



Lake Villa Historical Society's Vintage Views

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President's Letter

Happy Holidays!! Another year has quickly escaped and with it the LVHS celebrates the 13th anniversary of its founding year and the 4th year of ownership at 223 Lake Avenue. There are two Lake Villa Historical Society/Museum directional signs on Rt. 83 to help visitors find their way.

Preparing for a new year, membership renewal forms for 2016 will be included with this newsletter. Gift memberships are also an idea for friends or family with Lake Villa ties.



Fundraising is underway with plans for our fourth annual Breakfast With Santa at Lehmann Mansion. Tickets are available at the Village Hall, Bill Stanley's American Family Insurance, or at the door. It is a fun day for parents and grandparents as they watch children interact with Santa. There are many photo opportunities in the festively decorated Lehmann Mansion. We are grateful to the Lake Villa Township

Lions Club for their donation of time to make this breakfast possible. They have much more experience making pancakes than the rest of us!! Also returning to assist is Lake Villa Boy Scout Troop 188. We also welcome Girl Scout troop 41560 led by Holly Frederichs, Reva Cheatham, Kim Maatta and Martha Welsch who will be creating crafts with children. Alyce Brownlee is recruiting Lake Villa queens, past and present to be storytellers. New this year is Lake Villa's own Holly Nagel, a very popular balloon artist.

Along with the raffle items available on December 6th, the drawing for the Private Dinner for 20 will also be drawn that day at the close of festivities at 12:00. It's a prize worth easily over \$1,000. Take a chance. LVHS board members will be glad to be your servers on the mutual date chosen by you and Bauer's Party Masters Catering!!

GOOD LUCK and THANKS FOR SUPPORTING YOUR LAKE VILLA HISTORICAL SOCIETY!!

Sue Cribb, President

Welcome New Member(s):

Nancy Yukl, McHenry, IL
Dave and Lisa Fink, Lake Villa, IL

Our Sympathy To:

The family of LVHS member **Earl Beese**, who died on August 8, 2015. Earl designed the front

of 223 Lake Avenue after the three bay garage was donated to LVHS.

LVHS member Julie Hamlin Graf, whose husband **Doug Graf** died September 16, 2015 after a lengthy battle with cancer. Doug was the son-in-law of LVHS members John and Terry Hamlin.

The family of LVHS member **Irene Weber** who died on Saturday, September 26, 2015. Husband Duke, and their son Tom and wife Becky are also LVHS members.

Recent Donations:

Tom and Sharon Barnstable: Campaign button "Elect Millard Schneider Highway Commissioner, April 2, 1985"

Village of Lake Villa: Lake Villa Firefighters Association Lake Villa Days poster, August, 2015

Jay Cribb: Lake Villa Fire Dept. 50th anniversary cap 1933-1983; Tronson photo of Haley Chevrolet construction April 22, 1946; The Echo, Lake Villa Grade School album for the class of 1947; 33 page program from the Lake Villa Community Men's Club Follies, May 12-13, starring WLS Artists' Bureau Entertainers; Lake Villa Lumber and Coal Calenders, 1972 and 1974; sepia picture postcard of Ben Cribb and classmates, (5 boys and 2 girls); postcards of Deep Lake and Henning Johnson's Resort; plat map of Deep Lake area; Photo of Kenneth Hart, former president of Lake Villa Trust and Savings Bank

Edward Kirwan- b/w picture postcard of L.W. Rowling's General Store on Cedar Avenue; Lake Villa Variety Store envelope for photos, 1974; newspaper article with dedication of Lake Villa Township Park, 1976

Leonard Mattson: two b/w photos of Leonard (age 7) and Ann Mattson (age 3) at the train wreck in Lake Villa, 1939

Marvin Walker: b/w glossy photo of John and Marvin Walker standing by Lake Villa Township snowplow 1935-1936; b/w matte photo of Walker Family farm on Grand Avenue; b/w photo of Bill and Alice Walker's family home on Grand Avenue (current home of Vista); b/w photo of Joe Ferrino's gravel pit on Grass Lake Road. Sand used for Sherwood Beach, 1942; b/w photos of Marvin Walker's building on Lake Avenue; ceramic butter churn with wooden paddle

Ainsley Wonderling: b/w photo of Allendale Farm Band with just over 100 people gathered

Lake County Discovery Museum: a blueprint of Lake Villa drawn in the office of the County Supt. Of Highways of Lake County, Court House, Waukegan, IL R.M. Lobdell, Supt.

Calendar of Coming Events:

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

LVHS Board meetings are held on the Mondays preceding membership meetings.

Museum hours: Thursdays, 1:30-4:30pm; 2nd and 4th Sundays, 1:30-4:30pm.

Tues. Nov. 17, 2015 – Jay and Sue Cribb and Donna Rosenberg will share the story of the Angola Cemetery, one of four cemeteries in Lake Villa Township established in the mid-1800s and the only cemetery within the Village of Lake Villa.

Sat. Nov. 28, 2015 – Village of Lake Villa Tree Lighting Parade 5:00pm

Sunday, December 6, 2015 – 8:00am – 12pm

Breakfast With Santa at Lehmann Mansion

Tickets \$8 (Age 3 and under free) Includes Pancake Breakfast, Visit with Santa, craft activities and storytellers for children.



Holly Nagel, Balloon Artist will also be creating festive balloon art for children to enjoy.

Hosted by Lake Villa Township Lions Club and Lake Villa Historical Society; all proceeds from this fundraiser benefit the Lake Villa Historical Society. This fundraiser will also include raffles for Blackhawk tickets with parking pass, decorated miniature Christmas trees, tickets to Disney on Ice Dare to Dream show at BMO Harris Bradley Center in Milwaukee, and a Private Dinner Party for 20 at Lehmann Mansion prepared and donated by Bauer's Party Masters Catering.

Tuesday, December 8 – LVHS Membership Meeting (*note this is one week early*) We will meet at 7:00pm at Lehmann Mansion for a holiday musical program. The Madrigal Choir, one of the two advanced extracurricular choirs at Antioch Community High School will perform Christmas carols. Refreshments will be served.

JANUARY- NO MEETING

History on the table:

Winter is coming and soup's on the table!

The following recipes were gleaned from the Countryside Kitchens Women's Auxiliary of Countryside Hospital Association, Northwest Lake County, Illinois, circa 1965. ,

The Countryside Hospital Association tried for several years to build a hospital at the corner of Grand Avenue and Grub Hill Road (now Fairfield Road and home to Lake Villa Township Caboose Park). The building committee included Robert Corrigan, chairman, Arthur Seekatz, Joseph Brell, William Thompson and Robert Heilgeist. The Fundraising committee was led by Al Smith, B.J. Hooper, Warren Brown, George Lawton, William C. Petty, Mrs. Edith Elms and Mrs. Kay Eichhorn.

Deep Well Soup

From the kitchen of **Mrs. Lillian Franzen**

- 1 lb. ground beef
- ¼ c. brown rice or barley
- 1 onion, diced
- 2 c. tomatoes
- 3 slices bacon, diced
- 4 c. hot water
- 1 c. celery
- 1 pkg. frozen mixed vegetables

Sauté bacon and drain off fat. Brown meat and onion. Add celery, tomatoes and water. Simmer ¾ hour. Add frozen vegetables and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and cook 10 minutes.

Split Green Pea Soup

From the kitchen of Agnes Sinclair

- 1 (2 or 3 lb.) smoked butt
- 3 onions
- 1 lb. split green peas
- salt to taste (about 1 Tbsp.)

After green peas have been washed, put all ingredients into large kettle – cover and bring to boil. Turn down heat and simmer about 3 hours. If thick soup is desired, simmer a little longer. If thinner soup is desired, add water.

PAGE FROM THE PAST

The following newspaper articles and photos were gleaned from the scrapbooks donated by the family of Ron Coles, former Lake Villa Township Supervisor (1964 – 1976).

THE WAUKEGAN NEWS-SUN **Tuesday, November 30, 1965**

Lake Villa Opens Township Office

Lake Villa Township has a new office, equipped by the community's bank which is charging the township a nominal rent.

Supervisor Ronald R. Coles, who fought for a township office in his election campaign, said one main purpose of the office is “to show the residents they have a working township government.”

The township office, which is downstairs in the bank building, will be open from 9am to 3pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and from 9am to noon Wednesday—the same hours the bank is open.

Coles said, that by next spring, he hopes to have it open all day Monday through Friday, “but to do that, people of the township will have to go along with a slight raise in the budget at the next annual township meeting.”

The supervisor said the reason for the township office is that he and his fellow township officers want to be available to the people.

“All I ask is that they use the office and give the township's officials the opportunity to be of service to them and for them.” Coles said.

Coles said the monthly township meeting – 8pm the second Tuesday—will be held in the bank's community meeting room. It is open to the public.

The supervisor said that, if one of the constituents wants to talk to him after office hours, he can call Coles at home.

Lakeland Publications

Thursday, November 18, 1965



TOWNSHIP OFFICE –Mrs. John Thompson, Lindenhurst, looks up from her work in the new office of Lake Villa Township Supervisor Ronald Coles. The new office, recently established in the basement of the Lake Villa Trust and Savings Bank on Grand Ave., Lake Villa, is furnished with two desks and filing cabinets. Mrs. Thompson works as office clerk on a part time basis. The office is open daily from 9am to 3pm.

Dorothy Thompson later became LVT Supervisor

LAKE VILLA RECORD
June 19, 1969
Town Offices At New Spot

Lake Villa Township offices were moved Wednesday, June 11, to the old Lake Villa Trust and Savings Bank, 146 Cedar Ave., Lake Villa.

Supervisor Ron Coles said the move will provide five times as much space. The township will continue to lease from the bank where town offices were situated rent free in the new bank home on Grand Ave., for the past three and a half years.

Limited remodeling will be completed at present with more extensive changes made when funds are available, the supervisor stated.

“The building really is suited for our needs,” said Coles. There’s a vault and counter space, besides room for expansion. Electors provided a rent appropriation at the annual town meeting in April. The township will pay \$125 per month under a rental-purchase agreement with the bank.

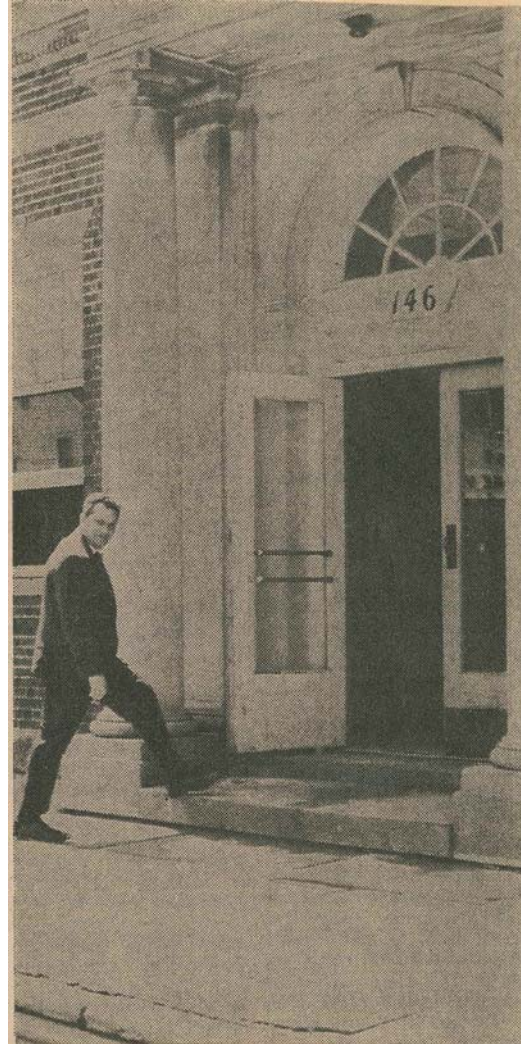
Office hours will be 9am to 4pm daily except Wednesday when the office will close at noon.

Coles said it is anticipated **Assessor Joseph Pleviak** will establish quarters in the bank building in September.

Coles said he wanted to thank the bank for its cooperation in providing office facilities to the township at no cost. “It was a wonderful arrangement and we’re grateful for it. The bank needed more space and so did the township. . .”

Since the new bank building was built, the old bank facilities have been used from time to time for grade school classes.

NEW OFFICE –Supervisor Ron Coles of Lake Villa Township strides into new township offices in old bank building located on Cedar Avenue. Switch from former quarters in Lake Villa Trust and Savings Bank gives Lake Villa Township first permanent offices in history.



SAFE STORAGE—One of important features of new Lake Villa Township office is vault in which all township records can be stored safely. Town offices, newly relocated to old bank

building on Cedar Avenue have plenty of room to expand. **Assessor Joseph Pleviak** will share quarters with Supervisor Ronald Coles, **Mrs. Elaine Teltz** and DeAnne Niedermayer.

Thank you:

To all members who have returned their donations toward raffle tickets for a private 5-course dinner for 20 at the Lehmann Mansion prepared and donated by Bauer's Party Masters Catering. (The dinner will be served on mutually agreed upon Friday or Sunday in Jan-Feb-2016) Additional tickets are available at the Village Hall, 65 Cedar Avenue; Stanley's American Family Insurance at 111 Cedar Avenue or Venturi's Law Office at 146 Cedar Avenue during business hours. The raffle drawing will be December 6, 2015 at Breakfast with Santa. Winner need not be present to win. All proceeds benefit the Lake Villa Historical Society.



Photos from the 2014 Dinner won by Bob and Ainsley Wonderling

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