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WITHEE SHOOTOUT DETAILED IN NEW BOOK

OREGON, WI, November 10 -- The World War I shootout between federal agents and the Krueger brothers in Withee, Wis. is the subject of a dramatic new book by Madison author Jerry Buss.

A War of Their Own : The Krueger Affair was published in late February by Badger Books Inc. of Oregon, Wis as part of the publisher's Badger Heritage Series that commemorates Wisconsin's sesquicentennial. The series includes six other titles.

For Buss, who grew up in Withee, the weathered, bullet-ridden house his family often passed provoked considerable childhood curiosity.

"Very often, as we passed, one or the other of my parents would remark on the great shootout that had taken place," Buss said. "Perhaps there would be some mention of the hundreds of bullet holes that were still in the house and had never been fixed."

The Krueger brothers -- Ennis, Frank, Leslie and Lewis -- chose to defend their pacifist beliefs with guns blazing. The shootout left two men dead, several wounded and an ugly legacy of government intervention gone awry.

The Krueger brothers are part of a rich Wisconsin tradition of independent lifestyles and vigilantism that includes the Posse Comitatus and the Tigerton tax protests of the 1980s.

Besides writing, Buss, who is retired, enjoys hunting and flying model airplanes.

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