

# Spirit Historical Society Newsletter

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Sharing historical information from Spirit, Hill, Knox and the Spirit Valley area for your enjoyment.



## We Have Books to Give Away!

Many of you know that when Michael & Toni Meier were living here in Spirit, we had a huge collection of old books on display at the Liberty School building. In 2019 when they left for Oregon, we boxed up all the books until we could decide what to do with them. We no longer have the ability or space to display or loan out these books. So, we have decided to give them away to folks who would like to have them.

A list has been made of each title, some have copyright dates with them. Some books did not have copyright dates at all. Quite a few are VERY old coming from the late 1800's and very early 1900's. There are school books, fiction, religious, government, career oriented and several in German or Swedish. One whole box of Swedish books is not even listed. There are books from the Town of Brannan library, Liberty School, Wilson School, Norlin School, Spirit Center School as well as several public libraries and books that came from individuals. We are hoping that you (our faithful followers) will want many of these books for your own collections. Whatever we can't give away will be destroyed.

### So here's the deal...

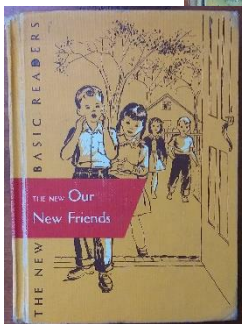
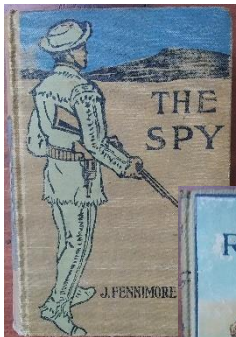
A full list of these books (about 600) is now on our website: [spirithistoricalsociety.org](http://spirithistoricalsociety.org) under 'Current Events'.

Please look at the list and see if you are interested in any of them. We will give them away 'first come, first served'. You may contact President Luann Lind at 715-564-3340 or send an email to [spirithistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:spirithistoricalsociety@gmail.com).

If you live close by, just come and pick them up. If you want us to mail them, you will need to pay for postage and shipping. If you are coming to our barn dance May 26<sup>th</sup> we can hold books until then for you to pick up

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**There is still time to give a donation** to help us finish the Machine Shed project. Anyone giving \$200 and up will have their name put on a plaque. Anyone giving \$500 or more will have their name in a separate category on the plaque. Any amount of donations is appreciated! A big thank you to all of you that have donated so far. We are well on our way to paying for the whole shed.

# Community Events

Our next **SHSI meeting** is scheduled for Saturday, April 6th at 10:00 am at the Spirit Town Hall. Let us know if you would like to participate online (phone Dawn Meier @ 715-544-0023) and we will send you the link ahead of time. Everyone is welcome to join us or contact us with your input.

## Current Board Members:

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

Annual Spring **Pancake Supper** will be sponsored by Spirit Legion Post 452 and the American Legion Auxiliary. Everyone is welcome to attend.  
It will take place at the Spirit Town Hall on Saturday, April 27, 2024 from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

## Memorial Day Cemetery Services Monday May 27th:

Spirit Legion Post 452 will be rendering honors at the following cemeteries:

Finlander – 8:15 am

Clifford – 8:35 am

St. Mary's – 8:55 am

Knox – 9:15 am

Garden of Memories – 10:00 am

Levitt Creek – 10:30 am

Ogema Hillside – 11:00 am

Spirit Auxiliary will be serving lunch at the Spirit Town Hall from 11:30 – 12:45. A program will follow in the upstairs of the Town Hall at 1:00 pm. Following the program will be a march to Spirit Hillcrest Cemetery for the honors there.

**Our Yesterday House will be open for tours after the program.  
Come and check out our military display.**

The 82<sup>nd</sup> annual **Spirit-Hill-Ogema 4-H Fair** will be held Sat., Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> at the Spirit Town Hall.

Participating 4-H clubs: Happy Hoboes, Hillbillies & Hamburg Hawks

The spring meeting will be Thursday, April 18 at 6:30 pm at the Spirit Town Hall.

Fair Board Members: Darrel Lind-Pres., Ed Ulrich-V.Pres.,

Molly Lind, Mary Jo Ulrich & Colleen Schult-Sec./Treas.

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.

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Tours of Our Yesterday House will be available again this summer.

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# Obituaries



**Marilyn H. Erickson**, 90, of Prentice, WI went to be with the Lord Jesus on December 2, 2023. Marilyn was born on April 12, 1933 in Spirit, WI to Roy and Helen (Risberg) Meier. As a child, she enjoyed growing up on a farm, attending Liberty Elementary School, and playing with her siblings and many cousins. Marilyn graduated from Rib Lake High School in 1951. She then attended Taylor County Normal School where she prepared to become a teacher and was a star basketball player. Marilyn then taught for 4 years at one-room schools in Price County, three at

Martin's Mill and one year at East Highland. On September 1, 1956 Marilyn married Eugene Erickson at the Zion Lutheran Church in Spirit. Her life was then dedicated to being a farmer's wife, homemaker, and mother to six children. Trusting and serving the Lord was Marilyn's focus throughout her life. She was a faithful member of First Baptist Church in Prentice for 65 years, serving in a variety of ministries. Marilyn was a leader of the Happy Hoboes 4-H club for over 35 years. Another way she served the community was as a "Meals on Wheels" driver for more than 20 years. She was also a member of the Spirit Historical Society and the Liberty Bells Homemaker club. Three words that describe Marilyn's character are content, cheerful, and caring. Even when dementia afflicted her mind the past few years, she rarely complained and encouraged others with her sense of humor and positive attitude. Though she did not have a lot of material possessions, she realized that the loving relationships she enjoyed with her immediate family, extended family and many friends made her a truly wealthy woman. She seemed to always have time for conversation with others and frequently used that time to encourage them in their Christian faith.

Marilyn is survived by her children: Dan (Nancy), of Chisholm MN; Randy (Kelly), Prentice; Loren (Cindy), Ogema; Tim, St. Paul, MN; Doug (Kaye), Prentice, and Ruth (Allen) Yard, Waterford, PA; and by 22 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren. Other survivors include her sister, Marie (Marvin) Arneson, Prentice; and her brothers and sisters-in-law: LaVonne Meier, Phyllis Holubetz, David & Norma Erickson, John "Freddy" & Paula Erickson, Kathy Jensen and Marie Erickson; as well as many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Eugene (in 1991), her parents, and her brothers, Ronald, Arne, Gene & Wes Meier; and her brothers and sisters-in-law, Marie Meier, Claire Meier, Lillian Erickson, Robert Erickson, Richard Erickson, Don & Beatrice Brieske.



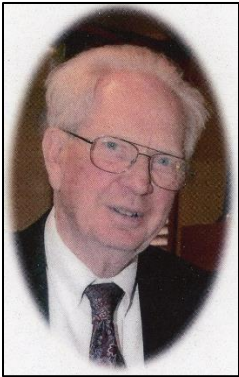
**Dennis (Denny) Lee Johnson**, age 86, passed away on January 15, 2024 at his home in New Richmond, WI. Denny was born February 4, 1937 in Spirit, WI to Lawrence and Mildred (Scheller) Johnson. He went to Rib Lake High School and then on to a year at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point where he pursued studies to become a band director. He then moved to Chicago seeking employment, and later relocated to Minneapolis where he met his future wife, Kathleen (Elliott) Johnson. He subsequently managed several Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurants in the Twin Cities area, and was taught by Col. Harland Sanders himself how to pressure cook the colonel's special recipe for fried chicken. In 1970, an opportunity arose to buy LaNou's Restaurant

– and later the Uptown Restaurant – in Tomahawk, WI, which Denny and Kathy ran for nine years. In 1975 they moved into their newly built home on the very land where Denny was born, and which his grandfather, Amandus Johnson of Sweden, homesteaded the 160 acres granted him in return for developing the land. In 1979, Denny went into farming, utilizing the original barn and outbuildings constructed on the homestead. After his short-lived farming adventure during the farm crisis of the early 80's, Denny applied his business skills and creative talents by remodeling and opening a craft mall that Kathy managed, as well as the bar next door that he managed. Being a naturally gifted and generous teacher, Denny worked for Lincoln Hills School and NCTI, teaching teenage and even blind students about food preparation. With all of his food service industry experience, he was hired to run the Tomahawk Elementary, Junior, and Senior High School lunch programs. When their two grandchildren, Emily and Hannah, were born, Denny and Kathy decided to relocate to New Richmond, WI to be near them, and where they would live out their remaining years.

While living in New Richmond, Denny offered his handyman talents as a maintenance man at two hotels in Hudson, WI, as well as townhomes in New Richmond. He also volunteered his talents at the New Richmond Heritage Center where Denny did a wide variety of tasks in addition to being a docent for field trips, including his daughter Heidi's first, second, and third grade classes over the years. As a STEP worker he helped students in Heidi's classroom, and even used his musical talents to write and record a song for one of her class's musicals. Denny loved watching all his wild animal 'friends' that would visit daily to eat the treats he provided. He was an avid card and cribbage player who was hard to beat! Denny was a self-taught painter and could play the piano by ear. He loved entertaining friends and family with his great cooking, and enjoyed spending time at his cabin and boating on Lake Nokomis near Tomahawk, WI. In short, Denny was a loving, generous, and kind hearted man of SO many talents!

Denny is survived by his two children – Lawrence Johnson of Cedar City, UT and Heidi Johnson (Mark) Weyer of Stillwater, MN. He is further survived by his two grandchildren – Emily Swetlik of Woodville, WI and Hannah Swetlik of Chicago, IL; his siblings – Gordon Johnson of Appleton, WI, and Kenneth (Theresa) Johnson of Spirit, WI; and many cousins, nephews, and nieces.

Denny is preceded in death by his parents, his wife, his brother, Eugene Johnson, and sister, Janet Kring Schopper.



**Arthur Lloyd Gustafson**, passed away January 3, 2024 at the age of 85. Art was a descendent of the Salveson family with connections to Sadie Meier, Anne Bartz and families. He led a full life, enjoyed his tractors and built two businesses, each lasting almost 30 years. He enjoyed participating in the festivities of Memorial Day Weekend in Spirit including the Barn Dance, the luncheon and program at the Town Hall and the march to the cemetery. He also enjoyed the car show in Tomahawk.

Art is survived by his wife of 57 years Karen; two daughters; three grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He will be missed, but he is with Jesus now. God's plan is perfect and we are able to praise Him in all of this.



**Gardia Grace Arredondo (Meier)** Age 90, of Milwaukee, Wi.. Passed away unexpectedly at her home, on Sunday December 31st, 2023, while recovering from a fractured right hip sustained on Thanksgiving. She was born on April 9th, 1933, to Sadie and George Meier, in the Town of Spirit. She was the 9th of eleven children, including Dorothy, Norma, Glennis, Ardis, Owen, Betty, George, Bunetta, Lora and John (Jack). She attended Liberty School, residing just down the road. She graduated from Rib Lake High School, and, shortly afterward, moved to Milwaukee, Wi., to find work.

She lived with her sister, Norma and her husband William (Bill) Miller. She worked in the garment and hosiery industry, often modeling clothing designs for the executives. She later met, and married Tomas Arredondo. Together, they had six children, Beverly, David, Rosalie, Tom, John, and Valentina. She divorced Tomas in 1978, and began a new life, working in the food industry. She most notably was the Manager of Smith Brothers Fish Market which was based in Port Washington, WI. A few years after her divorce she met Harold Tautges, and the two became lifelong companions. Together they camped and traveled throughout the U.S. and even Canada. She is preceded in death by her parents, siblings, and countless other relatives and friends. A generation has passed into history. She will be remembered for her work ethic, love and devotion to family, her courage and her love for the history of the settlements of her ancestors. Gardia will be laid to rest, next to her parents, at Hillcrest Cemetery in the Town of Spirit, on Friday, May 17th, 2024. Graveside Committal Prayers, for her family, will begin at 11:00 a.m. All who knew her are invited to attend a gathering at the Town of Spirit Town Hall, at 12:00 pm., to share memories and fellowship.

# In the next several issues of our Newsletter we will be introducing you to our SHSI Board Members.

## Meet Karen Baumgartner



who lives in Phillips, Wisconsin has been a Board of Directors member since 2009. She is usually the docent when the Yesterday House is open for visitors. She gathers information on items in the house and researches the history of the house and the families who lived in it to add to the story of the museum. She cleans up and sets up items for exhibits and loves to hear stories from visitors about their knowledge of unidentified vintage items and how they were used. There is considerable behind-the-scenes work she does that involves brooms and buckets, computers and printers, the internet, scribbled notes, and a washing machine.

Karen's ties to the Town of Spirit go back to immigrant ancestors who homesteaded on the shores of Spirit Lake when Peter and Lovisa Peterson arrived in 1883. Their son Ole A. Peterson (wife Jennie who merits credit for keeping the farm going) was a logger and entrepreneur who ran camps for the Rib Lake Lumber Company, log drives down Spirit River to Tomahawk, a resort, and a dance hall, was a land agent, platted Spirit Point, and established the golf course. He is another whole story~ Peter's nieces Karoline (bridge guilder Simon) Danielson and Ann Marie (Spirit Postmaster C.B.) Nelson were neighbors. Hillcrest Cemetery is the resting place for the immigrant generation. Karen's more recent ties to Spirit were judging at the 4-H Fair in the 1970's and transcribing tombstones at Hillcrest Cemetery in 1998 for the Price County Genealogical Society. Ann Marie Nelson's daughter married the son of Albin Johnson for whom the Yesterday House was built. It is a big historical and genealogical circle.

## SHSI Memorial Day Weekend Barn Dance



Spirit Historical Society will once again be hosting a barn dance, Sunday evening May 26<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7 pm, ending at midnight.

A donation to SHSI will get you in the door!

Flag Raising will take place at 8 pm followed by refreshments.

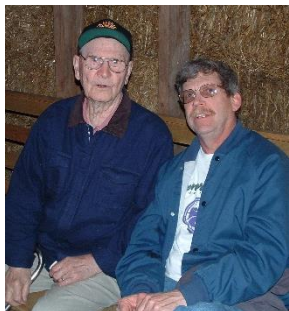
Location: N1169 German Settlement Rd. in Spirit at the Darrel & Luann Lind farm



Karl Lind will be our DJ for music.

Gary Edinger will teach square dancing.

Chances will be sold that night for baskets of goods and craft items. If you would like to donate a craft item or basket of goods, call Luann at 715-564-3340. Proceeds will go to the finishing of our new Machine Shed.



Memories!



# A Resort in Spirit

Starting with a bit of lake frontage on Stone Lake. a Resort was born. It was cared for by several generations making friends and guests feel welcome. It was home to a few families through the years. There is nothing left of the Resort today. Just a memory of the past in people's minds.



Ed & Minnie Hopper built Hopper's Resort and cabins on the east side of Stone Lake after purchasing 2 acres of land from Carl & Sophia Blomberg in 1934.



The Hoppers built a small modest building for their home on the same lot as the resort building.



The main building was constructed right on the edge of Stone Lake. The upper floor had a bar with basic food items served. Tables filled the room where folks had a beautiful view of the lake through the large upper windows. Upon entry there was a small room to the right that served as a tiny apartment. On the left was a kitchen area that was open to the bar. On the outside a stairway went from the parking lot along side the building and down to the lake edge where they had a fishing dock and boats for rent. A small swimming area was also available to use on a hot summer day. The lower level was used for storage and a place to keep the fishing bait for sale.



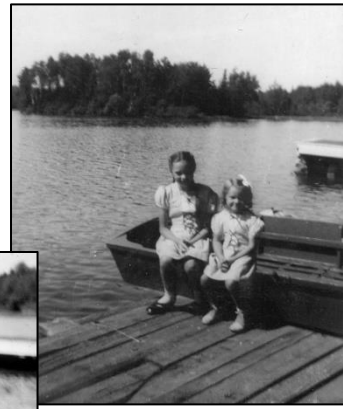
Three cabins are pictured here that offered vacationers and visitors a place to stay overnight or for extended periods of time. The cabins had 2 small bedrooms and a kitchen/living room area.





### Fun times at Hopper's

Photos of the Hoffmann family enjoying boating, fishing and swimming at Hopper's Resort in 1949



### From Hopper's to Holly's

In 1949, Joseph & Lillian Holly purchased the resort renaming it Holly's Resort. They maintained the resort as it had been, renting out the cabins and boats for the entertainment of others.

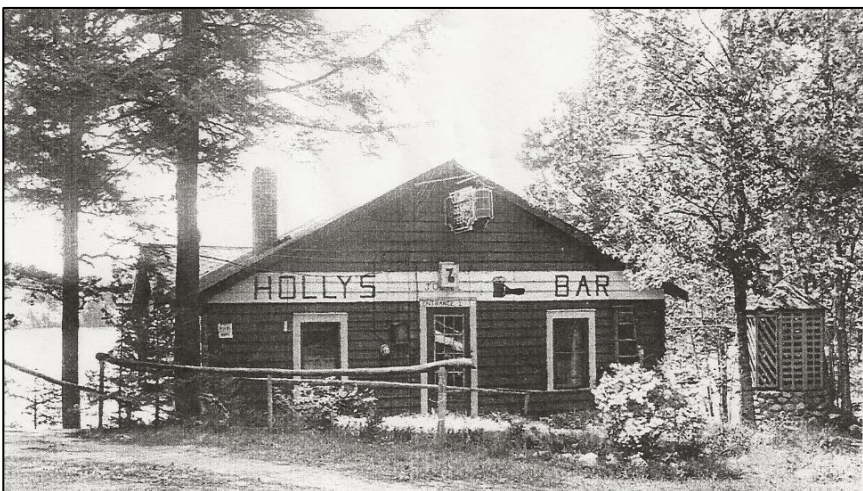


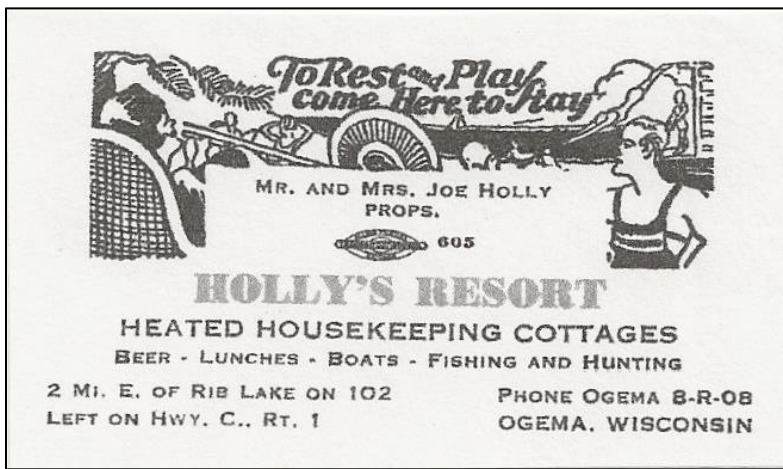
Joseph & Lillian Holly

Hi! I am a granddaughter of Sophie and Carl Blomberg who years ago had Blomberg Cottages on Stone Lake. They rented out 5 cottages and also had boat rentals at the old location of the boat landing (in the northeast corner bay). Our grandparents eventually split land and cottages between their children. In the 50's, my parents, Henry and Enid, ended up with 2 cottages, known then as number 3 and number 4. Our family spent many hours and days fixing, cleaning, renting... and, enjoying these cabins that had been built by our grandfather, Carl, and others. Holly's Resort played a pleasant part in my memories of those days. Holly's also rented cabins and boats. Even though we didn't frequent Holly's establishment, they carried the Tlusty soda pop from Rib Lake for 10 cents a bottle! What a treat! Dad would once in a while give sister Sue and me 30-40 cents to walk over and buy 3-4 bottles of that delightful and delicious soda... ice cold in those cute small glass bottles. Dad usually wanted cream soda, which was not a common flavor. Sue and I would eventually walk back over to return the empty Tlusty bottles, smelling the good food Lily was cooking for their customers. Lily was always smiling and friendly. Holly's had a yard light which evenings lit their boat landing and added a lovely sparkling glow on the water for the returning fishermen.



Their jukebox played familiar tunes which carried over the water that we enjoyed as much as their patrons did! I remember "Wooden Heart", and, "Your Cheatin' Heart". They must have been favorites by those plugging nickels in their machine! I can almost hear those old songs now. These are some of my fond memories of Holly's Resort. Barb (Blomberg) Carroll





One of the original cabins...now in need of repair.

My first memories were of Holly's, the second owners of the resort. (The first owners were named Hopper and they purchased the 2 acre parcel from my grandparents, Carl & Sophie Blomberg.)\*\*\* Around 1960 our family began spending lots of time at Stone Lake cleaning our 2 rental cabins which my parents had recently purchased from Grandma Blomberg. After we had the cabins spiffy clean, we would try our luck at fishing. We would sit on the dock with our poles and bobbers and listen to the polka music being broadcast over the lake. There usually were a few of Holly's boats out on the lake with fishermen in them too. Their boats were wood and painted orange with a 2 inch navy blue strip that went along the top edge all the way around. They looked very picturesque out on the water. Some hot evenings there would be people swimming and diving off the platform that was in front of their establishment. Holly's had 3-4 small rental cabins that were tucked in the wooded area to the north of the bar, so it always seemed there was a lot of activity. Plude's bought the place about the time I went away to school and then moved to Appleton. Down through the years when up visiting, Gary and I would, on occasion, walk over from our cabins and enjoy a delicious burger.

Sue (Blomberg) Siebert



HOLLY'S RESORT ON STONE LAKE, OGEMA, WIS.



STONE LAKE AT HOLLY'S RESORT - OGEMA, WIS.

Holly's Resort was occasionally the stopping place for young married couples. Emery and Patricia (Hoffmann) Mueller spent the 1<sup>st</sup> night of their honeymoon in one of the cabins.

Roger and Beryl (Lofquist) Nyberg held their wedding reception at Holly's in 1958.

Mark Nyberg remembers in later years how his Dad would take him and his brother Bruce fishing on Stone Lake and always finished the day with a Tlusty soda at Holly's. What a treat that was back then.

Spirit Legion Post 452 and the Auxiliary held an annual picnic at Holly's for several years. It was always a potluck lunch at the picnic tables outside. After lunch the men would spend time swapping stories in the bar and the women would play Bingo outside while watching the children play.

I remember at least one summer picnic when there was a live bear in a tall sort of round cage with a pointed roof on. I don't know if it was a tame bear or not. Also in my memory was once when my little sister was running up and down the stairs to the lake when she got caught in some fishing line and a hook was pulled deep into her hand. It put a damper on the Bingo game until the hook could be removed and her hand bandaged. Mostly I remember a lot of screaming!

Luann (Hoffmann) Lind



**Pic-A-Dilley**  
Resort on **STONE LAKE**

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Cottages overlooking lake consist of 2 bedrooms with full sized beds and davenport in main living room. Roomy, and comfortable.

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**GROUND'S NEATLY KEPT** and all Cabins are cleaned thoroughly upon every vacancy. Airy and Refreshing!

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Two Double Bedrooms—per week -----\$45.00  
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**SERVICE INCLUDES:**  
Boat, dish towels, blankets, bottle gas cooking plate cooking utensils, dishes, oil heater, fuel oil, refrigerator, cold running water, inner spring mattresses and flush toilets, and kitchen sinks.  
Please Note: Bed linens furnished.

Weekly reservation commences Saturday noon to the following Saturday at 10:00 A. M. (leaving time). Please make reservations early as possible and state number of adults or children in party.



Ellie & Larry Plude

## From Holly's Resort to Pic-A-Dilley Resort

In August 1967 Holly's Resort was sold to Edward & Dottie Dilley and Lawrence & Eleanor Plude. The resort got a new name again, this time Pic-A-Dilley Resort.

### WE BOUGHT A RESORT!

Some of my fondest memories as a kid were the five years that I lived at the PIC-A-DILLEY RESORT on Stone Lake with my parents, Larry & Ellie Plude; my grandparents Ed & Dottie Dilley; and my 3 older sisters, Debby, Diana & Denise. It was the summer of 1967 and I was 7 years old, soon to turn 8. My parents and maternal grandparents purchased it in partnership. My mother and grandmother would tend bar



Dottie & Edward Dilley

most of the time during the weekdays because my father worked out as a carpenter and my grandfather worked part-time at Magnuson's mink ranch. My parents and us girls lived in the house just up the path from the bar (this was the original house built by the Hoppers) which my father later added a second story on in order to accommodate the six of us. My grandparents lived in the small apartment within the bar for a while and then into one of the cabins later on. At one point my paternal grandmother Tootie Armstrong and step grandfather Harry Armstrong joined us as well, living in a trailer on the property. (I had a lot of family around me and what could be better than that!) I remember that there were always enough outdoor activities to keep me busy all day. Playing in the woods, making forts, riding my bike up and down the long driveway, catching frogs down by the lake and ice skating in the wintertime are just a few to mention. Hanging out in the bar was fun too. I got to learn how to play pool, pinball machines and the jukebox. Every day was an adventure for me.

Sometimes there were special parties at the bar. My Grandma (Plude) Armstrong would play the drums and her husband Harry Armstrong played the saxophone. They were in a band called the "The Polka Dots". There were also some homemade instruments called the "Polka Joe" and the "Hum Strum" that other people would play along with the band. It was a lot of fun. We had 4 rental cottages (Lilly, Lilac, Rose and Violet). Every summer I made a lot of new friends that came to stay in the cottages with their parents on vacation. I looked forward to their return every summer.



It didn't take long for me to see some opportunities to make a little spending money for our weekly shopping trips into Rib Lake. My father had bought my sisters and I a Shetland pony. So, I decided to start selling pony rides to the kids that stayed in our cabins for \$.25 per ride. Then my Grandpa Dilley helped me set up a bait shop in the basement of the bar so I could sell worms and nightcrawlers to the fishermen. We rented out boats and my grandpa paid me \$.25 to bail water out of each boat after it rained. I also collected pinecones at \$.25 per bag for the owners of Old Town Gift and Liquor Store in Rib Lake for crafts that were made and sold there. (Who knew that a little kid could turn out to be an entrepreneur). If I remember right, I spent all the money I earned on comic books and bazooka bubble gum. When I think back on those years so long ago, I feel truly blessed and very thankful to my parents and grandparents for making the decision to purchase Holly's Resort back in 1967. It was a great place to be a kid!

Dawn (Plude) Swenson



Dawn in Costume made by grandma (Plude) Armstrong



Ed & Dottie Dilley, Diana, Debby & Larry in back. Denise, Dawn & Ellie Plude in front. 1970 at Medford hospital after 3 months rehab. from a bad car accident on Hwy. C.



Inside the bar: John Evans, Leanna Hargraves & Dottie Dilley in front. Loretta Feit, Forest & Dorothy Hargraves at the end of the bar.



Debby biking in the parking lot

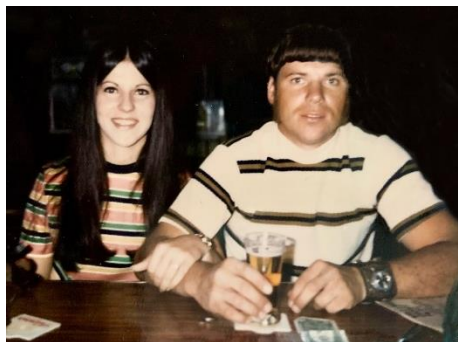
Debby (Plude) Lind

Being the older two of four girls, my sister Diana and I got to spend a week at Holly's Resort on Stone Lake with our Grandpa and Grandma Dilley two summers in a row. We stayed in a cabin named "Lily". We went fishing every day. We got to play a shuffle board game, shoot pool and play songs on the jukebox in the tavern. Grandpa and Grandma took us to Phillips to the 'Concrete Statue Park'. They also took us to Art & Gert Marschke's farm in Rib Lake where they let us ride their horses. The owners of Holly's Resort, Joe & Lil, were such kind people and always made us feel so welcome. We had so much fun and loved being there. It was a whole different world than we were used to in Loves Park, IL.



Debby & Jerry Thieme – Junior Prom – taken inside the tavern.

My Parents and Grandparents decided to leave the city and buy a resort. In 1967, Holly's Resort became "Pic-A-Dilley" Resort. We moved to Stone Lake two weeks before school started. I was starting my freshman year in high school. When we got on the bus that first day of school, we didn't know anyone! It was pretty scary but we quickly made friends, and Pic-A-Dilley Resort became home. Fast forward two years. I had just turned 16 years old and was about to begin my junior year in high school. It was Dennis Lind's first day home from Vietnam.



Debby & Dennis at Pic-A-Dilley when they were dating.

A long-time neighbor, Bob Zielke, brought Dennis to Pic-A-Dilley Resort because as he told Dennis, "They have a daughter I think you'll like!". So, it began, this handsome soldier captured my heart. Dennis had a boat and we did a lot of water skiing the next two summers. I graduated from Rib Lake High School in 1971 and we were married in 1972. We've now been married for 52 years and it all started when Holly's Resort became Pic-A-Dilley Resort.



# Spirit Historical Society, Inc.

## Membership Application

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



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 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

Mail checks payable to SHSI and mail to:

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Ogema, WI 54459

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## Books we have for sale written by local authors

<b>Books by Jeanette Gilge</b>	Quantity	Total	<b>Books by Carl Rhody</b>	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	_____	_____	<b>Set of 5 Saga books</b> \$35.00	_____	_____
<b>Set of 6 Pioneer Series</b> \$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 > \_\_\_\_\_

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Total Order > \_\_\_\_\_

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

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