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PROGRAM SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 2010, 1 PM

ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH , TOPEKA , KS

**Regular Meetings** Regular meetings are held bi-monthly at 1:00pm, the second Sunday of the month in the basement of St. Joseph's Church, at the corner of 3rd Street and Van Buren Street, Topeka, KS. Guests are always welcome. Potluck meal is at 1 PM with program at 2 PM. Members are asked to bring a meat dish and a side dish.

## PROGRAM

The Program will be a travel film of Ornbau, Bavaria. The significance of this village is that it was the point of origin of the Brungardt family, a family instrumental in the immigration to Victoria, Kansas and the Volga village of Herzog, Russia. The film commemorates the many wars the German people endured after our ancestors left for Russia. We exit then to the Hofbrauhaus in Munich.



Ornbau, Bavaria and Herzog, Kansas

Lawrence Weigel wrote that Ornbau was the origin of the Brungardt family of Victoria (Herzog) Kansas, and Balthasar Brungardt was instrumental in focusing the Volga German migration out of Russia to Kansas. Being a descendant of Victoria, I decided to visit this village in search of village roots.

Ornbau is a small village in the middle of grain fields about 27 miles south of Nurnburg, Germany. This little village has a stone wall about 8 to 10 feet tall, along with a tall watch tower, complete with shooting slots for firing down on invaders.

The wall and the cathedral church are approximately 1000 years old. The wall, the bridge, and the original steeple are still standing and in good condition. On the chimney of the "old schoolhouse" there are giant crane nests that have stood for centuries. The village goes back to Roman times.

In the center of town is a "pieta styled" statue of a German mother, cradling her dead soldier son, in memory of the dead of the last three German wars, perhaps validating our ancestors' exodus in sometimes futile search for brighter futures.

# Spotlight on two St. Francis Community Partners

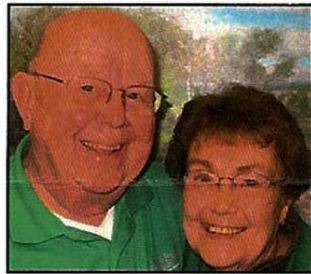
After Ed and Loretta Schwerdt worked 62 years between them at Santa Fe Railroad, they retired to find a fulfilling life giving back to the community. For 27 combined years they have been volunteering at St. Francis Health Center.

“We are getting great satisfaction from our volunteer service,” they said, referring not only to their volunteer hours at St. Francis, but to Loretta’s time volunteering at the Topeka Blood Bank and Ed’s at Let’s Help with their church group and at the Colmery-O’Neil VA Medical Center in Topeka.

Loretta has spent all of her volunteer service at the Health Center serving at the information desk because she loves the atmosphere, meeting people, giving directions and “being right in the middle of the action.”

Ed’s skill at being detail-oriented has been put to good use the 12 years he has volunteered in the Volunteer Services Department. He is a consummate optimist who loves giving back to the community.

“Loretta and I get paid with the satisfaction of helping others and the praise and thanks from staff members,” Ed said.



**Ed and Loretta Schwerdt**

They continue to volunteer at St. Francis because they love the Health Center and empathize with those who need medical care.

The Schwerdts have been married for 61 years after meeting on a blind date.

Loretta, originally from Grinnell, Kan., moved to Topeka shortly after graduating from Hoxie High School to attend Stricklers Business College. An avid “crafts lady,” she also worked part-

time at home baking and decorating birthday and wedding cakes.

“I am proud to say that I baked and decorated all of my married children’s wedding cakes,” Loretta said. She also worked in the revenue and time keeping departments at Santa Fe Railroad while raising her children.

Ed, a U. S. Navy veteran who served at a base in Plymouth, England, during WWII, graduated with a bachelor’s degree in economics and accounting from Central Missouri State Teachers College in Warrensburg. He began his career at Santa Fe in 1941 in Topeka and spent seven years in its Chicago office working as a private secretary to the president of Santa Fe.

He ended his career as an assistant manager of car accounting at Santa Fe’s Topeka location where he monitored all Santa Fe railroad cars on the Santa Fe or other U.S. tracks as well as all other U. S. railroad cars on Santa Fe tracks. “I never lost track of any railroad cars,” he said.

## BOB HABERKORN'S SISTER PASSES AWAY

Betty J. Broxterman, 71,

Topeka, died Friday, April 30, 2010 with her family at her side. She was born in Topeka, Kansas on February 13, 1939, the daughter of Ignatius and Mary (Gable) Haberkorn. She was a 1957 graduate of Hayden High School. Betty was a member of Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church and was a former member of American Legion Post #400 Auxiliary. She enjoyed gardening, crafts, cooking, sewing and especially being "Granny" to her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She married Orlin R. Broxterman in Topeka, Kansas at St. Joseph Catholic Church on August 29, 1959. He survives. She is also survived by two sons, Mark J. Broxterman and wife Paula of Silver Lake and Matthew J. Broxterman and wife Michelle of Topeka, seven grandchildren; Joel, Justin and wife Stacy, Brett, Jayme, Ryan, Dylan, Shelby, two great granddaughters; Jenessa and Carsyn, three sisters, Odelia Mick, Louise Schrieber and Leona Schoenfeldt all of Topeka and a brother Robert Haberkorn and wife Peggy of Topeka. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Alvena Haberkorn and Katherine Dluhy. Betty will lie in state after 4:00 p.m. Tuesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church with a Parish Rosary at 7:00 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday at the church. Interment will be in Mt Calvary Cemetery. Memorial contributions in her memory may be made to St. Joseph/Sacred Heart or Most Pure Heart of Mary Church and sent in care of Brennan-Mathena Funeral Home, 800 SW 6th Ave., Topeka, Kansas 66603.

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## MIKE REB SERIOUSLY ILL

John & Lela Reb's son, Mike , (their eldest) was in serious condition in KU Med Center in early May. He had been in St Francis Hospital and then was transferred to KU Med Center. John reported that Mike had a number of serious medical issues, including kidney infection, stroke, diabetes and amputation was under consideration. He, as well as John's family, need lots of TLC and prayers. Ed Schwerdt

## MARIE KABERLINE AILING

In late April Sheri Rose reported, "Seen Marie Kaberline yesterday. She has just gotten out of the hospital. She was there since our meeting in April. She had congestive heart failure and was weak. Her son said she was not eating enough. Though you would like an update." Sheri Rose

## LISTS of COLONISTS WHO HAVE ARRIVED to RUSSIA in 1776

Evelyn Huggins advises us that she has ordered this book for the Chapter.

In April, 2010 the book "Lists of the colonists who have arrived to Russia in 1766" Ivan Kulberga's Official reports "has come out. It contains 22711 persons delivered to Russia by 76 ships. Its volume is 520 pages, firm cover. Cost - \$50 + \$10 the postage in USA. The order can be made on E-mail: [pleve2010@yandex.ru](mailto:pleve2010@yandex.ru)

The given book - not the simple publication of documents, but serious research work on identification of names, surnames, places of an exit of colonists and the trades which have been written down according to colonists, not knowing Russian, the Russian clerks poorly knowing German language. The edition is prepared in Russian and English for more people interested in these lists could work with them. The most part of descendants of Germans of the Volga region deported from Volga in 1941, lives now in Germany. For them reading of this book will not be a big problem. Names, surnames and place names are given in a German transcription. SHERI ROSE

David F Schmidt, VC for Stahl am Karaman writes on the VG List:

Title: Lists of colonists who arrived in Russia in 1766 "Reports of Ivan Koulberg" Introduction to Russian and English, text in English. To purchase and payment can be accessed at: [pleve2010@yandex.ru](mailto:pleve2010@yandex.ru) Applications will be accepted from 3 March. Introduction to the book. (Published IR Plehve at the forum, one of the posts) Few people thought about the fact that the history of the formation, development and outcome of the Russian Germans in general and the Volga Germans, in particular - a phenomenon. We will not find another such example in the world, where people from different countries come to another country, formed over nearly 200 years as a single nation, then most of them are leaving the country. And everything is more or less voluntarily. According to his will come - and gone on their own.

It seems that the history of the Volga Germans already much studied and written over the past two decades. But time has opened more new pages. One of the interesting sources on the history of the Volga Germans may be different lists of colonists, which were drafted on the long journey from the time of recruitment in various European, mainly Germanic, states. Go to mention that they were not for history, not to save the names to emigrate to distant and mysterious Russia from troubled Europe. Lists are binding instruments in the financial statements of recruiters in the field, commissioners carrying future colonists to the places of departure, ship captains, etc. With the recruitment and sending colonies to their places of charges in Lübeck costs should not exceed 40 rubles for adults [1]. Recruiters have compiled on him was taken at the assembly point the colonists and their faith with them. These lists of future colonists were given daily at

the rate of 16 kreuzers man, 10 - for women and adolescents and 6 kreuzers child [2]. When loading the colonists on the ships in Lübeck compiled new lists, now on ships. They were needed for the Russian Commissioner and Lübeck

merchant Christoph Heinrich Schmidt, and after his death May 30, 1766 - the new Commissioner and Lübeck lawyer Gabriel Christian Lemke. For each sent colonist Commissioner received the award in the 1 / 2 thalers [3]. As it stood feeding rate of 14 days of the road from Luebeck to Oranienbaum. For years, lists of departures colonists unsuccessfully searched for in Lübeck. So are the recruiters and commissioners who were in the Russian service. Subsequently, lists, detailed invoices and receipts of the colonists in getting money, like all financial documents sent to the Office of Foreign guardianship in St. Petersburg. The subsequent fate of these documents is unknown. Most likely, after a certain period they were written off

and destroyed, as the money spent on the colonists to the limits of Russia belonged to the unrecoverable debt. Upon arrival in Russia are new lists, which formed the basis of this publication. These were the reports of the Office of the guardianship of foreign government clerk, and at the same time interpreter Ivan Koulberg. This book - not published documents, and serious research on the identification of names, names, places out of the colonists and the professions, recorded the words of the colonists who did not know Russian language, Russian scribes, who knew little German. This publication was prepared for publication in English in order to allow more interested in those lists of people to work with them. For the period from 1874 to 1913. every fourth Volga German emigrated to America. Interest in the history of his people in their descendants remain. Most of the descendants of Volga Germans who were deported from the Volga in 1941, currently live.

## GERMAN ORTSSIPPENBUCHS (MORE BOOKS)

Is everyone aware of the phenomenon of Ortssippenbuch in Germany? They are not done for every village, but if your village happens to have one done, it can be very helpful in tracking down family.

Apparently quite a few were done for Baden-Wuerttemberg. This link includes some of the ones done, and prices in euros to buy ones that are not sold out:

<http://user.baden-online.de/~ksiefert/>

( Baden-Wuerttemberg is the parent province for Pfeifer and Kamenka, Russia)

Here are online examples:

<http://wiki-de.genealogy.net/Kategorie:Online-Ortsfamilienbuch>

Ostfriesen:

<http://www.tcghs.org/OSB.htm>

LDS has 365 in their Germany collection, but there are others for the Banat.. There may be some double counting, if they have more than one copy. They may be hard copies or microfilm:

[http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Library/fhlcatalog/supermainframeset.asp?display=titlehitlist&series=1083&disp=Deutsche+Ortssippenb%C3%BCher%2E+Reihe+B&first=101&last=200&columns=\\*,180,0](http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Library/fhlcatalog/supermainframeset.asp?display=titlehitlist&series=1083&disp=Deutsche+Ortssippenb%C3%BCher%2E+Reihe+B&first=101&last=200&columns=*,180,0)

This is LDS' website explanation of what an Ortssippenbuch is, along with other data:

[https://wiki.familysearch.org/en/German\\_Town\\_Genealogies\\_and\\_Parish\\_Register\\_Inventory\\_on\\_the\\_Internet#Bibliographies\\_of\\_Town\\_Genealogies](https://wiki.familysearch.org/en/German_Town_Genealogies_and_Parish_Register_Inventory_on_the_Internet#Bibliographies_of_Town_Genealogies)

One of the links on this webpage will take you to online books for villages in Germany and villages in some of the surrounding countries:

<http://www.online-ofb.de/>

The Library of Congress website only listed three when I checked.

Bill Pickelhaupt, Volga German List

## OBITUARY ANNEX

The following obituaries were collected during April and May 2009. The obituaries are provided as a service to the membership and the general public. Copies may be obtained by e mail in limited quantities at [fjacobs@cox.net](mailto:fjacobs@cox.net)

The obituaries are offered as a research tool, and are NOT the final word on accuracy on any particular genealogy, rather they represent the most accurate information provided by the obituary's author and may contain errors.

TITLE'S FORMAT for an obituary presented here is:

- \* Current last name
  - \* first name
  - \* father's surname ( if deceased was married female)
  - \* mother's surname if known, in parentheses
  - \* the maiden name of the wife of a deceased male in brackets, if known
  - \* "special interest" individual's surname in obit, flagged "randomly" within {     }
- brackets.

The obituary listings will have three additional dates listed. Following the naming configuration we will list the Date of Birth; Date of Death, and following the Publisher Identifier we will include the publication date and the letter P if a photo was included.

These obituaries will eventually be placed in the Save Our Ancestral Records (SOAR) database at AHSGR, Lincoln, Nebraska  
TCJ is for Topeka Capital Journal and HDN is for Hays Daily News

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Artzer, LeRoy (Hefner) [Dick] 8 4 1927; 5 18 2010 TCJ, 5 20 2010.txt  
Aschenbrenner, Ralph L (Schuster) 10 1 1935; 4 27 2010 HDN, 4 28 2010.txt  
Baker, Catherine M Herrman (Legleiter) 6 28 1920; 4 22 2010 HDN, 4 26 2010.txt  
Bieker - Mongtague, Josephine M Pfeifer (Herman) 7 10 1925; 3 28 2010 HDN, 3 29 2010.txt  
Billinger, Angelita Giebler (Weigel) {Meis} 9 17 1920; 3 27 2010 HDN, 3 27 2010.txt  
Bittel, Kenneth George (Koerner) 4 1 1929; 4 6 2010 HDN, 4 9 2010.txt  
Broxterman, Betty J Haberkorn (Gable) {Schoenfeldt} 2 13 1939; 4 30 2010 TCJ. 5 2 2010 P.txt  
Buckingham, Philomene F Hoffman (Kuhn) {Weigel , Bollig} 1 6 1920 ; 4 22 2010 HDN, 4 26 2010.txt  
Burgardt, Norman (Leiker) [Herrman] 10 11 1923; 4 3 2010 HDN. 4 6 2010.txt  
Butler, George Wilburn, (Dorough) [Schmidt] 11 5 1933; 4 19 2010 HDN, 4 21 2010.txt  
Compitello, Barb Dinkel (Appelhans) 10 27 1959; 3 25 2010.txt  
Dinges, Marvin A (Seraphina XXX) [Leeman] 3 31 1919; 3 23 2010 HDN, 4 9 2010.txt  
Dinkel, Cambry Nicole (Stremel) 3 3 2010; 4 1 2010 HDN, 4 3 2010.txt  
Dinkel, Nick (Kinderknecht) 11 24 1955; 3 22 2010 HDN, 4 5 2010.txt  
Doerfler, Anne E Gnad (Augustine) 11 29 1927; 3 27 2010 HDN, 3 27 2010.txt  
Dreiling, Clementine M Zerr (Zerr) 6 8 1931; 4 11 2010 HDN, 4 12 2010.txt

Dreiling, Raymond J (Melsina XXX) 4 19 1927; 5 2 2010 HDN, 5 2 2010.txt  
Erbert, Frank J (Gaschler) [Matteson - Morel] {Bouchev} 7 22 1912; 4 1 2010 HDN, 4 1 2010.txt  
Gerhardt, Cicily Ann 1 2 1939; about 4 2 2010 HDN, 4 3 2010.txt  
Giebler, Donald (Sawazhki) [Newell] 1 20 1951; 3 1 2010 HDN, 3 27 2010.txt  
Goetz, Albertine C Staab (Meier) {Berens} 7 11 1921; 4 30 2010 HDN, 5 3 2010.txt  
Goetz, Winfred D (Goetz) [Staab] 2 27 1921; 5 12 2010 HDN, 5 13 2010.txt  
Goodnow, Mettie B Waggle (Watkins) {Rome} 7 16 1919; 5 11 2010 HDN, 5 14 2010.txt  
Gross, Shirley Dreiling (Jacobs) 9 8 1937; 5 13 2010 HDN, 5 14 2010.txt  
Haynes, Marcella Rose Glotzbach (Meinhardt) {Roth, Sack} 3 11 1922; 4 15 2010 TCJ, 4 18 2010, P.txt  
Holloway, Tom A (Grace XXX) [Schumacher] 11 11 1948; 4 8 2010 HDN , 4 15 2010.txt  
Johns, Robert Newman (Wilkinson) [Urban] 6 29 1919; 4 1 2010 TCJ 4 4 2010, P.txt  
Kerr, Florence A Gabel (Pfannenstiel) 7 16 1927; 4 30 2010 HDN, 5 1 2010.txt  
Kraft, Anthony J (Haffner) [Heier] 12 11 1917; 4 18 2010 HDN, 4 19 2010.txt  
Law, Kathryn Parker (Gross) 3 11 1928; 4 14 2010 HDN, 4 17 2010.txt  
Leiker, Norbert K (Glassman) [ Mader - Zimmerman] 6 18 1932; 4 24 2010 HDN, 4 26 2010.txt  
Leiker, Rita May Raskopf (Eichman) 4 13 1936; 3 27 2010 HDN, 3 27 2010.txt  
Linsey, Laura J Casey (Kisslinger) {Wiesner - Rome} 4 11 1963; 4 17 2010 HDN, 4 20 2010.txt  
Manns, Roy C (Anderson) [Brungardt] 6 21 1976; 4 18 2010 TCJ, 4 22 2010.txt  
Mechtley, Terilyn M (Stegman) { Kneale} 8 21 1966; 4 11 2010 TCJ, 4 14 2010.txt  
Meis, Ernest E (Miller) [Rohr] 12 2 1938; 4 3 2010 HDN, 4 6 2010.txt  
Mermis, Clara Barbara Scheck (Vonfeldt) 7 27 1914; 4 27 2010 HDN, 4 29 2010.txt  
Meyer, Lidwina O Wasinger; about 1911; 3 24 2010 HDN, 3 27 2010.txt  
Moran, Judy K Chlumsky (Mermis) 4 22 1947; 4 10 2010 HDN, 4 12 2010.txt  
Mowry, Henry Victor (Ochs) [Cramer] 3 5 1925; 4 26 2010 HDN, 4 27 2010.txt  
Pfannenstiel, Magdalena A Geist (Kessler) 8 17 1917; 3 30 2010 HDN, 3 31 2010.txt  
Pfannenstiel, Michael John (Schlitter) 11 25 1952; 3 28 2010 TCJ, 3 31 2010.txt  
Romme, Janice Marie Zimmerman (Stoecklein) 2 20 1942; 4 14 2010 HDN, 4 15 2010.txt  
Roth, Gerald Jerry (Magdalena XXX) [Ann XXX ] 5 3 1923; 4 10 2010 HDN. 4 13 2010.txt  
Ruder, Anne Marie (Anna XXX) {Sister Johnel, CSA} 9 17 1922; 3 17 2010 HDN, 3 29 2010.txt  
Rupp - Schauvliege, Mildred Jouise Bowie (Jordan) 9 3 1929; 4 24 2010 HDN, 4 26 2010.txt  
Rupp, Francis A (Groff) [Giebler] 6 1 1930; 5 10 2010 HDN, 5 12 2010.txt  
Schaffer, Roy Michael (Urban) 12 22 1949; 4 1 2010 HDN, 4 2 2010.txt  
Schmeidler - Russell, John Leslie (Gerstner, Elaine; Gerstner, Josephine) 8 15 1950; 4 17 2010 HDN, 4 19 2010.txt  
Schmidt, Richard Ralph (Denk) [Werth] 5 4 1921; 4 1 2010 HDN, 4 2 2010.txt

Schneider, George W (Gross) [ Wethington - Cook] 3 1 1926; 4 2 2010 Scottsbluff Star Herald, 4 2 2010.txt  
Schremmer, Mary Kathyerine Stehwein (Jennings) 8 8 1941; 4 12 2010 HDN, 4 20 2010.txt  
Staab, Lawrence (Schueler) [Carolyn XXX] 9 20 1929; 3 27 10 HDN, 4 17 2010.txt  
Stegman, Leon (Eichman) [Kraus] 11 4 1951; 4 28 2010 TCJ, 4 30 2010.txt  
Stegman, Margaret Dinkel; 6 12 1901; 2 3 1968 Great Bend Tribune, 2 7 1968.txt  
Stenger, Marge Wolf (Schmidt) 10 12 1916; 5 7 2010 HDN, 5 8 2010.txt  
Swindell, Ida Urban (Miller) 7 7 1917; 4 15 2010 HDN 4 19 2010.txt  
Swindell, Ida Urban (Miller) 7 7 1917; 4 15 2010 TCJ, 4 18 2010,P.txt  
Weigel, Catherine (Hoffman) { Sr M Kilian, CSA} 5 23 1884; 1 13 1972 Fond du Lac Reporter (Wisconsin) 1 14 1972.txt  
Weigel,Kenneth R (Eggerman) [Cook] 6 18 1938; 4 19 2010 HDN, 4 22 2010.txt  
Werth, Joyce Elaine (Garvert) 8 21 1956; 4 5 2010 HDN, 4 9 2010.txt  
Younger - Pfeifer, Doris Linenberger (Brungardt) 8 23 1925; 5 4 2010 HDN, 5 5 2010.txt  
Ziegler, Viola Cecil Michel (Schneider) 9 28 1917; 4 5 2010 HDN, 4 7 2010.txt