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Earl Spargur Celebrates 100 Years

On June 26, 2005, a celebration was held at the Hampton Inn in Yukon, Oklahoma for WFA member Earl W. Spargur. Earl and his family were celebrating his 100th birthday. Earl was born in Yukon on June 27th, 1905. He had two brothers, Floyd and Carl, and a sister, Ola, who were also born in Yukon.

Earl married his childhood sweetheart, Eva Barrett, also of Yukon. They had three children, two sons and a daughter. Earl moved his family to California in 1935 and worked in the lumber business for many years, as he raised his children.

Earl purchased an apartment complex in California and was a great landlord to his tenants. In 1982, Earl moved back to Yukon in semi-retirement. He owned several houses there and again was a landlord.

The birthday celebration was attended by his daughter Nancy Kriminger, a WFA member, son Don Spargur, both of California and a number of grand children and great grand children

This great event was covered in the pages of the local newspaper, the Yukon Review, with several pictures. The party room was decorated with the Wolfensberger family flag, which was displayed in the paper's photographs.

Yukon is a small town just west of Oklahoma City on Interstate Highway 40. Our thanks to Nancy for sending us the photos and information about this celebration in honor of Earl Spargur.

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Kelsey Spargur poses with her grandfather Earl Spargur as they celebrate his 100th birthday. For additional photos of Earl's party, see page 3.

The President's Letter

Dear WFA family,

November arrived this year in a heartbeat of time.

Many things have happened in our country, and the world, that make us more grateful for our freedoms, our hopes, and our families.

We have been especially grateful to those of our WFA family who have reached out to others to bring comfort and hope during the most recent disasters in our country. Recently, I sat in church when 4 sons of one family returned safely from serving in Iraq. It was a memorable occasion, one I hope not soon to forget. Many of our Wolfensberger Family members have served their country in similar ways, whether in WWII, or Korea, or Viet Nam, or now in Iraq, or in the streets and factories of their own countries. Men and women have served food and given of their substance to those with great need, whether by hurricane or other disaster. In this coming season, we hope that many will receive

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Member's Notes.....

Joseph Bryson "J. B." Sparger, 69, of the Beulah community, husband of Mrs. Goldie Sluder Sparger, passed away Sunday, Sept. 11, 2005, at Northern Hospital of Surry County. Mr. Sparger was born in Surry County on Oct. 30, 1935, to Walter C. and Sara Jane Snow Sparger. He graduated from Beulah High School and Steed College and attended Appalachian State University. Mr. Sparger was the owner/operator of Sparger General Store, was a member of Beulah United Methodist Church, Round Peak Masonic Lodge, the Gideon's of Dobson and the Beulah Ruritan Club. He also served in the National Guard stationed in Mount Airy.

Surviving are his loving wife, Goldie Sluder Sparger; two daughters and sons-in-law, Carol and Dale Cockerham and Cheryl and Kevin Hawks, a son, Walter R. Sparger, all of the Beulah community; grandchildren Stephan Butera, Jessie Cockerham and Dillon Hawks; and a sister and brother-in-law, Ivylyn and Ned Martin of the Beulah community.

Funeral services were conducted at 11:00 AM Wednesday, Sept. 14, at Moody Funeral Home Chapel in Mount Airy officiated by the Rev. Arthur Livengood, the Rev. Bud Cameron and the Rev. Dorothy Sullivan. Burial was following the service in Oakdale Cemetery.

The family received over 500 of J. B.'s friends from 7 to 9 PM on Sept. 13 at Moody Funeral Home in Mount Airy.

Memorials may be made to Beulah Methodist Church,
% Treasurer,
5012 W. Pine St.,
Mount Airy, NC
27030.

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Joseph Bryson "J.B." Sparger

Earl Spagur celebrates 100 years.....

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The Earl Spagur party room at the Yukon Ok Hampton Inn



Earl Spagur and daughter Nancy Kriminger



Earl is caught blowing out the candles!



A Happy Family Group: (back row) Lon, Don & Carolyn Spagur, (front row) Earl, Rick, & Kelsey Spagur and Candy Cowan



Also helping to celebrate Earl Spagur's 100th birthday is (from l.-r.) Lory Spagur Lewis, Greg Vanice and Lisa Vanice Hamburg. Lory and Lisa are WFA members.

The President's Letter.....

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of your kindness, no matter how small.

I especially want to thank Charlotte Lucas, Buzz Evans, Al Creasy, and Bonnie Wolfenbarger, for helping us find genealogy "proofs" and connections for those who have asked through our new "Queries" section in this newsletter.

We have occasion to vote for our 2006 Board of Directors in this issue, and we encourage all to exercise this privilege. We have on-going projects that help us all feel connected, and need the input of an active Board to progress in this way.

We thank you for paying attention to your due – date on the address label which shows when your dues are "paid through".

A friend who's traveled the world told me the other day, "Life isn't just interesting – It's fantastic!" He's right you know – we have a lot to be grateful for. Happy Holidays, and please remember you are part of a larger diversified family of Wolfensberger descendants, with a proud and noble heritage.

Myrna Bingham Liddell

QUERIES.....

As we noted in the August 2005 WFA Newsletter, we plan to have a Queries article in each issue to give members and others a chance to ask questions of our readers to assist them in learning more about our family tree. Our historian and others have collected a large store of information about our family and all will jump at an opportunity to share data with others who make inquiries. So, whether you are just a curious "cousin" or an avid researcher, please take a few minutes to send us your inquiry either by e-mail or post office mail. Just include your address where a reply can be sent. And keep your newsletter in mind. If you reply to a "query" you saw in an issue, please send a copy of your reply to the WFA Newsletter at 11900 Barryknoll Ln., #8204, Houston, TX 77024 or [revans45@swbell.net] so we can report it in the next issue. We will forward your reply to our Historian for the WFA database. Let us hear from you.

NO.1 Looking for further history on my great great grandfather, Jonathan Wolfersberger (cont. page 6)

It's Membership Renewal Time Again!

by Al Creasy, 500 Beau Valley Lane, Tryon, NC 28782-6697

My examination of the WFA membership listing shows there are 64 members whose membership expired at the end of 2004. Please examine the label on this issue of the Wolfensberger newsletter. If it says **Paid thru 2004** your membership expired last year. This is the last WFA newsletter you will receive. We certainly don't want to lose you as a member but we have no other choice. So wont you turn to page 9 and complete the small form below the Ballot and send it with your check to me so you can continue to receive the WFA newsletter. You need to pay for 2005 **and** 2006 (total \$18.00) to contine to receive the newsletter all next year.

For our members who have children and grandchildren who have most everything, treat them to an introduction to their family tree by enrolling them as a new member in the Wolfensberger Family Association for the year 2006. The best way to preserve our heritage is to pass it on to our children and grandchildren. And the best way to do that is by introducing them to the family through the WFA newsletter.

Member's Notes.....

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Geneva Ruth Wolfenbarger Seay

pictured at right.
of Chickasha, Okla.
was the daughter of
William Franklin
Wolfenbarger and
sister of W. Frank
Wolfenbarger of
Irving, TX. Her
photo was not received in time to be included
in the August issue of WOLFENSBERGER.



Graveside services for **Rebeckah**

"Becky" Sparger, 77, of Durant, who passed from this life on Tuesday, August 30, 2005 at Norman Regional Hospital, was held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, September 8th, at Highland Cemetery. The Reverend Rick Connelly officiated. Rebeckah was born on July 4, 1928 in Durant, Oklahoma to Judge Harry Dorsett and Birdie Lee (Moody) Sparger. Rebeckah was a lifelong resident of Durant and a graduate of Durant High School. Rebeckah was employed by SBC (former Southwestern Bell) as an Operator. She enjoyed working with the Shakespearean Festival at SOSU and tending to her many cats. She was a member of the First Christian Church of Durant.

Rebeckah was preceded in death by her parents, Harry Dorsett (Judge) and Birdie Lee (Moody) Sparger; brothers, Harry Joe Sparger, Allen Jeff Sparger, Howard (Shorty) Sparger, and Jack Lee Sparger; and sister, Floreine Davis. Rebeckah is survived by 9 nieces and nephews; Bill Sparger, Nancy Osborne, Jim Sparger, Dan Davis, Richard Sparger, Harryette Craig, Howard Sparger, Joe Sparger and Ann Tanner. She is also survived by 9 grand nieces/nephews and 8 great grand nieces/nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent in honor of Rebeckah to the First Christian Church

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301 N. 3rd Ave Durant, OK 74701, the American Cancer Society (add address) or the American Heart Association 2227 E. Skelly Drive Tulsa, OK 74105.

Dalton-Holmes Funeral Home handled the arrangements. Condolences may be sent to the family at dhfh@communicomm.com or to Bill Sparger at 2790 Rossmere St., Colorado Springs, CO 80919 or williamhsparger@cs.com.

Guy M. Sparger reports that the Mount Airy area Sparger reunion was held at Beulah United Methodist Church on Sunday August 21st. There were approx. 35 present with good food and fellowship. This reunion is held on the 3rd Sunday of August each year. A Wolfensberger family flag was raffled and it was won by Elaine East of Galax, VA. Those attending are shown below.



The Mount Airy Reunion

New Members.....

Please welcome the following new members who joined the Wolfensberger Family Association since August:

Todd SPARGER of Port Orange, FL
Benjamin A. SPARGER of Raleigh, NC
Bruce WILKERSON of Placentia, CA
(Wolfenbarger)

QUERIES.....(cont. from page 4)

(see family history on web page) who migrated to Stanley, Page County, VA around 1840.

The family has three theories; (1) he came to America from Baden Baden, Germany, (2) he came to America from Baden, Switzerland, or (3) he was a descendant of original Johannes and migrated to the Shenandoah Valley from Lebanon Valley of Pennsylvania.

Thanks for any help you can provide.

Joe Wolfensberger
2655 Halperns Way
Middleburg, FL 32068
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No. 2 Joseph Wolfenberger was a son of John Wolfenberger (1730 - 1788). Joseph was b.1765 and died 1807 or 1808. His estate was settled in Shenandoah County, VA October 20, 1808 and recorded there at Court Dec. 12, 1808. The administrator of the estate was Nancy Wolfenberger. Nancy also purchased the following items at the estate sale: a small iron pot, a spinning wheel, queensware cups & saucers, kitchen dresser, and one Bible. No other Wolfenbergers are mentioned in the estate documents and Nancy's relationship to Joseph is not described. Nancy could not write, but placed her mark on the estate sale document.

QUESTION: Who is Nancy and what happened to her? (Joseph's second wife was Ann McGovern whom he married in Shenandoah County in 1794. Answer to Jim Kenerson, 316 Hogans Run, Columbia, SC 29229-3369 or e-mail to jsk2227@aol.com. thanks,

Jim Kenerson

Send us your inquiry for the next issue of the Wolfensberger!

SPARGURS in the News.....

WFA member Bill Spargur shared with us several news articles from various papers about members of the Spargur family. We do not know if those mentioned are from families who are members of the WFA and we have not contacted any of them. Because we are quoting newspaper articles, we felt the following was public information.

From the Charlotte Sun

By Rachel Alexander, Staff Writer

ENGLEWOOD, Florida, August 20, 2005 -- Before the first snap Friday night, the Lemon Bay High School community took a moment of silence to remember a player who never got to fulfill his promise. Varsity and junior varsity football players, their coaches and a stadium full of people stood in a very emotional remembrance of Kelvin Jackson, 15, who was killed last month when he was struck by a vehicle while walking to a friend's house. Manta Ray's 2005 football season was dedicated in his honor, as was a page in Friday night's program. Kelvin's No. 19 football jersey and a copy of the program were given to his mother, Becky Bergman, in his honor.

Wanda Spargur, a member of the Manta Ray Booster Club, made the presentation. Spargur said Kelvin was a member of the spring football team and was going to be a member of the fall 2005 varsity team. "Because of his untimely death," Spargur said, "we decided to do a dedication page in our football program, and specifically, dedicating the 2005 football program to Kelvin."

The dedication was made on behalf of the Lemon Bay Manta Ray football players, their coaches and the Manta Ray Booster Club. "It's important that we let her know that the kids and Booster Club still think of him," Spargur said, "and we wanted her to know we still care about her family."

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SPARGURS in the News.....

From The Times of NorthWestIndiana

By Brian Williams

CHESTERTON, Indiana, September 8, 2005

The Wizard of Oz Festival will gather down the "yellow brick road" at a larger, central location in 2006. That's the hope organizers have for the venerable *Wizard of Oz Festival*, which will open next weekend for the last time in Chesterton. Festival organizers announced Tuesday that the event will move to the Porter County Expo Center south of Valparaiso for its 25th anniversary incarnation in 2006.

Dee Spargur, vice president of Lakeshore Festival & Events and director of the festival, said it was time for the festival to grow and Chesterton just didn't allow that. With its indoor and outdoor exhibition space, central location where all events can be held together and parking to accommodate the estimated 60,000 to 80,000 annual visitors, the expo center could accommodate that growth, Spargur said. Organizers had considered alternatives in the past 18 months, including Chesterton's Dogwood Park and Sunset Hill Park in Liberty Township, Spargur said.

From the Des Moines Register

By REGISTER STAFF WRITERS

Des Moines, Iowa, March 29, 2005

Three small-plane crashes claimed six lives in Iowa in two days this week in one of the deadliest stretches of such accidents since at least 1990. Already, 2005 is above the annual average of five small-plane fatalities a year since 1990, Iowa Department of Transportation records show. The most deaths in a year was 16 in 1993. The Iowa crashes happened after flights in sunny skies with little wind and no obvious weather trouble. On Sunday, three Iowans died in a crash near West Union, Iowa.....

In the second crash Sunday, two men were killed about 6 p.m. when their plane crashed in a

cornfield, the Johnson County sheriff's office reported. The third crash, about 10 a.m. Monday, claimed the life of a 68-year-old woman of Bloomfield. Her husband, the pilot, also 68, was taken to an Iowa City hospital, where his condition was unknown. They took off in their four-seat Mooney airplane from Bloomfield Municipal Airport in Davis County, headed for Arkansas. They crashed soon after. Their son is one of the owners of Heartland Aviation at the airport. "Another gentleman was outside and he saw it," said **Tony Spargur**, a partner at Heartland Aviation and a friend of the family. The crash "was near the airport, within a half-mile or a mile away," Spargur said. There was no radio call to the airport prior to the crash. "It looked like he was returning to the airport," said Spargur. "It looked like he was heading back. I went back into the shop. The other guy was watching them circle back. Then he ran in and said there had been a crash."

By Jason Black of the Daily Courier
Wednesday, March 23, 2005

For the Connellsville (Penna.) baseball team, the 2005 season is all about improvement and possibly making a triumphant return to the playoffs after a year's absence. "We know the kids a little bit better now," Connellsville coach Brian Shipley said as he prepares for his second season as the team's manager. "We had a fall team, and I watched them throughout the summer, so I'm familiar with their ability."

Around the infield, look for senior Chris Pepe, Rich Schleihauf and junior Clay Hurley to be the top candidates at first while senior Bobby Fulton and juniors **Andrew Spargur** and Tyler Onusko will see action at second. Leonard, Spargur and Fulton all can play shortstop. Expect Fulton, Pepe and junior Josh Ridenour to handle the hot corner.

The Falcons will begin the season Thursday at Canon-McMillan.

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*Denotes incumbent

Write-In Nominations: (In addition to those marked above)

*Mail this ballot, along with your membership renewal, to Al Creasy, WFA
Treasurer, at the address shown on the reverse side.*

2006 Membership Renewal

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