

# \* Family store to celebrate a century

(Continued from Page 1A) only son grew up and went into the business.

Ted went to the College of Emporia and the Kansas City School of Pharmacy. He served 62 months of active duty in the Army Medical Administrative Corps and worked at Addleman's for 50 years.

On Feb. 14, 1931, Ted married Neva Russell, then a nurse at Benton Memorial Hospital in Oberlin. They had three children, Alan, Ruth Ann (Ingold) and George Russell, known as Rusty.

Most days Rusty can be found behind the back counter at the store, filling prescriptions, while Sharon may be behind the front counter helping customers. Rusty graduated from high school in Oberlin in 1956 and attended the College of Emporia as his father did. He was a standout in football, earning a bachelor's degree in business administration and science.

In the summer of 1960, Rusty was invited to training camp with the Green Bay Packers.

In 1963, he received a bachelor's degree in pharmacy from the University of Kansas. He was also commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Air Force Medical Service Corps.

The same year he married Sharon Pollnow, daughter of a longtime Decatur County farming family.

Rusty worked in Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, as the business officer for a 200-bed hospital for 3 1/2 years.

In 1967, he went to the University of Minnesota and received a Master of Hospital Administration degree through the Air Force.

In 1972, Rusty left the Air Force and moved to Tennessee. The couple returned to Oberlin in 1976 and he headed up Health Underserved Rural Areas Grants, a program to help small towns survive, recruit doctors and improve health care.

He said he bought the drug store from his father in 1977, but only worked weekends until around 1990.

The couple have three children, Michelle Renee Rush, Shannon Ree Gillund and Chad Theodore Addleman, and five grandchildren, Gavin, Gannon, Brynna, Bryant and Kate.

The store is open 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, but the soda fountain is open only in the summer.

There are very few working soda fountains left in the state, said Mrs. Addleman. There might be about 10

left, but it is questionable how many actually work.

The one at Addleman Drug Store is all functional, with German silver spigots. She said they had to take them to Chicago to get them repaired.

The old fountain is a source of memories.

In the summers when the fountain was open, Mr. Addleman recalled, he helped make syrups and flavoring. Mary Waldo and Maxine Sauvage, who worked at the store, used to call him at home and ask him to come to the fountain and wash dishes all afternoon for a milkshake.

It used to be that the fountain was open later, especially on Saturday night, which was the social night, said Mr. Addleman. Farm families would come to town for the livestock sales, movies and to shop. You could set your watch by when certain people would come in for a milkshake on Saturday nights, he said.

They also had to chop their own ice for drinks, he recalled. There was an ice plant up north and the store would buy blocks of ice. While the store had a grinder in the basement, he said, you would chip your own.

Mr. Addleman said they used to make their own Popsicles, too. Mrs. Addleman said they still have some sticks in the basement.

Things have changed nowadays. Paper cups and plastic dishes are used at the soda fountain because of state health department rules.

The store used to sell everything including glass, wallpaper, fine jewelry, fishing hooks, school books, you name it. Mr. Addleman said that school kids had to buy their own books and his grandfather was in the business of buying and selling books, new and used.

Some nights, said Mr. Addleman, the store was open as late as 3 a.m. because they cut glass to replace broken windows.

Things have changed now, but the store still offers gifts, greeting cards, prescriptions, over-the-counter drugs and much more.

Insurance has changed a lot and computers have upgraded the store. When he took over in 1977, Mr. Addleman said, maybe 10 percent of prescriptions were covered by insurance and now it is more like 90 percent. Mr. Addleman said he thought after enrollment for Medicare Part D, which covers prescriptions, everything would be clearer, but it is still a battle.

The Addleman family, he said, invites everyone to the store on Friday and Saturday to help celebrate their 100th anniversary.

## Showing off her steed



AT THE HORSE SHOW Saturday, 4-H members and others like Roma Grafel showed off their horses and skills. The all-day event helped kick off the Decatur County Fair for this week. — Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

# \* Pitcher originally from Norcatur area

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The first man he faced: Babe Ruth. Struck him out on four pitches, but Auker said, he didn't have time to celebrate. On deck stood Lou Gehrig. They didn't call the Yankees' lineup Murders Row for nothing, but he got them out, and recalled getting to relax a little in the next inning.

As much as anything that day, he added, he remembered being razed by the Yankees' third-base coach, Art Fletcher, who likened his underhand style to girls' softball: "Hey, Bush, you've got the Bam all upset. He said he'd been struck out a lot of times, but that's the first time a damn woman ever struck him out."

Auker later became friends with Ruth, who retired just a couple of years later, and then played golf in Florida. He said he told the Babe about the razing, and he denied ever saying that. "That's Fletcher,"

Ruth said. Mr. Auker said the coach was known as a "jockey" because he rode the opposition players so hard.

After leaving K-State, Mr. Auker had to choose among his favorite sports. There wasn't much future in basketball in those days, but he had an offer to play pro football with the Chicago Bears.

He chose baseball, and his rise to the majors was swift. He was at his best in 1934 and 1935, when the Tigers won the American League pennant and their first World Series (in '35). He led the league in winning percentage in 1935, his best year at 18-7.

In 1939, Mr. Auker was traded to Boston, where he played for a year under player-manager Joe Cronin, later president of the American League. He went to St. Louis the next year, finishing out his career with 16, 14 and 14 wins.

In retirement, he moved to Florida and went into the abrasives busi-

ness. He prospered in business as he had on the field. When he was vice president of the National Association of Manufacturers and Ronald Reagan was governor of California, the governor recognized the former pitcher in the audience. They talked later, and the soon-to-be president told him, "I'll never forget you in the 1935 World Series."

He said Reagan wanted to know if he remembered the young sportscaster who had interviewed him that year.

"The young announcer did such a good job," Mr. Auker recalled in Norcatur, "that they made him the official announcer for the World Series. It was his first break in the entertainment world."

Mr. Auker's memoir, "Sleepers Cars and Flannel Uniforms," was published in 2001. He is a member of the K-State Sports Hall of Fame.

His visit to Norcatur six years ago apparently was his last. He had not

been home since his mother died in 1983, he told the crowd that day.

"I have had several honors," he said, tears welling up in his eyes, "but this is one of the best."

He hung around the unfinished park that day, signing baseball cards, baseballs, programs, anything a fan put before him. And telling baseball stories.

He remembered seeing Gehrig in 1939, shortly before he died of the disease which now bears his name. Gehrig winced when he grabbed him, he said.

"Lou was the kind of guy that could lift you off the ground," he said, "but he was so weak."

He said it was hard to see his buddies grow old.

"So many have died," he said, "or have something wrong with them."

Now, Eldon Auker has joined them, and there's no one standing who can say he struck out Babe Ruth on four pitches.

# \* Fair starts this week

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• 9 a.m. swine show.

• 11 a.m. media interviews with owners of grand and reserve champion livestock.

• 4:30 p.m. senior and intermediate round robin showmanship contest.

• 6-10 p.m. exhibit open hours.

• 6:30 p.m. livestock auction, Oberlin Livestock arena.

• 7 p.m. roller demo derby.

• 7-11 p.m. carnival rides open.

**Friday**

• 8 a.m. clean up livestock exhibits.

• 1:30 p.m. pet parade at Good Samaritan Center.

• 5:30 p.m. public fashion revue at The Gateway.

• 6 p.m., kids' ranch rodeo.

• 7:30 p.m. demo derby.

• 9:30-10 p.m. release of all exhibits.

• 10 p.m. bale-decorating contest winner announced on midway.

• 7-11 p.m. carnival rides open.

**Saturday**

• 7 p.m. tractor pull.

• 7-11 p.m. carnival rides open.

# \* School district works on new budget

(Continued from Page 1A) don't know how much they will cost for electricity. The air conditioners will be worth the cost, whatever it is, said Mr. Glodt.

Unleaded fuel for vehicles cost \$34,032 in the 2004-2005 school year and \$57,487 last year, he said. Diesel went from \$5,467 to \$6,141. That's a \$23,000 increase on unleaded fuel alone, he said, adding that most of the buses use unleaded.

Health insurance costs went down 3 percent, which is a plus, said Mr. Glodt.

The superintendent said the office staff is working on the budget now and is close to being done. Normally the budget is done by now, he said, but because they had to wait on the court decision, they are behind.

The budget should be discussed at a school board meeting on Monday and then will be published in *The*

*Oberlin Herald*.

Last year, Mr. Glodt said, the board asked for a two-mill increase in the property tax levy increase in capital outlay. There was never a

petition filed and the increase went into effect. That money in capital outlay will help fix a lot of things that need to be done in the buildings, he said. The money for the air condi-

tioners and for new windows at the grade school came from that fund, as did most of the money for new roofs on all the buildings this summer.

## Carnival Schedule ----- Volunteers are still needed! Come to the Toy Van to Sign-up

	Tuesday Aug 8	Wednesday Aug 9	Thursday Aug. 10	Friday Aug. 11	Saturday Aug. 12
<b>Baseball Toss</b>	E Breth Haag L	P. Whetzel Benda	Simpson Hirsch	P. Whetzel Volunteer Needed	D. Huff Taryn
<b>Birthday Wheel</b>	E J. Diederich L B. Heisel	A. Marshall M. Jones	M. Jones T. Shaughnessey	S. Wurm T. Ashley	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed
<b>Break-A Plate</b>	E V. Lipplemann L Pratts	C. Simonsson Pratts	D. Pauls Hartzog/D. Olson	J. Stanley D. Olson	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed
<b>Darts</b>	E Pam Simonsson L Geishler/Stallman	P. Simonsson Jacque Anderson	Grafel Geishler/Stallman	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	K. Shobe Volunteer Needed
<b>Duck Pond</b>	E Aquarius Club	L. Glaze Simpson	L. Glaze Roxie/Bernice	Good Samaritan	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed
<b>Fishing Pond</b>	E Volunteer Needed L Volunteer Needed	T. Ashley Ila & Tilley	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	S. Stacy Good Samaritan	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed
<b>Hi-Striker</b>	E Gun Club	Gun Club	Antique Club	Reichert R. Pauls	D. Horn Volunteer Needed
<b>Kid Swings</b>	E Glading L Volunteer Needed	Stanley Hardware	Glading Volunteer Needed	Hirsch Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed
<b>Lollipop Tree</b>	E M. Jones W. May	Modern Woodmen	S. Wurm C. Olson	M. Jones Good Samaritan	Solko Teresa S.
<b>Moonwalk</b>	E Faith Lutheran Church	M. Jones L. Rippee	Volunteer Needed M. Jones	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed
<b>Outhouse Alley</b>	E P. Roe R. & S Olson	Farmers Bank & Trust	The Bank	Shriners Shriners	R. S. Olson Volunteer Needed
<b>Soda Can</b>	E PEO Club	DPW DPW	Faith Lutheran Church	Faith Lutheran Church	Shriners Shriners
<b>Sinko</b>	E Alif Be Khe	Alif Be Khe	Decatur County Co-op	PI ALPHA	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed
<b>Plinko</b>	E C&L Smith D. Moore	Parks/Sauvage Volunteer Needed	I. Ray/Ann Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed
<b>Ric-O-Chet</b>	E Monday Evening Club	American Legion	Oberlin Knights	American Legion	American Legion
<b>Kiddie Cars</b>	E Metcalf Ila & Mary	V. Lipplemann Volunteer Needed	H. Votapka Volunteer Needed	H. Votapka Volunteer Needed	J. Reichert Volunteer Needed

Decatur County Amusement Authority

## RATES ARE HIGHER NOW THAN THEY HAVE BEEN IN YEARS!

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