

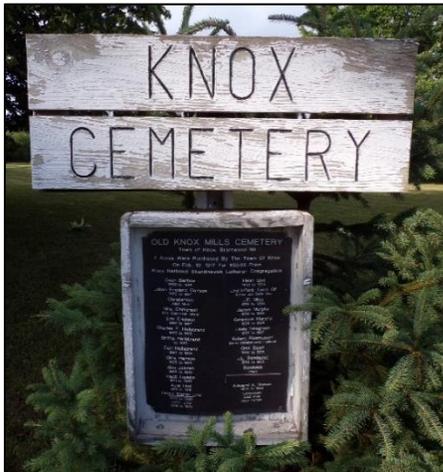
# Spirit Historical Society Newsletter

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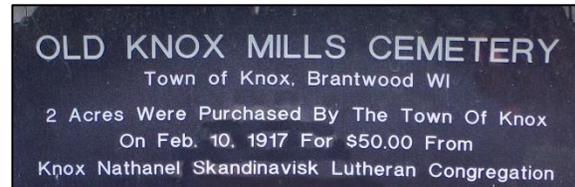


Do you recognize any of the names? Are any of your relatives buried here? If you would like to donate to help with the upkeep of this cemetery, contact the Town of Knox.

## An almost forgotten part of our ancestral history.

- Owen Berhow - 1898 to 1898
- Johan Frederic Carlson – 1852 to 1907
- Christensen - Adult Male
- Mrs. Emmerson
- Mrs. Emmerson infant
- Erik Erickson - 1882 to 1927
- Charles F. Hallstrand - 1839 to 1906
- Britta Hallstrand - to 1920
- Carl Hallstrand - 1880 to 1906
- Oline Hanson - 1823 to 1902
- Alex Jokinen - 1865 to 1930
- Matt Lepisto - 1871 to 1929
- Aulis Lind - 1912 to 1918
- Henry Martin Lind - 1920 to 1920
- John Lind - 1846 to 1926 (Johan)
- Helen Lind - 1843 to 1924 (Helena)
- Lind Infant Twins of Arthur and Sofia Lind (Ira and Irl)
- J.E. Miles - 1894 to 1894
- James Murphy - 1894 to 1894
- Genevieve Murphy - 1894 to 1894
- Lewis Newgreen - 1866 to 1887
- Robert Rasmussen - Minnie Christensen's Husband
- Onni Saari - 1926 to 1926
- J.L. Sandquist - 1834 to 1906
- Sandwick Infant
- Edward A. Weken - 1874 to 1899
- Unknown Adult Male
- Unknown Adult Female

The Old Knox Mills Cemetery is located on the corner of Old Mill Rd. and W. Knox Rd. in the Town of Knox, 3 ¼ mile north of Hwy. 86. About 10 years ago the Town of Knox began to provide upkeep for the cemetery. Only 5 stones can be found there today. The list of names show that 29 burials took place there. 10 out of the 29 listed were infants.



Spirit Historical Society, Inc. is a 501 (c)(3) tax exempt organization whose mission is to protect, conserve and display buildings, artifacts and documents of historical value for educational purposes. Members are persons who contribute \$25.00 or more at any time during the year. Membership continues through the month of January the following year. As a member of S.H.S.I. you will be contributing to our mission, receive our newsletters and will be eligible to vote in person or by absentee ballot at the S.H.S.I. January annual meeting.



# Community Events

Our next **SHSI meeting** is scheduled for Sunday,  
September 10th at 2:00 pm at the Spirit Town Hall.

Let us know if you would like to participate online (phone President Dawn Meier @ 715-544-0023)  
and we will send you the link ahead of time. Everyone is welcome to join us

The 81<sup>st</sup> annual **Spirit-Hill-Ogema 4-H Fair** will be held  
Fri., Aug. 11 and Sat., Aug. 12 at the Spirit Town Hall.  
Participating 4-H clubs: Happy Hoboes, Hillbillies & Hamburg Hawks  
Reigning Queen is Kajsa Lind



Entry is Friday August 11<sup>th</sup> from 5 pm to 8 pm.

Saturday schedule: Judging begins at 9 am, Kraft's Kuddly Kritters Petting Zoo will be there at 9:30,  
11 am – 2 pm is Brat style lunch, 12:30 will be outdoor games, Exhibits leave at 3 pm.

Evening Program will be at 7 pm with skits & awards.

Board members: Darrel Lind, Ed Ulrich, Molly Lind, Adam Kielsmeier - Sec/Treas. Colleen Schult

Spirit Historical Society will be selling cheese curds during the day.

We will also have tours of Our Yesterday House from 9 am – 3 pm.

Check out the fair at [www.facebook.com/spirithillogema4hfair](http://www.facebook.com/spirithillogema4hfair)

**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.

Town board members are: Darrel Lind, Bill Evans and Gary Siebert.

Clerk – JaNelle Nelson Treas. – Myrna Holmquist

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

They will hold their annual **pancake supper** on April 29<sup>th</sup> at the Spirit Town Hall from 4 pm – 7 pm.

Wishing a very **Happy Birthday and Blessings**  
on another year to some of the older seniors of our community.

Elaine Nelson is 97 years old!

Lois Johnson – 95 years old!

Andy Raymond Borg & Marilyn Erickson are 90 years old!

Marvin Arneson, Gloria Brietzke & Phil Resch are 88 years old!

Marie Arneson & LaVonne Meier are 87 years old!

Joyce Bant is 84 years old!

Mike Meier 82 and Toni 83!



Tours of Our Yesterday House will be available this summer.  
Visit us on Facebook, email: [spirithistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:spirithistoricalsociety@gmail.com), or  
visit our website [spirithistoricalsociety.org](http://spirithistoricalsociety.org).

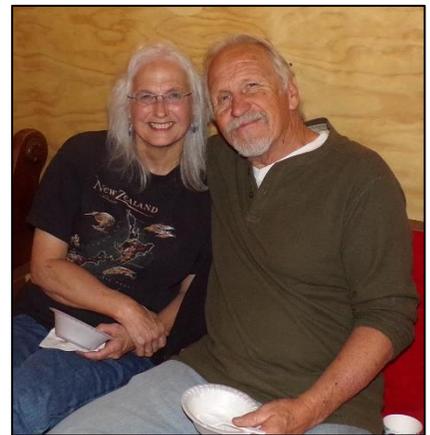
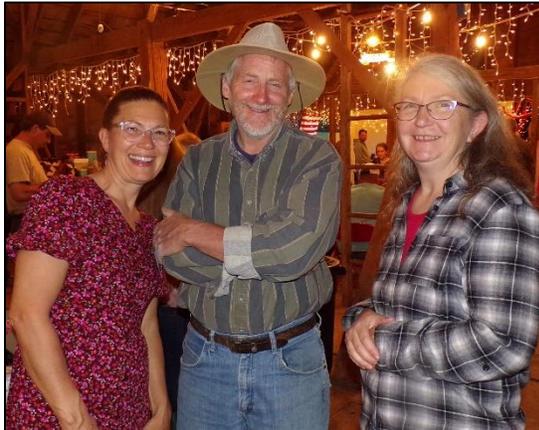
# May 28th Annual Barn Dance was a success!



It was a beautiful evening – not too hot – not too cold.



Chances were sold to win donated items.

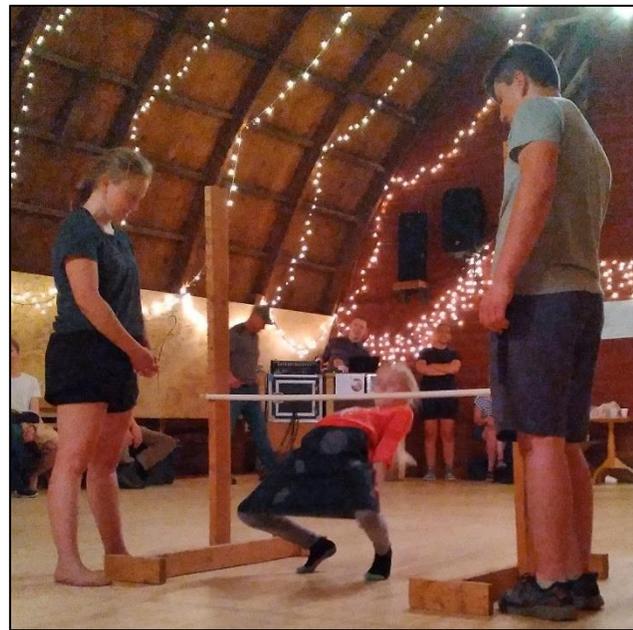


Friends old and young enjoyed a good visit.

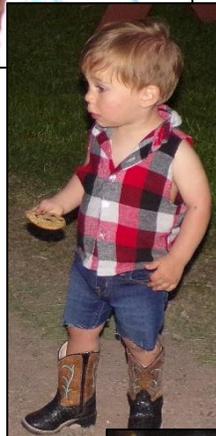




This year we had more young folks than ever before. At times there were 60 – 70 on the floor at a time.



Young folks 'bent over backwards' to compete in the Limbo.



Gary Edinger called the square dancing.

Karl Lind flew in from Kansas to be our DJ for the evening.



Refreshments were provided by SHSI.





Anne Marie, Raymond & Maryalice - Never too old to enjoy a good visit with cousins at a barn dance.



Celebrate America!



Thank you to veteran James Calder for raising the flag for us.



The board members of SHSI want to thank each one of you for attending the barn dance. Our current board members:

Luann Lind, Dean Gilge, Johanna Holliday, Cheryl Pierson, JaNelle Nelson, Maryalice McHugh, Anne Marie Fries, Karen Baumgartner, Mark Nyberg, Dawn Meier, Pam Welch.

Our first Barn Dance was held in 2005. Here's a couple of pictures from that year of Grandma & Grandpa Lind with little Karl Lind. Karl has never missed a dance since then.



# SHSI is excited to announce that we are finally building a new Machine Shed.

It will house our antiques from farming, blacksmithing, trapping, carpentry and other occupations of the past. The Machine Shed is being built just east of Our Yesterday House on our Spirit Town Hall lot. The building process started in June and hopefully (weather permitting) will be finished by mid August.



The site was prepared by tilling up the sod and top soil.



After the top soil was removed four loads of sand were brought in to make a level base for the concrete slab.



Boards were used to form the 24' x 30' rectangle. Plastic and Styrofoam were positioned on top of the sand base to prevent moisture from coming up through the concrete.



Reinforcement bars were placed above the Styrofoam in a grid pattern --- and the site was ready for concrete.

Our new Machine Shed will have 5 windows, 1 walk in door and 1 overhead door.



The pouring of concrete was delayed because of hot weather. Two loads of concrete were delivered and poured over the Styrofoam to make a great new floor for our Machine Shed.



In only 3 days the walls went up and sheathing was installed.



We are asking you – our supporters to help us with the expenses to finish the building now, and later to finish the inside. We plan to insulate and sheet the inside walls so that we can hang and display items for easier viewing.

At this time, we have not yet met our goal for finishing the building.

There will be a donor plaque placed outside the Machine Shed.

It is not too late to have your name or the name of a loved one represented there.

Anyone giving us a generous donation of **\$200** will get their name on that plaque.

Giving of **\$500** will get your name at the top of the plaque in a category for higher donations.

Donations can be made out to SHSI and sent to our address; P.O. Box 621 Ogema, WI 54459

Any donations large or small will be very much appreciated!

# Biggest Bear In The East



by Mark LaBarbera

**B**ob Faufau of Tomahawk knew the bear he took on the first day of the Wisconsin bow season was a big one, but he didn't know how big until weeks later.

On September 12 of last year, the 30-year-old bow hunter became the first hunter east of the Rocky Mountains to ever take a black bear scoring 22 or more Boone & Crockett points, according to Peter Haupt, who also submitted the measurements to Pope & Young.

Haupt drove over to Faufau's home for a preliminary measurement and scored the bear at 22 3/16 points. That's only 1/16 point short of the world's record black bear!

After the 60-day drying period, Faufau took a day off from his sales manager job to drive to Hayward in November for an official measurement. He brought along the skull of the bear he took last year. (He's six for six on bear, seven for 12 on deer with his bow.) It scored 18 1/16.

The big bear's skull scored 22 points even, losing 3/16 points since the first measurement. De-

spite the reduced score, only one other bow hunter and seven other rifle hunters in the world have taken larger black bears.

The bear is second to bow hunter Ray Cox's 22 4/16-point bruin taken in 1978 from Sinbad Ridge in Colorado. Second place was held by Harold Boyack's 1968 trophy from Kooskia, Idaho. It scored 21 13/16.

Faufau's trophy is easily the new second place black bear, plus the Wisconsin bow bear record, replacing Larry Frye's Bayfield County bruin that scored 21 6/16. Faufau's bear also beats out the rifle record for Wisconsin black bear held by Ed Strobel since 1953. In fact, Strobel's bear from Land O'Lakes was the world's record black bear from '53 to '68, according to Pete Haupt. Faufau's bear was taken in Lincoln County.

"It's possible," said Haupt, the official scorer and co-founder of the Wisconsin Buck & Bear Club, "that Bob's bear could lose a couple of sixteenths yet. With a bear this big, I imagine the Pope & Young directors will want to score it by committee. I don't think it will lose 3/16, but it may lose enough points to drop it below the current Wisconsin rifle record (21 15/16).

The Buck & Bear Club presents awards to hunters who take the best trophy each year, and Faufau's bear is a likely 1981 winner. NAHC member Bob Dale won the trophy in 1980 for the second largest typical whitetail in the state.

As Dale, Haupt and others gathered at Ronnie Wittwer's barber shop for the final measurement, and later at a local cafe, Faufau recounted the story once again:

"I left my buddy, Jim Lechleitner, near the other bait station. He had his own truck there," Faufau said. "I was hunting on county land and there were plenty of other baits set out by other hunters in that area.

"Jim and I tried out four new



areas, but about a week before the season, the two old reliable baits looked the best, so we concentrated on them. I had moved the bait that the big one hit last year a few hundred yards, to a place that looked geographically to be a better place to pick up bears travelling through. It was on the side of a ridge and less than 100 yards from a boggy swamp.

"It worked! It seemed we had a big bear coming in pretty steady. The berry and acorn crop was poor this year, so the bears were hitting our baits more consistently

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than in other years.

"About 10 days before the season, we saw really big tracks in the mud on a logging road near the bait. We didn't know how long he had been coming because it was dry and we weren't getting much for tracks. But I wasn't concerned about how long he had been visiting. All that mattered now was that he would keep coming back.

"By the large amounts of bread and sweet rolls being taken, and by the lack of other tracks. I figured that he was big and coming steady," Faufau said.

"The wind was good, fairly calm, and the air was clear on opening day to keep my scent rising. I took no chances with this bear. I had practiced with broadheads from the treestand in my backyard, used pine extract on my camo clothes that I hung outside, and positioned my treestand in a large balsam," Faufau said. "I like pines because they are quiet—no leaves to shake—but mostly because of the cover they give me to hide in.

"I even took a bath in baking soda water before leaving home, and kept my hunting clothes in an open box in the back of the truck

to make sure my human scent wouldn't spook the bear. They have great smellers, you know."

Faufau got into his stand about the same time as usual, 2:30 in the afternoon. He won't hunt mornings because he says it's nearly impossible to sneak up on feeding bears in his area of north central Wisconsin.

His stand was about 18 feet up in a tree 10 yards from the bait. His boss at the Bake-Rite Baking Co. gave him stale Mrs. Carter's bread, plus pastry, for bait. The bears had been going through 100 pounds a day. Molasses sweetened the bait.

After two hours of watching squirrels and birds pop in and out of the two-foot-by-two-foot hole—which is the maximum size allowed by the state—he spotted a bear.

"Slowly, the bear approached," he said. "It came downwind from my tree, then cautiously moved into the bait. It was about 150 pounds, or so, and it appeared very nervous, which got me excited because I knew he was nervous about the bigger bear that claimed this his bait.

"It cautiously fed for about 15 minutes, then wandered off, only to start breaking up some cherry trees a hundred yards away.

"Another hour passed," Faufau said. "I was beginning to think the big one might not show up before dark. I had told myself before the season that my goal would be to take a 400-pound-or-better black bear. As I was thinking, I heard water squishing in the bog. Then it must've hit the high ground. I didn't see or hear anything until a bear stepped into the small clearing where the bait was.

"He looked really big, I thought, wondering if it was the big one I wanted. After studying him for a few minutes and feeling my hand start to sweat on the 70-pound Martin Cougar II compound's grip, I guessed he was *only about 300 pounds*. Only, was a hard word to say, since, of the six bears I've taken in the last six years, that's about how much the biggest



The black bear's skull was officially scored at 22 points.

one weighed. But I wanted one over 400 pounds and, remember, this was still opening day.

"I didn't watch too long, though, because that bear took off out of there like somebody had shot him. I knew he either whiffed me—which was very unlikely—or grandpa was coming home! It was about seven o'clock, I figured.

"He had just stopped running when I saw some black moving towards me from the highland,

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through the balsams. When he hit the open, I knew how big he was. He looked twice as wide across the chest as the bear that had just unwillingly left. Figuring the coast was clear with the other bear having been in the bait, this big bruin walked right in and started feeding.

"I know I was nervous. All those hearts in me were working very well. I just kept telling myself, 'Shoot him good.' I wasn't going to settle for a sloppy shot. I waited a few minutes to calm down.

"When he moved his heavy leg on my side forward to reach for the pastry, I drew, beared down and let'er go. I was shooting Easton shafts I fletched with Trueflight feathers, and I used Satellite

broadheads. The arrow hit home.

"All hell broke loose! The big boy ran over everything trying to get out of there. The small bear eating cherries crashed off. The other big bear did the same in a different direction. And another bear I didn't even know was in the area, ran toward where the big one crashed, and stopped. As I think back, it was probably a yearling that had to take a back seat while the old cranks had fed.

"When things quieted down, I walked (very quickly) to my truck and drove more quickly to meet Jim. We always rendezvous at a bar at the end of the day to see if anyone needs help.

"Jim had good luck, too. He hit a big bear. Two of Jim's brothers and his nephew—they were all at the bar—volunteered to help us.

"Finding Jim's bear was no problem. It only ran 50 or 60 yards. We dragged it out, which took quite a while. The bear weighed 300 pounds dressed.

"Then we headed for my bear. Jim was wondering why there was five of us, and he kept asking if the one that I got was the big one. I just kept telling him it was a 'keeper.'

"We walked to the bait site and immediately found a light blood trail. I walked ahead through the balsams, knowing I heard him fall, not really looking for a trail.

"Only 45 yards from where I hit him, laid 700 pounds of bear. After a lot of aweing and head shaking in amazement, I dressed him out and we started dragging. We dragged him to a clearing, after a lot of zigging and zagging down a grown over logging skid trail, we backed my four-wheel-drive to it. With five men pulling and lifting, we got him into the truck and headed home.

"After registering it, we took pictures and then skinned and quartered up the two bears. That night, at one in the morning, after we started to cut him up, I started weighing my bear in chunks on the bathroom scale. I would take one hind quarter at a time, and then we took the hide and head. I couldn't

do it myself, so the other guys draped the parts over me. We got over 555 total on that so I knew right away that I had screwed up.

"Two days later, we weighed it at a supermarket and it still registered 553 pounds. Then I talked to Bruce Kohn, a DNR bear biologist, and he told me the bear would have weighed about 700 pounds live! I just about . . ."

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A poor acorn crop may have caused more bears to hit baits this year and Wisconsin archers, in general, enjoyed increased success, according to Kohn and Bill Creed, his supervisor. About 1200 adult bears (over 1½ years) were taken by some 6,000 license holders. Last year, about 850 bears were harvested. Creed said the number of license holders has gradually in-

creased from about 4,000 bear hunters in 1973 when record-keeping for bears was started. The DNR experts estimate there are about 4,000 bears minimum in Wisconsin (almost entirely in the northern half), ranging from cubs to one 36-year-old bruin taken this year. Since monitoring began, hunter success on adult bears has been between 20 and 25 percent.

"Even with the older bears," said Creed, "you don't see many over 250 pounds."

That's when Faufau decided to contact an official scorer to see just how high this big bear would rank. And he's glad he did.

If Faufau had not cut up his bear before having it weighed on a registered scale, it's likely that the big bruin would have received recognition for being one of the heaviest black bear taken in this country. As it is, the Wisconsin bow hunter will have to settle for taking with a bow the second largest black bear in the world.



Bob's bear is on display at the Tomahawk Chamber of Commerce building. This bear held the Wisconsin State record for 20 years until 2001. Bob has 5 bears that qualified for the records. Through the years he enjoyed the whole process of the hunt. He doesn't hunt bear any more because it takes about 10 years now to get a bear tag.

# 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:**

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

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A Winter's Promise \$5.00	_____	_____	The Saga of Spirit Valley \$7.50	_____	_____
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**Written by Roy Meier**

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