

Events of Yesteryear

By Joan Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1888

Leap Year parties are now in order. Beware: take care.

The coldest weather known to the oldest inhabitant abided with us last week. 24 degrees below zero Saturday morning and 26 below Sunday morning.

County Treasurer Ira Kellogg is in Topeka this week making settlement with the State Treasurer.

During the recent frigid weather Charles Maddox kept his feet warm thinking how nice his black walnut grove would appear about June.

Petitions are in circulation in Rawlins to relocate the county seat. Blakeman is seeking to take the honor away from Atwood.

Our new sheriff, Perry Branson, has appointed Frank Coard as deputy.

Norcatu Register: Mr. Chas. Van Pelt came down from Oberlin last week and assumed his duties as president of the Bank of Norcatu.

100 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1913

New faces in the county offices are as follows: C.W. Bainter, sheriff in place of Reo Griffin; as register of deeds, Frank Votapka takes the place of Bert Wernette; O.E. Furman succeeds L.M. Deupree as clerk of the district court and Sam B. Weir steps into the shoes of Geo. W. Macfee as probate judge.

The new county officials gave the retiring officials a big supper Monday evening at the Fleming restaurant.

The ice men got busy Tuesday morning.

George Jackson has built his ice house and is putting up a large amount. Bivans, Fleming and Goodrich will complete their ice harvest this week.

Mr. Ben Borthwick and Miss Gusta Lunkenheimer were married December 31st.

Geo. H. Hoadley of Selden was over on Saturday accompanied by a man by the name of Hull, who traded a Sheridan County farm for Mr.

Hoadley's Oberlin city property.

75 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1938

A fire which started in the basement gutted the brick grade school building at Selden. According to a telephone report to the Herald from Mr. Ivan Lytle, principal of Selden High School, the fire had gained good headway when it was discovered by the janitor, Mr. VanVleet, about 5:30 Wednesday morning.

Eugene Jones, allegedly the man who poked a gun through the teller's window at the Dresden State Bank Dec. 14 and relieved that institution of the care of \$442 walked out of the county jail here Tuesday a free man — until the date of his trial early in March. Jones left with his parents and brother of Hill City after filing a \$10,000 appearance bond. Surety of the bond was provided by John W. Diebolt of near Wakeeney whose worth was learned to be between 20 and 80 thousand dollars, and by 16 other endorsers on the bond whose value ranged from \$500 to \$2000 each.

Elam H. Reist, one of the best known hatchery men in this section of the state who has managed the Oberlin Hatchery since its opening 11 years ago, has accepted a position as manager of the Thomas County Hatchery at Colby.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Raymond of Covina, Calif., parents of Myron Raymond, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Dec. 17. M. Raymond recalls as a small boy in Kansas that for two years no meat was available in their home but that of buffalo.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sandy, accompanied by several high school basketball players, Joe Ridgway, Virgil McKenzie, Bud Weir and Bill Smick, attended the first conference game of basketball last Saturday night at Hays and witnessed the victory over the Emporia Teachers.

50 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1963

Although not too well distributed, moisture received in Decatur County during 1962 exceeded the average annual moisture by about 3 and a half inches with a total of 24.36 inches.

Gerald (Jerry) Cathcart is the new Oberlin fire chief and building inspector. Cathcart fills the resignation created by the resignation of Fred Miesner.

Ken Rydquist became the owner of Cullighn Soft Water Service effective Jan. 1. He purchased the half-interest of Mr. and Mrs. J.R. (Jim) Sage. The Cullighn Service covers three counties, Decatur, Norton and Rawlins.

Wert Frerichs was appointed Oberlin Police Judge by the City Council. He succeeds the late Conrad Baker who died Dec. 19 and had served as police judge since 1952.

Norcatu: A burglar struck the night of Jan. 1 and a cafe and pool hall were broken into. An attempt was also made to enter the grocery store.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Urban announce the engagement of their daughter, Robin Dee, to William A. DeMay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hal DeMay of Cedar Bluffs.

25 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1988

Dennis Sloan was elected as chairman of the Decatur County commissioners for the new fiscal year.

Oran Milner, veteran Decatur County teacher, has been nominated by board members and teachers of USD 294 for the Master Teacher Award.

Two adopted children of the late Thelma Gillespie, rural Jennings, have acquired legal counsel to contest the will that was submitted to probate last week in Norton County leaving the entire estate to the Andbe Home, the Norton hospital and library and nothing to Judy and John who were adopted from a foster home at the ages 6 and 5 by the late Ed and Thelma Gillespie.

Debra Fossum, Danbury, Neb., and Michael Helm, Norcatu, have announced their engagement. The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fossum, Phoenix, Ariz., and teaches first and second grade at Beaver Valley School. Her fiancée is a rural mail carrier and farmer. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. John Helm, Norcatu.

Marilyn Sue Mai and Steven Douglas Deines were married Oct. 10, 1987, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Russell. The bride is a graduate of Russell High School and her husband is a graduate of DCHS and both are graduates of Kansas State University. She has been employed in St. Louis as a senior research biochemist and he is an associate physicist at the Applied Physics Laboratory. They will make their home in Pasadena, Md.

Funeral services were held for a well-known Decatur County resident, Charles "Chuck" Young who died Jan. 18 at the age of 55. He was a graduate of DCHS, of Kansas State University and served as a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Artillery. He was married to the former Barbara Jeffus and they made their home on a farm southwest of Oberlin. He is also survived by three sons, Mark, Kirk and Dana, a daughter, Lisa; his mother, Louise Leake; a brother, Robert Young, a sister, Margaret Martin and three grandchildren.

Paulo Ramos, a Rotary International Exchange student from Brazil, has returned to his home in Brazil. While attending DCHS the past year he has made his home with Ward and Janice Sauvage, Ray and Sue Rome and Rusty and Sharon Adleman.

In sports action, the DCHS girls basketball team won over Scott City 54-41 while the boys lost a heartbreaker 69-68 on the home court. Winner of the Oberlin Invitational Wrestling Tournament was Concordia.

Chamber News

By David Swank

Membership! Membership! Membership! Last month, membership letters went out — do you know where yours is? Did it get left on the table in the hall? Maybe it's on the kitchen counter? If you haven't sent in your membership, find it and send it in! (Or, give us a call: 475-3441, and we'll mail you another one.)

But, you may ask, why should I part with my hard-earned money? How does my \$125 (for business) or \$50 (for individuals) help Oberlin and Decatur County? Answer: Your money gives the Chamber and Oberlin Business Alliance working capital to advance the commercial, industrial, agricultural, professional and civic interests of Decatur County.

For example, it helps to promote the Highway 36 Treasure Hunt, the Holiday Arts and Craft Show, and alumni weekend activities — all of which bring in money and visitors to Oberlin and the county. It supports the Administrative Professionals

Day Luncheon, the Back-to-School Picnic, the Halloween Spook Parade and the biannual Farmers Ranchers Banquet — important civic and professional activities. It encourages tourism and supports a whole host of other activities which brings people together and engender community spirit. Without your membership and support, the Chamber and alliance cannot do what they're chartered to do — period.

And while membership dues are important, the Chamber also needs your participation. We're looking for three board members for the coming year — people who have the time and inclination to lend a hand — get involved — lead an event or project — actively participate in community events. Are you interested? Do you have the time? If so, please call the Chamber office and leave a message.

More news: The Annual Membership Banquet will be held on Saturday, Feb. 2, at the Old Bohemian Hall of the Last Indian Raid

Museum. In addition to the annual meeting, it will feature the Chamber's first Meatloaf Cookoff.

This will be a fun event. Contestants will bring a meatloaf decorated with anything edible. We welcome all creative people to participate. Awards will be given in categories of most creative, best taste and the best overall, with that winner being crowned "2013 Meatloaf Royalty."

Anyone interested in being a contestant needs to contact the Chamber office at 475-3441, or Galen Olson at (785) 470-0043, by Monday, Jan.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

As a correction to last week's column, Ryan and Darci Unger of St. Francis also joined Ralph and Norma Unger, the Bob Gorrell family and Drew, Ty, and Brock Zweygardt at the Butch Rittmann home in Shawnee the weekend

before Christmas to celebrate their family Christmas.

Due to illness of the correspondent, any remaining after-Christmas news will be printed in next week's column. Until then, try to stay well.

Think Meatloaf!

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

I am home and ready to work at being mobile again — on both feet, that is. I want to thank everyone who has been so good to help: family, doctors, nurses, all hospital and nursing home help and friends. What would we do without them? I still can't bear weight on my left foot, but hope to before long. I have a ramp to help get in and out of my house but haven't yet because of snow and ice.

Kathy Van Meter and Lloyd Frandsen had their Christmas dinner at her son Kim's on Saturday and hadn't done much because of weather. They went to Lyle and Lloyd scooped a path for Toots Magers to get to her mailbox.

Jane Engelhardt took Pam and Mike Horney, Toots Magers, and Charlie and Judy Easton to the J.T. Guy family in Abilene for pre-Christmas dinner, then Jane, Pam and Mike were at the home of Toot for Christmas dinner. It was blizzarding at the Eastons in Quinter that day.

Eight people met for dinner at Lyle after church. Judy and Charlie Easton and Jane Engelhardt went to Toots' afterward, did some work and some visiting and card playing.

Larry Van Otterloo cleaned snow off the Community Building yard, and Mr. Marble cleaned Toots' driveway. Thanks to both.

June Jolly's family, all except Sarah and Colton, had their Christmas brunch with daughter, Linda. She attended her KT Club on Thursday, on Friday went to Norton for her yearly calendar, played cards at Norcatu, and played again at McCook that evening. She and a neighbor saw the New Year in at home.

We, the Wood family, had our Christmas dinner at the special room at Cedar Living Center. Carol and John Moye, Dwight and Teresa Wood, Andre Lafebre, Tom Baker and Cheryl Parrish brought a wonderful dinner and some of the men played guitars and sang. Grandchildren, Adrienne, Aubrey, Kylie, and Skylar ate with us, also. Other grandchildren who visited during the week were Tobias and Jennie Wood; Hannah, Israel, Landon and Layton Jirak; Hester, Cohen and Cruise Bundrock; Emily, Garrett, and Mariah Bader and friends.

Keith Anthony is back in his home in Norcatu to recuperate further.

Cold and flu season is in full gear, or at least it seems to be from the people I've talked to. I myself have been hiding out a bit, since I was hit by a bug and didn't want to spread anything around.

The seasonal uptick in illnesses means many more people have had the chance to meet Oberlin's new physician, Dr. Robert Rosin. One thing about Dr. Rosin that I thought might be interesting for people to know is that he's a different sort of doctor than some we've had before in Oberlin.

All of our doctors have been primary-care physicians, but there are different types. Generally we've had doctors who practice family medicine. Dr. Rosin, however, is an internist.

All types of doctors have the same ultimate goal, of course — to see each of their patients become and stay well. They just differ slightly in their particular interests. Family medicine practitioners base their knowledge of the patient in the context of their family and community, and they tend to emphasize disease prevention and health promotion.

Internists are particularly well-suited for detecting, preventing and treating complex illnesses in adults. They are trained to look

for the underlying causes of health problems, and to find answers to puzzling health problems. We're complex creatures, human beings, and the many systems we're composed of can interact in surprising ways sometimes. An internist wants to know everything going on inside a person to get a clear picture of their health.

It only makes sense, then, that accurate information is absolutely essential to an internist being able to do his job. We were fortunate here that keeping current with medical technologies such as the CT machine helped make Oberlin an attractive option to a skilled internist like Dr. Rosin.

Not that that means a person needs to be impressively sick to be seen by an internist. A sore throat and a fever will get the same quality care as something more serious — as many flu patients around town can attest.

Meatloaf

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

The residents of Cedar Living Center had a quiet and restful weekend due to illness in the facility. We have tried passing a bug around all week, but when it got worse over the weekend, the nurses made a wise decision to cancel activities, keep the sick folks in bed and turn away visitors.

We hope that everyone is on the mend now, but any visitors with concerns should call first to check with the charge nurse before visiting. As always, we remind visitors to stay away when not feeling well. We did find the time and energy to ring in the New Year before illness canceled the fun. Monday afternoon residents met for a bit of trivia about New Year's celebrations around the world. Teresa Shaughnessy shared a loaf of homemade banana bread with those who attended.

Residents met to sing a few tunes before supper on Monday afternoon with help from our sing-along CD collection. We even managed a rousing rendition of "Auld Lang Syne." Everyone received a New Year's kiss, of the chocolate variety, compliments of the activity department along with supper on Monday.

Residents Wilma May and Beth Sebaugh both celebrated birthdays on New Year's Eve. Each received lots of well wishes on their special day.

A small group of residents met on Tuesday afternoon to play a game of penny cards. Marguerite Bailey was the big winner.

Our holiday decorations were taken down, packed up, and put

away on Wednesday. It was sad to see them go.

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

The weekly bingo game was played on Thursday afternoon again this week due to the holiday on Tuesday. Mary Votapka was the big winner of the afternoon, winning both the first bingo and the blackout game.

The baking group made oatmeal peanut butter cookies on Friday afternoon. They turned out especially good and the bakers had a wonderful afternoon of visiting on a variety of subjects.

Recent visitors: Aaron and Robie Helm, Fort Hood, Texas; Jarrett, Anne, Carolyn and Ethan Cook, Bayfield, Colo.; Jacob Helm, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs; Kara, Zac and Brooke Brashears, Valentine, Neb.; Kathy and Hezzy Brashears, Curtis, Neb.; Derek, Maria, Dylon, Leah and Halle Danner, Helena, Brian, Hunter and Colton Parks, Cambridge, Neb.; Rick and Sharon Gamblin, Columbus, Neb.; Martin and Ceanne Rinehart, Ogallala, Neb.; Kathy Shaffer, Jaime Helm and Mishae Lepper, Jim and Yanis Helm, McCook; Kelly Olson, Manhattan; John Shirley, Scott City; Tara Larson, John Rinehart, Colby; Jalyn Shaw, Selden; Deb, Mike, Matthew and Timothy Helm, Norcatu.

Oberlin visitors: Connie Olson, Dolores Koerperich, Robert and Penny Fringer, Sherri Shuler, Laurie Wasson, Mary McEvoy, Herb Shirley.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day guests at the home of Joe and Nadine Green were Connie, Jerry and Kylie Reitcheck, Jeanne, Mitchell and Brittany Tuma and Marty Ruda, Colby; Jenna Patmon, Hoxie; Jeff Ruda, Hays; Robert and Patti Chartier and Dave and Debbie Unger, Ozawkie; and Dave, Baron and Emma Green. They attended Christmas Mass at St. Mary's Church in Herndon.

Jerry Reitcheck spent Christmas Day with his dad at Prairie Plaza in Atwood. Bob and Patti had Christmas dinner with Beth, Kenny, Stacy and Bethany Chartier at the Kenny Chartier home. Dave Unger spent Christmas afternoon with his parents, Evan and Sheryl Unger.

Christmas Eve afternoon and evening guests of Eileen Portschy were Abe, Alex, Addisyn and Amilie Marintzer, Neosha Rapids; Jacob, Tara, Kade and Phoebe Marintzer, Westmoreland; Caleb and Amy Kastens, Atwood; Elijah Kastens and friend, Becca, Hays; Marcus Portschy, Colby; Justin and Lori Marintzer, Isaac Marintzer and Bethany Chartier, Dean, Deb and Neil Porstchy, Cheri Kastens, Gene Kleidosty and Greg, Rita and Joe Marintzer, all of Herndon.

Kendra Solko, Omaha, spent a few days enjoying Christmas in Herndon with Pat and Charles Solko, family and friends.

Bart Ecker, Troy and Brandi Ecker, Hays, arrived Dec. 29 for their family Christmas with their mother, Sharon Ecker. Games were played, Christmas surprises unwrapped and a festive dinner

served Saturday evening. Family returned home Sunday after a fantastic weekend.

Jason Hafner and Raquel Frerichs of Lexington, Neb., came Sunday to celebrate Christmas with Bob and Julie Hafner. After dinner the family played the challenging game of Suspend, opened gifts and snacked on goodies before returning home in the evening.

Paul and Michelle Prevo and family of Logan, were guests of Roseanna Stoney recently. They celebrated Christmas at the Larry and Deb Stoney home with family.

Herndon received word recently of the death of Billy Thorne Henderson. He was born Dec. 15, 1925, to parents, William and Eula Henderson. He grew up in Rawlins County, graduating from Atwood High School in 1944. Billy died Dec. 12, in Rogers, Ark., and a funeral service was held Dec. 15 at Rollins Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Benton County Memorial Park in Rogers. The late Hazel Portschy of Herndon was the wife of Billy.

Sunday visitors of Bob and Geraldine Nemeth were his sister, Hulda Frick and Jerry and Iva Behnke of Indianola, Neb.; Rick Nemeth and Cheryl Timm.

Don and Terri Dechant, Greeley, Colo., celebrated Christmas Eve with Emmy Lou Sattler in Atwood. Family visiting and celebrating Emmy's 78th birthday over the holidays were John Sattler, Jacob, Hannah, Audrey and Caleb of Derby, and Leeann, Trevor, Tyler and Taran Sattler of Herndon, Joyce and Lolly and Terri.

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