

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Joan Betts

125 YEARS AGO — July 1887

The report reached here Monday that a waterspout broke over the town of Blakeman in Rawlins County Sunday and such was the force of the storm that but two buildings were left standing.

The race last Thursday between Jake Riley's pony and a mule supposedly owned at Lenora, for a purse of \$100 attracted the largest crowd ever assembled to witness a race in Oberlin. The race was won with ease by the mule. It is estimated \$3000 in side bets was up on the result.

W.A. Lloyd has moved his stock of groceries to the building formerly occupied by Hickley's drug store.

Editor Street put in the claim to have the first roasting ears of the season.

The Lincoln Land Co. refused an offer of \$8000 for the quarter of land laying north of the Hitchcock addition last week.

A petition is being circulated in Oberlin to call an election to bond the district in the sum of \$10,000.00 for the erection of a brick school-house.

100 YEARS AGO — July 1912

The Oberlin team lost the Fourth of July game at Norton by the score of 6-3; O'Toole and Gersner were the battery for Oberlin; Crane and C. Graves for Norton.

John H. Hayward's team staged a runaway down Penn Avenue Monday; an auto frightening the team.

J.A. Quinn was in Kansas City last week and with some other friends went down to Las Vegas, N. Mex., and saw the big fight between Jack Johnson and Jim Flinn.

Will Chapin's team ran away with his buggy, and in a collision with telephone pole badly wrecked the buggy.

The people up the Sappa celebrated the Fourth of July at the Joe Brown grove and a splendid time is reported.

Sappa Items: Lem Gillette's son Allan was quite sick with rheumatism last week.

Vern Bradley reports a lot of good wheat between Oberlin and Atwood.

This office has received a paper from Gus Lohofener at Burkbur-

nett, Texas, telling of the striking of oil in that town. We hope Gus becomes a millionaire.

75 YEARS AGO — July 1937

Allaying any misapprehension that may have been created by rumors that the city water is polluted or in unhealthy condition was the recent report from samples sent to the state laboratories that the water is in excellent condition from a bacteriological standpoint.

Harvest is well along and should be in the stack, bin or shock by the end of the week. Out in Summit Township Tolle Hoppas had some fallow wheat that produced 12 bushels an acre and Guy Shaw in Oberlin Township harvested some 15 and 20 bushel wheat from fallowed ground.

Sam Francis, idol of Oberlin football fans, has signed up to play with the Chicago Bears.

During the rainstorm Sunday evening the Jennings community was visited with close to a cloudburst as the rain gauge there showed over three inches in brief period.

Mr. and Mrs. E.W. Winget and daughter, Dena Mae are moving today to Norton where Mrs. Winget has received an appointment as dietician at the State sanitarium. After graduating from Kansas University, she took six month's training at Mayo Hospital and was employed at the Desert Sanitarium in Tucson, Ariz.

The 58th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Hauger in Beaver Township was celebrated by over 100 friends and neighbors who brought ice cream and cake the evening of June 27th and had such a good time that none departed until after the midnight hour.

The new Federated pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Delbert Wickstrom, are making their home in one of the apartments at the H.Q. Banta home until the parsonage is vacated.

Mr. and Mrs. Denzil Reist are the parents of a 9-pound son born July 3 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elam Reist. The baby has been given the name of Ronald Rex.

Hospital News: Saturday Mrs. Bartos Brown and baby were dismissed.

50 YEARS AGO — July 1962

A new dining room addition at the Frontier Cafe, "the birch room," has been completed and opened to the public. According to manager Mrs. Dale Brunk, the area will seat 16 persons and can be closed off for private parties.

Andrew (Andy) Castle has sold the entire stock and most of the equipment of the Oberlin Service station to Cloyd B. Railsback. Castle purchased the station in April 1959 from Keith Nicodemus. Prior to this Castle was the service manager at Oberlin Motor company for over 20 years.

Max Jones, Salina, has transferred to Colby as sales representative for the Standard Oil Company. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jones, reside at 705 East Maple in Oberlin.

A fall wedding has been planned by Shirley Unger and Larry Barenberg. Both are graduates of Herndon High School and are employed in Denver.

Nuptial vows were recited June 24 at the Brush, Colo., Methodist Church by Miss Deanna Laker and Gary Grose.

25 YEARS AGO — July 1987

A full afternoon and evening of activities is scheduled for the Great Northwest Ah's Festival to be held at Oberlin City Park and Smick

Field on Sunday, July 26. At 6 p.m. the Goodland Brass Band directed by Nancy (Wurm) Shores will present a free program in the bandshell and food and craft booths will be open.

The main events of the evening will be the drum and bugle corps of Rosemont, Ill, the Cavaliers who have placed in international competition and for the third year in a row, the Sky Ryders based in Hutchinson.

Sponsor of the Festival is the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce. Topping the evening will be a fireworks display by the Oberlin Jaycees.

A red-hot Selden team whipped all contenders to win the Men's District softball tournament held in Oberlin. Members are Mike Neff, Denny Spresser, Russ Aumiller, Dan Shaw, Rick Shaw, Alan Spresser, Todd Jacobs, Shon Thornton, Leroy Spresser, Chuck Neff and Bruce Larue.

Miss Frontier contestants from Decatur County are Terri Harmon and Robyn Russell, both 1986 graduates of DCHS. Terri, who will be a sophomore majoring in pre-med at Fort Hays State, will accompany herself on the piano as she sings an Amy Grant number in the talent division while Robyn, a sophomore at Wichita State University where her major is dental hygiene, will play a piano solo.

Museum Matters

By Sharleen Wurm

It is Hot outside and the Museum is heating up in preparation for the restoration of the 1886 Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Depot. Restoration that will include scraping, replacing rotting boards, filling, priming and painting is set to start in just a few weeks.

This is an expensive project and if you would like to donate to this restoration, checks can be sent to: Decatur County Museum, 258 S. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749 or dropped off at the office during regular hours. For any donation of over \$100 a plaque will be hung in

the depot showing names of donors. We are a 501 non-profit institution and all donations made to the museum are tax deductible.

Have some interesting history on the depot, agents, and early railroads that will be included in the following week's news articles.

We are also preparing for Mini Sapa, which this year is on Sunday, Sept. 30. Note the change of date. A Historical Cemetery Tour in the older section of the Oberlin Cemetery is being planned. So mark your calendars and be watching for more information.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

The dog days of summer have arrived, so we decided to make the best of it at Cedar Living Center. Monday afternoon was all about dogs.

Several dogs spent time going from room to room to visit with residents. Paisley and her master, Nicole Connell of Atwood, was the first to make the rounds. She was followed by Teresa Shaughnessy and Dolly as well as Helen Karnopp and Brodie. Fiona, all decked out in her finest attire, and Valerie Albert also visited.

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

Residents joining in on the fun at bingo on Tuesday afternoon included Audra Duncan, Juanita Eckhart, Darlene Fisher, Irene Fringer, Alvina Gamblin, Wanda Heller, Helen Helm, Wilma May, Joan Noble, Alice Shirley, and Mary Votapka.

Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of the Faith Lutheran Church gave the monthly Communion service on the Cedar Living Center patio Tuesday afternoon.

Several residents met for a game of dice and a social hour on Wednesday afternoon.

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

The P.E.O. Club hosted the July birthday party in the Cedar Living

Center dining room on Thursday afternoon. The club provided musical entertainment and served doughnuts to an appreciative group of residents. Mary Votapka and David Shepard were recognized for having July birthdays and each received a gift.

There were lots of laughs when several residents met on Thursday evening to play games.

The baking group whipped up a batch of homemade cookies on Friday afternoon for residents, staff, and guests to enjoy.

The dietary and activity departments provided ice cream sundaes for dessert during supper on Sunday. Sundaes on Sunday have become a once a month special treat at Cedar Living Center. We had an assortment of toppings to choose from, including whipped cream and a cherry for the top.

Recent visitors: Kathy Shaffer, Jim and Yanis Helm, McCook; Kelly Olson, Manhattan; Mike, Deb, Timothy, and Matthew Helm, Norcat; Kathy Brashears, Curtis, Neb.; Jacob Helm, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo.; Leon and Marita Portschy, Linda Bosler, Herndon; Martin and Ceanne Rinehart, Colby; Leah, Dylan, Maria, and Derek Downer, Cambridge, Neb.

Stephani Hawkins, Carol Kompus, Eula Juenemann, Catherine Neal, Penny and Robert Fringer, the Rev. Nancy Proffitt, Oberlin.

Decatur Health Systems

By Becky Wilson

Working through pain or stiffness in the joints from injury, disease or age is an important aspect of health that has a real impact on patients' quality of life. This is provided by the physical therapy department at Decatur Health Systems, which is adding another therapist to help work with our patients.

Paul Sheets, a physical therapist with Southwest Nebraska Physical Therapy in McCook, will be bringing 20 years of experience to Oberlin on Mondays and Thursdays, with extra days possible as demand dictates.

Mr. Sheets graduated from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in 1992, and is a certified athletic trainer as well, which will be useful once the fall sports season kicks into gear. He will be joining Decatur Health's two full-time physical therapists, Jody Robertson and Jessica Townsend.

The physical therapy department is responsible for helping with inpatient as well as outpatient therapy, and with regular therapy of the residents of Cedar Living Center. They use equipment including traction tables and recumbent bicycles,

as well as simple exercises to help their patients recover mobility and strength.

Knees, hips, backs, shoulders – nearly every joint in the body can develop issues that require their aid. Mrs. Robertson, who has worked at Decatur Health for more than 30 years, said what areas people need help with seems to go in spurts. Sometimes it seems like everyone has a bad back, while at other times, knee or hip replacements seem popular.

Patients don't have to do all of the hard work that physical therapy requires at the hospital. Often, they are sent home with simple exercises they can do on own, using home exercise equipment or nothing at all, to maintain their progress between visits. Mrs. Townsend also is certified in Kinesio taping, which provides support to aching limbs while also being very mobile and without the bulk of a wrap.

Flexibility in our schedules and therapies leading to flexibility in our patients' joints – that's the goal of the physical therapy department here at Decatur Health.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Molly Coleman and Brent Olson were married Saturday afternoon, July 14, at the Oberlin Catholic Church with a reception, dinner, and dance following at The Gateway.

Molly is the daughter of Mike and Mirla Coleman, the granddaughter of Loyd and Fern Moore of Oberlin and Edith Coleman and the late Sam Coleman, Grandview, Mo., and the great-granddaughter of the late Dem and Norma Moore. Brent is the son of Randy and Sharon Olson, the grandson of Eunice Olson Martin and the late Lowell Olson, and Darlene Feikert and the late Ruben Feikert of St. Francis.

Out-of-town relatives attending the Coleman/Olson wedding were: Edith Coleman, Grandview, Mo.; John and Susan (Coleman) Rademeyer, Wildwood, Mo.; Mike and Mackenzie (Rademeyer) Moorefield, Columbia, Mo.; Matt and Kim Coleman, North Brunswick, N.J.; Tim and Martha Mauer, Angus and Elizabeth, and Adeline Diehl, Ipswich, Maine; Don Coleman, Harrisonville, Mo.; Sue Tillery, St. Louis, Mo.; Stan and Deanie Moore, Florissant, Colo.; Melvin and Margaret Moore, Benkleman, Neb.;

Eric and Shelly Moore, Dylan and Justine, Manhattan; Brian Moore, Las Vegas, Nev.; Mike and Debbie (Moore) Nickels, Emma and Mark, McLouth; Martin and Lois (Moore) Leibbrandt, Imperial, Neb.; Ilene O'Leary, St. Francis, and Francis Moore; Mike and Patty (Moore) Savage and Cody and Kelly and Rita Krier, Atlanta;

Jake and Allie (Moore) Lohrmeyer, Overland Park; Rex Moore and Barbara Lyons, Marion, Neb.; Karen (Moore) Ely, McCook; Clara Ellenburg Aplin, LaGrange; Darlene Feikert, St. Francis; Ken and Tara Claussen, Caitlyn, Tallon, McKenna, and Taylor, Wamego;

Bruce and Sharon Feikert and Andrew Feikert, St. Francis; Justin and Ashley Wright and Kody, Colby; Amber Dunn, Wray, Colo.; Larry and Kathy Feikert and Lance and Heidi Feikert, Bucklin; Kevin and Mary Holle and Orrin and Beth Holle, Henry, Eli, Will, and Maggie, Atwood. Also attending was Liz Bloemen from The Netherlands, a

longtime friend of Mirla Coleman.

John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica Bremer and Justin Zodrow attended the wedding of Molly Coleman and Brent Olson.

Friday evening dinner guests at the home of Rhonda May and Dan Nedland and Elizabeth were Lois Behrmann, Orange, Calif.; and daughters, Janice Jordan, Fallbrook, Calif., and Kathy Davis, Riverside, Calif.; Lillian Rutsch, Vista, Calif.; and son Randy Rutsch, Boulder, Colo.; Cameron Nedland, Hunter and Rhiannon Nedland and Liam; Richard May, Lawrence; Robert May and Cole; Roland and Pam May, Zach and Hannah; and Roger and Susan May, Ryan and Erin.

A family reunion for the descendants of William and Dorothea (Proehl) Voelker, who had five children, William, Otto, Marie, Martha, and Frieda, was held Sunday, July 15, at St. John's Lutheran Church at Palmer. Ernest and Martha (Voelker) May's children were Arthur, Elbert, Harlan, Martin, and Mildred. Representing their family were John and Dianne (May) Bremer and Jessica; Martin and Evelyn May; Marvin May; Janice Cundiff; Ernest and

Donna May, Tonganoxie; Paul and Meaghan May, Austen and Claire, Sioux Falls, S.D.; Stephen May, Lawrence; Rebecca May, Austin, Texas; Jack Fortin, and Charles Fortin (son of Mildred), Ted and Frieda (Voelker) May's children were Wilbur, Walter, Lois, and Lillian. Representing their family were Lois (May) Behrmann; Lillian (May) Rutsch; Janice (Behrmann) Jordan; Kathy (Behrmann) Davis; Randy Rutsch; Richard May; Rhonda May, Robert May, and Roland May. Attending the reunion with Jessica Bremer was Justin Zodrow.

After the reunion, Rebecca May returned to Oberlin with her grandparents, Martin and Evelyn May, to spend a few days visiting with them.

Stan and Deanie Moore were weekend guests of Gaylord and Shirley Shields. Additional Sunday dinner guests were Paul and Kelly Shields and Tyler to help Kelly celebrate her birthday. Cassidy and Caitlyn were at camp and unable to attend.

Selden News

By Jacque Boulinghouse

Everyone is invited! In celebration of the Summer Reading Program, the library will be showing a movie, "Bedtime Stories" with Adam Sandler, in the City Park at 9 p.m. on Friday, July 20. Bring your lawn chair, as seating is limited, and a blanket. Hope to see you there.

Birthdays and anniversaries - July 20 - Jean Bruggeman, Sumner Schlenk, Daniel Wilson. July 21 - Jeff Wessel, Bob Hazlitt, Carolene Jacobs. July 22 - Alvin Juonemann. July 23 - Matt Schrock, Karla Wessel, Deb Spresser, Barb Hopper, Danielle Schiltz, Clarence Becker. July 24 - Cyndie Aumiller.

July 25 - Lori Truetken, Chrissy Spresser Stanton. July 26 - Jennifer Spresser.

On July 12 during Senior Citizens at the Community Center, Jeanie Spresser won high with a score of 649, Ann Hazlitt took second with a score of 597, Bernita Aumiller got low with a score of 354 and Paulie Neff had the most nines. Other members present included Pat Wessel, Lola Cook, Royce Cook, Lillian Sulzman, Ralph Weis, Betty James, Matt Finnesy, Carl Mumm, Janice Kruse, Helen Karls and Shirley Emigh.

Rexford News

By Gwen Griffiths

Main Street was full all week last week, due to 35 Village Missions missionary families who came to the Summer Connection Conference at Shepherd's Staff. There were 103 people total, and they enjoyed community activities: paint ball, the Last Indian Raid Museum, golf, bowling and swimming. The missionaries and their families traveled from Montana, Wyoming, New Mexico, Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas to be here.

Spuds and Splits will be held at the Red Barn at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday. Anyone who is 40 and over is invited to attend; baked potatoes and banana splits, with lots of toppings for both, are served.

Community Clean Up Days are this week on Thursday and Friday. If you have items you would like the city to pick up, they need to be out by your curb Thursday or Friday morning. There are some items (such as fridges) that will not be picked up. If you have questions,

contact the city office. Did you know that your kids can play softball in Selden? Each Wednesday night kids can participate in an informal t-ball or softball league. Younger players start at 6:30 and play t-ball. Older kids start softball at 7:30. Just bring your glove and a bat if you have one. They meet at the softball field east of the elementary school.

Fair week is coming up! For those families who have animals or projects to show in 4-H, you're probably well aware of the deadlines. Either way, plan to come out and see what the youth of the area have been up to over the course of the past year.

Well, that's the news from Rexford. I hope you are enjoying your summer, even with the hot days we've had. If you have news you would like published, just give me a call at 687.2076 or e-mail griffithsgang@gmail.com. Have a great week!

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Sunflower Senior citizens held a potluck supper Tuesday evening, July 10. A smaller-than-usual group enjoyed the meal and the social time. Those attending were Eleanor Morel, Stan Shaw, Ramona Shaw, Ann Szweistis, Wayne Cressler and Louise Cressler. For the Aug. 14 meeting, we will play bingo.

Wednesday card players were Carol Carter, Agnes Wahlmeier, Alice Wagoner, Ann Szweistis, Stan Shaw, Ramona Shaw, Diane Carter, Eleanor Morel, Wayne Cressler and Louise Cressler. Come join us on Wednesday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. at the senior center.

It was nice to see Rachel Carter back in church Sunday. Family with her were Allan Carter, Overland Park; Ann Graner, Bethany, Mo.; and Ann's daughter, Karen and Alan Weber, Sarah and Rachel

Columbia, Mo.

The descendants of Arthur Carlton met Saturday, July 14, at the Community Center in Colby. About 100 people enjoyed dinner, visiting, and viewing old family photographs. The two remaining children are Rachel Carter of Jennings and Mary Smith of Sharon Springs. Besides the descendants of the sisters, five of the other seven children in the Carlton family were represented by their children and grandchildren.

Norton Correctional men were working in Jennings on Friday. They came before 7 A.M. to get some work done before the heat. We appreciate them coming.

Water meters will be read on Saturday. If yours is one still in your basement, please post a note on your front door.

Norcatour News

By the Norcatour News Committee

Casey, Justin and Jade Tuttle went to Salina from June 29 to July 1 for a mini vacation after wheat harvest. They stayed at the AmeriInn, where they took Jade swimming. They also visited Chris and Tori Stukey.

Jeff Magers and Joy Luoto, Cedar Bluffs, brought barbecue makings and helped his parents, Rea and Dee Magers, celebrate their anniversary last Sunday.

There will soon be a cafe opening in Norcatour, according to the Norcatour News.

Sean Conroy will be at the Norcatour Clinic on Tuesday, July 31. The clinic is open every other Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Call (785) 475-2015 to schedule an appointment or walk-ins are welcome.

Rea and Dee Magers have a Cooper Hawk, who spends a lot of time in their bird bath. He was

joined one evening by an owl. The most shocking thing though, was that a bull snake drank from the bird bath and their two dogs, Buster and Babe, kept pushing him out until he got quite angry. A customer helped Rea get him into a trash barrel and took him to the country.

The next library board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, July 30.

Funds are urgently needed for the roof fund as the library roof is now leaking. The librarian has had to pull books off of the shelves for fear of them getting wet. The library will be starting a group called "The Friends of the Library." If interest in joining, let Librarian Betsy Jakowski know.

The burn ban is still in effect until further notice.