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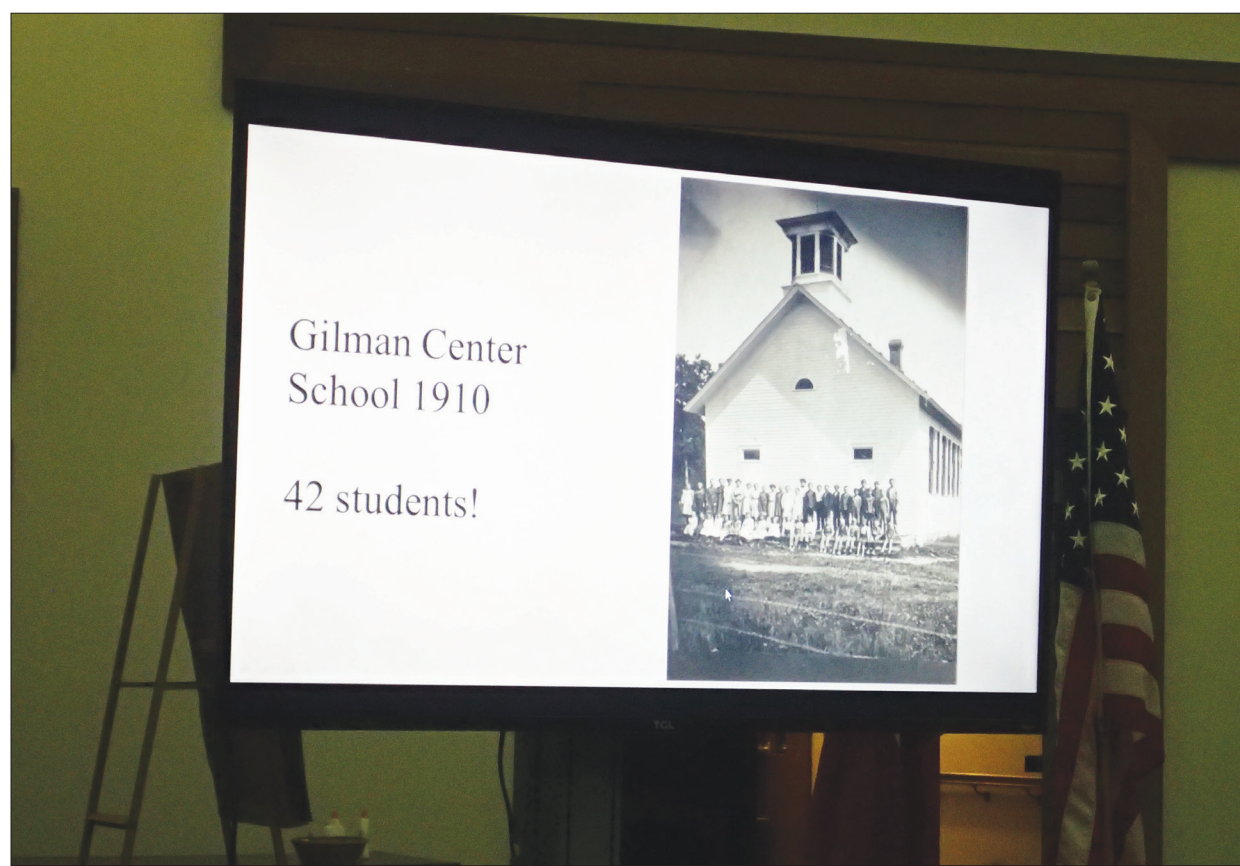


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Sons of Norway host a presentation about a one room school



Here is a photo of the Gilman Center one room country school in 1910. Photo of presentation slide by Paul J. Seeling

Don Olson shares history on the Gilman Center School

By Paul J. Seeling
Woodville Leader/Sun-Argus/
Gateway News

WOODVILLE, WI -- The October meeting of the Sons of Norway Valkyrien Lodge of Woodville featured Don Olson, a Spring Valley native, speaking about the Gilman Center School. The meeting was held on Monday October 24, 2022, in the Fellowship Hall at Zion Lutheran Church. There were 31 members and guests attending the presentation. They enjoyed coffee, light treats and conversation for a half hour prior to the presentation and business meeting.

I believe Don Olson is a member of the Sons of Norway and he is of Norwegian descent who grew up on the family farm in Gilman Township in Pierce County. His presentation was about what it was like to attend a one room country school near his family farm. This was the Gilman Center School that was just one of over 100 school districts that had similar one room schools that start-

ed in the late 1860's. The thought was to have schools that no student should have no more than two miles to go to get to school. These schools lasted for about 80 years until about 1950 when the era was coming to an end and that culture of the one room country schools vanished.

The Gilman Center School was for grades one through eight with about forty students and one teacher. It was a one-story structure with no basement, no running water and outside toilets for boys and girls. There were two entries for the boys and girls. It was heated by wood, up until the oil heater replaced the wood stove. It featured single and double desks. Don reported that there were framed pictures of Washington and Lincoln as well as blackboards on the walls in the school. There was no public transportation. Someone in the group commented that they couldn't recall the schools closing for bad weather. Sylva Anderson shared that if the school was closed the teacher wouldn't get paid for that day.

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Photo of the week



Look who had Fun at the Book Fair. Photo by Paul J. Seeling

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Fall EXPO and Young Authors share their talents

'Building Our Brains' at Spring Valley Elementary School

By Paul J. Seeling, with Lisa Fesenmaier, SV Elementary School Sun-Argus/Gateway News

SPRING VALLEY, WI - It was an exciting night at Spring Valley Elementary School on Thursday, October 27, 2022, for the "Building Our Brains" Spring Valley Educational Fall EXPO and Young Authors sharing their writing talents. This sharing of kindergarten through fifth grade student creative talents has been a tradition at Spring Valley Elementary School for at least 20 years now.

The school commons cafeteria was filled with students and their families taking part in the Book Fair, games, and a meal of walking tacos. The south utility gym is where the voting took place for the unique book-themed decorated pumpkins along with the reading area for the young authors. It was there that the



The EXPO projects were on display in the gym. Photo by Paul J. Seeling

winning stories, three from each grade, were also displayed on the walls for all to read.

The gym was filled with all of the fascinating and informative EXPO projects displayed by grade by each student. You could learn all sorts of wonderful things there from these

excellent student created projects.

Spring Valley first grade educator Lisa Fesenmaier reported this about the event, "Normally we have always held the EXPO and Young Author night in the spring.

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Spring Valley Area Chamber of Commerce announces 2022 Business Award contest



Santa will be at the Spring Valley Event Center on Saturday, December 4, 2022, there will be Horse drawn wagon rides with treat bags provided by the SV Area Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the SV Library and Friends of the Library. Sun-Argus file photo by Paul J. Seeling

Partners with SV Library/Friends of the Library for Christmas event
By Cari Cornelius
Sun-Argus/Gateway News

SPRING VALLEY, WI - The Spring Valley Chamber of

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Area Veteran's Day programs

By Cari Cornelius
Woodville Leader/Sun-Argus/
Gateway News

WESTERN WISCONSIN - Veteran's Day has been a nationally celebrated holiday since 1938, although its original name was something different. On November 11, 1918, an armistice, or temporary

cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany during the prolific World War I went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.

"The Great War" as it was called did not end officially until the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, but many attributed this

armistice as the end of "the war to end all wars."

In November of 1919, President Woodrow Wilson declared November 11 as the first Armistice Day stating, "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the

country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..."

In May of 1938, Congress officially signed the Act initiating

November 11 as a legal holiday, at this time still titled "Armistice Day." According to the Veterans Affairs Organization,

"Armistice Day was primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I, but in 1954, after World War II had required the greatest mobilization of soldiers, sailors,

Marines and airmen in the Nation's history; after American forces had fought aggression in Korea, the 83rd Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting

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The different grades were called up to the front of the class for lessons while the rest of the students studied at their desks. This allowed for learning and relearning. The curriculum included arithmetic with flash cards. Reading was from the "Dick and Jane" books. Writing was penmanship in script writing style. There was the study of Geography. Olson said in his presentation that science and art were minimal subjects. He did say that they did singing from the Stephen Foster Song Book and for Social Skills there was square dancing. He also stated that there was the "Weekly Reader" newspaper for elementary students.

As there was no janitor at the schools, the students had "duties" to do to help keep the school orderly. This included putting up and taking down the flag. Cleaning and washing the blackboard and pounding the chalk erasers to clean them. Sharpening pencils. Sweeping the school floor and entry ways. In the winter there was snow to shovel. And there was cleaning of the outdoor toilets to do.

There were fun and games too at the one room schools. In the fall and spring, they played softball with students at the school and sometimes against other schools. They also played "500" with a bat and ball. "Annie-Annie Over" was another fun game they enjoyed. The boys played marbles and the students also played Hopscotch. In the winter they enjoyed sliding, sledding, skiing, and building snow caves. Inside they could play card games and a board game of Carom.

The one room country schools closed in the 1950 and there were consolidations into larger schools. The elementary students were bussed into town for instruction.

Don Olson in his research found that the one room school buildings were converted into living quarters, or they were moved to other locations for various purposes. Many were torn down for



Mrs. Dykhouse takes a pie for the "Pie the Teacher" reward. Submitted photo

the materials or they were simply left to decay.

Many people at the meeting spoke fondly of their memories at the one room country schools.

Following the presentation, the

Sons of Norway held their regular business meeting for the month.

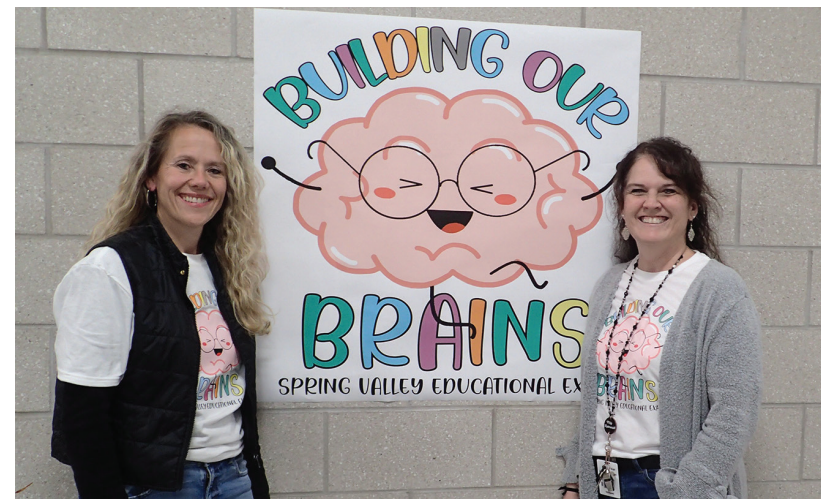
Thank you to Audrey Severson, the president of the Sons of Norway Valkyrien Lodge for inviting the Woodville Leader/Sun-Argus to

attend this informative historical presentation by Don Olson!

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but Renee Dykhouse (also a first-

grade teacher) and I (the co-coordinators) decided to give the fall a shot. We had a total of 156 EXPO projects created by the students from every subject including science, history, and art. Students had a chance to present their projects during the school day and they all received feedback and a certificate."



Here are the Fall EXPO coordinators (L to R) Renee Dykhouse and Lisa Fesenmaier. Photo by Paul J. Seeling

Fesenmaier continued, "During the evening, students and families got to see all the creations and also had a chance to take part in several activities including Halloween themed games, attending a Book Fair, eating a meal and snacks, enjoying writing pieces from this year's Young Author Winners, and voting on pumpkins decorated as

ing plaque to a business of choice chosen by the Chamber administration. This year, the community will be given the chance to vote and select the winner. The winner of the "Award of Excellence" will receive a plaque the business will be able to retain permanently.

Any business in Spring Valley is eligible and they do not have to be a current Chamber member to be nominated. Community members can vote several ways - by visiting a box located at establishments throughout town, by mailing a vote to PO Box 351, Spring Valley, WI 54767, emailing a vote to springvalleychamber@gmail.com, or by visiting the Spring Valley, WI Chamber of Commerce Facebook



It was busy at the Book Fair. Photo by Paul J. Seeling

children's book characters."

Those were some very creative and fun decorated pumpkins that drew a lot of attention and votes. The winner of the decorated pumpkin was Mrs. Holcomb's kindergarten who created the mouse from "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie."

The Fall EXPO evening concluded with the annual hugely popular "Pie the Teacher" event. Every student that did an EXPO project or read their young author writing piece with his or her family earned a ticket for the drawing. If drawn, the student could choose to throw a pie at Mrs. Dykhouse or Mrs. Fesenmaier. This is always a big hit.

Congratulations to the students, teachers, and staff at Spring Valley Elementary School for another great EXPO and Young Authors event, nice job everyone!

...CHAMBER' cont. from Page 1

Commerce announced last week

page and selecting the top post to vote online. If your business is interested in joining the Chamber you can find more information at the Facebook page or sending an email to the email address listed above. They meet monthly.

One lucky winner will be drawn from the voters and given a \$25 Visa gift card. Voting will remain open until November 17 and the winner will be announced and awarded at the Chamber Christmas dinner early in December.

In addition to the contest, the Chamber will also be partnering with the Spring Valley Public Library and Friends of the Spring Valley Library during their Christmas event on Saturday, December 4 from noon to 2 p.m. The Library and Friends of the Library have generously sponsored and planned a wonderful Christmas celebration, Santa will be at the Spring Valley Event Center, there will be Sleigh Rides, Letters to

Santa and Crafts at the Spring Valley Public Library. Each child will be sent home with a goodie bag provided by the Chamber. All ages are welcome, and the event is free to attend!

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in its place the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation (Public Law 380) on June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars."

In 1968, the Uniform Holiday Bill, which assigned holidays to Mondays in an attempt to give federal employees more three day originally included Veteran's Day. The first Veteran's Day under this new bill fell on October 25, 1971. It was apparent that the actual date of November 11 held much significance to Veterans and to the American people, so in 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed a law re-designating Veteran's Day to November 11, regardless of the day it fell on.

The United States Department of Veteran's Affairs states, "The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to November 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good."

In addition to the programs offered many businesses and restaurants offer discounts or other benefits to Veteran's on this day, so check with your local retailers. Here are the listings for the programs:

Veterans Day Program at Spring Valley School District

SPRING VALLEY, WI - The Spring Valley School District is hosting a Veteran's Day Program on Friday, November 11, 2022 at 1 p.m. in the Spring Valley High School Gym. The doors will open at 12:40 p.m. The program is presented by the K-12 students of the Spring Valley School District.

Veteran's Day Program at Elmwood School District

ELMWOOD, WI - The Elmwood School District will be hosting their Annual Veteran's Day Program on Friday, November 11, 2022 at 9 a.m. in the gym at the Elmwood School. The program is open to the public.

Veterans Day in Hudson Submitted by Kathy Leisch, St. Croix County

HUDSON, WI - Veterans Day will be observed in Hudson on Friday, November 11, 2022.

Veterans Day Ceremonies will take place at the St. Croix County Government Center, 1101 Carmichael Road, Hudson WI. The program will begin at 11:00 a.m. Musical selections will be performed by the Hudson High School Band. Master of Ceremonies will be John Helgeson. The Veterans Memorial Honor Guard will provide military honors in tribute to deceased veterans. The Honor Guard consists of members of VFW Post 2115 and Otis H. King American Legion Post 50. Refreshments will be served following the ceremony. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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A little about me

- Family:
 - I am a lifelong resident of River Falls; the sixth of Paul and Lyda Haskins' nine children.
 - My spouse, David, and I have five adult children and seven grandchildren.
- Service:
 - I have served on many boards of directors, including the River Falls School Board, the Workforce Development Board of Western Wisconsin, as well as the boards of the Family Resource Center of St. Croix Valley, the Kinnickinnic River Land Trust, and Adoray Home Health and Hospice.
- Employment:
 - I have worked in healthcare my entire life.
 - I began my career as a nurse, and for the past 26 years I have worked in healthcare administration.
 - In February, I retired from Western Wisconsin Health in Baldwin, where I served as CEO for the past 13 years.
- Education:
 - I am a graduate of River Falls High School.
 - I have a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Marquette University.
 - I also hold a Master of Healthcare Administration (MHA) degree and a Master of Science (MS) degree, both from the University of Minnesota.

My priorities for Wisconsin:

- Ensure access to healthcare services for the people of Wisconsin, including access to comprehensive reproductive health services;
- Strengthen the economy of Wisconsin - Good businesses - Good jobs;
- Ensure every Wisconsin child reaches adulthood with the emotional resilience, knowledge, and skills needed to pursue their dreams and compete in a 21st century economy;
- Protect and preserve the purity of our water, our air, and our soil;
- Strengthen our democracy - Voting should be fair and secure; every vote should count equally.

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