



Lake Villa Historical Society's Vintage Views

Fall 2022

Vintage Views

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President's Letter

Dear Members:

I hope you had a great summer and are enjoying this beautiful autumn season.

We had a perfect day for our cemetery walk in East Fox Lake Cemetery in September. It was nice meeting so many new people that attended. See more about the event in this newsletter. The Lake Villa Celebration of Fall on Cedar Avenue was another beautiful day for this family friendly event. The street was filled with



activities, food, music and fun for all. With the assistance of the Lake Villa Township Lions Club, the Historical Society had old fashioned games available for all to play.

In October, Allendale continued their celebration of their 125th anniversary with an Autumn at Allendale event that included a harvest sale, food truck, autumn games and crafts, and a historical hayride. It was a beautiful day for a horse drawn hayride with actors portraying Captain Bradley and his wife as they told the history of how Allendale began. Breakfast with Santa returns this year! Tickets will be available online only, beginning November 1st. The link for tickets is available on the Lakevillahistory.org website and on the Lake Villa Historical Society Facebook page.

A limited number of tickets are available.

Purchase your tickets early as this event sells out quickly. See further details below.

We have some interesting new programs planned for next year. Be sure to check out our upcoming events calendar.

Wishing you a safe and happy holiday season!

Sincerely,

Lori Heitman

Coming Events

The following programs are tentatively scheduled for 2023. Programs are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7pm. They are preceded by a brief business meeting. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us. Details of programs will be available on Facebook, our website and by contacting LVHS by phone or dropping by the museum.

February 21: The History of Allendale

April 18: Judy Bock, Lake Villa Hotel Artifacts

June 20: Marie Roth: Flag Program

August: John Rouse: Barns of Lake County



Joe Nader
February 22, 2001.

Joe was among those honored at the East Fox Lake Cemetery walk.

Joe Nader gets help putting on his Lake Villa Fire Department dress uniform from his daughter, Marlene Cribb, Nader, 95, is Lake Villa's oldest resident and long-time member of the fire department.

Summer Events**East Fox Lake Cemetery Walk**

Rob Frank tolls the bell in honor of those interred at East Fox Lake Cemetery.



Dave Bogenschutz portrays Samuel Gilbert.

**Allendale's 125th**

Enactors portraying "Cap" and Maude Bradley host a hayride history tour of Allendale.

Celebration of Fall

Lake Villa Lions Club members were on hand to conduct vision screening.

Breakfast with Santa is Back!

The Lake Villa Historical Society is excited to announce that Breakfast with Santa will once again be held at the Lehmann Mansion on **Sunday, December 4, 2022!** Ticket sales began November 1st and are only sold on-line. A limited number of tickets are available and sell out quickly. It is recommended to purchase your tickets early to avoid disappointment. Visit our website www.lakevillahistory.org for a link to purchase your tickets.

Tickets are \$12.50 each plus an Eventbrite convenience fee. Children 3 and under are free. Please choose the \$0 ticket option for children 3 and under when purchasing so that we know how many to expect.

Tickets include a pancake breakfast, visit with Santa, take home crafts, storytellers for kids and Millie's Musical Adventures. There are plenty of festive photo opportunities with your excited little ones.

This event is hosted by Lake Villa Historical Society and Lake Villa Township Lions Club. All proceeds benefit Lake Villa Historical Society in the mission to keep our community's history alive for ourselves and future generations.

Hope to see you and your family there!

Page from the Past: Christmas 1966

*Let's jump in the LVHS Time Machine!
Destination...December 1966! Let's see what's
going on in Lake Villa this Christmas season...*

***Beginning on Dec. 1st, the Lake Villa VFW Post will have Christmas trees on sale. Balsams and Scotch Pines will be available, starting at \$3.00.

***Postmaster, Joseph Hucker, expects an increase in mail volume this year, with December's totals expected to exceed 200,000 pieces. The Post Office will be staying open until 5pm on Dec. 10th and 17th. Customers may also bring parcels to the branch office, located at Slove's Bakery in the Linden Shopping Plaza.

***The Red Cross is collecting Christmas gifts for our boys over in Vietnam. Top requests from our brave GI's are: liquid bug repellent, lighter flints, foot powder, plastic soap dishes and sturdy pocket combs. Also welcome are holiday treats such as fruitcakes, tinned cookies, family pictures and hometown newspapers.

***Parkway Foods in Grayslake is offering all the fixings for your Christmas dinner: turkeys are .35 cents/lb, cranberry sauce 4 cans for .85 cents, a fifth of Jim Beam Whiskey for \$3.98, and a luscious pumpkin pie for .69 cents.

***Lake Villa Board of Trustees approved the expenditure of \$90 for Christmas decorations on the water tower. Two large stars will be put up, one on each side. The stars will be usable for many years to come. The Lindenhurst Teenager's Club will be having their Christmas dance Friday, Dec. 16th at the Civic Center. Everything will be free for the members. Jimmy Dalgaard's band, The Town Criers, will provide the music for dancing.

***The Lake Villa Trust & Savings Bank is offering a free pair of bayberry candles to anyone opening a Christmas Club account. Save a small amount each week and be bill-

free next Christmas! Kindly call EL6-2181 to learn more.

***Homeowners are cautioned to be on the lookout for "bulb-snatchers". Police departments in Antioch and Round Lake have answered reports of seven thefts of light bulbs since outdoor Christmas decorations have been on display.

***The Lake Villa Volunteer Fire Department reports *no calls* this past week! They hope the trend will continue through the Christmas week.

***The annual Christmas Formal dance for Antioch High School students will be held 8:30-11:30pm Friday, December 23rd in the school cafeteria. Music will be by the Top Hatters. The dance is for all Antioch High School students, alumni & guests. No charge.

***Holiday mailers are reminded to use the Post Office's new "ZIP" code system. Adding a 5-digit "ZIP" code to your parcel can reduce mailing time by 24 hours.

***Top gifts from Dressler Drugs in Fox Lake this year are: portable transistor radio, \$9.95, 2-speed phonograph, \$8.88, Kodak Instamatic camera, \$12.88, and Timex watches starting at \$6.95. Shop early for the best selection!

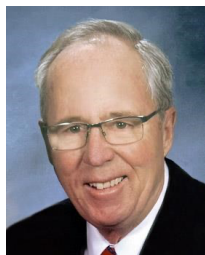
***Prizes for the best decorated homes in Lake Villa will be awarded next week by the Village Police Department. Five prizes will be given to the homeowners with the best interior and exterior decorations. Prizes will be in the form of merchandise certificates from participating merchants. A panel of local judges will work with the police in selecting the winners.

***This year, Isadore Czarnecki, 227 E. Grand Ave. in Lake Villa, is the first prize winner in the Lake Villa Chamber of Commerce Christmas decorating contest! Czarnecki will be presented with a \$25 gift certificate. Second prize, a \$10 gift certificate, will be awarded to Ronald Schillinger, 208 Burnett Avenue.

Our Sympathy

Benjamin “Jay” Cribb, Jr.

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of LVHS Charter member, “Jay” Cribb. Jay, 83 years old, passed away, Tuesday August 16,



2022 at the Village of Victory Lakes in Lake Villa. Born May 13, 1939 in Waukegan, IL to the late Benjamin J. Cribb Sr. and Beatrice (Olson) Cribb, the family resided in Lake Villa, where Jay attended school and graduated from

Antioch Community High School in 1957. Following college and years in the US Army Reserves, Jay was employed by Abbott Laboratories, G.D. Searle Labs and retired in 1996 from Kraft Foods where he worked in Research and Development. Jay and Roberta raised their children Kevin and Beth in Waukegan. Jay enjoyed gardening, fishing and spending time on the lake in northern Wisconsin. In 1999, Jay married Susan Prochnow. They resided in Jay's childhood home in Lake Villa for their 23 years together. Jay was an active member of the Lake Villa United Methodist Church, Lake Villa Historical Society and was a member of the Masonic Lodge of Millburn. He is buried in Angola Cemetery where he had served many years as caretaker. Besides Susan, Jay is survived by sister Nancy Cribb Tesch; former wife, Roberta; daughter, Beth Cribb; son Kevin Cribb; stepdaughter Amy (Heath) Whalen and granddaughter, Lucy and many family and friends!

Donations to LVHS in Memory of Jay Cribb

Lake Villa Historical Society extends sincere appreciation to the following friends who made donations in memory of Jay. It is a fitting way to honor Jay since the Cribb Family has been an important part of our history.

Suzi Haas, Doug and Peggy Obenauf, Don and Mary Ann Swartz, Barbara and Harold Rhoads, Wayne and Shirley Schable, John and Becky

Schable, David and Peggy Bogenschutz, Sheila Mihalka, Caren and Michael Whalen, Kristin Cecil and Brian Robinson, Joan Streicher, Schable Family Farms, Schable Farms LLC, Jim and Sharon Lienhardt, Pete, Laurie & David Dodich, Dan & Barb Venturi, Pam, Lauren and Mason Lundberg, Joyce Dever, Joan Delisi, Jeanne Gildea & Jennifer Johnson, Allene & Charles Nelson, Donna Rosenberg, John & Grace Warren, Glen and Lori Heitman, Bill and Betty Burns, Frank and Carole Loffredo.

Robert Stanley “Bubber” Umbdenstock

LVHS charter member, Elaine Teltz and extended family on the passing of her brother, Robert Stanley “Bubber” Umbdenstock, 87, of



Mundelein who died August 25, 2022 at Libertyville Manor. Stanley was active with Boy Scout Troop 70 for almost 70 years. In 1984, Stanley received

the Silver Beaver award, the highest honor awarded to adult volunteers. Stanley loved jigsaw puzzles. He owned and operated Stan's Sharp “N” Shop in Mundelein for several years. Stanley was also known as the best whistler. He would add his whistling talent to the piano music of his mother and guitar/banjo playing of his brother Kenny. Stanley was a paraplegic, unable to walk but got around on crutches all his life until a fall and broken leg required a move from home to Libertyville Manor. He will be deeply missed by family and friends.

Museum Hours

Lake Villa Historical Society is open every Thursday afternoon from 1:30 – 4:30 pm. 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.

2023 Membership and Gift Memberships for Lake Villa Historical Society and Museum

LVHS annual membership and gift membership forms for 2023 have been mailed! This makes it easy for friends to join and/or renew memberships to support the Lake Villa Historical Society and Museum! Forms were mailed early to make it easy to shop for gift memberships for anyone who has ties to Lake Villa. Your recipient will receive a note announcing your gift in mid-December. Membership fees are a crucial portion of our annual operating budget. They provide for programs, operating expenses, museum maintenance, plus printing and postage for the Vintage Views. We are proud to have members living out of state who enjoy keeping up-to-date with events and programs. And you can shop from home with gift memberships to LVHS. Gift forms were also included in the mailing for 2023. Thank you for supporting the Lake Villa Historical Society!

Welcome New Members

Lake Villa Historical Society is pleased to welcome new members

- Jerry Ehlers of Lake Villa
- Mary Ann Johnson of Lindstrom, Minnesota

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. It's easy to do. For step-by-step directions, please refer to our last newsletter or contact us. We'll be happy to help you set it up.

After it is set up, 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!

History on the Table

The following recipes were submitted by the residents of Cedar Village, Lake Villa, Illinois in September 1988. The cookbook, *Everyday Foods*, was donated to LVHS by Darlene Dorfler, daughter-in-law of early resident Ruby Dorfler.

Cranberry Pumpkin Bread

2 eggs, slightly beaten
1T. pumpkin pie spice
2 cups sugar
1 t. baking soda
½ cup oil
½ t. salt
1 cup Libby's solid pumpkin
1 cup chopped cranberries
2 1/4 cups flour

Combine eggs, sugar, oil & pumpkin, mix well. Combine flour, pie spice, soda & salt in large bowl, make well in center. Pour pumpkin mixture into well, stir just until dry ingredients are moistened. Stir in cranberries. Spoon batter into 2 greased & floured 8 x 3 ¾" x 2 ½" aluminum loaf pans. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.

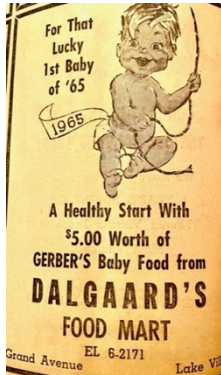
Banana Bread

3 large ripe bananas
*pinch of salt
2 cups flour
1 cup sugar
1 t. soda
2 eggs
1 t. baking powder
½ cup nuts
1/3 cup shortening

Cream shortening & sugar, bananas & sifted dry ingredients. Add nuts. Mix thoroughly then pour into a greased & floured loaf pan. Bake at 375 degrees for 45 minutes. *In measuring remember: *Pinch is much as can be taken between tip of finger and thumb.*

First Baby Contest

Being the “first baby” to be born into the new year in the 1960’s was a lucrative achievement!



The first baby born in 1965, for example, had 52 prizes and gifts awaiting the arrival. This **First Baby Contest** was sponsored by Lakeland Newspapers, and publisher M.R. Schroeder. The first baby had to be born in a Lake County hospital, and exact time of birth had to be

certified by the attending physician. If two babies arrived at the exact same time, the winner was determined by lot.

Examples of prizes given by local merchants offered to the winning family in 1965 included; Pratser's Silver Saddle, chicken dinner for the proud parents; Reed-Hills Florist, plant for parents; Dalgaard's IGA, \$5 in Gerber baby food; Ben Franklin Drugs, a vaporizer; Parkway Foods, \$10 worth of baby food; Lake Villa Trust & Savings, \$10 savings account; Bulko Service Station, one tank of gas; Schaefer's Bakery, baby's Christening cake; and for Dad... from Lee's Shell Service, a free grease job and oil change!



Bill Oldstone and Howard Wilton standing on top of a car after the Blizzard of 1935.

History of Christmas Seals

Christmas seals are a traditional part of the holiday season. It began in 1907 when tuberculosis was rampant in the United States. A

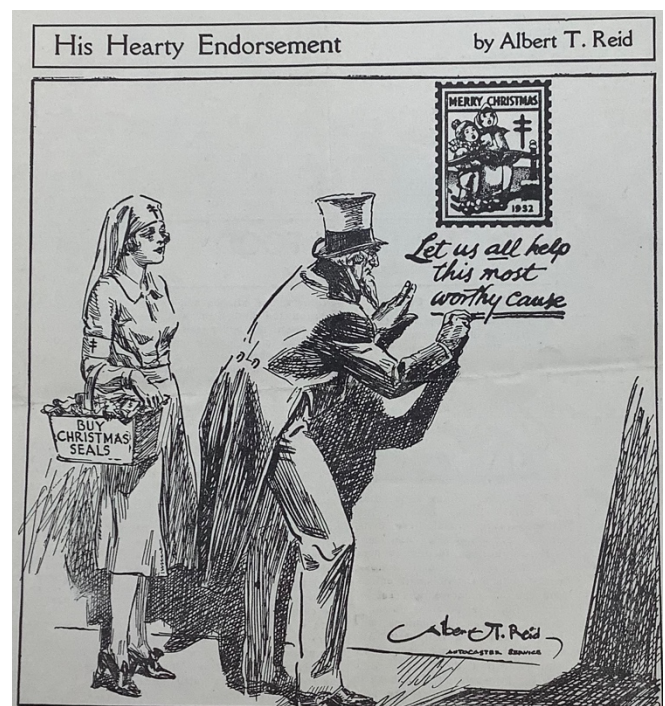


small sanatorium in Delaware was struggling to keep its doors open when Emily Bissell designed the first Christmas seal as a fundraiser. The seals were sold at the post office for a

penny each with the hopes of raising \$300. The idea turned out to be very popular and was even endorsed by President Theodore Roosevelt. The campaign ended up raising 10 times the goal!

Today the American Lung Association continues to offer Christmas Seals as a means of funding its mission. Research focuses on more current issues such as lung cancer, asthma, and the dangers of secondhand smoke and air pollution.

Lake Villa Classmate, the newspaper of Lake Villa Grade School, Jean Cribb, editor, ran this in the December 16, 1932 issue. It is available to view in the LVHS files.



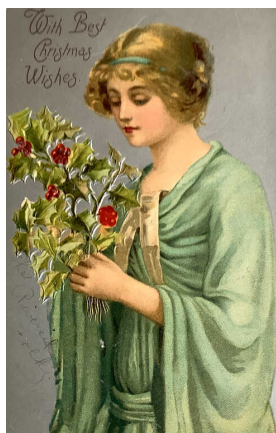
Holiday Postcards

Lake Villa Historical Society has a wide range of postcards in our collection. All these holiday postcards are from Jean Wooley's collection. They were mailed with 1 cent stamps.

Thanksgiving greetings
to Miss A.G. Bonner from RBE
Mailed from Indianola, Iowa --Nov. 25, 1909



Happy New Year
To Agnes Brown from F.W.
Mailed from Wadsworth, IL, -- Jan 1, 1908



Merry Christmas
To Agnes Bonner
From RFD

Mailed from Riverside, Cal,
Dec 20, 1906

Fifty Years Ago

The following are from Lakeland Newspapers during November and December 1972.

'Favorite Sons' Seek Election On Tuesday

This article reads, in part:

Voter registration for [Antioch and Lake Villa] townships have set records. Since 1970, Antioch registration has jumped from 5,040 to 6,338 and Lake Villa registration has increased from 4,409 to 5,946. Voter registration for Lake County soared from 143,900 in November, 1970, to 183,002 this year.

County Clerk Grace Mary Stern said that a "good healthy portion" of the new voters are in the age bracket of 18-21, which for the first time in a general election, will be eligible to vote.

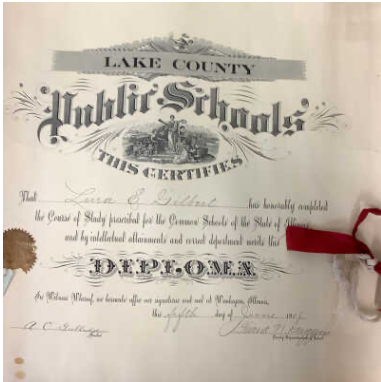
Voters will again use the IBM punch card for casting their ballots.

Polls are open on Tuesday, Nov. 7, from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mrs. Stern said she expects a late vote tally because the judge retention ballots must be counted by hand at the precinct. She is predicting a complete vote tally as late as noon, Wednesday, Nov. 8.

Note--Major election results were:

- Richard Nixon/Spiro Agnew were re-elected over George McGovern/ Sargent Shriver for President.
- Dan Walker defeated incumbent Richard Ogilvie for Illinois Governor.



From Our Collection

One of the Lake Villa residents presented at the East Fox Lake Cemetery walk in September was Lura Gilbert Culver. A quick search of the Historical Society's cataloging system turned up many items that belonged to her for a display.

Some of the items included were:

--her Lake County Public Schools diploma dated June 5, 1906

--2 small white ceramic teabag rests, saved and donated by her daughter Jean Wooley

---her silver baby spoon with her name, Lura, engraved on the bowl

---a quilted, rail fence pattern blanket she made

---a recipe for Pineapple Cookies

---a hand-crocheted doily

--her wedding day certificate from Jan. 8, 1914 from Millburn Church where she married

Horace Culver

If you have family items belonging to a Lake Villa resident that you would like to have preserved for future generations, please consider donating them to LVHS.

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