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"Swiss Volhynian Favorite Recipes"

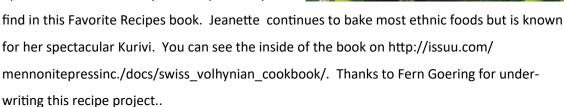
Great Christmas gift -- Those old Swiss Volhynian recipes and how to make them!!

Remember those great Christmas dinners at Grandma's when the table was laden with wonder-

ful old favorite foods? Now our new "Swiss Volhynian Favorite Recipes," will show you how you can have those on your holiday table. The book has 23 of our favorites PLUS two attached DVDs of our expert cooks demonstrating how to make bohna beroggi, cheese and kraut beroggi, poppy seed rolls, and kurivi (traditional "wedding cake"—frosted sweet bread with corn candy on top).

What great Christmas gifts this beautiful new book would be for your children and grandchildren.

Jeanette Krehbiel Wedel, previously owner of the Mixing Bowl Bakery in Hesston, Kansas, has developed the best Swiss Volhynian recipes that you



Get yours before they are gone!! \$20 for one and \$16 for each additional book plus \$5 mailing for one or \$10 for more books. Send order to SMCHA, P.O. Box 93, Moundridge KS 67107 and we will mail your copy(ies). A great Christmas present for your children or anyone who loves the food and may want to try to make it.

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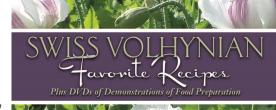
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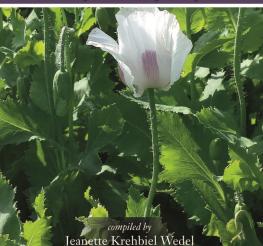
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SMCHA Mission:

- * Collect and disseminate information concerning the spiritual and cultural history of Anabaptists of Swiss Volhynian origin.
- * Offer scholarships to qualifying college and seminary students.
- * Relate in a meaningful way the faith of our Mennonite forebears to present and future generations.
- * Maintain the Hopefield Cemetery and Swiss Mennonite 1943 Marker and Centennial Monument.

2018 Membership dues \$20/year or \$100 for six years. Schweitzer Salt is sent to members.





Moundridge Community Foundation Match Day Results, November 2, 2017

Friends of SMCHA contributed \$2,640 in contributions to add to the Fund that insures the care and of the SMCHA properties. SMCHA was awarded \$2,106.94, our percentage of gifts given to all the recipients to use for projects determined by the board and members. Thank you friends.

Dale Schrag Speaks on "Searching for a Usable Past" at SMCHA Banquet

After a plentiful German Sausage supper that included bohne beroggi and poppyseed cake, on Thursday, October 26, at Eden Mennonite Church, speaker Dale Schrag emphasized the importance of the Careful telling of our history. Swiss Volhynians don't all have exactly uniform history. Some came from Canton Zurich, others from Canton Bern—different nations. Some journeyed through France; others through Germany. Neumaneufka and Kotosufka merged so what happened to Neumaneufka? We are privileged to have an amazing collection of important documents to study and research stories and questions at the Mennonite Library and Archives (MLA) in North Newton. Dale recognized the enormous contribution that Director John Thiesen has made to the MLA. Mennonite Church USA no longer subsidizes so currently Bethel College still supports. All are encouraged to continue to support the efforts to save the historical files. Mennonites have relied on the past to meet the future. Cherish the treasure that MLA is. Send \$5 to SMCHA if you would like a recorded DVD.

Coming Events

Annual Meeting—Sunday, March 11, 2018 at Pretty Prairie Mennonite. Kathy Goering Reid, from Texas, will be the speaker. Previously a Mennonite pastor, Kathy has worked with problems of battered women.

Only Schweitzer Spoken Here sessions quarterly at the Wellness Center to keep the language alive.

<u>Scholarship Requests</u> are due July 1, 2018. Up to \$1,000 available to Mennonite students. Apply.

<u>Fall Fest</u>—Saturday, October 6, 2018. This is the year for the Schweitzers.

<u>Annual Banquet</u>—Thursday, October 18, 2018. Joanne Hess Siegrist from Pennsylvania will speak on

Anabaptists in Switzerland. Siegrist is knowledgeable about Trachselwald Castle where early Anabaptists were imprisoned, its important history and current ownership.



The Hopefield Cemetery Policy

The Hopefield Cemetery is considered the Pioneer Cemeterysince many of the earliest immigrants are buried there. If you would like to consider this beautiful rural place as your final resting place, check the Cemetery Policy on the website.

The first families in Kansas stayed at the Immigrant House west of Moundridge

SMCHA Board decided to mark the site so that visitors could enjoy knowing more about that part of the Swiss Volhynian story. Some families lived in the Immigrant House until they could establish their own homesteads. Grandma Anna Schrag told Marlene Krehbiel that families divided their space by hanging quilts between them. An attached kitchen was used for food preparation. All ate together with women taking turns at supplying the meals.

The Immigrant House was used for church, probably for eight years, and school. The Mennonites emphasized schools and started elementary classes in the Immigrant House. Public schools sprang up throughout the community. Rev. P.P. Wedel commented at the 75th anniversary: "Soon most of the parents desired for their children a graduation from the eighth grade. With this they seemed to be satisfied for some time. But at the turn of the century, when high schools were being

established in the surrounding towns, the desire for more education arose and parents began to send their children to the high schools."

The Moundridge Museum has identified early elementary

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schools near Moundridge (red dots on map— Moundridge at arrow). Visit their exhibit. So many schools and not far apart. Many students walked to

school or rode a horse so schools needed to not be far away. In 1883 a Mennonite seminary was established in nearby Halstead and eventually merged into Bethel College and Academy when that school was started in Newton in 1893.

Explore your Genealogy on Library Public Computer

The Swiss Volhynian Data Base on Brother's Keeper has been installed on the Moundridge Public Library public computer so now anyone who would like to explore their heritage can do so during library hours. We plan to also load this program at the Newton Public Library. The program is available at the Freeman Heritage Museum as well.

If a Library near you would be open to this, let us know and we will try to make arrangements so more people can have the fun of knowing more about their ancestors.

The Lord's Prayer

Unser Vater, der du bist im Himmel. Dein Name werde geheiligt; dein Reich komme; dein Wille gesche auf Erden so wie im Himmel. Unser täglich Brot gib uns heute, und vergib uns unsre Schulden wie wir unseren Schuldigen vergeben. Und fuhre uns nicht in Versuchung, sondern erlose uns von dem Übel. Denn Dein ist das Reich, und die Kraft, und die Herrlichkeit, in alle Evigkeit. Amen.

Kaufman Siblings - 1 Mile North of Pioneer

Two very important emphases in the lives of Roland (Bus) Kaufman and his sister Verna Kaufman were education and service. Their father Joseph was born in Moundridge in 1881, just seven years after the immigration from Russia and mother Maria in 1885. Two of Joseph's *siblings*, 3 ½ year old Peter and six-month old Jacob died in 1874 during the immigration and were buried at Catlin and another baby brother died ten years later. Tragedy occurred later for Joseph and Maria Kaufman when two babies of their eleven children died. They are buried at Hopefield. The other nine grew up in Central Kansas.

Two of those eleven children, Verna and Bus, have been

leaders in Mennonite communities through all their years and we now, at their ages of almost 102 (Verna) and 99 (Bus), look back at their contributions.

Milking cows and doing farm chores with sheep, pigs, and draft horses on the Joseph and Maria Flickner Kaufman farm afforded a great work ethic. Bus exclaimed that the most im-



portant happening in this time was electricity; he remembered carrying lanterns to the barn to milk. Verna and Bus knew about sharing although Verna remembers fighting with five sisters about clothes and shoes. Bus particularly remembers Mom's baking, and no doubt a lot of baking happened in that farm home.

Both Verna and Bus attended Pioneer Grade School, just a mile from their home in rural Moundridge, Moundridge High School, and Bethel College. Bus felt three influences about importance of education: 1) parents who wanted their children to go to college, no question; 2) Uncle Ed Flickner who gave candy bars for good grades; and 3) cousin E.G. Kaufman becoming Bethel College President in 1932. Bus completed

Cemetery information on website

You can discover where your relatives are buried by checking the Master list on the SMCHA website Booklets for most of these cemeteries may be purchased and sent to you for \$5 (includes mailing cost). Request from Kathy Goering, P.O. Box 93, Moundridge KS 67107.

his college studies at Kansas State University in industrial engineering. Verna continued with M.A. degree in Chicago

Music Conservatory and has used her music abilities to appreciative audiences through all these years.

Service was also important to both Bus and Verna, specifically Civilian Public Service (CPS). Bus went to Nebraska working with soil conservation, terraces, and surveying waterways and then to Florida with a health program and finally to MCC-sponsored service at Puerto Rico hospital.



Verna married Erwin Goering in 1940 and they left for CPS. Erwin was director and she matron of CPS Camp at Weeping Water, Nebraska for two years and then Erwin was head of a reforestation program in Camino California for two more years. He directed one more CPS Program at Akron and Verna came back to Bethel College to teach music two years with Walter Jost. Daughter Mary Jo was born in Newton and then a year later daughter LaDeen.

After teaching high school near Manhattan, Kansas, Bus married a South Dakota girl, Ruby Miller, in 1946 and they moved back to Moundridge. He taught four grades for two years at Pioneer and two years at Elyria and then most of his 33 year teaching career at Moundridge. Then was time for farming as he knew well how to farm. Bus was grateful that they never had a total loss of crops. Three children were born to the Kaufmans: Cheryl, Stuart, and Perry.

Unfortunate events happened along the way. Their brother Reed Kaufman, only married a few years, was killed at 27 years old in a tractor accident. Bus and Ruby's son Stuart was developmentally disabled and went to a special school in Parsons suggested by Menningers in Topeka.

A connection to SMCHA was Flickner inherited land shared by their mother — the land where the 1943 Marker stands.

Now both at Pine Village Retirement Center in Moundridge, Kansas, Bus continues to share his wisdom with the community and Verna encourages us all to "keep seeing the good things in life."



SMCHA is digitizing outdated historical books. Check the website to read or download several. Also stories are being collected as one of the goals to keep the faith alive. Let us know if you would like to help with this project. Send us your story.

150th Anniversary of Swiss Volhynian Mennonites Coming to America is 2024. How shall we celebrate? Looking for leaders to plan ahead. (Check the website to see the 125th Celebration at Hopefield.)



Online at: www.swissmennonite.org

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The Swiss Mennonite Heritage: Cheese-Makers and Wheat-Growers, or Peace-Builders and People of Courage"

Kristen L. Zerger in this speech at the 2005 Annual Meeting challenged the membership to contemplate the importance of culture and faith giving the following advice:

- 1) Make certain our children know that courage runs through their veins. Teach core Anabaptist values through the stories of our ancestors.
- 2) Learn peace-making and conflict resolution skills and use them.
- 3) Lobby for and sponsor speakers, training and using peace-building skills in church, school, camp, colleges, seminaries.
- 4) Provide direct financial support for local Mennonite peacebuilding initiatives.
- 5) Encourage student attendance at Mennonite Colleges and protect the teaching of Anabaptist history and peacemaking skills.

SMCHA is endeavoring to apply these initiatives.

JOIN US IN THESE EFFORTS. \$20 membership for 2018, or \$100 for six years. Schweitzer Salt newsletter will be sent to you. Get involved by attending gatherings, asking questions, serving on the board of directors, volunteering to do research, reading about our history, checking the website. How are you passing on the heritage?

As we walk across the Harbor Bridge
We reach across the years.
We reach across our differences.
We reach across our fears.
We reach into the mystery
As we seek to understand
The meaning of our history
We each extend a hand.
—John McCutcheon—Extend a Hand

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