Historical Landmarks of Lake Villa

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Allendale Farm

- **Founder is Edward L Bradley (1861-1935)**
  - Came to Chicago from Philadelphia in 1891.
  - Noticed many destitute boys in Chicago and wanted to help them.
  - Brought the boys to Lake Villa, IL in 1892.
  - Bradley leased 40 acres in 1895 on Cedar Lake with Cicero Allen a farmer in Lake Villa.
Allendale Farm

- Farmer Cicero Allen sold the land to Edward Bradley in 1897.
- Mr. and Mrs. Bradley lived on campus for 30 years.
Allendale Farm Growth

- 1901 - 5 Cottages
- 1925 - A school, gym, and library
- 1934 - Print and Chapel
- 1952 - Name was changed from Allendale Farm to Allendale School
Allendale School

- Website: https://allendale4kids.org/who-we-are/about-us/
Angola Cemetery

- Only cemetery within the village of Lake Villa.
- 1.5 Acres
- Located on Rt 83
Angola School

- 1845- One room framed building across from the Angola Cemetery.
- 1898- School struck lightning
- 1909- Second school burned down
Central School

- January 1910- Renamed Central School.
- 2-story brick building containing a library and 2 classrooms.
- 1951- A second addition was added
- 1954- Became the Lake Villa Community Consolidated School District #41.
First Methodist Episcopal Church of the Town of Avon at Monaville

- 1873- Meeting held to organize the Church
- It was located on “Antioch Road” which is now Rt. 83
- Church was completed in 1876.
- It was named Centennial Church
- In the mid 1880s, due to the growth in town population there was a high demand for a church in town
First Methodist Episcopal Church of the Town of Avon at Monaville

- They tore down the old church and saved the materials to use for the new location
- They loaded lumber on wagons to move to the new location
- Property purchased for $250 from E.J. Lehmann
- Renamed to Church on the Hill
“Church on the Hill”

• Today the church still stands.

• It has been a private residence since 1979.

• The new Methodist Church was built on Sherwood Ave in 1957.
Ernst Johann Lehmann

- 1880s- Owner of the Fair Store in Chicago
- Also, purchased and expanded the Stewart Hotel in Lake Villa into a resort complex with 150 rooms which accommodated 400 guests.
- Before Lake Villa became a town, there was a lot of activity on the horizon due to the train connections.
Lake Villa Hotel
Wisconsin Central Railroad

• 1886- The first passenger train ran from Lake City to Chicago
The Lake Villa “Triangle” 1900
Cedar Avenue, 1910
E.J. Lehmann’s Summer Home

• 1888- He had a stucco Italianate mansion built as his summer home with a view of Deep Lake.

• It is located on Cedar Ave and Rt. 83.
Peacock Camp for Crippled Children

- Lehmann’s daughter Augusta maintained her parents summer home until her death in 1942.
- Another daughter Emelie used the home as Peacock Camp for Crippled Children
Central Baptist Children’s Home
• In 1948, Central Baptist Children’s Home purchased the Peacock Camp for Crippled Children and 33 acres.
• It was sold with the express interest it be used for children.
Central Baptist Children’s Home

- Today, the summer home is the Grace Hastings Richardson House.
- It is now One Hope United formally known as Kids Hope United.
Lehmann Homes

• Summer home of Edward John Lehmann built in 1912 by the Hamlin Brothers of Lake Villa

• Lehmann Mansion purchased by the Village of Lake Villa in 2001.

• His wife Florence loved flowers.
Lehmann Homes

• Otto Lehmann’s home and horse barn on Fox Lake.
• Otto owned 600 acres on Columbia Bay. He called it Chesney Farms
• Ernst, 4\textsuperscript{TH} son of E.J. Lehmann, built a 240 acre Dairy farm called Lindenhurst.
Lehmann Homes

- Otto died in 1953.
- The barn and surrounding property were donated to the Archdiocese of Chicago.
- The farm was divided and became Chesney Shores and Fox Lake Hills.
- The Church of the Holy Family occupied the converted stable.
- Currently, the Sagrada Family Holy Family Episcopal Church are using it.
Now Gone but Not Forgotten

• In 1882, the Sherwood Family built a farmhouse on Grand Ave near Cedar Lake Rd.
• In 1890, house doubled in size and renamed the Grand Hotel in Lake Villa.
• In 1925, the building and 20 acres were sold for a social club.
• The property was operated as a summer resort for its members who lived in the city.
• Today, it is known as the Danube-Swabian Cultural Center of the American Aid Society of German Descendants.
Cedar Lake Park

- Founded in 1948 by C. Donald and Dorothy Sherwood.
Some Resort Photos

• Henning Johnson’s Deep Lake Resort

• Hastings YMCA Camp, Lake Villa, IL
Some Resort Photos

- Danube-Swabian Cultural Center
LAKE VILLA
ILLINOIS
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