



The Manchette Pioneer Manor October 2019



"The Home Where Love Abides"



October Birthday Parties

(not always actual dates)

11/4—Bonnie Elwood's 90th

11/5—Margaret Bork

11/30—Bud Pieper

Fill in the blank with the name of a
Nebraska County:

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| 1. Hardest County _____ | 5. Star Spangled _____ |
| 2. Never promised you a rose _____ | 6. General _____ Mac _____ |
| 3. Chevy _____ | 7. Sweet Georgia _____ |
| 4. George Armstrong _____ | 8. Singer Mama _____ |
| | 9. An Indian tribe _____ |
| | 10. Inventor Ben _____ |



A couple of newer projects we are enjoying:
Paint Markers and Sticker Pictures.
Come see our 'galleries'.



BIG THANKS TO.....

- ♦ Isabell Loudon for library books
- ♦ Keith Kearns for yummy cinnamon rolls
- ♦ Bernita Kleensang for magazines
- ♦ Jeannie Goetzinger for word searches
- ♦ Donna Sipp family for beautiful bouquets
- ♦ Bill Huntington for sharing The Music Man story & songs
- ♦ Marv Blundell for sharing his Bali trip
- ♦ Timberline Quilters for sharing their beautiful projects
- ♦ Bud Pieper for his Korean War book



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Meet a Resident—Edmund Bieganski

Ed Bieganski came into this world on February 4, 1920. He was the third boy of six. The Bieganski boys were referred to by the locals as the 'brothers six'. The family lived on a dairy farm near Cambridge Springs in northwestern Pennsylvania.

Those were depression years and as Ed grew up he worked hard at trying to make a little money. During his bus ride to high school he noticed a neighbor man building a new barn. One Saturday as he was walking to town he stopped and asked if he could get a job nailing boards. The man put him to work, paying him \$1.00 a day. Ed got smart and started having the school bus drop him off at the barn to work on school days also! He thinks his mother found out, but she didn't say much.

Ed's second brother left home when he was seventeen and headed west. A year later he returned home and told the family of his adventures. Ed listened closely and decided that's what he wanted to do. He 'bummed' west along Highway 20 as a hobo, hitch hiking and riding freights, picking up work along the way. Somehow he survived. His intentions were to go clear to the northwest states, but he stopped part way when a kind farmer near Chadron, Nebraska took pity on him and gave him some farm work. Ed has called Chadron 'home' ever since.

While working at a truck garden farm, Ed learned of a nearby Army post called Fort Robinson where they were breaking and shipping horses for military use. Because Ed told the officers he had worked with horses while growing up, he was enlisted immediately and that began his twenty year Army career.

He joined the Army at Fort Robinson in August of 1938 where he was issued an Army uniform at the clothing warehouse (which is now the Post Playhouse). Fort Robinson no longer had a cavalry but they were a quarter master remount station buying suitable horses to be broke, improved and then issued to other forts to be used in cavalry troops or horse drawn artillery.

Ed's job was to classify and ride the horses. Each horse required documentation of pedigree, height, weight, origin and was branded with their file number.

Fort Robinson has been a special place for Ed all of his life. His first barracks were where the park office and restaurant are located now. During these years he met a sweet school teacher from Valentine on a blind date. He and Fern Linabery were married in August, 1941.

Ed remained at Fort Robinson for three years, then sent to another remount unit at Fort Reno, Oklahoma and finally to the Cavalry Division in Fort Clark, Texas. The cavalry units were then deactivated, ending Ed's horse duties. Upon reenlisting he was assigned to a trucking company. Shortly after the invasion and devastation of Iwo Jima, Japan, Ed's company hauled supplies from the beaches to the building sites to rebuild the island's airfields, hospitals, and warehouses.

During his third reenlistment, Ed performed administrative duties in Okinawa, Japan for one year; Fort Lee, Virginia for three years and Frankfurt, Germany for an additional three years. While in Frankfurt, Ed was involved in selling outdated army property to steel mills where it was melted down to be used for manufacturing modern equipment. His final assignment was in Utah where he remained for two years until his retirement in 1959.

Ed and Fern had two children during those military years, Gary and Maria. The family was able to travel to several countries in Europe seeing the acres and acres of tulips in Holland, visiting the alps of Switzerland and seeing the wonderful sites of Italy.

Following his retirement the Bieganski family came back to Dawes County, building a home south of Chadron. Ed did various things such as working for Olson Moving and Storage, driving Allied Van Lines across the country, being a part of the Chadron Police Force, the US Forest Service, and the Pine Ridge Job Corps.

Chadron State College developed a special place in Ed's heart ever since he was allowed to practice his boxing skills in the Miller Hall gym when he first settled in Chadron as a young man. In 1968 and 1970 Ed earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees from CSC. He taught speech and communications and adult and continuing education classes for a couple years.

As a Legion member, Ed has been a familiar sight during parades as he marched in the Color Guard up until the last few years. Ed is proud of the fact that he is a 'pre-Pearl Harbor soldier'. Very few soldiers are still living who can claim that.

We've enjoyed having Ed live with us since March of 2019. We're sorry to tell you that this wonderful man passed away this week on Wednesday the 25th, a few months short of his 100th birthday.

We are thankful Ed wrote down his life experiences through the years and thank Gary, Donna and Maria for helping to gather it.

