Events of Yesteryear

125 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1884

F.F. Bliss has built an addition to the back of his barber shop and is fixed up quite nobby.

Ira Kellogg has built quite a neat cottage on the hill southeast of town on Mrs. Totterdale's homestead.

H.S. Beardsley, the popular commercial tourist from Smith, Frazier Co., of St. Joe, Mo., will move his family onto his farm near the Decatur post office and become a permanent resident of this county. Mr. B. travels extensively in northern Kansas and southern Nebraska and we commend his judgment in selecting our county for his future

100 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1909

Ed Vernon fell off the cattle chute at the stockyards Sunday and badly injured one of his knees. No, he hasn't rheumatism; he was hurt.

John Morrison, one of the early settlers of Oberlin, died at Raton, New Mexico, last week and was brought home by C.S. Maddox and I.O. Wear and buried Tuesday in the Oberlin Cemetery.

The Goodland Republican announced that John Connelly, R.S. Hendricks, H.O. Caster and J.D. Flanigan are all candidates for Congress.

Jennings Items: Geo. Fiala and Mark McDowell will stage a wrestling match at Clayton next Saturday

Harry Bates' little daughter, Vera, was taken to a St. Joe Hospital recently for an appendicitis operation. They live near McGraw.

75 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1934

A delegation consisting of Art Smith and Harry Simpson of Jennings and Elwood Brooks of here met with relief officials and engineers in Topeka and received approval for a lake project to be built on Prairie Dog Creek west of Jennings with a site large enough to furnish a body of water of 67 acres. Land will be purchased from Ernest and Anthony Tacha and Arthur

A county expenditure of \$6,000 in exchange for approximately \$50,000 in relief money is surely a sound investment. It will be necessary to purchase 160 or 175 acres in order that a drive and recreational facilities may be later provided.

Some 200 men will be employed on the regular relief basis during the construction of the dam and the clearing of timber. According to the county poor commissioner there are about that number of men on the relief rolls in the south part of the county at this time.

Some 110 visitors from Eastern Star chapters in the district attended a meeting Monday at the Masonic Temple at which the Worthy Grand Matron and District Aide presided over a school of instruction. Prior to that a carefully appointed luncheon was served for 24 persons at the Mrs. Gerald Benton home by past

Dresden: Mrs. Frank (Agatha Wilhelmena Van Sloten)) Houtsma took sick at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jess Harold, and was moved to the home of her son, John Houtsma near Kanona where she died Sept. 13 at the age of 85. Funeral services were held at the Dresden Church and interment was in the Dresden Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Diehl spent the weekend out at the farm with Robert and on Sunday all the children (except Jennie of Seward) were home for dinner. Included were Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Diehl, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Diehl, Rex and Fern, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fringer and Neva, Robert Diehl, Mrs. Myrtle Lenon and Helen Floyd. The boys had just taken off 41 calves from the cows and these calves supplied the "music" during the day.

Miss Theo Carpenter and Mr. Laddie Pilnacek were married at high noon Sunday, Sept. 16, at the Sacred Heart parsonage. The Rev. Father Dreiling officiated and Miss Pauline Eiler and Lemoin Landau attended the couple.

50 YEARS AGO — **Sept. 1959**

The famous Wilson Six Horse Hitch, comprised of Clydesdale horses, will appear in front of Don's Grocery Sept. 23 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The hitch pulls a wagon which weighs 4,000 pounds when empty which was used to deliver meat from the Chicago Stockyards more than 60 years ago.

Grand opening of John Ready's Giant Wash Launderette is scheduled for Sept. 17-18.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Lemoin Rush, daughter, Cinda Ellen, singers who then will make a mad

Sept. 8, 1959; Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Vernon, Oberlin, daughter, Sue Ann, Sept. 13, 1959; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Cochran, Oberlin, son, Alan Lee, Sept. 13, 1959.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robertson went to Denver to return Carol Earlywine to her home and to get acquainted with their new granddaughter, Nancy Jo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Earlywine, who was born Sept. 8 on her sister's 6th

 $Coach\,Stan\,Moore's\,Oberlin\,Red$ Devils are handicapped this year by having only four returning letterman, Wayne Frickey, Gene Long, Bill Sater, and Don Macfee for the season opener with Almena.

25 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1984

At a dinner meeting of the Decatur County Amusement Authority held at Decatur Rec president Floyd Lotker told the group that with all the bills paid there is nearly \$17,000 free and clear. "It was the smoothest run carnival we ever had," added treasurer Ann Ooton." Plans for next year include constructing a cover to go over the merry-go-round. Labor will be donated by the Lions Club.

Expansion is under way at Decatur County Feed Yard and by next spring the yard expects to be able to handle 21,000 head of cattle. Pens at the 18,500 capacity feed yard are now about 80 percent full according to manager Warren Weibert and they hope to be full in another 90 days.

By Jody Betts

New Arrivals: Joan and Thomas Pratt, Oberlin, son, Charles Claton, Sept. 12, 1984; Kerry and Jack Brown, Danbury, daughter, Haven Leslie, Sept. 16, 1984.

Gary Zodrow will handle city mail delivery for Oberlin residents west of Main Street when he takes over the position being vacated by Bill DeKnight. A new employee, Rob McFee, Atwood, has been hired as a clerk.

Herndon: Nikolaus Austin Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin, was baptized after Saturday evening Mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Herndon, Sept. 15, 1984, with Father Kerry Ninemire of-

Jennings: Mr. and Mrs. D.E. Tude" Robertson will be honored with a family dinner at their home north of Jennings on Sunday, Sept. 23, in observance of their 60th wedding anniversary. Hosting the event will be their daughter, Mrs. Gary (Janice) Winters, Grand Junction, Colo., and their son, Robert Robertson, Custer, S.D.

After a 19-0 win over St. Francis last Friday, Coach Earl Barber's 2-0 Oberlin Red Devils face Colby this week, ranked third in class 4A in the state gridiron ratings.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

It's beginning to look a lot like fall and that means Mini Sapa Celebration. Saturday, Oct. 3, will find the museum open with free admission from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to commemorate the Last Indian Raid in Kansas and to celebrate the Museum's 51st anniversary.

With all the changes that have been made in the last several years on the museum grounds, the board and staff decided to make this a special event for everyone to have time just to tour and see all the new and renovated projects and displays.

The morning begins at 7 a.m. with pancakes, ham, juice and coffee. The DCHS Singers will perform at 8 a.m. We greatly appreciate the dash back to the school for the vollevball tournament.

A bake sale will be held in the Land Office next to the Bohemian Hall. Museum members donate baked items, which go on sale at 8 a.m. This sale does not last long with all the wonderful food that is brought in.

Next week's article will list the rest of the day's activities.

Updates for the 2010 Alumni Directory keep coming in. We thank all of you who have updated your information and encourage those of you that have not to go to the school website www.usd294.org, click on the Alumni tab, complete the form

enjoyed snacking on homegrown watermelon donated by Fern and Loyd Moore. The melons were a big hit with residents and staff. Donna Kent won the first bingo

Labor Day was a lazy day at Cedar

Living Center. In the afternoon we

on Tuesday afternoon and Mary Votapka won the blackout game. Ila Ray, Opal Huntley and Lacey Ream assisted Teresa Shaughnessy with bingo.

Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of the Faith Lutheran Church gave the monthly Communion Service

Tuesday afternoon on the patio. Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Fr. Mark Berland brought Communion for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

There were several winners at the dice game played on Thursday afternoon. Those enjoying the fun included Dale Butler, Darlene Fisher, Elsie Goodnight, Ruth Havel, Donna Kent, Agnes Pruitt, Aleen Van Vleet, Leroy Wessel, Edna Mott, and Lyle Gamblin. Refreshments were served after the game.

An enthusiastic group of residents meets each Thursday to listen to The Oberlin Herald being read out loud. This past week we especially enjoyed reading about resident Jim Plotts' close encounter with a bolt of lightning in the 75 year ago news. Jim filled us in afterward on a few additional details.

The baking group made sugar ookies on Friday afternoon.

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Cedar Living News

Wilma LaSalle and Delores Wheeler celebrated birthdays during the past week. Wilma was the guest of honor at a family party held

on the patio Sunday afternoon. St. John's Lutheran Church was in charge of the worship service on Sunday afternoon. Stuart Euhus led the service and Dianne Bremer was in charge of the music. Other church members helping with the service were Dorothy Moore, John Bremer, and Shirley and Gaylord Shields.

An ice cream sundae party was held during supper on Sunday in honor of Grandparents' Day. The ice cream was served in parfait cups along with an assortment of toppings.

Recent visitors: Carol Kompus, Jerry R. Wolfram, Linda Bosler, Herndon; Delpha Sis, Atwood; Jim and Carolyn Plotts, Beth Johnson, Veda Wood, Norcatur; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Tom Votapka and Terri Henke, Jennings; Patsy Marintzer, Idalia, Colo.; Joyce Rich, North Carolina; Danny and Betty Wicke, Orleans, Neb.; Stephanie, Ethan, and Isaac Frankforter, Kearney, Neb.

Elwood and Jeanie May, Dorothy Moore, Mirium Fisher, Max and Veanna Carman, Mary McEvoy, Ralph and Phyllis LaSalle, Sharon Johnson, Norman Wendelin, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News By Lisa Paulson

the heavens and the earth. Genesis

This week we took the opportunity to study the seven days of Creation, and what a wonderful time it was. Flash cards and a changing bulletin board helped us to remember what was created on which day.

On Monday, we learned some pretty interesting facts about light. We tried an experiment; the residents closed their eyes and it got dark, they then placed their hands over their closed eyes and it got darker, then when a flashlight was passed over their hands and they could see the light.

On Tuesday we learned about the sky, the atmosphere. During Art Class Myrtle Ross, Evelyn Olson, Amy Rehm, Faye Miller and Leone Porsch made their very own ocean in a bottle. During Social Hour, we played a Creation Trivia game. We had two teams: the Adam team was Earl Brown, Paul Miesner, Faye Rehm. The Eve Team was Myrtle Ross, Lora Zwickle, Olive Arnold, Dorothy Hunt and Reva Marshall. The Eve Team was the winner with Myrtle Ross and Olive Arnold as Most Valuable Players.

Wednesday was the day that the vegetation started to grow, so for Social Hour we played Fruit and Veggie Bingo; also a sensory game where the ladies identified various fruits and vegetables by feel only. Faye Miller, Evelyn Olson, Alice Bobbitt, Opal Bryan, Amy Rehm, Myrtle Ross, Doris Marintzer, Lora Zwickle, Alice May, Leone Porsch and Olive Arnold played. The lemon stumped everyone!

On Thursday, for our Social Hour lesson, a full house watched Louie Gigolo's "Indescribable" DVD.

Friday was observed as Day 5 and 6. During Social Hour again we focused on books containing

In the beginning God created beautiful pictures of birds, animals and babies.

Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work.

In addition to our Creation theme, we also had the Lyle Gals here for their monthly game of pinochle. Lora Zwickle, Evelyn Olson, Alice Bobbitt, Pooch Portschy, Myrtle Waldo, Leone Porsch and Opal Bryan played.

The First Hand Friends Reading Program began when 14 smiling first graders from Jeni Henningson's class came for their introductions and tour.

Bingo was played Wednesday night. We helped Olive Arnold celebrate her 90th Birthday Thursday

Friday morning, we said goodbye to a very dear man, John Ready. Janice Shobe gave a moving message during his memorial. We said goodbye to his wife Muriel not so long ago. The message was mostly Miller, Evelyn Olson and Amy intended for their daughter Esther, who is an exemplary model of a loving and devoted daughter. We will miss the entire Ready family and pray God's blessings on Esther, David and Nick as they return to

New York

Visitors this week were Reva Marshall, Mildred Black and Ron Snyder (Colby) for **Dorothy** Hunt. Ralph and Norma Unger for Leo Mooty, Earl Brown and **Lucy Schissler.** Mert McEvoy for Lucy Schissler. Chelsey Hackney for Violet Schissler. Chris and M.J. Dempewolf (Norcatur), Sharee Dempewolf and Aaron and Hayden Mann (Colby) for R.D. Thornton. Eunice Wenger for Lora Zwickle. Pat and Clem Mumm and Ken Mumm (Selden) for **Hubert** Mumm. Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh for Opal Bryan.

Remember: In God's Love, Everyone is Someone!

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

The Jennings City Council has selected Saturday, Oct. 3, as a citywide "clean up" day for the city of Jennings. The Decatur County landfill will be open that day so the public may dispose of any trash collected. Also the Jennings city landfill for trees and brush will be open. Success of this project is dependent upon the participation of residents and volunteers. The City Council would greatly appreciate hearing from anyone who can volunteer their time or equipment such as tractors, loaders, trucks, etc.

Property owners wanting assistance with a cleanup project should also contact one of the council members. Requests for assistance on private property must be made in writing and such requests must be approved by the council. Approval will be dependent upon the amount and type of labor needed and the number of volunteers available.

The Mayor and the City Council have approved Sept. 28 through Oct. 3 as controlled burning within the Jennings city limits. Anyone who has suggestions or an interest in this project, please contact Mayor Marjorie Hartzog (785) 678-2664 or (785) 678-3010 or any council member, Louise Cressler, Mark Carter, Pat Hall, Rick Foster or Stann Hartzog.

The Jennings Historical Preservation Committee is in need of a refrigerator. If anyone has a refrigerator to give away or sell cheaply, please contact Marjorie Hartzog, Neoma Tacha or Louise Cressler.

Pat and Shelley McKenna hosted a barbecue supper on Saturday evening at their home. Among those attending were Max and Norma Ward and Dave Ward, Clayton; Julie and Ken Carter, Jesse and Megan Carter, Clayton and Anna, Oberlin; Becky Carter; Ann and Wes DuBois, Abby and Madi, Norton; Nick and Kathy Otter, Hoxie; Mike and Joan McKenna, Sarah McKenna, Topeka; Jacque McKenna, Iowa City, Iowa; Chris McKenna and Marcus McKenna, Hays. They all celebrated the September birthdays, which included Dave Ward, Sarah McKenna and Clayton Carter.

Lynn Tacha entertained the Jennings Book Club members. Carla Latimer served as co-hostess. Others present were Violet Foster, Lila Jennings, Joan McKenna, Sue Long, Patty Foster and Terri Hanke. "The Mighty Queens of Freeville," by Amy Dickinson was discussed. Members also shared "Ask Amy" columns, also written by this author. The next book is "The Healing Quilt" by Lauraine Snelling. Contact Carla at the Jennings Library if you would like a copy to read. Joan McKenna will host the October meeting.

Larry and Irene Cressler, Hoxie, visited recently at the home of

Wayne and Louise Cressler. Jennings will be read Saturday, Sept. 19.

The Jennings American Legion Post will host a meeting at 4:40 p.m. for all veterans and their families who wish to learn more about their earned veterans benefits on Tuesday, Sept. 22, at the Jennings Czech Museum in the Royal Neighbors Hall. Veterans and their family members who have specific questions regarding these benefits are

urged to attend the meeting. The Jennings American Legion Auxiliary Post will be hosting a meeting for all Auxiliary members and their families at the same time as the American Legion meeting is being held. State and District officers will be visiting our group on Tuesday, Sept. 22, at 4:40 p.m. Anyone who would like more information please call (785) 678-2470.

Derek and Jackie Cook of Brighton, Colo., are the parents of a son, Kenneth Eldon, who was born on Sept. 10. He weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and was 21 inches long. His grandparents are Steve and Vickie Cook, Fort Morgan, Colo.; and Mike Standage, Ashby, Neb.; and Robyn Standage, of Gordon, Neb. Great-grandparents are Lawrence and Lila Jennings, Jennings; Mildred Cook, Sterling, Colo.; and Art and Carol Dubs, Ashby, Neb.

Lawrence and Lila Jennings attended the wedding of their granddaughter, Erin Marie Musgrave and

Luke Norman in Crawford, Neb., on Saturday, Sept. 5, along with Brett Jennings, Lee and Judy Ploussard, Rod and Pat Fringer, Oberlin; Brian and Westley Jennings, Solomon; Rhonda Jennings, Topeka; Brendan Jennings, Hastings, Neb.; Marcia Casey, Denver; Eric Musgrave, Ong, Neb.; Seaman Ryan Musgrave, San Diego, Calif.; and Dax Shipley Musgrave, Edgar, Neb. The bride's parents are Dale and Tammy Musgrave of Ong. Neb.

The Heritage Associates of Jennings met at the Czech Museum on Sept. 3. Neoma Tacha presided over the meeting with directors Mike Tacha, Larry Mizer, Lila and Lawrence Jennings, Bob Tacha and Reminder: The water meters in Dean Gawith present. Also present were Dalene Gawith and Frances at 2 p.m. Oct. 1.

Bader. A show case was donated by Marj Hartzog and a Dresden school desk and chair were donated by Dean and Dalene Gawith and these are being used. After discussion of the condition

of our west sidewalk, it was decided

to get bids on repairing it. We had over 100 visitors during Firemen's Fun Day. We thank Doyle and Kay Brown for helping show the museum. The American Legion and Auxil-

iary Coffee Tour will be in the Royal Neighbor Hall at 4:40 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 22. All members of the Legion and Auxiliary Post #351 and their families and other interested persons are invited to attend.

Our next regular meeting will be

Selden News By Jacque Boultinghouse

Golden Plains School upcoming schedule: Tuesday, Sept. 15, 4 p.m., high school volleyball in Rexford with Tribune, Triplains and Heartland. Thursday, 4 p.m., junior high volleyball and football in Bird City. Friday, 7 p.m., high school football in Hill City. Monday, 5:30 p.m. junior varsity football in Rexford with Triplains/Brewster. Tuesday, 4 p.m., junior high volleyball in Brewster.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Sept. 4 - Curt and Jennifer Spresser, Myra Kennedy. Sept. 5 - Kevin Juenemann, Darin Neff, Ron and Sherrie Jacobs. Sept. 6 - Mike Miller. Sept. 7 - Jace Lobato, Don and Katie Koerperich, Patty Ochs. Sept. 8 - Jim Rogers, Jerry Juenemann, Kain Priess, Lola Cook, Daniel Weis. Sept. 9 - Nicholas Anderson, Neal and Evelyn Wahl, Angela Taylor. Sept. 10 - Seth Gilbert, John Kennedy, Shelby Vance, Dayton Porsch.

On Aug. 27 at Senior Citizens, Janice Kruse won high, Gail Mumm took second, Bernita Aumiller got low and Paulie Neff had the most Queens. Other members present included Lola Cook, Royce Cook,

Ralph Weis, Carol Shaw, Edna Schiltz, Anna Albers, Alfred Albers and Betty James.

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On Thursday at Senior Citizens, Edna Schiltz won high, Jeanie Spresser took second, Carol Shaw got low and Lola Cook had the most Tens. Other members present included Ralph Weis, Anna Albers, Alfred Albers, Betty James, Royce Cook, Gail Mumm, Marilyn Meyer, Rowena Carpenter and Janice Kruse. Fire training will be held Monday,

Sept. 28, in Selden at the fire Station. Training will be Operational Readiness.

Chamber News By Carolyn Hackney

As Monday was the deadline to get on the list for the Highway 36 "Treasure Hunt," I decided to come to the office a bit early that morning to get a head start on what I thought would be a busy day. I was right!! People starting coming before I even got in my office, and the phone started ringing within about five minutes.

As of Monday morning I have 22 listings for garage sales for this weekend. There will also be several vendors setting up at the Fairgrounds for the Antique Thresher and Engine Show at various locations on the property. This weekend sounds like something for everyone events. to enjoy.

The "Up In Smoke" Barbecue contest will be going on at Sappa Park on Saturday. Live musical groups will be performing throughout the day as the barbecue is being prepared, and at 5:30 p.m. the meal will begin. This is something that I hear has grown in popularity around the country, and the setting at Sappa Park enhances the fun.

I have received several registra-

tions for the Holiday Craft Show coming up on Saturday, November 28. I sent out 60 invitations to previous vendors, but if you know of someone that may not have participated before and would like the information, please have them call the office at 475-3441. I have vendors from Nebraska, Colorado, and Kansas.

Aren't the evenings just gorgeous this time of year? I don't care for the fog we have had in the mornings, but maybe that means we will have good moisture this winter, or maybe too much.

Have a great week and get out and is shaping up to be a very busy one. It enjoy all the upcoming weekend



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