

# Spirit Historical Society Newsletter

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We have all seen the demise of small town newspapers in the past few years. We miss the ability to open up those pages and read about our neighbors and friends.

Here is the article in the last issue of the **Rib Lake Herald** on September 20,

## *Finale*

It is with regret that we must announce that this is the last issue of the Rib Lake Herald. The reasons for this decision are many and complex.

The major reason, like the demise of most small-town newspapers, is the loss of advertising revenue coupled with the high cost of producing a newspaper today.

We have suggested to the businessman's association and other capable people, that they take over the newspaper or resume publication, but thus far none of these suggestions have gained a foothold.

We think that this is a major mistake on the part of those concerned with the future of Rib Lake not to attempt publication, but only those involved can make this decision.

When a small community loses its newspaper it loses its identity and its future. No other medium can replace the local newspaper no matter what game businessmen play with their advertising dollars. One only need look at those communities where the newspaper has closed to see the end results.

We urge the local businessmen to think again about the future and take hold of a project as important as any they might ever face. Your community needs a local newspaper and as a cooperative with strong support it can be made a self-supporting proposition.

Its revenue is not strong enough to fight competition and undermining from too many sources, but as a cooperative venture of the business community it can succeed.

Time is short and the community must act fast to save its newspaper privileges, such as second class postal permit and legal status. We offer any assistance we may provide.

### The Tomahawk Leader: Serving the community for over 130 years

Since the late 1800s, the Tomahawk Leader has been a staple of the community, providing news that educates and informs.

After nearly four decades, the Tobins sold the Tomahawk Leader to family owned Multi Media Channels (MMC) in June of 2019.

The Tomahawk Leader is still being published but the building in Tomahawk has been sold.

### Phillips Bee

In 2014, the Phillips Bee ceased and merged with the Park Falls Herald to become the [Price County Review](#). It was founded in 1884, covered Phillips and Price County, and was located in northern Wisconsin.

# Community Events

Our next **SHSI meeting** is scheduled for June 27<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. We will meet at the Spirit Town Hall for those who feel comfortable doing that. Others will be joining us by Zoom. Everyone is welcome to join us or contact us with your input on issues. Since last spring we have been meeting via Zoom with only board members participating.

There will be a Memorial Weekend **Barn Dance** held on Sunday evening May 30<sup>th</sup> sponsored by Darrel and Luann Lind. Dance hours will be from 6pm – midnight. Refreshments will be available. DJ music provided by Karl and square dancing lessons given by Gary Edinger. There will be a donation type garage sale during the dance. If you would like to donate items for this contact Luann at 715-564-3340. Proceeds will go towards reroofing the old section of barn roof. Location is N1169 German Settlement Rd. in Spirit.

**The Spirit Legion Post 452** will be **rendering honors** on Memorial Day May 31<sup>st</sup> at the following cemeteries in the morning: Knox, St. Mary's, Clifford, Finlander, Garden of Memories, Levitt Creek & Ogema Hillside. A schedule will be released in the newspapers. **Lunch** will be served by the Legion Auxiliary at the Spirit Town Hall from 11:30 – 1:00. At 1pm. a **program** will take place in the upstairs of the town hall followed by a **ceremony** at Spirit Hillcrest Cemetery. Contact Duane Harper for details 715-657-0304.

**Spirit Legion Post 452** holds their monthly meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs. of each month at the Spirit Town Hall beginning at 7 pm.

They will be holding a **pancake supper** at the Spirit Town Hall on Saturday June 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:30pm – 7:00pm. During this time they will also hold a ceremony to properly dispose of worn or unusable American flags. Bring your old flags or put them in the container at the front of the town hall by that time.

**Spirit Town Board** meetings are held in the Spirit Town Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. of each month, starting at 6:00 pm. (there will be an exception in June, contact a board member for details)  
Town board members are Darrel Lind, Bill Evans and Gary Siebert.  
Clerk – JaNelle Nelson  
Treas. – Myrna Holmquist



The 79<sup>th</sup> annual **Spirit-Hill-Ogema 4-H Fair** is scheduled to be held

Fri., July 30. and Sat., July 31 at the Spirit Town Hall.

At this time the clubs participating this year will be Happy Hoboes, Hillbillies, Wilson Workers and Hamburg Hawks.

Fair board members are Darrel Lind, Ed Ulrich, Adam Kielsmeier, Lynn Peterson and Molly Kielsmeier.

Sec/Treas. is Colleen Schult.

For more information and photos go to

[www.facebook.com/spirithillogema4hfair](http://www.facebook.com/spirithillogema4hfair)



## **Richard H. Fjeldheim April 8, 1933 – May 22, 2020**

Dick Fjeldheim was born in Chicago on April 8, 1933. His parents, Ralph and Ingeborg came from Norway in 1920. Growing up in Chicago and then Northern Wisconsin, Dick graduated from Rib Lake High School in 1950. He went on to the University of Wisconsin in Madison where he received a B.S. degree in Economics. Following graduation he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and reported to Naval Officer Training School in Newport, Rhode Island where he received a commission as Ensign in November of 1955. He then served several tours of duty aboard ships in the Seventh Fleet in the Western Pacific. His main assignment was aboard the aircraft carrier USS Lexington where he completed his active duty service in November 1958 with the rank of Lieutenant.

Dick settled in Chicago and began his business career as a Loan Officer at Merchandise National Bank. Shortly afterward, he met his wife Vivian Rovetto and they were married on October 22, 1960. In December of 1960 he joined Merrill Lynch Pierce Fenner and Smith as an Account Executive and during the following 34 years served them in both sales and management roles. His assignments included responsibilities and memberships at the Chicago Board of Trade, Chicago Hancock Office, Chicago Mercantile Exchange, Chicago Options Exchange and the Kansas City Board of Trade. During these years he was active in many Securities and Futures Industry Associations and Committees. He enjoyed a wonderful career with Merrill Lynch and retired a senior Vice President in January of 1995.

Over the years, Dick was deeply committed to and actively involved with the Norwegian American Community. His activities included the Normennenes Singing Society (Singer and Board Member), The Norwood Park Home for over five decades (Board Member for 24 years and President and Board Chair for 7 years), the Norwegian American Hospital, Chicago Torske Club and a life member of the Vesterheim Norwegian American Museum.

Dick and Vivian lived in Deerfield, Illinois for thirty years where they raised their children. They retired to Buffalo Grove where in retirement Dick continued his volunteer activities, traveled and spent time with his two grandchildren.

Dick is survived by his wife Vivian, Children Jeff (Vanessa) Fjeldheim and Jennifer Schorsch (Jason), his grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, in-laws and friends.

He is reunited with his parents Ralph and Ingeborg Fjeldheim as well as his brother Edgar (late Dorothy) Fjeldheim and sister Ingrid (late Marv) Singleton.

Dick was laid to rest at Hillcrest Cemetery in his hometown of Spirit Wisconsin.

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**Our Yesterday House is currently located at: W1316 State Hwy. 86 in the town of Spirit,  
Price County, next to the Spirit Town Hall.  
The Machine Shed will be rebuilt when funding can be raised to do so.**

**Tours of our buildings are still cancelled at this time due to our relocating process.  
We hope to be ready to schedule tours again this summer. Tours will be free.**

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Email us at [spirithistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:spirithistoricalsociety@gmail.com) Our website is [www.spirithistoricalsociety.org](http://www.spirithistoricalsociety.org)**

**Spirit Historical Society, Inc. is organized for educational purposes to protect, conserve and display  
buildings, artifacts and documents of historical value and interest in the Towns of Spirit and Hill in  
Price County and surrounding Spirit River Valley.**

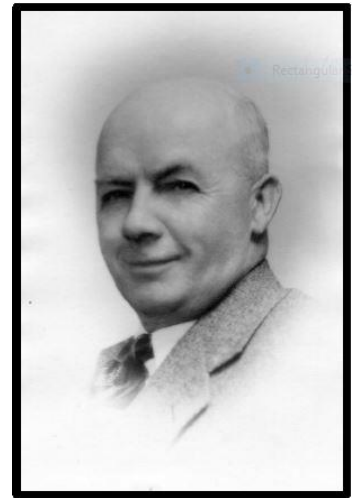
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## OLE A. PETERSON ENTREPRENEUR

This future entrepreneur was born June 1, 1882 to Peter (Norwegian) and Lovisa Samuelsdotter (Swedish) Pedersen at Bröarp, Norra Vi, Östergötland, Sweden.

The Peter Peterson family emigrated when Ole was a little more than a year old on September 21, 1883 from Gothenburg, Sweden by way of Hull, England; destination Ogema, Wis. They arrived in New York, then traveled by train to Ogema, finally walking the 13 miles to the Town of Brannan arriving on October 16 where Peter claimed homestead land on the shore of Spirit Lake. The land was near Peter's nieces Ann Marie Nelson and Karoline Danielson and their families. In the first years, Ole lived in a 14 foot by 16-foot log house with his parents and three brothers. Ole attended Stone Lake School in the Town of Brannan (now Spirit) where he learned to write and completed the Third Reader.



Boat "Lovisa" built by Ole and his father had a 1 cylinder inboard 4h.p. engine. It was used to pull booms of hemlock logs from Big Spirit Lake through the channel to Little Spirit. The logs were driven down the Spirit River to Tomahawk. Boat also used for summer excursions on the lake. Ole logged the Spirit Point in 1907-1908. This appears to be peeled hemlock.



Approximate area of Peterson homestead land on the north end of Spirit Lake.

The Spirit Lake Farm was deeded to Ole "for one dollar... and subject to the conditions of a certain contract for maintenance and support" of his parents in October 1905. Ole married Johanna (Jennie) Sophie Pederson on December 29, 1909. His first of many logging camps was on the Spirit Lake point. His first sawmill was south of Spirit Lake on Hwy 102. Another early venture, that kept Jennie and hired-help fully employed, was the dance hall and resort at the farm, boarding children from Chicago and other summer guests.

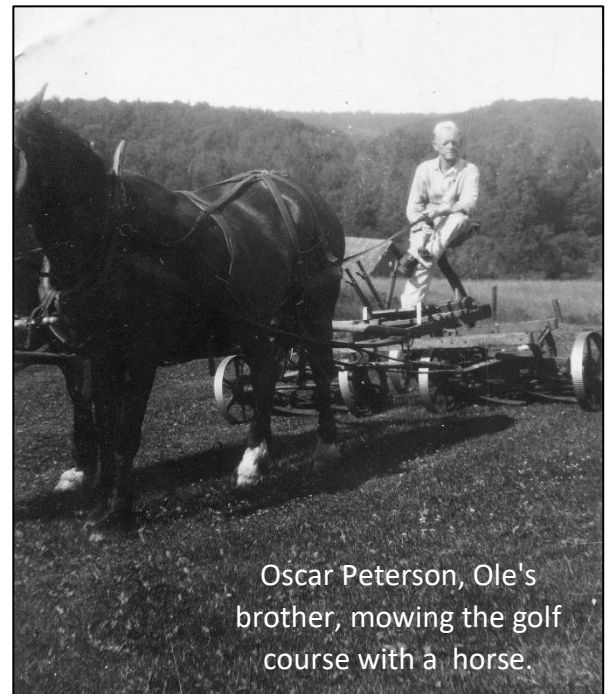
The family rented out the Spirit Lake Farm in 1919 and moved into the Village of Rib Lake, where he bought a sawmill and shingle mill, ran a boarding house, built a cheese factory, made & sold ice, started a grocery store, ran logging camps for Rib Lake Lumber Co., sold generators, John Deere machinery, apples & doors, ran a restaurant and saloon along with other side endeavors.

By the mid-1920s, business for Ole wasn't going well.

Peter Peterson 160 acre Homestead on the north end of Spirit Lake with its beautiful rolling hills.



Ole was losing the family homestead on Spirit Lake in Price County, he was looking for a way for the farm to earn cash. In order to pay the heavily mortgaged Spirit Lake Farm, Ole created a nine-hole golf course, resort, and employment for the family in the late 1920s. This involved the work of many family members. His wife Jennie gave up the living room at the homestead for use as a dining and club room for the golfers.



Oscar Peterson, Ole's brother, mowing the golf course with a horse.

**Watch for  
Announcement of  
the Opening of  
New Golf Course**

ON THE NORTH SHORE OF  
**Spirit Lake**

This beautiful golf course will soon be ready for you. It is a nine hole course, with natural hazards that will appeal to you.

We have in the process of making, features that will be appreciated by golfers and other pleasure seekers, among them:

Dining Room for week end parties.

Rooms for those who wish to stay a night or so.

Cottages on Spirit Lake for those who wish to spend a vacation here.

Boats for rent and supplies for fishermen.

Golf supply room.

Soft Drink Bar

40x80 Dance Floor

Baseball Diamond

Tennis Courts.

Part of these features are in the course of construction and part will not be ready for some time, but we invite you to drive in and look over our place while it is in the making.

Watch for announcement of the golf course opening.

**O. A. PETERSON**

Operating a Clean and Orderly Recreation Center

Postoffice Rib Lake. Golf course and amusement features on Peterson homestead, Spirit Lake, on State Highway 102, half mile north of the Stone bridge over Spirit River.

Left – Ad in the newspaper announcing the coming of the golf course.

Below – The house that became the entrance, dining area and club room for golfers. Notice the Coca-Cola sign tacked on the tree.







Beautiful setting for a relaxing day of golf.  
Spirit Lake to the south and the creek running into it from Stone Lake that lies north of there.

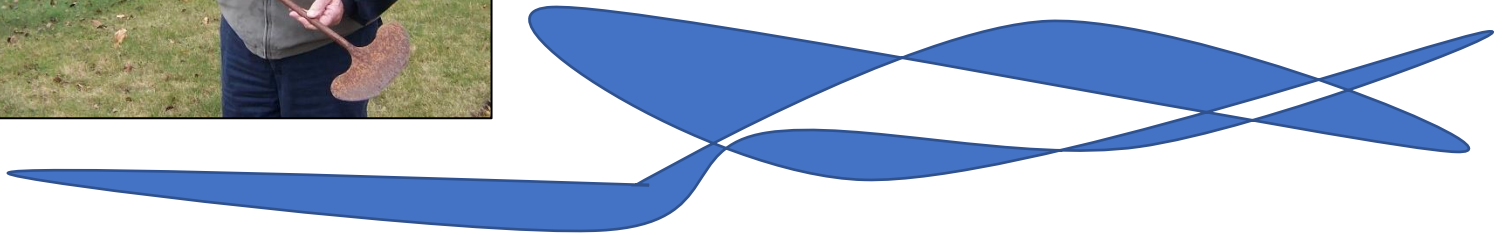


Peterson's Golf Course, Spirit Lake, Wis



Herb Magnuson with a sod lifter that was used at Peterson's Golf Course. It was used when making the greens.

Watch for our summer edition of the Newsletter when we will feature Fjeldheim's Resort on the north shore of Little Spirit Lake.



There were some changes to the local town board members on April 6<sup>th</sup>.  
Here are the results of the elections.

**Town of Spirit**

- Chairman – Darrel Lind
- Supervisor – Bill Evans
- Supervisor – Gary Siebert
- Clerk – JaNelle Nelson
- Treas. – Myrna Holmquist

**Town of Hill**

- Chairman – Ron Wiitala
- Supervisor – Roger Bergman
- Supervisor – Jeffrey Ulrich
- Clerk – Sandra Behling
- Treas. – Allan Niemi

**Town of Knox**

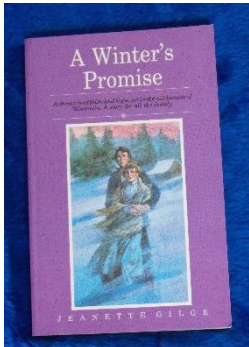
- Chairman – Hank Wendt
- Supervisor – Andy Wild
- Supervisor – Cory Wild
- Clerk – Joseph Klepac
- Treas. – Linda Heikkinen

## We Sell Books Written by Local Authors

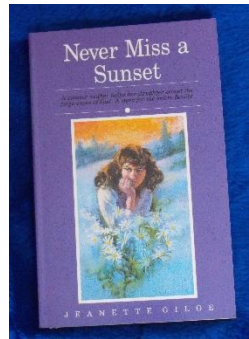
Here are descriptions of each for all you that love to read.



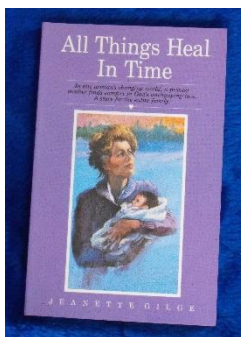
Author Jeanette Gilge Barnes was raised by her Grandma Emma in the Town of Spirit. This is the story of her family.



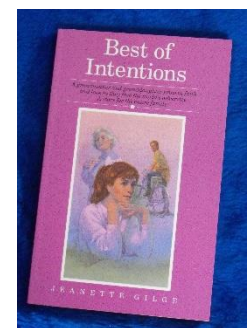
#1 set in the 1890's. Al and Emma have a young family and many challenges. The stove needs wood, the baby's crying wakes the children, and the livestock must be fed. For Emma, it is a time of struggle, a time of waiting, waiting for the bitter winter to finally pass, for her husband Al to return from the lumber camp, for God to answer her prayers for help. Amid the hardships, this mother of four finds strength in her faith in God and experiences the richness of His blessings when help finally comes and a young school teacher moves in with her family.



#2 set in the very early 1900's. Ellen, the oldest daughter of Al and Emma enters adolescence and dreams of a life of freedom from her responsibilities as the oldest daughter. But a new baby is about to be born to her mom and she knows it will bring still more work. Her mom is weak and sick and Ellen prays that the baby will die. But when the baby dies, Ellen blames herself. It seems that her guilt is too heavy to bear, but then she finds the forgiveness of her family and her God.



#3 finds Emma now alone, a widow in her fifties. Al died in 1919, but Emma continued on the farm with the help of some of the younger children. Her older children are grown and having families of their own by this time. But there are still responsibilities: her children still turn to her for help, and when a daughter dies in childbirth she must raise her new granddaughter alone. This granddaughter, Jeanie, later grows up and becomes the author of *The Never Miss a Sunset Pioneer Family Series*.



#4 Emma is raising her orphaned granddaughter, Jeanie, the best she knows how. But changes beyond their control are putting their love and understanding to the test. Now in her seventies, Emma turns to her grown children for advice while guiding Jeanie through high school. Facing a world of new friends, first love, and growing responsibilities, Jeanie must decide whether to make her grandmother's values her own. Emma's frustration with change and Jeanie's impatience to grow up threaten their relationship. But a late-night car crash and the beginning of World War II help Emma and Jeanie mend their differences and find the true meaning of love.



This is the family in the *Never Miss A Sunset Series* In the book their last name is Verleger.

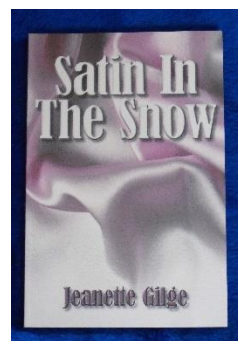
1903 – Meier Family

Emma age 34 holding Roy -1, Al age 43

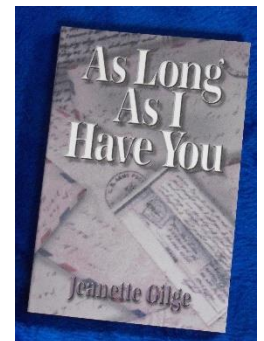
Al -16, Fred -14, Ellen -13, George -12, Len -10,

Minnie -8, Edward -7, John -5, Gertie -3

After this picture was taken 4 more children were born to Al & Emma; Roy, Emma (Jeanette's Mom), Carl & Henry.

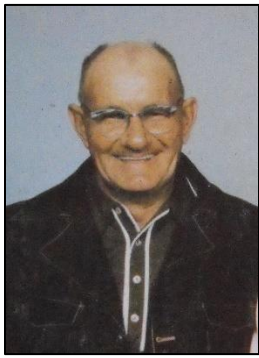


#5 In 1942, the spring after Pearl Harbor, the term "instant gratification" was not in Kenny and Jeanie's vocabulary. They had been taught that a worthy goal was worth sacrifice. Their goal: To be married before Kenny had to go into service – with Jeanie in a white satin gown and all that it symbolized. *Satin In The Snow* is the story of this couple's struggles the summer before they were married.

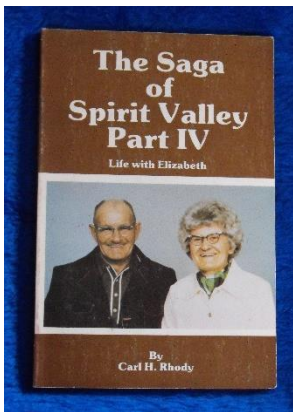
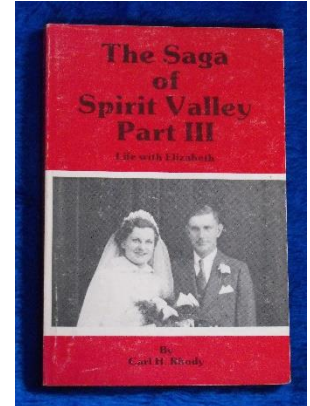
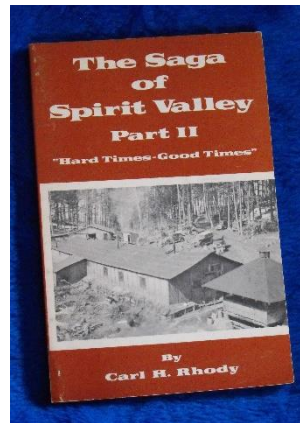
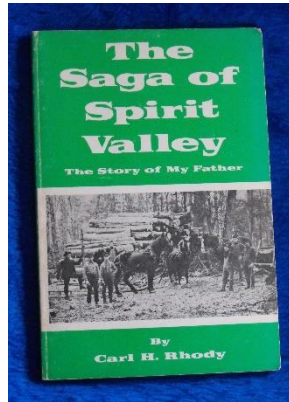


#6 *As Long as I Have You* the last book in the series is the true story of a love that endured through World War II, when letters were lifelines. Interwoven with the chronological events of the war are the depths of emotion this couple, and thousands like them, experienced during those years. A wartime photo of Kenny and Jeanette can be found on page 215. Grandma Emma appears in a photo on page 218.

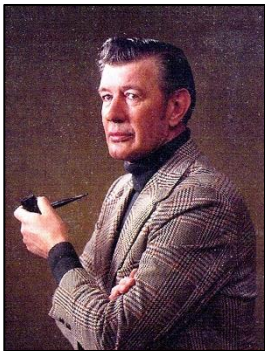
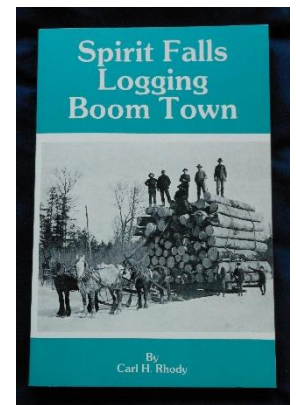




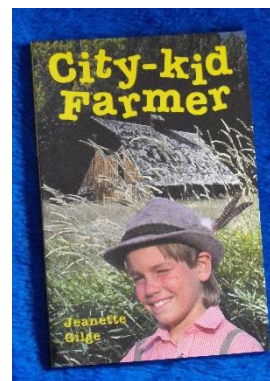
Author Carl H. Rhody has created a work that captures the cultural voices of a time past. The characters are based upon Carl's research and his own rich experience growing up and living in the Town of Spirit. The logging era in Wisconsin was a period of hard work, honesty and natural beauty.



The Saga of Spirit Valley parts I – V begins in 1891 telling how Carl's family and other homesteaders, using virtually all hand labor, grubbed and logged their farms out of the forest. As the years go by, he gives a home view of history of the locality, the state, the nation and the world as it affects the lives of his family and others. Vietnam Strikes Home centers on Carl's family and how the war brought on serious problems.



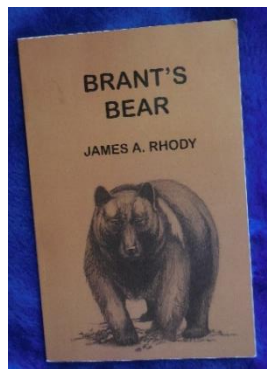
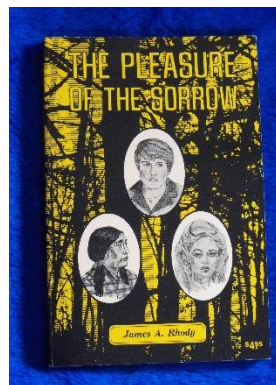
Author James A. Rhody was born in Wisconsin and spent his early years helping on his parents' farm and working in the woods, cutting and skidding timber.



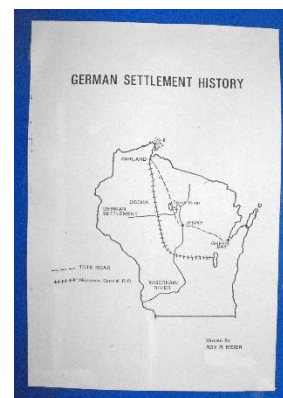
Another story from Author Jeanette Gilje  
*City-kid Farmer*

In the city he'd had his friends and knew his way around. But here in the country, Mark kept asking stupid questions about farming. That was just what Kurt Gorman waited for...so he could call him a dumb "city kid". But Mark's biggest question was about God. Dad always said a man had to stand on his own two feet, but now Mark had found men he admired – Uncle Ruben and cousin Jeff – who depended on God for everything. Who was right?

*The Pleasure Of The Sorrow* - This historic novel by Jim Rhody tells of homesteading and logging camp life in the Northwoods in the 1890's. Young Henry Brandtner – Brant – is forced into adulthood in his early teens by circumstances of the times, and through his eyes you will meet and get to know a variety of individuals of a century ago. Each brings to life the pleasures and hardships of the day, often with sadness, and always with humor. Dates and details are historically accurate.



*Brant's Bear* - Recently retired and widowed, Brant turns to the northern wilderness if his boyhood to regain his confidence and to search for a purpose to fulfill the remaining years of his life, and the faith to believe in life after death. His confidence is restored with the completion of the log cabin he builds, and Brant then finds purpose and faith through a unique association with a giant bear.



This paper pamphlet was written by Roy Meier who was born and raised in the Town of Spirit. It contains history of the immediate Spirit area.



# We sell books written by local authors

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Books by Jeanette Gilge	Quantity	Total	Books by Carl Rhody	Quantity	Total
<i>"Pioneer Family Series"</i>					
A Winter's Promise	\$5.00	_____	The Saga of Spirit Valley	\$7.50	_____
Never Miss a Sunset	\$5.00	_____	The Saga of Spirit Valley II	\$7.50	_____
All Things Heal in Time	\$5.00	_____	The Saga of Spirit Valley III	\$7.50	_____
Best of Intentions	\$5.00	_____	The Saga of Spirit Valley IV	\$7.50	_____
Satin in the Snow	\$5.00	_____	The Saga of Spirit Valley V	\$7.50	_____
As Long As I Have You	\$5.00	_____	<b>Set of 5 Saga books</b>	\$35.00	_____
<b>Set of 6 Pioneer Series</b>	\$20.00	_____			
City-Kid Farmer	\$5.00	_____	<b>Books by James Rhody</b>		
			Brant's Bear	\$10.00	_____
German Settlement History Pamphlet	\$2.00	_____	The Pleasure of the Sorrow	\$5.00	_____

Shipping – Orders for \$10 and under – add \$3.50 > \_\_\_\_\_  
 Orders over \$10 – add \$7.50  
 Total Order > \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to SHSI  
 and mail to:  
 Spirit Historical Society, Inc.  
 P.O. Box 621  
 Ogema, WI 54459

## Spirit Historical Society, Inc.

### Membership Application

You are invited to become a member of S.H.S.I.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Year \_\_\_\_\_

Categories: Please check one

\_\_\_\_\_ Swamper (Non Member) - \$1.00 to \$24.00 per year

**The following categories qualify you as a Member:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Sawyer - \$25.00 to \$49.00 per year

\_\_\_\_\_ Teamster - \$50.00 to \$99.00 per year

\_\_\_\_\_ Woods Boss - \$100.00 to \$499.00 per year

\_\_\_\_\_ Homesteader - \$500.00 to \$999.00 per year

\_\_\_\_\_ Settlement Builder - \$1000.00 or more per year

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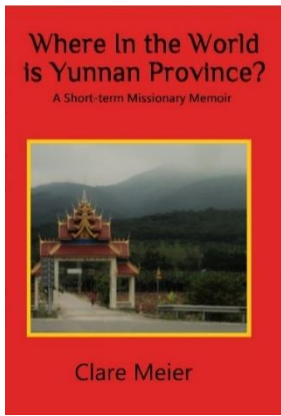
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# Local Authors from the Spirit area and their books



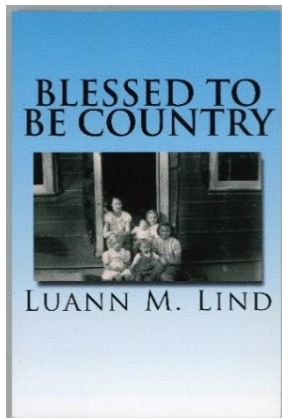
Clare Meier is a grandmother, RN, pray-er and student. She holds a BS in biology from U-W Eau Claire, an Associate Degree in nursing from North Central Technical College and a Certificate in Bible and mission from Bethany Global University. Currently she is earning a certificate in Mental Health Coaching from the American Association of Christian Counselors. Evenings find her biking the back roads of Northern Wisconsin.

Books can be purchased direct (715-783-0508) or at [estore.dcopy.net/category/bookstore](http://estore.dcopy.net/category/bookstore).

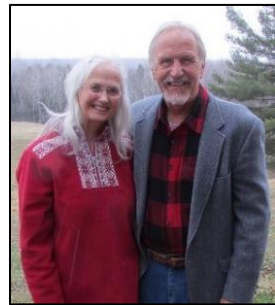
WHERE IN THE WORLD IS YUNNAN PROVINCE? In 2012, a 59 year old Polish widow crossed comfort zones from America to Asia. How in the world did she get there? And just where in the world is Yunnan Province? This is the true story of one woman's geographical and cultural as well as spiritual and personal adventures as she responds to the Great Commission of Jesus Christ to go into all the world and preach the gospel.

Luann spent her entire life in the Town of Spirit, attended Liberty School then graduated from Rib Lake High School. She married her 'Prince Charming' Darrel a week after turning 18. Together they dairy farmed and raised 5 children and are proud of their 29 grandkids.

My book can be purchased for \$10 directly from me 715-564-3340 or ordered from Amazon.

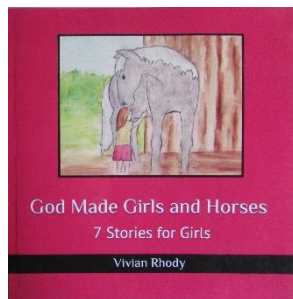


**BLESSED TO BE COUNTRY** Memories of my lifetime. Step by step, my faith in Jesus, My Savior has grown and matured. Each experience whether good or bad has made me more confident in His love for me and less confident in myself for answers. Writing down these life experiences has helped me to see this.



Donald was born on a family farm in Spirit and Vivian is from the ranch lands of S. Dakota. After living most of their adult lives overseas they have now returned to their little farm in Spirit. Don is pastor of a Little Log Church, Vivian an artist, and have begun an orphanage in Kenja. They enjoy their 4 sons' families with 8 grandchildren.

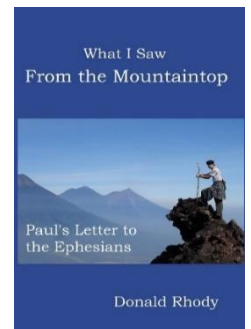
Don's books are available @ \$14 and Vivian's @ \$17. Call Vivian's phone at 715-783-0637. Be sure to leave a message and they will get back to you.



**GOD MADE GIRLS AND HORSES - 7 Stories for Girls** was written and illustrated by Vivian Rhody (pub.2021) has 154 pages, 46 painted illustrations, and larger font letters. Biblical Christian life lessons, love of horses, and exciting adventures are found in every story.



**BIBLE STORIES 2 GO** by Vivian Rhody (pub. 2012, 335 pages, 196 Bible stories) is meant to be used along with the Bible for instant devotionals, Bible studies, and instant lessons from the Bible stories to teach others. Each Bible story covered includes a brief synopsis, definite lessons, helpful notes, discussion questions, possible memory verses, and Bible references for more study.



Any mountain climber will tell you that the terrain of the countryside appears very different from the peak of a mountain than it does at lower elevations. In the book of Ephesians, the Apostle Paul explains to us some of the spiritual truths that he had come to understand in his climbs up various spiritual mountains. This is a book that explores some of those descriptions that Paul gave of the things that he saw.



Moving to another country overseas is never easy, and seldom is it an entirely clear-cut decision to do so. It was even less so in the 1800's.

*He Built With Stones* is a story that is based on the life of my own maternal great grandfather, who although he had built a successful stone mason business in Sweden, decided to leave that life to emigrate to America.

His purpose was to build something of even greater importance in the new land.

It may not be so curious that we should want to know the events of the very last days of the earth and the return of Jesus. The disciples had a similar desire to know, and so it was with this in mind that one day some of them approached Jesus privately and asked him, "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the close of the age?"

In this book I begin with that same question as the disciples, then take the answer that Jesus gave to them as the starting point to lead me throughout the prophetic passages of the entire Scripture. In this study, we learn what the Bible teaches about that day which will surely come.

A companion book with "*Watching for the Day*"

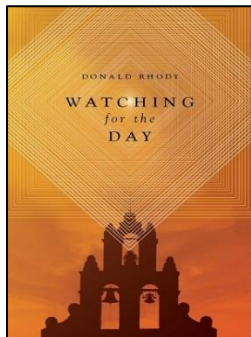
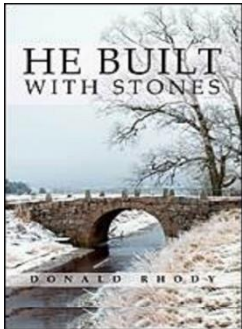
It is primarily only in the last two chapters of the very last book of the Bible that we catch a glimpse of what our home will be like in eternity.

That is precious little, when you think about it. Jesus told his disciples in the book of John that he was going to prepare a home for those who believe in him. The most in depth explanation that we have of what he has prepared (or is still preparing) is in these two chapters of the book of Revelation. This is a book about that home.

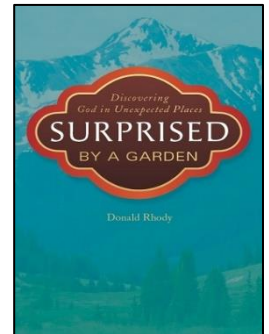
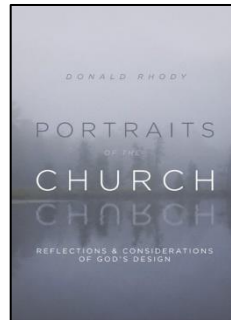
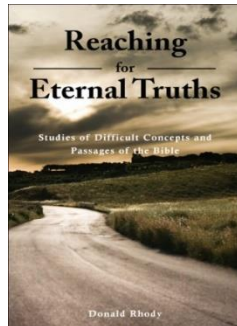
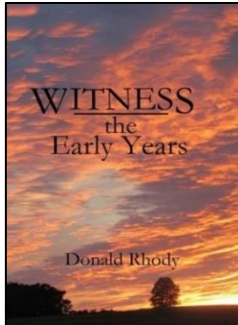
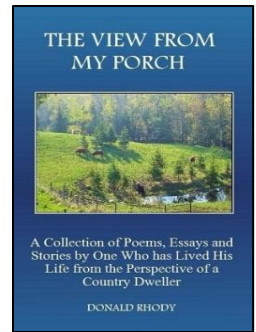
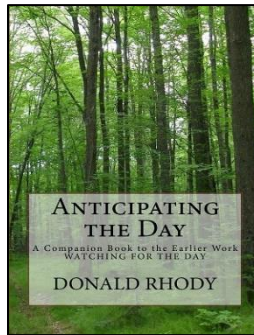
The words written in these pages are my adventures of thought as I studied the closing words of the Scriptures.

"Life can be contemplated from many perspectives. Among all of these, the very best perspective is that which one receives while sitting on a porch. Almost any porch will do, but none will offer you a better view of life than the one you gain while sitting on the porch of a country home."

This book is a collection of short stories and poems from one who grew up and has always observed life as a country-dweller. Better than that—a country-dweller who is sitting on his porch.



More  
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This is a book of stories. They are stories about people who lived in ancient times and whose biographies are told in the Bible. But in this book, these stories are told in such a way that you have never before heard. In it, I ask such questions as: Why was eating of the tree of knowledge a sin?—Did God originally intend to keep us in ignorance? Cain brought a work of his own hands as an offering to God. Why did God not accept it? Who were the real "tormented souls" of Sodom and Gomorrah? What was the sound of battle that Joshua heard but Moses did not? The New Testament book of Hebrews tells us that "we are surrounded by a great crowd of witnesses." This book is about some of these people of the "great cloud."

It has always been astounding to me how firmly many people take unreasonable and inflexible positions on eternal matters that they do not and cannot understand. The Bible is a book that gives us a glimpse into eternal perspectives and truths. In its pages we can learn much about these truths, but if we are honest with ourselves, we know that in this age, we will never come to a full understanding of them.

In *Reaching for Eternal Truths*, I tackle some of the more difficult passages of the Bible. There are about 20 topics and chapters in all. I explore what the Bible teaches about each of these issues, keeping as a focus the authority of the Scriptures to lead us into truth.

For most of my adult life, I have served the church of Jesus Christ. With the problems that sometimes arise in the church, I will not say that it has always been an easy work, or even always pleasurable, but it has always been my great privilege. The Apostle Paul often referred to the church as "the body of Christ." In fact, he even makes the astounding statement that the church represents "the fullness of Him who fills all in all"

In *Portraits of the Church*, I do not ignore deficiencies that are present, but I also explore some of the promises of Jesus concerning His church. In some ways, this book is a love story that I have with the church of Jesus Christ.

Many travelers never learn the art of enjoying the journey of life. In the same way that some people rush through a road trip without taking time to notice interesting things along the way, so many people live such a stressed lifestyle that they miss out on experiences in life that are enjoyable and refreshing.

In this book, I write short life lessons and Bible devotionals that arose out of my thoughts in some of my own travels.





## Kenneth C. Swanson Jan. 19, 1934 – April 22, 2021

Kenneth Clinton Swanson, 87, born January 19, 1934 in Ogema, passed away on April 22, 2021 at his home in New Baden, Illinois surrounded by his loving family. Ken grew up on a farm near Ogema, graduating from Rib Lake High School in 1952, then enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, serving honorably for over 26 years. Ken served 9 assignments in the US and overseas including 2 in England, where he met his wife Margaret. His assignments included the US Embassy in Athens, Greece, and Cam Ranh Bay Air Base in Vietnam. His final assignment was at Scott AFB, where he retired in 1978 as Chief Master Sergeant.

He was preceded in death by his parents George and Angela, nee Risberg, Swanson; his step-mother Nina; siblings Joyce Sjostrom, George "Bud" Swanson and Gladys Jensen; all of Ogema. Surviving are his wife, Margaret, nee Steep, Swanson, whom he married September 8, 1956 in Swindon, England; son Paul (Donna) Swanson of O'Fallon; daughter Carolyn (Robert Jr.) Frisse of New Baden; four grandchildren: Melanie (Caleb) Dziurdzy, Michael, Gwendolyn, and Cale; 3 great-grandchildren Camden, Alina, and Lydia; and his sister Marie (Marvin) Arneson of Prentice, Wisc. Burial with military honors took place at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis, Mo.



### Report in Phillips Bee- Wolf issue back in 1970

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1970.



It was a case of "the early bird gets the worm" or more specifically, the early hunters gets the bounty Friday in Phillips as the Price county clerk's office staff paid out the remaining \$105 in bounty to four Price county hunters. From left are Adolph Peterson, Prentice; Walter Rosenlof, Brantwood; Gene Maki, Tripoli, and Bernard Donner, Park Falls. Peterson bountied one coyote and one fox for \$12.50, bringing his season total to four coyotes and two fox; Rosenlof brought in two coyotes but was the last man, so his animals brought only \$5. His total for the season is 18 coyotes, one fox and one wild cat. Maki had three coyotes and two fox Friday for \$35 bringing his season total to 16 coyotes, 18 fox and three wild cats. Donner, who was at the court house very early and the first of the four to bounty his catch brought in five coyotes and one fox for \$52.50 for a season total of 14 coyotes and ten fox. The final total for all predators was 268 coyotes, 119 fox and 11 wild cats.—Photo by The Bee.

### Reported in The Rib Lake Herald April 1, 1971

The origin of names is interesting. As the name of Timms Hill. The lake and hill were so named because a logger Tim Gahan logged the area. Actually, it should have been named "Ostergren Hill" because Rev. Ostergren must have discovered the hill, as he had a clearing and raised some crops on the very top of the hill. In corresponding with the State Department I thought it looked more impressive when spelled with two M's. So it's now Timms.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 1962.

## New Maple Syrup Operations Have Been Exceedingly Busy

The days are long when the maple sap is flowing. That is what is being discovered by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Norlin and Lewis Motley who have started the custom maple syrup plant at Ogema.

The Ogema Sugar Bush, which is located just off highway 86 east of Ogema, was organized last fall for the purpose of handling the manufacture of maple syrup from sap which would be brought to the plant. Some of the sap is transported by a bulk truck of the Ogema Sugar Bush, while some producers of the sap haul it themselves in 10 gallon cans or special tanks.

In one stretch last week the plant was in operation for 46 hours straight in the production of syrup from the sap, ending about 9:00 a.m. on Friday when the sap had all been cooked down. With the heavy run on Friday and Saturday it was expected that the processing operations again would continue over a long period of time.

The Ogema Sugar Bush relies on a number of sap collectors who have tapped over 10,000 maple trees this spring. In addition, tapping of 1,000 trees in an acreage near the syrup plant is being done by the owners of the plant.

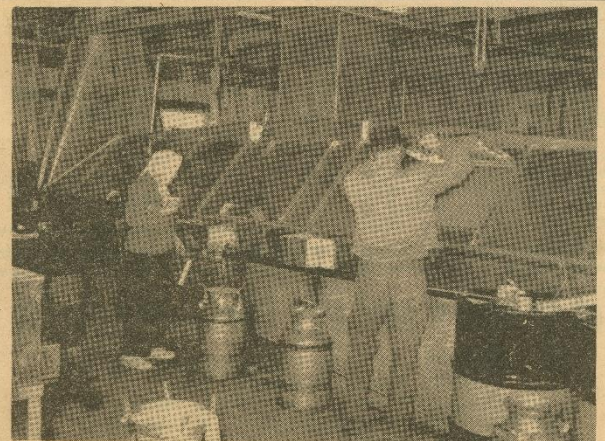
When the sap is brought to the plant it is first emptied in a large stock tank where it is measured and

tested as to sugar content. Payments for the sap depend upon the amount and upon the hydrometer reading. This sap is then pumped to a large storage tank made of concrete staves which can hold up to 12,000 gallons of sap.

From the holding tank the sap flows to a pre-heating unit, heated with slab wood which brings the sap to a boiling temperature. From here it is pumped to the large processing oven where the water in the sap is evaporated by oil heat, the vapor being carried away through a special vent. When the proper amount of moisture is evaporated the syrup then can be removed from the evaporator and placed in containers. After the syrup run starts it continues at about 10 gallons per hour.

According to Mr. and Mrs. Norlin, the production of syrup up to Friday had been about 1,000 gallons, with at least that much more expected to be produced before the sap run is over. The flow of sap depends a great deal on the weather, with a cold night followed by a sunny day being the type of day for a heavy flow of sap.

The Norlins know that the hours will be long for possibly another week or so, but then they also know that when the sap stops flowing the maple syrup making will be over for another year.



Mr. and Mrs. Ray Norlin check on the evaporator at the start of a big run on Friday, April 13. —The Bee Photo



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