

# Events of Yesteryear

By Joan Betts

## 125 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1887

A cool wave appeared Wednesday. The rainfall Thursday night was the heaviest of the year, 1.33 inches.

The fall term of school commenced Monday.

At the election Friday to decide upon the location of the new school-house, 393 votes were cast—245 of which were for Block 28 in Johnston's addition and 148 for block 3 in the same addition. The location selected is adjacent to the present school building. The contract has been let for the erection of the building to H. Pelkey for the wood work and Frank Broderick for the brick and stone work.

Married, September, 1887, Mr. J. F. Leonard and Miss Emma F. Tompkins, both of Allison. Mr. Leonard is the genial postmaster at Allison.

The Jackson ball club took the Oberlin team into camp in two games Friday and Saturday — 35 to 21 and 14-4.

## 100 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1912

Forest Redman is the owner of a new Ford auto.

Bradley & Son bought of the Buick autos left by Bill Guinn.

The death of horses in western Kansas is causing a lot of worry to farmers.

John Battin and Norman Reist will do the janitor work at the high school building the coming year.

Ray Coldren and wife of Joplin, Mo., are visiting in the city. Ray is one of the editors of the Joplin Globe.

Dean Rogers left for Washburn College Saturday evening.

Agent LeBarron of Kanona came to Oberlin Monday and looked after business at the depot while Bert Bush was in McCook. It is claimed that LeBarron waited until after the train had left Kanona, then jumped on his motorcycle and beat the train to Oberlin.

Carl Rodehaver and family of Wisconsin are visiting his mother, Mrs. S.J. Harvie.

Congress has passed the Parcel Post law, which will be of considerable benefit to those living on rural routes.

## 75 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1937

It has been many a moon since Decatur County has been blessed with more than an inch of rain followed by a week of cloudy, cool weather such as experienced here last week. Conditions are better

now than in previous years for planting wheat and County Agent Paul Griffith is telling of the revival of the buffalo sod in all sections of the county. He added that although pastures are making a remarkable comeback this fall, they must not be pastured until after next spring if rains come then.

Jennings: Mr. Carl Erickson, who until the recent bank merger at Jennings, was cashier of the Farmers State Bank, has been appointed as a third assistant state bank commissioner with headquarters in Hays. The appointment was made by Elwood Brooks, state bank commissioner.

Two more places of business will open in Oberlin next week; McClure Furniture and Undertaking owner, Howard (Barney) McClure, has leased the west side of the large room on the street floor of the Masonic Temple for his business and Eck Hitchcock has leased the Nitsch building on East Commercial Street, until recently occupied by Mrs. May's lunch room, and has purchased fixtures to equip a building as a grocery store.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Petracek are the parents of a daughter who was born at Benton Memorial Hospital on Sept. 1 and has been named Marcia Lucille.

Mr. C.P. Rasmussen of Trenton, Nebr., took over the meat department at Hall's Market. He comes here highly recommended as he has worked for 17 years in the meat and grocery business. He and his wife and three children have moved into the house which was formerly the Federated Church parsonage.

Mrs. Walter J. Roshong, with her husband and two children, Shirley and Richard, is leaving this weekend for Lincoln, Kansas, where Mr. Roshong has recently taken a position as accountant for the Coryell Company. Mrs. Roshong has been in charge of the sewing room here for about two years where she has handled the work very competently. Her successor has not yet been named.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Vavroch, who are leaving their farm in the Custer community to move to Hiawatha, have rented their farm to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Petracek. Their daughter, Grace Vavroch, plans to enroll in beauty school in Topeka.

## 50 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1962

Winter clothing was being dug out of closets in Decatur County early

this week as a premature Arctic blast swept into the Great Plains over Labor Day and plunged the mercury from 84 degrees to 46 degrees within 12 hours.

Richard Rogers, Manhattan attorney, was recently elected Republican state chairman. Rogers was born in Oberlin where his father, Billy Rogers, owned and operated a men's clothing store until about 1926 when he sold out to Ray Bobbitt and moved his family to Wamego.

Mrs. R.G. Young has been hired as social worker in the Decatur County Social Welfare Department. She succeeds Mrs. C.C. Marietta who was appointed director after the resignation of Mrs. Gladys Sowles.

The Rev. William Fredrickson is the new pastor at Lund Covenant Church.

The 1962 wheat crop averaged 26 bushels in Decatur County.

Guest speaker at the Tuesday noon meeting of Oberlin Rotary was L.F. Cushman who told of his trip to Berlin, Germany, last winter with Nebraska Gov. Frank Morrison.

## 25 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1987

Decatur County commissioners approved the \$2.3 million budget proposed for 1988 and moved to offer the position of county engineer to former engineer Jim Baxendale. The average wheat yield for Decatur County farmers in 1987 was 46.4 bushels per acre.

Norcatour: Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Michel have moved to 3711 Country Lane, Hays, where they plan to make their home.

Kevin Black has been released from the University of Colorado Hospital and he and his wife, Tammy, are presently staying at the home of her uncle and aunt while he undergoing daily outpatient treatment. He is recuperating from recent burns suffered in an electrical accident.

Ellen Thill and Don Shobe exchanged wedding vows Aug. 8, 1987, at St. Mary's Church in East Dubuque, Ill. They are residing in Omaha, Neb., where she is employed as a radiologic technologist and he is a student.

Joe Schoen was honored with a family dinner at Decatur Recreation in observance of his 90th birthday. A reception followed at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Ren Whitaker.

New Arrivals: Catherine and Joseph Broeckelman, Selden, daughter, Valerie Robin, 8-26-87; Annette and Victor Goeken, Clayton, son, Kelly Wayne, 8-27-87.

Funeral services were held for Harold Castor, 65, who is survived by his wife, the former Barbara VanVleet, one daughter, Mrs. Bob (Ronda) Haskins and one granddaughter, Alison.

## Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

It was a good weekend, and I didn't have to be anywhere for work, a nice stress-free time. I was ready for that.

By the time you read this, the Oberlin Business Alliance will have had a meeting at noon at the LandMark Inn. This group will be sponsoring a tailgate party Friday, Oct. 5, before the Red Devils' football game. I'm sure it will need some donations for supplies, so if you can give, please call the Chamber office to see what is needed.

The Chamber board will meet at 5 p.m. today here in the Business Entrepreneurial Enhancement Center. I'm still working on the agenda, so I'm not sure what all will happen.

The Chamber will sponsor a tailgate at the homecoming game on Friday, Sept. 21, behind the football stadium. The football team plays Norton that evening. Sloppy Joes, chips, brownies and cookies will

be served. Twenty-four garage sales will be listed on the information going out for the Highway 36 Treasure Hunt across Kansas. I know of more that are not listed, so it should be a fun time shopping around town the weekend of Sept. 14 to 16. And that is next week already.

For those with trick-or-treaters next month, the alliance again will sponsor the Spook Parade downtown on Wednesday, Oct. 31. More information will come later.

Entries are coming in for the annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Show on Saturday, Nov. 24, at The Gateway. There is still room for lots more, so pass the information on to anyone who might be interested. They can call the Chamber office for registration and show guidelines. The number is (785) 475-3441. Have a great week!

## Decatur Health Systems

By Becky Wilson

Every moment at the hospital and clinic brings something new: New patients, new diagnoses, new visitors, new treatments. Change is something of a constant.

You'd think we'd all be old hands at handling it.

The changes at Decatur Health Systems recently have been rather more than we're used to, though. Last week at a reception for departing Chief Executive Lynn Doeden, Teresa Shaughnessy pointed out that a good percentage of us had never worked here without Lynn at the helm.

We'll adjust, of course. Lynn herself spoke of her conviction that we would. There's some uncertainty to work through, but underlying everything, we know:

- We have an experienced staff that has held steady though previous

changes in the health-care field, in this facility and in this community in general.

- We're in good hands with an interim chief executive who knows our hospital and Oberlin well.

- Several people have already put their names in for the permanent opening for an administrator, and their enthusiasm does us credit.

- We'll adjust to these latest changes and go forth stronger than ever, ready to serve this community with the same high level of service you've come to expect over the years.

Change can be frightening. But it also brings opportunities, to learn and to grow. Health care is all about responding to change. We're ready to go forth and meet what the new day brings.

## Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Bonnie Franke spent Labor Day weekend in Albuquerque, N.M., visiting Brian, Tracy, David and Ellen Franke. Donna and Wayne Pick of McCook also made the trip. Karen Rounsberg and Hunter from Phoenix flew to Albuquerque to spend the weekend. While there, they visited El Rancho de las Golondrinas, a Mexican museum.

Greg Marintzer celebrated his birthday recently with family all meeting at the Great Wolf Lodge in Kansas City. Greg, Rita, Joe, Isaac Marintzer and Bethany Chartist; Jacob, Tara, Kade and Phoebe Marintzer of Westmoreland; and Abe, Alex, Addi and Milee Marintzer of Neosho Rapids. All had a great time swimming, playing putt-putt golf and finding the hidden treasure at the Lodge.

Lauri Fox, Valley Center, arrived at the Carol Kompus home in Oberlin on Friday to spend the next week with Carol, Stephani Hawkins and Adrian. She will be helping Stef move into her new home in Oberlin while Grandma Carol helped ferry Adrian back and forth to Kindergarten. The movers and shakers met Uncle Doug Bobinmyer, Herndon, in McCook for dinner on Sunday.

Jerry and Kim Niemeth had Sunday dinner at the farm with Laverne Niemeth and Bruce Wendelin as guests. Sunday evening Jerry enjoyed supper at Joe and Nadine Green's visiting with Pat Unger from Arizona. Pat is spending the week with Dave Green, working on a hot-rod project.

Evelyn Goltl Botti, a Kansan who now lives in California, gathered some of her poems together to produce the book, "Time Passes."

The front cover pictures the farm home south of McDonald. Evelyn is the daughter and middle child of nine children of the late Matthew and Sophie Toth Goltl. She earned a degree in Education and Psychology from Fort Hays Kansas State University. After teaching a few years in Kansas she heard the call to

go west and ended up in California. Anyone interested in purchasing the book may send \$13 to this address: Evelyn Botti, 2501 Patra Dr., El Sobrante, Calif., 94803-3627.

The Herndon community extends sympathy to the family of May Owens, who died Aug. 27, 2012, in Canon City, Colo. She was born in 1906 and lived in Nebraska and Colorado. May was mother to the late Marjorie Berger Koetter of McCook and grandmother to Pam Stuczynski of Herndon. Funeral services were held Friday in Canon City with burial at Lakeside Cemetery.

Dan and Jo Marintzer, Omaha, stopped in Herndon to visit Chris and Kent Wood, Esther Pennington and Sharon Marintzer last week. They had been in Denver spending time with family. Their sons from Chicago and Austin, Texas, and two grandsons greeted them upon arriving home.

## Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

The Craft Fair held in the American Legion on Firemen's Fun Day was a great success for a first-time effort, according to Terri Hanke.

This year's vendors included Melissa Runback, Lenora; Maxine Wright, Atwood; Reva Marshall, Oberlin; Beth Vaughn and Debbie Ashbaugh, Colby; Marla Rogers, Selden; and Vi Krizek, Jennings. She added that they appreciate everyone who came to look and shop from the vendors and hope they will come back next year for even more.

On Labor Day, there were cloudy skies and a few sprinkles falling in Jennings. We are glad for the clouds and hope we might get some measurable moisture.

The Mowry-Brewster family reunion was held Sunday at the Sunflower Senior Center. A bountiful meal was enjoyed and everyone

enjoyed the family photo books and scrapbooks brought by Richard Mowry, Marge Hartzog and Wayne Cressler.

Those attending were: Norman Mills, Albert and Nadine Mills, Walt and Shirley Hemman, Ardith and Vic Karnes, Lorriane Coulter, all from Hoxie; Richard and Donna Mowry, Morland; Jerry and Stewart Mowry, Manhattan; Gary and Kay Splattstoesser and Dustin, Colby; Corene Smith and Grace, Norton; Darcee Redden, Gypsum; Jim Patterson, Quinter; Bob Jones, Carla Latimer, Daryl and Marge Hartzog, and Wayne and Louise Cressler.

Sunflower senior potluck supper will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 11. Come join us at the senior center.

Playing 5-handed pinochle at the center Wednesday afternoon were: Agnes Wahlmeier, Debbie Shields,

Ramona Shaw, Stan Shaw, Alice Wagoner, Ann Szweistis, Wayne Cressler, Diane Carter, Eleanor Morel and Louise Cressler. Stan Shaw was high scorer with 242 score on one game. Everyone is welcome to play cards with us. You do not have to be a senior citizen.

The Jennings City Council is meeting on Friday evening, Sept. 7, instead of Thursday evening, Sept. 13.

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## Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Games are a fun way to spend an afternoon at Cedar Living Center. Several residents met on Monday afternoon to share in a game of Po-Ke-No. Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led the sing-along time before supper.

Bingo was on the agenda for Tuesday afternoon. Residents joining in on the fun included Audra Duncan, Darlene Fisher, Irene Fringer, Alvina Gamblin, Lavern and Wanda Heller, Helen Helm, Donna Kent, Wilma May, Joan Noble, Beth Sebaugh and Alice Shirley. Volunteers Caroline Jacobs and Dewaine Stapp assisted.

Wednesday was a full day with the social hour and exercise group in the morning and a game of dominos plus the reading of The Oberlin Herald in the afternoon. Bible study was held before supper.

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

Many of the residents attended the farewell party hosted by staff members in honor of Lynn Doeden on Thursday afternoon. Cake, punch, mints, and nuts were served.

The baking group made brownies

on Friday afternoon to the delight of residents, staff, and guests.

The best thing about a holiday weekend at Cedar Living Center is the increase in visitors. Residents enjoy all those special visits from family members and friends.

Recent visitors: Cindy Seherger and Abby Haag, Marshalltown, Iowa; Rich Noble and Ray Curry, Colorado Springs; Hezzy and Kathy Brashears, Curtis, Neb.; Lori and Jordan Ayers, Kearney, Neb.; Sharon Wurm, Staplehurst, Neb.; Malorie, Jackson and Savannah Gregory, David City, Neb.; Zac, Kara and Brooke Brashears, Valentine, Neb.; Jim and Yanis Helm, Kathy Shaffer, McCook; Ray and Myrna Haag, Bartley, Neb.; Clayton Erickson, Isabelle and Alex, Tecumseh; Bob Heller, Palco; John Rinehart, Martin and Ceanne Rinehart, Colby; Bob and Julie Hafner, Herndon; Gary Anthony, Mike, Deb, Matthew and Timothy Helm, Norcatour; Dorothy Cochran, Robert Fringer, Mildred Holmdahl, Connie and Leon Miller, Marilyn Gamblin, Dolores Deperschmidt, Juanita Williby, Gerry Neff, Dolores Koerperich, Connie Olson, Oberlin.

## Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Joanne Wendelin hosted a birthday party for Rory Wendelin Thursday evening at their home to celebrate her 23rd birthday. Enjoying the cookout, cake and homemade ice cream were Jenny Tally, Jessica Bremer, Karol Styles, Susan Nelson, Linda Glaze, Vicky Ray, Mary Jo Lohoefer, Teresa Shaughnessy and Mirla Coleman.

Jennifer Harshman and Isaac, Cedar Point; Ralph and Violet Shaw, Joel Shaw and Dante, Don and Joan Grafel, Herndon, and Steve and Susan Nelson and Makenzie, were Sunday noon guests of Richard and Anna Shaw to celebrate the first birthday of their grandson, Isaac, whose birthday is Sept. 9.

Brad Larson and Wayne Larson spent several days last week fishing near Slater, Colo., on the Little Snake River on the Colorado-

Wyoming border and visiting old friends at Slater.

Labor Day guests of Gene and Kristy Gallentine, Clayton, for a family get together at the "home place" were their parents, Norman and Julie Gallentine, and siblings, Al and Becky Rohr, Colorado Springs; Dale and Emily Waldo, Salina; Rex and Connie Gallentine, Milford; and Joel and Tami Shaw and Dante.

The Decatur Community High School girls' cross country team had three medalists and placed second overall Thursday at their first meet of the year at Norton. One of the medalists, Caitlin Shields, came in 13th with a time of 19:42.

Greta Wendelin, Overland Park, visited a few days in Oberlin with her family, Norman and Joanne Wendelin and Rory.

## Rexford News

By Gwen Griffiths

This summer, the city of Rexford recognized residents whose yards looked extra special. The city wants to commend the hard work each of these families put into making their yards — and our community — look nice!

There will be one more yard recognized in September; if you have noticed a yard that looks really great, please let Jolene at the city office know. Yard Recognition for summer 2012 was awarded as following: June: Todd and Tonya Schwarz; May: Vicki Wark; July: Don and Colleen Rall; August: Janell Antholz.

Tim Griffiths and Wes Bencken installed a new sign at the museum over the weekend. This completes a project that included a new coat of paint, replacement of some window sills and the sign. Drive by and check it out.

The Shepherd's Staff will hold an open house and dedication for the Historic Philip Houston House from

4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 12. Everyone is invited to come enjoy lemonade and old-fashioned treats, as well as tours of the Historic Philip Houston House and the other Shepherd's Staff facilities. The Thomas County Chamber of Commerce will hold a ribbon cutting at 4:30 p.m. Once again, the Beth Moore simulcast will be held at Shepherd's Staff. This event is on Saturday, Sept. 15. Check-in starts at 8 a.m.; the simulcast starts at 8:30, with worship by Travis Cottrell and a full day of speaking by Beth Moore. The cost is \$35 through Sept. 10, then raises to \$50 through the day of the simulcast. Contact Shepherd's Staff 888-687-2565 or e-mail: office@shepherdstaff.org for more information.

That's the news for this week! As always, I love to share your news and special events. Just call 687-2076 or e-mail: griffithsgang@gmail.com with your information. Have a great week.

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