Events of Yesteryear

George Colby is building an addi-

tion to the post office building. Quite a number of Germans came in Sunday night and left on Monday for the Herndon settlement upon

As March came in like a lion and has been lion-like ever since, it follows that we should have some lamb-like weather along about the

Will Haskins and John Johnson brought in three antelope last week, killed on the divide south of the

Traces of gold have been discovered on the Long Branch in Norton

A deputy postmaster arrived at Sheffield March 4th. Postmaster W. L. Barr is stepping high.

Klayton Klatter: Frank Castle of Galesburg, Ill., a brother of the Castle boys of Clayton, arrived Saturday with a carload of horses and machinery.

100 YEARS AGO — March 1909

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leake Friday.

Forrest Redman had three fingers badly lacerated in a buzz saw Monday morning.

The family of S.A. Hull left Monday evening for Aurora, Neb., where they expect to make their home in the future.

Mrs. Harry Tilden and Marshall Tilden left for Washington Monday evening. Mrs. Tilden will join her husband and Marshall will have a position in a store Harry recently purchased.

Norcatur Items: Charles Mc-Curdy has traded his farm to Clint Worrall for the latter's stock of hardware in a Nebraska town.

The Norcatur Dispatch had an interesting story last week of George Kershner's trip to South America.

75 YEARS AGO — March 1934

Thirty-two more men will be taken from the CWA payroll tomorrow, and the checks of those working this week will show the effects of an ordered reduction in hourly pay. Under instruction from CWA officials, the pay has been reduced to 30 cents per hour for common

and Aunt Jane, reached their 60th wedding anniversary Saturday,

state highway commission representing the third highway district.

125 YEARS AGO — March 1884 Hays contest are: flute, Alice Coldren; clarinet, Dean Blickenstaff and Bernie Rubendall; French horn, Lee Ora Rezner and Joyce Wilson; trombone, Richard Bowles and Roy Cody; cornet, Elmer Dodd, Bob Redman and John Laidig; baritone, Donald Dyer; tuba, Ernest Wilson; saxophone, Norton Kessler and Elaine Guinn; cello, Elvera Cox;

> Jennings: B.H. Brooks of Norton County has moved on the Brooks farm in Allison Township.

piano, Lorene Harger.

Custer: Atley Muirhead is the proud owner of a new pony. He called on the Arehart children Saturday morning and on Freddie Bremer Saturday afternoon.

Norcatur: Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Mayes of Marysville are our new United Telephone operators, succeeding the Kenneth Davis family who have moved to Norton. Mrs. Max Deeter and Phyllis Rohrer are relief operators.

Considerable attention has been attracted to the cake in the Dean Store window baked by Zimmerman Bakery and decorated with the American Legion insignia honoring the Legion on its 15th anniversary.

Abig crowd is reported at the Will Chapin sale on the old Fish ranch last Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Chapin are expecting to move to Arkansas soon, but our guess is they will be back in Decatur County ere long.

50 YEARS AGO — March 1959

The Rev. Roger Meitl of Leoville was ordained a priest in the Immaculate Conception Church, Leoville, on March 14. It is believed to have been the first ordination ceremony conducted in Decatur County.

Bishop Frederick W. Freking of Salina presided at the ceremonies, assisted by the very Rev. Richard Eiler, Chancellor of the Diocese of Salina, Rev. Paul Meitl and Rev. Clement Kruse, both formerly from Leoville, along with Msgr. John Wolf, Rev. Francis Zimkosky and Rev. John Wolf.

Glenn Young, 63, operator of the Western Auto Associate Store here the past two years, died Sunday evening at the Decatur County

Francis D. Stanley, superintendent of Downs Public Schools the past three years, has signed a contract to become superintendent of schools here effective Sept. 1. He will replace H.G. Mahon, superintendent the past 21 years, who has

Mrs. Waldeane Witt gave a party for her daughter Nancy's tenth birthday after school on March 12.

Contestants in the various instru- the first Decatur Community High on Thursday. At 11 a.m. we will

State Homemakers degrees, the highest FHA awards.

25 YEARS AGO — March 1984

Condition of the 1984 wheat crop may look good in some parts of the start but in this area the outlook is dismal. Federal Crop adjustors in the past week were reporting the losses may be very high. Elmer Kathka, who accompanied an adjustor for Stroud Multi-Peril Crop Insurance in the southwest part of the county, said it will be hard to adjust the crop.

"In a few places there is practically no wheat. In other fields you can dig down and find some alive and coming up." Talking with eight experienced farmers, Kathka said they were all in agreement that this is the only time they have faced a situation like this, from severe drought, in 40 years.

Dr. Robert Manley, senior historian at the Stuhr Museum in Grand Island, Neb., will return to be the speaker at the annual dinner meeting of the Decatur County Historical Society. His topic this year will be "A Kansas Family Album" and his presentation will include slides and his own accompaniment on

Hospital News: Helen and Steve Carman, Selden, daughter, Lindsey Marie, 3/10/84; Jackie and Gilbert Smith, Oberlin, daughter, Denaya Leigh, March 12, 1984; Tammy and Greg Dempewolf, son, Lee Gregory, March 12, 1984.

Funeral services were held for Hazel (Bobbitt) Kump, 83, who

died March 6. After graduating from Decatur Community High School in 1919 she began work at the Oberlin National Bank where she met her future husband, Lee Kump, who

By Jody Betts

Other survivors are three sons, Dr. Warren and wife Patty, Minneapolis, Minn., Don and wife Jean Ann, and Jack and wife Cecilia, all of Oberlin and two sisters, Mrs. Ila Landau, Oberlin and Mrs. Francis Barclay, Rogers, Ark.

Jay Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Eldon Smith and a senior at Decatur Community High School, was the winner of a state Elks "Most Valuable Student" contest. The state award of \$1,000 will be added to the \$300 award as an area winner in the Hoxie Elks contest. He plans to attend Dodge City Junior College on a baseball scholarship.

Mrs. Marian Dempewolf announces the engagement of her daughter, Patty, to David Stapp of Norcatur, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewaine Stapp. The wedding will take place June 24, 1984 at Sacred Heart Church, Oberlin.

Fred Paschke, longtime Oberlin resident and area farmer, celebrated his 95th birthday with a reception at the Classic Hotel in Albuquerque, New Mexico with 40 friends and relatives present for a program of old-time favorite songs played on a theatre pipe organ which was formerly used in the Roxy Theatre in New York City. Paschke makes his home in Albuquerque with his daughter, Mrs. Viola St. Germain,

Chamber News

By Tina Watson

Hello from the Chamber!

Congratulations to Estella Waldo who won a gift certificate to Pizza Hut. She was the first person to come in and tell me the name of the park that the gazebo sits in. Centennial Park was the correct answer. The next Pizza Hut gift certificate to be given out will be to the person who can tell me the name of the downtown business that just celebrated its 28th Anniversary.

The members of the Chamber Board are preparing for next month's Professional Assistants Luncheon. There will be more information available on this event at a later date. The board meets the the Business Enhancement Entrepreneurial Center.

The Chamber will also be giving Loy Fortin and Roxie Martin are ribbon cuttings to the businesses ments planning to compete in the School students ever to be awarded welcome Aqua-Shield Roofing.

Good Samaritan News

On Friday, March 27, we will welcome Crop Production Services at 10:30 a.m., and RAS Cabinetry at 11 a.m., to the Oberlin Business Community.

The Oberlin Business Alliance will be having its Fish and Burger Fry on Friday, April 10 in the alley south of the Business Enhancement Entrepreneurial Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donations will be used for the Nativity scene lighting.

"Thank You" to everyone who has been bringing in banner donations. Oberlin Business Alliance works hard to keep the banners flying in our beautiful town. If you would like to donate, you can send second Thursday of every month at or bring in your donation to the Chamber Office at 104 S. Penn. Oberlin, Kan., 67749. Your donations are appreciated.

> Until next week, take care and we will see you on the brick streets where friends meet!

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Sympathy is extended to the family of Elwood Mines who passed away on Wednesday.

Several residents met for an afternoon of bowling on Monday. Snacks were served following the game. Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led the sing-along time before supper on Monday.

Edie Pettera and Mary Votapka tied for the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon. Donna Kent won the blackout game.

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

Juanita Williby hosted the pinochle players on Wednesday afternoon including Aleen VanVleet, Elsie Goodnight, Wilma May, and Ira Kolsky. Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday.

Elsie Goodnight led the exercise group all week.

Fr. Henry Saw Lone had Mass on the patio Thursday morning.

Residents who met on Thursday afternoon to roll the dice included Dale Butler, Darlene Fisher, Elsie Goodnight, Ruth Havel, Donna Kent, Mary Kolsky, Joan Noble, Edie Pettera, Aleen Van Vleet, and Mary Votapka.

The Decatur Professional Women hosted the March birthday party at Cedar Living Center on Friday afternoon. The women served cookies and coffee while Cheryl Metcalf entertained on the piano. Those being honored with March birthdays were Joan Noble, Alvina Gamblin, and Wilma Bobinmyer.

Residents were treated to an afternoon of great music by the Hi-Plains Harmony Sweet Adelines. Eight members of the group, based out of Colby, performed the barbershop tunes. Tammi Ritter, Staff Coordinator for Decatur Health Systems, is a member of the group.

Recent visitors: Carol Kompus, Linda Bosler, Julie Hafner, Herndon; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Sharon Gamblin, Columbus, Neb.; Adrian Walker and Elle, Lincoln,

Shelli Fortin, Jacob Fortin, Eunice Richards, Jackie Votapka, Paul Tadlock, Opal Huntley, Ila Ray, Alice Shirley, Ben Letourneau, Leon and Connie Miller, Theresa Tally, Juanita Williby, Jerald and Elaine Leitner, Ira Kolsky, Roxie Pomeroy, Lyle Gamblin, Sandra Young, Ron and Patti Uehlin, Roberta Johnson, Max and Veanna Carman, John and Dianne Bremer, Oberlin.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Those celebrating the birthday of Hattie Toth on Sunday afternoon were Edie Pettera, Cedar Living Center, Oberlin; Bob and Julie Hafner, Jerry Wolfram, Herndon; and Janice Sattler and Shirley Williams, Atwood. Hattie shared her 98 years of wisdom while having birthday treats with the family. At 98, she's thinking of giving E-Harmony a try and of course her niece, Edie, who is 97, could be her bridesmaid, she said. (I think the poppy-seed bread kicked in). All kidding aside, these two are a joy for our family.

The Herndon community was saddened to hear of the death of Bill Diedrich. Bill moved from Colorado to Herndon in 2003, anxious to live in this rural area after retiring. He passed away March 10 in Englewood, Colo., at the age of 71. Jim and Sharon Vogel attended the funeral.

The Lenten Mission, conducted by Father Matthew Habiger, for all Catholic rural parishes, was held Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings at Sacred Heart Church in Atwood. Father Matthew spoke of the importance of knowing your faith and living it as Catholics.

Donnovan, Ceanne, and Garett Schroeder spent the weekend with their grandparents, Mary and Richard Schroeder of Colby. Jim, Destiny and Abbie Schroeder traveled to Littleton, Colo., to attend the funeral service of Bill Diedrich.

Sharon Vogel reports the success of her cataract surgery. Both eyes have been taken care of and the improvement is significant.

The Catholic Youth Organization parish students will be serving a St. Patrick's breakfast at the St. Mary's hall on Sunday, March 22

after mass from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Sausage, scrambled eggs and pancakes will be prepared and offered for a donation.

Kathryn Sousek was a visitor of Don and Joan Grafel on Sunday.

Rachelle Solko spent the weekend in Trenton, Neb., with her Aunt Dena and daughter, Delaney Dewey and Nichole Dewey of Mc-Cook. Rachelle and the girls spent the weekend enjoying the beautiful weather and playing Wii games.

Don and Kyle Grafel met Kurt and Kortney Grafel in Ransom, and attended the State 3A Basketball tournament in Hutchinson. Joining them were Keith, Roma and Egan Grafel from Council Grove. Saeger Grafel participated with his team from Council Grove in the tournament and Sydney Grafel is the manager. They visited Roger, Joan and Cindi Franke in Hutchinson. Sarah Grafel accompanied them to Sterling College and tried out for

Enjoying Sunday chicken dinner at Roger's Bar and Grill were Lucy Pochop, Frances Kompus, and Jane Waterman of Atwood and Mary Padget of McCook.

The Herndon community extends sympathy to family in the area of Johnita Sattler Green of Kearne Neb. She was born in Holdrege, Neb., the daughter of John and Sylvia Sattler, Bertrand, Neb., and passed away Tuesday, March 10, at the University of Colorado, Aurora, Colo. Funeral services were held Monday in Kearney, Neb.

Renae Solko traveled from Topeka, this weekend to spend spring break with her family and friends. Don, Diana and Rachelle Solko enjoyed flying kites with the Schroeder grandchildren Sunday afternoon.

Wow, what a blessing!

Have you ever considered yourself a minister? Not in terms of pastoring a church, or going overseas to a far away land, but in your ordinary, everyday life? The dictionary has several meanings for the word minister, always with reference to the Christian faith. The specific one I'd like to bring to your attention is the intransitive verb form: to give help to someone in need. With that in mind, consider this verse from the Bible; *Philemon 1:6-8* (New Century Version)

6. I pray that the faith you share may make you understand every blessing we have in Christ. 7. I have great joy and comfort, my brother, because the love you have shown to God's people has refreshed them.

In Chaplaincy Training, a fair amount of time is spent talking about the "ministry of presence," and what a great encouragement one can be by just being there. That principle was brought home this week when I witnessed a great revival of countenance in the residents. They were refreshed by the presence of

so many that came to visit. Often the greatest health risks to the elderly are loneliness and depression. Without the "ministers" who come to "give help" and "refresh" a person could give-up and literally will themself to die. Our hope is that you will get a glimpse of the importance you are to the health and well-being of not only your loved one but to all who live and work here.

Thank you, family, friends and volunteers. Your presence is truly a ministry to the people who live

Volunteers this week included Larry Smith, Computer; Dennis Brown and Barbara Dehlinger, Devotions; Marilyn Horn and Col- Long for **Elden Long.** Steve and

leen Geihsler, Bingo; Carol Duncan, Current Events; Mert McEvoy, Bible Study; Keith Reuther, Men's Coffee; Penny Fringer, Dorothy Alstrom, and Rosella Meitl, Nail Care; Rachelle Cousins, Social Hour; Seth Cousins, Kick Ball; First Hand Friends, Reading; Daisy Rhein, Adopt-A-Grandparent; Sweet Adeline Singers and Cheryl Miller, Special Music; John Paulson, Doug Hasty, Judi Stricker, Royce Leitner, Larry Danforth and Keith Reuther, Clergy.

Birthday visitors were Mary Lemman's family, Audrey and Murry Pavicek, Janet Knipp (Hays); Ardess Cappel, Cheryl Gilbert and Kristi Geschwenter (McCook); Scott and Carol Hodson (Omaha); Cheryl Miller and Myrna Wilson.

Ethel Nemeth's family helped her celebrate: Helen Brooks, Betty Heisel, Lasha Medina, Darci Faith and Shelby Hackney (Smithville,

Other visitors were Clem Mumm (Colby) and Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem) for Hubert Mumm and Doris Marintzer. Sally Olson (Atwod) and Mert McEvoy for Lucy Schissler. Reva Marshall, Penny Fringer and Ron Snyder (Colby) for **Dorothy Hunt.** Donna Kelley and Detta Anderson for Eva Bryan. Brian, Pam and Nathan Simonsson and Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh for **Opal Bryan**. Kermit and Linda Askin (Casper, Wyo.) and Rita Eckerdt (Loveland, Colo.) for **Pooch Portschy**. Julia Gardiner (Hutchinson) for Leona Helmkamp. Linda, Nathan and Caleb Smith for **Dorothy Pryor.** Esther Ready and David Chomowicz (New York City) for John Ready. Odetta Marietta (Russell), Lora Marietta, Linda Wade, Marilou

Arian Arnold (Herndon) and Bill and Mary Beggs (Branson, Mo) for Edla Olson. Larry Danforth (Norcatur) and Chris Dempewolf

(Norcatur) for **R.D. Thornton**. Beverly Eiler (McCook) and Barbara Castor for Elaine Thomas.

By Lisa Paulson

Mount Pleasant News By Dianne Bremer

Our sympathies to Don and Ann Mines whose brother, Elwood Mines, passed away on Wednesday. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon, March 17, at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin.

Ralph and Norma Unger returned home March 8, after enjoying a week vacationing in Washington, D.C. with their daughter, Dr. Rachelle Gorrell, of Bland, Mo. While Dr. Gorrell attended a medical convention, Ralph and Norma enjoyed touring the sites and visiting the offices of Congressman Jerry Moran and Representative Todd Tiahrt.

Leah Marietta was honored with a bridal shower Saturday morning at St. John's Lutheran Church in

Out-of-town guests were Marcia Emig, Goodland; Patricia Carreno, Topeka; Odetta Marietta, Russell; Loni Jensen, Newton, and Lora Marietta, Manhattan. Leah and Travis Carreno will be married

Saturday, March 21.

Kelly Olson and Cameron Nedland, Manhattan, arrived home this weekend to spend spring break with their families, Jerry and Connie Olson, and Rhonda May and Dan Nedland, Hunter and Elizabeth.

Jessica Bremer arrived home Friday night to spend spring break with her parents, John and Dianne Bremer. Accompanying her were Emma Nichols, McLouth, who is spending a few days visiting her grandmother, Dorothy Moore, and Christian Rittmann, Shawnee, who is spending the week visiting his grandparents, Ralph and Norma

Caitlyn and Tyler Shields were weekend guests of their grandparents, Gaylord and Shirley Shields. Cassidy Shields, Paul and Kelly Shields, Hannah May, and Pam May attended a Junior High Volleyball Tournament over the weekend where the girls competed.

Spring clean and sell all your unwanted items in the Classifieds!! Call Pat at 475-2206

Selden News By Jacque Boultinghouse

March 19 - Danielle Hickert, Tate Bruggeman. March 20 - Mitch Miller. March 21 - Alfred Albers. March 22 - Jackie Weins, Stacey Sulzman Wolf. March 23 - Tami Porsch, Francis and Leone Porsch. March 24 - JayDe Adelman, Jim Halbert. March 25 - Jeremy Schiltz. March 26 - Dagmar Becker, Elsie Wessel, Jeni Rogers, Jerrie Jacobs.

The Selden United Methodist Church will be holding Sunday church services at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

School Calendar: No school, spring break. Classes will resume on Monday, March 23. Tuesday, March 24 - School Board meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 26 - 7 p.m., Junior High and High School Hazlitt.

Birthdays and anniversaries: solo and small ensemble recital at Rexford.

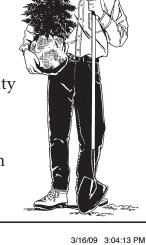
The Selden Public Library has shelved new books: "Star Bright," by Catherine Anderson; "One Day at a Time," by Danielle Steel and "This Side of Heaven," by Karen Kingsbury. All three books are in large print. The Library hours are Mondays and Saturdays from 9 to 11 a.m. and on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. as volunteers are available.

On Thursday at Senior Citizens, Bernita Aumiller won high, Gail Mumm took second, Betty James got low and Jeanie Spresser had the most kings. Other members present were Lola Cook, Edna Schiltz, Carol Shaw, Paulie Neff and Ann

It is not too early to plan and place your TREE ORDERS.

Please call the Decatur County Conservation District Office at 785-475-3131 Ext. 101 OR

stop by our office, located on South U.S. Hwy. 83 in Oberlin, Kansas.



Mr. and Mrs. G.A. Launchbaugh, commonly known as Uncle George

Gov. Alf Landon has announced resigned. the appointment of Dr. H. J. Morrison, Oberlin, as a member of the