

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

## 125 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1882

Squire Darlenson performed his first marriage ceremony Tuesday. Jerry Wheeler returned from the Arickaree Monday. Let us caution you again about prairie fires. Misses Blanche Rodehaver and Edith Allen called at our sanctum Monday. J.W. Allen & Son have remodeled their store this week and it looks like new. The township trustee requests the small boys to quit running their horses across the Sappa bridge as it is injurious to the horses and dangerous to the boys. Lewis Johnson, brother of Mrs. Wm. Love, arrived with his family from Illinois Saturday. Troops are being sent to Utah as there is likely to be trouble with the Mormons this fall. They are a troublesome set out there and should be made to respect the laws of the land.

## 100 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1907

Farmers are busy sowing wheat these days. Many people expected a heavy frost Friday morning but they were fooled. Willis Cullison traded his automobile last week to Charley Cook for the two lots just west of the Strain residence in Oberlin. We understand Cook will use the car on the mail route of No. 2. Egbert Tilden and his son, Dr. L.C., left Tuesday for Texas. The Doctor will be away a couple of weeks and the old gentleman may stay all winter if he likes the climate. Dollie and Perry Deupree sold to John Grossniklaus last week a part of their farm—40 acres—for \$1000. L.W. Riley bought out the Red Light restaurant last week and his son Emmett will take charge of it in the near future. Allison Items: H.D. Heatherington's new residence will make a great improvement in the community. Kanona Items: Jim Heller is building a nice two-story house. South Sappa News: The O'Toole schoolhouse was newly shingled this week by Jim Woolley. He is a good workman.

## 75 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1932

The organization of the Community Chest to distribute clothing to the needy is being handled differently this year. Persons needing clothing should submit a written list of clothing and sizes needed and whether for boys or girls to Miss Alice Aronson, county superintendent or Mrs. Gilbert Stephens, committee chairman, at the courthouse before Oct. 13. Meanwhile those who have clothing and bedding to donate are asked to bring it to the community room prior to that date.

Shoes will be fitted when requested and clothing packages are called for.

Coach Anderson's 1932 warriors will open their season Friday at 3 p.m. with McCook. Probable lineup will be: Francis, running back; Swede Anderson and Joe Martin, halfbacks, and Leo Ridgway, quarter; in the line will be Maggard and Waldo, tackles; Chilson and Simpson, guards; Clawson, center; and Kahlor and Jim Marton, ends. Francis Hackney, one of the regular guards, has been on the sick list and will probably not play. Elmer Hackney, a brother and a 180-pounder, will probably see some action before the game is over. Admission charges have been reduced from 50 to 35 cents this year so all can attend the games. In the history of the McCook-Oberlin football rivalry, McCook has only won one game.

The ladies of Oberlin and the community are invited to bring quilts and fancy work for a display at the M.E. Church Oct. 6 from 10 to 4. The ladies will serve a 25-cent chicken pie dinner at noon. Everybody is welcome. —adv.

Court House News: A marriage license was issued to Harold Nelson, 26, Oberlin, and Miss Lillian Carlson, 20, of Herndon; to Gerald Bryan, 22, Oberlin, and Miss Bessie Raburn, Lebanon, Neb.

Dresden: A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Merle Sewell Monday of last week.

Norcat: The freshman class officers are: president, Marguerite Butler; vice president, Vyril Leichter; secretary-treasurer, Vera Wycoff; and reporter, Nola Hanchet; sophomore officers are: president, Eldon Vanover; vice-president, Jaquetta Railsback; secretary-treasurer, Elsie Alexander; and cheer leader, Muriel West.

Leoville: Mrs. Barney Schieferecke and baby visited in Dresden on Sunday.

## 50 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1957

A quarter-million dollar suit has been filed in the district court of Decatur County for damages for personal injuries to Clarence Kenneth Mowry, 21, of Jennings. Basis of the suit is an auto accident that happened Oct. 9, 1954, east of Atwood. The case is similar to one filed Jan. 5, 1956, in which Albert and Amanda Hickert sued for \$15,000 against William Wright, Norcat; Franklyn D. Shimmick, Jennings; and Blevins S. Brooks, doing business at Brooks Motor Company, Norton, in the death of their daughter, Caroline, 17, killed in the crash. That case has never been completed pending an appeal to the Kansas Supreme Court in which a decision has not been made

but the statute of limitations would have applied in the Mowry case in November.

Gary Guinn, a McCook Junior College student who lives just southwest of Oberlin, has a gun collection which includes the gun "that won the West," as well as a rifle perhaps used by an Arab desert chief 300 years ago and an 8-gauge double-barrel shotgun that weighs 16 pounds.

J.H. Monaghan, 62, Colorado's first racing commission chairman and a widely known horse racing figure, died in Denver. Mr. Monaghan and his wife, the former Neta Miller, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Bert Miller, owned a 3,820-acre ranch in Decatur County.

Funeral services were conducted at the E.U.B. Church in Clayton for George W. Brooks, 85, prominent farmer and stockman who moved to the Clayton community with his parents in 1878. His wife, the former Ellen Kirk, and a son, James, predeceased him and he is survived by two sons, Glenn and Van, and five brothers, Lloyd, Frank, William, Carl and Elwood.

In a football game played here Friday night, Oberlin defeated Brewster 9-6 breaking an 8-game winning drought.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hatch, Herndon, son, John Ray, September 20; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lorentz, Herndon, son, Ricky Steven, Sept. 23.

## 25 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1982

Law enforcement officers were kept busy Thursday as they investigated three incidents within a 10-hour period. All three accidents involved semi-tractors and trailers and the most serious was on the west edge of Selden on U.S. 383 near Norbert Porsch, 52, who was driving a southbound pickup on a country road which collided with a westbound semi at the intersection, was fatally injured. Jim and Loretta Sullivan, manag-

ers of the local Sunflower Cinema Theater, have been notified that Mid-America Theaters Inc., which leases the county-owned theater, had undergone bankruptcy proceedings.

The Sullivans were told to "take inventory and lock the doors" after the Thursday night showing of "Annie." Craig Stout of Sharon Springs is corporate owner which involves some 50 theaters in the chain.

Carolyn Wurm, one of the organizers of the second annual Threshing and Antique Show to be held this weekend at the Decatur County fairground, said the turnout of exhibitors looks to be very promising.

Dr. and Mrs. Larry VanVleet, Bakersfield, Calif., visited last week in Oberlin with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth VanVleet. Dr. Van Vleet is doing a residency in Bakersfield but will spend the next two months at the Veterans Hospital in Los Angeles.

Two area newspapers said it couldn't be done, but Oberlin DID beat Colby during the Devils' homecoming game Friday evening and by a convincing 28-6 score. Senior Brian Moore had the best night ever as he scored all four touchdowns.

"How sweet it is. We beat Colby on our home field in front of a huge crowd," commented Coach Harlan who praised the tough guys on the line and great running by backs Dave Aker, Jay Smith and Buck Matson.

Sunday's CROP Walk will cover a 10-mile course that has been mapped out starting from the Oberlin City Park, proceeding along country roads northeast of town and ending on the county road just north of Sappa Creek State Park. According to the Rev. Greg Larsen, county chairperson, the walkers will then be treated to a lunch at the state park donated by the Rotary and Lions clubs of Oberlin.

## Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

It was 49 years ago this week that the Decatur County Museum had its official grand opening, and the first celebration commemorating those killed in the Last Indian Raid of Kansas.

It was at this celebration that a contest was held to name this annual event. So the name and spelling ... Mini Sapa.

We hope you make time to come and celebrate with us. In an article elsewhere in this paper you will find the schedule and information pertaining to the day's activities. There are flyers in the business windows and on bulletin boards around town,

and members received in their newsletters the schedule of times and activities.

The refrigerator in the office "died" over the weekend and if anyone has a good used one that you would donate to the museum it would be greatly appreciated.

You can call us at (785) 475-2712 and we will make arrangements to pick it up.

The weather sounds great for Saturday so plan to spend the day taking in the activities at the Museum, shopping the many Antique Stores, and stop by the Antique Engine and Thresher show at the fairgrounds.

## Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

The Houston House has been lit up since the RVICS have come to town, guests of Shepherd's Staff, to volunteer their time making improvements and getting the house ready for show time. (I have heard rumors it could be ready at Christmas.)

Starting Monday, Oct. 1, Jan Ackerman will assume the duties as administrative assistant at The Shepherd's Staff in Rexford. Jan has retired from journalism and will work part-time for the facility.

And wow, what a great football weekend for K-State Wildcats and Kansas City Chiefs fans. My sister, Deb Thompson, and her husband, Dan, called us when the score was K-State 28, Texas A&M 21, whinnying that Texas was getting beat up.

Flu shots will be available on Monday, Oct. 8, at a couple of locations: The Red Barn from 1:30 to 3 p.m., then the nurses will come to the school and administer shots there as well. The cost is \$31 unless you have Blue Cross Blue Shield or Medicare coverage.

Royal Neighbors of America Lodge met at the home of Jean Hawkins with five members present: Marjorie Leh, Grace Cheney, Betty Carswell, Darlene Robbin and Jean Hawkins. After Lodge they joined the Come On Down group, Lawrence Horinek, Rex Carswell and Dick Sanford. Margie Leh worked on the jigsaw puzzle while the others played cards.

Recently Sondra Barnett spent 10 days in the state of Washington. She flew from Denver and then rented

a car in Seattle to do some sightseeing and visiting. For five days she visited her daughter-in-law, Lori, and sons Mitchel, Matthew, Elijah and Joshua in Moses Lake. The weather was absolutely perfect for the soccer games and practices they attended and other things they did outdoors.

While in the state, Sondra enjoyed supper with a cousin, Doug and Carol Williams in Maple Valley. She also spent a couple of days with another cousin, Maryanne and Ned Face, who live in Oak Harbor on Whidbey Island, very near Canada. Their home is situated right on the ocean with only a two-foot bulkhead between them and the beach, or the water when the tide comes in. The last morning at their home, a seal came to play in front of their house, coming very near in response to Maryanne's "barking." One would wonder exactly what she was saying to it. Then Sondra joined over 10,000 women, men and young people from around the world and 13 from the Kansas west area for the 40th anniversary celebration of Aglow. It was a wonderful trip with both business and pleasure mixed to a proper proportion!

Cleda Moeder and Buck Harper went to Logan last weekend to visit Hazel Richardson.

On Monday, Oct. 8, Golden Plains will have parent/teacher conferences. Information on school activities can be seen on the Golden Plains web page: www.usd316.k12.ks.us. Judy Rogers is the technology director for the school and does a wonderful job instructing students on creating the web page.

Mrs. Rogers also teaches business classes and leads the yearbook staff.

Red Barn ongoing activities: Barnswallows, Monday, 2 p.m.; Bible study, Wednesday, 10 to

11:30 a.m.; Come on Down, 2 p.m., Thursday; and Koffee Klatch, Friday, 9:30 a.m.

Until next time, make your week memorable.

## Herndon News

By Voni Sattler

Congratulations to Marvin and Dixie Lorentz of McCook on being selected for Honor Family during the Heritage Days 2007 celebration in McCook over the weekend. He is a brother of Clarence Lorentz of Herndon.

Word has been received of the death of Voni Sattler's brother-in-law, John Wood, 75, of Littleton, Colo., on Friday night. Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday at the United Methodist Church in Littleton, Colo. His wife is the former Dolores Matson, a sister of Mrs. Sattler.

Pat and Elsie Haller of Hemingford, Neb., were Saturday visitors of Ann Martin.

Damian Marintzer, Amy Marintzer and Jeff Reid of Westminster, Colo.; John and Cindy Marintzer, Northglenn, Colo.; and Danny and Jo Marintzer, Omaha, were in Herndon visiting relatives and friends over the weekend. They also visited Doris and Helen Marintzer and other friends and relatives in Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin.

Overnight guests last week of Pam and Stu Stuczynsk were Leona Owens and her sister, Shirley, of Canon City, Colo. They had been

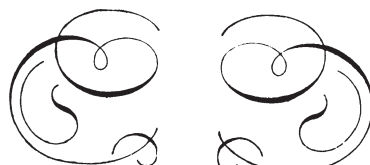
visiting relatives in the area and stopped in Herndon before returning home.

Steve and Jeanine Campbell of Salina were weekend guests of Jim and Sharon Vogel.

Jean Ann Leitner of Herndon and Kristyn and Kameron Clapp of Culbertson were Friday dinner guests of Don and Joan Grafel. On Saturday, Don and Joan Grafel went to watch their granddaughter, Kayla Grafel, play in a volleyball tournament at Oakley. They also visited with their son, Kurt and Kris Grafel and Courtney of Utica, who were there to watch Kayla play.

Army Pvt. Jennifer L. Spicer has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. She is the daughter of Connie Mitchell of Broomfield, Colo., and a granddaughter of Walter and Olive Hafner of Herndon. She is a 2007 graduate of High Plains High School, Thornton, Colo.

The Herndon Library is open from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday.



## Cedar Living News

All of the residents at Cedar Living Center will be sorry to see the garden season come to an end. We grew a few of our own vegetables in our garden boxes, but most of our fresh produce came from generous donations from people in the community. Thanks to everyone who shared from their garden. I do not know all of our donors, but I will say a special thanks to Ray Corcoran who brought tomatoes, cucumbers, and onions several times during the season.

Other recent donations include stuffed animals from the Pi Alpha Club, money from the ZCJB Lodge to be used for Halloween, and a box of craft supplies from Tina Williams. We are always grateful for the generosity of so many in our community.

Monday afternoon residents met in the dining room for a game of dice. Most everyone ended up winning at least one round. Later in the afternoon we joined Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack for the sing-along time.

Fern Moore hosted the reading group on Tuesday morning.

Betty Harden celebrated her birthday on Tuesday. Family members Lloyd Harden, Jerry Wolfram, and Jeanette Adams brought cake and ice cream to share with all of the residents and staff. They also ate lunch with Betty and Lloyd stayed to play bingo.

John Schuhart won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Paul Sass won the blackout game.

The pinochle players met for a game on Wednesday afternoon while some of the other residents went outside to enjoy the beautiful

afternoon. Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Father Henry brought Catholic Mass on Thursday morning.

The bowling group met for a game on Thursday afternoon. Refreshments were served following the game.

The baking group fried eggplant on Friday afternoon.

The eggplant was grown at Cedar Living Center.

Grace Cook was the guest of honor at a birthday dinner on noon on Sunday. Jeanette Miller, Sammie Steinmetz, and A.J. Miller helped her celebrate.

Recent visitors: Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludel Jeanette Adams, Cheyenne, Wyo.; Jerry Wolfram, Ann Martin, Linda Bosler, Frank Cox, Herndon; Teresa Anderson, Denver; John Kleidosty, Bette Kleidosty, North Platte, Neb.; Dorothy Ward, Waverly, Reames, Leslie Ward, Norcat; Lloyd Harden, Goodland;

Margaret Stanley, Colby; Tony and Bev Kleidosty, Riverdale, Neb.; Jan Sattler, Atwood; Marlene and Tom Cook, Parker, Colo.; Doyle and Kay Brown, Jennings; A.J. Miller, Ulysses; Luke and Christy Carter, Wichita; Rick and Tammy Shaw, Selden; Connie and Curtis Meixner, Arkansas City;

Jon, Ana, and Spencer Wishon, Darlene Fisher, Opal Huntley, Jeanne Isbell, Lyle Gamblin, Barb Solko, Roxie Pomeroy, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Marie Jean Vavroch, Phyll Cramer, Marguerite Bailey, Earl Brown, Ella Betts, Regina Stanley, Jan Matheny, Roxie Pomeroy, Dennis Thomas.

## Good Samaritan News

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Psalm 51:10

Do you remember the children's nursery rhyme, "Here We Go 'Round the Mulberry Bush"? All week long we celebrated that little ditty, stirring up some lively conversations and reminiscing about daily chores.

Every day but Thursday Kim Langness brought her girls, Sarah, Ruth Ann, and Esther to sing the appropriate verse while going 'round the mulberry bush. On Thursday, Amy Carman brought Isaac, Moriah and baby Gideon. They all delighted the residents, dressed in aprons and kerchiefs. It was quite a commitment for those moms to be there with their homeschooled kids each morning, but hopefully the smiles and hugs they received made it all worthwhile!

Monday was Wash Day, of course. The dining room boasted an antique washtub and a washboard. A clothesline hung between two trees behind an old picket fence. During Social Hour, Jeanette Diederich brought in some more old tubs and a plunger-type agitator. Anita Hirsch was planning to give a demonstration, but was quickly upstaged by Fern Anderson. Several ladies gathered around as Fern bent over the washtub, grinning and showing us young folks how it was done, all of the while describing for us wash days of long ago.

Mildred Holmdahl and Erlene Schroer were back to engage some ladies in a game of Canasta. It's been quite awhile since the Canasta crew gathered and they made up for lost time! Edla Olson, Lora Zwickle, Opal Bryan and Thelma Spiers played.

Tuesday was Ironing Day. An old wooden ironing board appeared next to the washtub with an old Westinghouse electric iron, probably from the 40s. A pretty tablecloth lay across the board waiting for a good pressing. We finished ironing day with "Wrinkled-up Word Game." This was a spin on Outburst. The residents were asked to name things that are wrinkled or that need to be ironed, trying to match words on my list.

Wednesday was Scrub the Floor Day. A galvanized bucket and scrub brushes were added to the display. Beyond the children's rhyme, it was a pretty ordinary Wednesday.

Thursday was Mending Day. A trundle Singer sewing machine added a warm cozy feel to our array of daily chores. Since the week has been spent cleaning our physical home, in Bible Study we discussed cleaning up our spiritual houses. Edla Olson, Amy Rehm, Jeanette Conway, Fern Anderson, Eva Bryan, Lora Zwickle, Kathryn Post and Hazel Flaska all attended.

Friday was Sweep the Floor Day. And yes, a broom was added.

Saturday was Baking Day so Lora Zwickle, Opal Bryan and Amy Rehm teamed up with Jeanette Diederich to bake cinnamon knots

to tickle our taste buds and finish the week of chores. The three posed for pictures during the Cook's Parade at Social Hour.

And then, to top it off we played Broom Ball! Nadine Anderson, Marie McChesney, Hazel Flaska, Doris Marintzer, Elsie Macy and Ruth McQuiston took part. While this lively game was taking place, another table of ladies were having a lively time of reminiscing, including Lora Zwickle, Opal Bryan, Kathryn Post, Eleanore Demmer and Edla Olson.

On Saturday, Larry Mack came to play Texas Hold 'Em with Pooch Portschy, Lora Zwickle, Lucy Schissler and Doris Miller. They ate pizza and took home prizes.

As I looked at the display before I dismantled it, I thought, "It's enough to make you tired." But at the same time, the routine and memories of it all are homey and pleasing and tug at your heartstrings. It has been a fun, full, busy, very good week!

Visitors for this week and last were: **Lucy Schissler:** Margaret Fikan, Atwood; Mabel McLaughlin, Sturgeon, Mo.; Mert McEvoy; **Dorothy Hunt:** Ron and Dixie Snyder, Colby; Reva Marshall, Mildred Black; **Alvina Unger:** Hertha Kelley, St. Francis; Kathy Wiley, Idalia, Colo.; **Lora Zwickle and Kathryn Post:** Doris Fringer; **Doris Marintzer and Hubert Mumm:** Bud and Vicky Mumm, Gem; **Hubert Mumm:** Ken Mumm, Colby; Clem Mumm, Alberta Ritter and Eleanor and Jim Rogers, Selden; Gordon and Judy Smith, Greeley, Colo.; **Faye Miller:** Rhonda Wildeman, Jennings; Lois Lamb; **Elaine Thomas:** Bob and Ronda Haskins, Broomfield, Colo.; Barbara Castor; **Ethel Nemeth:** Shelby Hackney, Helen Brooks; **Opal Bryan:** Brian and Pam Simonsson, Sharon Slabaugh, Lois Lamb, Estella Waldo, Eunice Wenger; **Hazel Flaska:** Gerald and Charlene Karnes, Salina; Arden and LaJean Flaska, Lakeside, Calif.; **Thelma Spiers:** Don and Joan Grafel, Herndon; **Eva Bryan:** Donna and Dick Kelley; **Lora Zwickle:** Ron and Dixie Snyder, Colby; Estella Waldo, Eunice Wenger; **John and Muriel Ready:** Lois Lamb, Helen Gee; **Ruth McQuiston and Amy Rehm:** Helen Gee.

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