

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**125 YEARS AGO — August 1882**  
Decatur County has shipped about 30,000 pounds of wool this year.

C.C. Reynolds, George Persinger and Mart Boyles were fishing in the Sappa Friday. They made a dip net out of gunny sacks, and had splendid good luck. They caught about 75, weighing from one to two pounds.

Some sneak thief stole 14 loaves of bread from the Greenwood House larder last Friday night and almost produced a bread famine.

Marriages: Saturday, July 29, Francis H. Mathews and Miss Louise M. Knapp; same date, A.M. Bradshaw of Decatur County and Miss Alice Harvey of Rawlins County.

**100 YEARS AGO — August 1907**  
Chautauqua programs continued this week and included lectures and concerts. On Sunday morning, H.Q. Banta displayed and explained a small model of the Jewish tabernacle and surrounding court, and it was one of the best things of the whole Chautauqua. It was followed by a sermon preached by Rev. Price, president of Ottawa University. On Monday U.S. Senator Ben Tillman of South Carolina made one of his characteristic speeches, full of biting and caustic remarks and one can understand why he should be nicknamed "Pitchfork" Tillman.

H.O. Caster has made an admirable superintendent of the Chautauqua and I.K. Huber has been very successful as manager of the grounds.

The ball games in connection with Chautauqua featured games between Oberlin and the Haskell Indians which were hard fought throughout with Haskell winning all but Thursday's game. Saturday

the high school team was beaten by Jennings 5-4 with O'Toole and Bliss the battery for the Oberlin team and on Monday the Oberlin team defeated Danbury rather easily.

**75 YEARS AGO — August 1932**  
Thirty names on the list of Democratic candidates for county office caused an extraordinarily big vote to be cast election day and over 2000 voted for one of the 8 candidates for sheriff. For the office of sheriff Garver received 498 votes; Bainter, 478; Bendon, 332; Fiala, 272; Davison, 155; Arnold, 113; Martin, 81; and Jackson, 73.

The folks in Olive Chapel neighborhood deeply mourn the passing of Jim Hatch, who died at his home of pneumonia at the age of 66 years. With his folks he came to Kansas in the early 80s, at which time the senior Hatch entered homestead rights to a tract of land 2 miles east and 2 north of the present site of Olive Chapel.

Norcat: Several Norcatrites are enjoying their swims at the Oronoque sand pit again this summer.

Fairview and Summitt: Quite a large crowd attended the ball game Sunday afternoon at George Martin's between Fairview-Summitt and the Bohemian teams. The latter won the game.

Arlicie Barratt has rented the Screen farm in Bassettville Township and will be located there for the next season.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Barnhart are the parents of a baby daughter born Aug. 2 and named Sydney Sue.

Dresden: In the baseball tournament Sunday, Dresden won over Selden 15-3 and Jennings beat Leoville 4-2.

Shibboleth: The young peoples

meeting was held at the Bruce Moore home Friday evening with a large attendance, and free ice cream and cake were served.

**50 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1957**  
That well-tested cloud-seeder, the Decatur County Fair, in the next week will be out to weave its magic as this area's leading rain producer. Aldever J. Metcalf, Oberlin attorney, has been promoted to the rank of Major in the Air Force reserve.

DCHS students attending the High Plains Music Camp at Fort Hays State are Clara Brown, Ann Dowling, Joeline Martin, Colleen Matthews, Rose Matthews, Sue Matthews, Joleen Miller, Nancy Nemeth, Mary Ann Page and Mary Reeves.

The Oberlin American Legion baseball team finished its season with an 11-9 record and was eliminated by Goodland in the league tournament on Monday when they ran out of pitchers and Goodland romped to an easy 11-3. They downed Colby on Sunday 6-5 with a triple by Fred Reichert in the final inning. Coach for the Legion team was Ray Adams.

Marcia Schreiber entertained her Sunday School class, the teacher and several other friends on Sunday at a pre-birthday party which included swimming and a picnic dinner.

Dresden: A large crowd attended the G.R. Deu Pree Hardware Store sale. The building was bought by Harold Derby and Dewey Miller.

**25 YEARS AGO — Aug. 1982**  
The 46th annual Decatur County Fair will wrap up Saturday with the annual parade down Penn Avenue. Scheduled as usual on Friday

evening will be the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce-sponsored free barbecue. Elsie Robinson, one of the co-chairmen, said plans are to serve 2,000 persons.

Kay Kjelland has announced that she has purchased the flower shop owned by Crystal Taylor and the business will be known as Kay's Flower Gallery. Mrs. Kjelland is married to Richard Kjelland, new administrator of Good Samaritan Center.

Rescue squads were summoned late Monday afternoon to a farm pond in Center Township following the report of a possible drowning of a young Oregon man who had been swimming with a friend. They were assisted by members of a McCook diving club in locating the body of Jeffrey Coffelt, 21, of McMinnville, Ore., who had been recently discharged from military service. The autopsy report put the cause of death as drowning.

New Arrival; Jim and Debra Crocker, Oberlin, son, Cole Sherman, July 30; Mr. and Mrs. Dude Morgan, Colby, daughter, Amanda Sue, July 15.

A reunion of the Mines family was held the weekend of July 11 at the farm home of Delphine and Robert Spencer, rural McCook.

The Rev. John Boyle has assumed the pastorate of the Jennings and Dresden United Methodist churches. Boyle and his wife Bonnie are moving from Lindsborg and will make their home in the Jennings parsonage. The couple has three children, Joseph, 20, who is with the U.S. Army in Germany; Jay, 18, who will attend Central College at McPherson; and Jack, 14, who will be a freshman at Jennings High School.

## Cedar Living News

We have been receiving some lovely donations of home-grown vegetables including tomatoes, onions, cucumbers and zucchini. These are a big hit with all of the residents. Thanks to everyone who has been so generous.

There were several winners when the penny card players met on Monday afternoon. Those playing included Helena Bruggeman, Mildred Cochran, Elsie Goodnight, Betty Harden, Nadeane Haag, Paul Sass, John Schuhart, Mildred Tacha, Frank Ward, Delores Wheeler, Mary Kolsky, and Lyle Gamblin.

Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led the sing-along time on Monday.

Ray Kircher won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and John Schuhart won the blackout game.

Juanita Williby hosted the pinocle players on Wednesday afternoon. The group included Elsie Goodnight, Velda Ward, Don Shaw, and Helena Bruggeman.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

The craft group met on Wednesday and Thursday afternoon to work on our craft display for the Decatur County Fair. Please stop by the open class building to view our work. We have opted again this year to not compete for ribbons or prize money, but just to show the crafts we have been working on together. We have had a good time working on flowers and butterflies for a garden theme.

Father Henry was here for a

Catholic Mass on Thursday morning on the Cedar Living Center patio.

Barb Solko played Scrabble with Wynemah Cox and Velda Ward on Thursday afternoon.

The baking group made fried zucchini and eggplant on Friday afternoon instead of the usual cookies. The eggplant came from our garden boxes at Cedar Living Center.

Don and Marie Thomas provided a decorated cake and ice cream for all of the residents and staff at noon on Sunday in honor of their 61st anniversary.

Recent visitors: Gene and Meredith Hrnchir, Atwood; Mike and Betty Rall, Pueblo, Colo.; David and Jamie Bailey, Debbie Arnold, Great Bend; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Lucille Stackhouse, Geraldine Packer, Norton; Linda Wahlmeier, Doyle and Kay Brown, Jennings; Jordan and MacKenzie Brown, Estes Park, Colo.; Dorothy Ward, Wava Reames, Norcat; Linda Bosler, Bob and Liane Martin, Frank Cox, Herndon; Margaret Stanley, Mike and Marie McVay, Colby; Lloyd Harden, Goodland; Christine, John and James Aschenbrenner, Colwich; Shawnda Hall and James Reames, Dover, Okla.;

Lyle Gamblin, Frank Bennett, Teresa Diederich, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Regina Stanley, Darlene Fisher, Sammie Steinmetz, Marguerite Bailey, Jan Matheny, Roxie Pomeroy, Dana Winstead, Oberlin.

## Decatur Health Systems

By Othelia Vacura

Construction on the specialty clinic addition is progressing at a fast pace.

Exterior walls are up and the finishing brickwork will start soon. Anticipated completion is in November.

Those of you who purchased our "Shared From the Heart" cookbook need to add 2 cups flour as an ingredient on the Pride of Iowa cookies recipe on Page 200.

We apologize for any inconvenience this oversight has caused anyone.

Be sure to attend the Decatur County Fair this week, and stop by the Decatur Health Systems booth in the Commercial Building. Spin our Wheel of the Future and win a prize.

Cookbooks and raffle tickets will be for sale. Raffle items are a chest freezer, digital camera, fire pit, golf bag and a putter.

Tickets also are available at Addleman Drug Store, Ward Drug, Stanley Hardware, The Bank, First National Bank and the front desk at the hospital.

Drawings for the raffle will take place at the seventh annual Golf

Benefit dinner Saturday, Aug. 18.

You do not need to be present to win, but we hope you are!

Reservations for the prime rib dinner are available for \$25 at the Decatur Health Systems front desk.

Proceeds of this year's benefit will be used to purchase a recumbent bicycle for physical therapy and medical equipment and decor for the new Specialty Clinic.

For sale in the live auction will be autographed footballs from K-State and Nebraska, and autographed basketballs from KU and the Tennessee Lady Volunteers.

In the silent auction are lots of items donated by generous local people and businesses, plus a miniature football helmet autographed by Tye Hill of the St. Louis Rams, an autographed photo of Troy Aikman of the Dallas Cowboys, and a Denver Nuggets Carmelo Anthony No. 15 jersey.

We invite you to make a contribution to the health care of your community by bidding on these unique collectors items.

## Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

It was very nice having Rexford represented by two of the 2007 Thomas County Rodeo royalty. Queen was Jessica Shaw, Golden Plains 2006 graduate and Colby Community College student. She is the daughter of Steve and Joni Shaw.

Taylor Todd, junior princess, will attend fifth grade at Golden Plains this coming school year. Taylor is the daughter of Jay and Brandy Todd. Taylor's pig which she entered at the fair received Reserve Grand Champion. Taylor was also Reserve All Around Showman for the junior age group and received lots of ribbons with her horse.

Ryan Wark placed first in the Stock Car Division at the Thomas County Speedway during fair week. He has had a spectacular season and is leading in points.

A happy birthday to Story Nelson who will celebrate his second birthday on Aug. 6 and to Ethan Walter who will celebrate Aug. 10.

Last weekend Sondra Barnett joined around 300 women and men

who met in Dallas, Texas, to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Aglow International. This was the regional conference which includes Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Kansas. The main speaker was their international president and chief executive officer Jane Hansen.

Aglow began with four women praying for the work of God to cross over denominational boundaries through women ministering to women. Today several million Aglow women, men and teens meet for Bible studies, prayer and worship services and serve in 169 countries.

Sondra went to Great Bend the first night and was joined by the local president, journeying on to Wichita. Two vans of Kansas women went to Dallas. Another group went the day before. Kansas had 15 present.

The International Conference, which will include representatives from all over the world, is to be in September in Seattle, where the

entire ministry began.

Darrell Leh returned home from the hospital on Wednesday and is recovering from surgery very nicely.

Golden Plains pre-enrollment will be Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 8 and 9, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Elementary (pre-school through fifth) enrollment will take place at the Selden School and middle and high school (6-12) in Rexford.

At the Red Barn: Those attending Barnswallows on Monday were

Darlene Robben, Grace Cheney, Deb Stepper, Dick Sanford, Lawrence Horinek, Maryann Juenemann and Lawrence Juenemann. Maryann Juenemann had brought a cake for the month's birthdays.

Friday's Koffee Klatchers were Clea Moeder, Liz Rall, Deb Stepper, Jean Hawkins, Eunice Sanford, Sondra Barnett and Berneda Zoberst.

Until next time, may your week be a memorable one.

## Traer News

By Maralyn Courange

Maralyn Courange and Kane Ware of Oberlin attended the Magers reunion at the Education Building in Norcat on Sunday. Others present were Zach and Brenda Pomeroy and Ryan, Denver; Charlie and Judy Easton, Quinter; Mary and Gerald Hoover

and granddaughter, Piper, Litchfield, Neb.; Opal and Larry Palmer, Holdrege, Neb.; Joni Killen, Tampa, Fla.; Pam and Richard Engelhardt, Norton; Toots Magers, Lyle; and Rea and Dee Magers, Norcat.

## Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Congratulations to Brandon and Kristi (Fortin) Dirks on the arrival of a daughter, Kylie Kay, on Aug. 1, 2007, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. She weighed 7 pounds and was 19 inches long. She has a sister, Kaci, 22 months.

Annette Frenzl of Salina brought her mother, Sally Olson, home on Wednesday and was an overnight guest at the Bob and Sally Olson home.

Morning worship services will begin at 9:30 a.m. Sunday at the Herndon Covenant Church. Baptismal services, followed by a potluck supper, will begin for the congregation at 6 p.m. Sunday at the Atwood swimming pool and park.

Dick and Donna Kelley met Sheldon and Brenda Kelley, Kendra and Jessica of Frederick, Colo., in Wray, Colo., on Sunday and the girls accompanied their grandparents home to spend fair week with them.

Mark and Barbara Olson spent the weekend in Kansas City to celebrate their 25th anniversary.

Dolores Benda was transferred from the Rawlins County Health Center to Salina hospital last week. Mary Rachel Olson, and Ashley and Whitney Witt accompanied Mary Lou Olson to McCook for lunch and a back-to-school trip on Saturday.

## Fair week provides lots of activities

Ahh! Fair week. So many exciting things to see and do! Jo Henderson will be at the fair on Friday and Saturday evenings, Aug. 10 and 11, at the table in the Commercial Building. She will be taking over as Chamber Manager/Director as of Sept. 1, so come out to meet and welcome her to Decatur County.

The Potluck Picnic in the Park is almost here. Don't forget to call the

## Chamber News

Chamber with your reservation! The picnic starts at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 15. Please bring your table service, cup, and a salad or dessert.

On Friday from 10 a.m. to noon,

plan on having your coffee break at Addleman Drug for Coffee Hour.

If the Chamber can be of assistance, call us at (785) 475-3441, or better yet come in and see us at 104 S. Penn Ave.

## Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

A memorial service for Isaac Shaw, son of Richard and Anna Shaw, was held Monday morning at the Oberlin Gateway Center. Our sympathies go out to Richard and Anna Shaw and Jennifer, Ralph and Violet Shaw, Joel and Tami Shaw and Dante, and their families.

Sarah and Austin Kyte attended the Covenant Heights church camp held in Estes Park, Colo., the week of July 15-20.

Rhonda May and Cameron Nedland returned home Friday from vacationing in California where they camped on the Carlsbad State Beach. Camping with them were her aunts, Lillian (May) Rutsch, Vista, Calif., and Lois (May) Behrmann, Orange, Calif., Joe and Janice Jordan, Joey and Jahna, Fallbrook, Calif., Randy Rutsch, Boulder, Colo., and Allen

and Lisa Delpy Neirotti, Allison and Nicholas, Washington D.C. Also visiting them at the beach were Steve Rutsch, Larry and Anne Rutsch, Tiana and Makayla, Art Rutsch, and David Behrmann, all of Vista, Calif., Mike and Kathy Davis, Evan and Cory, Riverside, Calif., and Rhonda's good friend, Sharlene Hower and Daniel, San Diego, Calif.

Jay and Becky Tate, Dakota, Mollie, and Grace, and John and Edith Tate enjoyed dinner and birthday cake at the home of Lois Carlson on Saturday to celebrate Grace's third birthday.

Out-of-town relatives attending memorial services for Isaac Shaw on Monday were Zach Shaw, Hastings, Neb.; Alfreda Seeber, Chalapa, Mexico; Dean and Susan Seeber, Wichita; Amy Seeber, El

Dorado; Ron Seeber, Topeka; Dee and Elna Fortin, Brighton, Colo.; Garry and Jean Shaw, Longmont, Colo.; and Ben and Leone Spiers, Winterset, Iowa.

St. John's Lutheran Church youth Jessica Bremer, Rory Wendelin, Karli Fredrickson, LeAnna Sheaffer, Sarah Langness, Hunter Nedland, Cole May, Nolan May, Christian Rittmann, Jacob Fortin, Andy Gilliam, Chenaniah Langness, sponsors Butch and Colleen Rittmann and Pastor Rick Langness returned home Friday after spending the past week attending the National Lutheran Church Missouri Synod youth gathering in Orlando, Fla. Approximately 25,000 high school youth from across the United States attended the youth gathering.

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