



Tales and Trails Newsletter

From Denton, NE, and surrounding areas...Sponsored by the Denton Community Historical Society

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HAPPY 2013 - Teresa Sullivan

I am happy to report that the membership at the end of the year 2012 was 127. This is family units, not individuals. Hopefully we can continue to build through this year.

On November 27th, at the annual meeting, there was a change made regarding board numbers. Usually, the calls to recruit board members were not very productive. But this year there were several members that desired to be on the board. The by-laws state that we must have 12 members but can have more. So with this in mind, we elected all who wished to be included.

Therefore, we have as President, Charlene Hobelman; 1st Vice President,

Marilyn Giles; 2nd Vice president, Dave Loos; Secretary, Jane Reinkordt; Treasurer, Richard Schell. Other board members are JoAnn Benes, Gladys Meyer, Kay Clark, Emmy Boden, LaVonne Uffelman, Mary Slepicka, Valerie Andersen, Cathy Sullivan and Luana Petsche. So we went from a 12 member board to a 14 member board.

Marilyn Giles has arranged for interesting speakers for our meetings, starting on January 22 with a program by LaVonne Uffelman on her button collection and some of the history of buttons. On February 26, Dave Loos will tell us how to stay safe in weather situations and any other bad events. On March 8th, we will set up the Community Hall in Denton for a corned beef supper on the next night, March 9th. Local members will be asked to provide some of the ingredients for the meal including carrots, potatoes, and such. Out of area members can help by sending a small donation for the purchase of dessert ingredients. This is our first digression from the usual March soup supper and we ask that you come and have some corned beef and bring a friend or two.

And do log on to our website, www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nedchs for more information on programs and articles that you will enjoy. January, of course, brings a request for membership dues to be sent. The dues for a family or individual is \$15. However, if your newsletter label has a LT on it, this means that you are a **lifetime member** and annual dues are not necessary. So please look at this label and proceed accordingly. If you receive this newsletter by e-mail and you are in doubt as to whether you are a lifetime member, just e-mail me at dsull88075@aol.com

A MESSAGE FROM THE NEW PRESIDENT CHARLENE HOBELMAN

I was born in Ewing Nebraska and am the second oldest of 7 children. I and my husband Lance are the parents of 3 children, 6 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

I am a member of the Cathedral of the Risen Christ in Lincoln, President of the Auxiliary Unit of Post 355 in Denton, County Vice president for the Legion Auxiliary, and Secretary to the 8/40 unit. I have volunteered to be in charge of the Senior dinners this year. On Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings you will find me volunteering at the Legion Club.

I and my husband and son Ed are the owners of Herbs Sharpening Service on 12th and Cornhusker. We purchased the business when we decided to retire in order to have something to do. I had 42 years in the lending and collecting business prior to my retirement.

In my spare time I love to sew, watch my grandchildren, and work on family history.

DCHS trip to the Bryan Home on the Bryan Hospital Campus April 24, 2012 for tea

Left of steps---Irene and Ed Patak (baseball cap), Anna Smith, Elaine Thayer (with walker), Luana Petsche (green shirt) and Jane and Jim Michel. Right steps---Top to bottom, Dwaine and Ruth Fosler, Marilyn Giles, Joan Grove and Joan Wittstruck.---Top step is Jane Reinkordt and lower step Teresa Sullivan (white hair) and Eunice Cenohlavek. Picture taken by a passerby so our photographer, Eunice could be in picture.



CENTERVILLE CEMETERY FROM 1869 TO 2005

This article is taken from the program given by Joan Wittstruck at the September 26, 2005 Denton Community Historical Society meeting.

I like county cemeteries. The big ones overwhelm me, but the small rural cemeteries seem to invite me to take my time and inspect every tombstone. Centerville, naturally, is my favorite. Eight generations of Wittstrucks are buried there along with fiends, neighbors, and other relatives. It reminds me to the theme song of the TV show "Cheers"--a place where everybody knows your name.

The cemetery was platted in 1869 by Henry C. Spellman on land he owned in section 16 of Centerville Precinct--2.44 acres. However, the first burials occurred three years later, when Henry's mother, Margaret, age 86 and daughter Eleanore, age 8, were interred there in 1872. Mary Ann Wittstruck, wife of Julius who homesteaded at Centerville, died in 1873 but was buried on the farm, as was customary in those days. Later, perhaps when Julius was convinced that the cemetery on the Spellman farm, was, in fact, going to be used by the community, Mary Ann's remains were moved there.

Centerville was incorporated in 1927 and in 1928 adjacent land was purchased from the Spellman family at a price of \$150.00 per acre--a total of \$190.00--bringing the size to approximately three and a half acres. As part of the sales agreement, John S. and Sam Spellman were to receive the free lots. From the time of the platting--1869-- and the incorporation in 1928--no official records were found. The first board members were B.G. Miller, President; John A. Spellman, Secretary Treasurer; F.W. Krull; Emil Beck and W.J. Faig. Lots with perpetual care were priced at \$100. C. H. Wittstruck apparently served as Secretary prior to incorporation as the first recorded minutes were written by him. Many board members came and went but John Spellman managed the cemetery as Secretary Treasurer for fifty years.

The little cemetery was growing at a goodly pace--according to the list of lot owners. Then three events occurred which slowed its growth for almost 70 years. One was the migration of many original families during the Dust Bowl of the 1930's. The second was the establishment of Lincoln Memorial Park Cemetery in 1927. The Lincoln Memorial salesman hit the country roads, canvassing the small towns and farms, warning folks that their local cemeteries were destined to be forgotten weed patches. Dwayne Wittstruck recalls the salesman coming again and again. His parents finally fibbed that they already owned lots in Centerville Cemetery, just to get rid of him. The salesman's persistence paid off, because many in the area purchased Lincoln Memorial lots, including some who had previously owned lots in Centerville cemetery. When Dwayne became a member of the board in 1989, everyone on the board owned lots in Lincoln Memorial. The "farm crisis" of the 1980's was the third event that slowed Centerville's growth. Empty farmsteads and the migration to the cities made it appear that perhaps those Lincoln Memorial Salesmen were right. But the little cemetery carried on, slow and steady and persevering.

What makes Centerville Cemetery special are all the interesting people there. You'll find names of pioneer homesteaders and their descendants. I counted thirty three Spellmans, twenty Wittstrucks, over twenty Krulls, Buettenbaughs, Geselmans, lots of Bargmans, Hollmans, Zimmermans, Freyes, Bohls, Bohmonts, Kruegers, etc. Folks who settled her and stayed for generations. There are quite a few Civil War veterans. What stories they could tell. One I'm well aware of is Henry Armann, Dwayne Wittstruck's grandfather. Henry was a member of the 56th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He fought at Forts Henry and Donelson, Shiloh, Vicksburg, the Red River campaign, was shot in the hand and through the head, rejoined his unit and marched to the sea with General Sherman. After the war he ran a general store and a brewery. Came to Nebraska in 1880--bought 240 acres in Section 17 Centerville Precinct and had the good sense to marry Regina Livingston. What a book, or movie, his life would make. Makes our lives seem pretty dull, by comparison. And there are many more stories like his in the Centerville "congregation".

There are also "historical" figures in the cemetery. The first permanent settlers in Lancaster County, John and Margaret Prey, also their son and daughter-in-law are there. The Preys farmed their homesteads for some thirty years--through the 1880's. Recently a descendant had a new monument erected between John and Margaret's. On the back are the names of their twelve children. But although they were first, none remain in the area.

"George Washington" can also be found in our cemetery. That's George Washington DeBolt. He was a brother of Mary Ann Wittstruck, wife of Julius. Their maternal grandfather was a French physician, Captain Armand Vogluson, who served under George Washington during the Revolutionary War. George Washington DeBolt followed his sister to Nebraska but died two year later at age 22, He is buried next to Mary Ann.

Like all cemeteries, Centerville embraces the very old, and sadly the very young. The names of six Krull children appear on one monument, the children of Frank and Adeline Krull. Two died in Iowa, three in Missouri and the last one, Elizabeth, in Nebraska. After the death of Elizabeth the remains of the others were brought to Centerville so the family could be together. Anita Lampila, granddaughter of Roy and Anita Spellman contributed research that suggests Elizabeth, age 12 was killed by Indians in 1892. The family had gone out to work in the fields, all except Elizabeth, who remained at the house. They saw a group of Indians ride through and when they returned to the house, they found the daughter "hurt" by the Indians. She was taken to a hospital in Lincoln but died several days later. There are so many other little ones--so many sad stories.

CENTERVILLE CEMETERY FROM 1869 TO 2005—Continued

I'm not aware of any murderers buried here but there are two, possibly four, murder victims. The first occurred in 1882 when nine year old Gertie Beriman was killed by her adoptive parents, Frederick and Margaret Classen of Hallam. She had been overworked, underfed and physically abused by the couple and after her death, witnesses came forward to describe the horrible condition of her body. It was decided that her body be exhumed and examined with the result that the Classens were charged with her death. The details were reported in the Nebraska State Journal and reprinted in the Hickman Voice. After the story was published, Butherus, Maser and Love donated a marker for the poor murdered child. It was placed among other Bergsman's at Centerville. Although her name was spelled differently, it was thought that she might have been related.

In a macabre twist, Mrs. Classen, who was known in the Hallam area as a witch, planned to be buried sitting in her rocker. She had the rocker placed in a cement lined vault in the Hallam cemetery. They attempted to fulfill her wishes, but had to break the vault to open it, the rocker was broken and the vault full of water. There was no record of any jail time for the pair. the second murder victim was Jeremiah Peck, shot to death in 1894 by Arch Jones. His wife, Helen Peck, died forty years later. Both were buried at Centerville.

Many of you will remember the story of the Blockowitz brothers, George and John, who died in a fire in their farmhouse on Wittstruck road on May 5, 1966. The cause of death was listed as asphyxiation, burns and trauma, but many believe they were murdered. George and John were bachelor farmers who were very frugal to a fault. Dwayne Wittstruck recalls that they had a truck and a car, but one battery that they switched between them.. Their brother Frank attempted to become their guardian, stating in court that they hid their money, rather than putting it into a bank. So when their charred bodies were found in the ashes of their house, rumors abounded. The mail carrier stated that one of the brothers was always at the mailbox when he arrived. That morning he thought it strange that neither one was there. Also, if you died in your sleep of asphyxiation why would your body show signs of trauma? Most believe the brothers were held inside their house, tortured until they revealed the whereabouts of their money, then murdered and the house set on fire to cover the deeds. No trace of the money was ever found, not for the lack of trying so it stands to reason that they murderers made off with it.

Centerville has also had a death occurring during, or slightly after a funeral. It happened in 1940. A funeral service was held for Roy Spellman, great-grandson of the cemetery's founder, husband of Anita Zimmerman Spellman and father of four young children. Shortly after the internment, Anita's father, William Zimmerman, collapsed and died on his son-in-laws grave.

On a lighter note, some of the headstones remind me of amusing stories, such as Charley Wittstruck courting Lena Krull until his father, Julius, ordered him to break it up because "he didn't like red-headed women". So there lies Charles and his wife Amelia directly across from Lena and her husband Hubert Frohn in almost identical above ground vaults. And to top it off, Charley's son, Harlan, married Lena's' red headed daughter, Leona, and Julius wasn't around to say anything about it. Teresa Sullivan contributed the interesting fact that Charles Krull was the areas "first manufacturer of salt," according to his obituary. And Fred Krull weighed 400 pounds when he died in 1888 at age 62. God only knows what other facts are buried with the folks in Centerville, some trivial and others important.

Through the years Centerville Cemetery has been under the care and guidance of able, dedicated people, and thanks to the repopulation of the area, it is growing like the weeds those Lincoln Memorial salesman predicted would cover it. New names are popping up among the predominately German ones. We became multi-cultural a few years ago, when Maria Lopez was laid to rest. It seems she and her husband "Puri" lived in Martell at one time. During the past 75 years we find that B.G. Miller, Bill Faig, and Harvey Beck served as president for ten years or more. More recently, President Clarence Freye left his mark on the cemetery. He spent countless hours indexing and straightening out the grounds. He made all the markers using cement stamped with numbers and rebar so they could be easily found with a metal detector, and platted the unmarked sections. After 50 years of service, John A. Spellman turned the reins of Secretary Treasurer over to Carol Krueger in 1976. Carol undertook the marathon job of straightening out the books and runs the association like a CEO, only she's not paid like one! She probably knows more about the cemetery than anyone and we hope she'll keep the job another 20 years of more. Joining Carol on the board today are Mike Mitchell, President Rodney Hollman, Lynn Freye, Vise President, and Dwayne Wittstruck.

They have obtained an easement on land owned by Ron and Judeen Oelling that will almost double the cemetery's size as soon as needed and it is filling up fast. A recent improvement is a covered directory stand built by Justin Popek, a Hickman boy scout, with help from his Troop #64, President Mike Mitchell put a lot of work into making it easy to find where the graves are, who the lot owners are and who are buried in each plot. A couple of weeks ago two women from Puyallup, Washington were able to find the grave of their ancestor, Reverend Albrecht, even though he doesn't have a stone, thanks to the directory. And thanks to Mike.

It's nice to see that the newer monuments list the wife's maiden name and sometimes the names of the children. It's a big help to genealogists. And it's time that women received proper recognition. Henry Zimmerman must have been a forward looking man. When his wife, Magdalena, died in 1913, he had her maiden name, Freye, engraved on their stone. I think I would have liked Henry.

CENTERVILLE CEMETERY FROM 1869 TO 2005—Continued

I hope that you have learned a little bit about the history and inhabitants of Centerville Cemetery. If you haven't been there lately, I invite you so do so. Take your time, browse, and you'll find that Centerville is not only a place of rest, but a place of inspiration.



Joan Wittstruck dressed up for the 2012 Centerville Cemetery tour as a woman might have dressed for a funeral years ago. Remember when no self respecting woman went out without a hat. The photos were taken by Eunice Cenohlavek who takes pictures of all our events to be placed in our archives.

DCHS VERSION OF ANTIQUE ROAD SHOW

The night was October 23, 2012 when DCHS members and the general public gathered up their treasures and hurried to the Denton Community Hall in anticipation of finding out that their treasures were worth millions of dollars. Local appraiser, Tom Bassett made a visit. While no one ended up with a million dollar item, there were some decidedly good results.

Ivan and LaVina Vagts could not find anything that they thought was worth Mr. Bassett looking at, until they remembered an old picture on tin that they had picked up on a trip to Oklahoma. They had found it at a flea market and if Ivan recalls correctly, he paid not over \$10 for it. They had relegated it to the basement and ignored it for many years. Imagine their surprise when they were told that since it was in very good shape and the color was good, especially since it was made, according to the internet in 1906, that its value was from \$750 to \$800.



Emmy Boden brought a silver fork that was very old. Her husband Arlen had found it in a house he had purchased. The fork was inscribed with the name "Payne". Silversmiths put the surname of the silverware owner on the top of the items. Mr. Boden had searched for someone who might have owned it originally but found no one.

BITS AND PIECES FROM THE LANCASTER COUNTY CITIZEN

February 2, 1922

EMERALD HEIGHT---Mr. Fred Piening Sr. celebrated his 82nd birthday January 25 . Mr. Piening is in good health at this writing.

ROKEBY RATTLES---The Rokeby community extends sincere sympathy to Mr. Couser, Mrs. Loos and other members of the family in the loss of mother and wife who passed away Wednesday evening January 25th. (Editor's note--She was Emma J. Couser wife of David G. Couser, both buried in Wyuka Cemetery.)



DENTON DOINGS---Quite a number of young folks from this community attended the barn dance at the Shea place Saturday evening. Also a number of folks from near Emerald attended also

Loren Mickle has been hauling lumber from the freight car to the lumber yard this past week.

EMERALD EARTHQUAKES---Mr. J H. Lohmeier died Monday afternoon after an illness of a few weeks. He had reached the age of 90 years, was a Civil War veteran and for years a prominent citizen of Pleasant Dale. (Editor's note---There is a BIG obituary in the February 9th paper regarding this man)

February 9, 1922

EMERALD EARTHQUAKES---Mrs. Fred Piening underwent an operation last Friday morning and of this writing is slowly improving.---Carl Degenfelder has graduated with high honors from the auto and tractor school of Lincoln. Carl has got Emerald on the map by graduating with the highest average of the class, which was 98 1/2. Keep up the good work, Carl, we are for you.---Henry Hoppman has traded his Fordson, and is now the proud owner of a "Parrot".

February 16, 1922

EMERALD HEIGHTS---The Emerald Midway Garage is now selling Sampson trucks and tractors and also has in a good supply of implements.----- All kinds of cakes and pies for sale at Dick's Bakery, located at the "Hotel De Box Car" Emerald Ne. Blackberry pies a specialty.

SPRAGUE SPIELS--John Kersten and George Hile sawed wood Monday. Frank Leibers and "Tony" Alberts helped them.-----Mr. J.F. Kurtz, manager of the Sprague Hardware Co returned home Friday evening from an extended trip through California, Oregon, Texas and old Mexico. He reports a fine time but says he did not see any place he liked better than Nebraska.----Attendance at Sunday School was 131. Collection \$3.91. The "Reds" were ahead. "Blues", you had better hurry or you will have to furnish the treats.---Mr. L. Willman butchered a hog Monday. How do we know? Why, because we got a nice mess of liver.

February 23, 1922

SPRAGUE SPIELS---Fred Krull bought a Billy goat last Saturday of Mr. Schmutte. Now look out for some fun.----Mr. and Mrs. Friend Buel moved to Lincoln last week where he has accepted a position as manager of the sheep farm at the State Farm.

EMERALD EARTHQUAKES---Herman Vollstedt, Gertrude Lee and the Degenfelder and Becker young folks drove in Tuesday evening to remind Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Larson that not yet were they through with crowds coming in to surprise them, demanding candy and cigars. (Editor's note---Arthur Larson and Rosena Poetzinger were married, License dated Jan 25th)

DENTON DOINGS---Mr. Adolph Brhel had the misfortune to get his hand caught in the gears of the corn sheller a few days ago. Dr. Skinner was called and dressed the wound , taking several stitches.



I REMEMBER GRANDMA PROJECT—Teresa Sullivan

Several issues ago, we had a lot of neat grandma stories. I hope you enjoyed them. I did. However, I have been promised more such stories but have not seen them and so, I am going to tell you my Grandma Story.

Well actually, I don't remember Grandma. She was Bridget Sullivan Sullivan, and she died in 1894 when my father, her son, was 7. I asked my Dad once if he remembered her and he said he only remembered her when she died because "people brought a lot of food". But we had a picture of Grandma, relegated to the attic of our farm home, and when out of town relatives came, I had to crawl up into the dusty, eerie attic and bring it down. As with most of us I got busy with life and ignored Grandma and her picture

And then in 1979 my father, Gene Sullivan, passed away and the house was cleaned out and I inherited all the dusty pictures in the attic, including Grandma. But at the same time, I and my husband moved and so the picture was placed in the bottom of a bureau, forgotten until 1997 when we moved again.

And then I took a good look at the picture and her eyes seemed to say, "I had a life. I lived and loved and I want you to know about my life". I knew I had to start my search for Grandma Bridget. I knew that she had married my grandfather, Eugene F. Sullivan and her father was Jeremiah U. Sullivan and that she had died in 1894 in childbirth with my Uncle Jerry. I knew that her children were my Uncle Murt, Aunt Ellen, Uncle Tim, Aunt Loretta, Uncle Jerry, Aunt Kate and my father. I knew she was Irish and she and my grandfather had come down to Nebraska from Michigan. That was all I now knew about her.

A trip to Calvary Cemetery in Lincoln, verified that she had indeed died on June 25, 1894. But the good information was, that she was 37 years, 4 months and 24 days when she died. I now had a birth date for her, about February 1, 1857. At about the same time, I found a Lancaster County Biography book that included my grandfather published in 1888 stating that he had married Bridget in Massachusetts in August 1872 and that he and Bridget had had eight children but only five were living. It was a troubling thought to think that she had married at age 15 and by age 31 had already lost three children. So this meant that my father had three siblings before him that he probably never knew about.

I was determined to find out more and in looking at the Denton Centennial book and the article about the family by Belle Soucie, I realized that my research should consider the family in Michigan. I called the County Clerk in Houghton County Michigan and asked if there was one place that the Irish there had come from in Ireland. She said, "Oh, yes. Most of them came from the copper mine area on Beara Peninsula in Ireland". I made a trip up to the UP of Michigan in 1999 and found a lot of records for all the Sullivan's that had come down to Lancaster County. Then I went to the internet and found that a genealogist had done a lot of research on the Beara area and had written books. I ordered a book and couldn't wait till it arrived. And there it was, Grandma was baptized on January 31, 1857 in St. Michael's church in Allihies Ireland with parents being Jeremiah Sullivan (clan Ukirry) and Catherine Clifford. I know knew my great grandmother's name also. In 2002 I went to Ireland and visited the town where Bridget lived for her first years. I went to Mass in the same St. Michael's church where she was baptized. It has been enlarged but the sanctuary is the original church.

Great Grandpa Jeremiah had purchased railroad land in Lancaster County in 1877 and had stated on it that he had been in the US for 15 years. Now I knew when to look for records about their arrival in the US. Bear in mind that Bridget was born in 1857 and this meant that she was 5 years old when she came to the US. And I found the family arrived at New York City on April 30, 1862 on the ship City of Washington. Bear in mind that these immigrant ships were not in any way comfortable and the families were divided with women and children in one area and men and young men in another. Bear in mind also, that this was probably the first time many of the passengers were on board a ship and other articles I have read tell about the sea sickness etc that often occurred.



Details: clipper stem, one funnel, three masts (rigged for sail - bark), iron construction. She had a single screw and made a speed of 10 knots. In November 1864 she was reconditioned and fitted with new boilers after having completed 63 North-Atlantic round voyages. In 1869 she was rebuilt to a length of 358 feet and her new tonnage was 2,870 tons. On June 5th 1869 she commenced her first voyage after alterations from Liverpool to Queenstown (Cobh), Halifax and New York. Her new engines fitted in 1869 had two cylinders, 48 and 84 inches in diameter, with a stroke of about 5 feet. Her horse-power was 450. She had four decks and was divided into four water-tight compartments. She was well supplied with boats and life-saving apparatus. (Taken from the internet)

I REMEMBER GRANDMA PROJECT (Continued)

I proceeded to do more research and realized that Bridget had her first child in Michigan in October 1873 and lost that child in March 1875 when she was pregnant with Uncle Murt. The Diocese of Lincoln has a record of the birth of Anna on July 27, 1878. This accounts for two children she had lost according to the Eugene Sullivan biography. I have never been able to account for a third. After the biography year of 1888, Aunt Loretta was born October 15, 1889 and Bernadine was born August 20, 1892 and died at birth. The birth of Uncle Jerry was the 11th child. She died the same day.

Her mortuary record reads

Died 6-25-94 at 2:30 pm. Bridget wife of Eugene Sullivan, aged 37-4-0 Res 10 miles south west of City. Funeral at 10:30 am German Catholic Church St Theresa's (now Calvary Cemetery)

Hearse \$10.00 Box \$45.00 Robe \$8.00 Gown \$5.00

I wish they had written about the color of the robe and gown. But I in my mind I picture her in the casket in the front room of our farm house, in pink.



Obituaries

Marvin M. Crewdson passed away on September 25 at age 74. He and his wife, Dorothy who survives, were Emerald residents for many years. In addition to Dorothy he is survived by 3 daughters and their families.

Janet Reddish Hatterman died on September 26 at Phoenix. She was the daughter of Art and Lorine Reddish and had attended District 103 as a youth. She was 78. She is survived by her brothers Art and Richard. (Note her brother Gary passed away after Janet.)

Edith E. Wilson, daughter of George and Grace Beam Wilson of Denton passed away on Oct 27th at age 92. Her home was in Oshkosh, Ne. Her sister Mildred Wilson Turnwall, is a DCHS

member as was Edith. Her brother Charles also survives.

James M. Rosekrans passed away on October 28 in Columbus. He was 89 and a graduate of Denton High School. He and his wife, Eileen, who survives, have been DCHS members for many years. His parents were James and Pearl Hocking Rosekrans. He was a P-47 pilot instructor in WW 2. Jim donated the building plans for the Rokeby Trinity Church which he had designed.

Imogene Lee-Mohr passed away on November 2nd at age 84. She and her first husband Larry Lee lived many years south of Emerald. Three sons survive with their families. Burial was in the Emerald cemetery.

Marvin L. Haase passed away on November 20 at age 88. He was the son of Ben and Frances Vosta Haase. Survivors include in wife Marianne and two sons and a daughter and their families. He and Marianne have been DCHS members for many years. He contributed a number of photos for our archives.

Reverend Gary Reddish died November 25. His home was in Denver. He was 69. His sister Janet Hatterman had recently passed away, leaving his survivors, brothers Art and Richard.

Another DCHS member passed away Dec 10th. **Everett Smith** age 83 of Papillion had done a lot of research on both sides of his family, the Smith's and Strelow's. He did a program several years ago on the life of the Strelow brothers who were his great great uncles and lived south west of Denton. His parents were John and Ruth Strelow Smith. His sister and brother-in-law Marcella and John Ludden survive. Four children and their families also survive.

Wayne Albert Wilson formerly of Crete passed away Dec 12th in Papillion. He and his wife, Betty who passed away in April 2012 were DCHS members also. Wayne graduated from Rokeby High School. Two sons and a daughter and their families survive.

Randy E. Melichar age 58, longtime resident of the Emerald area passed away January 10th. Parents were Elmer and Beverly Melichar. Surviving, besides his mother, are his wife Nancy and two daughters, one son and their families.

30th Annual Animal Run, a VOICE NEWS benefit for the Hickman Area Community Foundation Fund to build a Reading & Historical Centre



The 30th Annual Animal Run, a VOICE NEWS benefit for the Hickman Area Community Foundation Fund to build a Reading & Historical Centre will be held snow or shine on Sat. Feb. 2 at 10 a.m starting in front of the independent weekly newspaper office in downtown Hickman, NE. A 2 mile run/walk and a 5K race is the beginning race of the year for many Nebraska and central states runners who are invited to bring their dogs along for the run. However, the Animal Run was originally started 30 years ago because Bill and Linda Bryant, VOICE NEWS publishers, thought people who ran in all kinds of weather were just "Animals". Go to voicenewsnebraska.com to download a registration form or call 402-792-2255 for more information.



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