



Lake Villa Historical Society's Vintage Views

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President's Letter

Dear Members:

Hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful summer!

In June, Marie Roth presented a program on the history of the American flags. Marie is a local artist and historian, that has painted many versions of the American Flag on local and regional barn wood. The program was very informative and patriotic.

Longtime Lake Villa Historical Society Board Member, Joyce Dever, was honored at the first Concert in the Park event at the Lehmann Mansion in June. Joyce has generously donated her photography skills to Lake Villa and Lindenhurst for the past 20 years. She has captured every event, big and small. Thank you Joyce, for all your beautiful photos and helping us document history!

I am sad to report that former Board Member and invaluable volunteer, Peggy Bogenschutz will be leaving us to move closer to family. Peggy has been an amazing volunteer. She has been the driving force behind organizing our collection in the Catalogit database system. With this system, we can now search items with keywords. This information is so helpful for doing research. Thank you, Peggy! You will be missed. We wish you well in your new adventure!

There are some interesting programs coming up, be sure to check details below. We are currently working on scheduling next year's events. Please let us know if you have ideas or interests for future programs.

Enjoy the last days of summer!
Hope to see you at our next events!

Sincerely,

Lori Heitman
President

Our Sympathy

To the family of :

Terry "Midge" Dewar, 80 years old of Lake Villa, IL who passed away at home on Sunday, July 30, 2023. He was born August 15, 1942 in Waukegan, IL. Midge grew up in Lake Villa, only a couple blocks from what would be his forever home for the next 55 years. He met his true love, Pat (Judith)Wood while working at Dalsgaard's grocery store- she a cashier; he a stocker. Midge proposed on prom night and they were married on October 14, 1961 and remained so for 61 years before Pat went to be with the Lord on December 23, 2022.

Nancy Wolff, age 91 of Lindenhurst, IL July 28, 2023. Nancy is preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Richard (Dick). They raised their family in Lindenhurst. For 30 years, Nancy played organ at mass every Sunday at Prince of Peace Parish. She also taught and led the school children in song while she played for their school masses. She is survived by her 17 children, 58 grandchildren, and 45 great-grandchildren.

Elaine Theresa Hatton age 96 ½ of Lake Villa, IL. July 23, 2023. Elaine was a resident of Lake Villa for over 70 years. Upon moving to Lake Villa, she spent 45+ years working with both Dalgaard's grocery store in Lake Villa as well as the Lake Villa grade school cafeteria. She loved seeing, working with, and helping the grade school children.

Cedar Avenue Mural Complete



Stop by the historical society at 223 Lake Avenue, and see the mural of Cedar Avenue, 1910.

The original mural was painted in the mid 1950s along with a more current scene of the street, on the showroom wall of Hucker and Sons car dealership on Cedar Avenue (now home of Harbor Brewing). The original artist was John Leicht from Venetian Village in Lake Villa Township. He also painted a farm scene mural in Dalgaards grocery store on Grand Avenue, (now home of Red Rooster Liquidation).

The Historical Society, with the support of the Lindenhurst-Lake Villa Area Fine Arts Council, commissioned Daisy Perez, to re-create the original scene.

Daisy, owner of Daisy's Artish Cafe in Lake Villa, has been painting since she was 12 and started drawing with her Dad as far back as she can remember. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology with a minor in Art and wanted to be an Art Therapist but did not make it to getting her Master's Degree, she may go back to school someday. She currently runs the coffee shop and teaches art classes. Many of her customers would argue that coffee and art are therapy. She is married with one son and lives in Antioch. Daisy enjoys sculpting, painting, stained glass, drawing and hand building pottery. She has been teaching art classes to kids and adults since 2008. She is also working on writing two books.

Mural Photo Contest

Send us your photos!

The Lake Villa Historical Society will be having a photo contest for the most creative photo taken with the mural. Photos may be submitted electronically to lvhs@lake-villa.org. Prize details will be posted on the LVHS website and the facebook page soon.

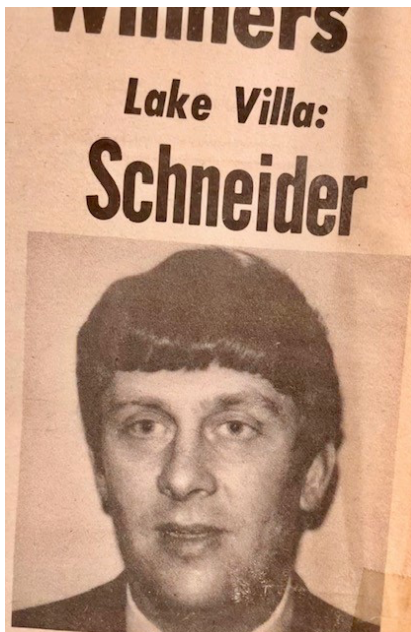


Time Machine

Compiled by Kim McCollum

Destination: Summer of 1977

- Mayor Ted Nielsen is not seeking re-election and Trustee Howard (Duke) Schneider is unopposed in his bid for that spot. Also unopposed is clerk Charlotte Wagner, who is seeking re-election. Mayor Nielsen received a standing ovation at his last Board meeting and, choking back tears, was unable to finish reading his farewell speech. Ted explained his reasons for not seeking re-election as wanting to expand his business enterprises.



- The Lake Villa Library Board has realized the need for a larger library and is leaning towards construction of a new building at Deep Lake & Grand Avenue. The property has already been donated,

and with over \$150K in savings, shouldn't cost the taxpayers more than \$525K. Edna Dalgaard, Carol Effinger and Marlene Coia were chosen to represent the Village of Lake Villa on the Library Advisory Board.

- Father Richard Fassbinder has been officially appointed head pastor of Prince of Peace, replacing retiring pastor David Lynch.
- Bernice Bernau is *still* writing the "Lindenhurst News" column in Lakeland's *Lake Villa Record* newspaper. She's been the know-all for every event, birthday, fundraiser and achievement in Lindenhurst for over 17 years. On May 5, 1977, she congratulated Diana Gorski for receiving the Distinguished Service Award from the Jaycee's. She then listed every child receiving their First Holy Communion at Prince of Peace, including Lake Villa residents Jeffrey Nielsen, Scott Smolarchuck and Karl Wismer.
- Raybomb's Restaurant & Parlor, owned by John & Ginny Ulrich have announced specials this week; Trout Macon, Seafood Wellington, and Chateaubriand for Two. Diners might also visit Vi's Yellow Bird restaurant in Antioch where they'll be entertained by singing hostess Vi Johantgen, and TV star Casey (Fingers) Siewierski & his Orchestra.
- Top movies of the summer are *Airport '77*, *Rocky*, and *Fun With Dick & Jane*. Gasoline is 58.9 cents per gallon. The Lake Villa hot lunch program has been facing a deficit, necessitating a five cents per lunch increase. Hot lunches will now be .45 cents per day.

- The Village Board has received the following request....” We, the undersigned, do hereby respectfully petition the Village President to change the name of McKinley Ave. to Dalgaard Ave. in memory of Winsor A. Dalgaard. Mr. Dalgaard dedicated his life in service of the residents of this Village by being instrumental in the formation of the Rescue Squad, serving on the Fire Dept. for 26 years, and making unlimited contributions of time and effort toward activities within the community”.



Photos above include Winsor Dalgaard behind the meat counter at his grocery store and the second photo is the front of the store located at Grand and McKinley Avenues (now home of Red Rooster).

From Our Collection

The photos from the last issue of Vintage Views are items found in Deep Lake on the site of the former Knickerbocker Ice Company. These tools were used in the ice harvesting process pictured below.



History on the Table

Bacon-Wrapped Spam Bites

Ingredients:

16 bacon strips

1 can Spam, cut into 32 cubes

1/3 c. yellow mustard

1/4 c. maple syrup

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Partially cook bacon, drain. Wrap a bacon piece around each Spam cube and secure with toothpick. Bake 10 minutes, then brush with mustard and syrup. Bake another 10 minutes.

- The 1970's were all about finger-foods and processed "food-like substances"; Snack-Pack pudding cups, Pop Rocks, Carnation Instant Breakfast, Potato Stix and Tang. Popular dinners of the decade included Hamburger Helper, fish sticks, Watergate salad and Quiche Lorraine.

A Page from the Past

Back to School

It's 'Back to School' time for the kids! Ever wonder what that looked like 100 years ago? In 1923, *Lindenhurst* was a 240-acre estate owned by Ernst E. Lehmann, not a village, and was named for the double row of Linden trees which lined his driveway. The area was quiet, agricultural, and considered part of unincorporated Lake Villa Township. All local children attended Sand Lake School, an attractive one-room schoolhouse located on the north side of Grand Avenue (currently a wooded area approximately 150 ft. east of the entrance to Mallard Ridge subdivision). The schoolhouse was built originally of mud in 1850. It was rebuilt several times, and as this parcel has never been developed, the concrete footings are still present today.

Behind the school were sixty acres of vacant land where the school children found many Indian relics, arrowheads, spears and pottery. There were also 3 Indian burial mounds within the school yard. During recess, children played baseball, *Run Sheep Run*, and *Annie I Over the Roof*, a game where a filled stocking was tied closed and thrown over the school roof, the object being to catch it on the other side. More daring students would lock their classmates in the Lehmann's barn cow stalls. After recess, the teacher would have to let the children out of the stalls.

Sand Lake School served many local residents including the Douglas, Lucas, Reidel, Kidera, Kallal and Weber families until March 14, 1947, when it was annexed into Lake Villa School District 41. By 1952, the schoolhouse was sold to private owners. The original cast iron school bell was donated to Lake Villa Historical Society and is displayed at Peacock Camp.



Photo of Sand Lake one room school house.



Photo of Sand Lake School desk on display at Lake Villa Historical Society museum

Georgia Lee Reidel Ellis, who grew up on the Weber Duck Farm across the road from Sand Lake School. Georgia died April 10, 2020. She wrote an autobiography which the family has shared with the Historical Society. The following is some of her memories of the school:

*The 3 Rs – Reading, Riting and Rithmetic
The One Room Schoolhouse
By Georgia Lee Reidel Ellis*

I spent all my grade school years at Sand Lake Grade School, a one room schoolhouse. My first grade teacher was Geraldine Beister and there were 5 pupils that year. When I started second grade, Lena Ekdahl was the teacher. I was the only second grader and Phyllis Chope was the only student in third grade. After a couple of weeks Mrs. Ekdahl put us together in third grade. She was also our teacher in fourth and fifth grades.



Photo of Students standing in front of remodeled Sand Lake School in October 1940. Front row Marjorie Thompson, Tommy Alfredson, Magdalina ?, Marion Theehs, Laurence (Buddy) Reidel, Albert Lucas, Teacher Suzanna Koehmstedt. 2nd Row: Audre Kallal, Donald Kallal, Georgia Lee Reidel, Donna Pope, Howard Schwicht, Evelyn Schwicht. Back Row: Charlotte Lucas, Jacqueline Kallal, ?, ?

The average size of the student body was 12 to 15 but sometimes a large family would move into the district and we would have 20 or more students. Suzanna Koehmstedt was my sixth and seventh grade teacher and Hazel Hund was my teacher in eighth grade. There were 4 girls in our graduating class. All the one room schools in the area had a combined graduation ceremony at Warren High School.

The school was the social gathering place for the community. There were card parties and people would come from miles around. After the card games there was a box social. The ladies, young and old, would decorate boxes or baskets and fill them with goodies – fried chicken, sandwiches, cakes and cookies. The men and boys would bid on them and would eat with the lady or young girl whose box or basket he had won with the highest bid.

We had a rhythm band which consisted of rhythm sticks, triangles and drums. Once a week we would have a music class. The teacher would play the piano and all the grades would sing together. Once a year Warren High School had a fair and invited all the small schools to enter an exhibit.

At the end of the year, we would have a picnic usually at a park that had a beach. A couple of times we went to Brookfield Zoo. I remember going there when they got their first panda.

Some games we played at recess were Prisoners Base, Pom Pom Pullaway, Red Rover, Mother May I and Annie I Over.

Thank you to Georgia's family for sharing your memories. More of Georgia's memories will be included in future issues of Vintage Views. We encourage others to jot down their stories and share with us. Contact us at lvhs@lake-villa.org or stop by the museum to get more information on ways to help us preserve history.

Millburn Cemetery Walk

Join us on Saturday, October 7th at 1:00 pm, at the Millburn Cemetery, for our 3rd annual Cemetery Walk. Settled by Scottish pioneers in 1835, the Millburn area was first named “Strang’s Corners”, in honor of the most prominent original family. The flowing creek through the region reminded the settlers of their homeland where a small stream is called a “burn”. Since saw and grist *mills* were being established along this *burn*, the name *Millburn* was eventually given to their new settlement. At one point, before the arrival of the railroads, Millburn was a larger town than Antioch. When approached with the possibility of a railroad, the old Scottish settlers stood their ground, saying, “*Belching smoke? We will have none of it!*”. They believed new industries and strangers would bring the disintegration of community and family life. As a result, the Chicago/Milwaukee rail line was built four miles to the east, and the Soo Line rail line was built four miles to the west.

As we walk the historic Millburn Cemetery, we will recognize early pioneers such as Robert Strang, Edward Martin, and the Reverend William Bradford Dodge. We will learn about the Hockaday, Grubb and Waterbury Schools of the area, now long-gone. We will spend some time with William Beck, the victim of a violent murder, and learn why his assailants made Illinois state history. And we will hear from two Millburn ladies who had all the answers, Lois Bonner-Doolittle and Beatrice Anderson. Please watch our Facebook page for further details as the date approaches.



Breakfast with Santa

Breakfast with Santa at Lehmann Mansion will be held December 3rd this year. Details will be posted on the website and facebook this fall. Tickets will be available to purchase online beginning mid-October. Be sure to get yours early as the event generally sells out.

Calendar of Events:

August 15th 7 pm, Barns of Lake County by John Rouse at 223 Lake Avenue

October 7th 1pm, Millburn Cemetery Walk at Millburn Cemetery on Millburn Road

December 3rd Breakfast with Santa at Lehmann Mansion

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? Contact us and we will gladly open at other times!

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