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Dairyland Silo & Equipment changes hands

Dairyland Silo & Equipment Inc. has been a fixture in the Owen-Withee business community for over 32 years. Janet and Keith Bushman began their business in April of 1981 when they purchased a small gas station building on the corner of CTH D and CTH X in Owen. This was where they started Dairyland Silo & Equipment.

As their business quickly grew, they found that they were in need of more space and were able to purchase the current building on CTH X where they have been for many years. When the business grew again seven years ago, another 100' x 60' expansion was completed at their current location.

After so many years of owning and running a farm equipment sales and service business in the Owen-Withee and surrounding area, on May 17, 2013, Keith and Janet Bushman, owners of Dairyland Silo & Equipment, transferred ownership of their business to Warren and Elvin Hoover DBA Hoover Silo Repair LLC of Withee. This has been an ongoing plan and process for the last two years as Warren and Elvin integrated into Dairyland Silo's business through sales, business meetings, trade shows and repair of equipment.

As the two companies worked closely together, it appeared to be a perfect fit as the Bushmans planned their retirement. It enabled the Hoovers to expand their existing silo business and then to step in, ready to take ownership of the equipment business. Keith will be working with Hoovers for a year or more in an advisory/sales capacity.

Also joining Warren and Elvin on a daily basis will



Janet and Keith Bushman stand before the business they started together 32 years ago.

be Keith Hoover in the shop and office along with Martha Hoover as head bookkeeper and administrative assistant. Their well-trained crew and installation personnel are ready to meet all needs.

Janet and Keith have been working full-time 40-60 hours per week for the past 32 years. As anyone in the agriculture business tells, there is no such thing as a 9 to 5 job. Growing up and throughout high school and college, both of their children—Ryan and Michelle—had also been involved in the business and worked wherever needed. It has truly been a family business.

As Janet relayed, "Although we will sincerely miss all of the wonderful people we have met and had the pleasure of working with these past 32 years—so very many of whom we now call friends—we also look forward to retirement and this new journey in life with our family, children, grandchildren and friends." In particular, the Bushmans would like to get in a little more traveling to see their children and grandchildren and a little more recreational time such as camping and visiting with friends and family. A few "road trips" are in the plan.

Keith and Janet ask their customers and community to extend the same warmth, friendship and loyalty to Warren and Elvin Hoover that they have offered to the Bushmans for so many years.

Story and photo by Travis Rogers Jr.

Burleigh Grimes biographer to speak at Withee Library

Burleigh Grimes was a Wisconsin baseball phenomenon who started as a batboy for the Clear Lake Yellowjackets and returned there in his final years after a remarkable career in the major leagues and eventual induction into baseball's Hall of Fame.

In the course of his life, he was a frequent visitor to the Owen-Withee area after his brother Shurleigh opened an ice company in Owen. In 1976, almost five years after retiring from baseball, Grimes helped the Withee Public Library celebrate "Super Sports Week".

While Burleigh himself will not be returning to Withee for the celebration of Withee Days, his biographer Joe Niese will be the featured author at the Withee Public Library on Saturday, June 15, from 10AM to 2PM.

Niese's book, entitled *Burleigh Grimes; Baseball's Last Legal Spitballer*, was released this year on April 22, 2013. It is published by McFarland www.mcfarlandpub.com /800-253-2187 of Jefferson, NC, which is considered the go-to publishers for works on lesser-known athletes.

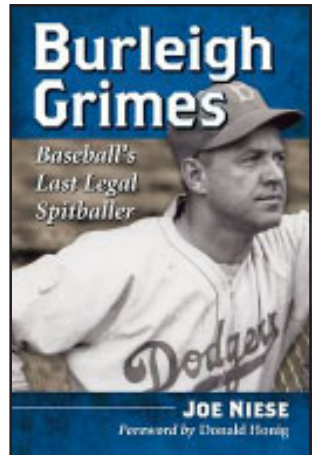
Burleigh Grimes was known for his all-or-nothing style of playing and managing. He pitched for seven different major league ball clubs while recording five 20-win seasons and 270 total victories—impressive statistics in any era. He enjoyed a 19-year career as a player and his teams appeared in four World Series, winning two games in the '31 Series alone, leading the St. Louis Cardinals to the World Series victory.

During the so-called Dead Ball Era, Grimes was one of the famed "spitballers". In 1920, however, the spitball was declared illegal by Major League Baseball but the 26-year-old Grimes was one of only 17 pitchers who were exempted from the ban thanks to a "grandfathering clause". He retired from playing in 1934 as the "Last of the Legal Spitballers".

With his playing career finished, he was far from finished with the game he loved. In 1935, he went on to manage in the Cardinals' farm clubs while Branch Rickey was General Manager of the Cardinals' organization. In 1936, Grimes became the manager for the Brooklyn Dodgers, replacing the famed Casey Stengel.

In January of 1937, he was asked about the possibility of Negro League greats like Satchel Paige or Josh Gibson putting on a Dodger uniform. Grimes refused to get off the fence and told the reporters that they were "barking up the wrong tree". In the next decade, however, his old boss Branch Rickey would do just that and sign Jackie Robinson to the Dodgers.

Grimes' career would take him from playing to managing, then from coaching to scouting. His work in baseball lasted until January 31, 1971, when he



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Insights

*A column written
by members of the
local clergy...*

Wind On the Hill
by A.A. Milne

No one can tell me, nobody knows,
Where the wind comes from, where the wind goes.
It's flying from somewhere as fast as it can,
I couldn't keep up with it, not if I ran.
But if I stopped holding the string of my kite,
It would blow with the wind for a day and a night.
And then when I found it, wherever it blew,
I should know that the wind had been going there too.
So then I could tell them where the wind goes...
But where the wind comes from nobody knows.

We are now in the church season called Time after Pentecost. Four weeks ago, we celebrated the birth of the church, when the promised Spirit of God was poured out.

Whenever I read this poem by A.A. Milne, I think of the Holy Spirit. In chapter 2 of Acts, the wind described is perhaps a bit stronger; but Milne does use the word fast. "When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting."

Those who were gathered in that house were filled with the Holy Spirit. They burst from the house with a story to share about God's wonders; and the church was born as they spread throughout the region of Judea and beyond, telling the good news: the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Centuries later, the awe and majesty of God's wonders are still a mystery, just as they were on that Day of Pentecost. But they are no less real and no less relevant to our lives today. God is at work, here and now, in the world. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, God walks alongside us as our friend, as our comforter and guide, reminding us of the truth found in our Lord and Savior, Jesus.

Gifted with the Holy Spirit in our baptism, we have the old, old story to tell of Jesus and His love; and we have new stories to tell of how God continues to work in surprising and marvelous ways all around us, every day. We are empowered by the Holy Spirit to share these stories, and to live our lives serving and encouraging one another.

Sometimes we are amazed and even overwhelmed by how we are "blown" by the Holy Spirit in one direction or another. It is a wonderful, marvelous mystery! Thanks be to God for the Holy Trinity, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

May the Spirit lift you to new heights!

Pastor Bonnie Cain

Nazareth Lutheran Church, Withee

**Burleigh Grimes biographer –
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called it quits for good. By that time, he had already been inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1964.

Joe Niese has painted a remarkable portrait of the raucous player, grizzled veteran, crusty manager and talented scout. Playing on rosters with 36 other Hall-of-Famers, he was truly in a unique class and Niese has painstakingly revealed the character and performer and human being.

In the research for the book, Niese was able to gain access to countless Grimes memorabilia from the Clear Lake Historical Museum, where an entire room is dedicated to the life and career of the storied ballplayer. Niese is a research librarian member of the Society for American Baseball Research and lives in Chippewa Falls.

In his appearance at the Withee Public Library, Joe Niese will be autographing copies of his book with a portion of the sales donated to the Withee Library.

Story by Travis Rogers Jr.



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