Events of Yesteryear

125 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1884

The dance given by J.W. Allen & Son in their new building Thanksgiving night, was a most enjoyable affair and attended by nearly everyone in the county who has any love for the art of dancing.

burned over a strip of ground seven miles long and one to two miles wide, coming right up to the west side of town; in fact coming to within a few rods of the schoolhouse. Every able-bodied man in town was out fighting fire.

At the last term of court in Graham County, it was decided that Millbrook is the county seat.

Mrs. Ira Wear has been quite

fuel, corn at \$8.35 per ton or coal at \$15.00 per ton?

Norton Champion: There is some talk of organizing a telephone company at Norton, connecting Edmond, Logan and as far as Kirwin on the east and west to Oberlin. It would be a grand scheme.

100 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1909

The Decatur Community High School football team defeated the Red Cloud, Neb., high school team on Thanksgiving Day 33-0. The home team has not lost a game this or last year and has scored 110 points to their opponents 11. Captain Vince Larrick was unable to play because of sickness and Tudor Stevenson did the kicking.

Born Nov. 30, to Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Fringer, a son.

Dr. Selden Miner and family leave this week for Eureka Springs, Ark., where they will spend the winter.

Claude Paddock of Olive is figuring on getting a flying machine if this mud does not dry up soon. It rained all night Monday, Tuesday and Tuesday night and water is standing most everywhere.

J.F. Heitmann, one of the old settlers of Oberlin, died at his home in this city Sunday afternoon.

75 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1934

Pitted against the undefeated Norton Blue Jays in what is generally accepted as the high school football classic of northwest Kansas, the Decatur Red Devils will tomorrow march upon the Norton gridiron with a firm determination to capture the game — and, incidentally, the 1934 title as champions of the Northwest Kansas League. Nor- Bank, who died of a heart attack centered on Oberlin's 125th Anni-

Roseanna, Lewis and Sue Stoney

were Thanksgiving Day guests of

Marlene Cook, Parker, Colo..

arrived on Wednesday to spend the

holiday with Janice Sattler and Bob

and Julie Hafner. They visited their

aunt, Edie Pettera, Saturday morn-

ing and other relatives in the area

during the week. Joe and Shannon

Hafner and family of Scottsbluff,

Neb., were guests of Bob and Julie

tler over the Thanksgiving holiday

were Allen Patti Breanna Brittani

and Nicolas Park and Alex John-

son, Hays; Melodie, Madison and

Jamison Sattler, Denver; Kathy,

Sami and Braden Leitner, Sam

Kogl, Chelsey Williams and Kaius,

Atwood; Brad, Deanna, Brandi and

Kassidi Williams; Zach Williams,

Amy and Piper, all of Herndon; and

Visitors and guests of Voni Sat-

Hafner this week.

Danny Stoney and family in Mc-

ton is said to possess a little weight advantage — Oberlin a speedier backfield.

Considerable talk is being heard these days relative to the construction of a new bandshell in the newly improved Oberlin City Park. The Wednesday last, a prairie fire structure would be located near the center of the park facing the northwest main entrance and would be 26x40 with a full basement and two dressing rooms.

> Court House News: One wedding to report: Francis B. Johnson, 21, Kanona, and Miss Erma Garton, 21, of Norton were granted a license on the 23rd. They expected to be married by the Rev. Oscar Brown

Funeral services were held for Which will make the cheapest Mrs. William (Nancy) Landau who was born in Illinois in 1860 and came to northwest Kansas with her husband 50 years ago settling 10 miles southeast of Oberlin and just northeast of Kanona which latter town was located during the first year they were living on their homestead. The family moved to Oberlin 27 years ago and resided at 202 East Ash Street where her husband preceded her in death in 1923.

> Funeral services were conducted form the Presbyterian Church for James Vavroch, 75, father of Joe, John, Henry and Lewis Vavroch.

> Dresden: Mr. and Mrs. M.J. Karls and children returned from their trip to Texas and Oklahoma Friday.

> Harold Miller invited the boys from his fifth grade class to his home on Friday for a birthday party. Each of the guests, Sidney Morrish, Evan Clark, Donald Anderson, Junior Betts, Gayle Selby, Ted Pruden, Billy Murphy and Virgil Wenger, presented Harold with a gift.

> The Earl Sproul family has moved into the lower floor of Anna B. Morrish's house on North Cass. Mrs. Morrish left Saturday for Phoenix, Ariz., where she will make an extended visit with relatives.

> Dresden: We had school on Saturday so the teachers and pupils could have the Friday off after Thanksgiv-

> Turkey dinner with all the delicious dishes will be served at the Hotel Oberlin on Thanksgiving evening from 6 to 8 p.m. Price 50 cents. Please make reservations.---adv.

50 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1959

Funeral services were conducted for Harold Metcalf, 56-year-old president of the Farmers National

John and Sylvia Sattler, Bertrand,

Allison Foxhoven, Parker, Colo.,

accompanied her grandmother,

Julie Hafner, to Herndon on Sat-

urday after grandma helped in the

Foxhoven home for a week spoiling

the new baby. Allie visited Cedar

Living Center on Monday with Edie

Pettera and Joan Noble while Julie

had a meeting. Allie returned with

her family to Parker on Thanksgiv-

On Thanksgiving, Trevor and

Jackie Frick, Denver, and Laverne

and Sharon Frick were guests of

Andy and Sandy Green and family.

Sunday brunch guests of Laverne

and Sharon were Vesta Gilbert and

Sherrel Adams, McCook; Trevor

and Jackie; Lance Jording, Hern-

don; Kyle, Lindsay and Brett Frick,

Esther Pennington was a Thurs-

ing evening.

McCook.

Sunday at the Metcalf farm in Harlan Township where he was working with his sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Ewald Jording announce the engagement of their daughter, Linda, to Wayne E. Bos-

The Earl Laird family was honored with a housewarming recently. The Lairds recently moved from the Lund community to the D.G. Campbell farm north of Oberlin.

Martin Leibbrandt and Mr. and Mrs. Ival Kathka of Oberlin were among persons from 11 states who attended the annual meeting of the Consumers Cooperative Assn. at Kansas City.

Carl "Barney" Barnhart returned to his position in the post office last week after many weeks of absence due to illness.

25 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1984

"Lil Abner" was the Decatur Community High School musical presented last Friday and Saturday with Becky Shirley as Mammy Yokum and John Kelley as Pappy Yokum. Director was Susan Nelson with technical director Leigh Davis and accompanist Anne Kelley.

Ralph and Norma Unger of Logan Township have purchased the building which was once the schoolhouse of the St. John's Lutheran parish and moved it to their family homestead where they have added

In celebration of Oberlin's quas-

quicentennial, the Museum has

put together a two-year calendar

2010 and 2011 with pictures from

the past. It was hard to choose 24

photographs from the hundreds in

our collection. Many of these pho-

tographs started as glass negatives

\$10 at the Museum, LandMark

Inn, Home Planning Center and

the Extension Office. They would

make wonderful Christmas gifts for

board and staff will host the annual

opening of the Christmas Tree Tour.

The tree tour will be open from 1

to 4 p.m. Clubs, organizations and

individuals have decorated the trees

and the event is a fundraiser for

the museum. The theme this year

On Sunday, Dec. 6, the museum

family and friends.

These calendars are on sale for

taken by early photographers.

Let's Go to the Museum

the piano.

shopping.

on and remodeled the building for their home.

By Jody Betts

Dana Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Young, has been named a Summerfield Scholar at the University of Kansas where he is a sophomore enrolled in pre-med. He is a 1983 graduate of DCHS.

Board members of Decatur Recreation have announced the hiring of Marles and Melvin Rowley of Imperial, Neb., as managers replacing Joyce Carlton after the first of the year.

New Arrivals: Kendra and Gale Cook, Oberlin, Tyler Wayne, Nov. 23, 1984; Sherri and Robert Ruf, Wilsonville, Neb., son, Ryan Henry, Nov. 24, 1984.

Bill Sater is hospitalized at Hays following an accident north of Hays while working with Poe Well Service.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Exline,

Salina, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jean Elizabeth, to Kurt Fredrickson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Fredrickson, Oberlin. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Salina South and KSU and is a substitute teacher in the Manhattan schools. Her fiancé, a graduate of DCHS, will graduate in May 1985 from the College of Veterinary Medicine at KSU. A June 29 wedding is planned.

By Sharleen Wurm, director

versary with Christmas past.

Starting at 4 p.m., we will move

to the St. Mark's Church for a

Christmas Sing-along. Those old

beloved Christmas songs will be

led by Pastor Doug Mason on the

guitar and our own Myrna Jones on

Even though the museum is closed

for the season, there is plenty of ex-

citement going on. The office will be

open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and

Thursdays for business. The Seeds

of Creation Gift Shop will be open

those days also for your Christmas

1) Quasquicentennial Calen-

dars. 2) Christmas Tree Tour and

Sing-along. 3) 2010 Alumni Direc-

tory forms. 4) Two places to hold

Christmas parties. New Parlor and

the Bohemian Hall. 5) Christmas

Remember the Museum:

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

We have received several jigsaw puzzles since we sent out word two weeks ago that we were looking for puzzles, 500 pieces or smaller. Thanks to everyone who donated puzzles. We are not sure who donated some of the puzzles, but they are all appreciated.

A group of residents met on Monday afternoon for games. Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led everyone in sing-along time before

Susan Nelson brought two of her talented vocal groups, the Chanté and a men's ensemble, to perform before lunch on Tuesday. The show was a big success.

Donna Kent and Joan Noble tied for the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon. Agnes Pruitt had the first blackout.

Residents watched movies and prepared for Thanksgiving on Wednesday afternoon.

The nice Thanksgiving weather helped to make it possible for several residents to spend the day out with family on Thursday. Several other residents enjoyed visitors and phone calls during the day.

The baking group made homemade cookies on Friday afternoon. There were a few visitors around to sample the cookies along with the

We were fortunate to have a concert from the Capella Nova Brass Quartet before supper on Friday evening. Joanne Wendelin is a member of the group.

We will be busy all week putting up the Christmas decorations. Please stop in to check on the prog- lin.

ress. Our first big holiday event will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday when Dr. Elizabeth Sliter hosts the annual cookie decorating party. The event is a wonderful way for seniors and children to interact. Any child is welcome to attend.

Recent visitors: Judy Jackson, Norcatur; Carol Kompus, Julie Hafner, Herndon; Lori and Aimee Truetken, Selden; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Susan Orr, Sarah, Brandon, and Bailey Wolf, Becky Fringer and Tara Sue, Colby; Ellen and Martin Osborne and Iris, Wichita; D.J. Rutherford, Olathe; Alysha Tadlock, Goodland; Stean Olson, Hays; Emily and Rodney Coyle, Rossville; Rebecca and Drew Surmeier, Emporia; Mario and Wendi Davila, Salina; Greg, Stacie, Emily, Rodney, Kaidyn, and Ryleigh Coyle, Russville, Kan.; George Sayer and Rita Ogg, Lexington, Neb.; Kiefer Wurm, Tiegan Fish, Lincoln, Neb.; Malorie and Savannah Gregory, David City, Neb.; Sharon Wurm, Staplehurst, Neb.; Rick and Sharon Gamblin and Elle, Columbus, Neb.; Glenn, Tonya, Madison, Andrew and Carl Sayer, Gothenburg, Neb.; Marlene Cook, Parker, Colo.; Bev and Micaela Huerta, Aurora, Colo.; Ron and Linda Wenger, Dayton, Tenn.; Frank and Patti Rutherford, Tucson,

Marian Dempewolf, Opal Huntley, Ila Ray, Lyle Gamblin, Jon Fisher, Marilyn Gamblin, Mirium Fisher, Veanna Carman, Eunice Richards, Dolores Koerperich, Robert and Penny Fringer, Ober-

Good Samaritan News By Lisa Paulson

Sing to the Lord a new song!

Singing is a gift God did not bless me with, but I love to hear others sing. When I think of heaven, I often wonder what the music will be like and if my voice will be perfected, so I too could join the heavenly choir Wouldn't that be glorious! These thoughts came to me as I stepped off the elevator into Town Square where Anita Hirsch was singing, Edla Olson was playing the piano and Myrna Jones was dancing with her invisible partner, who by the way was wearing her coat. Smiles were on the faces of all the residents who had gathered for Old Time Music. Dorothy Hunt was tapping her feet, others were singing along at the top of their voices, some just mouthing the words.

On Tuesday, 15 little turkeys tler's first graders were all wearing Turkey Hats they had made. They are always so excited to come and to show their reading pals how much their reading has improved. More joy!

Next the Golden Ringers rehearsed for their performance this Friday night at the Family Christmas Potluck and Lighting of the Tree Ceremony. Amy Rehm, Shirley Hayward, Evelyn Olson, Opal Bryan, Helen Derby, Dorothy Pryor, Myrtle Waldo, Betty May, Faye Miller and Alice Bobbitt will be performing. You won't want to miss it!

The Thanksgiving story was read during Social Hour on Wednesday. Bingo was played on Wednesday

Thanksgiving Day began with a church service by Pastor John Paulson, then everyone enjoyed a traditional Thanksgiving dinner with turkey donated by the Oberlin

Royal Neighbors. Thank you, Royal Neighbors!

On Friday, residents squeezed into the Quiet Room to get a glance at the Light Parade. Janice Shobe's grandchildren, Celianna and Evan Shobe, were the stars of our Good Sam float. They were Mary and Joseph with their pet horse (disguised as a donkey) reminding us of the reason for the season, the birth of

Families, don't forget to RSVP for Friday's potluck! If you get the paper on Tuesday, call your friends and let them know the Vic Mowry Band will be here Tuesday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m., so wear your dancing shoes!

Visitors are always such a wel-

comed blessing! This week Ralph and Norma Unger came to see waddled their way into Good Sam, Leo Mooty, Earl Brown, Lucy each one carrying books! Mrs. Sat- Schissler and Louise Pollnow. Butch and Christopher Rittmann also came to visit. Jeanne Britton (Thornton, Colo.) and Sharon Slabaugh for Opal Bryan. Gerald Olson for Evelyn Olson. Jim and Reva Marshall for Dorothy **Hunt.** Ken Mumm (Selden) for Hubert Mumm. Wayne and Odetta Marietta, (Russell) Wava Williams, (Hastings, Neb.) Larry Williams (Holdrege, Neb.) Mark Williams (Aurora, Neb.) Marilou Long for Elden Long. Nione Rhodin (Loveland, Colo.) and Arian Arnold took their mother, Edla Olson, shopping. Chris, Julie, Matt and Megan Gardiner (Hutchinson) for Leona Helmkamp. Eunice Richards for Lucy Schissler and Earl Brown. Delores Depperschmidt for Helen Derby. Myrtle Ross, Alice Bobbitt, Dorothy Hunt, Earl Brown, Helen Derby, Alice May, Hubert Mumm, R.D. Thornton and Loren **Escher** all had family here to share Thanksgiving dinner.

Valentine and John.

Herndon News

her daughter, Alan and Ann Solko,

Bud and Vicky Mumm, Anita Mumm, Denver; Greg Mumm, Cheyenne, Wyo.; and Doris Marintzer of Good Samaritan in Oberlin were dinner guests on Thanksgiving of Karol and Jackie Riener and family. Additional guests were Stan, Becky, Heather and Muriel Faimon of Stratton, among other family.

Joining Kat Mullen and Jake Sattler for a special Thanksgiving were Matt, Leah and son Mason Mullen, Tonganoxie; Sara Mullen, Omaha; and Rachel Mullen, Hays. This is the first Thanksgiving together in a number of years as Matt has been deployed several times to Iraq.

Visitors this past week for Thanksgiving break with Richard and Theresa Rippe were Aaron and Brenda Schilde, and Rodney Rippe. day Thanksgiving dinner guest of Other visitors during the week help-

ing Rodney and Tim Rippe celebrate birthdays were Katelyn Clark, Alicia and Wyatt Rippe, the Kevin Rippe family, and Ed Rippe.

By Julie Hafner

Marilyn Weishapl, Atwood, and brother, Alvin Hutfles, Larned, participated in the Gateway Craft Fair in Oberlin on Saturday. Visiting the two for the day were Marge Mowry and Cindy and Lisa, Jerry and Darlene Hutfles, all of Colby, Marlene Cook, Parker, Colo.; Janice Sattler and Julie Hafner and other relatives. Marge and Alvin stopped by for a short visit with Marcella Leitner.

Dinner guests on Thanksgiving of Don and Joan Grafel were Todd Nelson, Colby; Steve and Susan Nelson, Oberlin; Makenzie Nelson, Wichita; Kyle, Cindi, Rachel and Ben Grafel, Herndon, and Sarah Grafel, Sterling. Afternoon luncheon guests were Kurt, Kris and Kourtney Grafel, Utica, and Kayla Grafel Baker.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

Several Selden businesses opened their doors and welcomed community members as part of the Winterfest held in Sheridan County on Friday. Community members visited these businesses and registered for \$550 in scrip to be given away. \$500 was donated by the City of Selden, while Midway Motel and Café donated the other \$50. In addition to the scrip, several businesses had individual drawings and provided a variety of treats for visitors.

While businesses were open for visitors and registration, a children's movie in the Parish Hall was shown, compliments of Karls Cash Store. Following the movie, Santa arrived and handed out treats to nearly 50 children. At 7 p.m., there was a brief fireworks display provided by Steve and Carlene Brewer. The Selden Senior Citizens and the Selden Community Foundation provided

hot dogs, chili, and hot chocolate at the community building.

At 8 p.m., the drawings were held with the following winners: Selden Post Office, book of stamps, Melissa Lobato; G&T Guns, string of shotgun shell Christmas Lights, Grant Murphy; Selden Public Library, "Family Game Night" games, Chris Murphy, Kacie Evans, Darrel Bruggeman, Carol Lobato, and Lisa Stoll.

The final drawings were the winners of the scrip, which can be used anywhere in Sheridan County. Winners were Jace Lobato-\$150; Jaiden Koerperich, \$100; Rose Bainter, Wanda Spresser, Kacie Evans, Shirley Emigh, \$50; Lakyn Rogers and Carlene Brewer, \$50.

Participating businesses included Karls Cash Store, Selden Public Library, Selden Post Office, C-Bar/ Satisfiers, Midway Motel & Café, Julie Stevenson. Dec. 8 - Margaret

5-S Livestock Equipment, Southwind, The Bank, Pauls Furniture, Koerperich Bookbindery, and G&T

Mayor Jacque Boultinghouse said, "We appreciate all those who came out and enjoyed this evening of fellowship in the Selden Community. A big thank you goes out to those businesses who participated in this year's Winterfest. I also appreciate all the individuals who gave their time to help set up and clean up. Your involvement, generosity, and support are what make Selden, and Sheridan County, a great place to live, work, and raise your fami-

Birthdays and anniversaries: Dec. 4 - Rob Hazelhorst. Dec. 5 - Kim Juenemann, Mike Weins, Nicole Schiltz, Brian Sulzman. Dec. 7 -Don Juenemann, Becky Rodriguez,

Kaus. Dec. 9 - Tarina Aumiller, Patty Albers, Rilee Spresser, LaVina Paulson, Jacob Astalosh (first birthday), Twila Bainter. Dec. 10 Rick Shaw, Bernadette Sanders, Dale Smith.

School Calendar: Friday - High School Basketball in Rexford with Tribune. Saturday - High School (Kansas Music Educators Association). Dec. 7 – 4 p.m. High School Scholars Bowl at Colby. 6 p.m. Girls Basketball vs. Wheatland/ Grinnell at Quinter. 7:30 p.m. Boys Basketball vs. Wheatland/Grinnell at Quinter. Dec. 8 – 6 p.m. Girls Basket-

ball, 7:30 p.m. Boys Basketball vs. Quinter at Quinter. Dec. 10 - 6 p.m. Junior High Vocal Clinic at Cheylin. No Senior Citizens report due to

Thanksgiving.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

On Tuesday, Margaret "Toots" Magers brought me some quilts to hem instead of my going out to the community building and I was going to work on them after we finished working on the paper.

So much for good intentions. When Wava Reames asked, "Would you like to eat at the café?" Of course, Why not? Then when she asked, "Would you be in the mood to go to McCook? Of course, I said, "Why not?" (I am so easily sidetracked.) So we had a good lunch at the Cardinal and headed for Mc-Cook. She said we could go visit Gary Anthony, which we did after detouring to visit with son Dwight Wood. We had a good visit with both men, then went to Walmart. Joltin' Joes beckoned on our way back down he street, and Wava treated me to Peach Ice. Yum! Remind me to do something for her sometime. As for the quilting, there's always tomorrow. My mother-in-law would say, "If there isn't, me won't need it."

Okay, I did it on Wednesday.

Kathy Van Meter and "Toots" Magers quilted on Tuesday.

David Huff visited his parents over the weekend. Donna says they are slowly getting their corn cut.

I visited Aunt Alta May Van Gundy on Thursday. The Norton Red Hat ladies were there at the Andbe Home and Alta went to see them "make turkeys." She had a doctor appointment on Friday, and they made a change in her treatments. We're praying she will be better.

June Jolly says she is gaining some strength and feeling a little better. She went to McCook to her KT Club on Thursday, and to Norcatur Senior Citizens on Friday.

"Toots" Magers visited Jane Engelhardt on Sunday. Mike and Pam Hornung were also visiting and Mike is staying to put a shower in Jane' bathroom.



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