



# Lake Villa Historical Society's Vintage Views

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## President's Letter

Our June meeting was held at the Lake Villa District Library where we enjoyed a presentation by Lake County Historian Diana Dretske.

Diana, a curator at the Bess Bower Dunn Museum of Lake County, discussed her research of a tintype picture of Civil War soldiers from the Lake County area. Diana researched for many years to identify the soldiers in the photo and how they came to the area and became involved



in the Company C, 96<sup>th</sup> Illinois Volunteer Infantry in the Civil War. The results of her research were recently published in a book, The Bonds of War: A Story of Immigrants and Esprit de Corps in Company C, 96<sup>th</sup> Illinois Volunteer Infantry.

At the June membership meeting, the annual election of board members was held. The membership unanimously elected returning board members, Susan Cribb and Robert Frank, and new board member Peter Lantvit. Peter will fill the position that was held by Barb Venturi.

Barb Venturi has been a volunteer for many organizations in the Lake Villa area. She has been an integral part of the Historical Society Board for 15 years. She was elected to the Board in January of 2007 and was appointed Treasurer of the Board in 2009. In addition to her duties as Treasurer, she has volunteered countless hours working on all Society events, meetings,

and programs including, Civil War Days, Breakfast with Santa, and raffle dinner parties at the Lehmann Mansion. She will be dearly missed as a member of our Board, but I hope we will continue to enjoy her company at future events. Thank you, Barb, for your dedication to the Lake Villa Historical Society and all your devotion to the Lake Villa Township community!

Officers were elected at the last Board of Directors meeting. Greg Kos was elected Treasurer and other officers will remain the same.

We are excited to add many new and interesting items to our collection.

Our volunteers have been very busy cataloging the items so that they can be added to displays in the coming months.

Lake Villa Historical Society is operated completely by volunteer members. Interested in volunteering? Email us at [lvhs@lake-villa.org](mailto:lvhs@lake-villa.org) to see how you can help.



Volunteers are  
seldom paid; not  
because they are  
worthless, but  
because they are  
PRICELESS!

Hope to see you all at  
our next event, the East  
Fox Lake Cemetery  
Walk on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

Enjoy your summer!  
Sincerely,

Lori Heitman, President

### Coming Events

The second half of 2022 promises to be an interesting one for the Lake Villa Historical Society! Mark your calendar, and join us for these upcoming events:

#### September 20<sup>th</sup> East Fox Lake Cemetery Walk

Join us for a trip back in time...back to old Monaville...back to the early settlers of Lake Villa. Please meet at the cemetery, 24306 W Monaville Road, Lake Villa, at 2 pm. Walk along with us as we meet Stuart Hoehne, Alexander Tweed, Charles Hucker, Robert Hook, Chief Barnstable, James Atwell, and a few other surprise characters. Learn about the hardships that faced our early pioneers, and the generous souls that gave up their land to create this "burying ground". This will be a 1 ½ hour presentation and involve some walking outdoors over uneven ground.



*"The stones often reflect the hardships of pioneer life. One marker records the death of a seventeen-year-old wife, another the deaths of several children during a span of a few days. People buried here saw many changes in the boundaries of their land which*

*surrounded the cemetery. In 1787 it was part of the Northwest Territory of the United States, then it became a part of Wisconsin, next a part of McHenry County, then Avon Township of Lake County, and finally, in 1913, Lake Villa Township". (from the Bicentennial History of the East Fox Lake Cemetery, written by Helen Stratton Cremin, who also lies at rest in this cemetery.)*

#### October 1<sup>st</sup> Autumn Walk at Allendale



Postcard of Bradley House dated 1945

The Lake Villa Historical Society invites all its' members out to Allendale in celebration of their 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Learn about the founding of this Lake Villa landmark and enjoy a Fall Festival and Plant Sale. More details to follow.

#### Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> Breakfast With Santa

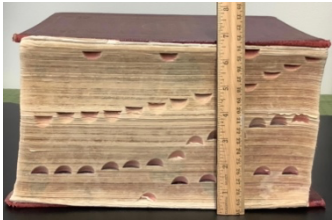
Your holiday photos will be breathtaking after a visit with the Big Guy at the beautiful and historic Lehmann Mansion! Enjoy a delicious pancake & sausage breakfast, crafts, music and fun with jolly 'ole St. Nick while supporting the Lake Villa Historical Society. Tickets will be available online beginning in late October.



**Recent Donations**

Thank you to the following people for donating historic artifacts of the Lake Villa area:

- Raymond Young for donating twelve vintage cameras circa 1920-1984, formerly owned by Tony Sciacero;
- Lake Villa Community Consolidated School District #41 for sharing a display case and a huge 1947 Webster's Dictionary.



- Allene Nelson donated bobby pins and hairnets along with three decks of playing cards, one of which was originally printed in New York 1835-1840 featuring US Presidents as "Kings".
- Promotional maps of the Chain 'O Lakes in Lake County were donated by Janice E. Sacramento.
- Several historic ledgers were shared by the Lake Villa United Methodist Church.
- The Dorothy Volkert Estate has been very generous in their unique donations to LVHS including this hand-pumped vacuum circa 1911. We will be creating displays to share these gifts with our friends and neighbors. Many will be featured in upcoming issues.



We also have a new turquoise Allendale T-shirt designed and printed on campus to celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Allendale School this year.

**Welcome New Members**

Lake Villa Historical Society is always happy to welcome new members. We hope to see you at all our events!

Tony & Jeanne Gundrum  
Carl & Tamara Powell  
Peter & Maria Lantvit  
Nina Kennedy  
John Rouse  
Lauren Hucker  
Ann Grebner

**Allendale 125<sup>th</sup> Kickoff Ceremony**

On May 18, 2022, Allendale School staff, students and friends gathered on campus for a tree planting to celebrate 125 years since the day the Allendale School was officially founded by

"Cap Bradley". Pictured above are Jason Keeler, President and CEO of Allendale School with Senior Vice President of Specialized Education Services, Jennifer Stiemsma preparing to plant the tree. A time capsule was also buried.

**Welcome New Board Member**

Peter Lantvit, newly elected LVHS board member shared the following:

I have lived in Lake Villa for 32 years. I have been married for 36 years to my wife Maria. We have four children, one daughter and three sons. We also have four grandchildren. I was employed in the IT field for over 30 years as a Telephone Technician. I am currently retired. In my free time I enjoy the outdoors and spending time with the grandkids. One interesting item about me, I have a collection of coin saving banks of over 300. I am looking forward to being part of the Lake Villa Historical Society and Museum.

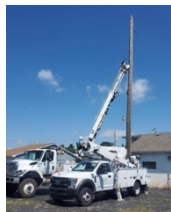




### Thank You

As an all-volunteer organization, we owe thanks to the many friends of community history who generously support our mission. Those include:

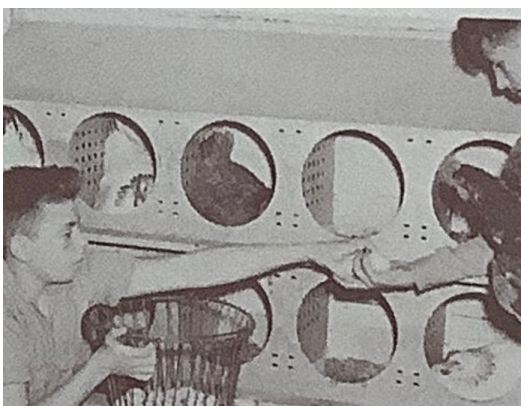
- Donations given in memory of Rosella McCarthy by Elaine Teltz, Bill and Betty Burns and Anna Mae Sadler
- Siebert Electric for the complex task of removing the large, tall radio pole from the LVHS parking lot
- Greater Lindenhurst/Lake Villa Area Fine Arts Council for funding the



creation of a mural for the Northwest wall of the museum and Daisy Perez for her artistic talent to recreate

the 1910 Cedar Avenue street scene. Drive by 223 Lake Street to watch it grow every week!

- Rob Frank and Dan Botts for conducting Lehmann Mansion tours and manning the Historical Society table each time Music in the Park was at the Mansion.
- Rob Frank and the Village of Lake Villa for moving a display case from District 41 to our museum.



--Allendale residents collect eggs circa 1934

### History on the Table

The following recipes were found in the Souvenir Cook Book, 1903, Compiled and Published by the ladies of Lake Villa, IL.

#### Allendale Soup

For Two quarts: One teacup of peas, boiled until tender; strain; if soaked overnight, add boiling water; if not, add cold water; let simmer slowly; when nearly done add one-half pound salt pork, cut in small cubes and dried out, well browned; season to taste, adding three or four onions, chopped fine. (Page 35)

--George Chaffee, Mrs. Higbee, Allendale Farm

#### Crust for Meat Pies or Biscuits

Two scant teacups of lard or shortening, two quarts of flour, five teaspoons of baking powder, two teaspoons of salt; rub shortening in flour very thoroughly without previous melting, or until it looks nearly as fine as meal; add very cold water or sweet milk, enough to make a stiff paste, stirring all as quickly and as little as possible to get it in shape of roll; bake in quick oven. Much depends on quality of baking powder and flour. (Page 4)

--George Chaffee, Mrs. Higbee, Allendale Farm



From LVHS files: Allendale, January 13, 1970

#### Focus on Allendale

A 1989 newspaper supplement about Allendale had the following quote about the Farm:

“Where children who want to be somebody learn that they already are.”



### Page from the Past

This year, 2022, marks the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of a Lake Villa landmark, first known as Allendale Farm, now known as the Allendale Association. The Lake Villa Historical Society is planning to celebrate and honor this Allendale milestone more fully later in the year, complete with an informative program and facility tour. For now, we present an article reprinted from A History of Lake County, Illinois, copyright 1912.



The Allendale Community

*The wide and favorably known institution, by name, Allendale Farm, is a home for the benefit of homeless and neglected boys, Edward L. Bradley being its founder, director and chief ruling spirit.*

*It is located on the west shore of Cedar Lake, at Lake Villa, Lake County, on the Wisconsin Central Railway.*

*The community of about sixty boys, is organized as a Junior Municipality, with a Mayor and City Council and a Court and Police Department. Groups, or families, are formed, of from eight to ten boys each; each group with its own cottage home, presided over by a mother or father, who has in charge the home life of the boys.*

*A money system has also been established, each citizen being paid for his labor and charged for his board and clothes in Allendale legal tender.*

*The farm at Lake Villa represents an investment of \$40,000. The property is held in trust by the Allendale Association of Chicago, incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois, its object being "to protect, rear, educate, elevate and provide for homeless and neglected boys."*

*Some sixteen years ago, Edward L. Bradley, a Princeton man of the Class of 1884, came from Philadelphia to Chicago and began to work on the problem, how to give the homeless boy a chance. His first venture was to rent a vacant store and open a clubhouse for boys in the poorest district he could find. Then one summer, he gathered together a few boys and opened a camp on the shores of Cedar Lake. During these summer months, ideas in Mr. Bradley's mind were taking definite shape and that fall witnessed the birth of "Allendale Farm." A lease of forty acres of land on the site of the summer camp was taken, and with eight boys, in a cheaply constructed summer cottage, was spent the first winter, and the first ideas worked themselves out into a well-formulated plan. The fall of 1897 marked the beginning of Allendale as a permanent home for boys. To the original forty acres, land has been added, until the Farm includes a quarter section in a rich agricultural region, with about twenty buildings, stock valued at \$1,473.50, and farm machinery at a valuation of \$771.00. But it is not in these material things the true value of Allendale Farm lies, but in the development of sterling character and good citizenship being achieved by Mr. Bradley and his co-workers in the youthful lives of the members of the community and which should enlist the sympathy and hearty support of every resident of Lake County.*



### Hickory Knoll Golf Course

Looking for some fun, *and some history*, in Lake Villa? Then look no further than the newly restored Hickory Knoll Golf Course! Located on the southwest corner of Monaville & Fairfield Roads, this nature preserve has provided sporting fun for generations since 1947.

According to an 1885 plat map, this property was then owned by W.P Nelson, a prominent member of the Monaville community. Nelson was the owner of Nelson & Sons Paint Shop in Chicago, located right next door to E.J. Lehmann's "The Fair" Department store. The two business owners were friends, in fact, it was Nelson who first introduced Lehmann to the beauty and potential of the Lake Villa area. This 29.5-acre parcel was later owned by the Gernhardt family, and operated as a golf course since 1947.

When first established, military bases throughout the area would bus over military personnel to play a round of golf for only a nickel. Many generations have since enjoyed this wooded and rolling retreat.

In 2017, the old relic fell into foreclosure and shut its doors. The property was then purchased for \$400,000 by the North Shore Capital Group in 2020 and with another \$450,000 in improvements, has undergone a major redevelopment. Future plans include rebuilding an old structure near the 6<sup>th</sup> hole to become "Grandma Marie's Lemonade Stand", in honor of the Gernhardt family matriarch.



--Photo from Facebook

### Amazon Smile: Ongoing Fundraiser



**Amazon Smile** is an easy way members and friends can help with fundraising efforts. If you order from Amazon .5% of your eligible purchase will be donated to LVHS. There is no extra cost to you. It's easy to do.

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1. Log into smile.amazon.com
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3. Scroll down to AmazonSmile
4. Type in Lake Villa Historical Society

That's all there is to it! Be sure to shop at smile.amazon.com so that purchases will be credited to LVHS. Please ask your family and friends to also shop using this method if they use Amazon. Every donation helps!

### The Wisdom of Edward Bradley

"A boy in the city is one thing; the same boy in the country is a very different and much more hopeful thing. You can do a little with the boy in the city; you can neutralize some of the poisonous influences and divert his attention. But in the country, you can recreate this boy. Sun and wind, swimming and skating, enough food, play and work, and a normal, quiet family life...all these things come down like rain upon the hard, parched nature of the boy, and he blossoms."

--Edward Bradley, Founder & Director of Allendale

### From Our Collection

Here are a few more glimpses of life at Allendale in the early years with "Cap" and Maude Bradley.

#### MEMORIAL SERVICES TO BE HELD THURSDAY FOR 'CAP' BRADLEY

*Memorial services for Edward Lounsbury Bradley, who spent much of his life helping underprivileged boys, will be held at 2:30 p.m. next Thursday at Allendale Farm....*

*Mr. Bradley, who was known as "Cap" by his young charges, was killed Friday in Santa Barbara, Cal., his winter home, in an automobile accident.*



*He was 76 years old. After services yesterday in California, where the body was cremated, the widow left for Chicago to be present at the memorial rites.*

*Mr. Bradley founded the Allendale farm in 1895 and directed it until his retirement in 1934.*

*Youngsters were taken from Chicago's poor neighborhoods to the farm home and educated and trained under his supervision. It now includes a school from the fifth grade through the first year of high school. A Philadelphian, Mr. Bradley came to Chicago in 1886, two years after his graduation from Princeton university.*



Maude Manefee Bradley, wife of Edward, reads to boys before bedtime

### Fifty Years Ago

The following articles and ads appeared in the Lake Villa Record August- October 1972.

## School Post To Palombi

*Peter J. Palombi, 42, is the new superintendent of the Lake Villa Grade School District. Board members, in a special meeting Sept. 1, named him to the post to replace Dr. Richard Hupper, who resigned to take a position as assistant superintendent in charge of curriculum in a Pennsylvania school district. Palombi will begin his duties Sept. 11.*

*Palombi was superintendent of Consolidated Unit District 323 in Winnebago, west of Rockford. He had held the post for more than six years.*

*He received both his bachelor's degree and master's degree from Northern Illinois University...*

*The school board interviewed six candidates for the post, according to School Board President John La Paglia. "We felt with his background in a district similar to ours and his credentials made him best for the job," LaPaglia said.*

*Palombi's wife and 14-year-old daughter are expected to move in the area sometime in the next three months.*

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Museum Hours

Lake Villa Historical Society is open every Thursday afternoon from 1:30 – 4:30pm. Volunteers are present to help with answering questions, doing research, accepting donations and showing artifacts and files from our collection. Stop by to spend time in the museum or just to chat about Lake Villa's history. Are you unable to come during those hours? Call or email us to set up a convenient time.

Save the Date

He's back!! After a two-year hiatus, we will once again host our "Breakfast with Santa" on December 4<sup>th</sup> at the beautiful and historic Lehmann Mansion.

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