

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**125 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1883**

Land business is getting better at the U.S. Land Office.  
H.G. Fair and family go to Concordia to winter. G.W. Boring moves onto the H.G. Fair farm that he may have advantages of Oberlin's fine schools.

Married at New Almelo, Sept. 24, 1883, Mr. J.F. Heitmann and Miss Mary Baumgarten.

W.A. Frasier returned Saturday from Fort Atkinson, Wis., bringing 171 head of young cattle for himself and R.A. Marks.

The First Baptist Church of Oberlin will hold services today. It is expected that D.O. Banta will be regularly ordained as a Baptist minister.

Sheridan County Items: Rev. Jack Langley was recently presented with a fine new pair of winter boots. Certainly, if ever an itinerant minister deserved the love and benevolence of his flock, Uncle Jack does.

**100 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1908**

J.A. Quinn is putting down cement walks in front of his lots this week. He returned from a trip to Canada last week.

W.L. Acton has a new Reo auto. Allison Items: The \$18,000 church at New Almelo will be completed by the holidays.

C.N. Page is erecting a commodious addition to his residence.

Norcatour Items: C.C. Andrews bought 19,000 pounds of poultry last week and they were shipped to California.

Tony Kronberger, the leading merchant from Traer, the Northwest metropolis, was on the street one day last week.

School began Monday in both the high school and public school buildings. Teachers employed are first class in every respect and all patrons will now have to do is to show their appreciation and see that scholars properly deport themselves and Oberlin will have a school that everybody will be pleased with.

**75 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1933**

More than 700 visitors attended the fall showing of flowers sponsored by the local yard and garden club Saturday.

The exhibit was arranged in the east room of the Masonic Temple.

Of special interest were the exhibits of Grandmother's Flower Garden, the Junior Display and Mrs. Loyd McGee's individual collection.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has decided that Monday, Sept. 25, is the absolute deadline on which applications for wheat allotments may be received.

The three-day opening of the

Foster Lumber Company's demonstration home located at 105 North Cass created a lot of interest with more than 1,000 visitors registering to view the new home as well as the furniture, fixtures and appliances which were all on display. Mr. Steinhauer, manager of the Foster yard here, said the primary purpose of building the home is to give the public some new ideas about modernizing.

Miss Caroline Wiggins, county treasurer-elect, was in town yesterday making plans for her work.

The office has a perfectly good 1933 model pipe which the owner may have at his earliest convenience.

Norcatour: Between filling silos, drilling wheat and filling out wheat allotment papers the farmers are kept quite busy.

Dresden: Mr. and Mrs. Byron Long are the parents of a baby girl Sept. 19th who will answer to the name of Patty Lee.

**50 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1958**

An out-weighted and out-numbered Red Devil football squad climaxed a game of dogged resistance with a 60-yard scoring march in the final minutes to down the Plainville Cardinals 6-0 last Friday night. The Red Devils of Coach Stanley Moore make their home debut against Hoxie tomorrow night at 8 p.m. at Smick Field.

Dave Blickenstaff, 16, DCHS senior, was severely injured in a car-motor scooter wreck at the intersection of Highway 36 and Penn Avenue. He is at Hadley Hospital at Hays and it appears unlikely that he will be able to return to school this year.

Mrs. Blanche Carper Jennings, has donated a 130-year-old chair to the Decatur County Historical Society. The chair belonged to the Jennings family and was brought via covered wagon to Kansas by Mrs. Jennings' grandfather-in-law, Warren, for whom the town of Jennings is named. He was the town's first postmaster and prior to that time Jennings was known as "Slab City."

Guests at Oberlin Rotary Tuesday noon were the DCHS football coaches Stanley Moore, Melvin Simpson and Bob Rumble.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. John Ward, Jr., daughter, Shayla Jean, 9-19-58; Mr. and Mrs. Loren Welsh, Danbury, son, Leon Evan, 9-20-58; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gaines, son, Robert Dale, 9-21-58.

Following the basket dinner at the 4-H building Sept. 24 for Oberlin Herald correspondents and staff, a tour was conducted through the

Decatur County Museum by Mrs. Claar.

An extremely disagreeable odor at the museum one day last week was found to be a raw, butchered buffalo head in the cellar. Inquiry disclosed that some of the Boy Scouts — with the best of intentions of making a museum donation — had obtained the buffalo head and planned to mount it for the museum.

However, the mounting was determined to be too costly but the head was left in residence. It was removed and the museum has lost a bit of the atmosphere of the Wild West.

**25 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1983**

Decatur County's fall celebration, the Mini-Sapa Jubilee scheduled to be held Sept. 23, 24 and 25 will mark the 25th anniversary of the opening of the Last Indian Raid Museum.

The Red Devil football team lost their opening game to Yuma, Colo., by a score of 27 to 14.

Oberlin race car driver Rick Salem was in Denver over the weekend and managed to set a new track record at the Colorado National Speedway.

Salem raced in sprint car competition driving a car owned by Lee and Rolan Martin and in the midget class for car owner Charlie Fletcher,

Estes Park.

Kelly Jo Brown and William Alan Hellyer were united in marriage Saturday, July 30, 1983, in a ceremony at the United Church of Oberlin. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Brown, Oberlin and Mr. and Mrs. William Hellyer, Arlington Heights, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Dorman Hill, Selden, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lynn Ann, to Darrall Weick of Broomfield, Colo., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Weick, Elgin, Ill.

The wedding is set for Oct. 15, 1983, at the Selden United Methodist Church.

The bride-to be is a graduate of Golden Plains High School, attended Colby Community College and received a degree in music education from Kansas State University and is currently completing work for a Colorado teacher's certificate. The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Rutgers University and is employed as a supervisor for Colorado Shippers in Denver.

Keli Anne Brown received a purple ribbon at the state fair on her three-piece outfit in the "Creating Your Wardrobe" division.

Hospital News: Angela and Paul Corcoran, daughter, Bridget Rhea, Sept. 10, 1983.

## Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

Look back — Sept. 18, 1958 — *The Oberlin Herald*

"Gala Museum Opening Planned in Two-Day Festivities Next Week.

Organizations, groups, and individuals throughout the county are making plans and preparations for the two-day celebration of the museum opening and Indian raid anniversary, Sept. 26 and 27.

The museum dedication, street dancing, a parade, an evening of carnival games, merchant promotions, announcement of a winner in the 'You Name It' contest, and the first home football game are some of the events planned in the two-day celebration.

Elwood Brooks, Denver bank official and former local banker, will present the museum dedication address, Saturday, Sept. 27, at 3 p.m.

A two-day 'Price-Scalping' sale is planned by Oberlin merchants, with Sept. 26 Promotions Day. Store employees are encouraged to wear old-time costumes, and 'sidewalk bazaars will be in style,' according to Joe Pollara, Chamber of Commerce promotions commit-

tee chairman.

Concessions, booths, and carnival games at the museum site will be in operation Saturday afternoon and evening, and a historical parade is planned at 2:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon, featuring old costumes, early 1900 automobiles, and old rigs."

Back to September 2008: 'Gala 50th Museum Anniversary Planned for Saturday, Oct. 4.'

Organizations, groups, and individuals throughout the county are making plans and preparations for the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Museum and the 130th Anniversary of the Last Indian Raid.

Breakfast, DCHS Singers, bake sale, live buffalo, Indian teepee and bead work, old time craft displays, parade, Past Curators recognition, vintage hat show, Indian dancers, melodrama, ice cream social, and free admission to view the 14 historical buildings are some of the events planned for Saturday, Oct. 4.

Be a part of this historical event and in another 50 years when the Museum celebrates its 100th Anniversary, you can say you were there in 2008!

## Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

Every week we try to provide something new for the residents to enjoy; always challenging them to create, learn or serve others in some tangible way.

Tuesday was a day for learning. Neal and Mary Lee Corey came from McCook to share a presentation of the re-enactment of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. This true life adventure spanned four years of the Coreys' life. What an exciting way to spend one's retirement years. We enjoyed hearing their tales and handling artifacts and replicas they brought for display. Eva Bryan, who is an avid reader, was particularly interested since she had read many books on the subject. Our thanks to them for coming!

The idea to invite them came from Amy Rehm, who read an article in the McCook Gazette and brought it to my attention. Many of the things we do are initiated by the residents.

Edla Olson has asked that the Drama Club be invited to perform the melodrama they are preparing for the Mini-Sappa Celebration. I hope to work out the details. These are the things that make a happy home. If you know of anything that would be of interest, please call me at 475-2245.

Welcome back, First Hand Friends! They came for their orientation where they placed their handprint next to their reading pal's, learned some reading rules and took a tour of the building. Sammy, the Squirrel showed up and each reader took home a coloring book. Inside is filled with things they may see here while they are visiting. They were very well behaved, under the leadership of Jeni Henningson and Wanda Spresser.

Coleen Rippe helped Myrtle Ross bake a batch of coconut cookies for everyone to enjoy during Social

Hour on Thursday. She also enlisted help from Eileen Laird, Faye Miller and Dorothy Hunt. Yum! Coleen will be cooking with the residents every other week.

Friday, was a busy day. The Butterfly Garden was all a-flutter! The Butterfly Garden is an Alzheimer's Dementia program we are initiating as a supplement to the Garden of Hope. This program is based on the strengths that remain long into the disease process. Five "stations" are set up in the Angel Lane dining room. Residents will come and go as they like, exploring different areas of interest. Some residents will move from station to station; others will remain at their favorite for the entire two-hour session. The person who is the facilitator of the garden is called a "butterfly" because she/he quietly flits from resident to resident ensuring that they are content at the station they have chosen. Michelle

O'Dea, certified nurse aide, was our "Butterfly." She assisted 12 different residents. The stations were: dishwashing, jewelry, toy painting, pictures and button sorting.

While Angel Lane was full of activity, so was Town Square! The dietary department held a party in honor of two of their employees, Pat Berry on her retirement, and Duane Carman in honor of his 65th birthday. Our love and best wishes to them both.

Remember to stop by at 10 a.m. on Saturday for "A Beautiful Baby Pageant!" If your baby is the sweetest, most adorable, cuddly and cute, then bring him/her to the pageant! All participants will receive a coupon for a couple's, "Mom's Night Out Free Babysitting!"

On Monday, Sept. 29, at 7 p.m., we will have a Founder's Day Reader's Theater and Dessert Bar. The public is invited!

## Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

We received a nice rain and cool weather this past week.

Sunflower Seniors enjoyed a potluck supper and program on antiquities by Bob Jones Tuesday evening. Those attending were: Stan and Ramona Shaw, Ruth and Merl Chance, William and Rachel Carter, Keith and Helen Muirhead, Bob and Neoma Tacha, Bob Jones, Carla Latimer, Agnes Wahlmeier and Louise Cressler. A short business meeting was held. The carpeting in the center was discussed.

Community meeting Wednesday evening held at the United Methodist Church was attended by Daryl and Marge Hartzog, Kenneth Carter, Dorothy Vacura, Darlene LaRue,

Terri Hanke, Neoma Tacha, Betty Cressler and Louise Cressler.

There was a discussion on Firemen's FunDay with comments that it was another successful day and enjoyed by a large crowd.

Some things discussed which might be changed for next year's event were: the time the queen's crowning was held; more lights in front of the firehouse for auction; light in the firehouse at the desk where supper is paid for and extra help to take money. If you have some ideas, express them to Marge Hartzog or any one of the firemen.

Historic Building Preservation Committee business meeting held Friday evening at the Ambulance

Barn was attended by Neoma Tacha, Dorothy Vacura, Marge Hartzog, Betty Cressler, Linda Wahlmeier and Louise Cressler. Financial report was given.

Future money raisers were discussed. Work needed done on the building (former Masonic Hall) is extensive. The kolache baking site was discussed.

City water meters will be read Sept. 20. If your meter is inside, please post reading on your door on Saturday.

Wayne and Louise Cressler visited at the home of their daughter, Gwen and Jeff Anderson, in Council Grove over the weekend. They helped celebrate the first birthday

of their great-grandson, Gabriel Lemmons, son of Jessica and Ben Lemmons of Manhattan.

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## Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

There were several winners at the penny card game played on Monday afternoon. Players included Clara Fringer, Elsie Goodnight, Donna Kent, Mary Kolsky, Wilma May, Elwood Mines, Edie Pettera, John Schuhart, Blanche Skubal, Delores Wheeler, Lloyd Wishon, Luella Overmiller, and Dale Butler.

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

Delores Wheeler and Elwood Mines tied for the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon. The blackout game ended in a three-way tie by Elsie Goodnight, John Schuhart, and Mary Kolsky. Kathy Knight and Marcella Minden gave a musical program following the game. Kathy sang a variety of old favorites while Marcella accompanied her on the Clavinova.

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

Juanita Williby hosted the pinocle players on Wednesday afternoon.

Fr. Henry Saw Lone had a Catholic Mass on the CLC patio on Thursday morning.

Charlotte Kurtz, with assistance from volunteer Marcella Minden, played a variety of games with residents on Thursday afternoon. Everyone enjoyed the games as well as snacks and visiting afterward.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Thursday afternoon.

Family members helped Delores Wheeler celebrate her birthday on Friday.

The baking group made chocolate chip cookies on Friday afternoon. They were served warm from the oven along with a cup of coffee or glass of cold lemonade.

The poker group met for a game on Saturday night. They are meeting now on Wednesday and Saturday evening and visitors are welcome to join in.

Recent visitors: Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Carol Kompus, Linda Bosler, Herndon; Jan Sattler, Atwood; Brooke and Brady Sumner, Norcatour; Ron and Nancy Baumfalk, Carol Van Ert, Aurora, Colo.; Rick and Tammy Shaw, Selden.

Jackie Votapka, Roberta Johnson, Shelli Fortin, Paula Tadlock, Dolores Koerperich, Orlin Beneda, Elvin Beneda, Lyle Gamblin, Ira Kolsky, Roxie Pomeroy, Earl Brown, Ella Betts, Edie Tate, Oberlin.

## Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

On Sept. 4 at Senior Citizens, Paulie Neff won high, Helen Karls took second, Alfred Albers got low and Carol Shaw had the most aces. Other members present included: Lola Cook, Jeanie Spresser, Anna Albers, Betty James, Ann Hazlitt, Bernita Aumiller and Shirley Emigh.

On Thursday at Senior Citizens, Gail Mumm won high and had the most tens, Alfred Albers took second and Bernita Aumiller got low. Other members present were Lola Cook, Royce Cook, Jeanie Spresser, Paulie Neff, Anna Albers, Lois Neff, Carol Shaw, Shirley Emigh, Edna Schiltz and Helen Karls.

School Calendar - Thursday, 4 p.m., Junior High volleyball; 5:30 p.m., and football in Rexford with Cheylin. Friday, 7 p.m., High School football at Rexford with Hill City. Monday, 5:30 p.m., Junior Varsity football at Triplains/Brewster. Tuesday, 4 p.m., High School volleyball at Brewster. Thursday, Sept. 25, 3 p.m., Junior High volleyball/football at Brewster. Monday, Sept. 22, starts the beginning of Homecoming Week at Golden Plains Schools.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Sept. 11 - Dustin Shaw. Sept. 12 - Paulie Neff, Leroy Spresser. Sept. 13 - Melvia Paulson, Brian Aumiller, Duane Carman. Sept. 15 - Larry Miller. Sept. 16 - Janet Ritter, Pam Wessel, Doug Neff, Ron and Lois Neff, Susan Juemann. Sept. 17 - Mark Hill, Kevin Wurm, Jerry Bouts. Sept. 18 - Bobbi Koerperich. Sept. 20 - Dr. Borgia Mendiola. Sept. 22 - Katelin Spresser. Sept. 23 - Kelsey Spresser Rhodes, Kacie Rogers Evans. Sept. 24 - Matt Finney. Sept. 25 - Noel Ritter, Kent Ashley, Tasha Belair, John Lobato, Jade Mosier, Andrea Trenbly.

New books shelved at the library include: Regular Print: "8 Sand-piper Way," by Debbie Macomber and "Sister's Choice," by Emilie Richards; Large Print: "Off Season," by Anne Rivers Siddons. Library hours are Mondays and Saturdays from 9 to 11 a.m., and on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. as volunteers are available. Anyone wanting to volunteer may do so by contacting any of the Board members.

## Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Ethan Andrew Frankforter, infant son of Andrew and Stephanie (May) Frankforter, of Lincoln, Neb., was baptized Sunday morning during worship services at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin by Pastor Kevin Schnakenburg. Sponsors were Josh and Kari Williby of Hays.

Ethan Frankforter was honored with a baptismal dinner Sunday noon in the St. John's Lutheran Church fellowship hall, hosted by his grandparents, Elwood and Jeanie May.

Also attending were Ethan's great-grandmother, Wilma May, Jerry and Connie Olson, Justin and Wendy Scott, Garrett and Gage, Jack Fortin, Charles Fortin, Carl Larson, Monica Larson and Tom

Wasson, John and Dianne Bremer, David May, McCook; Stean Olson, Hays; Brandon May, Salina; Josh and Kari Williby, Hays; and Marla Shelton, Smith Center. They also attended Ethan's baptism.

Elaine Bodeker Samuelson, Denver, was a guest at the home of Ralph and Violet Shaw on Wednesday to Friday, Sept. 3, 4, and 5. Elaine is a former teacher at Decatur Community High School.

Sunday noon dinner guests of Ralph and Violet Shaw were Joe and Mary Shaw, Durango, Colo.; Laurene Bryan Van Otterloo, Richard and Anna Shaw, and Joel and Tami Shaw and Dante.

Joe and Mary were house guests of Ralph and Violet, arriving Friday and returning home on Monday.

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