

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

## 125 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1891

Last Saturday, Filmore Coutant arrived in Rawlins County and settled on his claim, coming all the way from Jewell County, a distance of nearly 200 miles, on foot, pushing a wheelbarrow upon which was loaded all his worldly effects, camping out at night and cooking his own grub.

The great event of the year 1881 in the 17th Judicial District of the State of Kansas was the Republican convention at Milbrook in Graham County. Milbrook is the newly fledged county seat of Graham County, having just emerged from a three-cornered fight, victorious. Milbrook is a small town near the center of the county about a mile south of the Solomon River consisting of some 20 neat and substantial buildings. The four candidates at the convention were Judge Nellis, W.H. Pratt of Phillipsburg; M.C. Reville of Rooks County and J.R. Hamilton of Norton. Pratt was declared the nominee after 274 rounds of hectic balloting.

The late rains have increased the work of the blacksmiths and the streets are muddy, horribly muddy.

The County Sunday School convention was held at Peck's Grove near Shibboleth Aug. 17-18: Elmwood, Vallonia, Jennings, No. 6, Hawkeye Union, Oberlin and Jackson Sunday schools were represented. Rev. John Wilson was chosen president for the ensuing year and John B. Colt, secretary.

## 100 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1906

A laughing baby boy came to gladden the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edison Bishop Sunday morning of last week.

The Baptist Church had a Sunday School picnic at the home of Dan Caster on Wednesday.

Barnes, Briggs, Reeves, Gillette, Woolley, McAlevy, Wylder and Leaman went to Norcaton on Tuesday to play ball against Lenora.

Clif Waldo is beginning the erection of a new residence west of the city park.

C.S. Maddox has sold the City Drug Store which he has owned for 27 years to D.G. Addleman, who will change the name to the Owl Drug Store. Fred Strohwig will be in charge of the prescription department.

## 75 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1931

U.S. 36 has become a popular tourist route through Kansas and is considered the most direct and best route from Indianapolis to Denver.

The long cherished hope that Oberlin might some day have a Masonic Temple has blossomed into realization according to the announcement made yesterday following a meeting of the Mountain

Slope Lodge No. 186, A.F.&A.M. This fine new temple is to be built on the lots just west of the Hotel Oberlin and the lodge is indebted to the late Samuel McKague and his sister, Theresa, whose generous gift has made it possible. It will be known as the McKague Memorial Temple.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Genevieve A. Banta of Oberlin and Mr. Harold R. Opdyck of Russell on Saturday, Aug. 15, at Hays. Both are graduates of Fort Hays State College and will be at home to their friends after Sept. 1 in Jennings, where both are employed to teach.

A crowd of some 75 to 100 persons enjoyed the Olive Chapel community picnic following Sunday School at the church. The picnic was held at the Heaton Grove on Sappa Creek on the farm occupied by Marion Johnson, who had cleared the growth of brush and poison ivy. Five swings were provided for the children and after the cafeteria-style dinner, freezers of ice cream were uncovered. Mr. and Mrs. H.Q. Banta had been invited to come and give a talk on their European trip and they did not disappoint us, either.

Norcaton: Vera Blickenstaff and Ralph Bishop of the Colony were married at the home of the bride's parents on Aug. 14.

Dresden: Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Karls have arrived home from Idaho and Yellowstone Park. Mrs. Karls will be remembered as Miss Rosena Wernette. Heartiest congratulations are extended to them. During his absence, Blanche McMann helped Mrs. Derby in the store.

## 50 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1956

High winds, perhaps of tornado proportions, left a scattering of wrecked buildings from Kanona to Jennings and Allison last Friday. It was followed by rain and a cold front that brought a low of 49 degrees, according to local weather observer E.W. Coldren.

DCHS football coach it just out of a hospital bed after a losing bout with his appendix.

Herndon: Mr. and Mrs. Matt Riepl will observe their 45th wedding anniversary on Aug. 26 at a reception from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Evangelical and Reformed Church of Herndon. A family dinner will precede the celebration.

A fourth oil well in Harlan Township was brought in last week on the John Sater land in northwest Decatur County.

After the Herald had gone to press on Wednesday, it was learned that Guy Shaw, 57, well-known farmer living in town, died very unexpectedly about noon Wednes-

day of a heart attack. He had worked on his farm during the morning, it was said.

Mrs. Robert Fraker was hostess to a coffee Aug. 4 honoring Mrs. Charles Lyons, who with her family are moving to Hutchinson. The guests were officers of the Order of Eastern Star. The group presented her a gift.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Hughie Pollnow of Cedar Bluffs, daughter, Diana Lou, Aug. 18 at St. Catherine's Hospital in McCook; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Overlease, Dresden, son, Gregory Leroy, Aug. 14; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Solko, Herndon, daughter, Jayne Marie, Aug. 20; Mr. and Mrs. John Barrett, son, James Charles, Aug. 20.

## 25 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1981

Cool nights in the area with high humidity and cloudy daytime skies are bringing fall-like weather conditions to this area but farmers are hopeful an early frost is not in the cards as corn and milo need more time to mature.

The Kingston Trio will appear at the Colby Community Building Sept. 21 as the opening event for the Western Plains Arts Association.

William R. "Bill" Wilcox began work Aug. 10 as news director for KOMC-TV, channel 8. Wilcox graduated from high school in Stuttgart, Germany, served in the military and graduated from the

American Academy of Broadcasting, Philadelphia.

Leana Steinhour, McCook, has been hired as director of nursing for Decatur County Hospital. She and her husband, Arley, who recently retired from the U.S. Navy, are building a home north of Cedar Bluffs on the Lofton property in Red Willow County.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Farrell McAtee, son, Brock Allen, Aug. 18; Mr. and Mrs. Don Hunziker, Selden, daughter, Elizabeth Marie, Aug. 7.

An additional member of the DCHS Class of '82 arrived last week from Sweden. Hans von Oldenskiol, 17, will make his home with Margaret and Elmo Lund and attend school with Bob Lund, a DCHS junior. Hans is sponsored by the Youth for Understanding program and is a brother of Mikael von Oldenskiol who attended DCHS in 1977-78 and made his home with the Robert Henningson family.

Members of Monday Evening Club met Monday morning at the parlor of the United Church of Oberlin for a farewell coffee honoring Carolyn Rule. Hostesses were Sue Bateman and Marcia Lohoefer. Mrs. Rule was presented a gift from the club. Dr. and Mrs. Rule, Michelle, Melissa and Matthew will leave Aug. 21 to make their home in Steamboat Springs, Colo.

## Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

We have had an exciting week at the Museum. Several more people have adopted more of our old school composite pictures for framing so that they will be preserved. We only have the years, 1925, 1934, 1937 and 1938 left that need to be framed. If you have a family member or are from one of these classes and would like to donate towards having them preserved we would greatly appreciate it.

Our Lund community artifacts were added to this week. Pastor Doug Mason from the Lund Covenant Church had earlier brought in several old books written in Swedish from their church library. Maurice Anderson donated a key from the Lund Post Office, which was torn down years ago, and Gail and Kay Marcuson brought in a quilt that was done many years ago with blocks that had hand-embroidered names of early Lund families. The Marcusons also donated record books from early days of the church. We will be displaying these in a Lund Community exhibit. If there are others that have pictures or

other artifacts from Lund or any other community in the county we will be very happy to have them for our files.

With just over six weeks until Mini Sapa, which will be Saturday, Oct. 7, plans are underway for the 48th Annual Celebration. This year, along with the fall craft fair and open house, the Kansas Wildlife and Parks will be on the grounds with their computerized laser shot. The system features a video scene of deer, pheasants, and other types of wildlife, along with blue rock targets. The participant fires a rifle or shotgun which emits a laser beam and records the hit, scoring the hunter on the effectiveness of the shot. This should be an exciting addition to our other activities.

We would like to thank the Oberlin Arts and Humanities for providing us an opportunity to serve a tailgate party at their concert in the park on Sunday. We will also be doing a tailgate party at the first home football game of the year on Friday, Sept. 1.

## Selden News

By Jacqu Boulinghouse

On Aug. 10 at Senior Citizens Anna Albers won high, Leone Porsch took second, Paulie Neff got low and Julie Pope had the most aces. Other members present were Lola Cook, Alfred Albers, Edna Schiltz, Jeanie Spesser, Helen Karls, Carol Shaw, Ann Hazlitt and Betty James.

On Aug. 17 Carol Shaw won high, Alfred Albers took second, Julie Pope got low and Cecelia Ottley had the most tens. Other members present included Lola Cook, Betty James, Anna Albers, Helen Karls, Edna Schiltz, Ann Hazlitt, Paulie Neff and Leone Porsch.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Aug. 17 - Amy Schieferecke, Leanna Schiltz, Homero Vargas; Aug. 18 - Cheri Bainter; Aug. 19 - Cody Wurm; Aug. 20 - Sandra Lobato, Alisha Broeckelman, Kelvin Sulzman, Darrel and Carlene Bruggeman, Joe and Phyllis Trembley; Aug. 21 - Melissa Broeckelman, Jerry Schiltz; Aug. 22 - Steve Rogers, Alan

each Thursday at 2 p.m. for cards.

Those at Koffee were Delores Dible, Liz Rall, Jean Hawkins, Berneda Zoberst, Grace Cheney, Velma Barnett, Eunice Sanford, Vesta Roth and Sondra Barnett.

Also at the Red Barn you can purchase the new cookbook for \$14.95 and the new edition of the Rexford phone book for \$2.50.

Until next time, make your week a memorable one!

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## Cedar Living News

The bowling group met on Monday afternoon for some exercise and fun. Residents joining in on the game included Alice Fiala, Elsie Goodnight, Paul Sass, Kayo Sattler, Lowell Sebaugh, Don Shaw, Charley Vavroch, Frank and Velda Ward, Loyl Wilson, and Hank and Bea Wolfram.

Mary Ann Amack assisted with the sing-along time.

Mervin Babineaux won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Mildred Tacha won the blackout game.

The pinochle group of Frank and Velda Ward, Don Shaw, Mildred Tacha, and Elsie Goodnight met on Wednesday afternoon.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

The dietary department hosted a buffet lunch at noon on Thursday featuring meatballs, lasagna, and a salad bar.

There were several winners at the dice game played on Thursday afternoon. At the end of the game residents were able to trade in their winnings for tomatoes grown in our garden.

The baking group made chocolate cookies on Friday afternoon.

Velda Ward was the guest of honor at a family birthday party on Friday afternoon. Those attending included Frank Ward, Lynn and Leslie Ward, and Wava Reames.

Hank Wolfram celebrated his birthday here at Cedar Living on Friday. He will celebrate with family members next week. Hank and

Bea Wolfram celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary on the same day.

Mildred Tacha was the guest of honor at a birthday party on Sunday afternoon, hosted by Doyle and Kay Brown. Phil and Keli Kleidosty of Wichita also assisted. Residents, guests, and staff enjoyed cake and ice cream.

Recent visitors: Shakia and Rose Domsch, Sonia Domsch, Gene and Meredith Hrnchir, Atwood; Ann Martin, Frank Cox, Herndon; Jerry Temple, Dorothy Ward, Janice O'Hare, Linda Hunt, Norcaton; Lillian Sulzman, Keith and Helen Muirhead, Dresden; Julie Harold, Hays; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Gary Mathen, McCook; Earl Brown, Rick and Tammy Shaw, Selden; Ken and Julie Carter, Bob and Neoma Tacha, Lila Jennings, Vendla Tacha, Lawrence and Carol Carter, David and Diane Carter and Jacinta, Agnes Wallmeier, Kenneth and Violet Krizek, Frances Bader, Galen and Meme Carper, Jennings; Margaret Stanley, Colby; Merlin and Lola Diederich, Cape Coral, Fla.;

Rita Garver, Lyle Gamblin, Barb Solko, Mildred Holmdahl, Catherine Neal, Fern Wenger, Jess and Megan Carter and family, Steve Diederich, Herschel and Jody Betts, Roxie Pomeroy, Marie Jean Vavroch, Donald Stapp, Dewaine Stapp, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Sandra Young, Karolyn Muirhead, Oberlin.

## Good Samaritan News

Do you remember when you were little and your mother would announce, "Company's coming!" The household became a flurry of excitement, cooking, cleaning and decorating. That's just what happened around here last week.

On Monday residents enjoyed a routine day of activity including devotions, poetry class led by Barbara Dehlinger, also Foldin' Fellowship, exercise and Social Hour.

We began preparations for the weekend on Tuesday. Flowers by Lee and Shirley Shields donated flowers for the residents to arrange as table decorations. A beautiful assortment of daisies, zinnias, pompons, clover flower, statice, baby's breath and greenery was laid out for the picking. Garden Club ladies Kathryn Post, Alvina Unger, Hazel Flaska, and Jeanette Conway helped create some table arrangements assisted by Jolene Bremankamp, a new certified nurse aide. Irel Lohoefer, Walt Mosier, Ruth Laidig, Muriel Ready, Hazel Flaska and Ruby Shuler finished them up the next day.

Bunco, a dice game, was introduced Wednesday afternoon. Two tables of enthusiastic players had fun with the new game. Amy Kier, registered nurse, taught them how to play and spent the afternoon with them.

Thursday was baking day. Angel Lane residents gathered in the kitchen to break eggs, measure and stir. The result was five yummy cakes to be served to our guests on Saturday night.

On Friday, Heidi Wiebe served Communion and gave the morning message. In the afternoon, it was time to make homemade ice cream. Peach, chocolate and vanilla were the chosen flavors and Ruby Shuler was the official taste tester. The whirling of five ice cream makers in the Quiet Room became kind of an oxymoron. We sent the residents home one by one, but Ruby stayed until the very end, spoon in hand.

Saturday night about 50 family members came to have supper with us, each bringing a taste of home to share. We provided fried chicken and roast beef, and of course the cake and ice cream for dessert!

The dining room was bustling with people, conversation and smiles. Janice Shobe gave a brief talk about "culture change" and gave the dinner blessing, then each table was randomly selected to sing for their supper before proceeding to the buffet line. The residents whose Decatur County Fair entries won ribbons were recognized and their entries displayed.

How wonderful for the residents to open their homes and extend hospitality to friends and family. Thanks to all who came to make this a memorable evening.

Recent guests: **Walter Mosier** - Shirlee Jones, Jessica Bowlby of Lorraine, Alexander Jones of Greeley, Colo., Lillian Mosier; **Eva Bryan** - Elden and Detta Anderson, Donna Kelley; **Ruby Wennihan** - Nikki Amlong of Piefer; **Lucy Schissler** - Ralph Crim and Jan Skiles, Atwood; **Doris Marintzer** - Stan and Becky Faimon, Heather and Muriel of Stratton, Neb.; **Irel Lohoefer** - Ashley Wolters and son of Colby, Judy Lee of Omaha, Delores Patton of Salina; **Hazel Flaska** - Myrna Lacinia of Westminster, Colo.; Elaine Cody Thomas - Leland and Peggy Cody of Midwest City, Okla.; Gary Lee Sprague, Arapahoe, Neb.; Mary Lou Olson, Herndon; **Thelma Spiers** - Don and Joan Grafel of Herndon; **Alvina Unger** - Duane and Lois Unger of Colby, Bob and Shirley Gaede; **Pooch Portschy** - Beth Chartier and Frank Hraha, Herndon; **Ethel Nemeth** - Helen Brooks, Betty Heisel; **Mary Lemman** - Murry Pavlicek, Janet Knipp of Hays, Audrey Pavlicek; **Edla Olson**, Nione Rodin of Loveland, Colo., Galen and Lynne Olson, and Dorothy Chase of McKinney, Texas.

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## Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

The summer season along with summer activities will soon end, giving up longer days to cooler weather and shorter days.

A quinceañera in honor of Jessica Luna, daughter of Bill and Mary Luna, was held at the Rexford Community Church Saturday afternoon.

A dinner followed with the festivities continuing at the home of Tony and Lisa Bice.

Gary and Karen Hibbs spent last weekend in Denver with their daughter, Kelly and Kerry Kolberg.

Kelly and Kerry are pregnant with their first and Gary and Karen helped in preparing a nursery for the new arrival.

Desiree Wark was captivated upon receiving a colorful bouquet of a variety of lovely roses at her workplace at the Village Inn in Colby on Friday. Her husband, Chad, had the flowers delivered in honor of their anniversary on Aug. 19.

Chad Wark was also a recent winner of two free movie passes compliments of KQLS 100.3 after answering the trivia question, "What was the top blockbuster movie of 1985?" The answer was "Back to the Future" starring Michael J. Fox.

Cleda Moeder attended the funeral of Delores Zoderow, a sister of the late Sonny Moeder, on Thursday at the Sacred Heart Church in Oberlin. Tim Moeder of Colby was a pallbearer.

Buck Harper and Cleda Moeder attended the Diebert reunion at Sheridan Lake on Saturday.

Sondra Barnett, accompanied by her grandson, Kerry Barnett, Colby, went to Beaver Lake, Mo., for her family's annual birthday party. Others present were Shalom Kruse,

Gabriel, Kaleb and Trinity, Pretty Prairie; Cory and Tessy Barnett, Babiha, Corban and Obadiah, Liberal; and Todd and Mandy Barnett, Taylor and Melia, Alamosa, Colo.

Deb Stepper and Cleda Moeder went to Logan on Saturday to visit Hazel Richardson on her 91st birthday.

A happy anniversary to these couples: Jay and Nancy Dahl, and Robert and Peggy Dible, who celebrated Aug. 20; and Lile and Ranell Lunsway on Aug. 26.

The community is reminded that the annual Gem Hog Roast will be tonight (Wednesday) from 5 to 8 p.m. There will be local talent for entertainment.

Our community has also been invited to the Jennings 15th annual Firemen's Funday, to be held Saturday, Aug. 26. This year's theme is "Small Towns Pullin' Together." More information about this event is posted at the Red Barn, Post Office, Modern Beauty Shop, Bencken's Welding and the Corner Store.

At Golden Plains: The 2006 yearbooks have arrived. Copies may be picked up at the high school office. Classes begin on Thursday.

The Rexford Lions Club and Golden Plains Booster Club will be hosting the Back-to-School free barbecue at the football field at 6 p.m. on Thursday. The Golden Plains High School volleyball team will scrimmage at 5 p.m. and the football team at 7 p.m.

The Healy Invitational volleyball tournament will be held on Saturday.

Red Barn events: Those at Barnswallows to play cards last week were Grace Cheney, Darlene