

# Our Family News Letter

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## 2006 Adult Recognition

Congratulations to Barbara H. Schneider on earning the ABC Award for her work with the Girl Scouts. This honor is just one of many that Barbara has earned over the years for her hard work and dedication to scouting.

### ABC Award

Given to an adult whose long-term time, energy and devotion to Girl Scouting exceeds all expectations.

#### **Barbara H. Schneider**

*"By watching my mom, Barbara H. Schneider, over the years, I have come to realize that to volunteer is the real adventure in life,"* said Angela Maynard. During her 14 years of service for the Girl Scouts of Racine County, Barbara has been a leader, cookie captain, service unit co-chair, troop coordinator, family partnership representative, event chair, delegate and delegate convener.



Barbara was the creator and coordinator of the council's Memorial Day Parade participation, Lighthouse Badge Workshop and the Daisy Little Critter program. Barbara was also an active volunteer at day camp. She served as a nurse and as a unit leader. Barbara has much of the same spirit as Alverna B. Coffey. *"The community has felt her impact. She has prepared her Girl Scouts to go out into the world and give of themselves as she has done."*

Barbara's passion for Girl Scouts has been awarded with the Outstanding Leader Award and the St. Elizabeth Seton Medal.

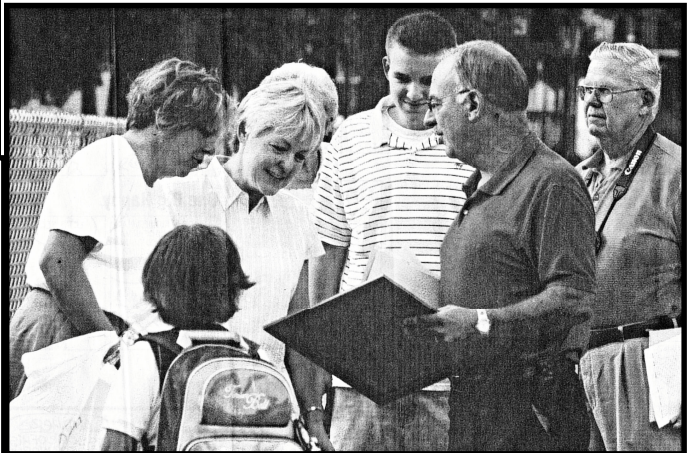
Barbara is the daughter of Richard and Cel Heck from Racine, Wisconsin.

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### Don Heck Helps Celebrate 100 Years

Saint John Nepomuk School in Racine, Wisconsin celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> year in September, 2006. Don Heck, a 1959 graduate of the elementary school was there with his class picture to help

kick off the new school year. Don's mother, Mary Ann Mikel Heck graduated from the school in June 1927. Don's children, Steve and Amy also graduated from the school.



*Don Heck shown second from the right with the class photo in his hands.*

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### Bride & Groom arrive at wedding by bicycle



*Jennifer Kyburz and Adam Peterson.*

Mary Elizabeth Heck Kyburz and Roger Kyburz had one Heck of a celebration when their daughter, Jennifer, married Adam Peterson on August 5, 2006. Jennifer and Adam decided to tie the knot during a 12 mile bicycle ride on the Sparta-Elroy bike trail in Sauk County, Wisconsin.

sin. The Kyburz family has been riding the bike trail for years in August so it just seemed natural to the bride that she should get married there.

More than 100 guests were invited to the celebration. About 20 people rode with the couple and 50 attended the actual ceremony.

Jennifer is the granddaughter of Robert and Lorraine Heck.

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## **"Cemetery Hunting With Uncle Bob"**

That's what Cheryl Ann Heck called it recently when I took my cousin, Bob Heck, and his daughter Cheryl Ann Heck, on a cemetery hunt in Racine and Kenosha County.



***Bob Heck and his daughter Cheryl Ann Heck at the tombstone of Patience Burgess McNulty at the Saint Francis Xavier Church Cemetery at Brighton, Wisconsin in 2006.***

Bob Heck is actually my first cousin and Cheryl Ann is my first cousin one time removed, but she likes to refer to me as her Uncle Bob. Cheryl Ann is an active Genealogist and has been researching and sharing information with family members for a number of years. She is also an

accomplished photographer. She asked if she and her dad could tag along when I do my research so that she could learn the techniques of cemetery hunting.

We started out at 9:00 AM on a Saturday morning with a short drive to the Saint Thomas Cemetery in Waterford.



***Cousins, Bob Heck and Cheryl Ann Heck at the grave marker of Franz Henningfeld 1810-1869 at Waterford, Wisconsin.***

The first grave marker that we came to was that of Franz Henningfeld 1810-1869. Franz was the first of our Henningfeld family to arrive in this country in 1845. Franz was the great great great grandfather of Cheryl. We saw tombstones for many of our ancestors and distant relatives including Anna Maria Guthof Stratman Heitkemper, Charles Stratman, Lizzie Heck Plucker, Dorothea Henningfeld Kortendick, John P. Heck, and many others. We had to drag Cheryl away kicking as she would have spent the entire day there.

Next, it was off to Burlington's Saint Mary's Catholic Cemetery. There we found the tombstone markers of Henry Heck, Mary Ann McNulty Heck, Mathias Heck, Clara Stratman Henningfeld, Henry Henningfeld, Carrie and Frances Henningfeld, James Heck and Catherine

Elizabeth Richter Henningfeld 1816-1900. Catherine Elizabeth Richter Henningfeld was the wife of Franz Henningfeld.

Some of the tombstones were covered with a green moss and they had to be cleaned with a soft brush just to be able to read them. I showed Cheryl and Bob how to make a tombstone rubbing using rice paper and a black crayon on those hard to read stones. We had to drag Cheryl away kicking, as she would have spent the entire day there.

While we were at Burlington we visited the park next to the library where Henry Heck's military tombstone is located. The stone was originally located in the Saint Mary's Cemetery but was re-cut, re-finished and moved to the park. Apparently the Burlington Heck family gave permission to have the stone moved. I wonder how many people think that Henry Heck is buried in that park?

Next we were off to Brighton in Kenosha County to visit the Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Cemetery. There we found the small tombstone of Patience Burgess McNulty 1823-1894. She was the wife of Peter McNulty. We looked around for a marker for Anna Barbara Schaefer Heck 1801-1855, but could not find it. There were several tombstones from the 1855 time period that could not be read because they were so badly worn. We will have to go back someday and try some tombstone rubbings to see if one of them belongs to Anna Barbara. She is the wife of Johann Heck. Church records indicate that she was buried there in 1855. We had to drag Cheryl away kicking, as she would have spent the entire day there.

We decide to break away from cemetery hunting for awhile and started a search for the land that was owned by Johann Heck and by Peter McNulty. We found both using land records and modern day maps. The land was located within a mile or two of the Brighton Catholic Church.



Our next stop was at the cemetery of Saint Mary's Catholic Church at Dover in Racine County. There we located the grave site of Peter McNulty and of Joan Auterman Heck, wife of my brother, Gary Heck. The grave of Peter McNulty is unmarked. Perhaps we should take up a collection someday to place a memorial marker there. We had to drag Cheryl away kicking, as she would have spent the entire day there.

After a brief lunch at Union Grove we headed to the Petrified Springs Park in Kenosha County. There we located the land on the Pike River on which Benjamin Burgess started his sawmill in 1836. Benjamin Burgess, 1794-1838, was the great great great grandfather of Bob Heck and the great great great great grandfather of Cheryl Ann Heck. We also visited the Oakwood Cemetery located just south of the park and found the graves of Amanda Foster Burgess, 1799-1886, and her son William E. Burgess. We had to drag Cheryl away kicking as she would have spent the entire day there.

Our next stop was in Racine at the Calvary Cemetery and the Holy Cross Cemetery to look for tombstones of Margaret Henningfeld Heck and her husband Robert Steven Heck. We located the graves and photographed the tombstones. We also found the tombstones for Harold Heck and Edward Heck. They were sons of Robert Steven and Margaret Heck. We were not able to find grave markers for Rose and Lilly Heck, the infant daughters of Robert Steven and Margaret Heck.

We started a search for the graves of Clarence and Frances Heck, Bob's parents and Cheryl's grandparents. Bob found them located right next to the graves of his maternal grandparents. I had to drag Cheryl and Bob away kicking, as they would have spent the entire day there.

We went to Festival Park at the Racine lakefront to see the tree and marker dedicated to Robert G. Heck. Finally we went to the Robert G. Heck

Park located next to the airport in Racine. The park was dedicated to my dad while he was still alive for services that he rendered to the City of Racine.

My cousin, Bob Heck, was skeptical about spending the day cemetery hunting but when it was over he stated that he was so glad that he joined us. He learned a lot about our family history and had a better appreciation of where his ancestors lived. Cheryl Ann learned a lot about our family and their heritage. The names become "living persons" rather than just a name associated with a birth date and death date.

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## Did You Know That...

...Benjamin Burgess and his second wife, Amanda Foster sold land in Oswego County, New York to Watson Earll Junior in 1835? This was found in Book V, Page 125, of the Grantee/Grantor records of Oswego County. The document can be found in FHL US/CAN Film # 10117667.

After selling their land in New York, the Burgess family moved to Southport, now called Kenosha, Wisconsin, arriving in 1836. Benjamin Burgess died two years later in 1838 in Wisconsin and his family continued to operate the sawmill that he had started.

We hope to look up when Benjamin and Amanda purchased the New York land, which will give us a better idea of when he may have married Amanda. That in turn will give us a clue as to when Benjamin's first wife, Rebecca Chase, may have died.

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## Coldest Day of 2006 Kyburz-Brey Wedding

The following article was written by Lorraine Heck and sent to me by e-mail from Florida.

Elizabeth and Kenneth starved for a memorable wedding day. Little did they know that the weather would have the upper hand in their plans.

Kenny is the son of Mary-Elizabeth Heck and Roger E. Kyburz and Grandson of Robert J. and Lorraine Heck. Elizabeth is the daughter of Thomas and Susan Brey of Dover.

February 18th dawned bright and sunny but.....it also presented itself with a minus twenty degree temperature reading. Bob and Lorraine flew from their nice warm Florida home for the chilling event. Of course, it was well worth it.

Family and friends gathered early in the day to whip the Buck Trail Archery Club building in Burlington into a beautiful reception hall. Mind you, this was a pole barn and a challenge. With Liz's talent for organization, planning and decorating, and the rest of us providing the grunt work, it happened.



***Kenneth and Elizabeth Kyburz on their wedding day, 18 Feburary 2006.***

The ceremony took place at the Kemper Center Chapel on the shores of Lake Michigan in Kenosha. The buildings at the center are on the National Register. The chapel was and is a wealth of dark carved woodwork, pews and a

sanctuary of nineteenth century craftsmanship. The bridal couple were exquisitely attired and their attendants in deep red and black brought warmth to the chapel. They were married by the Rev. Michael Scott who waited patiently for Elizabeth's forgotten veil to arrive. It was all it could be.

Not only were photographs taken inside but also on the blustery shore in the waning light of the late afternoon. Elizabeth wore a strapless gown. Burrrr!

The reception dinner was catered by the Bride's Uncle. The food, cake, decor, music and guests made it a lively memorable affair. A highlight was when the groom took up the drum sticks and gave the gathering a solo.

Post Script:

Elizabeth holds a Magna Cum Laude degree in biology from UW-Parkside. She is attending Pharmacy school at UW-Madison. Presently, she is on a hiatus until January, caring for son Ethan Thomas, born on September 16th.

Ken is a data terminal repair technician for Walgreens. He graduated in July with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

The couple reside in London, east of Madison.

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## **California Wedding Bells**

***The following article was written by Lorraine Heck. The Bob and Lorraine Heck family spent a lot of time in 2006 attending weddings.***

Bob and Lorraine Heck flew from Florida a week before the June 10<sup>th</sup> event in California. The rest of the family arrived from Wisconsin in shifts.

Marjorie Doris Heck McGhee, widow of Harlan McGhee, married Leslie Randolph in the garden / patio / pool area of his home in Riverside,

California. Attending were Marjorie Heck Johnson, their daughter and sons, with spouses: Linda, Larry and Jerry, Mary Kay Heck Hansen with David and some of their children from the Livermore, California area. Bernie and Delores Heck Gibson Kunka were also in attendance from Racine, Wisconsin.



*Marjorie and Les getting ready for their wedding.*

The first group of the Bob Heck family along with their spouses helped set up the scene. The second group aided in the clean up after.

A Father Gouchie impersonator, complete with a Padré outfit and Italian broken English married the radiant couple. The impersonator is also an ordained minister. The Bride and Groom were beautiful and handsome according to Lorraine.

The star guest at the wedding was "Porky Princess", in proper attire of course, Les and Marjorie's pot bellied piglet.

A buffet meal was served, drinks flowed, and this was followed by music and dancing.

Marjorie is the manager of non-foods at the Albersson's Riverside Store. Les is a sought after automobile restorer who maintains his own business on his property. The couple spent their honeymoon on Safari in Africa.



*"Porky Princess" and Marjorie before the wedding.*

## **Two Heck Brothers to America in 1883.**

In the March, 2006 issue 52 of "Our Family News Letter", I mentioned that two Heck brothers immigrated to America in 1883 from Alendorf, Germany. Howard Heck was told by the Heck family from Alendorf that two Heck brothers left for America in the 1880's or 1890's. After a bit of research I believe that I found the two brothers, Balthasar and Thomas Heck.

In the book, "Von der Eifel nach Amerika" 1840-1914, Balthasar Heck, from Alendorf, Germany, was listed as having married Josephine Voss on 30 June 1887, at Adrian, Nobles County, Minnesota. Balthasar, born 22 April 1851, and Thomas, born 7 October 1856, were also listed as being on the Brig Hermann and arriving in New York on 23 April 1883.

A quick check of the 1900 United States census for Minnesota found the Balthasar Heck family

living in Willmont, Nobles County, Minnesota. Balthasar was listed as being born in 1851 which matched the civil birth record for Alendorf. His wife, Josephine, was listed along with six children. All of the children were born in Minnesota. This was the Baltasar Heck from Alendorf.

A search for Thomas Heck was a bit more difficult. I conducted a search of the United States census for the entire country for a Thomas Heck born in Germany in 1856. The only person who matched that criterion was a Thomas Heck living in Elkton, Brookings County, South Dakota. That Thomas Heck was married to Elizabeth Wilmes and they had eight daughters as listed in the 1900 census. Five of the daughters were born in Iowa and the last three were born in South Dakota.

While we have no proof that Thomas Heck from Elkton, Brookings County, South Dakota is the Thomas Heck from Alendorf, a bit more research might prove or disprove that link.

Now that I had the names of the two Heck brothers the next step would be to find out how they are related to our Heck family. A search of the Civil Birth Records for Alendorf, Germany, which is recorded at Dollendorf, yielded the names of the brother's parents and their siblings.

Their parents were **Thomas Heck** and **Anne Marie Dreifs**. Thomas and Anne Marie were married on 8 January 1839 at Alendorf. They had the following children all born at Alendorf:

- Magdalena** Heck, born 10 January 1840.
- Balthasar** Heck, born 24 November 1841 (died young).
- Anna Margaret** Heck, born 18 November 1843.
- Matthias** Heck, born 5 November 1845.
- Elizabeth** Heck, born 26 November 1846.
- Anna Barbara** Heck, born 22 June 1848, (died young).
- Joseph** Heck, born 29 June 1849.
- Balthasar** Heck, born 23 April 1851.

- Anna Barbara** Heck, born 23 June 1854.
- Thomas** Heck, born 8 October 1856.
- Agnes** Heck, born 28 September 1859.

This information is from the Civil registration of births, marriages, deaths, proclamations and indexes for Dollendorf, Rheinland, Germany. Zivilstandsregister, 1798-1875, FHL Film Numbers 903046, 903047, and 903049. Note that the FamilySearch.org web site lists the spelling of Anne Marie Dreifs as "Anna Maria Dress".

We are getting closer to finding the relationship between the Heck family in America and the Heck family living in Alendorf today.

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## Meet some distant cousins...



Ludwig (Louis) Sanders and Frances Henningfeld children. Standing left to right: Louis Sanders Jr., Charles Sanders, and William Sanders. Seated left to right: Wilhelmina Sanders Garnatz, Josephine Sanders, and Mary Sanders Quinn.

The title on the portrait is "The Sanders family, Waterford, Wisconsin". The portrait was taken about 1880, and is part of the State of Wisconsin Collection of Waterford Area Local History. Use the following address to find it.

<http://digital.library.wisc.edu/1711.dl/WI>

## Waterford, Wisconsin Photos...



"The Hecks and Emma Weiners chatting over the front fence." That is the description shown on the photo of Main Street Waterford, Wisconsin. The license plate on the truck dates this photo at 1915. The "Hecks" shown inside the fence are the family of John Peter Heck, son of Henry Heck. Anna Koetterhagen Heck is the lady inside the fence with the black hat. Right above the rear fender of the truck you can see two black horse heads. They were used to tie up horse drawn wagons and buggies. The ramp was generally used to unload items for delivery to the store.

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Upper Right: Property at 101 E. Main Street, Waterford, Wisconsin owned by **John P. Heck** during prohibition. The Dentist office of Dr. J. L. Hall occupied part of the building.

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L-R: Tom Paulson, O. Lapham, Albert "Butch" Glueck, and **Frank F. Henningfeld** pose outside of John Rein's Blacksmith shop, west of the bridge in Waterford.

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