

# Events of Yesteryear

By Joan Betts

## 125 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1887

Logan Township: The following is a list of the members of the lyceum:

S.R. Kelso, I.M. Cobb, Jane, E.P., Herbert, Emerson, Annie and Alice Doty, Add Wilsie, Annie Shultz, Geo. Bunn, Tyra Kelso, Annie and Bertha Simmons, Herman Schult, Lillie, Roy and Homer Kelso, Emma and Elsie Fox, Lina Johnson, Lizzie, Sophia and W. Muller, John Wangart, Fred Resor, N. Johnson, Aaron Johnson, Lillie Johnson, Nellie and Carrie Still, Ollie Kelso, Annie Doty, T.C. Pratt, C.D. and Laura Milleson, W.S. Langmade and Roe Griffin.

Colby Democrat: A baby was born on the Oberlin stage line, much to the surprise of the passengers, driver and mother.

Norton is circulating a petition asking an election to vote \$25,000 bonds for a new court house.

## 100 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1913

The post office fight is on in Oberlin. C.N. Page got out his petition for the place last week. Other candidates are: Frank H. Smith, S.J. Morrish, Bert Wernette and I.K. Huber.

Norcatut Items: The Model Cash Store is now doing a big business in the new brick on the corner. Zouhrie has decided to stay with Norcatut and has added new goods and a fine stock of groceries.

West Liberty: Frank Garver and Charlie Emerson have started their corn sheller.

## 75 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1938

Victor Lorig, 79, one of Oberlin's older citizens and a pioneer in the business life of the town has been laid to rest after more than 50 years of active and useful life in Oberlin. Born in Germany he came to Oberlin in 1886 and in 1888 he built the two-story brick building now occupied by the Duckwall Store and Claar Clothing. He was in the mercantile business for many years operating the leading store of the town. In recent years Mr. Lorig sold life insurance. His body was taken to Denver by train where rites were conducted and burial was made. He is survived by his wife, Rosa, of the home here and three sons: Julius of Denver, Marx of Durango, Colo., and Alvin of Washington, D.C.

P.A. Nitsch, owner of Paul's Oil Company at the junction of Highways 36 and 83, announced that Wert Frerichs of Hildreth, Nebr., has come here to be the new manager of the station replacing Dale Johnson who accepted a position as teacher in the city school this fall.

A business deal was closed last week whereby Albert and Ernest Unger, brothers, became the new owners of the service station and Spanish Village tourist cabins located at the southeast corner of the intersection of U.S. Highways 36 and 83.

Funeral services were held for Lem Gillette, 61, who died Jan. 17, 1938, in Fort Collins, Colo., but spent most of his life teaching in the Decatur County schools.

Dr. and Mrs. H. J. Morrison announce the marriage of their daughter,

Aileen, to Mr. Wenzel Waller, son of Mr. and Mrs. P.P. Waller of Seneca which took place Saturday, Jan. 22. Mr. Waller is manager of Kansas Gas and Pipeline Company here and the couple will make their home in a small apartment at the A.A. Dryden home.

## 50 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1963

If the weather cooperates, Type II Sabin oral polio vaccine will be given Saturday at the McClure building.

At a meeting of the Oberlin Consolidated School Board of Trustees, John R. Wright was named assistant grade school principal.

Funeral services were held for Albert A. Dryden, 71. Mr. and Mrs. Dryden and children, Jack and Marjorie, moved here in 1926 when he purchased the Oberlin Motor Company, franchised dealer for Chevrolet, Oldsmobile and Cadillac cars. A member of Oberlin Rotary Club, he had a record of 34 consecutive years of perfect attendance.

Robert J. (Bob) Brown has been promoted to the position of assistant trust officer with the United States National Bank of Omaha.

Lee Martin, DCHS 154-pounder, is Coach Jim Kinyon's choice for "Wrestler of the Week."

## 25 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1988

Speaking without notes, Jon Wefald, president of Kansas State University, charmed the crowd at the annual Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce banquet held at the Norcatut Community Center with an estimated 90 persons

in attendance.

New directors elected to the Chamber were Gary Walter for Oberlin; Alan Marietta, northwest; Jim Gaumer, southeast and Robert Montgomery, Norcatut. Continuing on the board are Connie Grafel, Don Bolt, Dave Mathes, Kent Reinhardt, Martha Nemeth, Charlie Myers, Brad Marcuson and Rodney O'Hare. The roast beef dinner was served by the Rebekah Lodge of Norcatut.

The Decatur County Republican caucus scheduled at the dining room of the Fifth Wheel was nearly moved to another location Monday night when more than 90 persons filled the small area. By a 54-35 vote Sen. Bob Dole won all five delegates to the First Congressional District convention to be held in Russell Feb. 20 and the state convention to be held in Topeka March 5. Decatur County Dole delegates will be Judy Little, Ralph Unger, Phyllis McKay, Rodney Scott and Connie Grafel. Alternates will be Chuck Frickey, Jack Metcalf, Ellen Morgan, Sharon Tally and Cheryl Metcalf.

New Arrival: Joni and Steven Shaw, Selden, daughter, Jessica Dawn, Jan. 20, 1988.

Crystal Corcoran, 11, of rural Oberlin, now has a yearling foal to raise and train, as a result of her winning entry in an "Adopt a Foal" contest sponsored by Colby Community College agriculture department. She is the daughter of Paul and Angela Corcoran.

## Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

There are still several people in Jennings area sick with flu-like symptoms. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

Those enjoying playing cards on Wednesday were: Eleanor Morel, Diane Carter, Agnes Wahlmeier, Carol Carter, Stan and Ramona Shaw, Scott Taylor, Wayne and Louise Cressler. We play every Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in the Sunflower Senior Center. Come join us.

There was no United Methodist Women's meeting Wednesday, due to a mix up in the date it was to be held. The Christmas decorations were taken down on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Reminder: Postal patrons meeting will be held at noon on Tuesday, Feb. 5, at the former Masonic Hall. This is an important meeting concerning the hours of our Post Office in the future.

The annual meeting of the Heritage Associates of Jennings, Czech Museum was held at the Royal Neighbor Hall on Jan. 17. President, Neoma Tacha, presided with

directors Mary Wahlmeier, Doyle Brown, Alice Mizer, Lila Jennings, Bob Tacha, and Dean Gawith present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as was the treasurer's report.

Directors elected for another three-year term were Mary Wahlmeier, Bob Tacha, Steve Hirsch, and Lila Jennings. Officers for next year will be Neoma Tacha, president; Mary Wahlmeier, vice president; Lila Jennings, secretary, and Dean Gawith, treasurer.

The wreaths at the cemetery will be taken up on Friday, weather permitting. Cory Simoneau gave us a progress report on the addition. The inside work has been completed and only the outside exterior painting and some cement work will be finished when weather permits. He has repaired the door and window on the Sol Rees bath house, outside light fixtures were put on the church building and he replaced the stool and faucet in the bath room.

The next meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 7.

## Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

The Herndon community extends sympathy to the family of Pete Portschy. He was born Jan. 21, 1933, to John and Frances (Mosher) Portschy on the farm near Herndon and died Saturday in Atwood. Pete was a 1951 Herndon High School graduate. Rosary will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Herndon. Services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at the church with burial at the church cemetery.

Bob and Julie Hafner were visitors of Janice Sattler, Hattie Toth and Shirley Williams in Atwood Tuesday afternoon.

Connor James Rippe was baptized at Sacred Heart Church in Atwood on Sunday morning with Father Nik Parker officiating. Sponsors were Mike and Amy Frie, friends who were here with their children Caitlin and Robbie from Arvada, Colo. Those attending the baptism along with the sponsors were Kevin and Megan Rippe, Lilly, Michaela, Allison, and Kimberly, Richard and Theresa Rippe, and Tim Rippe and Wyatt from Ludell, Brenda Schilde and Addison, Minneola, Rodney and Katelyn Rippe, Hays, Cheryl

Steinert, Lyons, and Dan and Gigi Sattler, Kayle and Jackie of McCook. The group enjoyed eating together at Park Hill.

Herndon seniors met Wednesday for their monthly dinner at the center. Janet Roark won the blackout and Sue Frick's name was drawn for the door prize. The next dinner meeting will be Feb. 20 at noon with all senior residents invited.

Catholics across the nation are celebrating 2013 as the Year of Faith. Pope Benedict XVI has authorized the granting of a plenary indulgence under certain conditions during this year. Special prayerful days may also be designated by the diocesan bishop. A plenary indulgence may also be received on any day during the Year of Faith when persons visit the place where they received the Sacrament of Baptism and renew their baptismal promises in any legitimate form. St. Mary's Catholic Church in Herndon saw over 2,000 baptisms the first 100 years from 1880-1980. The most recent was the baptism of Mason Davis, son of Justin and Jennifer Davis of Herndon.

## Norcatut News

By the Norcatut News Committee

Wava Reames hosted several family members during the Christmas holidays. She was also able to spend some time with her brother and his wife, Leslie and Lynn Ward in Norton.

Happy birthday wishes go out to: Dorothy Lawn, Jan. 17; Mary Sedlmayer, Jan. 18; Stan Applegate and Jason Gallentine, Jan. 20; Rebecca Cox, Jan. 21; Barbara McCool, Jan. 22.

Visiting Joyce Price over the New Year's holiday were her grandson and his family, Jason and Kathy Jury, Connor and MacKinzy, Kenard, Neb.; and grandson, Richard Jurey, Edmond, Okla.

Tara Nelson and Anita Volskay, Independence, Mo., were houseguests of Bee Nelson just before Christmas. During their stay they did some painting at Wayne and Norma McCallister's home. Tara also played for church services on Dec. 23.

Helen McVay, San Antonio, Texs, and Ken and Connor McVay, Wamego, joined Kathy, Dennis, Max and Ben Bergkamp at their home in San Antonio for Christmas

dinner.

Bee Nelson and Dorothy Ward ate chicken and noodles at Jerry's Bar and Grill after church Jan. 6. Later they attended the free movie at the Norcatut City Building sponsored by the Norcatut Library. Jodi Lyon went with them.

On Sunday at 2 p.m., a birthday party will be held for Helen Helm at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin. Everyone is invited to attend. There will be music, fun and dancing.

Shawnda Hall, has moved to Norcatut and is living at the home of her grandmother, Wava Reames. Miss Hall is looking for work in the Norton area.

Movie nights have been well-attended at the Norcatut City Building. Jan. 27 and Feb. 3 there will not be any movies because of the Firemen Pizza Fundraiser and Super Bowl Sunday. The next show will be "Red Tails" on Feb. 10 followed by "Courageous" on Feb. 17 and "Batman Begins" Feb. 24.

Donations are being accepted for the Main Street Flower Fund. Please send to the City Office or the Citizens Alliance.

## Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Behind me, in the middle of the living room, is a "tent" maybe eight feet in diameter, which seems to be a large quilt covering several chairs. Kylie is saying, "There's a mess in here. I wonder who made it." No school today, thanks to Martin Luther King. We older people often remark that children can use their imaginations and create fun for themselves without a lot of money.

Speaking of fun, June Jolly says she is part of a card-playing marathon involving two groups. She and friends are having a pajama party next Saturday, and she went with Linda and Dennis McFarland to Dean and Rhonda Jolly's last Saturday.

Judy Easton did a program with the bells, then she and Charlie came to Toots Magers' in the afternoon.

Jane Engelhardt was taken to Kearney, Neb., and was given a

pacemaker last week and returned home on Thursday. Her group was bowling, and although she couldn't bowl, she could go and keep score. We hope she continues to improve and has no more trouble.

Lloyd Frandsen and Kathy Van Meter attended the funeral of Marian Pachner, sister-in-law of Kathy, at the Akron, Colo., Presbyterian Church on Friday. Other family members attending were Steve and Julia Van Meter of Gibbon, Neb., and Marlow and Mary Westerbeck of Wellesville. A luncheon was served.

Gary Anthony reports that Keith is making improvement, although slower than we would like.

My doctor gave me permission to bear half my weight on the ailing leg, and maybe all of it in a week or two. My company over the weekend was Carol Moye, Maria Bader, and Emily Bader and friend.

## Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Eric, Susan, Belle, Una Fae, Evangeline and Nathaniel Flavin, and Ann Marie Flavin, Camolin, Ireland, left Sunday for their home after visiting relatives and friends the past month. Her sister, Gwen Jones of Estes Park, Colo., spent the weekend here to visit them and other relatives.

Carol Fink of Wamego visited from Wednesday to Saturday with her mother, Norma Anderson, after she returned home from the Decatur County Hospital.

Officers elected during the annual meeting of the Herndon Covenant Church on Sunday include: Chris Schmidt, chairman; Clay Anderson, vice chairman; Rosalie Capo, secretary; Jennie Anderson, assistant secretary; Gayle Carlson, treasurer; Gerald Benda, assistant treasurer;

Orrin Holle and Kyle Grafel, deacons; Betty Hafner and Melinda Carlson, deaconesses; Margaret McEvoy, financial secretary; Vince Carlson, assistant financial secretary; Cindi Grafel, Covenant Women Ministries chairperson; Richard Anderson, Gail Bergling, auditors; Kristi Dirks, Lacy Walker, Frank McEvoy, Christian Education board; Ethan Walker, Brandon Dirks, trustees; Steve Noren, Rosalie Capo, Britta Spitzer, music committee; Mark Bergling, Brandon Dirks, Jimmy Spitzer, ushers.

Dick and Donna Kelley spent the weekend in Frederick, Colo., with Sheldon and Brenda Kelley, Kendra and Jessica and enjoyed watching both granddaughters play in a volleyball tournament on Saturday.

## Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Helen Helm will be the guest of honor at a birthday celebration hosted by her family at 2 p.m. on Sunday in the Cedar Living Center dining room. The public is invited to attend. Musical entertainment will be provided by Michael Milbauer of McCook.

We recently received a generous donation of candy to use for bingo prizes from Sherri Shuler. This donation will help to make some extra games of bingo possible.

Residents were busy all day on Monday with coffee time in the morning, a dice game and social hour in the afternoon, and sing-along time before supper.

Wilma May won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon. The black out game ended with a four-way tie between Wanda Heller, Helen Helm, Ann Szwieistis and Lois Lamb. Strawberry ice cream was served following the game in honor of the day being National Strawberry Ice Cream Day.

The crafters met on Wednesday afternoon to start work on Valentine's Day projects. The Bible study group met before supper.

Several residents tried their luck on Thursday afternoon playing a game of penny cards. Name-that-tune was played on Thursday evening.

The baking group made chocolate chip cookies on Friday afternoon. Not too many showed up to help with the work, but many residents and staff helped to eat the cookies.

The dietary department and the activity department joined forces on Sunday evening to make ice cream sundaes for dessert. A sundae was made special for each resident, who selected from an assortment of toppings.

Jan. 20-26 is National Activity Professionals' Week. It is the one week of the year that those of us in the activity business get to toot our own horn. I am proud of the work that Connie Miller and I do all year long at Cedar Living Center, but I am always humbled by the amount of help and support that we receive from volunteers, other staff members, residents and their families.

I do like that Activity Professionals' Week is in January. It helps us to get the year off to a good start as we look back at past successes and look forward with our plans for the coming year. It also gives us the opportunity to thank everyone for their continued support. As always, we would welcome any input from the community for ideas for programs, parties, or potential volunteers.

Recent visitors: Kathy Shaffer, McCook; Sarah and Bailey Wolf, Colby; Sue Long and Walley, Jennings.

Oberlin visitors: Connie Olson, Dolores Depperschmidt, Gerry Neff, Juanita Williby, Carol Kompus, Adrian Hawkins, Penny Fringer, Dolores Koerperich, Sherri Shuler, Jim and Laurie Wasson, Bill and Carol Duncan, Caroline Jacobs, Ila Ray.

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