

Events of Yesteryear

By Joan Betts

125 YEARS AGO – July 1888

It was 103 degrees in the shade on the Fourth of July. The Rock Island Railroad has put on two new trains — one leaves St. Joseph, Mo., daily at 9:15 p.m. and runs through Horton Junction, Fairbury and Belleville, arriving at Norton at 10:20 the following morning; leaving Norton at 5:40 p.m. on the return trip it reaches St. Joseph at 7 the next morning. The other leaves Kansas City at 9:05 p.m. and runs through Topeka, McFarland and Manhattan, arriving at Norton at 10:20 a.m. The east-bound train leaves Norton at 5:40 p.m. and reaches Kanas City at 6:35 the next morning. The Rock Island track has reached Burlington, Colo.

100 YEARS AGO – July 1913

The city of Superior, Nebr., after a vigorous campaign, has voted by a majority of 155 to allow Sunday baseball games. The city of St. Francis has voted to put up an electric light plant. Sunday was another hot day, the mercury standing at 108 in the shade a good part of the afternoon. A daughter is reported to have arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fleming July 1. C. J. Raymond, Mrs. Clara Seavely and son Ted have recently completed sidewalks in front of their places.

75 YEARS AGO – July 1938

Charles E. Hawkes, for the past five years superintendent of schools

here, will leave Aug. 1 to head the Salina school system. Mr. Hawkes will succeed W. S. Heusner who is retiring after 25 years and it was reported in The Salina Journal his contract calls for two years at a salary of \$4,000. Since coming to Oberlin from Abilene, Mr. Hawkes has taken an active interest in the community and church life of Oberlin and has been a president of Oberlin Rotary Club, member of the Chamber of Commerce and a teacher of the adult Bible class in the Presbyterian Church.

Fortunately all faculty positions in the grade and high school have been filled for the coming year and the new high school building, now under construction, is well advanced. Mr. Hawkes has constantly been in touch with the progress of the new building and is largely responsible for the modern and practical appointments of the building.

Cedar Bluffs: Three-quarters of an inch of rain, accompanied by large hailstones in some areas along the Beaver Creek Tuesday evening did considerable damage to unharvested wheat. The field of Walter Kennedy was reported to have been completely ruined. Dresden: The businessmen of Dresden are sponsoring a picture show each Thursday night which has been well attended.

Jennings: Wheat is making 10 to 30 bushels an acre. Our two elevators are working overtime trying to handle the crop. Prices have been from 58 to 60 cents a bushel. Har-

vey Rohan is the owner of a new rubber-tired tractor which makes it a pleasure to pull a combine. Bernice Robertson is in attendance at the Girl Reserve camp, Camp Wood, near Elmdale. She left on the bus last Tuesday.

50 YEARS AGO – July 1963

“The town has outgrown the water system,” said Mayor Guy B. Morrish. “Too many residents have been watering at one time, and since the mains were not large enough to handle the water, the heavy demand called for more water than could flow from the tower to the city.”

Head football and track coach at DCHS for the coming year will be Merle Rolfs who holds a bachelor of science degree with a major in industrial arts from McPherson College. He replaces Gailord Bellamy who has accepted a position as assistant football coach and wrestling coach at North Platte, Neb.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Bainter of Jennings announce the engagement of their daughter Janice, to Kirk Pope, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Pope, of Selden.

A June 17 ceremony in Miami, Okla., united in marriage Linda Lou Santee of Parsons to James Lester Kelley, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude O. Kelley, Norcatour. The Kelleys are at home in Manhattan.

25 YEARS AGO – July 1988

Sudden flooding of low-lying streets in Oberlin Thursday morning brought the city crews to block off flooded areas so that vehicles traveling through would not create waves, flooding basements even more.

Investigators from the Federal Aviation Administration and National Transportation Safety Board are attempting to determine the cause of a plane crash some 13 miles west and five miles south of Ober-

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

A birthday celebration for Rachel Carter was held Sunday at the United Methodist Church. Rachel was 90 years young on July 4.

Stan and Ramona Shaw attended a birthday party honoring their great-grandson, Jackson Gillespie, on Friday evening at the home of his parents, Aaron and Tara Gillespie, Hays. Grandparents attending were Chris Gillespie and Tom Neff, Marion; and Dave and Donna Ward, Hays.

The Broken Wheel Café and Bar in Jennings closed its doors June 28. It is for sale.

Those enjoying cards at the Sunflower Senior Center Wednesday were: Agnes Wahlmeier, Carol Carter, Eleanor Morel, Diane Cart-

er, Stan and Ramona Shaw, Wayne and Louise Cressler. We would welcome more people to come play cards on Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

If you haven't checked out the new sidewalk south of the Community Hall and handicap approach to the senior center, take a look. It is really nice. More dirt work will be done before the alley will be driven on.

Have you noticed when you mail a letter to someone around here, the letter goes to Wichita and then comes back? This takes several days sometimes. People mailing water payments may not get them to the city office by the due date. You can always drop them off at The Bank or have a direct withdrawal.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Everyone in Norcatour was law-abiding on the Fourth of July. The City Council asked not to have fireworks because of the fire danger. Not a single firecracker was heard.

Harvest is in progress in this area. Many can't remember ever seeing such short stalks, some less than a foot tall. With a long, cold spring turning quickly into a hot, dry summer, the poor things didn't have time to grow and turned their energy into making what grain they could. Like farmers everywhere, we hope for a better crop next year.

Margaret "Toots" Magers had hamburgers at Dee Magers' Thursday. Then, along with many area folks saw the fireworks display at the Norton lake. Lazy me, I watched them on television. That way, I saw the beauty without the noise and it was only a few steps to bed without having to drive home. We saw many Americans who are grateful to live in this country.

Toots Magers played pitch on Friday in Norcatour.

June Jolly is enjoying a new wide-screen television. She says

she can now read the captioning from her chair. Only one little mishap knocked her phone out until it was plugged into the right socket. June has the quilt done, except for the rest of the edging. June played Bingo Sunday evening at Norton. As she drove home, just west of Norton, a large animal stood on the edge of the highway. June and her passenger were shaken up, but unharmed. She said the animal had a large rack and she thought it looked like an elk. None has been reported in this part of the country, but you never know.

Saturday Kathy Van Meter and Lloyd Frandsen went to Glen Elder to celebrate the fifth birthday of her great-grandson, Colton Jarboe. They had a cookout, but had to eat inside because of the high winds. Tim, Jolene and Clinton Nedjil were other guests. I'm going to tell a story on Kathy. She put her salad in a butter container to take to the dinner. When the container was opened, it was butter. A case of mistaken identity.

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Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

We have a wonderful new machine in our dining room at Cedar Living Center. It dispenses hot chocolate and two flavors of cappuccino. Residents, staff and guests are enjoying this nice addition.

The past week was busy and fun at Cedar Living Center. We started off the week by playing card games in the dining room on Monday afternoon. The sing-along time was held before supper. Mary Ann Amack and Delores Koerperich led the group with special assistance from visitor Michele Koerperich of Wellington, Colo.

The bingo players were out in full force on Tuesday afternoon. Wanda Heller won the first bingo and Ann Szeweistis won the blackout game. Vern Heller won the second blackout game.

The Bible study group met on Tuesday afternoon with a wonderful group of residents still interested in learning more about the scriptures.

Fourth of July trivia was on the schedule for Wednesday, reminding us all of the importance of the history lessons learned long ago.

Lois Lamb and Teresa Shaughnessy enjoyed attending the Fourth of July parade on Thursday morning.

Fr. Mark Berland had Mass for

the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

There were many laughs and cheers during the bowling time held on Thursday afternoon. Cold drinks were served following the game.

A star spangled cake and ice cream were on the menu at the ice cream social held after supper on Thursday.

The baking group met on Friday afternoon to try out a new recipe for chocolate coated popcorn.

Many of the residents enjoyed a bonus game of bingo played in the dining room on Saturday afternoon.

The Oberlin Covenant Church was in charge of the Worship Service on Sunday afternoon at Cedar Living Center.

Recent out-of-town visitors: Renee Smith, Las Colinas, Texas; Ceanne Rinehart, Ogallala, Neb.; Kathy Brashears, Curtis, Neb.; Kathy Shaffer, McCook; Becky Fringer and Tara Larson, Wichita; Sarah and Bailey Wolf, Colby; Jaelynn Sis and Delpha Sis, Atwood; Gary and Shirley Emigh, Selden; Wava Reames, Timothy, Deb, Matthew and Mike Helm, Norcatour.

Oberlin visitors were Gladys Geis, Marilyn Gamblin, Sherri Shuler.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Alexandra Waterman, Garrett Scott, Caitlyn Shields, Cassidy Shields, Hannah May, Zach May, Kaine Fredrickson, Daniel Lerew, Grant Gilliam and youth leaders, Paul and Kelly Shields of St. John's Lutheran Church, Oberlin, left June 29 for the 2013 Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod national youth gathering in San Antonio, Texas, July 1 to 5. About 25,000 youths from across the nation attended. The theme for the gathering was "Live Love(d)," based on I John 4:9.

Jesse and Teri Alford, Zach and Hannah, Montgomery, Texas, were July 1 lunch guests of her aunt and uncle, Shirley and Gaylord Shields, and supper and overnight guests of her cousins, Mirla and Mike Coleman. Teri is the daughter of Stan and Deanie Moore.

Christian Rittmann, Shawnee, was a Thursday through Sunday guest of his grandparents, Ralph and Norma Unger.

Brandon May, Leslie Myers and Rivers May were weekend guests of Jeanie May and visited Elwood May on Sunday before returning home.

At the League swim meet Friday and Saturday in Burlington, Colo., Mollie Tate placed sixth in both the individual medley and 50-yard freestyle, fourth in both the 100-yard freestyle and the 50-yard backstroke, and second in the 50-yard breaststroke. Grace Tate placed eighth in the individual medley, sixth in the 50-yard freestyle, fifth in the 25-yard backstroke, sixth in the 25-yard butterfly, and seventh in the 25-yard breaststroke. Both Mollie and Grace's teams placed second in the medley relays, and Mollie finished fifth in League for the season.

Gaylord and Shirley Shields returned home Monday after spending the weekend in Vail, Colo., with Mike and Nancy Shields of Omaha.

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