Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

100 YEARS AGO — April 1902 Chautauqua park.

We see by the Norton papers that Art Smith is to be cashier of the new bank at Jennings. With Art Smith and Clay Bradbury both in that town, Jennings ought to have a good

able to be around again.

The Citizens ticket is as follows: Mayor, Geo. B. Vawter; Council-W. T. Stevenson; H. H. Dilworth; E. S. Dean; Police Judge, W. A.

Geo. B. Vawter was on Tuesday being completely paralyzed.

Howard Noyes is having a well put down; erecting a windmill and 50 YEARS AGO — April 1953 otherwise improving his property. The members of the Methodist

Church are greatly pleased that Rev. Miller has been sent back for another year to the Oberlin church.

75 YEARS AGO — April 1928

The First State Bank of Cedar Bluffs last week decided to quit business and transferred all its deposits in cash to the Farmers National Bank of this city, and all depositors are being paid in full. This is a quick and inexpensive way of winding up the affairs of the bank. For the past several years the Cedar Bluffs bank has not been doing enough business to warrant it continuing in business.

All the boys enrolled in vocational agriculture of northwest Kana judging school and contest Friday and Saturday of this week at Foster Farms six miles west of Rexford. derson, both piano students of Mrs. Friday evening the boys will go into Colby where they will be furnished dinner and entertainment by Colby

Along Big Timber: A good Jennings across the Prairie Dog. A a bad curve. The old channel was of the cafe to the Jayhawk Cafe. filled. Considerable work, but it

Funeral services were held at Grevais, Wash., on March 10 for Thomas Taylor, 77, who made his home in Decatur County from 1885 to 1904 until returning to his native England for several years.

helped to make the annual athletic and scholastic contests for the March 28 at the Wesley Gaumer county schools very successful. The home for a potluck supper in honor track and field events were held at of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jennings and

The south display window of Stevenson's Drug Store contains an exhibit of furniture items made by the manual training students of Jack Riley: Billie McMullen, Harold Love, Merlin Zimmerman, Sidney Ed. Beardsley who has had a Hess, Lemoin Landau, and Martough time with the grip is getting shall Traxler. There is also a ship model made by Mr. Rilev himself.

.Mrs. S. L. Kiser gave a party for her daughter, Helen, on her 7th men, W. F. Steiner, Perry Bradley, birthday to which her teacher and 28 of her classmates were invited. Custer: Mr. William Jennings

and Miss Mamie Fiala were married March 28. A reception for relatives stricken with paralysis, his left side and friends was given at the bride's home in the evening.

An inch of rain here on March 31 was the best news in nearly a year as it brought the total for the month of March to 1.72, the most in a single month since last July. There had been great concern for the wheat which had been damaged by the wind and dry weather as well as for the pastures. James Sage, crop insurance ad-

juster, has been very busy the past two weeks adjusting wheat losses.

Olive Chapel: Sunny Slope and Vallonia schools went over to Kanona last Thursday for a track meet and picnic dinner and spelling Mr. and Mrs. V. R. May have

purchased the Forest Redman home and will take possession when the new home for Mr. and Mrs. Redsas and their instructors will attend man is completed just south of the V. H. Griffith home.

Idella Nelson and Marlene An-Maye Banta, received highly superior ratings at the Music Festival held in Norton on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ellis have taken over the operation of the cofbridge has been placed north of fee shop which they purchased in January from Mr. and Mrs. Leo new channel was made, eliminating Harmon and will change the name

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs.

Henry Wolfram announce the arrival of a daughter March 30. She weighed 9 pounds and 6 ounces. Mary Lou Woodward, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Woodward,

has been elected president of the Kansas State College chapter of Good roads and fine weather Alpha Chi Omega sorority. Neighbors met the evening of

Mr. and Mrs. John Holmberg who were both celebrating their 25th wedding anniversaries. At the close of the evening wedding cake, ice cream and coffee were served.

25 YEARS AGO — April 1978

The Daylight Donut Shop owned and operated by Roy and Ann Shobe since 1974 sold this week to Don and Vickie Ulrich. The Shobes have indicated they will be moving to Herington to operate a Montgomery Ward catalog sales agency. Roy Shobe retired in January 1977 after 30 years service with the U.S. Postal Service.

Lohoefener to erect a building to be leased to Marty and Sharon Martinson for a new Coast to Coast hardware store adjacent to their present location on South Penn Avenue. The new building will more than double their existing Hill City architect Ralph Keller

submitted the final plans for the new medical arts building to the Decatur County Hospital Board for approval and bids are to be let on May

Members of the Prairie Statesman Chorus who participated in the Barbershop Harmony Time program at McCook Saturday evening

were Boyd Bainter, Gordon Rathbun and Walt Anderson of Oberlin and Noel West of Norcatur.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. John H. Barrett, Oberlin, girl, Kymberlee Ann.

About 1,300 musicians from 14 schools will participate in the 2A State Music Festival this weekend at Decatur Community High

Funeral services were held from Faith Lutheran Church for Mrs. Carl (Ruth) Henningson. The daughter of Carl and Anna (Johnson) Glad, she was born in 1903 in Laing Township in Rawlins County Plans were announced by Rex and graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1921.

The Red Devil boys' track squad edged St. Francis by one point to win the meet held at Smick Field on Tuesday. John Guy took first in both the mile and two-mile. Other teams entered were Norton, Hoxie and Atwood.

Funeral services were held from Oberlin United Methodist Church for Martha DeMay, 69. The daughter of Fred and Jennie (Kunkel) Jones, she was born at Orleans, Neb., where she attended school. After graduating from the University of Nebraska with a degree in music she taught at Danbury until her marriage to Hal DeMay.

Let's Go to the Museum

By SharleeenWurm, co-director

Spring is here and the museum is OPEN for the 2003 season. September will mark the 45th anniversary of its grand opening, with celebrations to be held during Mini Sapa. Plans are already under way for several fun and exciting events in To start the year, we have the an-

nual meeting for all members of the museum. This will include a dessert bar furnished by the board and staff to show our appreciation for the members. It will begin at 7 p.m. in the Bohemian Hall. The business meeting will be followed by a tour of several buildings on the grounds to show the improvements made in the last several years.

If you are not a member of the museum let me take this opportunity to encourage you to become one. Our museum is the best in western Kansas and brings many tourists into Oberlin. It is through your support that we have been able

to keep it open.

Membership is only \$20 for a family and \$10 for a single. This membership allows you to tour the museum free, attend all functions, and best of all helps keep the history of Decatur County preserved.

This year with the war and gas prices as they are, taking a trip to your local museum would keep you right here at home and let you enjoy what Decatur County has to of-

The Second Annual Rummage and Food Sale has been set for April 26 and 27. We will begin accepting items on Tuesday, April 15. Items cannot be taken before that date because there is no place to store them. We are not able to accept large appliances, and ask that only gently used items be brought in. All food item donations will be greatly appreciated.

A great plan for 2003: Let's go to the museum.

Mount Pleasasnt News By t Dianne Bremer

Congratulations to Karen Waterman and David Eskew who were married on Thursday, March 27, during a noon ceremony at the Decatur County Courthouse before family, friends and courthouse employees. Judge John Bremer offici-

Out-of-town guests were Mary Ellen Swim, Battle Creek, Neb., who was matron of honor and college roommate of the bride: Barb Walton, Perry, Okla., a friend of the bride who was photographer and gift scribe; Kansas District Lutheran Women Missionary League President Lois Llewellyn and her husband, Lew, Lawrence; Ed Waterman, Wichita, and Robert Eskew, McCook.

Paul Shields recently returned home after traveling with his KARL class on an International KARL trip to Mexico and Costa Rica. He left March 18, flew into Mexico City, Mexico, and from there went on to Queretaro, Mexico, where the City. They stayed at the home of

March 22 they returned to Mexico 24, they toured the U.S. Embassy and a coffee plantation and arrived in Venecia on Tuesday, spending the night with host families. The next day the group traveled to Arenal, spent the night at the base of an active volcano, and on Thursday traveled to Villa Blanca where they toured a farm of the former president of Costa Rica, spending Friday, then flew home on Saturday with Paul arriving in Denver that afternoon and returning home that

Quinton Cundiff was among six Decatur Community High School student council youth and two sponsors who left March 21 for Washington, D.C., flying out of Kansas

toured farming operations. On inski. She was their tour guide and Brewster Friday evening where arranged tours for the group at the City, then flew to San Jose, Costa Pentagon, the monuments, the Na-Rica, the following day. On March tional Cathedral, and Arlington Cemetery. The group returned home on Thursday.

Roland and Pam May returned home Sunday evening, March 23, after spending a three-day weekend skiing and visiting at the home of Rhonda May and Dan Nedland and family, Breckenridge, Colo.

Kelly Shields, Tyler, Cassidy, and Caitlin drove to Omaha on the night at Puenta Leona on the March 18 and were overnight Pacific Coast. They flew out of San guests of Mike and Nancy Shields Jose, Costa Rica, to Mexico City on and Corinne. The following day they flew to Baltimore, Md., to spend a few days visiting her sister and brother-in-law, Donna and Ed Wright. While there, they toured Washington, D.C. They flew back to Omaha on Sunday, March 23, spent the night at the Mike Shields home and returned home on Mon-

group stayed with host families and John and Heidi (Martinson) Les- Rory attended Regional 4-H Day in Bremer home.

Greta presented her poetry.

Becky Tate, Dakota and Mollie Marie were Saturday afternoon visitors of Arthur and Alice May.

Roland and Pam May attended the annual fair board dinner Saturday evening at the LandMark Inn.

Ralph and Violet Shaw attended the wedding of Sara Putz and Nathaniel Frank Saturday afternoon at the Evangelical Free Church in McCook. The bridegroom is the son of Pastor Arnold and Mary (Zander) Frank of Scottsdale, Ariz., and the grandson of Pauline Zander of

Oberlin. Caitlin Shields was honored with a birthday party at the Oberlin City Park Sunday afternoon. Friends helping her celebrate her sixth birthday were Kaine Fredrickson, Kelly Brown, Gannon Henningson, Demi Murray, Dallas Paul, Gabe Anderson, and Rebecca Wentz.

Arthur and Alice May were Sun-Joanne Wendelin, Greta and day noon dinner guests at the John

By Helen Helm

John and Helen Helm visited at the card party in Norcatur on Friday the Margaret Magers home Friday evening which the Royal Neighbors to see Denise Guy, Katie, Kori, had provided for the senior citizens supper with grandpa and grandma. Kurstin, and Kendra, of Abilene. of the community. Marguerite Ful-They all went to the Community lerton was a guest. Building to see the Personal Energy Project which the Lyle United Methodist Women, in connection with the Norcatur and Clayton that they had prepared for County 4- some embroidered pieces that she United Methodist Women, are in the process of providing for those in Zaire and other places in response to loss of mobility due to land mines and polio. The project is a hand-

cranked wheelchair, designed to provide mobility where wheel-

rocky and uneven ground. Mrs. June Jolly, Mrs. Kathy Van Meter and Mrs. Magers attended

Lyle News

Monday evening at the John Helm home and presented their selections

HDays being held Tuesday evening in Oberlin. They enjoyed a pizza

Mrs. Karen Brown, of Lebanon, Neb., accompanied Mrs. Jolly to The Mike Helm family spent McCook Monday evening for cards at the Eagles Lodge.

had made with her new sewing machine to show Marguerite Fullerton on Tuesday afternoon.

Tuesday evening Mrs. Fullerton accompanied Mrs. Magers and Mrs. Van Meter to Beaver City, Neb., where they visited Van Cozad Mrs. Yvonne Sumner brought and attended the card party at the Senior Center.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Eulaine Benda returned home Sunday from the Decatur County sisters, Helen Jaderborg, Times of a Buffalo Soldier" dinner Hospital, where she had been a pa-

day evening.

Jennings News

By Sonya Gillespie

Students from Prairie Heights School at Jennings who participated in the small groups and solos music festival in Oberlin on Saturday included: Nick Wahlmeier, Peggy Foster, Katie Randolph, Nakita Graf, Adrienne Vacura, Courtney Gillespie, Elise Kinser, Jake Kramer, Buddy Graf, Andy Coiner, Grant Bailey, Tiffany Wheeler, Adam Miller, and Ryan Miller. Sara Kier was also a participant until her accident. The band will spend Saturday

and Sunday on a band trip to Denver. They plan to visit a mall, eat at Casa Bonita, attend the stage play, 'Two Pianos — Four Hands'', and visit the Denver Zoo. Students in grades 6, 7 and 8 will

attend the music festival at Logan on Wednesday, April 9.

TUESDAY STUDY CLUB

The Tuesday Study Club members met at the Shepherd's Staff in Rexford for their March meeting with Jean Skubal as hostess. Members present were Naomi Carter, Rachel Carter, Wilma Mader, Joan McKenna, Helen Muirhead, Jean Skubal, Twila Stieben, Mildred Tacha and Vendla Tacha.

They were met at the main office by one of the staff members who gave them a walking tour of their buildings on Main Street which they have renovated for use in their mission work. This was an interesting tour and everyone enjoyed seeing all the good work that has beer done. A delicious luncheon was served in their dining room. Following lunch, President Rachel Carter conducted the meeting. The club collect and flag salute were repeated in unison. Vendla read the minutes of the last meeting and gave the treasurer's report. The club's usual donation was given to the pos prom. A donation was also given to the Jennings Lions Club for their band camp project.

New officers elected include Joan McKenna, president; Vendla Tacha, vice president; and Twila Stieben, secretary-treasurer. The next meeting will be at the home of Vendla Tacha with Lynn Tacha as co-hostess. Roll call will be program suggestions and payment of

Good Samaritan Center

Jan Badsky led devotions Mon- Ruby Shuler, Lorna Bishop and day and Willard Noren provided special music. Accompanying him was his wife, Esther Noren. Other guests attending were Mary Olson, Eunice Martin, and Janette Votapka from the Pi Alpha Club.

Little Sam's Daycare made flower pots, led by Barb Berry and Andrea Burmaster. Volunteer Pat Abbey helped cornflake no-bake cookies from the of Becky Alstrom. She was assisted by Ruby Shuler, Hazel Flaska, Ella Peterson, and Ivah Alexander.

Sociology class from Colby Community College, led by Idella Frickey, toured the facility.

Neva Campbell, Kathryn Post, Harold Demmer, Elfie Brown, Ann Leitner, Lois Buchholz, Irene Corcoran, Pauline Zander, Vergie Nygren, Dona Gillespie, Hazel Flaska, Marilyn St. Clair, and Helen Styles all enjoyed listening to Mrs. Pavlicek's class read. Faith Lutheran Church had service with Fred Helmkamp, Ella Peterson, and Mamie Unger attending.

A potluck was held as a "thank you" to Dennis Brown for all of his hard and selfless work for our facility and others. Stuart Euhus led Bible Study on

Wednesday.

Garrah Gaumer played the piano Helen Styles, Eryline Nichols, Florence Vavroch.

Pauline Zander. Stan Chapin was here for Catho-

lic Communion and Irene Corcoran, Bonnie Weskamp and Lois Buchholz attended.

Vergie Nygren's family had a birthday party for her in the Bird Residents were saddened by the

fact that Zach, our 16-year-old canine companion, died recently. A memorial service was held for Agnes Brown. Coleen Rippe read

the obituary, and the choir sang.

Spelling Bee was attended by Hattie Olson, Agnes Chambers, Eryline Nichols, Ruth Laidig, Helen Styles, and Lorna Bishop.

Dennis Brown led Saturday devotions. The Sacred Heart Catholic Church led church services and Shirley Nichols served Social Hour. Recent guests: Ruby McKenna

- Ed and Gloria McKenna, Donnie Chambers and Tyler, Pat Hartzog, Donna and Anita Chambers, Jerry and Fran Chambers; Dena Gillespie - Pat Hartzog, Daryl, Marge, Stann Hartzog, June Vavroch; Dorothy Wolters - Elsie Wolters; Elsie Macy - Elsie Wolters; Hazel Flaska - Charlene Karnes; Vergie Nygren - Marcille Berryman, Meg Coultec; **Dennis** Sloan - Susan Sloan-McCarthy; for devotions. Little Sam's fun Pauline Zander - Bethany and made little flowerpots, led by An- Linda Smith and baby. Also visitdrea Burmaster. It was attended by ing were Henrietta Van Vleet and

Cedar Living Center

Velda Ward is a new resident at Cedar Living Center.

Lund Covenant Church had the

Sunday service on March 23. Don and Marie Thomas were dinner guests at the home of Dennis and

Kaylene Thomas on Sunday. A birthday party was held at noon on Monday for Harold Frickey. His family provided cake and ice cream Tom and Deb Ferriter, Longmont; for the residents and staff. His Mary Miller, Dresden; Eula Jueneguests for lunch were Lindsay Euhus and Tara Votapka.

Fern Moore gave the reading program on Tuesday morning. Dorothy Davis won the first bingo and Dean Gallatin and Eva Marie Vacura tied for the blackout.

Barbara Solko played pinochle with Dean Gallatin on Thursday.

club on Saturday morning.

Recent visitors: Ann Martin, Margaret Riener, Herndon; Jerry Temple, Frank Ward, Leslie Ward, Norcatur; Don Ashley, Carl Mumm, Wilma Ritter, Selden; Gary Matheny, McCook; Glema Macy, Lebanon; Gordon Smith, Norton; Carolyn Brockway, Salina; Christine Stanley, Mitchell, S.D.; mann, Dolores Koerperich, Walt and Rosella Meitl, Carol Witt, Eleanor Kircher, Irene Fringer, Rachel Gallatin, Marie Jean Vavroch, Bernie and Othelia Vacura, Willard Perrin, Dannye Uehlin, Ron and Patty Uehlin, Verl Cook, Fern Jording, Esther Lindquist, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Karen Nadean Stoney hosted the coffee Bennett, Elaine Bryan, Carol Allen, Oberlin.

By Zula Horinek

Mike and Joy Meserve have started a program in their home for be available to do yard work after their son, Paul, who has autism. They would like to talk to those who are interested in working with children with autism or families who have a child with autism. They are using the Applied Behavioral Analysis program.

Alfred and Jean Hawkins made a trip to Salina Thursday so she could have her physical preceding back April 5 at the Salina Regional Medical Center. If you wish to send her a card the address is 400 S. Sante Fe, Salina, Kan., 67401

Jeanette Bencken is home after shoulder surgery in Denver. She will be receiving physical therapy.

Sandra Barnett plans to move to Rexford. She purchased Irma Hibbs house and will be near her mother, nearly every day. Hulda Wark, to help her out.

Rexford News

Vincent and Aaron Ornelas will school is out. The Gould brothers have re-

turned from Denver where they were hospitalized for several months. Jhon Roy returned to his home. Doloras Dible has been helping him at his home.

The Red Barn Gang Band went to Goodland Thursday to the Good Samaritan rest home and played surgery, which is scheduled for mostly Irish songs. They had a table decorated green with a pot of gold and a blarney stone and served green punch, cakes decorated in green, and trail mix and they also gave a nice donation.

Carroll Gould is living at Lantern Park so he can receive physical therapy. He would welcome visitors. Cleda Moeder visits him

chairs are unable to operate on

Detta Anderson and Dick and Wane Stull, Solomon. They came Donna Kelley were the women's especially to attend "The Life and Longmont, Colo.; Janice Sauvage, theater at the LandMark Inn on Fri-

Weekend guests of Elden and Edwards, Colo.; and Cheryl and

tient since suffering a fall.