

# Events of Yesteryear

By Joan Betts

**125 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1887**  
A glorious rain Monday night. N.G. Stever is building an addition to his house.

A good many loads of buffalo grass are being marketed. Jack Butters is putting in a bakery at his business place. Geo. Colby is having a windmill erected on his lots in the north part of Oberlin.

The junior editor of this paper is enjoying a vacation at Spirit Lake, Iowa.

W.A. Burnett has accepted a position in N. Liepold & Co.'s store. Hank Counter rides in a fine top buggy.

Gene Thomas, a "formerly of Decatur County boy," arrived here last week with a bunch of Oregon horses for the market.

A number of Oberlin people attended a moonlight picnic and dance at Geo. Miller's grove down the Sappa Wednesday night.

Married, Aug. 2, 1887, Mr. John Campbell and Miss Gladys Rice, all of Oberlin.

**100 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1912**  
Walter Vernon has a new trotting horse that makes the earth tremble when he goes by at his best gait.

The west part of the county had a two and a half inch rain last week.

Mrs. Ralph Huddle and children left Wednesday evening to join Ralph in their new home at McMinnville, Ore.

Dean Rogers and Elmer McKinzie left Monday for St. Francis to help with the harvest.

John Bivans has raised about 50 bushels of potatoes by irrigation this summer and had to run the water 20 rods from the well to the potato patch.

Swede Home News: Joe Wenger left for Omaha last week where he has a position on a street car line.

Sappa Items: Joe Brown's barn was struck by lightning Tuesday night.

As Ralph Weir was putting the

cattle in the pasture last Thursday old bull got him down and came near killing him before anybody came to help him.

**75 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1937**

About 75 men are busy laying pipelines throughout the city of Oberlin and Wenzel Waller, who will manage the local office of the Kansas Pipe Line and Gas Co., expects the project to be completed by Sept. 1.

An array of awards acquired by Sam Francis are on display in the window of Dean and Clark's Clothing Store. Included are football and track awards earned during his years at Nebraska University and as an All-American as well as from the Olympics. At the program at Smick Field Friday night he will be wearing the Olympic suit which the U.S. athletes wore in Berlin.

The Clayton State Bank, an institution of many years to the people of that community, has ceased to do business according to Elwood Brooks, state bank commissioner of Topeka. Each depositor was notified and all deposits paid off at considerable sacrifice to Mr. Albert Stoen, president of the bank.

Out of respect the local Duckwall Store will be closed all day Thursday due to the death of Mr. A.L. Duckwall, 59, founder, who died suddenly from a heart attack in the company office in Abilene on Monday.

Dresden: What might have been a serious accident occurred on our street Monday evening when Wes Bainter proceeded to light his pipe while driving and ran into the flag pole, throwing Neva Walkey into the windshield and his daughter, Eunice Marie, on to the floor board of the car. Neva was taken to the doctor for stitches but Eunice Marie was only slightly scratched.

Norcat: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Scheetz, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Frewen, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Benton and Mr. and Mrs. Fay Betts

returned Sunday from a vacation in Colorado.

Leoville: A group of nearly 60 persons from the Leoville neighborhood gathered at the Jennings Lake Sunday evening where they enjoyed a picnic supper.

Prairie Dog: Those who spent Sunday at the Bruce Moore home were Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Larue and Bernard, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Petracek, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Wagner, Walter Moore, Dem Moore's children and Doris Reznar. Later in the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Dem Moore and two children and Iris and Robert Moore drove in from Manhattan where Iris has been attending summer school and Roberta has a position but came home for a seven day visit.

**50 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1962**

Charles N. Watson, for the past seven years circulation manager and a member of the advertising staff of the McCook Daily Gazette, has accepted the position of advertising manager of the Hays Daily News.

Dr. James Sawyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy C. Sawyer, rural Dresden, has completed the orientation course for officers of the medical service at Gunter Air Force Base in Alabama. He holds the rank of captain.

Three grown rattlesnakes were killed within two days on the Bassettville Township land farmed by Luther Morton.

For a week the Herald shop has been topsy-turvy with from six to a dozen workmen dismantling and removing the old Miehle press, digging a six by nine-foot pit and pouring cement walls and floor in the pit. All this is in preparation for the installation of a new newspaper press, a Godd Comet flatbed capable of printing eight pages each run.

**25 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1987**

By the time the last ride stopped and the last helping of cotton candy was sold Saturday night nearly ev-

eryone involved with the Decatur County Fair was reporting another good time and a record year.

A memorial to Wesley Gaumer and a dedication service will take place on Sunday at the entrance to the fair grounds. Emcee will be his son, Dave Gaumer, Kingman. Gaumer served some 25 years as president of the Decatur County Fair Advisory Board.

Dr. Beverly Unger recently graduated from the College of Veterinary Medicine at Kansas State University and is currently employed at the Laverne Veterinary Hospital in Laverne, Okla. She is the daughter of Charles and Eileen Unger, Herndon, and graduated from Herndon High School in 1980. Her main interest is large animals and she specialized in equine medicine.

Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Bader announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Angela, to Kendal Fisher, Danbury, son of Mrs. Oneata Fisher and the late Ame Fisher.

Sixty-four descendants of Charles and Christina (Nelson) Johnson, Swedish immigrants who came to Kansas in the fall of 1893, met at the Oberlin American Legion on Aug. 2 for a reunion. The Johnson family settled on a farm southeast of Kanona in Altory Township.

Twin sisters, Kayla and Kristy Unger, members of Stick-To-It 4-H Club, received awards at the Decatur County Fair on their twin market lambs with Kayla taking Grand Champion and Kristy, Reserve Champion.

Darlene Sater, daughter of Bill and Myra Sater, will be leaving the latter part of August for Belgium where she will attend school for nine months as a Rotary International Youth Exchange student.

Rexford: On July 3, 1987, Rexford became a town without a grocery store for the first time since 1888, a period of almost 100 years.

## Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Everyone has a good time at the Decatur County Fair, including the residents of Cedar Living Center. We will have our crafts on display in the Open Class building. We invite everyone to stop by and take a look at what we have accomplished during the past year. If the weather permits, residents will make trips to the fair on Wednesday evening and Friday morning.

Other special events planned during the week include an afternoon of carnival games on Thursday and an ice cream social on Friday afternoon. We usually have extra visitors stopping in during fair week, which is always the best treat of all.

The craft group met on Monday afternoon to work on finishing up projects for the fair. Mary Ann Amack and Myrna Jones led the sing-along time before supper on Monday. The group sang favorite hymns. Dolly, the dachshund, went from room to room to visit residents on Monday afternoon.

Several residents spent some time outside on Tuesday morning and again on Friday before the heat of the day kicked in.

Irene Fringer was the big winner at bingo on Tuesday afternoon. Other players included Audra Dun-

can, Darlene Fisher, Alvina Gamblin, Lavern and Wanda Heller, Helen Helm, Donna Kent and Joan Noble.

Fr. Mark Berland had Mass for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

There were several winners at the dice game played on Thursday afternoon. Snacks were served following the game.

The baking group made sugar cookies on Friday afternoon.

Recent visitors: Carolyn and Ethan Cook, Bayfield, Colo.; Randy and Janice Fringer, Linda Forgue, Richmond, Texas; Hunter and Colton Perks, Cambridge, Neb.; Monique Steinmetz, Kathy Shaffer, Jim and Yanis Helm, McCook; Ellen and Iris Osborne, Wichita; Kathleen Norris, Salina; Richard and Peggy Adams, Martin and Ceanne Rinehart, Colby; Delpha Sis, Jaelynn and Juliann Sis, Atwood; Mike, Deb, Matthew and Timothy Helm, Bob Strevey, Norcat; John Bremer, Jeanette Miller, Dolores Depperschmidt, Gerry Neff, Juanita Williby, Varlan and Catherine Neal, Di Solko, Stephanie Hawkins, Marilyn Gamblin, Connie Miller, Robert Fringer, Carol and Gary Allen, Oberlin.

## Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Kathy Van Meter will be honored on her 80th birthday from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12, at the Lyle Community Building. Come and help her celebrate.

Kim Nejdil visited Mrs. Van Meter on Saturday, and on Sunday, Kathy and Lloyd Frandsen went to Ceresco, Neb., to celebrate Lloyd's cousin's 98th birthday.

Virgil Price has been moved to the Decatur County Hospital from Kearney, and has been feeling encouraged to be nearer home.

Few people made it to the Lyle dinner on Sunday, but I'm sure the ones who did had a good time; we always do.

Toot Magers attended the Magers reunion, where the diners filled six tables in the Norcat Educational building. She was surprised and puzzled on Saturday when she went into the Lyle Community Building to find all of the curtains down, and a mess of insulating material around the sink.

Judy Easton said it probably was an animal who got shut in and was trying to get out. Denny and I

mentioned it could have been a bird, and we will have to see if there is anything in the attic.

Friday, Aug. 10, is the day for Liberty Star Club to "fair sit" in Oberlin. Here's hoping there will be enough of us to do it.

Dwight and Teresa Wood and Andre Lefebvre dropped by on Sunday and were pleased with the jelly I had made from Dwight's blackberries. Aubrey High stayed awhile in the afternoon while her mother chauffeured Mariah and Garrett to Hill City. Tielia is feeling better, but not completely well yet.

August seemed to be the month for birthdays in this family. There were four on the first and second, and Toby's on the 7th.

After I took a "spill" on the sidewalk, I didn't think anything was broken, but the doctor called to say there was a small fracture.

His advice: put on a splint and keep off of it — so I'm trying. Thank you to Tom Baker and Sheryl for their help and everyone who has visited, called and been so good to me.

## Good Samaritan Center

By Lisa Paulson

Have you ever been lost or homesick? Do you remember the horrible feelings of helplessness and loneliness?

We have recently added several new residents into our home, Earl and Elsie Winder, Roxie Pomeroy and Lee Foley. This week, I observed how they were adjusting to their new home.

A common response is, "I just feel lost." When a person is lost, they need to be found! It is our mission here at the Good Sam to provide a "home-like" environment for those who join our family.

It takes a little time to get accustomed to new living arrangements, but when we invite them to Bible study, devotions and other things of interest, they begin to relax and feel "at home."

Compared to other weeks, this week was a bit more routine. But like I often say, "Routines sustain us and celebrations refresh us!" One highlight this week was an unexpected visit from the Mennonite Singers from Cimarron. We were truly blessed and always look forward to them coming to share their beautiful singing with us again.

Another was Margaret Vacura's birthday. Her daughters, Pat Fringer and Reta Barratt planned the perfect party for their mom!

Fair Time is always exciting as we anticipate others being a little homesick too...for Oberlin!

It is great to have sweet reunions with friends and family as they make it a tradition to come back for fair! Evelyn Olson, Amy Rehm, Alice Bobbitt, Loren Schrock, Connie Cramer, Betty May, Opal Bryan and Leone Porsch were busy getting their crafts ready.

The theme for our display is, "It's a Circus Under the Good Sam Big Top", and we can't wait for Friday!

In the morning, we will head up to the Fairground for a chartered train ride, thanks to Dan and Lisa Votapka. Then at 1:30 p.m. the

whole town is invited to bring their furry friends, big or small to join the Pet Parade!

Please make note on your calendars of two more dates you won't want to miss! First, Wednesday, Aug. 15, you are invited to join us for a Hawaiian Luau Buffet and Cruise Show at 12:30 p.m. Please make your reservations to 475-2245 by this Friday. Second, put on your dancin' shoes and be ready to strut your stuff to the music of Michael Milbauer at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 29.

But remember you don't need to wait for a special event; we welcome your company any time!

Recent visitors were: Cathy Wenger (Denton, Texas), Bill Cramer (Indianapolis, Ind.) and Bridget Thalkovic (Zionsville, Ind.) for **Connie Cramer**.

Meghan, Cerys, Lisa and Gareth Davis, Sandra Grade (Norcat) for **Doris Auker**. Max Carman for **Myrtle Waldo**. Marilyn Horn for **Myrtle Ross**. Mert McEvoy and Ralph and Norma Unger for **Lucy Schissler and Earl Brown**.

Cheryl Miller for **Loren Schrock**. Gerald Benda for **Eulaine Benda**. Eunice Martin for **Glenn Martin**. Reva Marshall and Sarah Wolf (Colby) for **Dorothy Hunt**. Jerry Hill for **Cheryl Hill**. Susie Sabatka (Atwood) for **Vera Kacirek**. Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh for **Opal Bryan**.

Gene Leitner and Jerald and Elaine Leitner (Colby) for **Marcella Leitner**. Pat Fringer and Rose Riffle for **Roxie Pomeroy**. Pat Fringer, Reta Barratt, Jody Betts, Sally Henningson and Joy Russell for **Margaret Vacura**.

Bob and Neoma Tacha and Nadine Tacha (Jennings) for **Galen Tacha**. Murry and Audrey Pavlicek for **Mary Lemman**. Wendy, Wyatt, Gage and Garrett Scott for **Evelyn Olson**. Luanne Laird (Celina, Texas) and Johnny and Connie Simonsson for **Amy Rehm**.

## Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Bonnie Franke has been traveling with Karen Craen, who was a foreign exchange student from Belgium. Karen had lived with the Frankes for the 1981-82 Herndon school years. Others traveling with them were her husband, Jan, and son, Joris, along with two other couples from Belgium. They met in Salt Lake City where they rented three RV's and traveled through Yellowstone National Park and Glacier National Park. In Glacier they went white water rafting. They traveled into Canada where they went to Lake Louise and Banff National Park, then across to Vancouver. They spent two weeks together. Bonnie flew from Vancouver to Nashville, Tenn., to meet several of her winter Texas friends from Rockport, Texas, to help Jerry Bennett celebrate his birthday. Jerry also took them to a recording studio so they could watch him record a new CD that he is working on. It was very interesting to see how songs are recorded.

Bob and Julie Hafner spent several days with Jason Hafner and Raquel Frerichs in Kearney, Neb., while Jason had minor surgery at Good Samaritan Hospital.

Brenda and Addison Schilde spent a few days last week with Richard and Theresa Rippe. Addison enjoyed playing with cousins, Lilly, Michaela, Allison, Kimberly, and Wyatt Rippe. On Friday, The-

resa and Wyatt and Brenda and Addison visited at the home of Tom and Myra Sattler. They enjoyed seeing Matt and Angela Haller, Hannah, Thomas, and Emily from Atascadero, Calif., and also Cindy and Travis Brumback, Jax and Syd of Baxter Springs.

Family and friends gathered from near and far on Saturday afternoon at the senior center to enjoy a baby shower for Jennifer Beims Davis. Those entertaining guests were; Bobbi Robles, Jacque Leitner, Deb Portschy, Cindy Sattler, Dana Juemann, Nadine Green and Rita Marintzer. They chose a theme with images and clip-art from the famous Disney movie, "The Lion King" to decorate the tables with "Simba" paw prints, diaper pins, Mufasa prints and sayings from this tale about life. The seven hostesses served a variety of cupcakes, lime punch, nuts and mints while Jennifer opened gifts, all ready and waiting for the new bundle of joy arriving at the home of Justin and Jennifer in October.

**Julie's Memory Joggers Old Clippings**

Thomas Joseph Kennedy of Cedar Bluffs, and Anna E Larson of Herndon were married Sunday, April 12, 1903, at the residence of Rev. G. Johnson in Sherman township. The young couple have the best wishes of a large circle of friends - The Oberlin Herald

## Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

Fair Week is here. There are still empty spots on the schedules for games and rides, especially for Friday and Saturday evenings. If you can help, please call Cheryl Metcalf or come in to the Business Entrepreneurial Enhancement Building to sign up.

The Oberlin Convention and Visitors Bureau will meet at noon Thursday at the LandMark Inn. I hope you have noticed the new signs along the highways at every entrance into Oberlin. They are all up and look good.

Float Fridays will move to the middle of the block south of the Gazebo for this Friday. Sundaes will be available along with the root beer floats.

The Back-to-School Community Picnic starts at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at City Park. Pork burgers will be served by the Oberlin Jaycees and the Chamber board. Each person or family is asked to bring a covered dish, lawn chairs and table service. Come see your neighbors and meet the new school faculty. The Oberlin Herald will have its \$1,000 Shopping Spree Drawing right after the

meal.

Remember the Highway 36 Treasure Hunt Garage Sales Across Kansas is Friday to Sunday, Sept. 14 to 16. The Chamber will put the map and put listings on the U.S. 36 website this year, along with the copies we will have available in the office. The board decided on a charge of \$12 for this service. The information needs to be in the Chamber office by 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24. No exceptions for late requests. Registration forms are available at the Chamber office, and also at the Dresser, the museum, Ward Drug, the LandMark Inn, the Oberlin Knife Shop and Carman Computer Service.

The Chamber is sponsoring, again this year, the Holiday Craft Show on Saturday, Nov. 24, at The Gateway. If you would like to be a vendor, call the office for information at (785) 475-3441. There is always a good variety of products for your Christmas shopping or home needs and wants.

Have a great week and have fun at the fair!

## Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

The Herndon, Lund and Oberlin Covenant Church congregations will mark combined anniversaries with a catered dinner at 6 p.m. followed by a worship service on Saturday, Aug. 25, at The Gateway in Oberlin.

On Sunday, Aug. 26, a joint worship service will begin at 10:30 a.m., also at The Gateway, followed by a potluck dinner. Reservations for the meal on Saturday should be made at the churches by Sunday, Aug. 19. The Herndon church is observing 125 years; Lund, 120 years; and Oberlin, 60 years. The Herndon church will also have a celebration the weekend of Oct. 20 and 21.

Gary and Mary Ann Erickson returned home Saturday from Chetopa, where they spent a week visiting their daughter, Debbie and Dale Withington, Hana, Ellie and Chloe, and attending fair activities.

Keith and Mary Lou Olson and Cecil Hess were Thursday dinner guests of their nephew, Mike Starbuck of Hebron, Neb., at the Frontier Cafe in Oberlin. He was en route to Colby to visit his son and family, Andy and Trish Starbuck, Drew and Anna.

Gerald and Patti Benda enjoyed

## Selden News

By Jacque Boulinghouse

Birthdays and anniversaries: Aug. 10, Dalaena Neff, Dallas Koerperich, Doug Wessel, Kevin and Kayla Wurm, Rechelle Kennedy; Aug. 11, Mike Ritter, Rhonda Sabatka, Ben Wessel, Gary and Clara Gillum;

Aug. 12, Kanisha Carman, Mike Spesser, Charlene Campbell Werth; Aug. 13, Rodney Brantley, Austin Mitchell, Dan Shaw, Stan and Ramona Shaw; Aug. 14, Julie Kennedy Munden, Monica Neff, Kaycee Miller, Kellee Snyder; Aug. 15, Elaine Koerperich.

On Aug. 2, during Senior Citizens at the Community Center, Ann Hazlitt won high with a score of 702, Betty James took second with a score of 699, Lillian Sulzman got low with a score of 488 and Lola Cook had the most Queens.

Other members present include: Pat Wessel, Jeanie Spesser, Royce Cook, Ralph Weis, Matt Finnesy,

Paulie Neff, Carl Muymm, Bob Wessel, Janice Kruse and Helen Karls.

School Calendar: Aug. 10 and 13, Enrollment, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Aug. 20, Back to School night at Selden from 6 to 8 p.m.; Aug. 23, first day of school.

New books available at the Selden Public Library: Large Print Fiction: Midnight Promises, by Sherryll Woods; 15 Seconds, by Andrew Gross; The Great Escape, by Susan Elizabeth Phillips; I, Michael Bennett, by James Patterson and Michael Ledwidge; Tuesday's Child, by Fern Michaels;

"Friends Forever," by Danielle Steel; "Tidewater Inn," by Colleen Coble; "Sunrise Point," by Robyn Carr; "Courageous," by Diana Palmer. Non-Fiction: "8 Wonders of Kansas Guidebook," by Marci Penner.