

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1879

Mr. John Neve, who resides near the Decatur post office, has been appointed by the Governor to take the census of the county. We estimate the population at about 2,500. Miss Sue Kneff, who has been employed to teach our school, has proven herself an excellent scholar by her recent examination before the county superintendent of Norton County. Her grade is the highest ever issued by that official. Last Sunday and Monday nights this section of the country was visited by the long-looked-for rains.

100 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1904

W.R. Borin has assumed management of the Fleming Bakery and Restaurant.

Norcatour News: A heavy wind-storm accompanied by hail struck Lyle and surrounding country Tuesday evening of last week doing much damage to barns, sheds and outbuildings. The peach crop was badly damaged.

Mrs. Leah Wickham and little daughter of St. Joseph arrived last week for a visit with relatives and friends.

We have waited patiently for Oscar Johnson and for Harry Heaton to come in and tell us they were married but either they were too busy or don't care whether we tell it or not. We hear they are married but have none of the particulars.

75 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1929

Decatur County will have two all-weather year-around roads when the 52 mile contract let last week by the State Highway Commission is completed. There will be 22 miles of graveling on the Rock Island highway from Clayton to near Selden and 30 miles west and east of Oberlin on the Airline.

Married: By Probate Judge Palmer of Norton on Sept. 11, Tenie Moler of Norcatour and Fred Ehler

of Dresden. The bride has lived near Norcatour all her life and is highly respected by her many friends and the groom is a prosperous farmer near Dresden where they will make their home.

A number of Oberlin people attended the Four County Old Settlers picnic held last Saturday at Brookwood, four and a half-miles northwest of Selden.

Mr. Shaw is certainly developing Brookwood into a fine pleasure resort with boating and a small swimming pool, tables and seating in the shade of a grove of walnut trees for a big crowd of people. In addition to the orchestra music directed by Prof. Julius Piller consisting of Prof. Piller and Helen Johnson, violin; Roy Campbell, cornet; Merlin Zimmerman, clarinet; Vergil Odell trombone; Marjorie Dryden, drums and Myra Redman, piano, there were vocal selections and speakers from Decatur, Sheridan, Thomas and Rawlins counties.

Supt. Smick informs us of an unusual condition at Decatur Community High School this fall where boys in the freshman class outnumber the girls by 56-27.

50 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1954

The Oberlin Red Devils downed Phillipsburg 27-0 in their season opener with Leroy Hoehner and Rusty Addleman as leading ground-gainers.

Charles Watson has closed his photography studio and joined the staff of the McCook Daily Gazette as photographer, rural news editor and manager of circulation outside the city of McCook.

Liberty Star News: Death came to our good friend, Andy Magers, who has been Lyle's storekeeper since 1949. Another old-time resident, Fred Wiggins, passed away at his home in Fort Collins, Colo. Fred was 11 years old and living with his brother, Wise Wiggins, when the

Indian raid occurred.

Rexford: Lawrence Claar is driving a new Fordomatic on his rural mail route.

Funeral services were held for Ben Guinn, 56, whose unexpected death was caused by a heart ailment. He had been a mail carrier for 38 years. He will be missed by the Decatur Community High School football teams as he attended most practices.

25 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1979

The annual open house will be held at the museum on Saturday and Sunday in observance of the anniversary of the Last Indian Raid in Kansas. An art show and sale will be held from Friday through Sunday by the Sappa Valley Arts Club at the New Roads Art Center, the remodeled Presbyterian Church, at the corner of York and Commercial streets.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Williams, Lenora, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their

daughter, Pamela, to David Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Wilson, Lebanon. An Oct. 20 wedding is planned at Faith Lutheran Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Cathcart announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Joyce, to Lynn Rippe, son of Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Rippe, all of Danbury. An Oct. 27 wedding is planned at Prairie Chapel Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dellere, Selden, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Morgan Sr., Strong City, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Carol Sue Dellere and J.F. (Dude) Morgan. The couple plan to exchange vows on Oct. 27, 1979, at Sacred Heart Parish in Selden.

Reinhard May plans to attend a "Reunion on the Roer" with his fellow 84th Infantry Division Railsplitters, who were part of the U.S. Ninth Army which fought across Europe in 1944-45 to meet the Russian Army at the Elbe River in the liberation of Europe.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm - director

The Decatur County Museum would like to thank Rocking R and Fidele Electric for the benefit auction they held Saturday with proceeds going to move the church and to the swimming pool organization.

We are getting closer to our goal and the date of Oct. 18 has been set to start moving the church. It will probably take a week or more to get the building loaded and ready for the trip to the museum grounds.

Since Sept. 1, we have had 91 guests come in from 15 states and Canada. Last week we had the Daughters of the American Revolution group from McCook tour and

we are looking forward to a "Red Hat" group this week.

With Mini Sapa just two weeks away, Oct. 2, plans are being finalized, and it looks to be an exciting and fun day. This will be the 46th year that Mini Sapa will be celebrated at the Last Indian Raid Museum.

The Saturday activities start at the Museum with a pancake feed from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. So many new items have been donated during the year. What a good day to come and spend touring all of our 13 buildings and see where the 14th will be set down.

More about Mini Sapa can be found in another article in this paper.

Rexford News

By Sondra Barnett

Deb Stepper visited Frankie Pearl McIntyre at Prairie Living Center. They were next door neighbors in Rexford for years and enjoyed many good visits in the past.

On Saturday evening, Sept. 11, the Colson family met in Norton for a hot dog roast. Those present were the host and hostess, Floyd and Kathryn Richard, Chris and Amie, Norton; Edna Colson, Ernest and Janine Colson, Selden; Charles and Cheryl Colson, Brady and Marcus, Colby; Roberta Colson and Jennifer, Marge Quast and Jordan and Alexis Albers, Goodland; Arthur Colson and Leamon, Hoxie; Grace and Stan Kauk, Colby; Henry and Sonia Elling, Heather, Anestacia, Sierra and Andrew, Wichita; Steve and Elaine Elling, Olathe; Martha Elling, Hays; Dianne Davis, Erin and Abigail, Norton; and cousins Jerry and Barb Wilson, Aurora, Colo. Several family members were absent because of work and car races. Edna Colson has two new great-granddaughters, Abigail Rose, born Aug. 16 to Dianne and Jason Davis, Norton, and Kamrynn Paige, born on Sept. 9 to James and Shauna Elling, Colby.

Ronnie and Janette Dible spent a big day going to the Husker Harvest Days in Grand Island, Neb., last week. Ronnie said it was a boy's toys paradise, a farm boy, that is. Alfred Hawkins had heart surgery in Hays on last Tuesday and is progressing very well. Vesta Roth spent part of the week at Hays with Alfred and Jean.

Social Hour Club was held on Wednesday at the Barn, with Hulda Wark as hostess. Others present were Grace Cheney, Marge Leh, Deb Stepper, Lula Thieler, Clea Moeder, Eileen Dible, Ruth Luna and Sondra Barnett. Bingo prizes were won by Grace, Eileen, Marge and Lula. The hostess prize was awarded to Ruth.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Jack and Mildred Fortin and Charles were Thursday evening dinner guests of Martin and Evelyn May to celebrate Jack and Mildred's wedding anniversary. Stan and Deanie Moore, Florissant, Colo., guests of Gaylord and Shirley Shields, arrived Friday to spend a few days visiting family and friends. Zach May played on the 4th, 5th

Cleda Moeder had friends, Jo Goscha and Dorothy Reicheck, from Garden City visit on Friday, culminating their time together with lunch at Selden. Jo and Dorothy were here to participate in the alumni activities in Hoxie over the weekend.

Dick and Eunice Sanford had an overnighter at Sheridan County Lake. They caught a nice five pound Channel Cat.

Koffee Klatch attendees last week were Grace Cheney, Eunice Sanford, Vesta Roth, Liz Rall, Freda Ketchum, Margaret Arasmith, Delores Dible, Deb Stepper, Hulda Wark and Sondra Barnett.

Janette Dible, Aubrey Nichols, Samantha and Terri Allen, Grace Cheney, Deb Stepper, Hulda Wark, Edna Colson, Joan Todd, and Sondra Barnett attended the After Five Christian Women's Club, held at the Prairie Rose Restaurant in Colby. Aubrey Nichols sang a beautiful special and Denny Burke, the Doll Doctor, from Levant shared some of her secrets to repair and rebuild broken dolls. The main speaker was Evie Marshall, Colorado Springs. The next one will be held at the Colonial Steakhouse in Oakley.

Doug and Joan Todd and Gary and Clara Gillum went to Woodward, Okla., to the Northwest Oklahoma Junior Rodeo Association finals to watch their grandchildren, Haines and Kathryn, children of Jeff and Nancy Todd, and Hadley and Haden children of Ty and Camden Gillum, participate.

We are so happy that Zula Horinek continues to make progress since her surgery. Her daughter is still with her, but will be leaving on Sept. 28.

Rexford Community Church will host a party at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday to kick off the fall activities for the middle school and

and 6th grade Junior Devils football team Saturday afternoon in Oberlin against Colby.

Stuart Euhus, Hildegard Euhus, and Stan and Deanie Moore were Monday evening dinner guests of Gaylord and Shirley Shields.

Kristen Bremer, Beatrice, Neb., returned home Sunday afternoon after spending a few days visiting the John Bremer family.

high school students. The youth groups will continue to meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

Peter Stein, an exchange student from Hamburg, Germany and a Golden Plains graduate of 2001, and his cousin, Toby, came for a visit, staying at the home of Lane and Patty Purcell. They landed in California, rented a car and toured different places before their stop in Rexford for four days to see old friends. Peter shared during the morning worship service at church on Sunday. They rode horses at the Doug Todd's farm and attended the Colby Community College Rodeo over the weekend. During the 2001 school year, Peter lived with Bill and Mary Carrol, who have since moved to Nebraska.

Sondra Barnett was the speaker for a community brunch sponsored by the Red Hat Society at the Brewster Community Church. It was a really fun day and the room had many different styles of red hats with purple clothing! There were also some pink hats with lavender clothing for the gals under 50.

Erik and Linda Korte and Cameron and Zack went on a vacation to the Black Hills, touring South Dakota and Wyoming. They visited several caves, Mount Rushmore and Devil's Tower.

The middle school girls won their volleyball game over Cheylin and the boys won the football game. The Golden Plains high school boys won their football game over Southern Cloud (Natoma) and the girls won their volleyball game over Healy, but lost to LaCrosse.

On Tuesday, Brewster and Cheylin were to play volleyball at 4 p.m. in Rexford; the boys will play football at 7 p.m. at Grinnell on Friday and on Saturday, the junior varsity girls will participate in a volleyball tournament at Brewster at 10 a.m.

Dennis and Vicki Allison went to Hutchinson to the state fair and to visit some of his relatives. Kristin Wark accompanied them and attended a concert.

Evelyn Johnson has finished the training for assistant postmaster in Salina and Wichita, however, she still has some videos that she will be watching here. She will be a great help to Mary Withers and another pleasant face to greet the rest of us!

MAKIN' IT HAPPEN: Hats off to the Rexford City Council for authorizing the new block-long side walk on the south side of the Barn, going west. It looks great. Thanks for making helping to improve the looks and safety of our town!

Jennings News

By Laurie Long

The Sunflower Senior potluck supper on Sept. 14 was enjoyed by 19 seniors. Those honored for September birthdays were Merl Chance, Bob Tacha, Stan Shaw and Louise Cressler. Vendla Tacha drew the door prize, brought by Rachel Carter. Myrna Jones entertained the group with a sing-along of old time songs. The next meeting will be Oct. 12.

CRESSLER REUNION

A fun time was had when Wayne and Louise Cressler's family gathered Sept. 10 through Sept. 17. Many old photo albums were shared and there was lots of visiting throughout the week. Games and cards were enjoyed by many.

Attending were Sharon Gaston, Ames, Iowa; Terri and Charles Spesser, Tony, Lucas, Jeremy and friend Hannah, Calhoun, Tenn.; Patsy and Don Harold, Britt Cressler and Elias, Grand Junction, Colo.; Brad and Cinnamon Harold, Denver; Gwen and Jeff Anderson, Council Grove; Jessica and Ben Lemmons, Newton; Genia Collins and Tim Donnelly, Kingston, N.Y.; Shane Collins, Myrtle Beach, N.C.; Russell and Theresa Cressler, Preston and friend Angela; Robert Cressler and friend Mary, Emporia; Nicole Schroter and Adalie, LaCrosse; Amber and Johnny Klassen, Keith, Landon and Issac, LaCrosse; Walt Cressler, Hoxie; and Estella Harold, Clayton.

Cedar Living News

Hank Wolfram won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Mildred Cochran won the blackout game.

Pastor Charlotte of Faith Lutheran Church gave a communion service on the patio on Tuesday afternoon.

Dennis Brown of the Forget-Me-Nots hosted the September birthday party on Wednesday afternoon. Those honored were Alice Fiala, Louise Nauer, and Marie Thomas. They each received a vase of flowers and a balloon. Everyone enjoyed pie and coffee.

Stuart Euhus led the Bible study on Wednesday afternoon.

Father George brought communion on Thursday morning.

Residents enjoyed a special treat of home-grown strawberries from Fern Moore served with ice cream on Thursday afternoon. There were enough berries left over to serve again with cake on Friday afternoon.

The ZCBJ Lodge held their monthly meeting on the patio at noon on Sunday.

Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of the Faith Lutheran Church gave the Sunday worship service.

Decatur Health Systems hosted a picnic at 5 p.m. on Sunday after-

noon. Employees and their families joined residents for the party. Rick Doeden and Boyd Wilson cooked the hot dogs and hamburgers and staff members brought the side dishes. Several guests, including Frank Cox, Marie Jean Vavroch, Elaine Bryan, Lyle Gamblin, and Paul Sass also attended. Jonathan Fick provided special music using his DJ equipment.

Paul Nauer and Mary Miller ate supper on Sunday with Louise Nauer in honor of her birthday.

Recent visitors: Sohn, Shakia and Rose Domsch, Atwood; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Ann Martin, Herndon; Jerry Temple, Norcatour; Larry and Mar Miller, Dresden; Don Ashley, Ca Mumm, Selden; Sara Bishop and Jamie Samson, Lindsborg; Dale and Phyllis Wilcox, Aurora, Colo.; Susan McKain, McDonald; Bob and Deloris Chambers, McCook; Betty and Ray Rollins, Aurora; Mike and Marie McVay, Colby; Eugene and Dona Mrstik, Jennings;

Orlin Beneda, Elvin Beneda, Gus and Elsie Wolters, Anna R. Brown, Lyle Gamblin, Bob and Lila Keenan, Norma Brown, Nadeam Stoney, Phyll and Connie Cramer, Earl Brown, Ella Betts, Vayle Rohan, Ila Ray, Alice Shirley, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

Jan Badsy led Monday devotions on "The Promises We Make." Little Sam's Fun gathered in the Town Square to make assorted butterflies. Leading activity was Barb Berry and activity assistant Lisa Stacy. Those attending were Marilyn St. Clair, Eryline Nichols Ruby Shuler, Ivah Alexander, Bonnie Weskamp, Mamie Unger, Agnes Chambers, Eva Cuthbertson, Eleanore Demmer, Jeanette Conway, and LuVerne May.

Ladies gathered in the quiet room for folding fellowship. Those attending were Ivah Alexander, Jan Conway, Garrah Gaumer, and Ruby Shuler. Don Farr led morning exercises. Afternoon social hour included music provided by Linda Smith and Benjamin Smith. Card sharks gathered for a game of canasta. Volunteer Evelyn Olson shared time with Garrah Gaumer, Hildegard Euhus, and Ivah Alexander.

Janice Shobe led Tuesday morning devotions. It was the first day for Mrs. Olson's first grade class to meet their reading partners for the school year 2004-2005. Following introductions, the kids gathered in the Town Square for a short program on rules, and an activity of good old school days, which was later held in the afternoon. Brown bag lunch was shared with staff and residents and following was recess.

Lisa Stacy shared enhancement of the theme for the day and Jan Badsy as school teacher was called in session. Items from Times Past were discussed. Geography, reading, and arithmetic were only a part of a successful activity. Those enjoying the day's event were Elsie Macy, Garrah Gaumer, Jan Conway, Fern Anderson, Ruth Laidig, and Hildegard Euhus.

On Wednesday Jan Badsy led morning songs of worship. devotional message was entitled, "God's Steadfast Love." Peggy Carswell led Bible study. Morning exercises were held in the Town Square. Volunteers Roxie Erickson, Dorothy Alstrom, Ellen Horn, and Sally Henningson provided nail care. Ellen Horn served social hour and bingo concluded the day's events.

Dennis Brown led Thursday morning devotions. Homemade bread, prepared by Jan Badsy, filled the air for a special activity in the afternoon. Catholic Mass was shared with Lois Buchholz, Ruby McKenna, and Bonnie Weskamp. Activity assistant Lisa Stacy led morning exercises. Afternoon brought memories of the good old days with Fern Anderson, Eva Bryan, Garrah Gaumer, Hildegard Euhus, Dena Gillespie, Jan Conway, Ivah Alexander, and Ruth Laidig, churning butter. Coleen Rippe loaned the butter churn.

Friday morning devotions were led by Janice Shobe. Merry Mums gathered in the Town Square for reminiscing on sea shells. Those attending were Eva Cuthbertson, Bernice Brown, Veda Pingetzer, Lorna Bishop, Eleanore Demmer, and Eryline Nichols. Folding fellowship in the quiet room included Ivah Alexander, Fern Anderson, and Garrah Gaumer. Current events were read by Carol Duncan. One to one's were shared with Elva Shaughnessy and Florence Fisher. Social hour brought birthday cake and party for Clarice Leake's 98th birthday. Hosting the party was her daughter, Ann Anderson, her husband, Jay, her daughter, Lauri and son-in-law Bill Harmon, of Longmont, Colo. Bethany Smith assisted with the serving. "Fruit of the Spirit," was the Bible Study resource for the activity led by Lisa Stacy. Those attending were Neva Campbell, Fern Anderson, Dena Gillespie, Garrah Gaumer, and Ruth Laidig. Saturday devotions were led by Janice Shobe.

Sunday church services were led by the Faith Lutheran Church and social hour was served by Phil Erickson.

Recent guests: **Lorna Bishop** - Lori Leiker; **Hazel Flaska** - Chuck Morgan, Gerald and Charlene Karnes, Neoma Tacha; **Ruby McKenna** - Ed and Gloria McKenna, Pat Hartzog; **Dena Gillespie** - Pat Hartzog; **Garrah Gaumer**, **Lee Arnold** - Neoma Tacha; **Flarence Jones** - Don and Shirley Carlisle;

Clyde and Esther Vernon of Frontenac were also visitors.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

Birthdays and anniversaries: Sept. 23 - Kacie Rogers Evans, Kelsey Spesser Rhodes; Sept. 24 - Amelia Juenemann, Matt Finney; Sept. 25 - Kent Ashley, Jacob Mosier, John Lobato, Andrea Trembley, Tasha Shaw, Nolan Ritter, Noel Ritter; Sept. 26 - Dan and Delores Juenemann, Alvin Shaw; Sept. 27 - Bertha Bruggeman, Aimee Truetken, Margaret Rogers, Robyn and Borgie Mendiola, Ashley Stoll, Brooke Stoll; Sept. 28 - Steve Juenemann, Michelle Becker, Tara Ingram; Sept. 29 - Kevin Stevenson, Karen Adelman, Koi Wessel, Kade Wessel, Morgan Ritter.

School Calendar: Thursday - Junior high football and volleyball at

Brewster; Friday - High school football at Grinnell at 7 p.m.; Saturday - Junior varsity volleyball tournament at Brewster at 10 a.m.; Tuesday - High school volleyball at Jennings at 3 p.m.

On Sept. 16 at Senior Citizens, Lola Cook won high, Alfred Albers took second, Don Smith got low and Betty James had the most tens. Other members present: Carol Shaw, Cecelia Ottley, Dorothy Lovin, Irene Kruse, Anna Albers, Shirley Emigh, and Don Shaw.

The Selden Public Library is open every Monday and Saturday from 9-11 a.m. and Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Stop by and check out the new books.

Internet tonight! Call 475-2206