# **Events of Yesteryear**

125 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1884 Decatur County goes Republi-

Here is the vote for county officers: Representative, 124th district, Van B. Wiggins, r, 333, Dan Caster, d, 217 and John B. Hitchcock, ind, 155; District Court: E.D.Babcock, r, 436, J.E. Kulp, 214; Supt. of Public Instruction, Geo. S. Hodge, r, 458, Wm. B. Mead, d, 262; Probate Judge, N.W. Strong, r, 507, W.W. Wolfe, d, 214; County Attorney, W.A. Wilson, r, no opposition; County Commissioner: Marion Salisbury, r, 172 and Sol. Rees, d,

Prof. C. Borin's family has arrived and taken possession of his new residence.

L.G. Parker is building an addition -12x12 to his law office.

Last Friday Fay Gibbs took out nine teams of immigrants, aggregating 35 persons for Wilson, Tacha & Miller, locating them in Thomas and Rawlins counties. One party spoke for all of town 7, range 33 in Thomas County.

#### 100 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1909

The high school boys beat Atwood 12-5 last Friday.

The Oberlin girls beat the Atwood basketball team 18-7.

O.P. Ecord traded his farm near Bassettville last week for hotel

Leon Gillette had a colt run away with him and his little girl recently near the Moser farm; the girl was thrown out and was unconscious for several hours

B.F. Arehart of Harlan Township, received a draft for \$935.80 for his crop of alfalfa seed from Link Hare of Norcatur.

H.Q. Banta will hold a formal opening for his new mill Friday and

Dr. Tilden accompanied Ray Hitchcock to the hospital Monday evening; the latter has appendi-

Norcatur Items: R.S. Bradford has sold his stock of groceries to T.D. Meek.

#### 75 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1934

Grady Hahn, 33, local citizen and barber in the A. W. Close shop here, met almost instant death Sunday night when he stopped one of the bullets discharged from the gun of Sheriff Ed Fiesterman, Red Willow County, Nebraska officer, intended for a fleeing car burglary suspect.

The accident occurred near a roadhouse on the western outskirts of McCook, Hahn being killed just as he was opening the door of his car preparatory to leaving after he and his companions, Merrill Rubendall and Lawrence Kinsley of Oberlin, and "Slim" Macy of Cedar Bluffs, had finished eating lunch in the roadhouse. The sheriff was in pursuit of a car bearing a burglar 50 YEARS AGO - Nov. 1959

suspect and as he was making his escape back of the roadhouse into some weeds he fired three shots. At the inquest he said he did not see the Oberlin car or the men around

it when he fired. Mr. Hahn is survived by his wife, the former Miss Lucille Johnston, stenographer in the Farmers National Bank, his mother of Kansas City, a sister in Russell and one brother in Oklahoma. Funeral services were conducted at the Presbyterian Church with the Rev. David Cuningham in the pulpit.

Dane Hansen, Logan, was the successful bidder for the highway work on Highways US 183 and 36 according to Dr. H.J. Morrison, highway commissioner for the third district.

The Red Devil football team suffered its first defeat Friday night losing to Colby 21-13. Colby had possession of the ball 80 percent of the time. Elmer Hackney, Oberlin's powerful fullback, was out of the lineup due to injuries received in the Goodland game, and his absence was keenly felt.

Court House News: Two weddings were reported: Albert Henry Anderson, 31, Herndon, and Miss Emma C. Wilson, 23, Oberlin, were granted a license and married by Rev. Fred Blanding; Charles J. Ramsey, 24, and Miss Dorothy M. property at Clayton and will move Fleckenstein, both of Selden, were as soon as arrangements can be married by Rev. M.J. Schmitt of

The drouth relief program permitting the purchase of cattle closed this week with some 5,000 purchased and there were still approximately the same number listed for sale when the allotted fund was exhausted.

A terracing demonstration for the purpose of control of soil erosion will be held at the Harold Metcalf farm on the northwest fourth of section 33, township 1, range 27.

Mrs. Charles Russell came from Aurora, Nebr., Friday and is spending a week with her daughter, Mrs. Ted Addleman and family and the new granddaughter, Ruth Ann Addleman.

Mrs. M.E. Mix left last week for Excelsior Springs, Mo., where she will be joined by her sister until Christmas. She expects to go to California during the holidays and spend the winter on the Pacific

Kanona: The box supper at the Kanona school brought in \$28.35. Mr. Will Fair conducted the auction. The money will be used to buy a football for the boys and some new

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Randall of Jennings, announce the marriage of their daughter, Dorothy Leone, to Kenneth C. Paddock, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Paddock of Oberlin. The ceremony took place at Norton Oct. 14.

Oberlin merchants will close all day on Nov. 11 in honor of Veteran's Day. The Red Devil football squad will meet the Oakley Plainsmen at 2 p.m. at Oakley.

The Norton Bluejays put enough of the right things together late in the third quarter to eke out a 6-0 victory over the Red Devils in a cold, wind-blown 53rd renewal of the Norton-Oberlin classic here last Friday night. Oberlin is still ahead in the series which dates back to 1911 having won 28, lost 22 and tied 3.

**Decatur County commissioners** accepted the resignation of Don Claussen as county engineer after 12 years of service. Claussen, who resigned to go into sales work, will continue as county engineer until his term expires on Dec. 31.

Funeral services were held at the Oberlin Methodist Church with the Rev. O.G. Brown and the Rev. Ray Bressler officiating for Lloyd Fortin, 66, who died of a heart attack in McCook.

He is survived by his wife, the former Katherine Taylor, three daughters, Loy, Mary and Norene, three sisters, Bertha, Berenece and Blanche and one brother, Everett.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Bosler announce the engagement of their daughter, Carolyn Anne, to Bennett W. Wallace. She is a graduate of Fort Hays State College and is teaching in Salina. Her fiancé, the son of Mr. and Mrs. S.L. Wallace of Ardmore, Okla., is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma and is employed by Amerada Petroleum. December wedding plans are being made.

New Arrival: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Metcalf, Danbury, son, Bradley Alan, Oct. 31, 1959.

Sunday was a beautiful day for flying as area residents contributed approximately \$300 to the Capper Crippled Children's Foundation. Flying Farmers of Northwest Kansas and other local pilots took contributors aloft from the Oberlin airport at a penny-per-pound rate

with eight planes providing rides. Local men who piloted donors were Don Zimmerman, Milton Nitsch, Bob Fraker, Don Fredrickson and Ward Sauvage.

By Jody Betts

#### 25 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1984

The weather continues to cause delays in the bumper milo crop that awaits the combines.

The Oberlin Area Telethon to be held at the Church of Christ auditorium will be shown on Channel 4 on cable television. Community Fund directors Karen Mathes, Shawn Guinn and Ray Adams are canvassing business and professional people for donations and requesting items to be auctioned. Donna Carroll and Joyce Ploussard are lining up the talent acts.

New Arrivals: Crystal and William Moser, Oberlin, son, Joseph Lynn Oct. 24, 1984; Jane and Roger Moore, Culbertson, Neb., daughter, Casandra Marie, Oct. 14, 1984; Mike and LeAnna Dempewolf, Oberlin, son, Daniel Thomas, Oct. 18, 1984: Kathi and Brendan Moore, Danbury, Neb., daughter, Rebecka Marie, Oct. 28, 1984; Nancy and Kevin Ketterl, Oberlin, son, Dustin Michael, Oct. 29, 1984.

Northwest Kansas Fraternal order history was made the evening of Oct. 26 in Oberlin when for the first time since the Order of Eastern Star was established all of the Grand Chapter officers of Kansas and Nebraska held a two-state regional session to initiate candidates and exchange friendships.

The event had been in the planning stages for 18 months and was attended by about 250 persons from 34 Kansas and 22 Nebraska towns as well as from Albuquerque, N.M.

Oberlin Centennial stationery has arrived. You can purchase it in large or small quantities from Kay Kelland at Kay's Flower Gallery.-

### **Chamber News** By Carolyn Hackney

Are you enjoying the sunshine? I hope it stays around for a while and helps things to dry out.

I have been working on the arrangements for the Business-to-Business Tour for Sunday, Nov. 15, which is open to the public. I haven't been able to reach all of the businesses. If any business would like to be included on the tour, please contact me at 475-3441 to be placed on the list. It is a wonderful opportunity to let shoppers know what you have. Soup and snacks will be served at the Business Enhancement Entrepreneurial Building at the end of the tour. A \$5 fee is requested for the meal. To reserve your spot, call the Chamber of Commerce at

Several more have requested information about the Holiday Craft Show and have expressed a big interest. So far there are about 45 booths spoken for, but there is still lots of room for more. Coffee and rolls will be provided in the morning for the vendors only and lunch will be available to the public during the noon hour. The Gateway kitchen staff is making lunch. With all the events coming up it is beginning to feel a bit like the holiday time.

Remember, every day gives a chance to listen, to speak, a call of opportunity, a new experience, a chance to touch the heart of another, and a chance to be yourself.

St. Mary's will be holding its Fall

ish and CYO games will be held,

along with the raffle drawing for

prizes, which include \$500 cash,

\$250 cash, \$100 cash, \$50 savings

bond, treasure chest and more cash

prizes. Tickets are \$1 each or six for

\$5 or 13 for \$10. Winners need not

I hope your day is bright.

### **Cedar Living News**

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Letters will be going out this week to family members about our upcoming Thanksgiving potluck dinner on Sunday, Nov. 22. If we miss you on our mailing list and you would like an invitation, please call Charlotte Kurtz or Teresa Shaughnessy at 475-2208. Anyone with family or friends at Cedar Living Center is welcome to attend, but reservations are required.

The Norcatur Red Hat Ladies hosted the October birthday party on Monday. The group provided musical entertainment and served cake to everyone in attendance. Those being honored with October birthdays were Aleen Van Vleet and Edie Pettera. Myrna Jones was in charge of the sing-along time on Monday afternoon.

The Kayette group from Decatur Community High School brought Halloween cookies for all of the residents on Tuesday morning.

Delores Wheeler won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon. The blackout game ended in a tie between Alvina Gamblin and Mary Votapka.

Juanita Williby hosted the pinochle players on Wednesday afternoon. The craft group also met on Wednesday to make Halloween

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Lynn Doeden and Margee Wilson put on chef hats Wednesday evening and flipped pancakes in the dining room. They were assisted by several members of the dietary, nursing, and activity staff. Residents and staff Huntley, Jody Betts, Oberlin.

feasted on pancakes, fried eggs, sausage, and fruit cups. Wheat Ridge Terrace residents who also attended the supper included Alice Shirley, Doris Sloan, Dorothy Jackson, Ivis Hanson, Doris Gilbert, Merle Shirley, and Marguerite Bailey.

Edie Pettera was the guest of honor at a birthday celebration held on Thursday afternoon in the dining room. Family members served cake to residents, staff, and guests.

Everyone enjoyed watching the snowfall on Friday morning and it gave us lots to talk about. Unfortunately, it did cause a few changes in our plans for the day. We still managed to have a good time working on Halloween games and eating

Saturday evening residents enjoyed visits from several children and adults dressed in their Halloween finest. We are most appreciative of those who took the time to stop in and brighten our holiday celebration. Several residents spent Halloween evening playing games with Charlotte Kurtz.

Recent visitors: Carol Kompus, Chuck and Eileen Unger, Julie and Bob Hafner, Herndon; Lad and Loris Truetken, Selden; Marge Unrein, Jennings; Jan Sattler, Atwood; Todd, Deanna, Brooke, and Brady Sumner, Judy Jackson, Norcatur; Iris Smith, Pansy Price, Norton; Gregg Sayer, Cambridge, Neb.; Les and Myrna Pettera, Loveland, Colo.; Don Pettera, Mesa, Ariz.

Lyle Gamblin, Lois Lamb, Marian Dempewolf, Ila Ray, Opal

### **Good Samaritan News** By Lisa Paulson

"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" I Corinthians 15:55.

For those of us who live and work at the Good Sam, death is a frequent reminder of how fleeting our lives are. Death always seems to come too soon... even to one who is well into their 90's. Even though we know it is inevitable and even though we think we are prepared, it always takes us by surprise.

Death has once again come to our home. Two of our beloved family members, Wesley Benda and Jeanette Conway passed away recently. As I was visiting with a family member, she made the comment with tears streaming down her face, "I could never work here." My response was, "Oh, but then you would miss out on knowing so many wonderful people." It once again drives home our purpose and No one comes to the Father except mission of being a Christian Com-through me." John 14:6. We encour-

During church on Sunday, Pastor John Paulson asked the residents a very direct question, "Did you come here to die?" He followed up his question with a verse from John 1:4 and then encouraged them to live... to take the gift of time that God has given them to invest it in others and in His kingdom work through prayer, Bible study, and sharing His love and message with others. This is what sets our facility apart from the others who do not openly and purposefully invite Christ to be a part of every day living.

We truly believe that because of Jesus our residents do have abundant life. Every day we sing praises to the Lord, pray, share testimony of the good things He does for us, and cast our burdens on Him. We do a lot of other fun things to pass

the time, but those things are pretty trivial compared to things that have eternal value.

During Bible study this week, we were learning about Noah and the great flood, we learned about God's judgment and His saving grace. The discussions that arise out of these studies are so timely and pertinent to what the residents are facing in this season of their lives. What a wonderful opportunity to present the gospel again, to help them understand that we don't have to hope we get to heaven, but to assure them that if they have placed their faith in Jesus that they can know they will

be in heaven one day. The promise of heaven is only given to those who put their faith in Jesus. Being a good person will not get you there. Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. age you to put your hous before you get to the Good Sam but if not, we'll be more than happy to help you do it once you get here!

Recent visitors: Mert McEvoy for Lucy Schissler. Sharon Slabaugh for **Opal Bryan.** Penny Fringer and Ron and Dixie Snyder (Colby) for Dorothy Hunt. Max Carman for Myrtle Waldo. Wendy Scott, Gage and Garrett for Evelyn Olson. Erin and Susan May for Walt and Betty May. Eunice Wenger and Susan, Wayne and Phyllis Zwickle for Lora Zwickle. Rod and Glenna Copeland (Colchester, Vt.) for Glenn Martin. Steve and Arian Arnold for Edla Olson. Ralph and Norma Unger for Leo Mooty, Earl Brown and Elden Long. Merle Shirley and Marguerite Bailey also

## visited residents.

**Mount Pleasant News** By Dianne Bremer

Andrew and Stephanie (May) Frankforter are the proud parents of a son, Isaac Aaron, born Aug. 18, 2009. He weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces, was 21 inches long, and his big brother, Ethan, helped welcome him home. Isaac and his family, formerly of Lincoln, live in Kearney where Andrew has started his own landscaping business, A&A Hardscapes. Isaac's maternal grandparents are Elwood and Jeanie May and his maternal great-grandmother is

Wilma May. Elwood and Jeanie May left Oberlin Sept. 18 and flew to Vancouver, British Columbia, where they sailed on the Royal Caribbean for a 12-day cruise to Hawaii, enjoying vacationing in Honolulu for three days. They returned to the states on Oct. 3 and returned home Oct. 14. En route home, they stayed in Chase, attended a great-niece's wedding, and visited family and friends.

Brian and Sarah (May) Shaw and Caden, Andover, were Thursday and Friday. Oct. 22 and 23, guests of Andy and Kelley May and Kalin. Friday evening, the Shaw family,

family, Marvin May, and Martin and Evelyn May enjoyed dinner out at an area restaurant. Brian, Sarah and Caden returned home Saturday, Oct. 24.

Alice May returned to Oberlin by ambulance on Friday from Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb., where she had been hospitalized for a week.

Houseguests Garry and Jean Shaw, Longmont, Colo., arrived Saturday, Oct. 24, at the home of his brother and sister-in-law, Ralph and Violet Shaw, and returned home on Tuesday.

Norman and Joanne Wendelin hosted a Halloween supper at their home. Guests were Bill and Bonnie Condit, Winfield; Wayne and Lois Larson, Craig Larson, Brad Larson, and Kathy Almquist. Bill and Bonnie were weekend guests at the Wendelin home.

Hunter Nedland was a member of the Decatur Community High School Singers who sang the National Anthem at the Hays Volleyball Tournament on Friday.

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# **Herndon News**

By Julie Hafner

Richard and Theresa Rippe spent a couple days this past week visiting Brenda and Aaron Schilde at Minneola. They attended the football game on Thursday night. Aaron's eight-man team is undefeated going into the playoffs this week.

David and Bonnie Franke returned home Friday after spending a week in Jefferson City, Mo., visiting Dean, Carrie, and Heidi Ann Franke and welcoming their new granddaughter. Other visitors were Brenda, Aaron, Candaesa, and J.D. Van Horn of Ottawa; Bill and Sharon Romans of Durham, Mo.; Stephanie Romans of Hannibal, Mo.; and Michelle Romans of Columbia, Mo.

Bob and Julie Hafner spent last week with the Dave Foxhoven family in Parker, Colo. Marlene Cook was a Tuesday afternoon coffee guest. Parker received 20 inches of snow so the Hafners enjoyed some hot games of Monopoly with the grandchildren.

Deb Portschy and Jacque Leitner returned home on Sunday after attending the National Forum on Character Education in Washington, D.C. They were accompanied by Meg Wilson and Stephanie Goodwin of Atwood. Rawlins County High School won a Promising Practices Award for fostering shared leadership for student involvement in writing the current cell phone policy. The ladies enjoyed a twilight tour of the memorials and monuments in Washington, D.C.; the sights of Old Town in Alexandria, Va., and the conference ses-

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sions in which the highlight was a luncheon address by Colin Powell, former Secretary of State.

Joy Johnson, Norcatur; Deb McIlnay, Sutherland, Neb., and Nancy Bosler, Fresno, Calif., were Sunday evening dinner guests of Wayne and Linda Bosler. The group spent Monday at Norcatur.

Those helping Edie Pettera celebrate her 98th birthday on Thursday were Don Pettera, Mesa, Ariz.; Les and Myrna Pettera, Loveland, Colo.; Janice Sattler, Atwood; Chuck and Eileen Unger, Herndon, and Cedar Living residents. She thanks everyone for the beautiful cards, gifts and phone calls.

Joe and Nadine Green visited Denny and Doris Riener, Palisade, Neb., on Sunday afternoon. On Tuesday, the Greens attended the funeral of Marcella Reitcheck of Goodland, with Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Burial will be in Leoville. Marcella was the mother of Jerry and Connie Green Reitcheck of Colby.

Les and Myrna Pettera, Loveland, Colo.; and Bob and Julie Hafner had Sunday dinner with Edie Pettera at the Cedar Living Center in Oberlin. After dinner, they also visited with their aunt, Joan Noble.

Hannah Sattler, Derby, visited her grandmother, Emma Lou Sattler, from Thursday until Sunday. Hannah and Tyler Sattler enjoyed the Halloween dance at the Skyline in Atwood where they won third prize, only to have been beaten out by some "babes"!

St. Mary's Catholic Youth Or-

in Oberlin. ganization will be serving lunch at Herndon Heritage Days on Sat-Festival from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 15. A turkey and ham dinner will be served. Par-

urday, Nov. 7, at St. Mary's Hall. Come join them for chili, vegetablebeef soup, ham sandwiches, sloppy Joes, desserts and drinks. A free will donation will be accepted to help with their trip to the National Catholic Youth Convention in Kansas City from Nov. 19-22.

Rita Eckerdt, Loveland, Colo., spent a few days with her sisters, Esther Pennington, Herndon, and Joan Noble, Cedar Living Center

be present to win.

**Jennings News** By Louise Cressler United Methodist Women will Everyone is welcome to come join

has the lesson, "World Thank Offering." Louise Cressler has the devotions and Rachel Carter has refreshments. Kara and Gordon Kuntz and Zackary, Hays, were Sunday guests

of her parents, Doyle and Kay

meet at 2 p.m. today. Kathy Nauer

Lots of "Trick or Treaters" were around Saturday evening in Jennings. It was a beautiful evening to

A smaller than usual group was at church in Jennings Sunday. A candle lighting ceremony was held to commemorate "All Saints Sunday," remembering those from our community who passed away in 2009.

Sunflower Senior Potluck Dinner will be Tuesday, Nov. 10, at noon.

Reminders: Hunter's Breakfast will be Saturday, Nov. 14, at former Masonic Hall from 6 to 9 a.m. served by the Historic Building Preservation Committee members. Hunter's Supper will be Nov. 14 at the United Methodist Church from 5 to 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to come eat.

The Roland May family attended the Andy May family, the Chris May Hays on Saturday. 11/2/09 3:42:57 PM