

Cuming County Fourth Graders Enjoy Pioneer School Day

Fourth grade students from Cuming County taking part in the Pioneer School Days this spring enjoyed their half day spent at the historical schoolhouse located in the West Point Neligh Park.

The Sunshine Lady Foundation, Inc. has sponsored this Pioneer School days project for the fourth graders over the last several years to help students connect their study on Nebraska state history with an awareness of their own personal heritage.

Beautiful weather and great activities made the day go by quickly for the students during their visit. They were given a choice as to what year they wanted to go back to in time, and every class chose 1867, the year Nebraska became a state. School teachers were Beverly Meyer, Wynona Behling, and Glenda Graves, along with her mother, Margaret Graves. For many years Margaret was Cuming County Superintendent and before that taught in several country schools. She had lots of wonderful stories to share with the students. Bob Wostoupal, from the Cuming County Veteran's Office also took part again this year in teaching the students' history lesson. He has a wealth of information and articles to share and every year the boys and girls go home with stories they can share with their

families about West Point's rich heritage.

Somewhere between a health check, pledge and state song at the beginning of the day, the children had a lesson in reading, writing and arithmetic before going out for some fresh air and a circle game from years ago, 'Hunt the Slipper.'

Following a good old-fashioned spell down with friendly competition, Mr. Wostoupal closed the morning with a history lesson and lunch. Lunches were dressed like, and as varied, as many of the students who brought them. Some dressed in centennial dresses, bibs, straw hats and bonnets carrying knapsacks, tin pails and bandanna, while others were more comfortable in their jeans and shorts carrying lunch sacks and plastic coolers. But all would surely agree, the day was well spent with lessons from years ago being shared.

Information available at the Leila Stahl Buffett Center is worth a Look

Below is just a small part of the research materials in the center available to you at the John A Stahl library in West Point. Some will have restrictions on their use and availability.

The Atlantic bridge to Germany
by Charles M Hall

Genealogical Handbook of German Research by Larry O Czech
Czech Family Heritage

Jewell Beck, Lansing

Polish Family Research
by J. Konrad

Beemer: the First Century (1886-1986)

Heritage of Bancroft, Nebraska 1884-1984

Nebraska Newspaper Abstracts, series from 1870- 1900

Genealogical Guidebook and Atlas of Sweden, by Finn A Thoms

West Point High Alumni Centennial Directory, 1887-1987

Ship Passenger List: Port of Baltimore

Ships of Ancestors
by Michael J. Anuta

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Pictured below is the historical school house located in West Point Neligh park where fourth graders attended Pioneer School Day, May 11th - 18th year.

