

Events of Yesteryear

By Joan Betts

125 YEARS AGO — June 1887
104 degrees in the shade Saturday.

D.K. Dibble and A.F. Hatch returned last week from a trip to eastern Colorado. They penetrated the "Great American Desert" to a point 40 miles west of Burlington and secured timber claims in the vicinity of a new town called Crystal Springs.

A large number of buildings are in course of construction in Oberlin. City Clerk Keys is engaged in drafting maps of Oberlin and its additions.

J.R. Case has disposed of his Oberlin interests and will remove to Ludell.

J.B. Hitchcock returned from Hot Springs, Ark., last week, somewhat reduced in flesh but much improved in health.

H.A. Simpson is the proud father of a fine, healthy boy of standard weight and regulation lung capacity.

100 YEARS AGO — June 1912

The city fathers have lowered the water rate to 15 cents per 1000 gallons after July 1st.

It rains every night and the roads are about as muddy as we have ever seen them.

Miss Lucy Vawter and Dean Rogers came home from Washburn College last week.

I.O. Wear has resurrected his old tinners' tools and is now ready to fix up your old boilers and coffee pots.

Enough water has gone down the Sappa during the last week to irrigate half the divide farms in the county if it could have been stored and used when needed.

Jennings Items: C.A. Taylor left Friday morning to visit his brother, Everett, at Omaha, Nebr.

Allison Items: A.C. Baxter traded 240 acres of land in Allison Township for a 180-acre farm in Coffey County and will move in September.

A special train will be run to Norton July 4th for the celebration. The Oberlin band will play there.

75 YEARS AGO — June 1937

The wheat crop of most of Western Kansas is again in the midst of destructive elements with the hot

winds of the past week dragging down the hopes that had been reborn after the early June rains.

Independence Day will be celebrated in Decatur County on Saturday, July 3, with a day well-filled with activities at the Oberlin Sappa State Park grounds, followed by fireworks, a baseball game and a street dance in town.

The swimming pool opened this week with Francis Noland as manager. Starting July 5 the pool will be available free of charge to youngsters desiring to learn how to swim on two mornings of the week. Classes will be conducted under the supervision of Edwin Hitchcock.

Prospects for the 45% federal grant for use in constructing the new Decatur Community High School building are brighter today than any other time since the district held the bond election March 6 which carried by an 8-3 majority.

Kanona: A birthday party held June 18th at the home of Mrs. Tim Woods honored Mrs. Woods on her 86th birthday and Mr. G.E. Cody on his 77th birthday.

In a telegram from Dr. H.J. Morrison, it was learned that the State Highway Department has approved the construction of an underpass for US Highway 183 under the Rock Island railroad tracks about two miles east of Selden.

In honor of his 8th birthday Robert Emerick was host to 30 neighborhood children and other friends on June 22 with a lunch served by his mother, Mrs. Hugh Emerick, assisted by Opal Thormburg and Dorothy Marsh followed by games on the lawn.

West Liberty: A surprise potluck dinner honored Mr. and Mrs. Walter Castle June 21 on their china wedding anniversary. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Adolf Lohofener and Nelda, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Votapka and family, Mrs. Jennie Castle, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Castle and Shirley and Allen Richards.

Jennings: Miss Audry McLeod and Mr. Clair Frank, both of Jennings, were married June 17 at the Jennings Methodist Church. After July 1 they will be at home on the A.R. Mulkey farm. Mr. Frank taught in the Jennings schools for a number of years.

On June 15 a quiet wedding was

solemnized at noon when Mrs. Pansy Banchor and Mr. Thomas Nixon, both of Denver, were married on the Washburn campus in Topeka. En route to their home in Denver, Mr. and Mrs. Nixon stopped briefly in Oberlin where Mrs. Banchor lived for many years and was the home of her late father, Mr. Otis L. Benton and her mother, Mrs. Otis L. Benton, who now lives in Los Angeles.

50 YEARS AGO — June 1962

What is needed now is not a 5-cent cigar but two weeks of rainless weather for the wheat harvest. Unlike Norton County where thousands of acres of wheat were totally hailed out Saturday night, Decatur County had only rain and the total for June is 6.90 inches. In the month of May the total was 4.91 inches.

The Farmers Loan & Abstract has purchased the Nemeth building and will partition the building and put on a new front. Nemeth Radio & Appliance will continue to occupy the south side of the building while Farmers Loan & Abstract will occupy the side adjacent to the Farmers National Bank moving from the Meckenstock building on East Commercial when the lease expires in December.

Girish Mather, 27, of Uttar, Pardesh, India, an International Farm Youth Exchange student, will leave July 2 after spending the past month at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Laird in Liberty Township.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hurty of Wichita announce the engagement of their daughter, Carolyn Ann, to Charles Dale Kelley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Kelley, Norcatatur. Both attended Kansas State University and she is currently employed at the Fourth National Bank in Wichita while he will be a student at Washington University School of Dentistry in St. Louis next fall.

Word was received of the death of Mrs. Earl Bobbitt of St. Louis, Mo., while at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bobbitt in Forest Grove, Ore. Local relatives include Mrs. Lee Kump and Mrs. R.F. Landau, Max Bobbitt and Mrs. Cleo Fisher.

A Requeim High Mass was conducted June 23 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Leoville for Petty Officer George Albert Schieferecke, 24, of the U.S. Navy

who died in a motorcycle accident in Bermuda.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Stubblefield, Oberlin, son, Timothy Alan, 6-21-62; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Shaw, Selden, daughter, Colleen Annette, 6-13-62.

Midway: Mrs. Elden Anderson and Mrs. Chuck Young attended a coffee at the home of Mrs. Chuck Votapka honoring Mrs. Carl M. Anderson, who is the former Enid Worcester. Mrs. Anderson with her husband and children will leave soon for Hawaii where he will be stationed with the U.S. Marine Corps.

25 YEARS AGO — June 1987

Wayne Steinert of Goodland was named by the USD 294 board of education as superintendent of schools for the district at a special meeting Friday evening in the district office. Steinert has been assistant superintendent at Goodland the past two years. He will begin employment July 1 and replaces Keith Adams who resigned May 11 and has accepted a position as assistant superintendent of schools at Ellsworth.

The first load of wheat with a moisture content under 14 was delivered to Oberlin Mill at 2:28 p.m. on Monday, June 22 from land owned by Jim Reeves. Winners in the Harvest Countdown Contest sponsored by The Oberlin Herald and participating businesses were: (tied) Teresa Bird, Leoville and Dorothy Zerr, Grainfield; Kurt Brown, Karen Bailey and Tina Johnson.

Judge Marvin Meyer, a member of the Kansas Court of Appeals, is retiring effective July 1, almost 35 years to the day since he began his legal career in Oberlin.

Major Kent Reinhardt has returned home after attending annual training with the U.S. Army Reserve at Fort Carson, Colo.

Norcatatur: More than 100 persons attended the Rohnke family reunion held at the Norcatatur Community Center on June 21.

Hospital News: Harlan and Judy Call, Morland, daughter, Karissa Dawn, 6-14-87; Diane and James Barrett, Oberlin, daughter, Megan Diane, 6-18-87.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

The Cedar Living Center residents have enjoyed hearing stories about this year's wheat harvest and many have reminisced about working in the harvest in the past. None of the residents remember such an early harvest as this one.

Laurie Wasson donated decorative jars of wheat to place in the center of each of the dining room tables.

The dice players met for a game on Monday afternoon. Snacks were served following the game.

Mary Ann Amack led the sing-along time before supper on Monday. The music was interrupted a few times when the power went out, but we managed to have a great time anyway.

There was a big group out in the dining room on Tuesday afternoon for bingo. Players included Audra Duncan, Floyd Edgett, Darlene Fisher, Irene Fringer, Alvina Gambelin, Vern and Wanda Heller, Helen Helm, Janeil Jensen, Donna Kent, Wilma May, Joan Noble, Alice Shirley and Mary Votapka.

The first day of summer arrived on Wednesday. Residents and staff celebrated the arrival of summer with a party. Ice cream bars were a refreshing summer treat.

Fr. Mark Berland brought Communion for the Catholic residents

on Thursday.

The craft group worked all afternoon on Thursday on the bird houses that were started at a previous work session.

Several residents met to play dominoes on Thursday evening.

The baking group made homemade chocolate cookies on Friday afternoon.

We enjoyed a visit from the Herndon Covenant Church on Sunday morning. Church members met for their weekly Sunday service in the Cedar Living Center dining room. Pastor Keith Reuther led the service. Several residents attended. The dining room was full and everyone enjoyed the sermon, music, fellowship, and we especially enjoyed all of the children who attended. It was a special time. The group will return on July 29 at 10 a.m.

Recent visitors: Kathy Brashears, Curtis, Neb.; Iris Osborne, Wichita; Jim and Janis Helm, Kathy Shaffer, McCook; Susie Youngblood, Atwood; Linda Bosler, Herndon; Jacob Helm, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado; Ceanne and Martin Rinehart, Colby; Mike, Mathew and Timothy Helm, Norcatatur; Mike Jensen, John Bremer, Penny Fringer, Marilyn Gambelin, Donna Fortin, Sherri Shuler, Oberlin.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

The Jennings community extends sympathy to the family of Keith Carter of Colorado Springs, who died last week. He graduated from Jennings High School with the class of 1951.

The community also extends sympathy to the family of Robert Robertson, Alamogordo, N.M., who died on Saturday. He is survived by his wife Patty (Mizell) Robertson and his son, Mark. Robert and Patty both graduated from Jennings High School with the class of 1950. He was a brother of Janice Winters of rural Jennings.

The Jennings fire department and city council are concerned about the possibility of fire from fireworks. By order of the mayor all fireworks are banned until further notice.

Playing cards on Wednesday at

the senior center were: Eleanor Morel, Agnes Wahlmeier, Carol Carter, Diane Carter, Stan Shaw, Ramona Shaw, Doreen Zimmerman, Wayne Cressler and Louise Cressler.

There are still table spaces available to rent for a charge of \$25 each at the Craft Fair on Fireman's Fun Day, Saturday, Aug. 25. If interested call Terri Hanke at 785-678-2333.

United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School is planned for July 3-5-6 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. each evening at the church. All children are welcome to attend.

An American Red Cross blood drive will be held Friday, July 6, at the United Methodist Church. For information, call Marge Hartzog (785) 678-3010.

Norcatatur News

By the Norcatatur News Committee

Minh and Wanda Nguyen, Lone Tree, Colo., recently visited Betty Reid in Norton. They also visited their aunt, Arlene Hix, at her new apartment at Whispering Pines. While in the area, they toured the Norcatatur Museum and the Norcatatur Library. The especially like the section for the children at the library.

They also ate lunch at the school house and attended Memorial Day services at the Norcatatur Cemetery.

Memorial services for Carl A. Rohnke will be held at 11 a.m., today at the Norcatatur Cemetery. Everyone is invited. Carl was raised in Norcatatur and graduated in 1950. The family will have lunch in the Norcatatur Methodist Church Educational Building following the services. They invited friends to visit after their meal.

Birthday wishes go out to Keith Ward, June 20; Bev Miller DeLano, June 21; Jeni Henningson, June 23; Brandon Ward, June 25.

Happy anniversary to Dave and Patty Stapp, June 23.

Senior Citizens played pinochle last Thursday. The group also met June 15 for cards with 16 players. Winners were: Virgil Price, Kay Foth and Dorothy Ward. They will meet again at noon, Friday at the Norcatatur Methodist Church Educational Building. It will be a pot luck dinner so bring a covered dish and join the fun.

Anita Volskay was a house guest of Bee Nelson on June 4. The women drove to Independence, Mo., on June 5. Mrs. Nelson attended the funeral of Sam Chapman in Liberty, Mo., on June 6. He was the husband of her cousin, Joy Griffith Smith Chapman.

Bee was able to spend some time with Ms. Volskay and her daughter, Tara Nelson, in Independence. They spent a few days at the girls' lake house on Lake of the Ozarks. They enjoyed boating, water skiing and tubing and raft floating. Bee returned home June 13.

Sue Hillebrand and Miller Farms both thanked the Norcatatur Fire Department for their quick response to combine fires.

June 16 Rea and Dee Magers had a nice visit with two cyclists who had stopped to rest in Norcatatur's Auker Park. They were from

Knoxville, Tenn., on their way to Vancouver, Wash. Jeff Magers, Cedar Bluffs, visited his parents, Rea and Dee Magers on Father's Day. Other guests were Charlie and Judy Easton, Quinter.

Because of harvest, City Council was postponed until 7:30 p.m., July 2 at the City Office.

Stan and Carol Miller went to Topeka on June 1 to meet their new granddaughter, Emma Nichole DeDonder, who was born on that day. Emma's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Curt DeDonder. She weighed 6 pounds 6 ounces and has a big sister, Sophia, 5. Emma is a great-granddaughter of Lila Rule, Nor-

ton and Gary and Annette Miller, Oberlin.

Carol stayed in Topeka a few days to help. June 11, Stan, Justine Tuttle and jade went to Topeka see the DeDonder family and bring Carol home.

Tuesday, July 3 will be the next Outreach Clinic in Norcatatur. To schedule an appointment call 475-2015, but walk-ins are welcome. This is wonderful service to the community, use it when you can.

Don't forget the Decatur County Bus comes to Norcatatur on Wednesday afternoon. Call 475-8101 to schedule a ride.

Rexford News

By Gwen Griffiths

Austin Johnson, of Cupertino, Calif., spent a week with grandparents Ray and Jackie Johnson and cousin Haydyn Best. They toured homes and farms of pioneer relatives in Dresden and the surrounding area. Haydyn and Austin drove to Imperial, Neb., to spend time with cousins Erika, Kuper, Dominik and Evan.

The fourth family reunion of John and Emma Huss was held June 16, in Rexford. A potluck dinner was held at the Rexford High School with an afternoon of visiting and games.

Hosting the reunion was Madonna (Huss) Anderson, Gem, and family members: Cindy Neff, Comins, Mich.; Vicki Wark, Kalyn Weber, Chad and Dez Wark, Morgan, Hayden, Dylan, and Lakin, Rexford; Rebecca and Chance Rains, Jaren, Braylon, Sharon Springs; Debbie Thompson, Austin, Texas; Lucas Morton, Wichita; Marty Anderson, April Vargas, Sienna, Stella, Tina Ohlrogge, Shane, Colby; and Mark Ohlrogge, Levant; David and Lori Anderson, Sage, Sophie, Owasso, Okla.; Dustin and Francis Anderson, Dustin Jr., Brooke and cousin Jenna, Arkansas City; Miranda Cook and Malachi, Conway, Ark.; Shawn and Nikki Anderson, Raymore, Mo.

Other descendants attending: Emma Lou (Huss) Sattler, Taryn

Sattler, Herndon; John Sattler, Aubrey, Caleb, Hannah and fiance, Adam Clark, Jacob and Alexis Sattler, Hayden, Gwen and Lilly, Wichita; Terri Dechant, LaSalle, Colo.; Pat (Donald Huss) Glebe, Stratton, Neb.; Patrick Huss, Kansas City, Mo.; Paula Sramek, LaCrosse; Celene (Huss) Dunker, Ludell; Joann (Huss) Malone, Jamie Malone, Russell; and Jerry and Janet Malone, Leawood.

The Spuds 'n' Splits group met at the Red Barn Thursday night. They had quite the group when I dropped in to take a few pictures and it smelled like it had been a delicious dinner. They also spent time playing games and chatting.

I want to send out a big "Thanks" to all who participated in the city-wide garage sale on Saturday.

Don't forget about the Fourth of July Picnic coming up next week. The entire community is invited; the beverage and meat will be provided; each family should bring a side dish, dessert and table service. Due to the dry weather and the burn ban that has been imposed on Thomas County, there will be no fireworks, but we can still enjoy the company of each other.

That's the news from Rexford for this week. If you have something you'd like me to publish, just call 687-2076 or e-mail griffithsgang@gmail.com. Have a great week!

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Ben and Lee Spiers of Winterset, Iowa, came to visit with Don and Joan Grafel Friday afternoon.

Jerry Bennett from Nashville, the 2012 FAME Award winner for Entertainer of the Year, Showman of the Year, Keyboard Player of the Year, and Gospel Artist of the Year, will present concerts at the United Methodist Church in McCook, at 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 8, and at the United Methodist Church in Colby, at 7 p.m. He not only entertains but touches the heart with his music.

Janice Sattler and Mary Clark, Atwood, Cindy Sattler and Bob and Julie Hafner, Herndon, attended the wedding of Seth Confer and Hannah Lark on Friday evening at the Chatfield Botanical Gardens in Littleton, Colo. Hannah is the granddaughter of Marlene Cook of Littleton.

Tuesday evening Matt Buesch and Makenzie Nelson of Wichita, Todd Nelson, Hays, Steve and Susan Nelson, Oberlin were guests of Joan Grafel for pizza in Oberlin.

Herndon City Council will be meeting at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 3, at the Herndon Senior Center. One of the items on the agenda will be the Herndon School building. All residents interested are encouraged to attend.

The July 4th Herndon Community Picnic and gathering at City Park will be Wednesday beginning at 7 p.m. Evening activities will follow the potluck with games for all ages, family fireworks and watermelon. Please bring a main dish, one side dish and lawn chairs and bug spray. Iced tea and table service will be provided by Herndon Pride.

Herndon Alumni officers are interested in any information on 1931 Herndon graduate Paul Bruhn. If anyone has updates on this alumni member please contact Dave Ketterl, 322-5302 in Herndon.

Matt Buesch and Makenzie Nelson, Wichita; Todd Nelson, Hays; and Steve and Susan Nelson of Oberlin were supper guests of Joan

Grafel on Wednesday evening. Don has been helping in the harvest field.

Julie's Memory Joggers

1921 The New Church at Laing Center

The building committee for the new Swedish Lutheran Church at Laing Center was in Herndon Monday closing up for the purchase of lumber and building material for the new church.

The excavating for the large basement has been completed and the work of erecting the new structure will be rushed as rapidly as possible.

The new church is to be 20 x 50 feet and built with many of the modern conveniences including a full basement which will be fitted up with a dining hall and kitchen and will accommodate the social and community affairs of the congregation. This building will be a big improvement and a valuable asset to the progress and welfare of the community.

Decatur Health Systems

By Becky Wilson

A woman who originally pursued and obtained a bachelor's degree in business management but made a lifestyle change to become a licensed esthetician will be joining the specialists offering services at Decatur Health Systems.

Starting July 19, Danielle Leitner will be offering microdermabrasion sessions on Thursday evenings at the Specialty Clinic.

Mrs. Leitner took her esthetics course from the International Salon and Spa Academy in Colorado Springs in 2007. Since then, she has worked out of Diederich's Salon and Day Spa on Penn Avenue. She also has worked in a clinical setting before, having done some chemical peels for Dr. Elizabeth Sliter's patients in 2008 and 2009. Now she is ready to expand her business by working out of our Specialty Clinic.

Microdermabrasion is a procedure that is appropriate for ad-

ressing a wide variety of skin complaints, such as stretch marks, crow's feet, fine lines and wrinkles, enlarged pores, acne scars and localized hyperpigmentation.

The first appointment with Mrs. Leitner will be slightly longer than the follow-up visits—about 45 minutes, as opposed to 30—in order for her to consult with the patient about their specific needs.

She recommends that patients remove any makeup before coming in. A general session will involve using a Crystal Ultrapel system, which is a medical-grade microdermabrasion system that is safe for all skin types. The patient's skin is manually exfoliated with a wand that uses suction and aluminum oxide crystals to remove the dead cells that form the outer layer of skin.

She goes over the surface area of the face twice, and then will concentrate on problem areas revealed during the consultation. Hygiene

is, of course, a priority, and the tip of the Ultrapel system's wand is replaced for each new patient.

Once a session is done, how will it feel?

"It will feel like your skin feels after a slight sunburn," Mrs. Leitner said. "Patients can expect some tingling and temporary redness, which should be easily concealable with cosmetics."

The procedure is considered to be milder than a chemical peel. Appointments may be made for times from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. by calling Mrs. Leitner at (785) 693-0212. A series of five treatments will cost \$200; a one-time session is \$50. As there is no insurance coverage for this procedure, so payment is required up front.

If this new service is a success and there is sufficient demand, it's possible more services, such as masks and peels, could be offered later.