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Photos from the past

Many of the stories and images that have been published in the past in **Our Family News Letter** have focused on my ancestors and/or those of the Heck, Henningfeld, McNulty, and Burgess families. In this issue I wanted to show some photos of my granddaughters' family that I recently found while researching on the internet.

My granddaughters, Lauren and Grace Heck are the daughters of David A. Heck and Judi L. Wehrman. Lauren is 16 and Grace is 11. The following photos are of their maternal ancestors.



This photo at left is of Johann Lemke 1863-1924 and his wife, Louise C. Graumann 1864-1958. They are the great-great Grandparents of Lauren and Grace. Johan was born in Newton, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin.

Louise was born in Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

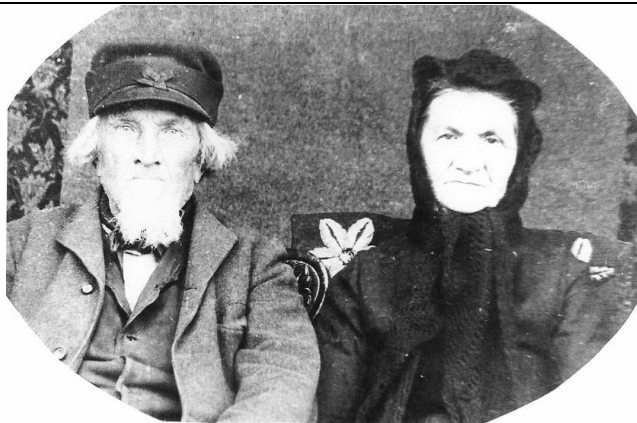
The photo at top right is of Adolph Gustav Graumann 1835-1915, who was the father of Louise C. Graumann. Adolph Gustav was married to Louise C. Carstens 1832-1867. Adolph Gustav and Louise C. Carstens are the great-great-great grandparents of Lauren and Grace.



Photos of Louise C. Carstens were not found on the internet. Since she died in 1876, it is unlikely that she ever had her picture taken.



The photo above is of Johann Ernest Wilhelm Carstens 1789-1887 and his wife, Anna Gaetjen 1800-1888. They are the great-great-great-great grandparents of Lauren and Grace.



The photo above is of Carl Wilhelm Graumann 1800-1887 and his wife Carolina Maria Gerlinghorst 1803-? The photo was taken during or before 1887, probably at Newtonburg, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin. They are buried at the Saint John's Lutheran Cemetery at Newtonburg. Carl Wilhelm and Carolina Marie are the great-great-great-grandparents of Lauren and Grace.

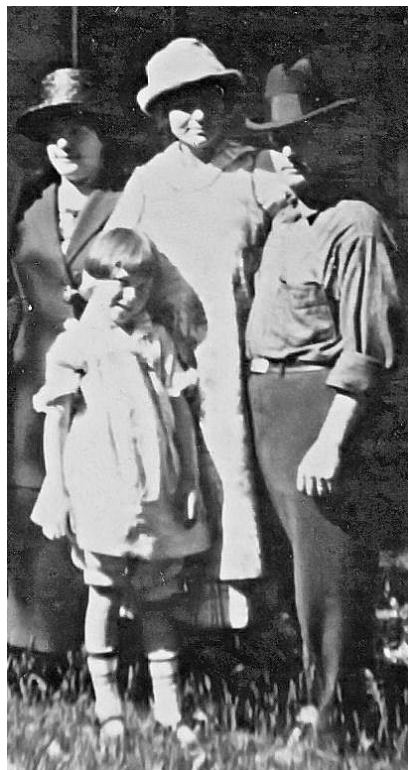
Meet Your Cousins...



This is Michael Robert Heck, son of Bob and Lorraine Heck. Mike was born 12 June 1959 and is shown here celebrating his 60th birthday at a party thrown by his family. Mike has three children: Kimberly, Andrew, and Kory. Mike's sister, Cheryl Ann Heck, added a note about her brother.

"Mikie loves fixing things, collecting old stuff, visiting swap meets, garage and barn sales along with car/truck shows. He is a great mechanic and enjoys restoring old trucks. He is also a great cook and a FANTASTIC BROTHER!"

Happy birthday, Mike.



The picture at left shows from left to right: Eva Heck, Dorothy Mae Heck, Elvia S. Heck nee Hart, and Laurence Peter Heck. Elvia was born in Melbourne, Australia.

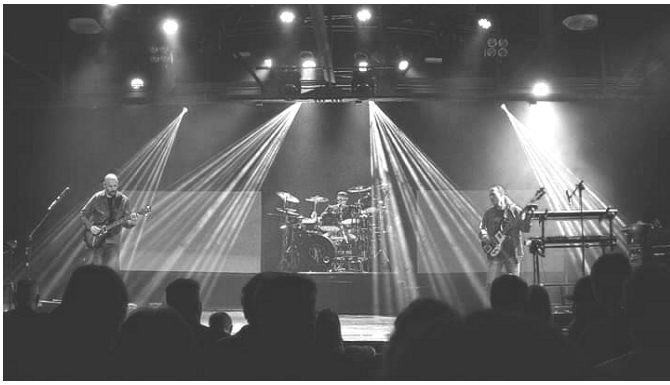
Elvia and Laurence were married in Milwaukee on 16 April 1913. They were married twice and divorced twice according to an article in the Milwaukee Journal-

Sentinel dated 20 NOV 1928: "Divorces in Milwaukee: Elvia from Laurence Heck, for the second time. They were first married in 1913, divorced and remarried in 1924."

In 1905, Elvia was living with her parents, Arthur and Ada, and her siblings, Gladys, Vivian, Ruth, Vernon, and Beulah, at Oshkosh, Winnebago County, Wisconsin. After her divorce she married Oscar J. Gebhardt.



"Mrs. Oscar Gebhardt, N. Milwaukee St., has announced the engagement of her daughter, Miss Dorothy Mae Heck to Ralph R. Ihlenfeld, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ihlenfeld, W. Hampton Avenue." Milwaukee Journal Monday, 13 March 1939.



The picture above is of Bill Heck at left as lead guitarist in the Rush Tribute Project. The three piece band has played at sites all over the country including New York, Texas, and later this year in Costa Rica. Bill is married to Michelle and is the son of Gloria and Bob Heck.



This photo shows followers of the Rush Tribute Project at a concert in Illinois. If you would like to see a 10 minute video of them playing at Rosemont, Illinois, just enter the following address into your internet browser.

<https://youtu.be/ivlhEThoPDI>

Following is an article that I found in an old newspaper from 1895, while doing some research. Note that it works for a man or a woman.

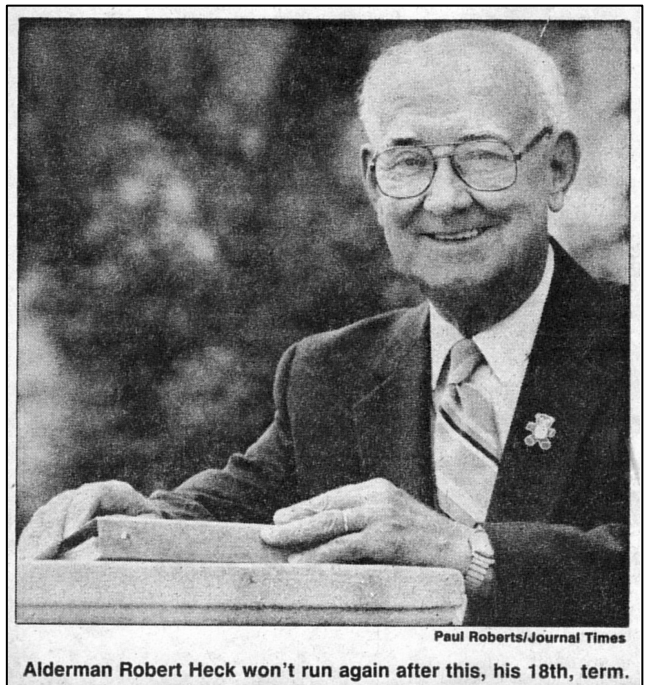
“To Tell Girl’s Age”

“Here’s a sure way to find out a woman’s age without her actually telling you. Ask her to take the number of the month in which she was born. (January is one, February is two, December is 12, etc.) Multiply that number by two. To this resultant number tell her to add five and multiply by fifty. To this number she must add her present

age, and from the sum subtract 365, the number of days in a year.”

“Ask her to give you the last result. She has not let you see any of the figures that have gone before. You take this last figure and add 115 to it. This gives you a number of three or four figures. The two figures to the right will be her age. The other figure or figures, to the left, will be the number of the month in which she was born. It always works.”

In my case the final number was 1278, and it is correct. I am 78 years old and I was born in December, the 12th month.



Alderman Robert Heck won't run again after this, his 18th, term.

From the Newspapers...

The photo above, right, appeared in the Sunday, July 31, 1988 issue of the Racine Journal Times. Robert Gerald Heck, 1909-1995, was the longest serving City Councilman in the history of the City of Racine, Wisconsin.

From the Racine Advocate News 1867, Village Directory, Peter McNulty ran a saloon in Kansasville, Racine County, Wisconsin. It was located on the west side of Main Street, two lots south of the railroad tracks. His residence was at the same location. See next page.

VILLAGE DIRECTORY.

Becher John C., station agent, r ws Main 1 n R. R.
Bell James, blacksmith, N. Gooder, bds es Main 3 s R. R.
Blandin Horace F., teacher, r es Main 3 n R. R.
Carlyon Thomas, r es Main 1 s R. R.
Cross Jane Mrs., widow, r ws Main 1 s R. R., 2 floor,
Davis Henry, lab W. B. Taber, bds es Main 2 s R. R.
Gooder Nimrod, blacksmith, es Main 4 s R. R., r es Main 3 s R. R.
Hoffman Lawrence, shoemaker, J. Hoffman, bds ws Main 3 n R. R.
Leach Joseph, carpenter, r ws Main 1 s R. R.
Leach Richard, carpenter, J. Leach, bds ws Main 1 s R. R.
Leinen Jacob, shoemaker, ws Main 3 n R. R., r same
McMurtrie David, harness-maker, es Main, 1 n R. R., r same
McNulty Peter, saloon, ws Main 2 s R. R., r same
Morey H. M., merchant, es Main 1 s R. R., r same
Pasch Susan, domestic, W. B. Taber, es Main 2 s R. R.
Taber Lorenzo, carpenter and mason, r es Main 2 n R. R.
Taber Wm. B., farmer, r es Main 2 s R. R.
Walter Charles, grocery and saloon, ws Main 2 n R. R., r same
Walter George, clerk, Chas. Walter, bds ws Main 2 n R. R.

Small World...

I was doing some research for a genealogy presentation I'm scheduled to give on October 9, 2019, and I made an interesting discovery. The subject of my talk is about a web site called Find-a-Grave located at <http://findagrave.com>

The site is free to use and it contains millions of tombstone images and names of people in the United States. My research was intended to show that other countries are included in Find-a-Grave. I searched for St. Agatha Catholic Church Cemetery in Alendorf, Kreis Euskirchen, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany.



St. Agatha Catholic Church Cemetery in Alendorf, Germany.

The reason that I chose St. Agatha is because that is the church in our ancestral home where the Heck family lived. I had uploaded data on

several of our ancestors whom I knew were buried in that cemetery.

Now you have to keep in mind that Alendorf is a very small village with a population of about 250 people. The following shows how small a world we live in today.

When I got to the Find-a-Grave site for Alendorf there were other entries besides the few that I had entered. There were four names that I had entered with the name Heck. There were several entered, with the name Lenz or Lentz. Those were entered by Myron Bohn, who was a classmate of mine at St. Catherine's High School in Racine. Myron is a retired banker now living in Janesville, Wisconsin. What is really interesting is that members of the Lenz/Lentz family came to Racine County, Wisconsin with our Johann Heck family in 1853.

The third group entered, were entered by Mary Rebarchik. They included Wilhelm Schaefer, Magdalena Hecken, Hilger Schmidt, and Anna Maria Schmitz. All four of them are our relatives. What really makes this a small world is that Mary Rebarchik belongs to our MPAFUG computer genealogy group and is also a volunteer at the Family History Center in Hales Corners, Wisconsin. My cousin, Cheryl Ann Heck and I are both volunteers at the Family History Center.

We will need to do some more research to show how Mary Rebarchik is related to our branches of the family.

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Photos from an old album

The following photos were found in a small photo booklet belonging to Gloria's mother, Gladys Irene Burmaster LaBerge. Included in the booklet were old photos from long ago and some from within the past 15 years.



This photo shows my granddaughter, Lauren Heck, helping rake the leaves in our front yard. She had a lot of fun jumping in the pile afterwards and we had to re-rake them up again. Lauren is 16 now.

The picture at top right shows Gloria's great grandfather, Peter Johan Olsen, born on 14 October 1848 at Halsted, Lolland, Maribo County, Denmark. He died on 19 February 1941 at Marshfield, Wood County, Wisconsin. He is bur-

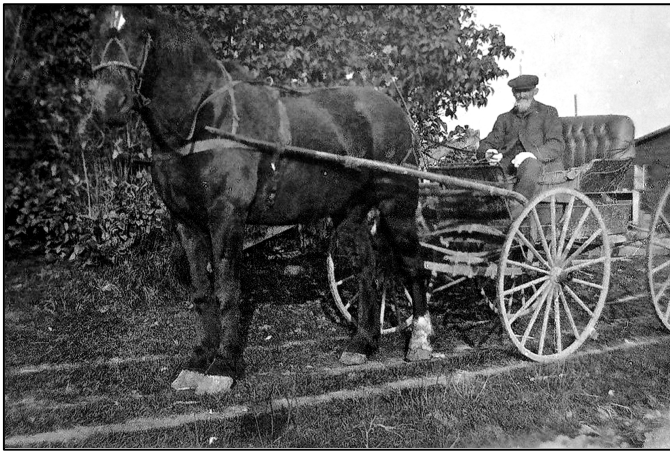


ied at Holway, Taylor County, Wisconsin, near his home. The picture above shows him plowing his farm field with a two-horsepower hand plow.



The photo above shows Peter Johan Olsen feeding the chickens on his farm at Holway, Wisconsin.

This photo on the next page shows Peter Johan Olsen going to town for groceries in his one-horse buggy.



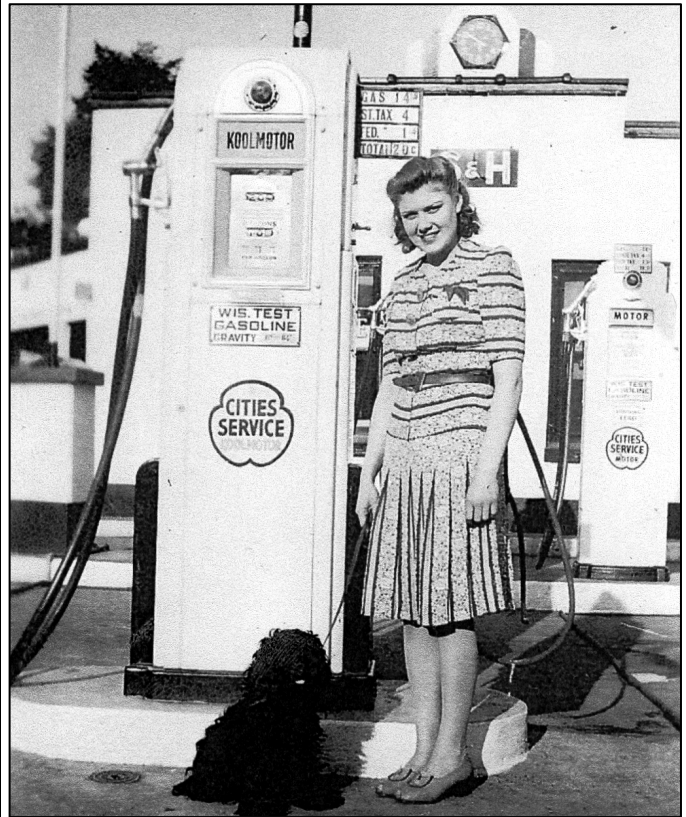
"SERVICES ARE HELD FOR PETER J. OLSEN"

"Peter J. Olsen, 92, pioneer resident of the town of Holway for 40 years and of the town of Medford the past 21 years, died at Marshfield Feb 19, 1941 after a month's illness. Funeral services were held from the Medford funeral home Saturday afternoon, Feb. 22, at 1:30 o'clock, with the Rev. R. W. Mueller officiating. Interment was in the Holway Lutheran cemetery.

Mr. Olson was born in Denmark, Oct. 14, 1848. He came to this country April 20, 1862, and spent a few years in and around Waukesha, before coming to the town of Holway in May of 1873. He married Mary Fiedler in Waukesha Oct. 9, 1881. The couple homesteaded a quarter section in the town of Holway, making a farm from what was then wild timber land. Only a trail led to Medford from their homestead, making it necessary to carry in all supplies by hand.

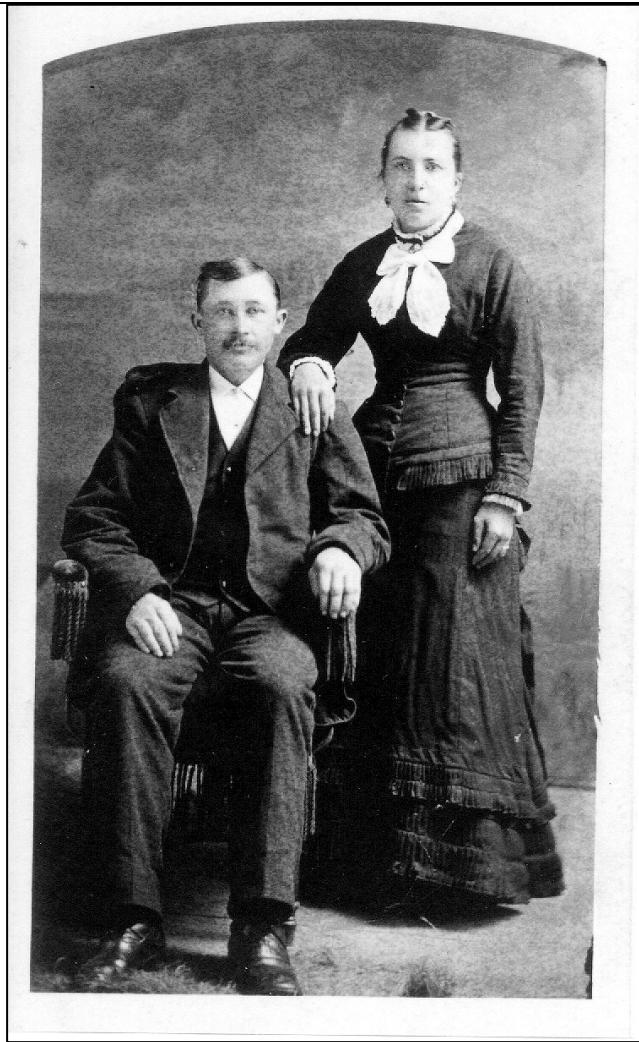
The deceased held different school and town offices. He was the first chairman of the town of Holway, holding that office from 1888 to 1898. He was then elected to the office of town clerk for three years. He was again chairman in 1918 and 1919, until he sold the farm and moved to a smaller farm near Medford. Mr. Olson also took part in the organization of the first creamery in 1900. He was also an active member of the Taylor County Fair association in later years.

Three daughters survive. They are Mrs. Caroline Burmaster of Appleton; Miss Ella Olson of Medford and Mrs. Jake Klimeck of Stetsonville. There are also nine grandchildren living. Pallbearers were Carl Nelson, Eric Carlson, Axel Kohlin, Albert Olsen, Gilbert Jensen and George Meyer. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Konecny Jr. and sons attended the funeral."



The photo above shows Gladys Burmaster LaBerge at a Cities Service gas station. Note the price of gasoline back then. The sign above her head shows Gas 14.5 cents, State tax 4 cents and Federal tax 1.5 cents per gallon. The total is 20 cents per gallon. Note however it was illegal to pump your own gasoline so attendants would fill your car up, check the oil and wash the windshield.

The photo on the next page shows Peter Johan Olsen and Mary Justa Wilhelmina Fiedler, 1855-1916, on their wedding day, 9 October 1881.



These are Gloria's great grandparents or Lauren and Grace Heck's great-great-great grandparents.

Join "What The HECK"

If you would like to learn more about our family, join our Heck Family Facebook Group. Log into Facebook and search GROUPS for "What The HECK". You can then request to join the Group. All we ask is that you state how you are related to the Heck family.

Here is the web address for our group page:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Whattheheckfamilygroup/>

Here is the address in larger letters:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Whattheheckfamilygroup/>

You can also send an e-mail message to Cheryl Ann Heck and ask her to send you an invitation to join the "What the Heck" group. Cheryl's address is **whatdahek@sbcglobal.net**
Cheryl is the one who created the group page for our family.

Right now there are 76 members of our family who belong to the "What The Heck" group on Facebook.

Our Family News Letter On-Line.

Thanks to my son, Bill Heck, 106 issues of Our Family News Letter are now available to you online and for free. They are available to you at the following web address:

<http://ourfamilynewsletter.com/>

Just go to the web address shown and select a year and then an issue. There are four issues per year starting in 1993. Each issue is usually eight pages in length and in PDF format. That's over 800 pages of our family history!

You should feel free to share the web address and the newsletters with other members of your family. If we don't share our family history, someday there won't be anyone around to tell our story.

From the Newspapers

The following obituary was found in the 30 August 1936 issue of the Waushara Argus newspaper. Lawrence McNulty, son of Peter McNulty and Patience Burgess, was born in 1861 at Brighton, Racine County, Wisconsin. At the age of 14 he moved to Waushara County, Wisconsin and by 1880 was working on the John Christie farm at Springwater, Waushara County. The fol-

lowing year he married Clara Christie, subject of the obituary. Note that Lawrence changed his name to McNelty and was known as Larry.

“Mrs. McNelty Dies”

“Clara Christie McNelty was born March 18, 1859, near Silver Lake, in the town of Springwater, the fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Christie.

She grew to womanhood in the vicinity and attended the common schools, then attended the Normal school and later taught school for several years.

She was married to Larry McNelty, August 14, 1881. To them were born two sons: John, who died in infancy, and Robert, who survives her. Six years ago, after the death of Mr. McNelty, she bought a home in Wild Rose and moved in from the farm, three miles east of the village, where she lived until her death on Friday, August 14th, 1936. Mrs. McNelty has lived her entire life in this community.

She leaves to mourn her passing: one son, Robert, of Denver, Colorado, and six grandchildren: Mrs. Janet Roberts, Wausau; Mrs. Clara Grayson, and Mrs. Kathryn Grayson, Racine; Mrs. Roberta Moran, Mexico City; Mrs. Patience Christiansen, Denver, Colorado; Mrs. Prudence Rockman, Clintonville; Robert Reed McNelty, Denver, Colorado; also eight great-grandchildren and two sisters; Mrs. Jane Clark, Chicago, and Mrs. Adelaide McLennon, Park Ridge, Illinois, and a host of friends who will miss her congenial personality.”

“Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon from the home and from the Methodist church where she was a faithful member, the Rev. R.R. Holliday officiating. A beautiful profusion of flowers expressed the sympathy and esteem of her many friends. During the service ‘The Old Rugged Cross,’ ‘When They Ring Those Golden Bells,’ and ‘Beautiful Isle of Somewhere’ were sung by Mrs. R.R. Holliday, Mrs. Wilford Urban, V.E. Wensel and Robert Owens. Pallbearers were John Smith, Oscar Holt, Lewis Protheroe, Hugh Young and John Protheroe. Burial was made in the Howe cemetery.

Those from away who attended the services were: Robert F. McNelty, Denver, Co.; Mrs. Jennie Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Sid Bonneville, Chicago; Mrs. Addie McLennon, Park Ridge, ILL.; Mr. and Mrs. M.L. Roberts and Donald McLennon and family of Wausau; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Grayson, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Grayson, Racine; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rockman, Clintonville; Mrs. Adam Dibble, Antioch, Ill., and Mrs. Maud Neuville, St. Louis, Missouri.”

The Heck Family Picnic

The annual Heck Family picnic was held on Sunday, 21 July 2019 at the Leisure Center near Wind Point, Racine, Wisconsin. This year for a change, the golfers went to Ives Grove golf course instead of Shoop’s Park. After many years at Shoop’s Park it was time to change. The park introduced some new rules for the golfers such as the one that power golf carts could not be taken across the road that splits the course. That meant that anyone taking a power cart had to play only on the lake side of the road thus repeating several holes just to play nine holes.

Those playing Ives Grove came back to the family picnic in plenty of time and were really enthusiastic about their outing. It went so well that most likely all future golf outings will be played at Ives Grove or some other nearby course.

For more information or suggestions about the Heck Picnic and/or the golf outing for 2020, you can contact Cel Heck at (262) 639-5370 or by e-mail at

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NOTE: If you have old family photos that you would like to see in the newsletter, please send me a JPG copy at the following address:

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If you have a story about your branch of the family you can also send it to me at the same e-mail address.

Be sure to identify the people on the photo and information about where and when it was taken.
