### Good Samaritan Center

Howdy, folks! We had a "prit' near purfic" week of Western Days startin' on Monday with a good ol' sing around the campfire. Anita Hirsch with her "geetar," Mert McEvoy, and Jeanette Diederich led the cowpokes in some mighty fine singin'. Later that night Bill Harper, a country/western gospel singer, came from St. Francis for our last Concert in the Courtyard. He gives a real toe-tappin', kneeslappin', can't-keep-from-singin'along kind of performance.

On Tuesday, it was milkin' time. Our fine cow sorta reminded me of a milkin' stool with udders! She'd stand right on the table, real ladylike, and let everyone take a turn at milkin'. It sure was good to hear everybody laughin' as they took hold of them funny-lookin' udders to give 'em a squeeze.

Then there was some talk about how many real cows folks had milked every day. Eva Bryan boasted how she'd milked 10 cows a day. Elsie Macy said the trick to milkin' was talkin' right gentle to old Bossy when you milked her. I hope they got more milk than we did; after 17 tries we only had about an inch of milk in the bottom of the bucket. Mind you, though, we got plenty on our neighbors and the table was prit' near soaked.

Speakin' of "Prit Near," that was the title of one of the cowboy poems Jerry Lohoefener came to share. He was decked out in his finest duds, cowboy hat, boots and all ... gave a real nice show!

On Wednesday, the STAR Comnittee hosted Social Hour complete Oberlin area for 49 years. What a Atwood, Nola Carlson of Fort Mor-

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WITH THEIR STEEDS AT HAND Kathryn Post (left) and Fern Anderson were ready for Western Days at the Good Samaritan Center last week. - Good Samaritan photo

with a full-blown "rodeo" for both staff and residents. Events included barrel racin', cow pie pitchin', and calf ropin'. John Ready took the cow pie pitching championship. This was the favorite event. Employee Michelle O' Dea was the champion roper, and barrel racing was too close to call.

The staff sang "Home on the Range" (sounded a little like a pack of coyotes). Barbecued Smokies and cornbread were served, making this a great afternoon.

Thursday we ended Western Days with some Cowboy Trivia and pitchin' beans in a pot for some cowboy stew.

as our Founder's Day celebration. For Founder's Day, Janice Shobe Rock-A-Thon Love Packages. gave devotions and the Good Samaritan Society history. The Society is 84 years old and the Decatur

blessing to be part of such a wonderful vision that started so long ago.

Most of the residents headed out to the front porch to watch the Homecoming parade, then ended up in the dining room to enjoy fresh baked cinnamon rolls made by Jeanette Diederich. June Saum made the arrangements and provided pretty plates and napkins.

It's hard to believe it's already October and the holidays are just around the corner.

Lots of exciting things are in the planning. Here are some reminders: yard sale on Oct. 13, 14 and 15. Donations are being accepted.

Please remember to provide ad-Friday was Homecoming as well dresses of any military person you would like us to include in our These should be directed to Lisa Stacy. Have a great week!

Recent guests: : Lucy Schissler -County Center has been serving the Margaret Fikan and Ralph Crim of

gan, Colo.; Thelma Spiers - Steve Nelson, Don and Joan Grafel of Herndon; Doris Marintzer - Vicky Mumm of Gem, Marie Zimmerman; Eva Bryan - Detta Anderson; Dorothy Hunt - Ron Snyder of Colby, Mildred Black, Reva Marshall, Tami and Bri Cook of Norcatur, Helen Brooks, Ron and Dixie Snyder of Colby; Ruth Laidig - Janice Mehl of North Platte; Faye Miller - Rhonda Wildeman of Jennings; Dorothy **Pryor** - Steve Smith family; Kathryn Post - Gladys Geis; Edla Olson - Gladys Geis, Marcille Berryman of Aurora; Everett Fisher - Gladys Geis; John and Muriel Ready, Mae Guy, Ruby Wennihan - Norma Richards; June Saum - Marie Zimmerman; Hazel Flaska - Myrna Lacina of Westminster, Colo.; Jeanette Conway - Daisy Rhein; Ethel Nemeth - Helen Brooks. Also visiting was Peggy North of Salina.

## **Cedar Living News**

William (Bill) Harper of St. Francis entertained in the Cedar Living Center dining room on Monday afternoon with a program of country and gospel music.

appreciative audience of residents, staff, and guests. Many of us sang along when he played the old country standards.

Residents, staff, and volunteers have been busy gathering recipes for a planned cookbook by Decatur Health Systems. Recipes need to be turned in to Othelia Vacura before the end of the year. The book will be available in the spring.

Betty Harden went out to eat on Monday with family members in honor of her birthday.

Fern Moore hosted the reading group on Tuesday morning.

Betty Harden won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Velda Ward won the blackout game.

Juanita Williby played pinochle on Wednesday afternoon with Frank and Velda Ward, Elsie Goodnight, Mildred Tacha, and Don Shaw.

Father Henry brought communion for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

The bowling group met Thursday afternoon for a game. The group included Elsie Goodnight, Naomi Carter, Paul Sass, Don Shaw, Frank Ward, Bea Wolfram, Lyle Gamblin, and Mathilda Bollig. Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study

lesson Thursday afternoon.

#### The baking group met on Friday afternoon to make sugar cookies. Everyone enjoyed eating the cookies while still warm from the oven.

Rev. Rick Langness of St. John's He played guitar and sang to an Lutheran Church was in charge of the worship service held on Sunday afternoon.

Recent visitors: Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Jeanette Adams, Cheyenne, Wyo.; Keith Harold, Encinitas, Calif.; Jenny and <<<Carold???>>> Sattler, Madison, Wis.; Bill, Sandy, and Megan Harper, St. Francis; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Ann Martin, Jerry Wolfram, Frank Cox, Herndon; Jerry Temple, Janice O'Hare, Linda Hunt, Norcatur; Merlin and Lola Diederich, Cape Coral, Fla.; Doyle and Kay Brown, Elwood Bailey, Jennings; Jeanette Sulzman, Grand Island, Neb.; Mary Lou Sulzman Schroer Laird, Lakewood, Colo.; Bill Sulzman, Colorado Springs; Meredith Hrnchir, Kyle Lanning, Atwood; Lloyd Harden, Goodland; Earl Brown, Selden; Paul and Christine Matheny, Junction City; Randy Matheny, Courtney Gibson, McCook; Sabrina Cooper, Norton; Margaret Stanley, Colby;

Eunice Wenger, Opal Huntley, Steve Diederich, Delores Koerperich, Phyll and Connie Cramer, Lyle Gamblin, Marie Jean Vavroch, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Sandra Young, Karolyn Muirhead, Roxie Pomeroy, Dana Winstead.

## **Midway News**

By Mary Lou Olson

J.R. Ginther is recuperating from Atwood, and is also visiting Gary injuries received when he was thrown from a horse. He suffered a broken shoulder blade and internal injuries and was hospitalized at Decatur County Hospital. Blaine and Erin Ginther and family of Atwood have been helping Carrol Ginther with chores since his accident.

Covenant Church will meet at 6 p.m. on Saturday for a hot dog roast in the draw at the former James Gilbert Sr. farmstead, southeast of Achilles

Betty Hafer is recuperating from double knee surgery, which she Olive Bergling were Richard and underwent on Friday in Fort Collins, Colo.

here to be with his mother, Irene emy Bergling and Alicia Bergling Withington, who is hospitalized in and Kelly, Atwood.

and Mary Ann Erickson. Steve and Arian Arnold returned home Sunday from a vacation to the

Black Hills with his niece and her husband, Vicki and Dave Hampton of Lakewood, Colo., and also Terry and Pat Brougham, Black Hawk, Colo.

Visitors Saturday evening at the The congregation of the Herndon Keith Olson home were James and Kimberly Witt, Ashley and Whitney of Oberlin and their granddaughter, Julie Beth Wilson of Kearney, Neb., who spent the weekend with them.

Saturday visitors of Quentin and Susan Bergling and Cassidy Bergling, Ness City; Dave and Dale Withington of Chetopa is Sherry Bergling, Oberlin, and Jer-

# **Herndon News**

By Vonie Sattler

Congratulations to Kendra Ron Solko of Oberlin and

**Events of Yesteryear** 

125 YEARS AGO - Oct. 1881 The public school for the winter term commenced last Monday with an attendance of 48 pupils.

Plenty of corn is being brought in to supply the demand at from 30 to 50 cents, according to quality.

Since the death of President Garfield on Sept. 19th, much condemnation has been heard in Washington of the surgical treatment given the President's wound. The government bought 68 miles of black cloth with which to drape the buildings in Washington.

100 YEARS AGO - Oct. 1906 to have his store lighted by electricity. It made a beautiful sight.

in his residence, the farm now owned by John Vavroch.

Mission Sunday was observed at St. John's Lutheran Church Sunday with more than 500 persons attending. Arrangements had been made for amplifiers so that the services might be heard by the people on the lawn as well as those on the interior of the church. The musical services were splendid and an offering of \$400 was gathered.

Joe Goodrich and Alex Francis were in action at Hays in the first Denver, son, James Scott, Sept. 26; game of the season Friday night.

back to Oberlin for the winter from Mrs. Robert Fraker, son, Oct. 1. O.O. Wear was the first merchant the farm near Selden so the children can go to school.

having purchased Phyll Cramer's interest.

Allen Jeffus, who attends Garden City Junior College, broke his hand in football and will not be able to play anymore this year.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Dale Carlisle, Traer, daughter, Donna Fern, Sept. 26; Mr. and Mrs. Rex Morton, daughter, Patricia Lea, Sept. 28; A/3c and Mrs. Richard Kelley, Denver, son, Kevin Neil, Sept. 27; Mr. and Mrs. Don Berry, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Ritter, The Ed Shields family has moved Dresden, daughter, Oct. 1; Mr. and

**By Jody Betts** 

Sam Francis will return to Oberlin

this week to participate in Homecoming activities at DCHS. Francis will speak at the Homecoming assembly Friday afternoon as "Athlete of the Past" and during the football game with Atwood that evening at Smick Field, he will make the official presentation of his National Football Hall of Fame award to the DCHS Stuco vicepresident, Clifton Hartzog. Longtime Oberlin sports fans remember the Francis boys, Stewart, Alex, Sam and Vike, rewriting the NWKL record books in the 1930s. Sam's DCHS shot put record, an

the summer Olympics at Berlin in

1936, still stands after nearly 50

A bridal shower at the Fifth

Presentation of 50-year member

pins to Lucille Wennihan and

Connie Banta by the Order of East-

ern Star No. 106 were made follow-

ing a dinner and program at the

Wheel honored Sharon Gamblin,

whose marriage to Charles Wurm

will take place Oct. 24.

Masonic Temple.

years.

Married, Sept. 25, 1906, Mr. Roy W. Hayes and Miss Carrie Marquart.

Jap Mines bought the interest of D.P. Gilbert and W.S. Fleming in the Oberlin Stock Co. last week.

The electric light plant has been putting in the incandescents and meters in the stores this week. In about another week, they will have them all going.

On Saturday, the old settlers of Decatur County held their first annual meeting. Advertised for the grove, the meeting was changed to the rink because of the chilly weather. Capt. J.W. Allen, W.D. Street, Rev. D.O. Banta, Dan Caster and George M. Miller were the principal speakers. W.D. Street was elected president for next year and J.W. Smith, secretary.

C.H. Paddock and family are moving into their new residence in northeast Oberlin this week.

High School Notes: The Apollo Debating Club elected new officers as follows: Harry Logan, president; Claude Wickham, vice president; Ray Yarnell, secretary and treasurer and Francis O'Grady, janitor.

#### 75 YEARS AGO - Oct. 1931

Actual construction work on the new McKague Memorial Masonic Temple will commence within the next week or two. Due to the cost of upkeep and maintenance on any building, it was decided to include in the building a part of rental property to help defray the upkeep expenses. The City has leased one of the rental spaces on the ground floor and will move the city office there upon the completion of the building. The plans also call for a large double entrance door where the city fire truck will be kept.

Word has been received of the death of J.W. Mahannah, 84, a former resident of Custer Township for many years who has made his home in Buhl, Idaho, the past 10 years. In the years before the coming of the automobile and the rural routes, Ruth post office was located operating the station and motel,

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Brooks and son Max attended a family picnic at Tasco Sunday with about 50 members of the Brooks family together for the day from Oberlin, Clayton and Hoxie.

and Mrs. Corral Bainter recently. Mr. Mike Karls, route carrier of Dresden, bought a new Ford of Boulls Motor Co. last week.

Big Timber: The free dance at the Old Hall Saturday night was well attended

#### 50 YEARS AGO - Oct. 1956

Cities Service Oil Co. has staked out six more locations in Harlan Township following the eighth well to be brought in since the first strike in April. Last week's find was the fourth well on the John Sater land. The new Sater well gives Decatur County 66 producers with 43 located in the southeast part of the which is in its third year of use, recounty in Jennings and Lyons townships.

Funeral services were held for a well-known and respected farmer of Decatur County, Cecil Mines, 57. He is survived by his wife, Anne, and four children, Patty Lou Carswell, Alton; Delphine Spencer, McCook; and Keith and Kyle Mines, both of Manhattan.

Alan Addleman, son of Mr. and Mrs. T.B. Addleman, is a member of the cast of the play, "The Italian Straw Hat" to be presented at the College of Emporia, where he is a sophomore.

Oberlin's young Red Devils yielded a first-period touchdown the Museum. and then played Hoxie on even terms as the locals lost their Northwest Kansas League opener here last Friday 7-0.

Tacha were honored with a pot luck area piano students of Mary Henzel supper last Friday evening in the and Cheryl Metcalf will be percity hall. They are moving to Manhattan, where they have purchased an apartment house.

Bill Ater, his wife and son, plan to leave this week for Port Huron, cital Mich., where he has leased a major oil service. Don Westervelt is now

Norcatur: Mrs. Doris Pool who is event in which he later competed in moving to Denver was honored with a breakfast at the home of Mrs. Nellie Frewen by members of the Norcatur B.P.W.

#### 25 YEARS AGO - Oct. 1981

Autumn sunshine smiled on all three days of the annual Mini-Sapa Jennings: A son was born to Mr. celebration this year, which included a sidewalk sale, ethnic food, and an art show as well as a museum open house. A new dimension was added to the celebration this year with events held at the county fairground on Sunday afternoon where participants rode the train, watched an old-time threshing demonstration and viewed a display of stationary engines, tractors and classic and antique car models.

> Oberlin Elementary School teachers enthusiastically endorsed the new Lippincott book reading series when they met with the USD 294 Board of Education. The series, lies heavily in teaching phonics according to Betty Jones, kindergarten, Janette Votapka and Marty Olson, first grade; and Fern Moore, remedial reading instructor.

Former All-American fullback

### Let's Go to the Museum **By Sharleen Wurm**

I just checked out this week's weather report and what a nice day Saturday looks to be. The weather will not be a problem for the 48th Annual Mini Sapa Celebration at

In my articles this last month I have been telling you about all the exciting events planned for Mini Sapa and have left one of the best for Jennings : Mr. and Mrs. Jesse last. At 2 p.m. in the Bohemian Hall, forming, along with several voice students of Susan Nelson. The Maverick 4-H Club will be serving cookies and punch during the re-

> A quick recap of Saturday's activities: Breakfast from 7 to 9 a.m.; DCHS Singers performing in the

New Arrivals: David and Lois Waldo, Topeka, son, Luke David, Sept. 24; Mr. and Mrs. Les Shields, Selden, daughter, Tonya Marie, Sept. 11; Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Harris, daughter, Angela Marie, Sept. 26. In a game plagued by penalties, intercepted passes and fumbles, the Red Devils and Colby Eagles slugged it out in the Eagles' nest

Friday night, with the Red Devils coming out on top 6-0. In junior high grid action, Oberlin downed Atwood 50-0 with Keane Wurm scoring four touchdowns and Marquis Sauvage throwing two touchdown passes.

Bohemian Hall from 8 to 9 a.m.;

bake sale in the Land Office; free

admission to tour the Museum from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; the Fall Craft and

Vendor Fair 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; the

Kansas Department of Wildlife and

Park laser simulated hunting in the

east side of the Depot; pumpkin

painting from 10:30 a.m. to noon on

the east side of the Bohemian Hall;

lunch served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

and rounding out the day, the mu-

With all these exciting activities,

you will want to plan to spend the

day in Oberlin. Besides the events

at the Museum you can shop the

many antique stores, and take in the

Mini Sappa Antique Thresher and

Engine show at the fair grounds on

both Saturday and Sunday

sic recital.

Solko, who was Rawlins County High School Homecoming queen. She is the daughter of Pat and Joy Solko of Herndon.

Robert and Julie Hafner, Frances Kompus, Hattie Toth, Shirley Wil- bers sang at the Good Samaritan liams and Edie Pettera attended the Lavern Goltl funeral on Sept. 16 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bird City

Mrs. Hafner, Mrs. Pettera, Mrs. Toth and Mrs. Williams attended the Oscar Johnson funeral on Sept. 23 in Bird City.

Mr. and Mrs. David Lehman and family of Tribune were last Saturday visitors of Ann Martin.

Dan and Jo Marintzer of Hastings, Neb., were last Friday overnight guests of Helen Marintzer. Saturday callers were Alan Hartner and a friend of Wheat Ridge, Colo.

Rodney Solko of McCook were last Sunday dinner guests of Monica Solko. Tom and Tim Solko were afternoon callers.

St. Mary's Altar Society mem-Center in Atwood for the residents' birthday party.

Word has been received of the death of Hazel (Portschy) Henderson of Rogers, Ark. Sympathy is extended to her brothers, Pooch and Pete Portschy, and fami-

Herndon Senior Citizens met for a potluck dinner last Wednesday with 13 members present. Debbie Rummel from the Rawlins County Health Department took blood pressures. Edie Pettera won blackout in bingo and Beth Hraha won the door prize. The next meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. today.

### **Decatur County** Health Department

Mini Health Fair...Doing Blood draws on October 4 and October 5. 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. both days. Please call for an appointment or more information.

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