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al Home has a large
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Notice

The City of Onaga is
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All qualified companies
are invited to contact the
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Menus

785-889-4402
May 25 - 29

Mon: CLOSED

Tues: Salmon or Beef
Patty, Carrots, Peas,
Rosy Applesauce, Bun,
Milk

Wed: Birthday Dinner
Oven Fried Chicken,
Mashed Potatoes and
Gravy, Green Beans, Roll,
Cake, Ice Cream, Milk

Thurs: Chef Salad w/
Ham, Pickled Beets,
Crackers, Watermelon,
Milk

Fri: Sloppy Joes, Bun,
Baked Potato, Baked
Beans, Apricots, Cookie
Bar, Milk

Activities

Mon: CLOSED

Wed: Birthday Dinner;
Speaker @ 11:30; Cards
@ 1:00

Local News

by Teresa Kathke

Marsha Bergman went
to Chanute to Tatum's
Pinning with Katie on Fri-
day. She missed Claire
Bergman's graduation
from Butler junior college
in El Dorado and she
missed Finn Bergmans
pre school graduation
from Rossville. She just
had too many gradua-
tions.

Then on Saturday she
went to Lillie Weisers high
school graduation. All of
her kids were home for
Lillie's graduation.

The Onaga city council
has given the approval
for concrete to be placed
in front of Mr. Bill's book
barn. Two people have
donated money. It is es-
timated that \$1800 to
\$2000 will be needed.
So far, \$200 has been
raised. Those wanting
to help can contact Lin-
da Price at 785-889-
4800.

Saturday, Ed and Don-
na Bryan attended the
8th grade graduation at
the invitation of Allie Per-
ry. Donna said she has
known 15 of the gradu-
ates since she met them
in preschool. After gradu-
ation the Bryans attended
a dinner party and visited
at the Perry home.

Sunday afternoon,
Donna Bryan visited her
Aunt Mary McDougal at
her home in Redbud.

Marilyn McCourt went
to Rushville Illinois to a
graduation for my great
nephew with my sister
Brenda O'Meara, then
she went onto Spring-
field Illinois to Abraham
Lincoln's hometown and
museum.

One day this past week,
Mary Gatza stopped in
to her daughter Xandria
Gent's house in Onaga
on her way home to vis-
it her and her grandkids
Aryn and Frankie.

Sunday afternoon,
Mary and Rich Gatza
went to Salina to her
nephew Cooper Reves
graduation.

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Now That's Rural: Roger Minniear, MM Fiber Mill

by Ron Wilson

This is quite a yarn. In fact, it is all about yarn.

This is the story of a fiber mill that spins various kinds of natural fibers into yarn, and ships it across the nation.

Roger and Penny Minniear are the founders, owners and operators of MM Fiber Mill near Louisburg. Roger grew up in Kansas City, Kansas. Penny grew up in Bucyrus. They met at a friend's wedding.

Roger and Penny married, lived in Bucyrus and then moved to Louisburg. "I happily followed her out here," Minniear said.

"We bought a couple of goats as pets and wanted to do something more with the land we had," Minniear said. "We were at a fair in Topeka and the Pygora goat association had these tiny fiber goats."

The Minniears bought some goats and then needed to shear them. "We started shearing twice a year," Minniear said.

The next question was, what to do with the fiber? The fiber processors he contacted were all backed up.

"I started calling mills and they were saying, 'Ship it to us and in a year or two we'll get it back to you,'" Minniear said.

The Minniears began to think about processing their own. One day when they went to a goat show, the judge told them about a fiber mill for sale in northwest Kansas. The Minniears reached out to the sellers, spent time training with them, and bought the mill equipment in 2022.

"As I was going into the title company to finalize the deal, my realtor called and said that this historic building near us was coming up for sale," Minniear said.

The timing was perfect. The Minniears purchased the building, which became the site of their fiber mill operation.

The building is the New Lancaster General Store, part of the historic settlement of New Lancaster in Miami County. New Lancaster itself is an unincorporated rural neighborhood of perhaps 20 people. Now, that's rural. It is located seven minutes from the Minniear's home in Louisburg.

Minniear expanded the goat herd, registered the animals, and started processing fiber for himself and others. He also added other animals, such as chickens, goats, cats, dogs and bees. "We have a menagerie out here," Minniear said.

What to name the business? "Nobody can spell Minniear Menagerie, so we decided to call it MM Fiber Mill," Minniear said.

MM Fiber Mill processes all kinds of raw fiber into yarn. "We wash it, clean it, pick it, card it, run it through the draw frame and spin it," Minniear said. "We can handle all types of fiber, from alpaca to yak."

He also blends products, sometimes adding commercially dyed fiber.

"We can add wool to give stretchiness to the fabric," he said. He can use anything from meri-

no to silk and bamboo. A retail section of the store offers fiber and other products, such as goat milk soap.

"I label some of the yarn by the goat (who produced it)," Minniear said. "People get a kick out of buying a skein of Josephine or Molly." That's definitely knowing the source of your product.

"I have a ton of local customers and we also ship product all over the country. We go from California to New York and Minnesota to Texas."

MM Fiber Mill occasionally offers classes on felting and crocheting. As a registered Kansas agri-tourism business, it also hosts tours, from 4-H and school groups to American Girl groups.

"I like to work with and handle different kinds of fiber, and I've met so many new people," Minniear said. "I come from the livestock side, some people come at fiber from the art side. It's been a fun journey."

For more information, go to www.mmfibermill.com or search for MM Fiber Mill on Facebook.

This is quite a yarn, and today we've learned about a man whose company spins yarn from various kinds of fiber. We commend Roger and Penny Minniear for making a difference by providing a valuable service to fiber producers.

They truly put a good spin on it.

Local News

by Teresa Kathke

On Tuesday, Mary McDougal's daughters Connie Rigas and Diane Roggenkamp took her to St. Mary's to have lunch at Sugar Creek. When they got back up this way they went out to where their mom grew up and they remember spending their summer vacations at grandma and grandpa's. For two city girls, coming to their grandparents house was quite an experience. Using the outhouse, pumping water to drink and use to take their baths in a tub. Quite a few of you reading this know what it was like. It was fun for them for a few days, but I know it wouldn't have been if they had to do it every-day. Ha!

Monday morning, Teresa Kathke went to visit her mother, Mary McDougal at Redbud and see her sister Connie that was visiting from Florida.

Thursday, Mary attended church services held at Redbud. Ora Martindale from Havensville Christian church came in to have services with the residents. Mary used to attend church there and enjoys him coming in.

Saturday, Susan Schindler from Manhattan came to visit her Aunt Mary and also her Uncle Lee who also lives at Redbud. Susan is the daughter of Mary's oldest brother Carl Bishop.

Sunday afternoon, one of Mary's nieces, Donna Bryan stopped in to visit. Donna is the daughter of Mary's older sister Dorothy Cline.

Observations by the Editor

by Brandon Merriman

It has been quite a few eventful weeks for the Merrimans. Last weekend during alumni weekend, I messed up the calendar and booked Andrea and I a trip to Tulsa for a Life Surge event. We unfortunately missed all of the the alumni weekend celebrations. However, the event we attended was truly remarkable. I would highly suggest anyone to check out the Life Surge events and to attend one. The whole day was spent learning about Jesus and how he can work in your life through business and your finances. One of the most powerful speakers was my favorite podcaster; Ed Mylett. Ed truly has a way with words and can move so many people just by his speeches. Before Ed's speech started I would say not much of the crowd knew who Ed Mylett was, but by the end of Ed's speech there was not a single dry eye in the building and I truly believe Ed became several thousands of people new favorite speaker. I would highly recommend if you are driving down the road, cleaning the house, or just wanting to listen to a great podcast finding The Ed Mylett show on your podcast app. It could be the one decision that changes your life, and eventually if you listen to Ed that will make sense.

This past weekend we attended several graduations from Fort Hays to Andrea's brothers graduation, and back to Onaga on Saturday for the Onaga High School graduation. We also attended our wrestler from Centralia's graduation party. Congratulations again to all the graduates on a great accomplishment. We look forward to seeing what you all do in the future.

On Sunday, the kids took Papa and I golfing to get some practice in before we go and try to play some fancy Florida golf course. Let me first start by saying the Merrimans are very far from professional golfers, but to spend a day on the course with Papa is a day that the kids and I definitely cherish.

Before we started our golf outing we went to pick out a cart and that is when the disappointment started. I am not sure who thought it would be a cute or funny idea to leave a dead fish on the seat of a golf cart, but I would highly recommend you giving the golf course attendant an apology for having to clean up the fish and having to clean the golf cart. The City of Onaga, spent a good amount of money on new golf carts

to keep up with surrounding courses and to draw in new crowds. The results have been extremely disappointing. We have attended the course several times this spring and there has been trash left all over the carts, and all over the course. The respect that should be shown has not been shown to the course, the workers or the City of Onaga. There are several trash cans throughout the course, a trashcan in front of the clubhouse, and a dumpster out back of the clubhouse. It would not take much time at all for someone to grab their trash and get rid of it, out of respect for the workers and the next users. I believe people take for granted that Onaga has a golf course, and really a pretty well put together golf course. Several surrounding small towns do not have golf courses, or the level of golf course that Onaga has. There are several volunteers who have spent several hours mowing and taking care of that course, along with the workers who spend their entire summers out there taking care of the course to draw people to Onaga. My hope is that everyone can show respect to the city, the course, the staff, and to the many groups of citizens living and deceased that put their hearts into creating that course.

I would also tie that into everything into the community and school, my hope is that the whole community can support each other more and more as time goes on. I truly believe that is the secret to Onaga and the school getting back to the thriving district that we use to be. We have a great core group of educators and leadership, now they just need the community support.

Last week the community lost one heck of a community presence. Lynn "Cooter" Krohn carried a presence around Onaga wherever he was. Cooter took care of the community for so many years and took great pride in his work. Not only did he take great pride in that, but he took great pride in everything the community had to offer. I can remember Cooter volunteering to help with baseball teams, firefighting, and supporting several teams throughout the years. He truly was a blessing to this community and he will be missed throughout the community. My condolences to the Krohn family and all relatives.

Until next week God Bless.

JOHN MARTEN
FAMILY REUNION

• Join us May 24th for the
annual potluck family reunion

• The potluck dinner will start
at 1:00 at the Onaga
Community Center

• COME JOIN US! Can't wait to
See you there!