

Spirit Historical Society Newsletter

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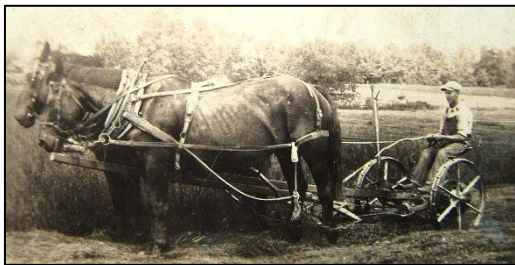
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We Need Your Advice

Do you want to continue receiving our newsletter? Yes or No
If yes, we have it available both in hard copy (paper) or we can send it to you electronically (by email) in color. Please let us know your preference. If you change to email, we need to have your email address. Thank you to all who contacted us previously.

Do you know of anyone else that would like to receive our newsletter?

Contact us at:

spirithistoricalsociety@gmail.com

or phone 715-564-3340

We want your memories for future issues. Please take the time to jot down your memories of growing up in Spirit or record them on a voice recorder and we will type them up for you. Also looking for old photos of your family or community events in Spirit.

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Community Events

Our next **SHSI meeting** is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 10th at 3:00 pm. We will meet at the Spirit Town Hall for those who are able to attend. Others will be joining us by Zoom. Everyone is welcome to join us or contact us with your input on issues.

A Rummage and Bake Sale will be hosted by Spirit Historical Society to raise funds to maintain Our Yesterday House. It will be held at the Spirit Town Hall on Aug. 4th – 6th; Thursday Noon – 5 pm., Friday 9 am – 5 pm., Saturday 8 am – 4 pm. If you would like to donate items for our sale, contact Dawn or Pam at 715-564-3104. We will be setting up on Wednesday the 3rd.



Spirit American Legion Post 452 rendered honors May 30th at the following cemeteries: Finlander, Clifford, St. Mary's, Knox, Garden of Memories, Levitt Creek, Ogema Hillside and Spirit Hillcrest.



The 80th annual **Spirit-Hill-Ogema 4-H Fair** is scheduled to be held Fri., Aug. 12. and Sat., Aug. 13 at the Spirit Town Hall on State Hwy. 86.

4-H clubs participating will be Happy Hoboes, Hillbillies & Hamburg Hawks.

Friday, Aug. 12th – 5:00 – 8:00 pm...Entry Night
Sat. Aug. 13th – 9:00 am Exhibit Judging Begins
9:00 – Noon – *Kraft's Kuddly Kritters* Petting Zoo
11:00 – 2:00 – Brat Fry Style Lunch
12:30 pm – Outdoor Games & Contests
3:00 pm Exhibits Leave Fairgrounds
7:00 pm – Program (Skits & Awards)

Reigning Queen: Katelyn Schult
Fair Board Members: Darrel Lind, Molly Kielsmeier,
Ed Ulrich, Lynn Peterson & Adam Kielsmeier
Sec/Treas.: Colleen Schult

www.facebook.com/spirithillogema4hfair



Tours of Our Yesterday House will be given from 9 am – 3 pm on the day of Spirit-Hill-Ogema Fair Aug. 13th. To schedule a tour on any other day, contact LaVonne Meier @ 715-564-2570 or Dawn Meier @715-564-3104

Spirit Legion Post 452 and the American Legion Auxiliary hold their monthly meetings on the 2nd Thurs. of each month at the Spirit Town Hall beginning at 7 pm.

Spirit Town Board meetings are held in the Spirit Town Hall on the 2nd Tues. of each month, starting at 6:00 pm. Town board members are: Darrel Lind, Bill Evans and Gary Siebert. Clerk – JaNelle Nelson Treas. – Myrna Holmquist

Rummage and Bake Sale to Benefit Spirit Historical Society, Inc. August 4th through August 6th

Thursday Noon to Five
Friday Nine to Five
Saturday Eight to Four



Location: Spirit Town Hall
W1316 State Highway 86
In the Town of Spirit

Antiques, furniture, household items,
tools and hardware



Proceeds will be used
to continue the preservation of the
Yesterday House
Building/Museum

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Books we have for sale written by local authors

Books by Jeanette Gilge	Quantity	Total	Books by Carl Rhody	Quantity	Total
<i>"Pioneer Family Series"</i>			<i>"Saga of Spirit Valley 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	_____	_____	Set of 5 Saga books \$35.00	_____	_____
Set of 6 Pioneer Series \$20.00	_____	_____			

City-Kid Farmer \$5.00 _____ German Settlement History Pamphlet \$2.00 _____

Written by Roy Meier

Books by James Rhody
Brant's Bear \$10.00 _____
The Pleasure of the Sorrow \$5.00 _____

Shipping – Orders for \$10 and under – add \$3.50 > _____
Orders over \$10 – add \$7.50

Total Order > _____

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

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Our Annual Barn Dance/Fund Raiser was held May 29th at the Darrel & Luann Lind Farm

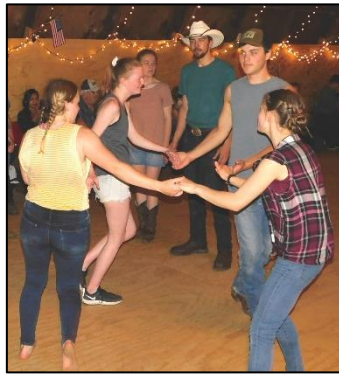


Thank you to Karl Lind – our DJ for the night and Gary & Leanne Edinger- our square dance teachers.

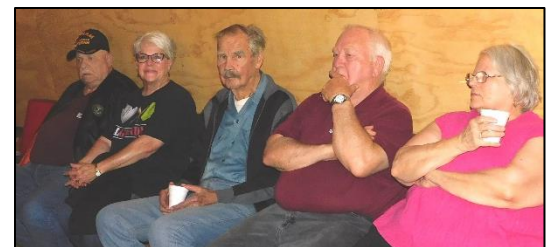




Board Members: Cheryl Pierson, Mark Nyberg, Dean Gilge, Johanna Holliday, Anne Marie Fries, Maryalice McHugh, Luann Lind, JaNelle Nelson, Dawn Meier



Vietnam veteran Dennis Lind and his wife Debbie raised the flag for us.





Kathleen Sue Andreae-Riley (Waszkiewicz) age 75, passed away peacefully on June 2, 2022 in Ringle, WI. Kathleen was born Sept. 11, 1946 to Frank and Elsie Waszkiewicz in Garden City, Mich. On Jan. 4, 1964 she was united in marriage to Ervin Andreae. Kathleen loved cooking for her family with Memorial Day gatherings being one of her favorites. When she wasn't making quilts for babies, she could be found reading about spirituality, faith and relationships. She was an active member of the American Legion Auxiliary. After the passing of Ervin, Kathleen married Marty Riley.

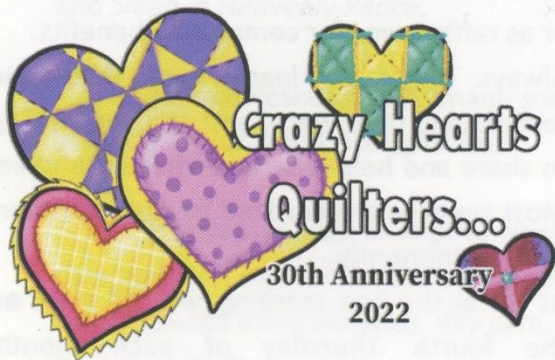
Kathleen will be missed dearly by her three children, Susan (Gary) Hollar, Lisa Jaecks and Robert (George) Andreae; 4 grandchildren, Amanda, Stephine, Josh and Fawna; one great-grandchild, Ryver; siblings, Delores Mary Ricinski, Frank (Janice) Waszkiewicz, Michael (Theresa) Waszkiewicz, Lynnea (Debbie) Waszkiewicz and Teresa Hancock along with many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husbands, Ervin and Marty, and a great-granddaughter.



The Crazy Hearts Quilters

We are a group of quilter's dedicated to sharing, learning and teaching sewing strategies and techniques in our community and beyond.



President: Louise Lukes 715 657 0841

Historian: Debbie Rosenthal 715 612 1871

crazyheartsquilters@gmail.com



The Crazy Hearts Quilters began on September 16, 1992,

with four woman around a kitchen table. Eager to share their love of quilting with others in their Tripoli-Brantwood, WI, community, they chose October 15, 1992, as their first official meeting. Word spread quickly, and new members came from neighboring towns.

Over the years, hundreds of quilts, large and small, have been made and donated to help others after fires, tornadoes, and hurricanes, or as raffle items for community benefits.

Always eager to learn new skills and techniques, they were, and still are, willing to share and help wherever there is a need. Most supplies are donated by club members or the community.

As set at the first meeting, we still meet on the fourth Thursday of each month, presently at the Spirit Town Hall, starting with a light pot luck at 1:00pm, with a planning and work time to follow.

Work days are also held at Ogema Baptist Church most Monday afternoons.

All are welcome to join us for fun, fellowship, food, and fabric creations, whether experienced or a beginner. This is a "learn as you grow" club for all ages and skill levels, male or female.

Come and join the fun with
The Crazy Hearts Quilters.

By Linda Watkins

Crazy Heart Quilters Continued:

Current Members:

Sherryl Barnet	Jean Randall
Anna Bell	Debbie Rosenthal
Jean Conrad	Jane Stelzer
Nadine DuBois	Diane Strow
Judy Ferre	Linda Watkins
Annabelle Gosz	Kathy Vanderhoof
Debi Hallas	Kristina White
Jane Holm	Sara Wojcik
Lois Johnson	
Louise Lukes	
Cheryl Pierson	



Donating handcrafted items, quilts and more, to those in need has been a focus of The Crazy Hearts Quilters.

We support:

Local families in need after fire and other disasters, fund raisers for traumatic medical situations, and giving comfort in times of need.

Organizations such as *Sweet Dreams* and *Sleep in Heavenly Peace*.

Animal Rescue and Humane societies in Clark, Taylor and Price Counties.

Businesses such as *Aspirus Health Care* and *Wisconsin Veterans Memorial*. Local assisted living facilities, day care and homeless shelters.

Community events including Knox Heritage Center, Ogema Christmas Tree Festival, Rib Lake Ice Age Days and Spirit-Hill-Ogema 4-H Fair.

Donations to Africa and Haiti for education and comfort.

School from the Past

It will soon be time for students to return to school for another year of learning. Here are a few examples of how schools were run in the past.

School days, school days:

Dear old Golden Rule days

'Reading and 'riting and 'rithmetic

Taught to the tune of the hick'ry stick

You were my queen in calico

I was your bashful, barefoot beau

And you wrote on my slate, "I Love You So"

When we were a couple o' kids

1872 Rules for Teachers

- Teachers each day will fill lamps, clean chimneys.
- Each teacher will bring a bucket of water and a scuttle of coal for the day's session.
- Make your pens carefully. You may whittle nibs to the individual taste of the pupils.
- Men teachers may take one evening each week for courting purposes, or two evenings a week if they go to church regularly.
- After ten hours in school, the teachers may spend the remaining time reading the Bible or other good books.
- Women teachers who marry or engage in unseemly conduct will be dismissed.
- Every teacher should lay aside from each pay a goodly sum of his earnings for his benefit during his declining years so that he will not become a burden on society.
- Any teacher who smokes, uses liquor in any form, frequents pool or public halls, or gets shaved in a barber shop will give good reason to suspect his worth, intention, integrity and honesty.
- The teacher who performs his labor faithfully and without fault for five years will be given an increase of twenty-five cents per week in his pay, providing the Board of Education approves.
- You may ride in a buggy with a man, if the man is your father or your brother.

Rural School Teacher's Contract

It is hereby Agreed, by and between School District No. 4 in the Town of Spirit County of Price State of Wisconsin and Bella Anderson a legally qualified teacher, that said teacher is to teach, govern and conduct the common school of said district to the best of his ability; keep a register of the daily attendance and studies of each pupil belonging to the school, and such other records as the District Board may require, make such reports as are required by law, and endeavor to preserve in good condition and order the School-house, grounds, furniture, apparatus, and such other district property as may come under the immediate supervision of said teacher, for the term of 1943-44 school months, commencing on the 30th day of August A. D. 1943, for the sum of One hundred twenty five Dollars per school month, to be paid at the end of each month, it being understood and agreed that 20 days teaching shall constitute a month and that on Saturday there shall be No School

And the said School District hereby agrees to keep the School house in repair, to provide the necessary fuel and school register, and for the services of said teacher, as prescribed above, well and truly performed, to pay said teacher the sum of One hundred twenty five Dollars per school month, at the end of each month; during a term of nine school months, commencing on the 20th day of August A. D. 1943

Provided, That in case said teacher shall be legally dismissed from school, or shall have his certificate legally annulled, by expiration or otherwise, then said teacher shall not be entitled to compensation from and after such dismissal or annulment; provided further, that the wages of said teacher for the last month of school term shall not be paid unless said teacher shall have made the report for the school term as required by law.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names this 29th day of May A. D. 1943

Albert V. Johnson Director
Bennie Shuman Treasurer
Roy H. Lind Clerk
Bella Anderson Teacher

REMARKS:—This contract should be made out in duplicate, and one copy given to the teacher. No Board should allow a teacher to commence school, until a written contract is properly signed by both parties.

Annual Report of the County Superintendent of Schools Price County, 1913-1914

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors, Price County.

Gentlemen: It is again my pleasure to report to you that the educational work of the county continues to steadily progress. There are at this time very few small schools in the county. In the rural communities only two reported an enrollment of five or less last year. The greater number of rural schools show an enrollment of from fifteen to thirty. This larger attendance has given rise to the necessity of additional school room. The new school houses that are being built are carefully planned to afford plenty of room space, sufficient light and better methods of heating.

The total number of children reported of school age by the census of 1914 is 4,932. The number of school districts 63, and the whole number of departments, 120. A number of districts have built additional school houses. These with the two state grade schools will increase the number of departments for another year.

My annual report to the State Superintendent for the school year of 1913-1914 shows the following:

Total number of public gatherings in school houses, 232.

Number of children between the age of 7 and 14 who attend the required number of days, 1,567.

Number of districts furnishing transportation 5.

Number of districts paying tuition to other districts 15.

Monthly cost of wagons for transportation \$64.

Average rate of tuition per week \$1.15.

Number of districts having wells in good condition on school grounds 51.

Teacher's Salaries classified –

Those receiving from \$40.00 to \$45.00.....47

Those receiving from \$45.00 to \$50.00.....27

Those receiving from \$50.00 to \$55.00.....23

Those receiving from \$55.00 to \$60.00.....11

Those receiving from \$65.00 to \$70.00.....3

Those receiving from \$70.00 to \$75.00.....3

Those receiving from \$85.00 to \$90.00.....3

Those receiving \$100 or more.....3

What A Teacher Should Do Before The First Day Of School

- I Be in the community several days before school starts
- II See that the school house and outbuildings are in proper shape.
- III See that the water supply, ventilation and heating plant are O.K.
- IV Know the amount and condition of school apparatus.
- V Get library, text books, blackboards and clock in readiness.
- VI Make a careful study of the register:
 - (a) Know the names of pupils;
 - (b) Know the various classes;
 - (c) Know the work covered by each class.
- VII Plan a tentative program.
- VIII Have definite assignments for work in upper classes written out.
- IX Plan an interesting opening exercise.
- X Have some new decorations either on walls or blackboards. Try to have a few fresh flowers, plants or autumn leaves Arranged neatly somewhere about the room.
- XI Be ready to make your first personal appearance such as it should be.
- XII Have a few of these ready for use: colored crayons, crayolas, extra paper, paste, scissors, two or three lead pencils, a calendar.

HABITS FOR THE NEW YEAR

The habit of:

quietness, thoughtfulness, cheerfulness, helpfulness, frankness, politeness, work, neatness in work, enjoyment of work, pleasure in work well done, promptness, regularity, attentiveness, directness, clearness, preparedness, sticktoitiveness, appreciation, enthusiasm, correct speaking, system, economy of time, loyalty, contentment and just keeping human.

More from the Price Co. Superintendent

USEFUL RECIPES FOR THE TEACHER

1 - **Library Paste:** 1 cup flour, 1 cup water, 1 tsp alum, a few drops of oil of cloves.

Dissolve alum in the water; heat to boiling. Stir the flour with enough cold water to make a cream. Stir this cream into boiling alum water. Boil twenty minutes, stirring constantly. Add oil of cloves and strain.

2 - **Salt and Corn Starch Paste for Maps:** Twice as much salt as corn starch is needed. Add enough cold water to make a thin, creamy consistency. Heat, stirring all the time. When it comes to a boil, remove from heat and stir. It is now ready for use, but may be kept for days in a damp cloth.

3 - **Paper Pulp for Maps:** Tear old newspapers into small pieces about one inch square. One gallon boiling water to a pail of paper. Soak for five hours. Drain off excess of water. Macerate with a stick and hands.

4 - To Make a **Hektograph:** Soak four ounces of gelatine in a pint of water until it is all dissolved. Add a pint of glycerine and boil in a double boiler; stir and skim. Add a few drops of oil of cloves. Pour the mixture into a square cornered tin pan and let cool in a level position. If air bubbles form, draw the corner of a blotter along the edge of the pan to remove them. Should the material be too soft to give the best results, melt and add a little gelatine; if too sticky, add glycerine. The surface will not need to be washed, but after using should be left for 24 hours. Buy a bottle of Hektograph ink at the drug store for 25 cents to use for writing or drawing the copy.

School buildings that were located in Spirit, formerly Town of Brannan.

First School on site of Wilson School
Brannan school district #1

Located just west of Hillcrest Cemetery on Hwy. 86



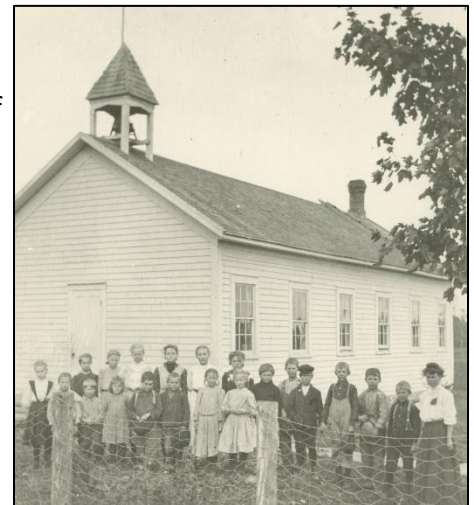
First Spirit Center School - Brannan school district #2
Located on corner of Hwy. 86 & Knox Rd.



2nd Stone Lake School - Brannan school district #3
Located just east of Cty. YY & Cty. C corner



First School on site of
Liberty School
Brannan school
district #4
Located on corner of
Cty. YY & German
Settlement Rd.



On May 27th a new sign was installed in front of Our Yesterday House and members of the Country Chicks Homemakers Club planted a flower bed around the sign.



We positioned the sign and marked out the flower bed.



Sod was removed and posts were put in place to hold the sign.



We were blessed to have lots of help from the generation of grandkids!

The sign was then attached to the posts and topsoil filled in around it.



Donated flower plants were put in place.



A big thanks to:

Jennifer, Jayne, Vivian,
Clare, Luann, Darrel,
Colleen, Derek,
Katelyn, Aarik, Joren
& Aksel.



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