

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

## 125 YEARS AGO — May 1883

Lyle: The hour of Sunday School has been changed from 10 o'clock to 9 and a half o'clock. Preaching every alternate Sunday at 10 and a half o'clock by Rev. Stayton. Probably there is no Sunday School in the county that is so well supplied with the necessary helps as the Lyle. We have a library of 38 volumes, papers for every Sunday, charts, leaves, etc.

North Sappa: Miss Fax is teaching school in Hazard Draw again this summer.

G.W. Bertram has moved into the office formerly occupied by Mr. Cochran, the first door south of the post office where he will be a permanent fixture. This office turned out a 6-month supply of stationery for him last week.

Mr. Chapman, the new proprietor of the Jackson Mill, was a pleasant caller at this office last Saturday.

Miss Carrie Wheelock of Allison made final proof on 100 acres of land last Friday.

## 100 YEARS AGO — May 1908

Deck Warner had a wrist broken in an automobile accident Friday.

Redman and Paddock secured the contract for building the new schoolhouse at Traer on a bid of approximately \$4,000.

Art S. Steele has been elected manager and secretary of the Oberlin Telephone Company.

W.S. Fleming and I.K. Huber were in Hill City and in Stockton on Saturday and on Monday looking after Fleming's race for Congress.

Among the names of the eighth grade graduates having part on their commencement program were: Angie McMullen, Frances Dale, Ruth Bigelow, Ruth Huber, Villa Scott, Maud Smith, Dorothy Bigelow, Rena Palmatier, Faye Dean, Floyd Clark, Helen Parker, Ruth Smith, Frank Roach, Paul Mundell, Horace Reasoner and Sina Bradley.

In the county spelling contest Salome Langmaid won first place, Cora Morton second and Opal Riley, third.

High School Notes: The baseball team beat Jennings 9-3; O'Toole and Bliss were the battery for the high school.

## 75 YEARS AGO — May 1933

Russell Anderson, who has served as high school principal since the death of Caleb Smick last November, has been re-employed by the board to serve as principal under Superintendent Charles Hawkes for the school year 1933-34.

In an assembly memorial service by the senior class, the new signboard over the entrance to the athletic field was dedicated as "Smick Memorial Field." Leo Ridgway

told of the significance of the new name and Principal Anderson spoke briefly.

Joe Roberts, DCHS Class of 1921, will fly from his home in Seattle, Wash., to appear as the principal speaker at the annual Alumni Banquet Association.

Miss Mildred Nibert, head of the high school music department, expects to remain in Oberlin this summer and will give lessons during her vacation period. In accordance with low price levels, she has reduced her lesson prices to 50 cents.

Degrees from Fort Hays Kansas State College will be awarded to Ivan Lytle and to Myrtle Anderson on May 25. Bernice Gillette will be awarded a primary life teaching certificate.

A little daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Moritz Nauer living 10 miles northwest of town. As Mr. and Mrs. Nauer already had two sons and one daughter, this event matters up and they now hold two pair — a good hand to draw to and we join their numerous friends in extending congratulations. — Selden Independent

Lester Plotts who was seriously injured when his horse hitched to a discran away recently, is improving but will have to use crutches for some time yet. He is staying at the home of his brother, Ernest Plotts.

A margin of one and two-sixths points separated the DCHS track team from the winner, Smith Center, in the regional meet held at Norton. Brill of Norton was high point man setting a record in the broad jump and Sam Francis broke his own shot put mark. Koehler was first in the 220-high hurdles and he and Francis will go to the state meet at Emporia.

The pupils of Olive Union School and their teacher, Muriel Barratt, had an all-day picnic on Sappa Creek, celebrating the last day of school.

## 50 YEARS AGO — May 1958

Valedictorian of the DCHS Class of 1958 is Wanda Moody, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Moody. Salutatorian is Colleen Mathews, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Mathews. President of the 41-member class is Joyce Carlson.

Promotions for 37 eighth graders at Oberlin Consolidated School will be held Friday morning.

Bob Vernon won his third straight Class A discus title at the state track meet at Manhattan Saturday flinging the plate 175 feet, 11 and one-half inches. He has one more chance to fling the high school plate at the Missouri Valley AAU meet to be held at Shawnee Mission High School May 31.

Court House News: Harold

Machart has been appointed county weed supervisor replacing Clarence Bailey who resigned recently.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Everett Hrabe, daughter, Terrie Lynne, May 15.

Among the 1,035 students to receive degrees at Kansas State College are three from Oberlin: Marvin Paul Everist, son of Mrs. Angie Everist, BS in electrical engineering; Richard Alan Barrett, son of Mrs. Harold Barrett, BS in civil engineering and Melvin Delaine Barton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Barton, BS in business administration.

Joan Hedrick of Hays is visiting her mother, Mrs. G. H. Lippelmann before moving to Duluth, Minn., where she will teach the coming year at the University of Minnesota.

Dresden: Many Dresden persons attended the wedding of Mary Catherine Karls and Merle Dean Baylie at Leoville on Saturday morning. They will make their home in Florida where the groom will attend Naval Aviation School.

## 25 YEARS AGO — May 1983

Soggy fields have further delayed corn planting. It is estimated that about 70% of the crop remains to be planted in Decatur County.

Decatur County schools are winding up activities this week. Commencement at DCHS will be Monday, May 23. Valedictorian is Deidra Parker, daughter of Daryl and Dora Parker, who plans to study accounting at Barton County Juco. Salutatorian is Dana Young, son of

Charles and Barbara Young, who plans to enroll in pre-med at KU. Class officers were Paul Shields, president; Brad Erickson, vice president; Lisa Scheitzberger, secretary and Rhonda Rummel, treasurer.

At Jennings USD 295 graduates are Dennis Ritter, Angela Spresser, Gerald Ritter, Gwendolyn Hopping Slinker, Stann Hartzog, Jeffery Wahlmeier, David Gallentine, Shelley Mader, Cynthia Shaw, Joseph Bainter, Bradley Vacura, Tammy Shimek, Michele Hickert and Alfred Cressler.

A decline in attendance at the annual DCHS Alumni Banquet was noted this year. New alumni president will be Idella (Nelson) Frickey who replaces Greg Ulery.

The DCHS golf team of Brent Simonsson, Brian Moore, Robbie Henningson, Bob Lund, Ron Juennemann and Perrell Stanley placed second in the state 3A tournament held at Hesston.

DCHS hurdlers Jim Berkheimer and DeDe Parker plus the 1600-meter relay team of Paul Shields, Jamie Shirley, Dana Young and Brad Erickson were the only qualifiers to survive the regional track meet held at Oakley held under a variety of weather conditions which included wind, rain, hail and more rain. They will accompany Coach Dick Harlan and Coach Lee Steward to Wichita for the state meet to be held Friday and Saturday.

Renee Smith left last week for Great Smoky Mountain National Park where she will be employed as a seasonal law enforcement officer.

## Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

With Memorial and Alumni weekend upon us we look forward to seeing many returning visitors. We will be open Tuesday - Saturday from 9:30 a.m. - noon and 1 - 4:30 p.m.

The Bohemian Hall will be seeing a lot of excitement this weekend also. It is rented out Saturday for a class reunion and then on Sunday for a family gathering. Remember if you have an event coming up this summer and you need a large air-conditioned room, call the Museum for rent of the Bohemian Hall.

Flyers are around town on business windows and bulletin boards about the Cruise-In and Car Show. Mark your calendars for May 31, so you will not miss the Museum's 7th Annual Summerfest Car Show and Oberlin's City-Wide Garage Sales. A great day to spend in Oberlin!!

Taken from the Oberlin Herald

June 5, 1958

"Auction Sale Nets \$1600 on Sheds, White Elephants

The Decatur County Historical Society raised approximately \$1600 in a combined building and white elephant sale last week in a campaign to raise funds for the Decatur County Museum in Oberlin.

The three buildings, surplus on the museum site purchased on South Penn Ave., went to Ernest Nichols (lumber shed), Warren White (cement shed), and Elden Cody (granary). The three purchases totaled \$900.

An additional donation of \$250 was given by Anna, Adolph, and John Petracek, who also brought in a number of white elephants.

Auctioneers for the sale were Glenn Jones and sons Pete and Jesse. Boyd Bainter and Carl Frickey donated time as clerks."

**Nemeth and Dorothy Hunt.** Arrian Arnold for **Edla Olson.** Mert McEvoy for **Lucy Schissler.** Mary Ann Erickson for **June Saum.** Eunice Martin for **Glenn Martin.** MJ and Chris Dempewolf and Marion Thornton for **RD Thornnton.** Sharon Slabaugh for **Opal Bryan.** Dale and Francy Miller, Colorado, for **Faye Miller.** Daisy Rhein for **Jeanette Conway.** Bob, Sherie and Ashlee Hayes, Fort Morgan, Colo. for **Mary Lemman.**

## Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Congratulations to Andy May and Kelley Black who were married Saturday morning at Sappa Park in Oberlin by Pastor Don White of Atwood. Among relatives and friends attending were Martin and Evelyn May, Marvin May, Janice Cundiff, Chris and Kasey May, Kaylee, Kelsey, and Hunter, and Brian and Sarah (May) Shaw, Andover.

Rory Wendelin and Jessica Bremer were among the 40 students graduating from Decatur Community High School Sunday afternoon in Oberlin. Valedictorian was Gage Reichert, and salutatorian was Jessica Bremer.

Norman and Joanne Wendelin hosted a graduation party for Rory Sunday afternoon at their home which was attended by many family and friends. Out-of-town relatives attending were Lawrence and Lynda Wendelin, Gothenburg, Neb.; Patrick and Elvera Wendelin, Lindsborg; Karl Wendelin and Bruce Wendelin, Herndon; Bill and Bonnie Condit, Winfield; Greta Wendelin, Lawrence; and Ladd

Wendelin, Lincoln, Neb. John and Dianne Bremer hosted a graduation party for Jessica at their home Saturday evening. Out-of-town relatives, Richard and Marcia Wiltfong, Norton, were among the many family and friends attending.

Arthur and Alice May attended Jessica Bremer's graduation party Saturday evening as well as commencement exercises Sunday afternoon at Decatur Community High School.

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## Cedar Living News

Shelby Jeffrey, a Certified Nurse Aide at Cedar Living Center, was among the graduates of Decatur Community High School on Sunday. Shelby plans to continue working at Cedar Living Center.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Henry Wolfram who passed away last week in Arkansas City. Hank had lived at Cedar Living Center for several years before moving near family members last fall.

Each day this past week featured a special treat or celebration in honor of National Nursing Home Week and National Hospital Week. Monday afternoon residents enjoyed chips and dip during the afternoon social hour. Following the snacks we had a game of dice. Those rolling the dice included Mildred Cochran, Elsie Goodnight, Mary Kolsky, Ruth Leopold, Edie Pettera, John Schuhart, Delores Wheeler, and Geneva Morford.

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

Mildred Cochran won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Frank Ward won the blackout game. The bingo volunteers assisted staff members in making and serving ice cream sundaes after the game. Staff members from all over the building came over to eat ice cream with us. Topping choices for the sundae bar included caramel, strawberry, cherry rhubarb, and homemade hot fudge sauce, as well as peanuts, whipped cream, and maraschino cherries.

Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of the Faith Lutheran Church gave the monthly Communion Service on Tuesday afternoon.

Staff members from the front office decorated the dining room with a Hawaiian Luau theme for the potluck dinner served at noon on Wednesday. Dave Nichols grilled

hot dogs and the dietary department assisted with setting up and providing the drinks and table service. Staff members brought the side dishes, which included deviled eggs, fresh pineapple, baked beans, angel food cake, and much more. Residents were only required to bring their appetites. Wheat Ridge Terrace residents who attended the dinner included Juanita Eckhart, Ivis Hanson, and Doris Gilbert.

Barb Solko played pinochle with a group of residents on Wednesday afternoon.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday.

Father Henry Saw Lone had Catholic Mass on the patio on Thursday morning.

Residents and staff enjoyed roof beer floats on Thursday afternoon. Several staff members assisted Margee Wilson and Teresa Shaughnessy with making and serving the floats.

The baking group made doughnuts on Friday afternoon. We enjoyed feasting on the doughnuts while they were still warm.

Sam Mack hosted the poker club on Friday evening.

Darlene Fisher attended the graduation of her grandson, Royal Fisher, at Decatur Community High School on Sunday afternoon.

Recent visitors: Lamilla Counter and Liliana, McCook; Jonathan Counter and Cameo, Norton; Doyle and Kay Brown, Jennings; Bill and Lu Calkins, Sutton, Neb.; Linda Bosler, Herndon; Jan Sattler, Atwood; Wava Reames, Norcatour; Marilyn Fisher, Topeka; Rick and Tammy Shaw, Selden.

Lyle Gamblin, Gerold Kolsky, Ira Kolsky, Dolores Koerperich, Herb and Carol Shirley, Elvin and Orlin Beneda, Gene Morford, Sandy Counter, Dorothy Moore, Jon and Karina Fisher.

## Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Alumni Banquet will be held Saturday evening at the Sunflower Senior Center. Leanna Sloan, Hoxie will be catering the meal. A dance will follow.

There will be a potluck dinner at the Senior Center on Sunday. Big Timber Cemetery Services are at 10 a.m. Sunday morning and Jennings Cemetery services are on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Jennings were weekend guests at the Steve and Vicki Cook home in Fort Morgan, Colo. Additional guests were Derek Cook and Jackie Standage, Brighton, Colo., Marcia Casey and Milt Sherwin of Denver, Colo.

The Tuesday Study Club finished up the year with a trip to Colby on April 22. They met at the Hong Kong Restaurant for lunch and their meeting. The minutes and treasurer's report were approved as read. There was no correspondence.

Suggestions for next year's programs were discussed. Rachel Carter, Sue Long, Joan McKenna, Helen Rhodes, Ruth Chance, Joan Metz, Helen Muirhead, Jean Skubal and Lynn Tacha paid dues for the next year as the roll call.

The meeting was adjourned and the members went to the Moonlight Gardens (by way of Wal-Mart) for a tour and some plant shopping.

Keith and Helen Muirhead enjoyed the Triple I show at Great Bend Friday. They went to Hutchinson from there and visited the Cosmopolis to see the Grand Canyon Adventure show at the IMAX theater. They had taken a seven days River Float down the Grand Canyon

in 1998 so it was most interesting to review some of the sites. They had taken in the museum while there and also Dr. Goddard's Lab Live Science Show.

On Saturday evening they went to their dance club dance at the Memorial Building at Fort Hays College.

Tuesday evening May 13 was an enjoyable time at the Sunflower Senior Center with potluck supper at 6 p.m. and "Golden Strings" Band playing instrumental numbers, yodeling and vocal numbers. Earl Hartzog, Max Vaughn, Red and Ruth Taylor are the members of the band from Hoxie.

Others attending were: Patty Hartzog, Bev Vaughn, Bea and Rueben Bonner, Hoxie; Bob Jones, Carla Latimer, Ruth and Merle Chance, Alice and Larry Mizer, Stan and Ramona Shaw, Bob and Neoma Tacha, Eleanor Morel, Imogene Keenan, Daryl and Marge Hartzog, Agnes Wahlmeier, Kenny and Violet Krizek, Rachel and William Carter, Keith and Helen Muirhead, Martin and Darlene LaRue and Louise Cressler.

Wayne and Louise Cressler went to the home of their son, Russell in Bison on Friday. They attended graduation exercises at Fort Hays State University on Saturday morning. Their granddaughter, Nicole Schroter was receiving a Bachelor of Science Education, Bachelor of Arts Degree from Fort Hays. A picnic in the Sunrise park was enjoyed at noon.

## Good Samaritan News

Next to December, May is by far one of the busiest months here at the Good Sam. We have May Day, prom, Mother's Day, graduation, Memorial Day, Alumni weekend, bridal shower, three birthdays and a wedding all to celebrate. Then to top it off we have National Nursing Home Week to recognize our beloved staff, volunteers, family, community and residents who together create the loving home environment that we have come to expect and to cherish. So in honor of National Nursing Home Week, we would once again like to say thank you to everyone who helps to make the Good Sam such a special place!

We had a fun week! On Monday, we took two vans to Dresden to visit Mona's Market and to purchase flowers and vegetables to be planted in the front entry, the courtyard and our new wine barrels for container gardening this summer. Ladies who helped choose the plants were Amy Rehm, Shirley Hayward, Opal Bryan, Alice Bobbitt, Evelyn Olson, Faye Miller and Emma Sanford.

Tuesday morning, all the First Hand Friends came with their favorite Teddy Bear in tow for our Teddy Bear Picnic. This is the finale, celebrating a great year of reading. They were met by blankets spread on the Town Square floor with sacks of cookies and juice prepared by Opal Bryan, Alice Bobbitt, Shirley Hayward and Amy Rehm. After they ate their picnic, they and their Teddy Bears held hands and joined a spiral dance. Weaving in and out of the residents and parents who had come to watch, they giggled as they had to concentrate on staying right behind the bear in front of them. The dance gets more complicated as it begins to spiral, the children pass-

ing each other as they circle round and round! Then they all found their reading buddies to give a big "Bear Hug" before saying goodbye!

Tuesday afternoon, the residents from Angel Lane hosted a bridal shower for Kelley Black. Kelley is our Social Services Director who will be married to Andy May on Saturday. This is always an extra special time for us as a family. Sharing the personal joys of staff members really helps the residents feel like family. Vi Krizek made a special wedding cake for Kelley to have at her wedding. Fruit and veggies trays were passed as well as Angel Food cake and strawberries. The mints that were made by the ladies last week were a hit! Staff members came to design Kelley's dress, veil and bouquet using only tissue paper, paper plates and ribbon. My, she looked beautiful! The residents all wrote down words of advice that were read while Kelley opened gifts. Congratulations and best wishes Kelley and Andy!

Wednesday, the DCHS singers came for the last time this year. They sang Happy Birthday to Edla Olson who celebrated her 93rd Birthday with friends and family all around.

Thursday, the 180 Boys came, and 15 residents were waiting to greet them. This is a meaningful time of discussion and Bible Study. A ministry outreach that the residents find very rewarding.

Friday, Heidi Wiebe served her last communion with the residents. She will be moving to Topeka in June. There were many hugs and some tears as we said goodbye to a dear friend. Wishing her God's blessings as she embarks on a new journey!

Sunday, Dorothy Hunt celebrated

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