Events of Yesteryear

125 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1887 A well has been put down on the west side of the Commercial

John Matteson disposed of his 480 acres up the South Sappa last week to Timothy Corcoran of California for \$10 per acre.

Marriages: Jan. 7, Mr. C.W. Hatch and Miss Minnie N. Dibble, both of Decatur County; Jan. 16, at the residence of H.S. Beardsley, Mr. W.E. Reeder and Miss Maggie Beal.

Rev. D.O. Banta is holding a very successful revival meeting at J.F. Harris & Co., have the lumber

on the ground for an elevator on which work will begin immediately if weather permits.

J.E. Kulp is the happiest man

The arrival of a new girl of the usual weight at his home Friday morning is why his features now continually wear a smile enclosed

Wm. F. Sims, secretary of the Kansas State Board of Agriculture, reports the following as the number of acres of government land yet remaining vacant in the Oberlin Land District: Norton, 160; Graham, 120; Decatur, 765; Sheridan, 2040; Thomas, 408; Sherman, 800; Cheyenne, 108,240; Rawlins, 43,880.

100 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1912

Another four inches of beautiful snow Wednesday night, covering up the wheat again nicely.

W.F. Upson has been appointed trustee of Liberty Township; Mr. Armstrong having resigned.

Miss Minnie Fringer is visiting her sister in Orleans, Neb.

Vern Bradley stepped on a piece of ice last week and sprained his ankle so badly he has been unable to do any dancing since. It is now reported that surveyors

are ready to start running a line from Lenora to Denver.

However, we have heard this same story for the past 27 years.

The ice harvest has been one of the best ever taken in Decatur

Last Friday morning was one of the coldest of the season, the mercury dropping to 26 below.

trips to Norcatur on Wednesdays.

If you need transportation, call

schedule a ride on Wednesday

You may schedule clinic or hair

Raye's Grocery will also send

groceries to Norcatur on the bus

if you call your list into them at

These are wonderful amenities

being offered to the residents of

Norcatur; please use them if you

The Family Practice Clinic of

Oberlin will operate the Outreach

Clinic on Tuesday, Jan. 31, from

Call 475-2015 for an appoint-

Dorothy Lawn, a former Norcatur

Belated birthday greetings will

Celebrating a birthday on Jan.18

Bill and Dorothy Woods cel-

Senior Citizens met Jan. 6 at

the Educational Building with 19

ebrated their wedding anniversary

reach her at 116 E. Park St., Norton,

resident, celebrated her birthday on

ment. Walk-ins are also welcome.

can. Donations are appreciated.

appointments, go grocery shopping

afternoons.

or just eat out.

9:30 a.m. to noon.

Kan., 67654.

was Mary Sedlmayer.

The safety valve on the furnace at accident. Mrs. the public school building blew off Stapleton, the former Miss Pansy Monday morning and as the steam Leake, and son Willard, age 10, began to fill the room someone came back to Oberlin to spend the yelled "fire" and a good sized panic rest of the winter with Mrs. Nettie

The rooms were vacated in 30 seconds, more or less. As the fire ing of the Home Art Club was held at escapes were covered with ice the rapidity of descent of some of the fat pupils caused a distinct shock to nearby residences. However, no one was hurt.

75 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1937

The Oberlin City Council met with a representative of the Kansas Pipe Line and Gas Company to give them a franchise to construct, install, maintain and operate a gas transmission and distribution system in Oberlin.

for a special bond election to make application for a proposed new high school building under the existing WA rules.

her brothers, John and Eldon. The local chapter of the Eastern

Star was given a piano for their chapter room by Miss Theresa McKague. The piano which had one of the best in the community due to its excellent tone and good condition.

team had no trouble in downing Norton on the mat but the basketball team had to play two extra periods to get a final score of Oberlin 21, Norton, 19.

citizen and long-time resident of Olive Township, who lately had been working as a timekeeper for WPA in Decatur, Rawlins and Norton counties, died quite suddenly which what was thought to be a heart attack brought on by the flu. Mr. Caster is well known over the county and John Votapka, Audrey Euhus and state having served as Decatur County's state representative.

the First Christian Church in Garden Larry Guinn and nursing students City for Orville Stapleton, 43, who at St. Anthony's were Henrietta died as the result of a car-and-trailer Goscha, Sharon Summers and Kay

Cedar Bluffs: The weekly meetthe home of Mrs. John Kuhn.

Dr. John and Dr. Carlotta Rum-Smith and their families.

50 YEARS AGO - Jan. 1962

C.E. Walts of Hill City, president of Hi-Plains Air, has applied for a proposed air line which would serve from Bismarck, N.D., to Wichita and include stops in northwest Kansas and southwest Nebraska.

peared in opposition to the proposed airline before the meeting of the Civil Aeronautics Board in father are no more delighted than Board and the Oberlin Chamber of

Motor Company composed of Raye Brown, Don Brown, Kenbelonged to Mrs. Emma Wear is neth Schmoker, Joe Brown and Ray Adams.

Jennings: Funeral services were

ty commissioner and was mayor of Jennings at the time of his death. School News: Principal Stanley

David Blickenstaff. Upperclassmen visited were Robyn Urban, Larry Nelson and

Fredrickson. Ingo Roedig, '61, accompanied Stanley to Hays where he expects to enroll as a freshman next semester. New Arrival: Mr. and Mrs. Don

By Jody Betts

A. Sulzman, Selden, son, Harold William, Jan. 13, 1962.

25 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1987

County clerk Marilyn Horn administered the oath of office to new Decatur County commissioner Dennis Sloan who replaces Don An open house was held at the

Norcatur City Building, formerly the Norcatur school, which now houses a pre-school, library, a medical clinic on Wednesday mornings under the supervision of Carol Miller with attending physicians Dr. Richard May or Dr. Allen Hooper, and a youth center for roller skating and basketball. In addition a blood pressure clinic

fourth Tuesdays of each month by Decatur County health nurse Eula New Arrival: Shane and Lisa Arends, McCook, a son, Levi Anton,

is available on the second and

Jan. 9, 1987, at McCook Community Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jochums, Somis, Calif, came last week for funeral services for their sister-in-

of Mrs. Effie Jorn. The Roy Shobe family gathered for a holiday celebration in Papillion, Neb., at the homes of Don Whitley, Maj. Ken Shobe and Don

law, Glee Jorn, and are houseguests

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Cochran, Oberlin, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roe, Norcatur, announce the marriage of their children, Lori Cochran and Jeff Roe, on Saturday, Jan. 3 at 6 p.m. Judge John E. Bremer officiated at the ceremony at the home of the bride's parents.

The DCHS boys basketball team holds a 5-2 record going into the Oberlin invitational tournament.

In the Oberlin Invitational wrestling tournament, Concordia placed first, Wray, Colo., second and Oberlin third. Winning first at heavyweight was Kent Winder of

Cedar Living News By Teresa Shaughnessy

being such good sports.

department.

other things.

troubles wreaked havoc on every

Maintenance was put to the test

with a variety of tasks. Dietary had

to make quick adjustments to get

the noon meal on the table. Nursing

had to find ways to take care of the

necessary waste products, among

made with efficiency and, of course,

It is quite a site to see the port-a-

potty out front. As of this writing we

are still unable to flush, but when it

is all over residents and staff will

deserve a star in their crowns and a

Several residents met last Mon-

day afternoon for a game of penny

cards. Win or lose, we always have

a good time. Snacks were served

Myrna Jones and Mary Ann

Amack led the sing-along time be-

fore supper on Monday afternoon.

We have many good and enthusias-

The Reading Buddies from Mrs.

Tacha's second grade class visited

on Tuesday morning. The children

read a story to each resident who

laughs as well as handshakes and

hugs when the students left to return

Mary Votapka won the first bingo

There were lots of smiles and

seat upon the throne.

following the game.

tic singers.

Most of these arrangements were

Most of us take the sewer system on Tuesday afternoon. The blackout for granted. We pull the plug in the game ended in a tie between Wilma bathtub or flush the toilet without May and Max Ward. Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler giving it a second thought. So when of the Faith Lutheran Church gave the sewer system went haywire on Sunday, it came as quite a surprise the monthly Communion Service

to the residents and staff at Cedar on Tuesday afternoon. Living Center. The great news is Several residents met on Wednesthat everyone rose to the occasion day afternoon to watch old episodes and one and all deserve a reward for of the Tonight Show with Johnny

A back-up plan was soon in place The video presentation featured all over the building. The sewer clips with animals and this gener-

ated a lot of laughter. Fr. Mark Berland brought Communion for the Catholic residents

on Thursday morning. Residents celebrated National Pizza Week by having a pizza party at lunch time on Thursday. We ordered in pizza and the dietary department served up a lovely

Residents Audra Duncan, Darlene Fisher, Irene Fringer, Ira Kolsky, Dottie Lotker, Joan Noble and Alice Shirley enjoyed a game of bowling in the dining room on Thursday afternoon. We have as much fun cheering everyone on as we have in playing. The baking group made pine-

apple coconut cookies on Friday afternoon. Nearly every resident sampled a cookie, even if they did not help make them. Recent visitors: Jim and Joyce

Rich, Asheville, N.C.; Patsy and Phil Marintzer, Idalia, Colo.; Georgia Haag Stahr, Malcolm, Neb.; Marilyn Fisher, Julee Fisher, Topeka; Susie Youngblood and Linda Files, Atwood; Peter and Eileen Portschy, Julie Hafner, Linda Bosler, Herndon; Tom Votapka and Terri Hanke, Jennings. Carol Kompus, Marian Dem-

pewolf, Ila Ray, Juanita Williby, Mirium Fisher, Robert Fringer,

Rexford News By Gwen Griffiths

The Gem 4-H Club met Monday night at the Gem Community Building. This is a newer club with many young members, and a good opportunity for kids to learn how to be an active part of their communities. This week the 4-H members have been out selling pizzas for their annual fundraiser.

Shepherd's Staff was busy this weekend. On Friday Bill Alexander of the Denver area came out for one last pheasant hunt. If you've heard rumors that we are "fresh out of pheasants" you might want to know that Bill and Tim Griffiths harvested six roosters on Friday and only quit hunting because they were out of time, not because they were out of birds. There are still a couple of and the weather this year makes that pursuit particularly enjoyable.

The Encounter college leadership group from Celebration Community Church in Hays spent Friday and Saturday at Shepherd's Staff. They spent time looking back at the previous year, planning for the upcoming year – and playing paint week!

ball. They had a great time out on the paint ball field. A group of about 30 middle-

school youth also spent Friday evening and part of Saturday at Shepherd's Staff. They are from Lutheran churches all over western Kansas and came to study the Lord's The Girl Scouts will be out mak-

ing sure that we all can get our yearly intake of sugar soon. The Girl Scouts start selling cookies on Jan. 21. They kicked off the selling period with a special meeting on Sunday. Girls of all ages got to taste this year's flavors, play games with the cookies, and make posters. People can purchase for themselves. weeks left in this pheasant season, or local food pantries. If you need a girl to stop by, email: selden. girlscouts@yahoo.com.

> So that's what has been happening in Rexford this week. If you have something "newsworthy" going on, please call me at 687-2076 or email: griffithsgang@gmail.com. I'dlove to include your news. Have a great

Herndon News By Julie Hafner

Herndon welcomes Paul and oyce Gibson to Herndon. The Gibsons moved from Denver and are making their home in a residence on Main Street while preparing the Henry Niemeth property. Joyce has two sisters, Char Hartner and Debbie Humphrey. living in Herndon. Paul has been helping area farmers and Joyce said their family consists of six children, two cats and four eled to Neosho Rapids to attend the dogs. We know the Gibsons will enjoy the Herndon area and being close to family.

Gideon White, Norton, spent the weekend with Grandpa Dave and Grandma Judy Ketterl while his parents spent the time in Manhattan.

The Christian Mothers Altar Society celebrated their annual Christmas party at Roger's Bar and Grill on Monday evening. Theresa Rippe provided the table décor of gingerbread table covering with platters of tasty gingerbread cookies, baked by Megan Rippe, as centerpieces, surrounded by cookie cutters and gingerbread pot holders. Those attending brought a food item for the

Rawlins County food pantry. Members and guests enjoying pizza were Deanna Williams, Hafner, Lila Leitner, Diana Solko, Beth Chartier, Cindy Cohn, Stacey Chartier, Theresa Rippe, Sharon

Ecker and Ann Solko. Don and Diana Solko, Destiny, Donnovan, Ceanne, Garrette and Ranae Solko of Shawnee; Rayeann, Kevin, Dalton, Jayden and Elliott League of Stratton; Shad, Jane and Nicole Dewey of McCook; and Derek, Shelley and Easton Rupp of Victoria all attended Mike Lovelady's 50th birthday party in Hays. Greg, Rita and Joe Marintzer trav-

Solko, all of Herndon; Mark Solko

of Colby; Janelle Solko of Topeka;

baptism of Amilee Iris Marintzer. A luncheon celebration was held at the Abe and Alex Marintzer home. Those attending were Roy, Paula and Nolan Williams, Helen and Will Lamb, Jacob, Tara, Kade and Phoebe Marintzer, and special friends of Abe and Alex, Brittany and Zane. Cousins Kade, Phoebe and Addi had a great time playing with all of Addi's Christmas toys. Greg, Rita and Joe then headed to Smith Center where Deb Portschy and Cheri Kastens met the group. Rita and Cheri went on to Grand Island, Neb., and on Monday, they traveled to Omaha where Cheri had a doctor's appointment. Deb, Greg and Joe made it back to Herndon late Sunday evening.

Kendra Solko of Herndon was

Petitions are going out calling

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Laidig are the parents of a fine baby daughter, Ruth Leslie, born Jan. 18. Her mother and

The Oberlin Red Devil wrestling

Vince R. Caster, 64, prominent

Funeral services were held from

p.m. Frida.y Everyone is invited.

Educational Building.

the first part of October.

Thanksgiving dinner.

the County Clerk at 475-8101 to together on Thursday, Jan. 26 at the

Pinochle players are invited to get

Vene Leichliter helped his son,

Denny, with fall harvest in Septem-

ber and then went to stay with his

daughter, Debbie Obrecht, during

Most of Vene's descendants and

He also enjoyed Christmas at

Darcy Robbin's home with her

children on Dec. 18; at Stacey

Leichliter's on Dec. 21; and finally

at Debbie Obrecht's home on Dec.

22. The family gave him a Kindle

reading device already loaded with

200 books. He reports it is working

Jake Leichliter and his family will

returned to Atlanta where she is a

If you want to make a donation to

Betsy Jakowski left Dec. 16 to

spend Christmas in Wisconsin and

returned to Norcatur 2,163 miles

later on Dec. 30. It took her two days

any of the Norcatur funds, you may

send them to Denny Leichliter, 1001

Road O, Clayton, Kan., 67629.

full-time missionary.

their families met at a restaurant for

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mel entertained Sunday night at a turkey dinner at their home. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lueke, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Allen and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer

Both Frontier and Central ap-

North Platte which was attended by members of the Oberlin Airport Team bowling champion in the recent tournament was Brown

The doubles champions were Ray Beall and Ed Grafel of the Herndon State Bank and the singles champion in all events was Leo Van

held for Fay Brock, 63, who had served eight years as Decatur Coun-

reports having visited 10 freshman students at Fort Hays Visitation Day: Sid Metcalf, Jim Plotts, Rita Brown, Theo Wagner, Dennis Scott, Kathy DeMay, Regina Wennihan,

By the Norcatur News Committee

The county bus will make regular gers. The next meeting will be at 1 animals to care for. Wis., and Dec. 26 with her sister book meetings. and seven children in Menasha, Wis. She also visited her twin sister and a

sister-in-law in Appleton, Wis. A special treat was when her sister made their mother's lemon custard

pudding. Norcatur's City Library continues to change and improve. Coffee and cookies are available every day for anyone who just wants to sit and visit or read a good book.

Future plans of librarian Deb

Marshall are to increase the library's Mrs. Jakowski spent Christmas hours, offer homework tutoring and with family in Howard's Grove, continue the monthly Potpourri

> ning their annual pizza sale. This fund-raiser helps buy needed equipment for the department. Last year the proceeds helped purchase a quick attack fire truck from the city

The Norcatur Firemen are plan-

To place your order, call any Norcatur fireman by Friday, Jan. 20. Deliveries will be made on Sunday,

Selden News By Jacque Boultinghouse

On Jan. 12 during Senior Citizens soon be moving to California so he at the Community Center, Paulie can attend seminary. Kami Obrecht Neff won high, Betty James took second, Ann Hazlitt got low and Carl Mumm had the most Kings. Other members present included: Jeanie Spresser, Matt Finnesy, Ralph Weis, Royce Cook, Lola Cook, Edna Schiltz, Pat Wessel,

Bob Wessel, Bernita Aumiller,

Shirley Emigh, Gail Mumm, Janice

Kruse and Lillian Sulzman. School Calendar: Jan. 20: High to drive to Wisconsin and two days school basketball in Rexford with Triplains/Brewster. Jan. 23: Junior did not accompany her as he had high and high school Scholars Bowl

at Brewster: Jan. 24: High school basketball in Rexford with Quinter: Jan. 25: No School! Teacher Inservice; junior high League Scholars Bowl in Colby: Jan. 26: Junior high basketball in Grinnell.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Jan. 20, Jessica Shaw; Jan. 22, Shirley Emigh; Jan. 23, Frank Neff, Matthew Geisinger, Shawn Boultinghouse; Jan. 24, David Bainter, Julia Rogers; Jan. 25, George and Lola Wessel, Diane Aumiller, Justin Bainter; Jan. 26, Michele Goscha, Abby Boultinghouse.

By Louise Cressler

and Ramona Shaw, Diane Carter and Wayne and Louise Cressler. Carla Latimer, City Librarian, had Children's Reading Hour Sat-

A nice sized crowd of children enjoyed making bird houses and learning about birds. Snacks were

Weather permitting, the city water meters will be read Jan. 21. Please post your reading if your meter is still inside your home.

Thursday from Hawaii. They attended the American Farm Bureau Federation's Annual Meeting in Honolulu, and also visited Pearl Harbor and other famous landmarks in Oahu.

Congratulations to Heather Waterman on the birth of her son, Joseph Scott James, who was born Friday, Jan. 13, weighing 6 pounds, 7 ounces. Joseph's maternal grandfather is Melvin Waterman.

Sunday noon dinner guests of Martin and Evelyn May to celebrate Charles's Jan. 15 birthday.

School Scholars Bowl team of Elizabeth Nedland, Miki Dorshorst, Caleb Koerperich and Nolan Henningson captured first place in the Northwest Kansas League Tournament held Jan. 9 in Quinter. Teams participating were Ober-

Greg and Janice Cundiff, Jack and Oakley.

Mount Pleasant News By Dianne Bremer

The Decatur Community High

lin, Rawlins County, Hoxie, Quinter

Sue May and Erin returned home Fortin and Charles Fortin were

Abbie Schroeder, and Rachelle

Jacque Riener, Nadine Green, Julie named to the Dean's List for the

fall semester at the University of Joyce Gibson, Carla Marintzer, Nebraska at Kearney. She is a 2007 graduate of Rawlns County High School and earned a 4.0 grade point average. She is the daughter of Joy Solko of Kearney, and Patrick Solko of Herndon.

day at the Center were: Bob Jones,

extends sympathy to the family of Elwood Bailey. Norton, formerly from Jennings. Elwood passed away Friday, Jan. 13. His funeral will be held at 10:30 a.m. today in

played following the meal.

players present. Winners were Jodi to drive back. Her husband, Tom, Lyon, Dorothy Ward and Dee Ma-**Jennings News** The community of Jennings Carla Latimer, Eleanor Morel, Stan

The Jennings Sunflower Senior dinner, held Jan. 10, was enjoyed by the following: Bob and Neoma Tacha. Stan and Ramona Shaw, Ruth Chance, Rachel Carter, Eleanor Morel, Barbara Patterson, Wayne and Louise Cressler. Bingo was

Those playing pinochle Wednes-

urday at the library