



# Lake Villa Historical Society's Vintage Views

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## President's Letter

Happy Fall!

We were happy to return to some public events this summer. In June we were able to open the museum to visitors on Thursday afternoons. The hours are 1:30-4:30 p.m. on Thursdays, or by appointment. Stop in and visit!

In August we offered our first program since the pandemic started. We had a large group that met in Lehmann Park and rode a bus to Angola Cemetery. We learned a lot of interesting information about the Lake Villa area through stories of many "residents" of the cemetery. Our volunteers did a wonderful job helping tell the stories of



some notable people that are at rest in Angola. Thanks to all our volunteers for their performances. Thanks to Lake Villa Township for providing the bus and thank you to Kim McCollum for her endless research that made the program so successful.

In September, we participated in Lake Villa's Fall Festival on Cedar Avenue. There was a great turn out for the event. Our booth sold apple pie in a cup and provided some fun games for the kids. Thanks to our Board members, members and the Lions Club members who volunteered. It was a great day.

In August, we welcomed a new Board member, Greg Kos. Thank you to Peggy Bogenschutz for her service to the Board. We are so grateful that she is continuing to work in the museum as well as working on Vintage Views. Peggy has spearheaded the purchase and setup of our new CatalogIt collection management system. The system will make it so much easier to research items in our collection.

The Board has decided to offer programs every other month. There will be no meeting in November, December, and January. The next membership meeting and program will be in February. See details later in this newsletter. Because of the pandemic we have had to alter our Breakfast with Santa plans. We will instead be offering outdoor visits with Santa on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. See details in this newsletter. Wishing everyone a healthy and happy holiday season!

Lori Heitman, President

## Gift Memberships: A Perfect Holiday Gift

A gift membership to the Lake Villa Historical Society would be an easy and safe way to shop for friends and family who have an interest in Lake Villa while enjoying a tax deduction for yourself!! Included in your 2022 LVHS Membership Renewal form will be a 2022 Gift Membership form for your gift giving. Watch for it in your mail in early December. Thank you for your interest in Lake Villa history and for your support in helping to keep our history alive!

Our Sympathy to

Bill and Julie Stanley and extended family on the passing of Bill's mother, Jean Stanley on September 14, 2021. Jean married Bill Stanley's father who was a widower with four children. Jean was her husband Bill Stanley, Sr.'s secretary and "social director" for his American Family Insurance Sales District in Antioch, IL. A terrific baker and party planner, she and her husband spent nearly 30 years enjoying life between winters in Ft. Myers, FL and summers in Antioch, IL.

Welcome New Board Member: Greg Kos

Gregory Kos, newest LVHS Board member, was elected to serve in August. Greg was born and educated in Chicago, IL. He then went to SE Asia; Viet Nam and Thailand in 1971/1972 serving in the U.S. Army.



Greg came to Lake Villa in 1976 with wife Margie. Together they have three children: Joel and Joshua who reside in Lake Villa and Jessica who lives in Seattle, WA. Greg retired from the US Postal Service in 2002 and from the Bass Pro Shop of Gurnee in 2016. Greg served on the Lake Villa Baseball board for approximately 12 years and coached both sons from Pinto to Pony and had two Colt teams in Grayslake. Greg was VP of Muskies, Inc. South of the Border Chapter for 10 years and has had his United States Coast Guard Captain's License Master Grade for 12 years. In addition, he was also a Touring Pro with the Professional Muskie Tournament from 2000 - 2015. Greg is currently a Ghost Research Society Investigator, Oaklawn, IL; Shadow Hunters Paranormal Investigations, Events Investigator and Host of the Shadow Hour Weekly Show on the Paranormal! on Shadow Hunters FB page and YouTube. Greg is very busy! Welcome Aboard!

Visit With Santa

The Lake Villa Historical Society announces that after much consideration, the Historical Society Board has voted to cancel our Breakfast with Santa for 2021.

For 2021, we are offering a socially distanced **Visit with Santa** on the front porch of the historic Lehmann Mansion on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Visit with Santa** will include:

- games for the kids to play while waiting for their visit with Santa.
- Take and Make craft for each family (prepared by the Lake Villa District Library staff)
- A chance to win a raffle prize, valued at \$125. (Additional raffle tickets will be available for purchase)
- Ticket price is \$20/family (up to 6 people).
- Masks will be optional in this outdoor setting.

For tickets follow the link on the Lake Villa Historical Society page on Facebook or go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/visit-with-santa-2021-tickets-1822762576787>

Breakfast with Santa was our major fundraising event and without it, like many other not-for-profits, our coffers are suffering. We appreciate all the families who have participated in Breakfast with Santa over the last 8 years, and we hope you will enjoy this socially distanced alternative. Hopefully the full breakfast event will be back next year.

### Donations

Thank you to Margo Nadr Leden for photographs and items from her family. Yes, NADR was her family's name. Her Dad, Carl, told her that NADR was the original spelling, but most relatives changed it and added the letter "e". "My Dad, always the rebel, did not change his name. His family came to America from Bohemia in 1872." (Bohemia was part of Czechoslovakia from 1918 -1939 and from 1945 - 1992. Bohemia formed much of the Czech Republic, comprising the central and western portions of the country). Margo's parents, Carl and Mildred Nadr, owned The Koffee Kup at 111 Cedar Avenue (current location of Bill Stanley's American Family business). They served homemade pies made by Mildred Nadr, along with ice cream and other treats. The sign in the window read "FOUNTAIN SERVICE GRILL". Carl Nadr also owned the Lake Villa Electric Shop circa 1940-1950s and was active in the Shriners.



Top left: Mildred and Margo Nadr outside the Koffee Kup

Bottom left: Carl Nadr in Shiner uniform

Right: Sundae dish from Koffee Kup, Carl's Fez



The Village of Lake Villa recently acquired the Schneider Trucking building on Sherwood Avenue in Lake Villa. The sign from the building was salvaged and donated prior to pending demolition.

### Amazon Smile: New Ongoing Fundraiser

**Amazon Smile** is another 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. Here are the steps:

From your computer:

1. Log into smile.amazon.com
2. Log into your account
3. In the menu (the 3 horizontal lines) scroll down to Your AmazonSmile
4. Choose your charity - type in Lake Villa Historical Society

From your mobile app:

1. Choose - menu
2. Choose - Gifting & Charity
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! Thanks for supporting us in our ongoing endeavors to enrich and maintain Lake Villa history.

### Lehmann Mansion Historic Timeline



Most residents of Lake Villa are familiar with the property on Rt. 83 known as the Lehmann Mansion. But it wasn't always owned by the Lehmann family. Have you ever wondered who owned this beautiful piece of Lake Villa before Edward J. Lehmann built his "summer cottage" in 1912?

**Prehistoric Age:** The land was occupied by Native American tribes, namely the Potawatomi.

**1836:** Treaty of Potawatomi forced Native Americans to relinquish all rights to occupied land East of the Mississippi. The federal government took ownership and sold off land in 80-acre plots.

**1844:** Eli Ruggles purchased this 80-acre plot for \$100. He did not reside there.

**1847:** Ruggles sold the property to Abraham Palmer for \$111.

**1847:** Palmer sold the property to Warren F. Hall for \$450. Hall was the first owner to build a residence on the land. He was a wealthy 27-year-old farmer from Vermont. He had a wife, Harriet, and sons Edwin and Stephen.

**1860:** The Warren Hall family prospered. Alexander Stewart and family moved in with them. It must have been a large house because Hall took a second wife, Lucretia, and had two more sons. Stewart had a wife and 10 children. The Stewart family, from Scotland, eventually moved out and settled on nearby land on the shore of Cedar Lake. They built the Stewart

Hotel and were one of the wealthiest landowners in Lake County. The Hotel was eventually bought by Ernst J. Lehmann and renamed the Lake City Hotel.

**1886:** Hall sold the property to Charles Darby.

**1912:** The property remained in the Darby family until it was sold to Edward J. Lehmann for \$10,585. Lehmann built Longwood Farm which, including the 8,000 square foot, 10-bedroom mansion, stables, greenhouse, hunting lodge, ballroom, racetrack, caretakers' homes and outbuildings, was on a total of 1100 acres.

**1964:** Florence Lehmann, second wife of Edward Lehmann died. Son Robert auctioned off contents of the estate and sold the property to Harold Anderson and Paul Brandel. Brandel deeded the property to Lasalle National Bank.

**1991:** Clarion Development partnered with Lasalle Bank and sold pieces of the Estate which became Sun Lake Forest Preserve and Painted Lakes Subdivision. The mansion and 85 acres sold to an investment group.

**2001:** The remaining 85 acres was split and sold to Nielsen Enterprises and the Village of Lake Villa, with the Village of Lake Villa purchasing the parcel that included the mansion. The Village embarked on a years-long renovation to restore the mansion and grounds to their former glory.



**Currently** the Lehmann Mansion is used for many events that benefit the community. Last summer it was used for concerts in the popular Music in the Parks series. It is the home of the beautiful and delicious Eddie B's Supper club.

It can also be rented for private events. The mansion makes a gorgeous wedding venue. Other uses include fundraisers, cooking classes, car shows, and meetings.

### Page From the Past: Postal Service

The United States Postal Service recently announced new service standards for First-Class mail and packages, lengthening delivery times by 2-3 days, AND raising prices! This was designed to “overhaul the agency and tackle its massive debt”. Also in recent years, numerous complaints by postal workers have been filed detailing being overloaded with work, being forced to work beyond 12 hours daily and into the dark and arguably dangerous hours of the night. Postal workers allege being denied necessities like bathroom or water breaks, some resulting in heat-related injuries. According to [www.careerexplorer.com](http://www.careerexplorer.com), postal employees rank in the bottom 3% for job satisfaction.



One person who certainly wouldn't complain today is veteran letter carrier, Alexis Clermont. Consider this description, (reprinted from a 1960's era article in the Lake Villa Record)

*“Alexis Clermont was the first postman around these parts, and he thought his job was a snap. All he had to do was walk from Shantytown to Juneau Settlement to Fort Dearborn and then back to Shantytown. This took him a month for a round trip, if the weather was good.*

*Shantytown, long after Alexis laid down his mail pouch, became Green Bay, WI. Juneau Settlement in time took on the name of Milwaukee, WI. Fort Dearborn became Chicago, IL.*

*The pay usually ran \$60 to \$65 for a round trip, except in the fall when it was boosted to \$70.*

*In Lake County, Alexis usually walked along a route that now is Green Bay Rd. It was a heavily rutted road cut by the supply wagons and soldiers who went back and forth from Chicago to Green Bay.*

*Alexis made his last trip, and this was just for kicks, in 1893, ten years after he retired in 1883. He was 85 years of age at that time, having been born in 1808 on Mackinac Island, MI. He made this last trip because the Columbian Exposition was going on in Chicago, and although he was unschooled, he was smart enough to know that people along the route would turn out to meet him and make donations for pictures with him”.*

### Meeting Moments

The summer was busy again after a long pandemic shutdown. In addition to re-opening the museum, events included:



Angola Cemetery Walk and watermelon social



History of West Miltmore presentation by Rob Frank



Apple pie in a cup and games at Fall Festival



Shadow Hunters of Lake Villa meeting about paranormal investigations and events

**History on the Table**

Margo Nadr Leden shared her Mom's APPLE PIE recipe that was served at the Koffee Kup. The cookbook was titled "*The Herald Tribune Home Institute Cook Book*", circa 1952

**APPLE PIE**

1 recipe plain pastry

6-8 tart apples

¼ t. salt

½ t. cinnamon or nutmeg

½ t. grated lemon rind

1 T. lemon juice

¾ c. firmly packed brown sugar

2 T. butter

Line 9-inch pie pan with pastry and fill with apples, pared and sliced thinly. Sprinkle with mixture of sugar, salt, spice and lemon rind, then lemon juice and dot with butter. Moisten edge of crust, cover with top crust and press edges together. Brush crust with milk or cream. Bake in hot oven (450 F) 10 minutes, then reduce heat to moderate (350F) and bake 50 minutes.

Yield: one two-crust pie.

**Variations**

**Apple Fruit Pie**—Use 4 apples diced, add 1 cup each cranberries and raisins and ¼ c. water; cook until apples are tender. Add remaining ingredients and ¼ c. sugar if not sweet enough

**Crab Apple Pie** – Substitute 3 c. sliced, unpeeled crab apples for apples and omit cinnamon, lemon rind and lemon juice. Add 1/3 c. raisins to sugar and sprinkle 1 t. vanilla over top.

**Mark Your Calendar****Plan ahead...**

Join us on February 15<sup>th</sup>, location to be determined, for a special program presented by Carl Powell on the history of Camp Hastings YMCA. Carl will share stories and details about growing up in this idyllic setting, where his parents were caretakers of the property.

**Look back...**

In 1923, the Chicago Central Young Men's Christian Association purchased the Joseph Sexton farm of 264 acres, which included Hastings Lake. Camp Hastings opened in 1923, and Camp Cutten in 1927, each able to accommodate 110 boys. The public entrance to the camp was from the Grand Avenue "concrete road". Camp Hastings later opened to girls as well, and offered horseback riding, water sports, archery and other outdoor activities.

**Look further back...**

Do you know where the name "Hastings Lake" originates? It was named for the Hastings brothers, Gardner Hastings (1806-1893) and Charles Hastings (1811-1891). In 1843 they arrived in Antioch Township from Massachusetts and settled along today's Grass Lake Road. They owned such a great portion of the land around the lake that it became known as Hastings Lake.

**And even further back...**

The Hastings brother's great-grandfather, Thomas Hastings (1721-1787), fought in the American Revolutionary War. Through their mother's family, the Hastings brothers were direct descendants of Governor William Bradford of the Mayflower Pilgrims.



**Fifty Years Ago**

The following are photographs, news articles and ads from the last quarter of 1971 as found in the Lake Villa Record.



**CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK**—Jay Schuette of Mrs. Trudy Moore's third grade class at Lake Villa Central School explored Lake Villa Township Library last week during Children's Book Week.

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As preparations for Thanksgiving get underway, these prices from 1971 are looking good.

**SUPER RIGHT**

**CHUCK ROAST**  
1st BLADE CUT **59¢ LB.**  
CENTER CUT LB. 69

**SELF BASTING TURKEYS** USDA GRADE "A" **49¢ LB.**  
10 TO 22-LB. SIZES

<b>BONELESS BEEF ROAST</b> CUT FROM CHUCK <b>98¢ LB.</b>	<b>FRESH GROUND BEEF</b> 3-LB. PKG OR MORE <b>69¢ LB.</b>
Pork Chops CENTER RIB 1-LB. 78¢	Pork Sausage Rolls MILD OR HOT 1-LB. PKG 40¢
Sliced Bacon ALLGOOD BRAND 3-LB. PKG. \$1.15	Pure Pork Sausage SUPER RIGHT 1-LB. 60¢
Chuck Steak BLADE CUT 1-LB. 60¢	All Beef Franks SUPER RIGHT 5-LB. 70¢
Cube Steak CUT FROM CHUCK 1-LB. \$1.10	Sliced Bologna SUPER RIGHT 1-LB. PKG. 70¢
<b>A&amp;P NUTS IN THE SHELL</b> MIXED NUTS PECANS ENGLISH WALNUTS 1-LB. PKG. <b>69¢</b>	<b>A&amp;P FANCY GIFT PACK</b> SALTED CASHEWS MIXED NUTS 1-LB. PKG. <b>1.89</b>

Canned Pumpkin A&P BRAND 8-1/2 OZ. CAN 73¢  
Pumpkin Pie Mix LIBBY'S BRAND 8-1/2 OZ. CAN 39¢  
Libby's Peaches HALVED 8-1/2 OZ. CAN 3/100  
Libby's Tomato Juice 8-1/2 OZ. CAN 3/100  
Canned Pears CRATER LAKE 8-1/2 OZ. CAN 39¢

**HINT NO. 94** Large sizes save money, but... Be careful. If the can or package is too big for your family, it may go bad and have to be thrown out.

Dole Pineapple IN HEAVY SYRUP 8-1/2 OZ. CAN 43¢  
Fruit Cocktail SULTANA BRAND 8-1/2 OZ. CAN 45¢  
Dole Pineapple Juice 8-1/2 OZ. CAN 38¢  
Bruce's Cut Yams 8-1/2 OZ. CAN 28¢  
Maraschino Cherries 8-1/2 OZ. CAN 3/100

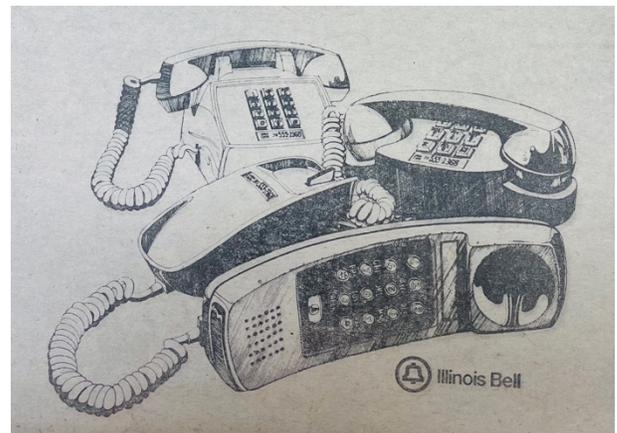
**Now Lake Villa is a push-button town.**

This ad read, in part:

“On November 1, push-button phones arrived in Lake Villa.

So now, instead of dialing, you can get yourself a push-button phone and tap out your calls. It's the easiest and quickest way to call.

There are five streamlined Touch-Tone phones to choose from, including the handsome Trimline phone.”



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**1972**

**Wishing you Santa's Best**

**DOG N SUDS DRIVE-IN**  
356-7911  
2130 E. Grand Lindenhurst

**1972**

**Best Wishes**

Darn tootin' - it's 1972!  
Let's all have a Happy New Year.

**GLORIA HOPKINS**  
Real Estate  
10A W. Grand Ave.  
Lake Villa, Ill.  
356-3313  
"Try Us - You'll Like Us"

**From Our Collection**

With Thanksgiving approaching, who remembers using items such as these to prepare and serve your feast? Did you polish silver and bring out the good dishes? Do you still?



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