



# Lake Villa Historical Society's Vintage Views

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## President's Letter

Another year is quickly drawing to a close, though we do have many exciting events in our near future. As I prepare this letter, Wrigley Field is filling with anxious fans wanting to see the first World Series playoff game in that arena since 1945. . . that's historic. The 2016 election and pending results are foremost in our minds as we cast our votes in the next few days awaiting this event and its historical outcome.

It's also a busy time for Lake Villa Historical Society as members support the not for profit organization by returning sold raffle tickets for the 2016 Private Dinner for 20. Membership forms for 2017 were also mailed this week. Renewals are due at the end of the year. Remember a guest membership is an easy gift to give a family member or friend interested in Lake Villa history.

If you haven't already, please mark your calendar for Sunday, December 4, 2016 for our **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Breakfast With Santa** at Lehmann Mansion, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Tickets are \$8 per person. Children 3 and under are free. Tickets are available at the Village Hall or at Bill Stanley's American Family Insurance Office during regular business hours. They will also be available at the door. The Lake Villa Township Lions Club will be preparing the pancakes and French toast; the Boy Scouts will be setting and clearing tables, the Girl Scouts will be providing

craft projects and the Lake Villa/Lake County Fair Queens will be reading stories as the children wait patiently to visit with Santa. Another favorite attraction is balloon artist, Holly Nagel, who creates balloon souvenirs. Placemat ads are currently available to any person and/or business interested in advertising and/or providing funds for needy families to attend the breakfast without cost. Contact Rob Frank or Sue Cribb for further information.

*Photos below from 2015 Breakfast with Santa*



Looking ahead to 2017 as we continue to grow and expand our horizons, we are in **great need of volunteers at many levels**. We are discontinuing Sunday hours effective immediately at least for the winter; we need volunteers to bring refreshments to meetings, there will be openings on the board of directors and we need additional helpers on Thursday afternoons to greet guests and to accession donations. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Sue Cribb, President

**Volunteers** do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart ~ Elizabeth Andrew

### **Congratulations to:**

LVHS members Norbert and Betty Pischke who recently celebrated their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

### **Recent Donations:**

**Marilyn Florip** – Saucey Walker doll purchased in 1952 at Marshall Field's in Chicago with seven outfits sewn by the donor's mother; Cabbage Patch Kids male baseball player wearing grey baseball uniform; Cabbage Patch Kids female doll wearing red and white dress; wedding gown and two "mother of the bride/groom" gowns worn by donor.

**Grayslake Historical Society** – Lake County Market Journal article from 4-7-1982 regarding "Landmark church now home of young couple they turned into a home" at the corner of Cedar Avenue and Rt. 83.

**Karen Curtis** – 16 color 4x6" photos of the construction of Walgreen's Pharmacy and demolition of the Lake Villa Lumber Yard; 1995 Community Guide "Lake Villa Gateway to the Lake Region; Fall-Winter 2006 issue of Lake Villa Township newsletter featuring opening of Gavin North and other township services; news

item from Tribune regarding the addition of the David Hall House to the National Register of Historic Sites; copy of plat map of Cedar Crest Farms designating the location of the Hall house on N.E. shore of Fox Lake; Article in Antioch News, September 14, 1916 about the killing of Harry Kerr by Joseph Claus.

**Gail Maynard** – historical brochure of Lake Villa Hotel dated "early 1900s; 1933-1934 Mechanical Drawing book by John Cribb; "Sequoia", 1935, John Cribb's Antioch Township High School yearbook; program for the 20<sup>th</sup> annual commencement of Antioch Township High School dated June 3, 1935 plus diploma; B/W photo of Lake Villa Central School with students and teacher Ruby Falch on lawn; 4 piece single iron bed frame; set of wooden bookends with capital A on the front of each and small wooden table with drawer made by John K. Cribb in high school; antique wicker doll cradle belonged to donor's mother (Jeanne Cribb Mack); B/W wedding photo and announcement of John Kerr Cribb Sr. and Mabel Hamlin.

**Elaine Teltz** – "Cozy" for cold drinks, red and white with black lining from 2016 Lake Villa Days; newspaper article detailing closing of Effinger's Hardware Store on Oct. 31, 2006 after 83 years in operation by one family.

**Linda Worchel** – Antique Dietz "Little Wizard" Carriage Roadster Wagon Lamp Lantern;

**Bill and Betty Burns** – VHS tape from July 21, 2001 Lake Villa Centennial Parade, unedited;

**Ardeen Harris and daughter Jen Fox** – 1959-1960 Directory of Property Owners of Crooked Lake Oaks Improvement Association, Lake Villa, Illinois, includes property owners, ads and centerfold plat; 1980 CLOIA with Constitution and Boating Rules and Regulations; map of Lake County with ads, 1975.

**Bob and Joan Streicher** - one gallon stoneware jug; stainless steel 3 gallon milk pail made by the Vollrath Co., Wisconsin between 1900-1967; crosscut saw; cobblers tools including one iron post and three shoe lasts, small, medium and large.

## Calendar of Coming Events:

Membership meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month (except January and July). LVHS Board meetings are held on the Mondays preceding membership meetings. Business meetings will be held at 223 Lake Avenue at 6:30pm, followed by programs at 7:00pm, unless otherwise noted.

### REVISED MUSEUM WINTER HOURS

Effective immediately

**Museum hours: Thursdays, 1:30-4:30pm**  
or

**By appointment by calling 847 710-0266**

**November 11** - Veterans Day Ceremonies

**Lake Villa VFW Post** ,  
130 E. Grand Avenue 11:11am

**Lindenhurst Veterans Memorial**,  
2031 Sand Lake Road 11:00am

**November 15** – 6:30 p.m. Membership Business Meeting, 7:00 p.m. "Reflections on World War II." Mr. O'Brien will discuss issues that drew our nation into the war, will highlight our leaders and the home front support provided. He will highlight the roles of the USO, President Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Generals including Marshall, MacArthur and Eisenhower. Ed will summarize the efforts to build up our armed forces after the attack on Pearl Harbor and how the country rallied.

Ed's father served in the US Navy in the South Pacific while his Mother remained in the states doing defense work. Ed served in the US Army and three of his children have also served their country, two in the Coast Guard and one in the

US Army. Ed O'Brien, who resides in Harvard, Illinois is a graduate of Northern Illinois University; retired school principal and superintendent.

**November 26** – 5:00 p.m. Lake Villa's Tree Lighting Parade

**December 4** - "Breakfast With Santa"  
At Lehmann Mansion **8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

**December 13 (Note date change)** LVHS will gather for a Holiday program at The Village at Victory Lakes, 1075 E. Victory Drive, Lindenhurst. Grayslake North acapella group "Pulse" will be performing musical numbers for 30-45 minutes. Refreshments to follow. Please bring a plate of cookies to share!!

**JANUARY, 2017 HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**  
**No scheduled meetings**

**February 21** - Election of Officers  
Program to be announced.

## History on the table:

The Lake Villa PTA Cook Book Issued in 1957 offers the following Holiday favorites:

### Baked Cranberry Pudding

*Esther Eichsteadt*

½ c. sugar	2 tsp. baking powder sifted
½ c. milk	with 1 c. flour and ¼ tsp salt
2T. melted butter	1 c. cranberries, diced

Mix in order given. Bake at 350 about 30 minutes and serve with sauce.

### Sauce:

½ c. butter	1 c. sugar
½ c. cream	2 T. Brandy

Melt all in double boiler.

### Apple Crisp

*Mrs. Edith Kucharski*

4 c. sliced apples (6-8)	1 c. sugar
¼ c. water	¾ c. flour
1 tsp. cinnamon	7 T. butter

Place sliced apples in buttered 8 x 8" pan; mix water and cinnamon and pour over apples. Combine sugar, flour and butter until crumbly; spread over apples. Bake at 350 for 25-30 minutes or until apples are tender.

### **Suet Pudding**

**Mrs. Albert Kapple**

1 c. brown sugar      3 c. flour  
1 c. chopped suet      3 tsp. baking powder  
1 c. raisins

Mix and place in greased mold; steam 3 hours.  
Dry a few minutes in oven.

### **Answer from Summer Vintage Views**

#### **Page From The Past:**

***"When the girl loves her grandmother's roses"***

***Do you know who the name of this Lake Villa Grandmother?***

*Here's the answer, thanks to Jennifer Evans, Granddaughter*

A lifelong resident of Lake Villa, Jeanne Cribb Mack was born in 1919 in the house at 107 S. Milwaukee Avenue, to Mabel and John Kerr Cribb. The homestead was built by her grandfather, Ben Hamlin. She was the fifth child, preceded by Ben, Harold, Frank and John. She grew up during the Great Depression. When her mother passed during Jeanne's youth, she assumed many duties to run the household in an efficient manner, learning to bake bread and grow a garden. (You may have noticed driving by on Route 83 that she loved Zinnias and Gladiolas, mostly because they grew in her favorite color, red.) Perhaps out of necessity, she embraced every aspect of keeping a home that was comfortable and warm. She believed in hard work and civic duty. She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Lake Villa where she worked alongside the church women for events, helped decorate the altar each season, inscribed Bibles for confirmation classes, and participated in Meals on Wheels.

Jeanne married Joseph Mack from Chicago and had two children, Ron and Gail. The children grew up in the household where they helped care for their uncle Frank, who was struck by polio as a toddler. Uncle John was also a bachelor living with the family, and he ran a plumbing business. Ron moved to Colorado as an adult and started a family; he currently has two children and four grandchildren. Gail lives in Lake Villa and has three children and three grandchildren. Gail's oldest daughter lives in the family home on Milwaukee Avenue.

### **A PAGE FROM THE PAST...**

#### **Effinger's Hardware Store**

*Compiled by Lori Heitman*

Ten years ago marks the closing of Effinger True Value hardware store that was a staple in Lake Villa for 83 years. The multi-generational "Hardware Store," as many locals referred to it, was opened by John and Ada Effinger who moved to Lake Villa in 1921 where John worked at the local grocery store. In 1923, John went into the hardware business in the building on Cedar Avenue where American Family Insurance is now located. John and Ada's son, William (Bill) and his wife Carol helped when Bill's parents were on vacation. Bill and Carol started permanent work in the store in 1959. William took over the business when his father died in 1963. The Hardware Store was moved to a two story building located across Cedar Avenue from the original building. In 1966 the store was moved to its final home, 122 Grand Avenue, (currently the Sewing Source building). After working in the store for many years, Bill and Carol's youngest son, Mike and his wife Deb took over the store when Bill and Carol retired in 1991. Mike and Deb's daughters also worked in the store from time to time.

The Hardware Store was a place where you could not only walk in and get the parts or supplies needed to complete a home repair or improvement job, but you could also get advice.

It was a place where you could send your wife or teenager with a part, they would be met at the counter, “we need one of these” and they would immediately get you what you needed and send you on your way. You could buy almost anything from paint, seed, fishing gear to kitchen utensils and light bulbs. The Hardware Store was also a place where locals would gather to share stories. It wasn’t like the stores we shop today, it was a place where everyone knew your name.

With changes in the community and the economy, Mike and Deb made the decision to close the store in October 2006. The following is an excerpt from an article in the August 18, 2006 News-Sun by Joe Boesen.

### Hard to say goodbye:

The large black register has been in the Effinger family for decades, along with the True Value Hardware store that surrounds it.

Effinger True Value has been supplying the Lake Villa community since 1923, when John Effinger started the store, but is now closing its doors after 83 years of business. According to his grandson Mike Effinger, “the big boys” are to blame.

Effinger, 51, is the current owner of the store and said that he is losing customers to bigger retail stores like Menards and Home Depot.



Mike Effinger, behind the counter at the front of the store in August 2006. Photo by Michael Schmidt.

“People like convenience,” said Effinger, “Someone can go to a Home Depot and they can get everything they need, while their wife can go grocery shopping or clothes shopping at a store nearby.” Then, if they forget anything, they usually come to Effinger for the small purchase, he said.

Throughout the years, however, Effinger believes that his store has been nothing but convenient.

“The store is right in town and has always been here in the community,” Effinger said. “The same people like to come in and support the local hardware store.” In fact, Effinger knows 90 percent of his clientele by name.

According to Effinger the community around the store has changed since he was a kid. “We used to sell mostly farm equipment like seed and farm tools, but now the area has developed and changed,” he said. “We still sell seed and other farm equipment but we now sell tools that are useful to people living in neighborhoods.”

His father William took over the store in 1963 and as a kid, Effinger ran the aisles of the store and manned the counter helping customers. This translated to an intense knowledge of everything in the store, not only what aisle where things are located but how to use them.

“The customers appreciate the expertise I can offer them,” Effinger said. “I also repair all my own stuff, so I know exactly how to use the supplies I sell.”

As the guard dog Mocha, a 7-year-old dachshund, sleeps on the counter, Effinger explained the solid string of old lures hanging across the ceiling, found during fishing trips of the past. Over the counter, prize fish Effinger has caught over the years hang on the wall. One is particularly impressive: a 27 pound, 48 inch muskie caught in Cedar Lake, right across town.

Effinger has no time to fish anymore. “My father used to help me working the shop, giving me time to fish in the afternoon,” he said. “now it’s just me working the shop 90 percent of the time and occasionally my two daughters and wife help out.”

The closing of a business that lasted almost a century has stirred mixed emotions.

“I would like to keep the business going,” Effinger said. “All of the town wants to see us stay, but we can’t keep up with the bigger stores.”

According to Karen Curtis, long time resident of Lake Villa it is going to be a sad goodbye. “You always ran up to Effinger’s for everything and you didn’t even think about it,” Curtis said. “I

was always amazed with how much stuff they had.”

According to Scott Bartlett, resident of Lake Villa and customer of Effinger, it was a true hardware store. “They carried all kinds of hardware, and some very unique items. Everyone in the family was so knowledgeable and very helpful,” Bartlett said. “The store will definitely be missed.”

Effinger understands change, and although it has caused his store to close, he believes change is good. “I have to change with the times.” He said, and in this case, time has changed against places using the large old black register.

*Sources: Nine Decades Village of Lake Villa Illinois 1901-1991.  
August 18, 2006 News-Sun article by Joe Boesen.*

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