#### THE OBERLIN HERALD

# **Events of Yesteryear**

125 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1887

Almost cool enough for a frost

John B. Colt has succeeded Francis Brown as vice president of the Bank of Oberlin.

Norcatur is organizing a brass

Bentley & Crannell now have their office on Hall Street, next to the Cottage Restaurant.

Kennedy, formerly of the McCook ball club, will play shortstop for the Oberlin team.

Mrs.A.H.Holllister has opened a boarding house at the place formerly occupied by Wm. Clemmons on Rodehaver Avenue.

The Herald is in receipt of Vol. 1, No. 1, of the Allison Breeze, by W.

John Pruss, E.F. Gillette, Sarah Ewing, John E. Love, C.S. Strong, John Allington, Elbert Custard, Lester Woodward, W.F. Stohr and J.F. Leonard have recently made final proof before the U.S. Land

Those doing so last week included: Annie Teagarden, Ada McKinsey, Sarah E. Ashcraft, Caleb Geisenhener, Karl H. Claar, Gottfried Mumm, Robt F. Young and John Adams.

100 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1912 Geo. D. McMullen is visiting his mother at Urbana, Ill.

The enrollment at the high school has reached the 155 mark, with prospects of passing 165 before the

Henry Benton of Norcatur, accompanied by his brother, Lewis, of Westmoreland, Kan., were visiting in Oberlin Wednesday. A younger brother, Earl, will remain in Oberlin and attend high school here.

Miss Edna Mix left Saturday evening for Chicago where she will attend Northwestern University.

John Grossniklaus of Kansas City is spending a few days in the city. Members of the G.A.R. Post on Tuesday evening surprised their

comrade, L.W. Hadley, who is leaving soon to make his home at Galveston, Texas. Those present included: Capt. J.W. Allen and wife, A. Ketchum and wife, J. M.

Norman Wendelin.

Ioanne Wendelin ar

Bill and Bonnie Condit in Winfield

over the weekend and together they

attended the wedding of Ian Crane

and Sumer Hatfield at the Fulton

Valley Farm near Augusta on Sat-

urday. Also attending were Brad

Larson, Kathy Almquist and Wayne

Larson who on Sunday took in the

Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson and

visited Dorathe Eleanor Wiltshire,

Pratt, a sister of Lois Larson. Ian, the

son of Suzanne (Larson) Cooper of

Wichita, is the grandson of Wayne

Larson and the nephew of Joanne,

The Decatur Community High

School cross country girls team,

Caitie Shields, Ashley Witt, Winter

Polivka and Darbi Rouse, won the

first-place trophy at the Quinter

Invitational Cross County meet

Dan Nedland and Elizabeth left

Thursday afternoon for the Kansas

A great crowd came to the hog

roast, a benefit for little Eric Kuhl-

are Matt and Brandy Kuhlman.

Bonnie and Brad.

Thursday

Chilson and wife, H.A. Stowell and Helen Johnson, fourth grade and is \$8,500. wife, G.A. Garwood and wife, H.E. Mr. R. Leigh Bell, Miss Joy McKie, Simpson and wife, C.H. Paddock, Miss Florence Edwards, Miss Lou-George Miller, Conrad Scheller, ise Baird, Miss Ethel Crosswhite W.H. Bishop and S. Munger.

#### **75 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1937**

Oberlin folk have long been hoping to some day have natural gas in their homes and places of business and residents of Oberlin were more than pleased Tuesday afternoon when from the high pipe tower on Penn Avenue they witnessed their made the presentation speech. first actual flame from natural gas in this city.

The Kansas Pipe Line & Gas Co.. had completed the test on their main line city distribution system and some 50 or 60 service lines into the homes before turning on the gas pressure. Mr. Waller, the gas company manager, said that there are now more than 50 service lines into homes and that a crew of 10 men are McManis home and Raymond working to handle the applications

Kit Carson, Colo., and Oberlin, Kansas, were the sites of a reunion of the W. G. Enes family, pioneers of Decatur County and eastern Colorado. A gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cody near Hale, Colo., on Friday Aug. 27 for a family dinner and informal business meeting was held with 13 of 22 cousins present. The second event of the reunion weekend was a picnic in the Oberlin City Park on Sunday, Aug. 29 with 80 persons present. Violin and piano students of Mrs.

Ruth McMullen presented a recital under her supervision at the Music Room of the high school building last Saturday afternoon. Those appearing were RDV and Carolee Relph, Arthur and Mary Frances Hamilton, Vivian Jean and Dorothy Soderlund and Elvera Glad. Parents and friends were guests and Mrs. McMullen who served punch and wafers following the recital.

Mr. Laidig has released the teaching set-up at the grade school: Miss Gladys Smith, first grade; Miss Dorothy Diehl, combination first & second; Miss Marie Reed, second grade; Miss Delia Hudson, third grade; Miss Louise Anderson, combination third and fourth; Miss

By Dianne Bremer

Sunday was 4-H days at the

fair, they set up a booth explaining

4-H geology programs to non-4-H

children, hoping to get children

interested in 4-H. They were one of

10 interactive 4-H project displays

in the 4-H building. Also, Elizabeth

ribbon on her geology displays and a

are on the Decatur Community High

School volleyball team that won all

five matches at the Gove County

Classic Volleyball Tournament on

Saturday, defeating Quinter, Stock-

ton and Wallace County in pool play

at the Grinnell middle school. The

top two teams of each pool played

for the championship which was

Pam May and Hannah enjoyed

By Veda Wood

attending the State Fair on Sunday

and looking at the entries before

won by the Oberlin team.

Hannah May and Cassidy Shields

purple on her photography entry.

**Mount Pleasant News** 

Our sympathies to Joanne Wen- official geology judge employed by

and Mr. Dale Johnson, who will teach the upper grades which have been departmentalized.

Mr. W.T. Stevenson was honored at the Masonic Lodge when 50 members gathered to pay tribute to him in recognition of the fact that he has been a member of the local lodge for 50 years. Judge W.S. Langmade

Eighteen of The Oberlin Herald's family of county correspondents were hosts to The Oberlin Herald office staff and shop force at a picnic at the county lake near Jennings on Friday afternoon.

Dresden: The teachers at the Dresden School this year are staying at the hotel with the exception of Mrs. Clark who stays at the Beckwith who is driving from the farm. Vera DeuPree left for Olathe where she will teach again and Phyllis and Betty Sloan accompanied her to Topeka where they will attend school this winter.

### **50 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1962**

Class officers at DCHS are: Seniors: Jon Peters, president: Myra Carlson, vice-president; Bill Lohoefener, secretary-treasurer; Juniors: Jim Reeves, Barry Avery, Karen Pavlicek; Sophomores: Georgia Richards, Ardith Smith, Geanene Rayburn; Freshmen: Gary Waldo, Jerry Kuhn, Jean Ann Holmdahl.

Last Friday morning three young O'Gradys — whose father is Charles O'Grady, native of Oberlin and resident of Buenos Aires, Argentina and two companions, paid a surprise visit to Mrs. Joe Martin, 606 North York. They stopped to see the Martin home which had been built by their grandfather and had been their father's childhood home.

Photographer Jack Kisinger will open the Oberlin Studio in the Pollnow building at 179 South Penn. He has purchased the equipment of Loyd Waldo.

Oberlin's United Fund Drive will get underway Oct. 15 with Ken Rydquist to head the campaign. Goal

By Joan Betts

Selden: Funeral services were held for Mrs. Matilda Rogers at the Baptist Church with burial in Selden Cemetery. Mrs. Rogers, 110 years old, was believed to be the oldest person in Kansas. She had lived near Selden and Rexford since 1895, when she moved to the area from Missouri.

#### 25 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1987

According to the Census Bureau the population of Decatur County is now 4,300 which is down 3.6% since the last head count.

Rainfall across the county over Labor Day weekend pumped some life into fall crops with amounts varying from .62 in Oberlin reported by Jack O'Toole, official weather observer, to more than two inches in Custer Township and further

Stop 'N Shop, a Hays-based convenience store located in Oberlin, has changed hands with the sale of the company to Coastal Mart.

Myrtle Waldo and Audra Steinmetz have returned from Centreville, Mich., where they attended the 38th annual reunion of the 1912ers Club composed of women who were born in the year 1912. They were accompanied by Samme Steinmetz and Jeanette Miller.

Herndon: The Immanuel Church of Christ of Herndon will observe its 100th anniversary on Sunday, Sept. 20 with special services.

Dr. Edward H. Hammond, the new president of Fort Hays State University, will be in Oberlin Friday on a tour of eight northwest Kansas communities. Hammond took the post July 1 replacing Dr. Gerald Tomanek.

J.B. "Joe' Carlile, Rotary District Governor for 1987-88 was the guest at the Tuesday noon meeting of Oberlin Rotary. He noted in his speech that women were now members of Rotary clubs in several Kansas cities. Two new Rotarians were welcomed into the Oberlin club: Dr. Mark Olson of Countryside Veterinary Clinic and the Rev. Gene Shoemaker of Oberlin United Methodist Church.

### **Jennings News** By Louise Cressler

Wayne and Louise Cressler en- former Jennings resident, was put delin, Ladd, Greta and Rory, on the the Kansas State Fair, and Elizabeth, joyed having their daughter, Patsy on the prayer chain. He was taken to loss of their husband and father, a 4-H junior leader/clerk, judged and Don Harold, Grand Junction, a Wichita hospital this past week. the 4-H geology displays on Friday. Colo., visit from Friday until Monday morning. Also visiting on Saturday and Sunday were their son, to clean the church. Those helping Russell Cressler, Bison, and Mary Kinser, rural Jennings. It is always nice to have children come home

> won two purple ribbons and a blue Don went to Norton to visit his mother, Estella Harold.

> > Playing cards at the Sunflower Senior Center on Wednesday afternoon were: Ann Szweistis, Agnes Wahlmeier, Carol Carter, Alice Wagoner, Diane Carter, Eleanor Morel, Louise Cressler, Stan and Ramona Shaw. Cards are played at 1:30 p.m. every Wednesday at

Men from Norton Correctional again at the Wheatland High School Facility will be working in town Sept. 17 and 18. The City of Jennings appreciates the work these men do for our town.

> Robert Papp is doing some remodeling at the Terri Hanke home. We see boards being thrown out the

upstairs window this morning. Glenda Johnson is home from the

hospital and feeling better.

Raymond Yahne, Dodge City, er.

The Jennings United Methodist

Women met Wednesday morning were: Kathy Nauer, Kay Brown, Helen Rhodes, Lila Jennings and Louise Cressler. Heritage Associates of Jennings,

On Sunday afternoon Patsy and the Czech Museum, held its monthly meeting last Thursday. Presiding was Neoma Tacha with directors Mary Wahlmeier, Alice Mizer, Bob Tacha, Lila Jennings and Mike Tacha present. Guests were Cory Simoneau and Robert Papp.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved and the treasurer's report given. The museum had 100 visitors during Firemen's Fun Day. Thanks to all who helped that day and for the donations received. When the weather cools, the painting at the Shimmick building will be finished.

Building bids were presented by our guests and a question and answer session was held concerning each. The board's next meeting will be at 2 p.m., Oct. 4.

We are all enjoying the cool nights. Really feels like fall weath-

# **Herndon News**

By Julie Hafner

on Saturday evening. His parents since an earlier injury. We wish her a speedy recovery. Carol Moye and great-grand-Toots Magers traveled to Judy Easton's home in Quinter, and from daughters, Kylie and Skylar; and there went to Abilene for a weekend Veda and Dennis Wood visited with

Dixie Wood and Sheryl and Richard Kathy Van Meter and Lloyd Patterson in McCook on Friday. Sheryl and Richard took Dixie back after spending time in Colorado and to her home in Canadian, Okla., on Saturday. Dixie visited with Donna Huff and other friends while there.

The Lyle church people were pleasantly surprised to have Eileen (Huff) Hazelbaker of Grangeville, Idaho, join them on Sunday morn-

Update on my injury: Yes, it was a fractured tibia, but it is doing all right. I am still to elevate it, wear the brace and not bear weight on it for a while. Thanks and God bless for the help and good wishes from

Casper, Wyo., and Steve and Susan Nelson, Oberlin, were guests of Don and Joan Grafel in McCook Sunday to celebrate birthdays of Kevin and

Patricia Tongish, Newton, and Julie Hafner enjoyed dinner with Gene and Marcella Leitner on Thursday at Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin. Patricia spent a week visiting her

Tom and Myra Sattler, Herndon, are new great-grandparents to Daymond Malan born Sept. 5,2012 and sister, Aubrie.

The Herndon community extends sympathy to the family of Norman Wendelin. Norman was born to

Kevin and Nanette Philbrick, parents Karl and Edna Holle Wendelin and graduated from Herndon High in 1968. He died Thursday, Sept. 6, 2012. A Memorial Service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin with burial in the Oberlin

week with Bart Ecker, Troy Ecker and Brandi in Hays. She loved eating Chinese food, shopping with Brandi and all the normal stuff like visiting and enjoying family all week.

Herndon senior residents will be meeting for their September potluck dinner at noon on Wednesday, Sept.

The senior commodities will be

## **Cedar Living News** By Teresa Shaughnessy

Birthday parties are always some-

thing to look forward to. The resi-

dents at both Cedar Living Center

and Good Samaritan Center have

been blessed for many years with

special parties hosted each month

by clubs and organizations in the

community. The new schedule

September 2012 through August

The residents of Cedar Living

won the blackout game. Other play-

Eckhart, Irene Fringer, Lavern Hel-

Several residents met to play

The September birthday party

dominoes on Wednesday after-

Noble and Alice Shirley.

at Cedar Living Center.

pecan ice cream.

was hosted by the Activity Department on Thursday afternoon. Those being honored for having September birthdays were Alice Shirley, Lavern Heller and Irene Fringer. Each received a small basket of candy as a gift. The baking group made homefor the parties, which goes from made chocolate frosting on Friday afternoon. The frosting was served

2013, is being mailed out this week on either a graham cracker or a butter cracker. They were a big hit to the groups that participate. We do have some months available at both and the frosting was finger-licking facilities. Any individuals or groups who would like to assist with a party Alice Shirley was the guest of may contact Lisa Paulson at Good honor at a birthday celebration Samaritan or Teresa Shaughnessy hosted by her family on Friday eve-

ning on the patio. The group enjoyed pizza, cake and ice cream. Recent visitors: Brent and Kathy

Center observed Labor Day on Shaffer, Jim Helm, Jaime Helm, Monday afternoon with an ice cream social. Residents, guests, and Mishae Lepper, Tracy Ruggles, Parker O'Toole, McCook; Florstaff enjoyed strawberry or butter ence Uerling, Indianola, Neb.; Mike Helm assisted with bingo Linda Bosler, Herndon; Martin on Tuesday afternoon. Donna Kent and Ceanne Rinehart, Colby; Mike, Deb, Timothy and Matthew Helm, ers included Audra Duncan, Juanita Norcatur; Robert Fringer, Dorothy Cochran, Ralph and Norma Unger, ler, Helen Helm, Wilma May, Joan the Rev. Nancy Proffitt, Gerry Neff. Dorothy Alstrom, Angie Wilson, Mirium Fisher, Connie Miller, Marilyn Gamblin, Eula Juenemann, Catherine Neal, Marla Woznick. Father Mark Berland had Mass Laurene Van Otterloo, Marian Frakfor the Catholic residents on Thurs-er, Charlotte Meints, Oberlin.

## **Norcatur News**

By the Norcatur News Committee

Deb Marshall is coordinating booths for the U.S. 36 Treasure Hunt Sept. 14-16. To reserve a spot in the City Building, call her at Norcatur Senior citizens will be

playing pinochle Thursday at 1 p.m. in the Norcatur Methodist Church Educational Building. Decatur County attorney Steve

Hirsch will be in Norcatur from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Thursday in the City Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mathes, Medford, Ore., Delphyn Biggs, Oberlin,

and Beth Johnson enjoyed lunch

Aug. 28 at the Norton Pizza Hut. Bee Nelson attended Vearl Sparkman's 100th birthday celebration in Norton on Sept. 2. Mrs. Sparkman used to live in Norcatur. Dewaine Stapp and Hop Lockhart also at-

Happy birthday wishes go to: Joyce Price and Alice Shirley, Sept. 7; Retta Hare, Sept. 8; Lula Hix, Dennis Leichliter and Wayne Mc-Callister, Sept. 9

Lula Hix will be celebating her 95th birthday. She lives at 5345 E. Acoma Drive, Scottsdale, Ariz.

Norcatur Citizens met Aug. 31 for a covered dish dinner and an afternoon of playing cards with 12 urday afternoon, Renee Harman players. Winners were: Kay Forth, Toots Magers and Beth Johnson.

Keith and Linda Jurey, Albuquerque, N.M., and Richard Jurey, Edmond, Okla., visited from Aug. 27 through Aug. 30 with Mrs. Jurey's mother, Joyce Price.

Jack and Anne Kelley, Clay Center, visited with Joyce Price on

U.S. 36 Treasure Hunt and are still something call Bee Nelson, 693-4569; Larry James, 693-4261, or

Norma McCallister, 693-4500. The group will also have a bake sale and a food booth. Ronald Temple is still in Kearney

Hospital. He would really enjoy

hearing from friends. Mail will reach him at 10 E. 31st St. TCU Care Unit Room 3339, Kearney, Minh and Wanda Nguyen, Lone Tree, Colo., arrived at Betty Reid's Aug. 17 and found a house full: Lula

Hix, Lynn and Ed Wedow, Scotts-

dale, Ariz.; Linda Young, Conifer,

Colo.; Arlene Hix, Whispering Pines. Later that evening they were joined by Larry Hix, Maryland, and Cletus Kintigh, Lyons. Weekend guests of Dorothy Ward were her grandson, K.J. Ward, and his wife, Bre, of Wichita. They are attending Wichita State University.

They, along with Bee Nelson, ate Chinese food at Norton on Sun-Bee Nelson and Dorothy Ward took Wava Reames to eat at The

LandMark Inn in celebration of her Over Labor Day weekend, Sharlynn and Gene Mermes, Brier and Morgann, Wichita, were guests of Jodi Lyon and Carl Lyon. Riann Mermis was unable to come. Sat-

stopped by. Lots of fun happened at the home of Rea and Dee Magers over Labor Day weekend. Their grandson, Zach Pomeroy, and his wife, Brenda, and daughter, Ryan, came from Lakewood, Colo. Other guests were

Luoto, Cedar Bluffs. The Norcatur Ourtreach Clinic The Norcatur United Methodist will be held from 9:30 a.m. to noon Church is hosting a booth at the on Tuesday, Sept. 25, with Lynetta Ward. Call 475-2015 for an appointseeking donated items. If you have ment, but know that walk-ins are always welcome.

the their son, Jeff Magers and Joy

## **Decatur Health Systems** By Becky Wilson

Interactive television is basically a professional, high-quality version

of Skype, the Internet video-andchat program that allows grandparents to talk to their grandchildren and watch them play from hundreds of miles away. In a hospital context, it allows

patients to consult with specialists without having to drive to a major medical center to see them. It also has benefits for the Decatur

Health Systems staff from distance learning. Through our recent partnership with the Midwest Cancer Alliance, two nurses, Peggy Ream and Amy Haas, took part last month in KU Medical Center's chemotherapy/biotherapy training course.

The course combines readings with two 8-hour days spent in the ITV room, followed by a test, and has been used by the alliance since 2008 to help nurses in rural areas receive chemotherapy certification, so they can offer their patients a local option for treatment.

The certification test is rather substantial. Nurses are told beforehand not to be discouraged if they do not pass the first time. There's no reason for either Peggy or Amy to be discouraged, though, because both

passed the test right away.

Now that they're certified, they can join Linda Stanley in offering chemotherapy treatments to Decatur Health Services patients with cancer. Training more staff to administer chemotherapy is part of our plan to build a dedicated chemotherapy room for treatment.

To that end, renovation work is starting this week, but not on the chemotherapy room itself. With limited space, we have to repurpose old rooms and make sure there's space for everything.

On Monday, work started on a new sonogram room. In two weeks, attention will shift to a new quiet room for patients and families, and on Oct. 29, work is expected to start on the chemotherapy room itself.

It's a big project, and we're only able to accomplish this through the support of the community, using the money raised through the annual golf tournament and benefit.

Our thanks again to everyone who has pitched in. If you have any questions about the chemotherapy room, or would like to see more about the plans, contact Director of Nursing Amber Scott at 475-2208.

services for Patricia Schwab at 4 p.m. Thursday at the Oberlin Cemetery. Pat, originally of the Lyle area, had been a resident of the Andbe Home in Norton for several

Thursday. Von Sumner is in Kansas City with her daughter, Amy Archer, who is in the hospital there. There will be graveside funeral

Frandsen arrived home on Tuesday

Nebraska. He has started picking

June Jolly has been making quilt

tops from scarves, and has made 27

so far. She attended the KT Club on

man, three-year-old cancer patient,

State Fair in Hutchinson. Dan, an returning home that evening.

Lyle News

Charlotte Plotts had surgery on her foot that had not done well

weighing 7 pounds 14 ounces. His parents are Andre and Renae Malan of Baxter Springs. He also has a

Sharon Ecker, Herndon, spent the

19 at the Senior Center.

handed out at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, at the Senior Center.