

# Events of Yesteryear

By Joan Betts

## 125 YEARS AGO — May 1888

On and after this date, the Herald will be conducted by the undersigned, who has purchased the interest of Mr. A.N. Burch. The policy of the paper will be as heretofore. — Fred L. Henshaw.

R.A. Marks returned Monday from St. Louis, greatly improved in health and spirits. His legion of friends here are pleased to learn of this rapid and complete recovery.

Geo. W. Keyes has a lengthy article in this week's issue in regard to the water works question. Oscar Hough has had the Star Meat Market painted in artistic style.

A corps of engineers will commence surveying a line from Lenora to Oberlin Wednesday of next week.

**100 YEARS AGO — May 1913**  
Miss Pearl Love, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Love and Mr. Eugene Miller of Lincoln, Nebr., were married Monday afternoon at the Presbyterian parsonage.

Victor Lorig and wife returned last week to Oberlin from their visit to Alabama.

Mrs. Lydia Barnes, who has been in Illinois caring for a sick brother, returned home last week.

Prof. Caleb Smick will be one of the instructors in the Rawlins County normal.

Misses Faye Dean and Martha Douglas left Monday evening for a visit in New York City.

Coulter, McMullen and Meier have put in a gas engine in their carpenter shop and it is a wonder.

The school board has elected Miss Goldie Love to fill the vacancy in the city school when her sister Pearl got married.

Married at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. J.C. Lathrop on Wednesday, June 4, Miss Julia Tilden and Mr. J.P. Noble.

Jennings Items:  
Charles Goodrich of Jennings was married about a month ago, but we just found it out.

Eight old soldiers attended memorial services in Jennings Friday: Ed. Howell, John Chapin, Elias Duncan, Mr. Munson, J.E. Smith, W.M. Kemper, H.M. Brock and J.I.

## 75 YEARS AGO — May 1938

Decatur County is now nearly assured of a wheat crop following the big rain Monday. Amount of three to four inches filled the state lake north of town for the first time since construction several years ago and at Sappa State Park many man-days of damage were done to the dam under construction. More than a thousand adults and children drove in to the Sappa Park area Monday to observe the filled lake for the first time and the water going over the dam. Due to the damage by the water the road from the new bridge on toward the picnic area was closed while the CCC workers are repairing the damage.

After eight years of operation of the Oberlin Cleaners cleaning and pressing plant here, Uriel Goodrich has sold the plant to David Rothweiler of Ransom who operated a cleaning plant there which he recently sold.

Funeral services were held from the Federated Church for Dorothy Coldren, 34, whose lingering illness was fatal. She graduated from DCHS in 1922 and attended nurses training in Topeka until she was forced to leave due to ill health.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Pelkey are the parents of a baby boy born June 1 and weighing 8 pounds and 12 ounces. This is their first child.

Leoville: Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell are the parents of a son born May 25 at St. Anthony's Hospital in Hays.

Prairie Dog: Iris and Roberta Moore left Friday for Manhattan where Miss Iris will attend summer school and Roberta will resume her duties in the office.

Fairview-Summit; Sunday was a big day at Mrs. J. H. Vernon's when 36 people all spent the day there. It took 10 fried chickens for dinner.

Norcatur: A farewell party attended by 137 people was held at the city hall Wednesday evening for the Jacksons who are leaving for the northwest states to hunt a new location.

Mrs. Jackson was presented with a lovely silver skewer as a token of the good wishes of her Sunday School class.

**50 YEARS AGO — May 1963**  
Alumni banquet attendance topped 550 with special honors going to Mr. and Mrs. N.B. Bush of McCook. Bush is a member of the DCHS Class of 1894, the oldest class represented. Miss Millie Marvin represented the Class of 1906, the second oldest class. Five members of the Class of 1913 were

present: John Battin of Johnson; Henry Beardsley and Chris Jorn of Oberlin; Mrs. Ralph (Bertha Steele) of Lincoln, Neb., and Mrs. Merle (Cody) Nelson of Denver.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Riedel, Smith Center, have purchased the Firestone Store from Mr. and Mrs. C.R. (Mac) McCormick.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen L. Jeffus announce the engagement of their daughter, Phyllis Ann of Denver to Frank Hershman of Denver, son of Mrs. Frieda Hershman of Loveland and the late Dr. Hershman.

Bob DeMay, DCHS track star, set a school record. DeMay placed third in the vault with a vault of 12 feet, 6 inches. He also placed third in the high hurdles.

Larry Guinn has been granted an assistantship for graduate students for the academic year at Fort Hays State College in health, physical education and recreation.

**25 YEARS AGO — May 1988**  
Much of the area received more than two inches of rain beginning early Friday morning and continuing through the weekend. The rain came at a critical time for the 1988 wheat crop with about 75% of the crop in the heading stage. Decatur County Extension Agent Mick Glaze said that if the dry winds had continued to plague the crop a few more days, which was already suffering from lack of moisture, farmers could have "kissed this year's crop goodbye."

The Honorable Deanell R. Tacha, Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals, 10th Circuit, Lawrence, will be the guest speaker for Memorial Day services at Oberlin Cemetery on

Monday, May 30, at 10 a.m. The Avenue of Flags which was started in 1967, will include 278 flags this year.

Joyce Meitl, daughter of Walter and Rosella Meitl, Oberlin, was among 88 students who graduated from Marymount College in Salina May 21. She received a bachelor of music degree during commencement exercises in the Bicentennial Center.

New Arrivals: Bill and Carol Wessel, Dresden, daughter, Kimberly Kay, May 8, 1988, at Sheridan County Hospital; Henry and Lorri Martin, Herndon, a son, Wesley Adam, May 16, 1988 at Decatur County Hospital.

Seven members of the DCHS track teams qualified for State at Wichita: Boys: Darren Horn, 1600 and 3200; Tracie Rome, 1600; Girls: Jeni Peter, 100 and 200; 4x100 relay, Lori Hodson, Gina Klima, Kristy Unger and Peter; Jody Gaskill, 1600 and 3200.

Weather permitting, the Oberlin City pool will open May 28 with Carol Sullivan as manager and Michelle Adleman as her assistant. Instructor for Red Cross sponsored swim lessons will be Cheryl Votapka.

Nearly 90 men braved the cool temperatures and intermittent rain to participate in a 4-man scramble at Oberlin Country Club over the weekend. The winning foursome was anchored by three Oberlin golfers, Steve Aten, Dick Ahlberg, Kevin Brown and John Windschelf, Smith Center. They finished with a 61 during the first round but came back with a 58 on Sunday.

## Museum Matters

By Sharleen Wurm

This year is going even faster than past ones. Since opening April 2, we have had a successful annual meeting, rummage sale, a presentation and book signing by Kansas author Deb Bisel, the first in a series of our Brown Bag and Learn programs and last weekend, a wonderful Alumni/Memorial Daytwo-day event.

Before moving into the month of June, we have one more activity this month. From 2 to 4 p.m. Friday, at Extension program, "Connect with Facebook," be held in the museum's parlor. Since social media is the "thing" these days, this will be a great time to come and learn the basics, learn to upload pictures, find out how to set privacy settings, see how to find old friends and even

connect to lost relatives.

The museum has wireless Internet, so if you have a laptop, bring it along and get connected. If you don't have a laptop, come and get the information and practice on an extra that we will have available, thanks to Carman Computer Service. Friday is my day off, but I plan to be part of this class; never too old to learn some tips and tricks.

There is one thing that we all must do for this class: call the Extension office 475-8121 by Thursday. This will help Julianne Shoup, Sheridan County agent for the Twin Creeks Extension District, to have enough materials available. This learning session is sponsored by the district and open to the public.

## Good Samaritan News

By Whitney True

There is nothing like driving with the windows down, dirt roads and endless fields of green to bring back memories of life on the farm. Marylu Brown, Margaret Vacura, Connie Cramer and Woody May chatted, laughed and shared old stories as we took an hour long cruise via Decatur County's finest back roads!

Last week Phil Erickson, Margaret Vacura, Loren Schrock, Martha Burnett and Marylu Brown partook of the ReLoad's famous Taco Tuesday special. Later this week we will join in for lunch at the Golden Age Center and stay to triumph a few card games.

Our horticulture club includes Galen Tacha, Woody May, Alice Bobbitt, Olive Arnold and Opal Bryan. They watched their watermelon and green peppers and herb garden grow a ton this week and transplanted them outdoors to continue budding. Horseshoes, Bingo, devotions, manicures, folding and Bible study with Violet and Dennis kept us busy and flower watching and walking in the courtyard.

Activities assistant Kim Williams led rhythm band where we played to the likes of Elvis Presley's Jailhouse Rock. "What If" trivia gave residents the opportunity to exercise their brain by studying scenarios and debating about what they considered to be the best ethical action that one should take. For instance, if you find \$100 in a vacant parking lot, what is the best thing to do?

Later this week Phil Erickson and

Loren Schrock will take the lead in helping residents build a rocket (yes—it will be able to fly!) Kickball with Karlie and Flying Kites are also down the pipeline. In addition to all these activities we are working to develop a one-to-one program that will enable activity staff to engage with each resident multiple times per week in an environment that offers sunshine, music therapy, art therapy and academic opportunities to include math, literature and mechanical/engineering experiments.

We have also made supplies available in common areas for other staff and family to utilize with residents. We are excited to continue building our program because we believe that a great variety of activity gives our residents a ton of opportunity to live purposefully and happily!

Visitors included: Cheryl Miller for Loren Schrock; Janice and Bob Baer for Evelyn Olson; Luanne and Mike Laird for Amy Rehm; Sharon Slabaugh for Opal Bryan; Reva Marshall and Penny Fringer, Mar-

ton, Ellen, Iris and Violet Osborne, Sarah Wolf and Bailey Wolf for Dorothy Hunt; Kay Marcuson for Faye Meitl; Max Carman, Duane and Marilyn Waldo for Myrtle Waldo; Starla Swager, Al Tacha and Nadine Tacha for Galen Tacha; Don and Shirley Carlisle for Betty and Dwayne Jones; Linda Schaw and Bernice Sevier for Earl Brown; Theo Wiedeman for Margaret Vacura, Faye Meitl and Betty Jones; David and LeAnna Davignon for Loren Schrock.

## Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Kathy Van Meter and Lloyd Frandsen attended the funeral for Rea Magers on May 22 at New Almelo. They went to Lloyd's class reunion at Cambridge, and came to the Norcatur Memorial Day services on Sunday, and to the Educational Building for cookies and visiting.

There was a good crowd at Lyle on Sunday for Memorial Day services at the Cemetery and dinner at the Community Building afterward.

Toots Magers attended Memorial Day services and dinner at Lyle on Sunday, and in Lebanon, Neb., on Monday. They had a very good crowd at both places.

Lyle had their usual Memorial Day Service and dinner on Sunday with a very good crowd for both. Many old friends who live other places now but still come back at this time. A special thanks to the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion veterans for the service.

Larry Sumner was back from his home in Florida for the service at Lyle and his class reunion.

June Jolly came to Norcatur for the Memorial Service at the school building.

I apologize for not getting news gathered very well, but had some unexpected doctor visits. I had a little trouble after oral surgery, but believe I am now "out of the woods."

## Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

The Decatur Community High School golf team of Logan Berry, Kade Brown, Kelly Brown, Tyler Bruggeman, Ryan May and Zach May, competed May 20, at State Golf in Dodge City and won the 2013 Class 2A Kansas State Golf Championship with a score of 339, a first in the history of the high school. Congratulations to the team and their coach, Carol Brown.

Congratulations to Cassidy and Caitlin Shields who both medaled at State Track Saturday in Wichita! The 4 x 400-meter relay team of Cassidy Shields, Winter Polivka, Demi Murray and Miki Dorshorst placed fourth, and the 4x800-meter relay team of Caitlin Shields, Winter Polivka, Morgan Jansonius and Darbi Rouse also placed fourth in competition.

Pam May and Hannah drove to the Pratt/Preston area on Friday to decorate graves. After spending the night in Preston, they left Saturday morning for Wichita to watch the

state track competition. John and Dianne Bremer were Friday guests of Herschel and Jody Betts where they visited with Herb and Jeanne (Petraček) Hoskins, Highlands Ranch, Colo., who were here for Jeanne's 65th alumni reunion with the Decatur Community High School class of 1948. John, Jody and Jeanne are first cousins.

Shirley (Unger) Gaede and friend, Duane, arrived Thursday to spend time in Oberlin visiting family and friends. Saturday evening, Shirley and Duane, Ralph and Norma Unger, and Duane and Lois Unger met at an area restaurant to enjoy dinner and an evening of visiting.

Jay and Becky Tate enjoyed lunch with Jay's Decatur Community High School class of 1993 at their 20th alumni reunion at the home of Kerry and Spring Louderback.

John and Edith Tate, Jaron and Tara Tate and Abigail, Fort Collins, and Grant and Cowan Anderson were Saturday evening barbecue

guests of Jay and Becky Tate, Dakota, Mollie and Grace, to celebrate the Memorial Day weekend.

Duane and Marilyn Waldo, Ralph and Peggy Vernon, Duane and Phyllis Berry, Sam and Kathy Willcoxon, Gale and Dee Harold, Keith and Evelyn Shaw, Margie Coulter Eiswerth and daughter Kim, Kyle Mines, Duane Witt, classmates of Ralph Shaw from the class of 1948 celebrating their 65th alumni, were Sunday breakfast guests of Ralph and Violet Shaw. Additional breakfast guests at the Shaw home were Richard Shaw and Joel and Tami Shaw and Dante.

Jared Marcuson hosted his fifth year alumni reunion at the Brad Marcuson home Saturday. Among those attending from the class of 2008 was Jessica Bremer.

Others in classes celebrating alumni reunions this Alumni/Memorial Day weekend were Jerry Olson, class of 1963; Elwood May, class of 1968; Julie Helmkamp Gar-

diner, class of 1973; Karen Waterman Eskew and Ken Badsky, class of 1978; Paul Shields, class of 1983; Greg Unger, Kayla Unger, and Kristy Unger Beagle, class of 1988; Kenyon Badsky, class of 2003; and Rory Wendelin, class of 2008.

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16	17	18 Dr. Frederick C. Miller Cardiology	19	20 Dr. Reeves Podiatry	21 Dr. Reeves Podiatry	22
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## Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Sympathy is extended to the family of Gaynor Carlson, 83, who died Friday at his home in McPherson. He and his wife, the late Helena Carlson, and their children, Vincent and Carla, are formerly of this community.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. today (Wednesday) at Glidden-Ediger Chapel in McPherson with graveside services to follow at 4 p.m. at the Atwood Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Mike McVay officiating.

Dolores Benda will be celebrating her 85th birthday on June 3. Mail will reach her at Blue Danube, 220 S. Main, Smith, Texas, 76040.

Connie Euleth of Chippawa, Wis., came to attend the 50th anniversary

of her graduating class from Decatur Community High School. She also visited her mother, Eulaine Benda. Losson and Leanne Pike of Ashland and Brandon and Sarah White of Gardner were additional weekend visitors of Mrs. Benda, Gerald and Patti Benda and Mark and Barbara Olson and family. The Whites attended the 10th reunion of the 2003 class in Oberlin.

Keith and Mary Lou Olson accompanied Mark Olson to Denver on Wednesday where they spent the day with Rex Olson, a patient at Presbyterian/St. Luke's Hospital. They were joined by Sam Olson of Boulder, Colo.

Larry and Judy Thelander of Salina and Ken and Alice Robson

of Ellsworth were weekend guests of Esther Noren and attended class reunions in Oberlin.

Weekend guests of Dick and Donna Kelley were Cheryl Stull, Solomon, who came for her 50th class reunion, and Kirk Kelley, Davenport, Iowa. Wane Stull joined them on Sunday after attending his class reunion. Additional relatives who visited over the weekend with them and Elden and Detta Anderson and other relatives were Helen Jaderborg, Longmont, Colo., and Janice Sauvage, Las Vegas, Nev.

Michael Noren left this week with the Teens for Christ group for Kary, Miss., where they will be doing missionary work for two weeks.