

# Pannebakker Familie Nieuws

A Newsletter for the Pannebakker Family Association

**SPECIAL  
POINTS OF  
INTEREST:**

- Help make this newsletter better!
- Visiting relatives database.
- Association dues are now, due!
- A visit to the Mills
- A tribute to Dr. Dale Pennybaker

**EDITOR PLEADS FOR HELP!**

The December, 2006 edition of this newsletter contained a request for someone to volunteer to take over as editor of this publication. Since my participation in association matters in the years following the 1999 Reunion has been woefully lacking, and since I recently retired after 36 years of teaching, I thought I would give it a try. I called President Ron Mitchell and volunteered to help. Ron immediately appointed me, Editor.

After the phone call I asked myself, "how hard can it be to turn

out a newsletter 4 times a year?" Then reality hit me. I realized what a wonderful job our past "temporary" Editor, Suzee Pennypacker, had done and sought out her advice. Suzee described getting the family to contribute articles and information for the newsletter as, "an uphill battle." Well, the battle has been joined and I think I'm not doing too well! As far as I can tell,

having met and spoken to many family members at the Reunion and other times, we are not

the sort of folks to give up at the start of a battle. I've actually heard others describe us as stubborn. So, family, how about a little help? Send stories about family members, weddings, births, obituaries, recipes, anecdotes, or whatever you'd like to see in this newsletter, to the new

and frazzled editor. Send me your ideas so that together we can make this a valuable newsletter for



**What's a family for?**

the entire family. My e-mail address and phone number are listed on the back page. Oh, by the way, family association dues are now due for some of you! Check out the address label for the date your dues expire. As always, send your check for \$10 for an individual and \$17 for a couple to Ron Mitchell, N202 County Road B, Kewaunee, WI 54216-9520.

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**VISITING RELATIVES**

We all travel from time-to-time. Going new places and seeing the wonders the country and world have to offer is always enjoyable. With worries about travel to other countries on our minds, it's a good time to consider travel inside the US.

When I travel to other parts of the country, I always look in the phone book at the hotel for "family" names. Wouldn't it be wonderful to have a few names and phone numbers of "family" to contact while away? Maybe a kind relative

would even like to have an over night guest! If you'd be interested in having your name, address, etc. included in a database for other traveling family members, or if you have a comment about this idea, contact the editor.

## B E L O V E D C O A C H , D A L E P E N N Y B A K E R

Coach Pennybaker was recently honored by Midland Lutheran College, located in Fremont, Nebraska. The Warrior Hall of Fame, located in the College's new Event Center, was officially named the "Pennybaker Hall of Fame Corridor" in honor of Dr. Dale Pennybaker and his wife, Rita, for their outstanding leadership and service at Midland Lutheran College. The Hall of Fame

currently honors more than 150 past Midland athletes, coaches, teams and long-time supporters of Warrior athletics.

From 1956 to 1964, Dr. Dale Pennybaker served as Director of Athletics, Head Football and Basketball Coach and Meet Director and Referee of Midland Relays, and also as a Professor of Physical Education. Under Coach Pennybaker, the Warrior football

team won two conference championships. In 1965, he coached the United States Track and Field Team that toured Africa for 50 days representing the U.S. State Department. Before retiring in 1985, Dr. Pennybaker served as Director of Athletics at colleges in North Dakota, Nebraska and the Jefferson County Schools in Colorado.

Dr. Pennybaker earned his

bachelor's and master's degrees from Kansas State Teachers College, now the Emporia State University, in Emporia, Kansas, and later a Ph.D. from Iowa University in 1961. Dr. Pennybaker and his wife, Rita, reside in Lawrence, Kansas.

Congratulations on an outstanding career, from the entire family!

## A T P E N N Y P A C K E R M I L L S

### Pennypacker Mills is

located at:

5 Haldeman Road  
Schwenksville, PA

19473

Hours: Tues.-Sat. 10  
am - 4 pm; Sun. 1 - 4  
pm

The following are Family Weekend Activities...they are FREE do it yourself activities on the porch.

**Calling on the Pennypackers**  
Sunday, May 13, 1 to 3 pm  
Sunday, Aug. 26, 1 to 3 pm

Create your own calling card with pen and ink to present when you go on tour. Calling cards were part of the social graces of the time and presented upon arrival.

### Washboards, Wringers, Soap & Water

Saturday, June 30, 1 to 3 pm  
Saturday, July 21 1 to 3 pm

Get a "hands-on" experience doing laundry as it was done in the 1900's. "Immerse" yourself in the past!

### Celebrate Grandparent's Day at the Mills

Sunday, Sept. 9, 1 to 4 pm  
Join us for a craft that will bring the generations to-

gether for this special day. Enjoy sharing games and toys of yesteryear.



### NEW EXHIBIT

**"I Lived Here Too"**  
**Hired Help at a Country Gentleman's Estate**  
**March 1, 2007 through January 31, 2008**

Explore the role of servants and hired help at the turn-of-the-twentieth century here at Pennypacker Mills. Learn the arrangements of their employment, their pay, and who these lesser known employees of the property were. This exhibit is provided as part of our regular guided tours. **FREE**

### EVENTS

**Rural Life in the 1900's:**  
**Life at Pennypacker Mills**  
Saturday, April 21  
11 am to 4 pm

Spring cleaning was an all-consuming chore that kept the servants busy. Join us as we explore how the Penny-packer's might have prepared the house and the farm for spring. See demonstrations of sheep shearing, wood stove cooking, bee keeping, gardening, laundry, and mansion tours. **FREE**

### Civil War Reunion

**Lest We Forget Our Past**  
Sat., June 2  
10 am to 5 pm  
Sunday, June 3  
10 am to 4 pm

An event filled with the sights and sounds of the War Between the States. See colorful, engaging living history, battle enactments & artillery demonstrations, music performances and dancing, & camp life, field hospital demonstrations & evening lantern tours. (lantern tours by reservation). **FREE**

**The Titanic**  
**Philadelphia Families Who Took the Maiden Voyage**  
Sunday, July 15, 7 pm

Hear the personal stories of the Philadelphia families who survived and those who were lost at sea when the Titanic sunk. Presented on the mansion porch. Bring lawn chairs & a picnic for this summer's eve presentation. **FREE**

## PENNYPACKER GOES TO PHILLIES



John Denny, Cy Young winner, with Bruce

Bruce Pennypacker of Langhorne, PA recently returned from a trip to Clearwater, Florida to participate in the Philadelphia Phillies Phantasy Camp. The trip was a retirement gift from Bruce's wife, Sandy.

The Rookies were introduced as they entered the locker room for the first day of baseball. "What a thrill to see your locker, name tag and all, with your own authentic Phillies uniform hanging there." The atmosphere was electric as the Rookies suited up.

beating out the throw to first and sliding into home. What a hoot!

During the week at camp, players had an opportunity to meet and play ball with some of the former Phillies. There was a hitting clinic with Milt Thompson, current batting coach for the Phils, and a pitching clinic with Cy Young award winning John Denny. Bruce played a total of six games on a team coached by Milt Thompson and Mariano Duncan, pres-

ently the first base coach for the Dodgers. Although the team only won two games, every inning of every game was fantastic. "We were a bunch of old guys playing a boys game again." Other Phillies Legends at the camp included : Juan Samuel, Greg Luzinski, John Kruk, Mickey Morandini, Kevin Stocker, Mitch Williams, Von Hayes, Dave Hollins, Jim Eisenreich, Tyler Green, Ricky Jordan, Dickie Noles, Kevin Jordan, Warren Brusstar,

Marty Bystrom, Terry Harmon and Larry Anderson. Each and every one of the Legends was a real gentleman and just like one of the guys. "I never enjoyed myself more!"

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Kangaroo Court

Each edition will feature stories about our family members. We'd love to hear about you! Let us know what you've been up to. Articles could be autobiographical or tell us about the kids, grandkids or maybe about that big trip or the book you just had published. Send your story, with pictures if you wish, to the editor.

## OBITUARIES

Each edition of this newsletter will include the death notices of members of the Family Association. Please forward all notices to the editor. As of the time of publication, the following notices were received:

Charles E. McCormick  
Muskogee, OK  
No dates given

Ruth Harriett Pennypacker-  
Flurry  
St Josephs, MO  
Born December 28, 1911  
Died January 11, 2007

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The Pannebakker Family Association is an out-growth of the family reunion held at Pennypacker Mills, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania on July 2-4, 1999. The reunion celebrated the 300th year wedding anniversary of Hendrick Pannebecker and Eve Umstat, in Germantown, Pennsylvania in the year 1699.

In the words of the Steering Committee of the reunion, "We hope that the 1999 Pfannebecker-Umstat Reunion will lead to the growth of a family association, which will provide a forum for conversation, collection and preservation of information, and a sense of lasting community among the heirs of this rich cultural heritage."

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