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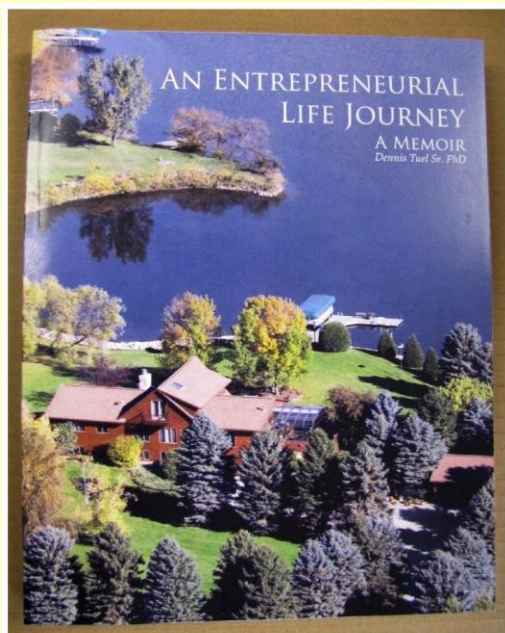
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From the Class of '53 . . . Memoirs of an Entrepreneur

The Brandon History Center was pleased to host a book signing event by Brandon High School graduate (class of 1953) Dennis Tuel on Saturday, August 3, during the Brandon Summerfest.

Dennis's book, *An Entrepreneurial Life Journey—A Memoir*, is about his personal growth and entrepreneurial path. He established nine different businesses during the course of his life, most of which are still operating. Dennis states that each company was created to take advantage of an opportunity or innovation he developed. Because those entrepreneurial ventures were new, he had little or no competition initially.

Probably Shoremaster located in Fergus Falls is the business that most of us remember best about Dennis's business ventures.



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He earned his PhD in international business from Kennedy Western University–Warren National University in June 2007. He wrote his doctoral dissertation on an innovative means of floor-plan financing, which proved to be very successful for his business and many others. He traveled the world developing relationships in international business.

Dennis is also a loving husband and father, veteran, aviator, and buffalo rancher. Dennis says that “climbing one mountain after another and the satisfaction when the pinnacle is reached is the basis of this book.”



History Center Annual Meeting

The Brandon History Center will hold its annual meeting on Monday, September 23, 2013, at 7 p.m. at the History Center office in the Brandon Auditorium.

Agenda items include: election of three board members for positions 1, 2, and 3 currently held by Christella Korkowski, Janet Nelson, and Karen Thoennes; financial report; reports on activities and projects during the year; and other business as may come before the meeting.

While the current board members holding positions 1, 2, and 3 are eligible to run for re-election, please feel free to run for a position.

The only two qualifications you need to run are that you are a paid member and that you love history.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Class Reunion Pictures Requested

We are beginning to collect Brandon class reunion pictures from the past. If anyone has pictures to share, please contact the History Center.

Finnish Temperance Hall (Moe Township)



The Esala Family brought this picture to the History Center, which prompted us to do a little research on Temperance Societies.

While the main goal of the temperance society was to promote sobriety, it also provided a time for socializing. The first Minnesota Finnish Temperance Society was organized in Tower, MN, in 1886.

This picture is of the membership here in the Finnish community and was taken in 1910. Anyone having specific information should contact us.

Front Row: Oscar Olson, Puncan Eukeni, Annie Carlstrom, Ada Sacarias, Annie Seppanen, Hjalmer Olson, Selma Carlstrom, Hilma Olson, Sakari Jacobson, Lillian Ruona, Matt Aho, O. Foslien, Adolph Kempainen

Back Row: Jacob Lastikka, Jack Matson, Lambert Larson, Adam Katajamaki, Fred Sackarias, Isac Maki, Jack Maki, Jacob Haabala, Nestor Maki, Carl Pipo

From Bavaria to Millerville

George Dobmeyer and his wife, Justine Fidler Dobmeyer, were natives of Bavaria. In preparing to travel to America in 1866, George made the travel chest shown here. George moved to Douglas County in about 1873. The Dobmeyers had nine children.

George owned and operated the Millerville Flour Mill located in Section 13 east of Millerville. George and his father Thomas constructed a dam on the Chippewa River near Lorsung's Lake in 1872-73 to power the mill. After George's death in 1885, his son Ferdinand carried on the business. George was an uncle to Cordelia Dobmeyer, who married Christy Lorsung.

The Dobmeyer chest is on display at the History Center. It was purchased and donated by Norbert Korkowski, Mayor of Millerville.



Sources: Christy Lorsung and "Compendium of History and Biography of Northern Minnesota" (Published 1902 Geo. A. Ogle & Co. Chicago, Illinois)

MILLERVILLE FLOUR MILL
ESTABLISHED IN 1874

Custom Grinding Flour Feeds and Salts

Poultry Headquarters

MILLERVILLE, MINNESOTA

Veterans' Corner



Frank Winkjer Foslien was born on December 26, 1925, in rural Garfield on the family farm, the son of Frank O. and Julia Foslien.

Frank attended District 54 country school and high school in Brandon. Frank received his high school diploma later on in life because he quit school to fight in World War II. He joined the Navy in 1943 at the age of 17, spending his first eight weeks at Faragat, Idaho. He went on to sonar schooling in California.

Frank was shipped out to the South Pacific where he served on the Patrol Craft Escort 872 until the end of the war. He then returned to the family farm south of Brandon.

Frank was active in his community and his church. He served on the West Moe Lutheran Church council and cemetery board. Frank was the postmaster of Garfield from 1965 through 1988.

Frank died on May 31, 2013. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Corrinne, and stepdaughter, Kristi; and he is survived by his wife, Betty, three children, two stepchildren, and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at West Moe Lutheran Church. Military Honors were performed by the Brandon American Legion Post 278 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 936.



Leonard Schulte

The items in the memory box shown above belonged to Leonard Schulte, long-time resident of Brandon, and were donated to the History Center by Ellry and Sandy Schulte. Leonard served in the 9th Armored Division, Company C, US Army, during World War II. He saw active duty in the European theater. Among the items are medals, soldier's prayer books, uniform insignia, and several certifications.

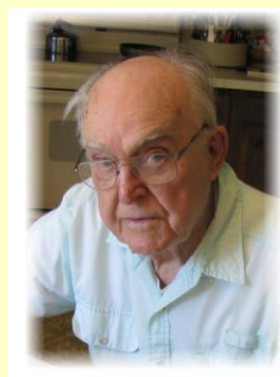
Leonard passed away on September 21, 1991.

Lorsung Meat Market – Millerville



Anyone remember the Lorsung Meat Market in Millerville? Pictured here is the interior of the meat market with J. P. Lorsung, owner, and Katherine and Kay Lorsung.

The meat cutting tools were used in the meat market by J. P. Lorsung, who was Christy Lorsung's father. We would like to thank Christy for donating them to the History Center.



Thank you to Christy Lorsung for the assistance he has provided to the History Center on Millerville History.



Thank you . . .

Memorials received:

Glen Whiting – \$20
 Roland Reuter (Belgium) – \$20
 Frank Foslien – \$10
 Mabel Pederson – \$100
 August & Anna Esala Anderson – \$100
 Corky Scherrer – \$100
 Ted & Ella Olson – \$100
 Herb & Edna Carlson – \$100

Lifetime Family Membership:

Duane & Pat Lorsung – \$200

Thank you also to . . .

Fred Nootnagel – \$50
 Dennis & Marsha Tuel – \$100
 The Stene Kids – \$100
 The Foslien Family – \$1,000

Graduating Class Donations:

Class of 1947 – \$53
 Class of 1968 – \$120
 Class of 1956–57 – \$130
 Class of 1953 – \$220

Thank you . . . to Fred Nootnagel for additional family, Brandon School, and military information and memorabilia which he has donated to the History Center.

In appreciation . . .

We at the History Center are humbled by the generosity of our members and donors! You all make it possible to keep the History of Brandon and Millerville alive!

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Contributor Challenge

Would you like a free signed copy of Dennis Tuel's book, *An Entrepreneurial Life Journey—A Memoir?* Dennis will give any individual who contributes \$100 to the Brandon History Center a free copy, starting today!

Dennis's book is a very interesting read and will bring back memories of the "good old days," while adding great reading material to your personal library. Thank you, Dennis!

Our Mission Statement

To collect, preserve and display articles, pictures and memorabilia from Brandon, Millerville, and the surrounding area for future generations.

To assist in the preservation of the Historic Brandon Auditorium and other local historic sites