# **Events of Yesteryear**

By Jody Betts

100 YEARS AGO — April, 1903

Lyle Items: The telephone poles are strung from Lyle to Norcatur, so we suppose Lyle can soon tell Norcatur its joys, wants and

Allison Items: Born Saturday, April 18, 1903, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Groom, a 9-pound. son. Frank is now the happy father of The high school beat the town

boys in a ball game Tuesday evening, John Taylor and Ben Leaman were the battery for the school boys; Will Moss and Frank Keeler for the town team. The final score stood 17-7.

School Notes: We may not have Sockless Jerry in our midst, yet we have a Hatless Grover (Marvin). Ben Leaman has quit school and is working for the Chicago Lumber

Joseph Boeger, the Dresden hotel man, was an Oberlin city visitor M. E. Mix put down a new walk

at his residence this week; actually did the work himself.

#### 75 YEARS AGO — April 1928 Oberlin High School won the

track meet with 61 points with Lowell Francis high point man for Oberlin by taking first in the broad jump and shot put and third in the century for 11 points. Veeh Reeves and Hitchcock each scored two firsts. The high point contestant for the day was young Auker of Norcatur who carried first place points in the pole vault, high jump, discus and javelin, scoring 20 of the Norcatur team's 35 points.

Harry McClaury is erecting a frame building 24x50 feet on the site of the old Mines barn. The new building will be used by the Sproul Produce Co.

People all over the county will mourn the passing of Robert M. Mizer of Jennings, long one of the prominent citizens of that part of the county since coming to Kansas in 1886 where he homesteaded on a farm five miles south of Jennings. He died at the age of 71.

Frank Robertson of Custer was a caller on Wednesday and tells us that crops are beginning to need rain badly in his neighborhood.

Funeral services will be held for Julius Kathka, Sr., who died April 24 at the home of his son, Paul. Mr. Kathka settled north of Traer in the year 1884 and has been a resident of the northwest part of Decatur County since that time.

Jennings: Forest Jennings has installed an irrigation plant on his father's river farm east of town. He expects to build a house there also.

Fairview-Summit: Friday was the last day of school at Fairview and the teacher and pupils planned a picnic in Mix's pasture. Some of the parents took the dinner that was enjoyed by all and the afternoon was spent in fishing and visiting.

We understand that Fern Frickey will teach the Fairview School; Ellanette Gierhart the Victory School and Rhobia Anderson the Addleman School next year.

Dr. C. L. Piper reports the birth of Nitcher on April 23. The young man has been given the name of Donald

#### 50 YEARS AGO — April 1953

The Herald this week prints an unusual photograph brought to the office by Gaylord Shields who is home on leave. It shows the scene at Pearl Harbor where the U.S.S. Arizona was harbored on Dec. 7, the 1,000 Navy personnel who lost their lives in the sinking of the ship. A U. S. flag is hoisted each morning and lowered in the evening at the scene. The photo was taken by Gaylord who was a crew member of a navy airplane flying over the area.

Oberlin Rotarians entertained their wives at a dinner meeting this week at the American Legion Hall with the meal served by the Temple Cafe. Musical entertainment was furnished by the Decatur Community High School boys' sextet, directed and accompanied by Nancy Lehman. Speaker was Dr. Taylor, superintendent of the State Tuberculosis Sanitarium at Norton and his technician. Don Oman. Rotarians and their wives leaving

this week to attend the Rotary International convention to be held in Paris, France are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Lippelmann and Mr. and Mrs. Jay Paddock. Roy's sister, Mrs. Robert Johnson, Topeka, will accompany them and after the convention they will tour West Germany, Switzerland and Italy. The Paddocks will return by ship from Le Havre, France; the Campbells and Mrs. Johnson by plane from Milan, Italy while Mr. Lippelmann plans to go directly from the convention to Herford, Germany, to visit relatives and Mrs. Lippelmann will join him ing museum members to donate

the "United States."

Approximately 850 persons attended the Hi-Plains stock car races Sunday afternoon at the Decatur County fairgound.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Cullison and their 14-month-old daughter. Vicki Joy, have moved to Oberlin where he will be a representative for State Farm Insurance.

Hawkeye: Several from this community attended the basket dinner at Rexford Sunday in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Read who have returned to our community after living for several years in Iowa. It was their 39th wedding anniversary. a baby boy to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Augusta Geisenheiner called the group to order and it was decided that a similar get-together be held annually on the first Sunday in May. Professor Bear, superintendent of schools at Selden in the early days, who now lives at Springfield, Colo., came the greatest distance to attend and other local pioneers were introduced and told something of their memories of the early days. The two oldest present were Mrs. Mary 1941, which is now a memorial to Decker, 89, of Hoxie and Mrs. Kate Hanshaw, 87, of Selden.

The mile-relay team of Brainard, Shaw, Barrett and Fortin placed second in the class A division of the KU Relays and Rex Moore placed second in the 880. Stanley Moore placed 5th in the discus and Gary Guinn 6th in the high hurdles.

### 25 YEARS AGO — April 1978

A Jennings couple died Monday in a one-car crash just south of

Benkelman, Neb., after their auto ran through a stop sign at a T intersection and plunged through a ditch coming to rest in a nearby field. Killed were a longtime Allison Township farmer, Walter Warren, 82, and his wife, Maude, 76.

Though the 1978 wheat crop hasn't shown much growth due to windy days and cold nights in the area the past few weeks, elevator operators are looking ahead to storage problems they may be facing because of the boxcar shortage. Neither the Burlington Northern nor the Rock Island lines have been able to get grain cars to local grain

Mrs. Edna Colson, rural Selden, announces the approaching marriage of her daughter, Kathryn, to Floyd Richard of Densmore. The couple will exchange vows May 27 at Lund Covenant Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Miller of Norcatur announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie, to Bernard Olson, son of Mrs. Laura Olson of Oberlin and the late George Olson. A June 3 wedding is planned.

A double-ring ceremony the afternoon of April 1 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Topeka united in marriage Janice Olson and Robert Baer of Topeka. Parents of the couple are Mrs. Evelyn Olson of rural Herndon and Mrs. Margaret Baer of Topeka. The bride is employed by the Kansas State Dept. of Revenue and her husband is with the U. S. Postal Service in Topeka.

# Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, co-director

SALE, SALE, SALE; FOOD, FOOD, FOOD!

Now that I have your attention with two four-letter-words that most of us greatly enjoy, the museumistheplaceto comethis weekend.

It is our Second Annual Rummage and Food Sale. It will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday. Lots of items have already been brought in and we are looking for more to come in over the next couple of

If you still have items you would like to donate, we will be taking them during our regular hours of 10 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m. We are askthere after the tour and they will reitems for the food sale. You can turn home by ship in mid-July on bring these in either Friday after-

noon or Saturday morning so they will be here by 9 a.m. for the open-

Even though we have been busy getting things organized for the sale we have had a number of visitors also. They have come from California, North Dakota, Illinois, Kansas, Texas, and Colorado. One couple from Illinois was here to do genealogy and in visiting with them we found a possible connection to a family that Phil and I have been researching. Small world?

Historical Tidbit: In 1927 there were 102 marriages in Decatur County and only 8 divorces. In 1928 there were 117 marriages with only

to the Museum!

# **Jennings News**

By Sonya Gillespie

Sympathy from the community is and Kay Brown were Kara Kuntz, ness owner of Deb's Cafe in Jenn-

The Jennings Spring Music Program will be held on Monday, April 28, following a freshman supper from 5-7 p.m. Be sure to join us for an evening of K-12 music performances directed by Kay Brown, held at the Jennings School on Frimusic instructor. A local book club has been start-

ed by Kathy Nauer. The selection for this month is "Big Stone Gap" by Adriana Trigiani. It is available from the Jennings City Library on Interlibrary Loan. Those interested in joining the club are asked to contact Kathy at (785) 678-2339 for for the screening, call the school more information. Easter dinner guests of Doyle

extended to the family of Deb Katherine and Zachary, Hays; Kent Bader, a former resident and busi- and Robin Brown, Jordan and MacKenzie, Estes Park, Colo.; Phil ings, and to the family of Matt and Keli Kleidosty, Wichita; Kurt Schillig, upon the loss of his sister. and Valerie Brown and Millicent, Quinter; Galen and Eleanor Augustine and Ben, Lenora; Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs, and Mildred Tacha of Jennings.

Early childhood screening will be day. They are free and are especially for parents with questions concerning their child's development from age 2 through 5. If a child will attend kindergarten in the fall of 2003, this screening is not necessary. A kindergarten screening will be held at a different date. To register a child office at (785) 678-2414.

### **Good Samaritan News**

Little Sam's Day Care kids came to color Easter eggs with Garrah Gaumer, Ivah Alexander and Helen Styles. Two puppies came to visit in the courtyard with Kathryn Post, Dena Gillespie, Ivah Alexander, Lorna Bishop, Elfie Brown, Elva Shaughnessy, Garrah Gaumer, Vergie Nygren, Bonnie Weskamp and Elsie Macy.

Residents Council was held Tuesday. Ann Leitner, Bonnie Weskamp, Lorna Bishop, Elsie Macy and Ella Peterson played Hangman. For Social Hour, Dennis Brown brought yogurt cake, served by Dennis and volunteer Samuel Smith. Reminisce Corner centered on the Easter season with the story, 'The Man Who Wrote Messiah".

Residents who enjoyed Bingo were Ivah Alexander, Vergie Nygren, Florence Fisher, Erma Holt, Elfie Brown, Mamie Unger, Ruth Laidig, Veda Pingetzer, Ann Leitner, Elva Shaughnessy, Hattie Olson and Garrah Gaumer. For craft time, Garrah Gaumer,

Helen Styles, Agnes Chambers and Ruby Shuler made Easter crosses. Joyce Ploussard led devotions on

Good Friday. A birthday party was held for Hazel Flaska during Social Hour, toconductSundayworshiponApril13.

given by her niece, Charlene, of Salina. The afternoon movie, entitled "Jesus", was watched by Elfie Brown, Agnes Chambers, Lorna Bishop, Marilyn St. Clair, Ella Peterson, Helen Styles, Ruby McKenna and Eva Cuthbertson.

Dennis Brown led devotions Saturday. Sunday church services were held with the St. John's Lutheran Church. Volunteer Phil Erickson served Social Hour.

Recent guests: Ruby McKenna - Shirley Wheelbarger, Ed and Gloria McKenna, Earl and Pat Hartzog, Donna Chambers, Anita Chambers, Jerry and Fran Chambers, Nicole and Kristen Chambers, Janet Haag, Bill McKenna, Larry and Lea McKenna; Dena Gillespie - Earl and Pat Hartzog, Daniel, Dena Marie and Julie Way, Daryl and Marge Hartzog, Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs, Brian Way and Jill Cook; Eunice Petracek - La Verne and Theo Wiedeman; Garrah Gaumer - Alexis Hissong, Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs; **Dennis** Sloan - LaRaine Claar, Missoula, Mont., Jim Claar, Luella Sloan, Susan Sloan McCarthy. Also visiting were Jon and Linda Smith, and Pastor Glen and Betty Krebs came

## **McGraw News**

By G.G. Launchbaugh

Mr. and Mrs. Bart Snyder and of Edith Wassermann. Other dinner Mrs. and Mrs. Gerald Sines visited Mr. and Mrs. George Launchbaugh on Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Launchbaugh Easter dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. A great plan for 2003: Let's Go and Karl were Easter dinner guests S.L. Daily of Sharon Springs.

guests included: Mrs. Susan Ruda, Dan, Jon, and Maria.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lewis were

# Lyle News

By Helen Helm

Although the Lyle United Methodist Women had to be postponed Wednesday because of muddy roads, the community was very happy with the one inch plus rainfall we received.

United Methodist District Superintendent Pat Ault-Duell, Hays, was a Sunday morning guest of Pastor Charles Keller at church services at Lyle. She gave the sermon and was in charge of communion. She also accompanied the Kellers to services at Norcatur and Clayton. A potluck dinner was held for her at Norcatur at noon. Mrs. Veda Wood was the only one from Lyle to be able to attend.

Mrs. Marguerite Fullerton accompanied Mrs. Margaret Magers to Quinter Sunday to the home of Charlie and Judy Easton. Others there were Jane Engelhardt, Rea and Delores Magers, J.T. and Denise Guy and girls, and young Charlie Easton. They were celebrating the birthday of Mrs. Margaret

Carroll Jolly and friend, Ron Wichs, Omaha, Neb., came Thursday evening to spend a few days with his mother, Mrs. June Jolly. On Saturday evening, Mrs. Jolly, Carroll and Ron, Dean and Rhonda Jolly, and daughter, Kim, who was also visiting here; Louis and LeVeda McFarland and other McCook area guests enjoyed a picnic supper at the home of Linda and Dennis

McFarland.

Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. June Jolly were Louis and LeVeda McFarland, Linda and Dennis McFarland, Megan McFarland and Jolly and friend, Sue, and Arlie Dale Bethel, and Carroll Jolly and Ron

Margaret Magers took Mrs. Marguerite Fullerton to Hays Tuesday where she had laser surgery on an

Larry Van Otterloo began removing dead trees and trimming others at the John Helm home Tuesday. On Wednesday morning he was unable to come back as he accompanied Mrs. Gene Van Otterloo to Hays where they had taken his father for tests and treatment by ambulance from the Decatur County Hospital where he had major surgery on April 15. We all hope for quick recovery. Mr. Van Otterloo had a heart attack at the hospital on

Sunday morning. Toby Wood, grandson of Mrs. Veda Wood, enlisted in the National Guard Reserves last week and was immediately accepted into from Omaha, spent the weekend the Army Band program. At present with his mother, June Jolly, and Toby is the band instructor at Stock-

home were Mike and Tielia Slater Margaret Magers Thursday afterand son, Grant, Indianola, Neb. On noon.

Tuesday her sons, Dwight and Denny, worked on her tiller and mower and did some yard work for

On Wednesday morning Ceanne friend, Bob; Jennifer Blume, Dean and Martin Rinehart and son, John, and Rhonda Jolly, Kim Jolly, Darin and Kathy Brashears left for Las Vegas, Nev., to attend the wedding of Adam Helm, son of John and Pam Helm, Edmond, Wash. He is Mrs. Kathy Van Meter and Mrs. the grandson of John and Helen

> Mrs. Kathy Van Meter accompanied June Jolly to the annual Decatur County Co-op meeting Friday evening where they were celebrating their 50th year of business. En route, the ladies killed a rattlesnake on the Lyle road. It is time to watch out for those creatures.

> When the John Helms were eating Sunday dinner in McCook, they got to share a table with Betty Duo Tompkins and friend. As Betty Jo and John are both Bartley High School Alumni, they enjoyed reminiscing.

> Mrs. Wood took her son, Dwight, to see the doctor Thursday, then he accompanied her home to do some

> mowing. Carroll Jolly and some friends

other relatives. Van Cozad and daughter, Karla Visitors on Saturday at the Wood Clason, Beaver City, Neb., visited

# **Rexford News**

By Zula Horinek

Rexford lost one of its citizens, Carrol Gould, who died at Lantern Park Manor in Colby, after being transferred from Denver. He was well liked and will be missed. He had been hospitalized over seven

surgery. She is receiving physical therapy and is improving each day.

Royal Neighbors met Thursday with Grace Cheney as hostess. She decorated for Easter.

Cleda Moeder, and son, Tim and

Jean Hawkins is in the Sheridan Shelly Moeder, flew to Reno, Nev.,

County Hospital following back to the national wrestling tournament where Taylor took third place in his age and weight. There were 2,600 kinds registered. Greg Moeder, Houston, Texas, met them in Reno for the event

Saturday, the American Legion held its last pinochle tournament.

**Midway News** 

and Maureen Anderson, Samantha, Chris and Gabe. Carrol Ginther were Blaine and tives in Hays. Erin Ginther, Cameron, Will and

guest of his grandparents.

Eva Bryan, Dick and Donna Atwood; Richard and Susan Kelley, Elden and Detta Anderson, Bergling, Megan and Sarah, and Gary Anderson were Easter Larned; Dave Bergling, Herndon; Sunday dinner guests of Richard and Casey McPheeters, Colby.

Sherry Bergling spent Easter weekend with her daughter, Easter dinner guests of J.R. and Stephanie Heighton, and other rela-

Connie Noren, Britta, David and Sophia of Atwood. Afternoon call- Michael visited last week with ers were Brent and Carolyn Jonathon and Leanna Aubrey and Ginther, Brandy and Brady of family in Kansas City, and also her Menlo. Brady was an overnight brother, Doyle Seaman, in Abilene. The Noren family went to Salina, Sunday dinner guests of Mac and where they were joined for Easter Jeri Ann McPheeters of Colby were weekend by Willard and Esther Quentin and Olive Bergling, Noren, and Steve Noren, Oberlin;

Ken and Alice Robson, Ellsworth; Andy Robson, Clearwater; and Kirk Robson, Hutchinson. The Steve Norens returned home Sunday, but the Willard Norens were overnight guests of Ken and Alice Robson of Ellsworth, before return-

By Mary Lou Olson

ing home Monday. Lorena Schultz of Abilene spent last week with her sister, Nadine Seaman, and niece, Lori Seaman. Joining them for the weekend was Doyle Seaman of Abilene.

Sunday dinner guests of the Mark Olson family were Wesley and Eulaine Benda, Gerald and Patti Benda, and Keith and Mary Lou Olson.

# **Mount Pleasant News**

By Dianne Bremer

Dianne Bremer attended a Farm Bureau Gold Star Program evaluation committee meeting Tuesday afternoon in Manhattan. She was one of three Kansas Farm Bureau county coordinators chosen throughout the state to serve on this

committee. Arthur and Alice May were Friday afternoon visitors of the Jay Tate family.

Jaron and Tara Tate, Hot Springs, Ark., were Saturday overnight guests of his parents, John and Edith

and Vivian Bishop.

Gail Harvey and Zeb, Lamar, Colo., arrived Thursday evening to spend the Easter weekend with her parents, Stuart and Martha Euhus, returning home Sunday afternoon. Additional dinner guests Saturday evening were Hildegard Euhus, Kent and Diana Euhus and Brock, Shields home. and Vivian Bishop. Easter Sunday Alvina Unger, Dr. Ryan Unger, home. dinner guests at the Euhus home Colleen Rittmann, Christian and included Gail and Zeb, Kent and Diana Euhus, Lindsay and Brock,

Enjoying Easter Sunday dinner at guests at the Ralph Unger home.

the home of Ralph and Violet Shaw Steve and Susan Nelson and Dakota and Mollie Marie. Makenzie, and Susan's father, Bill Davenport, Laramie, Wyo.

May, Evelyn Olson, Justin and Herschel and Jody Betts. Wendy Scott and Garrett, David Ben Jorns, Preston, was a week-

Additional Easter Sunday dinner Craig Larson, and Brad Larson. guests were Walter and Betty May, Hildegard Euhus and Gaylord tin and Evelyn May.

and Shirley Shields were Easter

Easter Sunday dinner guests of were Thelma Spiers, the Richard John and Edith Tate were Lois Shaw family, the Joel Shaw family, Carlson, and Jay and Becky Tate, Arthur and Alice May, Helen

Derby, and John and Dianne Easter Sunday dinner guests of Bremer and Jessica enjoyed Easter the Jerry Olson family were Wilma Sunday dinner at the home of

Easter Sunday evening dinner May of McCook, and Stean Olson, guests of Wayne and Lois Larson were Bill and Bonnie Condit of Winfield; Norman and Joanne end guest at the Roland May home. Wendelin, Ladd, Greta, and Rory,

Greg and Janice Cundiff and Roger and Susan May, Ryan and Quintin and Jack and Mildred Erin, and Dr. Richard and Delayne Fortin and Charles were Easter Sun-May, Brianna, Danica, and Nolan. day evening dinner guests of Mar-

Bill and Bonnie Condit, Sunday dinner guests at the Paul Winfield, were Sunday overnight guests at the Norman Wendelin Karolyn Muirhead and Reinhard

Rielly, Duane and Lois Unger, May enjoyed Easter Sunday in Colby, and Darci Zweygardt, St. Hays visiting her daughter and fam-Francis, were Easter Sunday dinner ily, Ruth and John Peters and Amber Saliba.