Banta for county superintendent.

Sam Francis, the beloved and admired former DCHS athlete and snow star fullback on the Nebraska Cornhusker football team placed fourth in the Olympic shot put in Berlin, Germany.

Hans Woellke, German entry, captured first with a put of 53 feet, 1 and 13/16 inches. In contests here in the States, Sam

has reached a distance of 53 feet and he topped all three U.S. entries with a throw of a little over 50 feet. The writer received a postcard from Sam Monday relating what a good time he is having. On the front of the card is a picture of the boat the American team crossed on.

Court House News: Only one marriage license was given to us by Probate Judge McLaughlin and it was of Emery Johnson and Crystal Brunk, both of Norcatour, and they were married on Aug. 1.

Next week Oberlin will entertain about 100 rural and elementary teachers here to attend the Decatur County Professional Institute.

The Oberlin Herald recently became a member of the Half-Century Club sponsored by the American Press which recognizes all newspapers who have been in existence 50 years or more.

The Herald is in its 58th year of service.

Young Henry Beardsley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beardsley, cut his thumb and first finger on his right hand badly Monday while he and several of his small pals were busy beheading grasshoppers with his Boy Scout hatchet so for a while he will be left-handed.

Jennings: Dr. J.L. Boulls, formerly of Jennings but now of Trinidad, Colo., informs us he has just returned from a cruise to Alaska and he wishes all of his old friends from Decatur County could have been with them as "it was the finest ocean trip in the world."

Big Timber: Frank Beers lost six fine cows last week. They were in the feed only a few minutes.

Pleasant Valley: The Lone Star school board met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orval Thiesen. Mrs. Blaine Steele will be the teacher for the coming year.

Harold Lohofener and Wayne Landau are driving new Chevrolts.

50 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1961
As the 1961-62 school year approaches, more and more people are becoming interested, and curious, in the school district organization bill passed in the 1961 session of the Kansas Legislature.

A meeting of the school planning board comprised of one member from each district board and one alternate has been set for Aug. 22 by Edith Anderson, county superintendent of schools.

The weather man smiled on the Decatur County Fair this week and as a result this year's fair will

probably will be one of the most successful ever staged.

Oberlin took second in team points at the swimming meet at Hoxie Saturday.

A 40th anniversary dinner was given for Mr. and Mrs. Swan Cederberg at the Frontier Cafe Aug. 2.

The Rev. and Mrs. O.G. Brown celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 30 with a dinner at the Green Lantern Cafe.

Mrs. Brown is the fifth child of Mr. and Mrs. John Ankenman to celebrate a 50th wedding anniversary.

Norcatour: Forrest Carter, who suffered a heart attack while working on the ranch north of his home last week, is improving under treatment in the Decatur County Hospital.

25 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1986
Decatur County commissioners heard reports from recreation director Dan Buchanan and spokesman Rusty Addleman on the proposed ball complex at the fairgrounds when they met Tuesday.

Most parts of the county received additional rainfall last week and some hail was reported.

According to Tom Wonsetler, Servi-Tech representative for some areas of the county, this was the sixth hail storm of the season and while some crops are completely devastated, others have damage amounting to 20 to 30 percent.

He estimates that most fall crops are better than average and

there is little danger of damage by an early frost.

Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Bader of Oberlin announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Marie, to Kevin Dean McCarty, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie McCarty, El-linwood.

A Sept. 26, 1986, wedding has been set.

Michelle Addleman, daughter of Rusty and Sharon Addleman, has been chosen from this district as a Rotary International exchange scholar and will leave Aug. 21 to fly to Papakura, New Zealand to study and spend a year experiencing another culture.

Funer services were held in Great Bend for a former Oberlin resident, Glen Miller, 66, the son of the late Willis and Josie (McKay) Miller.

He is survived by his wife and five children; two brothers and two sisters.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Cameron, Wichita, twins, Brooke Nicole and Brandon Cole, 8-11-86; Terry and Peggy Ream, Oberlin, daughter, Abby Jean, 8-7-86.

The Centennial Bowl in Oberlin, owned and operated by Merle Snyder since 1983, observed its 25th anniversary Aug. 1.

Art Dowling constructed the building on south U.S. 83 and others who have operated the business over the past 25 years include Joe Corcoran, Howard Mace, Don Harris, Rick Salem and Everett and Barbara Sperry.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

The Cedar Living Center family was saddened to learn of the death of Stuart Euhus this past week. Stuart was a long-time member of our volunteer crew.

He had been the facilitator of our Bible study class for more than a dozen years. He was a true and faithful servant to the residents of Cedar Living Center as well as to the beliefs that he taught so well.

Stuart was just as dedicated when the class was for three residents as when the group numbered 10. Some of his pupils were known to drift off to sleep or to have little memory of the class the next day, and yet he soldiered on, always putting time and energy into his teaching.

He will be greatly missed.

Tara Votapka will be back on the job this week after being gone on vacation for a 10-day trip to Brazil. The residents are looking forward to hearing about her travels.

Several residents met for a game of dice on Monday afternoon. There were many winners and everyone reported having a good time.

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

Ira Kolsky won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon. Other players included Darlene Fisher, Irene Fringer, Alvina Gamblin, Donna Kent, Wilma LaSalle, Wilma May, Joan Noble, Mary Votapka, and Max Ward.

Volunteers Ila Ray and Marian Dempewolf assisted with

the game.

In honor of National Watermelon Day, residents met on Wednesday afternoon for trivia about melons. Watermelon was served for a snack.

Residents met on Thursday for an afternoon of carnival games. We had a soda can toss, basketball hoop, and much more.

Residents received chips for participating in each game and in the end each traded in the chips for a small stuffed animal. Ice cream bars were served as a treat at the end of the game.

Staff members delivered ice cream to those who stayed in their rooms for the afternoon.

The weather and problems with the train kept us from our annual trip to the fair grounds to ride the train. We are working with the train crew and the Good Samaritan residents to try to reschedule the ride.

The baking group made snickerdoodle cookies on Friday afternoon. The residents, staff, and a few extra visitors cleaned up the whole batch of cookies very quickly.

Recent visitors: Susie Youngblood, Linda Files, Atwood; Stacie, Emily, Rodney, Kaidyn, Ryleigh Coyle, Rossville; Gregg Sayer, Cambridge; Kelly Olson, Manhattan; Linda Bosler, Herndon; Ken and Julie Carter, Jennings; Peg Smith, McCook; Norma Ward, Clayton.

Robert Fringer, Lyle Gamblin, Marilyn Gamblin, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

Ladies and Gentlemen, Boys and Girls. Step right up to see the Greatest Show on Earth!

Those words, spoken by a mustached Ringmaster (Lisa Paulson) could be heard coming from Town Square as Good Sam's Silly Three Ring Circus began.

With the festive circus decorations as a backdrop, staff members were introduced and surprised as their circus acts were announced.

Anita Hirsch came on stage complete with a tailcoat, whip and (tiny) chair to tame Todd (Jo Henderson's grandson) the ferocious lion.

Susan Hrnchir was our tightrope walker. She was dressed with a yellow boa and held an umbrella for balance.

Penny Smith, our clown, donned a green wig and clown nose and rode across the stage on a mini tricycle.

Janice Shobe tried her best to get our three rings (hula hoops) spinning all at the same time.

Jo Henderson, our trick horseback rider, climbed up on Butterscotch and did some acrobatics.

In between acts, other staff did Minute to Win It games. What fun. Ice cream was served up all around.

Thursday was circus No. 2, Music Circus Day.

This time about 40 kids from the community joined music teachers, Jennifer Tally, Susan Nelson and Sarah Bricker, along with a host of musical volunteers: Anita and Joe Hirsch, Stephanie and Shawn Troyer, Serena Stacy, Caleb Koerperich, Tim Larson and Matthew Helm.

The kids spent time in the very warm court yard divided into four groups. They rotated through stations of drums, boom-whackers, song and dance.

Then they all came together in the cool of the air-conditioned Town Square to perform

"Rockin' Robin" for a crowd of parents and residents.

Other fair day activities included dressing chickens (city-girl style) and our annual rooster crowing contest.

Edla Olson took the Crowing Trophy with her version of a Swedish rooster crow. Runners-up were Amy Rehm, Walt May and Eva Bryan.

Fair time is always friend time: Kollyn and Luke Shippers, Brian and Shaundell Van Pelt and Murry and Audrey Pavlicek for **Myrtle Moore**; Marilyn Horn for **Myrtle Ross**; Loyd Waldo and Jody Betts for **Mary Waldo**; Dave Meyer and gSable h for **Charlene Meyer**; Alyce Avery, Connie Simonsson and Esther Ready, New York, for **Amy Rehm**; Max Carman for **Myrtle Waldo**; Arian Arnold, Herndon, and Galen Olson for **Edla Olson**; Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh, and Jeanne and Kerri Britton, Thornton, Colo., for **Opal Bryan**; Mert McEvoy for **Lucy Schissler**;

Reva Marshall, Penny Fringer, Tara Larson, Sarah and Baily Wolfe, Colby, and Ellen and Iris Osborne, Wichita, for **Dorothy Hunt**; Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem), Stan and Becky Faimon, Stratton, Neb., and Luke Marintzer, Atwood, for **Doris Marintzer**; Jerry Hill for **Cheryl Hill**; The Scott family and Kelly Olson, Manhattan, for **Evelyn Olson**; Barb and friends, Atwood, for **Don Gilbert**; Cheryl Miller for **Loren Schrock**;

Dick and Donna Kelley, Gary Anderson, Kirk Kelley, Davenport, Iowa, Mason Kenny and Helen Jaderborg, Longmont, Colo., Jan Sauvage, Denver, Janie Richards, Raleigh, N.C., and Margaux and Alex Sauvage, LaJolla, Calif., for **Eva Bryan**.

Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

Another year of the fair is over, and school is fast approaching. Time just keeps marching on.

A couple of events coming up are the Decatur Health Systems Annual Golf Benefit this Saturday, and the Chamber Back-to-School Picnic on Wednesday, August 17.

The golf benefit starts at the Oberlin Country Club at 8 a.m., with supper at the American Legion at 7 p.m. Dinner tickets are still available. Call 475-2208 for information.

The Back-to-School Picnic will start at 6:30 p.m. at City Park. Barbecue beef, buns, water and tea will be provided.

Everyone should bring a covered dish, table service and lawn chairs. New teachers and doctors are invited to the picnic to be introduced to the public.

The Oberlin Herald and other business sponsors will draw for the winner of the \$1,000 Shopping

Spree. The Chamber will have a drawing for \$200 in shopping at Raye's Grocery. Tickets are available from any Chamber board member: Ken Shobe, Amanda Grafel, Candi Ketterl, Shelby Hackney, Judy Scott, Marvin Slabaugh or Carol Stamm, or at the Chamber office from 1 to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

I would like to again thank all the people who have contributed to helping make Sappa Park a place to enjoy. I was privileged to attend my grandson's wedding last Saturday at the park, and even though the weather was warm, the scene was absolutely wonderful.

There is water in the pond, and everything is green and well kept. I will get a few pictures together and put them in my window within a few days. Please stop by to see them. And have a great week!

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Roger and Susan May, Ryan and Erin vacated at Disney World in Orlando, Fla., July 20 to 23, and then enjoyed a Disney cruise July 24 - 29 with Susan's parents, Gerry and Darlene Schaffer, siblings Steve and Laura Schaffer, John and Kate; Sharon Mason and fiancé Gene Lancaster, Maddy and Zoe; and Bob and Amy Schaffer, Ally, Jack and Nick.

John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica returned home Sunday evening, July 31, after vacationing for a few days in Greeley, Colo., visiting her cousin and family, Brian and Hannah Hartman, Phillip and Brianna.

They were unable to visit with their other daughter, Jeanette, who is studying environmental engineering and interning this summer with a gold mine corporation in Nevada.

Gerald Olson is undergoing rehabilitation at Immanuel Rehabilitation Hospital, 8th floor, room #856, 6901 N. 72nd St., Omaha, Neb., 68122. His phone number in the room is 402-717-6856. He would enjoy receiving cards and phone calls. His wife, Connie, is with him.

They can also be reached on their cell phones, (785) 475-4795 for him and (785) 475-4796 for Connie.

Norman and Joanne Wendelin visited Bill and Bonnie Condit in Winfield this past week.

Robin Kottsieper, a 2011 International Farm Youth Exchange Representative from Remscheid, Germany, arrived Monday to spend three weeks with the Roland May family to learn about farming in our area. From here, he will live with three other Kansas farm families before returning home.

Esther Ready and husband, David Chomowicz, New York, were Monday evening supper guests of John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica.

At the Decatur County Fair, Ryan May took Market Beef Grand Champion and third place/blue ribbon in Senior Showmanship at the 4-H steer show Wednesday morn-

ing, as well as purple in both 4-H foods and his educational wheat project display.

Erin May received Junior photography Grand Champion, three purple ribbons in photography, two purple ribbons in foods, three purple ribbons and a blue ribbon in arts, and a blue ribbon in Junior Showmanship with her steer, all in the 4-H division at the Decatur County Fair.

Ryan and Erin May's grandparents, Gerry and Darlene Schaffer, and great-uncle, Leroy Moos, attended the 4-H steer show Wednesday morning.

Elizabeth Nedland received Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion in geology, Grand Champion in sewing, a purple ribbon in cooking, and a Reserve Grand Champion in photography, all in the 4-H division at the Decatur County Fair.

Ernest and Donna May, Tonganoxie, were Wednesday to Friday guests of his parents, Martin and Evelyn May, while they enjoyed the Decatur County Fair and visited with family and friends.

Marvin May was an additional supper guest at the Martin May home Wednesday evening.

Greg and Janice Cundiff, Marvin May, Kalen Townsend, Andy and Kelly May and Lauren, Ernest and Donna May, and Martin and Evelyn May enjoyed supper at an area restaurant Thursday evening.

Dixie Lee (Patton) Hofmann and her son, Richard Hofmann, Littleton, Colo., accompanied by Gail and Kay Marcuson, were Saturday visitors of Norman and Joanne Wendelin. Dixie Lee's parents were Fred and Cora (Gierhart) Patton, and Fred built the Wendelin home in 1914.

Dixie, who was born in the house in 1924 and married in the house in 1945, shared many memories of the home while visiting with the Wendelins.

Ladd Wendelin, Lincoln, Neb.;

Greta Wendelin, Lawrence, and Igor Perel, Overland Park, were weekend visitors at the Norman Wendelin home, and along with Norman and Joanne Wendelin, attended the wedding of Emily Timm and Cedric Green in Atwood this weekend.

Keith and Roma Grafel, Council Grove; Kris and Farah Erickson and Christian, Lindsborg; and Ellen Osborne and Iris, Wichita, were visitors of Norman and Joanne Wendelin while they were here for

the Decatur County Fair.

Richard May, Lawrence, was a weekend guest of the Roger May family. While here, he visited his parents, Walter and Betty May.

John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica and Roger and Susan May were among those attending a reception Sunday afternoon at the United Methodist Church basement in Oberlin in honor of Anne Wason and Frank Emert's recent engagement, hosted by Dan and Carol Wason.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

St. Mary's Catholic Church, Herndon, will celebrate its Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Monday, beginning with Mass at 5:30 p.m.

Hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages will be provided following Mass. Please bring salad or dessert and join in this celebration of the parish.

Area residents extend sympathy to the family of Jeanette Pollnow Huffles of Arvada, Colo., who died on Aug. 5. She was born to Hugo and Kathryn Pollnow of Oberlin and passed away under the care of Hospice in Arvada. She was a 1950 graduate of Decatur Community High School in Oberlin.

A funeral mass will be held at St. Joan of Arc parish in Arvada on Wednesday. Viewing will be at St. Mary's, Herndon, on Thursday, Aug. 11, at 10:30 a.m. with rosary following at 11 a.m. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. Lunch will be served at the Herndon Senior Center for family and friends following the burial.

Caitie, Allie, Caleb and Elijah Foxhoven, Parker, Colo., spent last week with their grandparents, Bob and Julie Hafner. Their number one choice was the fair in the evenings,

having fun with family, while afternoons were spent swimming.

Family met in Stratton, Colo., for dinner Sunday and enjoyed a tour of Our Lady of the Plains Prayer Park meditative gardens before returning home to Parker.

Julie's Memory Joggers
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• Palmer-Escher wedding at St. Mary's Catholic Church May 22. Ann Rachelle is daughter of Francis and Aurelia Escher and Tom is son of Rosetta Palmer of Hays.

• An estimated 4,000 flock to the Herndon Ox-Roast. Awards were given to: Best-dressed ladies, Beulah Pitner with Wilma Tongish and Arlene Glad, runners-up.

Beard winner was John Cederberg followed by Harlan Grafel and Kenny Sattler.

Best mustache was sported by Alan Hartner with runners-up Rich Grafel and John Tongish. The Old Timers ball game between Atwood and Herndon drew an enthusiastic crowd.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Corrected item: Lila Jennings hosted a dinner Wednesday evening honoring David and Jodi Mrstik, Oshkosh, Wis., and Cruz Mrstik, California. Others present were Eugene and Dona Mrstik, Brian Jennings, Brett Jennings and Rhonda Jennings.

Kevin and Colleen Wagoner, Sharon Springs, spent the weekend visiting her parents, Stan and Ramona Shaw. On Saturday evening they all attended a family gathering in Hoxie to honor Kevin's parents, Alice and Wilford Wagoner, on their 65th Wedding Anniversary.

The 53rd Stramp family descendants reunion was held Sunday at the Sunflower Senior Center.

Bill and Karon Mizell, Cotter, Ark., spent several days visiting at the home of Bob and Neoma Tacha. All attended the reunion on Sunday.

Are you interested in the Jennings City budget for 2012? A budget hearing will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Sunflower Senior Center. Council meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m.

Inmates from the Norton Correctional Facility are to be working this week cleaning curbs and painting and perhaps trimming trees, if time allows.

We received a nice rain, about .60 of an inch, Sunday morning.



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