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VILLAGE OF
SILVER LAKE

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Line of swans



Since its beginning Silver Lake has been a resort recreation spot, a thriving and growing community, home to inventors, a great place to live and much more. Many volunteers worked to create the 75th Anniversary Celebration. Both life-long residents and relative newcomers have, as in the tradition in Silver Lake, joined in the effort.

This history book is a reflection of the cooperative spirit that has been Silver Lake since 1926.

Jeff Albrecht, Village President, 2001

This book is dedicated to the people of Silver Lake who through the years strived to make Silver Lake the village that it is today and what it will be in years to come. Our village history is made up of fond memories and people of yesterday.

As our village population grows we hope the new members of our village will keep those names and memories alive and add their names to the list of the people in the History of Silver Lake. May the growth and prosperity of our village continue to serve all for the future years to come.

The Silver Lake History Committee

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We feel the 75th Year History has been a success due to their initial efforts in gathering earlier information assembled in 1976.

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Early History of Silver Lake

Silver Lake probably received its name from the Indians because they consider the lake a shimmering pool of water. The Algonkian family of the Potowatomi tribe lived in the area. The Algonkian used the Fox River as their means of travel and the area between the river and the lake as their campgrounds. As white settlers drove other Indian tribes westward, they too settled in this area. Many Indian mounds were found in this area.

As a result of the Black Hawk Indian War of 1832 most of the Indians were placed on reservations in Iowa to free the land for settlement by the whites.

The French first claimed the area because they discovered it and because of several settlements in the state, mainly along Lake Michigan. So, from 1634 to 1763 the area was under the jurisdiction of the French. As a result of the French and Indian War all French lands east of the Mississippi River and south of the Great Lakes were given to the British. The English controlled the area from 1763 to 1783. In 1774, the British passed the Quebec Act, which became one of the reasons for fighting the Revolutionary War, and the area became part of the province of Quebec.



After the peace settlement of the Revolutionary War this area became part of the vast area known as the Northwest Territory from 1783 to 1800. It became part of the Indiana Territory in 1800, part of the Illinois Territory in 1809, part of the Michigan Territory in 1818, and finally it became part of the Wisconsin Territory in 1836.



The first territorial capital was at Belmont in the southwest corner of the state. It was then moved to Burlington, Iowa because the Wisconsin Territory included part of Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota. In 1838, the capital was established in Madison. Wisconsin officially became a state on May 29, 1848 with the same boundaries as today.

In Hannibal, New York, December 1934, John Bullen and some friends discussed immigration to the newly opened western lands. They heard stories of the rich

Scene on the Fox

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farmlands and land that they could purchase cheaply from the government. As a result of this meeting the Western Immigration Company was formed and stock was sold to claim settlements in Wisconsin.

The first group of the company arrived in Kenosha in 1835. Part of the group was John Bullen Jr. and Alfred Bullen, sons of John Bullen. John Jr. and Alfred explored the areas west of Kenosha and filed a claim on all of the land between the lake and river. They went to the Federal Land Office in Milwaukee and purchased the land from the government for fifty cents an acre.

In 1836, they built a bridge across the Fox River near where the present bridge stands. They built a wayside inn near the spot where the Packer Inn is today. The bridge gave the farmers a chance to cross the river and take their farm products to Kenosha for shipment to the east by boat.

The white population in Wisconsin in 1840 was 30,945 and by 1850 that had grown to 305,391. More settlers were arriving and people were looking for land to purchase.

In 1853, construction started on the Kenosha and Beloit Railroad at the Fox River, just north of Silver Lake, toward Kenosha. By the end of 1856, the tracks had reached Kenosha to the east and to Genoa City to the west. As a result of consolidation, the railroad became known as the Kenosha and Rockford road. A railroad station was built in the town of Fox River just north of Silver Lake. On July 4, 1860 an excursion train ran from Kenosha to Genoa City and returned and a description of that ride stated:

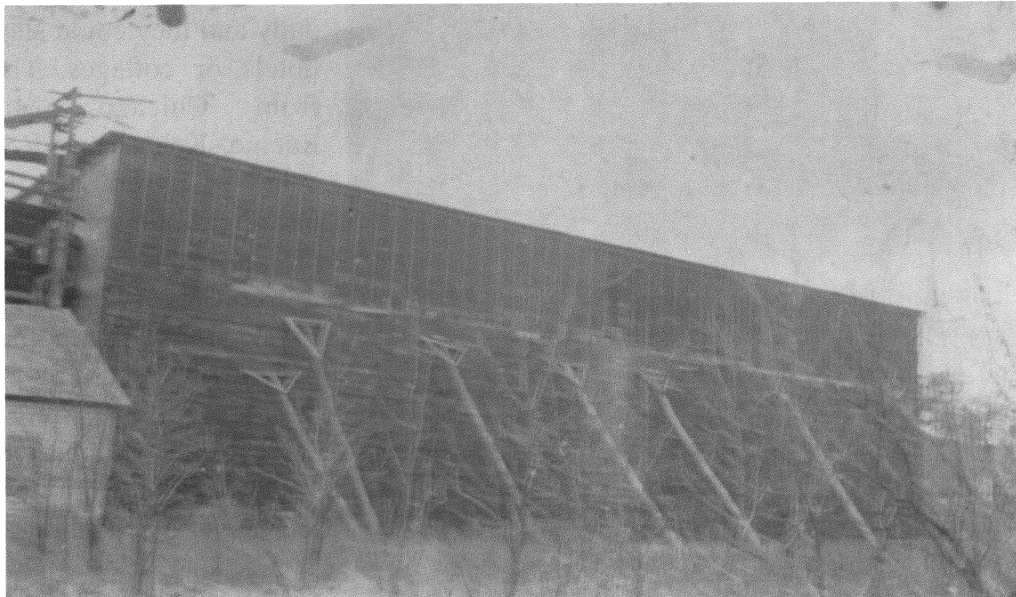
“ The train was made up of flat cars with seats of plank arranged along the side, shade being afforded by oak and poplar saplings from the woods nailed to the edge of each car. The ladies on the excursion went dressed in their prettiest clothing, many wore white dresses. In the open cars, with the wood burning engines belching smoke and cinders, those dresses were in deplorable condition on their return.” In 1864, the Chicago and Northwestern Railway Company purchased the Kenosha and Rockford Road.”



Soo Line Depot

Frederick Schenning came to the Silver Lake area in July 1866, liked what he saw, and purchased several hundred acres from John Bullen Jr. for \$5 an acre. In October 1866, Frederick Schenning, his wife Charlotte, and two sons, Frederick Jr. and William arrived in Silver Lake. There was the railroad depot, with Alex Bailey as station agent, and two farmhouses. The Schennings moved into one farmhouse and started clearing land for farming. They made a deal to sell the wood to the railroad as fuel while they cleared the land. They named their farm the Silver Lake Farm.

In 1871, the Wisconsin Central Railroad was started in Fond Du Lac with the idea that most railroads in Wisconsin ran east and west and none served the center part of the state north and south. Frederick Schenning saw this railroad as a great asset for this area and donated the right of way and land for the depot in 1879, but the tracks were not completed to Chicago until 1885. Trains started running in 1886.



House in Silver Lake

If one year were to be picked as the year that Silver Lake really started, it would have to be 1886. The first passenger train from Chicago arrived. Frederick Schenning Jr. purchased the land east of the railroad tracks and built a hotel, livery stable, bowling alley, and ice cream stand. William Schenning purchased the land west of the railroad track. The first survey of the village was made near where the Jays Potato Chip building is now located. The first lots were sold, and the tourists began to arrive in town. The B. Dunning and Joe Dixon Store was built. The Wilbur Lumber Yard was built and managed by A. Mathew, and F. Foster who also built and opened a furniture store. John Ludwig opened a blacksmith shop, and Chester Hockney opened a garage. Matilda Gallagher, Mr. Cafferty, George Selby, F. Zuttermister, Herman Zuhde, Richard Koating, Robert Dixon, A. Mathews all built homes.

In 1887, David Prosser, Edwin Wilcox, Otto Zertz, Herman Karrow, John Ludwig, Max Daniels and Fraser Foster all built homes. Frederick Schenning Jr. donated land for a Methodist Church. In 1895, William Schenning donated the land to build a Baptist Church. Roy Bufton opened a hardware store. Hannaman and Flucker opened a butcher shop, and Joseph Dalton and John Kerwin started a general merchandise store in 1894.

The Dalton Store became the community center for many local residents. "The upper story of the building was a dance hall with a beautiful hard maple floor. There were benches built around the walls and over 300 folding chairs were available for people to sit. All types of public doings were held there like dances, roller skating, card parties, church oyster suppers, vaudeville shows, school plays, wedding parties, farmer's meetings, political rallies, and silent movies. When Dr. Bernard Becker arrived in Silver Lake in 1898, he had his office in the Dalton Store until he built his home and office. The post office was located in the Dalton Store for many years.



Dalton Post Office

The economic climate of Silver Lake was now established. In the warm weather the tourists were the main forces. The tourists could arrive on thirteen trains daily and they could stay in three hotels or cottages. They came from Chicago, Milwaukee, Racine, Kenosha and St. Louis. While in Silver Lake they could participate in physical culture classes, livery and riding academy, bowling, swimming, boating, fishing, hunting, football, baseball, all at a cost of \$2 per day. In addition, they were served "Cogswell's Celebrated Spring Water" direct from the springs located near Schenning's Hotel.



Ice Gang at Bachara

In the winter the community depended on the ice business. There were nine icehouses around the lake including Zuttermister's, Union, Bushing, Lewis, Consumer Jefferson, Boyle's, and Schenning's. Many arguments were held on which company was entitled to which part of the lake. The ice cutters and workers lived in the various hotels and rooming houses in town. The ice was cut and stored in the icehouse and shipped by the railroad to many cities throughout the year. About 30 people were hired permanently while 300 were hired for the busy cutting season.

The growth of weeds in the lake began to cause problems with the ice business and Chester Hockney invented his underwater weed cutter to control the growth of weeds. His machines were sold all over the United States to parks and communities. Today they are used as an alternative to weed poisons. Mr. Hockney and George Engle eventually moved their garage to the Schenning livery stable and Engle invented one and two wheeled tractors, a webbed watershoe for walking on water, and a leveling instrument for determining a grade crossing.

With the arrival of electricity and telephone service other industries began to arrive. A Mr. Ligenfelter opened an ice cream plant in 1904 and later it was operated by Milton Bluim and then later by Charles Barber.

In 1913, Mr. Graf from Kentucky arrived in Silver Lake with an idea for a stove foundry. He arranged for local people like Ray Loth, William Schlect, Claire Dixon, and "Taps" Born to invest in the plant. It was built on the present site of the Riverview School. The plant was needed because ice cream business was slowly dying due to the invention of artificial ice plants. The foundry suffered a fire that destroyed half of the plant in 1918 and mysteriously the rest of the plant burned down in 1920.

With the invention of the automobile, the improvement of roads became a prime importance. In 1912 an automobile club was formed in Kenosha County and funds were collected to improve roads and post signs. Over \$6,600 was collected to improve Geneva Road (50) from Kenosha to Lake Geneva and over \$5,000 was collected to improve Burlington Road (83). Advertisements from the Silver Lake Health and Rest Resort stated that "Chicago Auto Parties are advised to take the road through Evanston to Kenosha, then over the Rock Bed Road to Silver Lake."

The original survey of the village made in April 1886 showed the platt of the village as being from the lake to the Fox River and Depot Street to North Water Street. In September 1886, the Schenning addition was recorded and in 1910 the Schenning lakeside subdivision was recorded. The north village line was the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad tracks. Where the two railroads crossed at the north west corner of the village was called Peck's Crossing and had a large freight dock for the pick up of milk. The original Schenning farm consisted of 290 acres and the area of the unincorporated village was now almost 500 acres.

With the end of the ice business and tourist business falling off after the First World War, Silver Lake began to become a retirement settlement and typical rural community of the kind common in America in the early 1920's.

In 1919, Otto Schenning purchased 150 acres of the original farm on the south side of the village to Hwy F. He sold this land in 1927 to Max Mueller who subdivided it and called it Silver Lake Estates and sold the lots to people from the Chicago area for retirement homes and summer homes.

History of the Village of Silver Lake

A petition dated June 21, 1926 and signed by Joseph Dalton, Ralph Barber, William Ritcher, O.D. Wicks, R.T. Blufon, Bert Dean, C.V. Vaughn, P.J. Tennes, Eric Hansen, and notarized by Clifford Janke requested that the village of Silver Lake be incorporated. The village would be comprised of 505 acres of land and had a population of 325 people. The boundaries of the proposed village were on the north; the same as today, on the south; from the Fox River to the railroad tracks, on the east; the lake, and on the west; the Fox River.

Excluded was an area in the southwest corner called the "*points*" that were between the Fox River and the high water mark.

The census of the proposed village showed the following families lived in the area involved:

Gallagher Welch Ludwig White Richards Gaskin Dean Schultz Davis Selby Tennes Miller
Schultz Blyberg Taylor Ellis Washtook Smithson Prosser Mathews Lovestead Runkel Thorton
Schultz Leiting Schenning Schroeder Miller Capelle Albright Bernhoft Ellis Mathews Loth
Richardson Mathews Gandt Klobuchen Luczak Schwartz Peterson Martens Oberhafer Becker
Spangler Kamin Dugan Leonard Ehlert Vaughn Faber Carr Wohlford Epping Hackel Weaver
Schmalfeldt Sokolski Lubeno Johnson Zelinger Hazelman Dixon Ganzlin Walburg Fiegel Grubel
Griep Eager Stulgin Schenning Hoff Dalton Solvin Seitz Janke Ritcher Bufton Seitz Doly
Hansen Barker Stoffer Glenn Wicks Meon

Attorney Robert V. Baker represented the village on the petition of incorporation before Circuit Court Judge E. B. Belden on July 13, 1926. Judge Belden ordered referendum. The referendum was held on August 5, 1926 and a total of 61 votes were cast, 57 for incorporation and 4 against.

The election of officers was held on September 7, 1926, and the following people were placed in office.

Village President: C. B. Vaughn
Village Clerk: Erik Hansen
Village Treasurer: C. L. Janke
Village Assessor: Joseph Dalton
County supervisor: J. M. Ludwig
Constable: August Schultz
Justice of the Peace: Bert Dean
Village Trustee: Otto Schenning
Village Trustee: Ralph Barber

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1926

The first meeting of the village Board was held on September 16, 1926, in the old Silver Lake State Bank building. The main item of business was to borrow \$300 to pay the incorporation costs. It had cost \$260.15 to incorporate the Village and \$13 was needed to gravel streets. Other items of business covered by the Village Board in it's first year of existence included:

October – Complaint to railroad commission on dangerous crossings in village.

November - Ordinance regulating hawkers and vendors passed.

December - Ordinance regulating dance halls, soft drinks, and non-intoxicating drinks passed.

January – Appeal to State Tax Commission that the assessed valuation of City of Kenosha was lower than remainder of county.

February – Board of Health appointed.

March – Demand on Town of Salem for Village share of taxes collected.

April – Village clerk resigns and is replaced by Joseph Zelinger.

May – Village meetings now held in Lumber Company Office.

June – Streets and culverts repaired.

July – Attempt to get Wisconsin Gas and Electric Company to open office in village.

August – Salaries established: Assessor \$54 a year, Clerk \$75 a year, Treasurer \$50 a year, Constable \$25 a year.

1927

In the fall of 1927, the village levied a tax of \$2,348.33 for streetlights and general purposes.

1928

Silver Fox subdivision plot was signed, but later vacated. Construction of water cistern for fire protection by Dalton Store approved. Approved purchases of 300 ft. of fire hose and a fire siren. Water drainage problems were acted on by installing new culverts and catch basins. Monthly electric bill for streetlights was \$52.50. Part time help hired to gravel and grade streets.

1929

February, rabies scare. All dogs must be muzzled, tied up, penned up, or they would be shot. Franchise granted to Wisconsin Gas and Electric Company to install gas lines in Village and they established office on Cogswell Drive. Tax levy was \$12,908.74 including school tax. Purchased first fire truck at a cost of \$3,299.33

1930

A site for a village hall and firehouse was purchased for \$400. The building was built for a cost of \$2,544. Ralph Barber resigned as Village Trustee and as Fire Chief. A "*Poor Fund*" is established because of the "*Great Depression*". One family is granted 60 cents a day for groceries at Dalton's Store and 40 cents a day for meat at Ritcher's Store. Part time work was found for the family and the financial help reduced to 50 cents a day. Dr. B. A. Becker was appointed Health Officer and made house calls to quarantine houses that had measles, mumps, or other contagious diseases. F. H. Schenning was given permission to dig a canal 8-ft. wide under Cogswell Drive to drain surface water to the lake.

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1931

The first village Board meeting is held in the new Village Hall in April. William Ritcher was Village President and V. Holtdorf was the Clerk. Village Board Committees were appointed for the first time and the number of trustees increased from two to six. Twelve chairs and a file cabinet were purchased for \$46.50. A circus permit was issued in September. The ballpark has floodlights installed for night games. Fire protection contracts with Wheatland, Brighton, and Salem towns were discussed.

1932

The Village built a pier at the lakefront. The depression hit hard and the Village Board allowed \$3.00 a week per man and wife, 50 cents for each child, and \$1.50 per single person, in addition rent and light bills were paid. A program was started to put people to work on streets and storm sewer projects. The Village purchased a truck for \$15.00. Village trustees to be paid \$1.00 per meeting for the first time. A telephone is installed in the firehouse. First traffic ordinance passed setting speed limit in Village limits at 25 miles per hour. The town of Salem paid \$200.00 for fire protection of one year. Merchants sponsor free movies and they are so well attended that Village Constable ordered to be there to direct traffic.

1933

Ordinance passed controlling the dumping of rubbish. A datum plane established and a benchmark placed on the old Silver Lake State Bank. Erik Hansen was hired as first village attorney. A series of burglaries, slot machines, and failure of merchants to obtain tax stamps worried Village Board. Village purchased \$8.00 worth of seed potatoes and plowed and planted them to feed the poor. Joseph Dalton became ill and his daughter Ethel appointed Deputy Assessor, thereby becoming first woman to hold office in Silver Lake. F.H. Schenning sold 250 ft. of Lake Frontage to the village for a beach and park (present day beach area). Federal Works Projects were in full swing with laborers being paid 50 cents an hour for a 30-hour workweek. Projects being done included street widening, storm sewers, cisterns, sidewalks, curbs, and a vault in the Village Hall.

1934

Village rented the DeBell property for a dump. Tax deadline extended to June 1st. Prohibition ended and ordinance passed to issue licenses for intoxicating drinks. Board of review established for the first time. Village Board orders lake cleaned out at site of Boyle Green House. Discussion was held on clearing posts and other obstructions from the lake. 17 men were being employed in federal projects. Income this year increased by \$2.00 when apples were sold from village tree.

1935

New by-laws adopted by Village Board. W.P.A. projects this year were to improve bathing beach, build grandstand, light and grade ball park as well as on Lake Street to widen street and put sidewalks on south side of street. Town of Salem refused to sign fire protection contract.

1936

A fire protection contract was finally signed with Salem. Theft of items from firehouse was resolved by keeping firehouse locked. Village beach was sanded. Silver Lake sub-division property owners attempted to find way to withdraw from village due to street conditions. M.J. Schenning

appointed Fire Chief. Railroad again warned to put warning lights at all railroad crossings in village. One third of people in village in survey indicated they were receiving aid from poor fund. Investigation made into possible fraud in poor aid pension funds. 110 trees purchased and planted to replace trees destroyed when sidewalks were installed. Plans made to construct warehouse for village on same site of Village Hall.

1937

Ordinance passed on care and maintenance of sidewalks. Village purchased fireworks for the fireman's harvest festival. Warehouse plans delayed. Band concerts and free movies still being given weekly. Attempts still being made to make Boyle Ice Co. remove posts from the lake. W.P.A. put in storm sewers in south Silver Lake subdivision.

1938

Village warehouse completed. A fire protection contract was signed with town of Randall. Soo Line Railroad was bankrupt and therefore only signal installed was on Lake Street crossing. Village trustee pay raised to \$4.00 a meeting. Only 60% of taxes paid previous year. A dam was built at outlet of lake. Town of Salem refused to pay for four fire calls and fire protection contract was cancelled. Clifford Janke resigns as Village Treasurer and was replaced by V.H. Holtdorf. Village placed raft in lake for swimmers.

1939

Town of Salem reinstated fire protection contract. Storm sewers installed in Silver Fox subdivision and North Silver Lake Estates subdivision. A rumor concerning the raising of hogs in the village caused the Board to study a zoning ordinance. The village dump truck was condemned by the W.P.A. and the village canceled the W.P.A. contract. The W.P.A. provided another truck and work continued on moving ball diamond to its present location. The village beach was lighted and buoys installed to keep motor boats out of swimming area. The KD Railroad was being abandoned and the village attempted to acquire railroad property. Silver Lake Shores subdivision was proposed. Village agreed if more land were provided for beach area, trees would be removed from middle of First Street. Additional beach area purchased for \$1500 and trees were removed.

1940

CCC was making improvements at Fox River County Park. Sign at village beach stating "*Gentiles Only*" was ordered removed. Ordinance passed forbidding wastewater being put in storm sewer system. State ordered toilets installed at public beach. Complaints received that because of gas leak trees were dying. Complaints were received that people were cleaning septic tanks and using it to fertilize gardens in village.

1941

Elm trees were sprayed to rid them of bugs. Election workers pay increased to \$4 a day. A petition received from residents of Silver Lake Shores subdivision about people parking on private property, using vile language, and indecent exposure. The employment of a lifeguard at the beach was considered. A property owner demanded oil on her street. She stated that she heard if the right man on the Board was given a new suit that her street would be oiled properly. The Village Clerk suggested that everyone be on the lookout for a man in a new suit.

1942

Budget for the village was \$5,900 of which \$2,950 was to be raised by property tax. Village to send packages and news items to men in service. Georgia Pankinton elected Justice of Peace; phone bill was \$2.92 a month for village. Bert Dean, Village Clerk, died. The village warehouse was rented for \$4 a month.

1943

Village purchased our snowplow. Wage scale for village laborer established at 65 cents an hour. Agreed to install honor role plaque for all men in service. Fire lanes to river improved at 6th Street, Lake Street, and North Street. Attempts made to have Soo Line stop trains in Silver Lake for Chicago bound passengers.

1944

County system of poor relief abandoned. Tie vote for Village President between William Ritcher and R.T. Bufton settled by lot and Bufton won. A spill way in dam of lake constructed. Town of Salem refused to pay for fire calls. Village budget was \$5,698 Garbage collection started once a week in summer time. Petition for tennis courts received, but because of war and lack of funds no action taken. Surface waters still a major problem in village.

1945

Dorothy Holtdorf appointed Election Inspector for the first time. Village garage rented to William Nash to manufacture items for federal government. Village streets being damaged by farmers driving tractors with steel wheels on them. Dr. Chester DeWitt appointed Health Officer. Village hired first full time employee at \$140 a month. Christmas party held for children at the Village Hall.

1946

War veteran's organization holding meetings in Village Hall. Honor roll placed on lawn by fire department. Many complaints received on dogs and cats running loose and biting people. Public beach closed in August and September because of polio outbreak.

1947

First stop signs installed at various corners in village. Building code and zoning codes established for village. Bus service obtained for the village. Complaints received about rabbit hunters in village. Three men deputized to control problem at public beach. Fire department authorized to fill cisterns in village due to lack of rain. Outdoor meetings conducted by Christian Businessmen's Association.

1948

Bruno's Silver Lake subdivision approved and platted. Village attorney hired to attend each Board Meeting due to new building and zoning code. Village budget \$12,050 and village tax levy was \$2,250 Village garage door had to be enlarged so that snowplow could get in.

Probably the most significant happening as the 1940's drew to a close and the 50's began, was the realization that the Riverview School was no longer large enough for its needs.

1949

In November the village opened up School Street in contemplation of building a new grade school and a building permit was issued.

1950

In January, the consolidation of Camp Lake School District #1, Salem Mound School District #4, and the Riverview School District #2 was discussed and by the spring of 1951 classes were being held in the new three room school at the north end of the village.

1950's

It was in the early 1950's that the proposal of a new village hall or "public building," as it was referred to, came up. The board rejected a first offer from the General Telephone Co. of \$12,500 for the purchase of the existing village hall and garage but later accepted an offer of \$15,000. Property east of what was then the O'Neal Barbershop, to First Street, abutting on Lake Street was purchased and plans for the setback of the building and parking space were decided on.

1953

In March, sealed bids for the purchase of \$55,000 of bonds at 3% to be issued by the village for the purpose of erecting a new municipal building and a structure to house the fire department equipment were opened. Later that year B.J. Bruns was hired as the architect. Village board meeting minutes note the purchase for \$902.50 and installation of locks, hinges, and other hardware for the new building which bears the cornerstone inscription 1953.

Boundaries

Village boundaries were changing through the years and they still fluctuate as subdivisions are created to take care of the growing population.

1951

In September, the village petitioned to annex a portion of the South Silver Lake Estates, then lying in the town of Salem, later to become the site of Jays Potato Chips buildings. In October of 1952, a petition was submitted to the board regarding the annexation of all the land lying east and north of the Fox River and west of the corporate boundary line.

1955

The court granted Theo Kalpake permission to detach 204 acres from the village as it was proven to be used exclusively for agriculture, but the 1958 minutes state that the Kalpake farm land, under the title of Wisconsin Silver Lake Beach Subdivision, requested annexation to Silver Lake and the request was approved.

1958

Taxable property in the village was assessed at \$1,391,645. In 1960, an ordinance authorized the village clerk and treasurer to make out a tax roll showing the aggregate amount of state, county, school and other taxes to be used as "a story of the proportionate amount used" for each.

Sewers

1960

The Village board minutes begin showing references to a proposed sewer system. From then through 1967, the minutes trace the story of the installation of the sewers and the treatment plant from the first meetings with Herbert Johnson of the firm of Jensen and Johnson, Elkhorn. Johnson made the original survey. Complaints on monthly sewer charges were recorded, a situation that prevails today.

1964

A public hearing on the sewer project was held on September 27. On November 3, 1964, the electors voted on a referendum allowing the village to construct a sanitary sewage disposal system and treatment plant.

1965

In May, the clerk was instructed to apply for a federal grant for construction of the treatment plant. Later the clerk was instructed to advertise for bids and the village attorney to prepare the necessary legal papers for levying special assessments. Bonds were issued amounting to \$350,000 to pay for the project and the purchase of land for the treatment plant was completed. Assessments were set at \$3 per front foot to be paid in cash or in ten equal annual installments plus interest, not to exceed 6%. The hookup charge was set at a \$200 flat fee.

Property at the corners of Hwys. B and F, known as the Rebicek farm, was annexed from Salem to Silver Lake and became the site of the plant.

Doctors

Dr. Decker, the first doctor, came to Silver Lake in 1898. His office was first located in the rear of the Dalton store Dr. C. A. DeWitt was the second doctor to practice in Silver Lake. During the 60's, the village also became concerned about lightening the workload of Dr. DeWitt who for so long had served as a dedicated physician in the area. Efforts were made to acquire a general practitioner and Dugans Park was leased to Walter Ebeling with an option to buy over a period of five years for the construction of a medical center. Dr. K. Zarka arrived to become the village's third physician with offices in a modern building at the south end of the village, which is now the Westosha Medical Center



Lake Street

Village Issues

Space allows only the briefest mention of other action by the governing

boards of the village during the past quarter century. Many of the problems confronting the trustees have been repeated over and over.

To mention just a few:

Dogs disturbing the residents. Despite the ordinances regulating ownership of dogs, the problems were aired over and over. It was noted: *"the ordinance is ignored."* *"There was no way to enforce it."*

1950

Parking. In June, the board decided cars could park diagonally on Lake Street but the north side would be posted *"No Parking."* The *"no parking"* rule has been abolished for sometime.

The village was doing away with *"out building"* and urging the installation of septic tanks. In that year a new Chevrolet truck cost only \$2,095 and the budget for 1951 was set at \$843,183.



Park St. Silver Lake



Hardy Schmalfeldt

1951

Ordinance amendment forbid tourist or trailer camps within the village zoning area. The village carried on a dispute with the Milwaukee Road over payment for extinguishing of a fire on the Soo Line railroad by the village department but the outcome is not recorded.

Traffic policeman Ed Martin, volunteered to police the village on weekends without pay until the regular season. Civil Defense inquired as to the amount of fire fighting equipment owned by the village and whether equipment and men, in case of emergency, could travel 150 to 200 miles.

1953

The beach. A fence called a snow fence was erected around the beach area with an exit at the north end. The town of Salem adopted an ordinance regulating speedboats on the lake but the Silver Lake village attorney reported that Salem had no authority to set such an ordinance.

1954

In March, the board discussed closing the beach and village president, the late Roy Bufton, suggested that the Silver Lake Improvement Association present a petition to see how many residents were in favor of such action. There is no further reference to a petition but sometime later it was decided that every effort to be made to properly police the beach to stop picnicking; put up some type of fence and use what safeguards necessary for the best interests of the village and keep it green."

Firearms. The village adopted an ordinance forbidding the discharging of firearms in the village and firearms were defined as *“any gun, rifle, pistol, air-gun, air-rifle, or other explosive weapon.”* Curbs and gutters were installed on Cogswell Drive at \$1.74 per lineal foot. In 1954, sidewalks and the alleys at the village hall were installed. Notices were printed and mailed to all box holders stating the rules and regulations on garbage collection. Property fronting Lake Street, belonging to the village, was sold to Ray Loth, Carl Flucke, Francis O’Neil and Henry Andre.

1955

Licenses. Tavern licenses fees were increased from \$100 to \$150 a year. In 1976 the charge was \$100 for a tavern selling beer only and \$300 for the combination beer and liquor licenses.

Traffic regulations and the establishment of footings for buildings were set. A time clock was installed to control the light at the beach. The village was assessed at \$1,223,749 and taxed at \$7, 832 or the equivalent of 6 and 4 tenths mill. The sum of \$125 was donated to the American Legion for its Christmas party.

1957

Little League ball teams were permitted use of the ballpark. Village trees were trimmed at a cost of \$200. The plumbing codes were revised to meet state codes likewise the building code.

The late V.H. Holtdorf replaced the late Martin J. Schenning as county supervisor in 1958, and Dr. Robert J. Smick replaced Dr. DeWitt as village health officer. New voting booths were installed in the village hall. The police committee recommended blinker lights at the intersection of Lake Street and Cogswell Drive and the village Marshall’s salary was set at \$2.10 an hour.

Mail and passenger service by the Soo Line was to be discontinued and the village attorney was sent to Waukesha to protest the action, but eventually the service was abolished.

Ray Loth presented plans for a new post office building on Lake Street to the board and later in that year the official dedication of the building on Lake Street was held.

1960

The question of building prefab homes came up and in that year mobile home ordinances regulating fees, location, parking and trailer campers were adopted. The fire department began fogging mosquitoes once a week. Street signs and house numbers were installed. All property was re-evaluated for assessment purposes and an ordinance establishing the office of the municipal justice of peace was adopted. Present village president Richard Harrison was appointed to the office. A contract to sweep the streets for \$200 was signed.

The big project of the 60’s was, of course, the sewer system but the board found it necessary to draw up a new ordinance on peddler’s licenses to replace the ordinance of 1926.

The volunteer fire department was given permission to build an addition to the building at its own expense. The village approved the return of the 50% of the fire call fees to the department to be used for construction of addition.

1976

January – Village retains Cecil Rothrock as Village Attorney.

March - Police Department purchases a new squad car from Hartnell Chevrolet for \$4,890.

August – Village hires Jensen & Johnson to design and construct sewers and storm sewers in Silver Lake Beach Unit 2.

1977

May – Howard Werner hired as part-time janitor for the Village Hall at \$2.50 per hour.

June – Daniel Schlais hired as Building Inspector at \$5.00 per hour.

June – Liquor license granted to Dennis Brower for the establishment “Denny’s”, formerly known as “Ray’s Beach Tap”.

September – Larry Zarletti hired as part-time Police Officer.

November – Motion made to have two Board Meetings a month, versus one, due to the increased work.

1978

April – Karl Fischer is appointed as Municipal Judge (Helen Bachara resigns).

May – William Elfers is appointed as Trustee (Larry Clark resigns).

August – Sixteen unit apartment building nears completion at Cogswell Drive and Manor Drive.

1979

February – Ed Nowicki is hired as “full-time” Police Chief, replacing Leo Wazelle as “part-time” Police Chief. Leo remains on department as part-time Police Officer.

April – Ron Weiland elected as Village President, replacing Richard Harrison.

May – Bob Kendall aligns with Cecil Rothrock for the law firm of “Rothrock and Kendall” – the Village retains their services.

June – Fire Chief, who has never received a salary before, receives a salary of \$200 per year.

June – The Vanderzee property officially becomes the Village’s property and is made into a park, eventually named “Schmalfeldt Park”.

December – Ralph and Leona Drinkwine complete construction and are granted an occupancy permit for the Silver Lake Motel.

1980

March – Village purchases a 1980 International Dump Truck from Otter Sales (Burlington) for \$41,897.

March – The American Flag was stolen from outside Village Hall.

November – Village Board abolishes the elected position of Constable.

November – Tires are purchased for the squad car at \$50 each.

1981

March – Ed Nowicki resigns as Police Chief. Leo Wazelle resumes position as Acting Chief.

April – Village of Silver Lake vs. Ralph Drinkwine Jr. for running an auto repair business in a residential area, against Village Ordinance.

April – Ralph Drinkwine Jr. is elected as Village Trustee.

June – Tom Wood approaches the Board, requesting to open a “game room” at the old Chuck’s

Auto Body location.

August – Tom Garwood reopens the gas station to provide tires for the on-duty Police Officers who had their personal vehicle's tires slashed.

1982

January – Someone breaks into the Village Hall, stealing the tape recorder.

April – The shooting of Fred the Rabbit makes its debut on Animal Stories.

July – Leo's Grocery Store, Art Derckum and Drinkwine's Tavern have all been robbed. Citizens and businesses want extended police coverage.

November – Tidee Disposal Service is awarded the garbage contract for 1983, not to exceed \$23,700 for the year.

November – Plan Commission members tour the newly completed Silver Crest Apartment Complex.

1983

February – Spring Primary Election narrows the presidential race to Ronald Weiland and Ralph Drinkwine Sr.

February – Charles Hess is hired as full-time Police Chief, to begin duty in April, replacing part-time Acting Chief Leo Wazelle.

March – Silver Lake Water Patrol is established.

April – Ralph Drinkwine Sr. wins the election for Village President. Ralph Drinkwine Jr. retains his seat as Trustee (father and son).

1984

June – Drinkwine's Tavern is sold, becoming Betty & Frank's Depot.

July – Village enters into an electronic punch card voting system.

November – "Big shots resign, I quit!" – Ralph Drinkwine Sr. resigns (quits) as Village President on those words. Kevin Mulhern is appointed to complete the unexpired term.

1985

April – Effective April 1st, "no smoking" in the Village Hall.

June – Diane Drinkwine is hired as Police Department Administrative Assistant.

November – Village contracts with Ingersoll Cable Corp. to provide for cable television.

1986

July – Windjammer Cove Condominiums are completed.

July – Police Department purchases their first computer, Apple II, from Bruce and Linda Feldkamp for \$1,000.

August – Village Board votes not to put the pier up in DeWitt Park anymore due to the insurance liability.

August – Water Patrol boat is sunk. A \$500 reward is offered for information leading to the arrest.

October – The first reading on October 7th of Charter Ordinance No. 4 for the combination of the Clerk and Treasurer positions. On October 21st Charter Ordinance No. 4 was adopted relat-

ing to combining the offices of Clerk and Treasurer positions and for an annual audit of accounts by a vote of 7 yea's and 0 no's.

1987

January – Resident bitten by cat. Thanks to the newspaper article, cat is captured before resident has to undergo the series of rabies shots.

January – Bob Heilgeist petitions the Village Board, requesting to annex his property on Hwy 50 and Hwy B into the Village of Silver Lake. Consensus was that the Village Board was not prepared to make a judgement at this time.

February – Glenn Lawson replaces Charles Hess as Police Chief.

May – The purchase of computers, software and technical support for the Village Office.

July – Diane Drinkwine approved as Municipal Court Clerk.

1988

January – Glenn Lawson resigns as Police Chief. Martin J. Bilecki is appointed Acting Chief.

February – Designate the West end of Chestnut Street as parking for residents on S. Riverside Drive during flooding.

March – Game Room License is approved for the Vault Arcade, to be run by Herb Cooper, in the building previously known as the Silver Lake Bank (corner of Second St. and Lake St.).

May – Residents may purchase a boat launch sticker for \$5 (non-resident for \$75) for the use of the Village boat launch across from Garwood's Station.

September – Sold 1965 International Tanker to the Town of Springstead Fire Department for \$2,500.

August – Roger Griebel is hired as Police Chief.

1989

January – Wilmot class of 1969 requests the use of Schmalfeldt Park for a class reunion.

February – Wimmer Construction completes the new Post Office building at 739 S. Cogswell Dr. Occupancy is granted.

March – Roma Pakula is approved to go from part-time to full-time in the Village Clerk's Office.

July – American Legion sponsors Culpepper and Merriweather Great Combined Circus in Schmalfeldt Park.

July – Petitions presented to the Village Board with 250 signatures against the Sharing Center. Permit denied.

1990

April – The proposed preliminary plat plans for "Woodlands Subdivision" by Steve Mills is approved.

October – Resident requests to be allowed to keep 4 Mallard Ducks and 4 Snowy English Calling Ducks and a pet "Pigmy Goat" on residential property. Request denied.

1991

May – Contract is approved between Lotus Light (Santosh & Doris Krinsky) and the Village of Silver Lake. The County is given the go-ahead to clear approximately 2 acres of land for the

Lotus Light company. This is the first business to be constructed in the business park.
June – Horizon Productions is granted an occupancy permit for the old Post Office building on Lake St.
August – Purchased first fax machine.
September – Greg and Kathryn Pryor purchase three acres of land in the newly constructed business park for the business known as Pryor Trucking.
October – Village Board approves a three-municipality agreement with Building Inspector (Tim Popanda).

1992

January – Police Department is commended for doing a great job. They broke up 4 burglary rings, recovering over \$10,000 of taxpayers' money.
May – Bonnie Brown retires as Postmistress after nineteen years of dedicated service.
June – Police and Fire Department members receive Hepatitis B shots.
August – Motion is approved for Gary Lutz to erect a body shop in the business park.
October – Maple Street is paved in the Woodlands Subdivision.

1993

March – Motion is made to accept the new library project (to be built in Salem) at \$1,395,000 (Village share to be \$184,232) and a guarantee that a satellite library will remain in the Village.
December – Alleged drowning in Silver Lake. Ten boats with divers and gear, and the Coast Guard helicopter was here four times searching for the body.

1994

March – Dive Team reports that over 3,000 man hours have been spent searching for the alleged drowning victim. Body was eventually recovered in the spring.
October – Wisconsin Term Limits Petition to be acted upon. It will be on the ballot at the Spring Election as a referendum.

1995

January – Village Board approved purchase of Accu-Vote Unit for voting purposes.
February – Police Department is trained on the use of pepper spray.
April – Ralph Drinkwine Jr. does not seek re-election (after 14 years in office / 4 years Trustee and 10 years President). Mike Faber is elected as President.
June – The new park next to the Village Hall is named Veteran's Memorial Park.
October – 1929 antique fire truck is restored 90%. This was the first fire truck owned by the Village.
December – Royce Kennedy is hired as Zoning Administrator / Building Inspector, replacing Tim Popanda.

1996

March – Postmaster, Terry Liegler, states home mail delivery can start in a month.
May – Police Department is authorized to purchase a new Water Patrol boat from Action Marine for \$11,246.
May – Bid is accepted from Town & Country in the amount of \$41,788 for the removal of the

contaminated soil in front of the Village Hall.

May – Emergency “slow no wake” issued for the entire lake due to an extremely high water level that is causing flooding and erosion.

September – The license approved in July for Lydia Group Home (for troubled youths) presents much controversy.

1997

January – Finance Manager, Marjorie Saucerman began working at the Village Hall and was appointed as Deputy Clerk-Treasurer on January 6th.

March - Connie Clark joined the Village Hall staff as an Administrative Assistant.

May - The Clerk-Treasurer’s position became part-time, effective May 1st, 1997.

Auditing firm of Hoppe and Orendorff presented their first audit report to the Village Board. Also, recommended replacing 10 year old computer and purchasing additional printer.

An employee handbook was devised and approved with employee benefits and administrative guidelines.

Two new businesses, Uncle George’s Bar & Grill and Binanti’s Taste of Italy opened during the first part of the year. Concerts in the Park started this year – two concerts to be held with Jazz Wave and The Navy Band.

The Silver Lake Business Park became Schenning Memorial Business Park and a sign was installed which was donated by the Schenning family.

Yamaha Motor Sports donated the use of a waverunner for use of Water Patrol for the summer.

September - In the wee hours of the morning a devastating fire destroyed the Village Hall, Fire House and Maintenance section of the building on September 1st, 1997. All of the Fire Department was destroyed, including three fire trucks. The Village set up temporary quarters at the Lakecrest Plumbing building. Thanks to the generosity of Kim and Barbara Singleton we moved in, ending up using their building as our full-time temporary office until the new buildings were completed in October 1998. By the end of the day Lakecrest Plumbing had moved out and we had our first Emergency Board Meeting to discuss the next step. Several Board Meetings and Municipal Court were held in the library at the Riverview Grade School. Elections were held at the Silver Lake Rescue Squad building. Many surrounding area Fire Departments came to the rescue, not only with assistance of mutual aid, but also with equipment for our department to use. Fund raisers were held to help recoup all the lost equipment, trucks and supplies.

During the same week as the devastating fire of the Village buildings, there was also a shooting and bank robbery in the Village.

We lost long time janitor, Alvin Bryner. Karen Nelson joined the staff of the Maintenance

Department to replace Al. The rest of the year was spent demolishing, planning and rebuilding our Village Hall, Fire Department and Maintenance Garage. It was with many combined efforts and people that a fine job was completed.

1998

Mike Faber was re-elected to the office of Village President. Larry Carnes was elected to the Village Board. All others remained the same, being re-elected or not up for election.

Purchase of a portion of the old county highway department was discussed. Hopefully it would be an expansion of the Business Park and have more industry.

Dedication and Open House were held on October 24th of all the new buildings. Ceremony was held in the Fire House with the presentation of plaques, refreshments and speeches. The VFW Post #8375 and Auxiliary donated a new American and State Flag for the Village Board room.

The Village became the co-charter sponsor of the Law Enforcement Explorers program with the Trevor Fire Department.

The Fire Department received an \$85,000 check from the Lions Club towards a new equipment van. The Village paid the remainder from reserves.

1999

September – Approximately 400 to 500 residents attended the Regular Board Meeting, which was moved into the Fire House to accommodate everyone. Residents were upset regarding the much debated issue of whether or not to disband the Police Department.

September – Attorney Cecil Rothrock passed away on the 19th from a fall off the roof of a friend's house.

November – Attorney Robert Kendall passed away on the 20th following a recently diagnosed illness. Both attorneys will be sadly missed.

December – The law firm of Gray, Hudec and Oleniczak are hired as the Village Attorneys. Linda Gray and Vicky Oleniczak will share responsibilities.

2000

January – Motion to approve the purchase of a new squad car at the price of \$20,393.

January – Roger Griebel abruptly resigns as Police Chief. Paul Rice is appointed Acting Chief, later to become Police Chief.

February – Silver Lake Fire Department is no longer the primary emergency service for parts of Salem. Salem decides not to renew their fire contract with Silver Lake.

April – Brian Sullivan, new proprietor of the Silver Lake Marina, and Jack Storino (his partner in the business) present tentative plans on the complete rehab of the marina property.

April – Charter Ordinance No. 7 changing the position of Clerk-Treasurer from an elected position to an appointed position, to be effective at the end of the current term.

May – Term for elected Municipal Judge is changed from a 2-year term to a 4-year term.

June – Ground breaking ceremony for the new sewer treatment plant.

August – Motion to approve the sewer extension project on Highway F.



Village Board

2001

March – New sewer treatment plant begins operation.

April – The choice to end term limits was given to the voters at the April, 2001 election via referendum. Majority voted in favor of repealing term limits. In May the ordinance was repealed.

April – Jeffrey Albrecht is elected Village President (succeeding Steve Shippee). Barb Ironside, Richard Maron and Nancy Barranco are elected to join Larry Carnes, Judie Schwartz and Mary Albrecht as Village Board Trustees.

April – Wages for the Village President were increased to \$3,600 per year, Village Trustees to \$3,000 per year and Municipal Judge to \$4,200 per year.

May – Sharon Kerkman completes 14 years as “elected” Clerk-Treasurer. Marjorie Saucerman becomes “appointed” Clerk-Treasurer on May 1st.

May – Actual construction of the sewer extension project on Highway F begins.

May- Judie Schwartz resigns as Trustee. Al Bryner is appointed to fill the term.

Bob Williams, Mark Werner and Karen Nelson are full-time employees in the Maintenance Department and Sewer Operations. Bob has been employed for 27 years; having the most years of any other employee. Marjorie Saucerman, Diane Maki and Connie Clark are the full-time Village Hall staff. Chief Paul Rice, Sgt. Daniel Kingsley and Officer John Rose are full-time Police Officers, joined by 13 part-time Police Officers. David Engstrom is Municipal Judge. Tom Smith is Fire Chief and Carolyn Dodge is Rescue Squad EMS Chief.

The Village of Silver Lake celebrates its 75th Year of Incorporation with day long festivities on July 7th, 2001, featuring the Navy and Army Bands beginning at 10:00 a.m., music and entertainment all day, a children's tent, and ending with annual "fireworks" display at dusk.

History of Silver Lake Rescue Squad

The Silver Lake Rescue was officially organized in 1959. Bob Rudolph, Lloyd Casey, John Koch, Dominick Rago and Frank Cason each contributed \$5 for equipment. This fund was matched with a \$25 donation from Orville Yeager. The fifty dollars was used for a down payment on a 1952 Pontiac. Orville Yeager was elected captain and the struggle to get money and equipment began. The Pontiac cost \$1,100 of which the men raised \$600 and the remaining \$500 was donated by the village of Silver Lake. In the beginning, the men spent many hours raising money, taking a first aid course, recruiting members, and obtaining other equipment. By the end of 1960 there were seventeen men on the squad. In 1976 there were 22 with many more helping out.

Charter members are: Orville Yeager, Rich Harrison, Art Schultz, Harley Jerde, Lyle Kerkhoff, Dominick Rago, Willis Carle, Ed Redding, Bill Carr, Ray Clark, John Koch, Charles Walker.

The first resuscitator was purchased with a \$500 donation from Louise Schenning in memory of her late husband Martin Schenning.

November 29, 1959, the Silver Lake Rescue Squad had its first call, a stroke case. Orville Yeager, John Koch, Bob Rudolph, and Bill Carr answered the call.

The Pontiac served this squad until 1961 when the men were able to purchase a new vehicle. A Ford Econoline truck was delivered on November 30, 1961 and was converted into an ambulance. The Econoline was in use until the purchase of a new truck in December 1966 and put into service in February 1967. It was equipped with electronic sirens and special red and white oscillating lights on top, the first vehicle to be equipped in this area.

The longest run the squad has made was to Lakeland Hospital in Elkhorn, Wisconsin with a surgical case. One of the worst calls was an auto train accident on Lake Street in Silver Lake where three were killed. The squad joined the stork club in 1972 with the birth of twins.



Rescue Squad Ice Golf Outing



Ice Golf Outing

When the rescue squad incorporated in 1974, the officer's positions changed from Captain and Secretary-Treasurer to President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, and three Board of Directors.

Officers in 1976 were: President, Carl Schultz; Vice President, Phil Cayo; Secretary-Treasurer, John Smith; and Board of Directors, Bill Carr, Art Schultz, and Ken Richard.

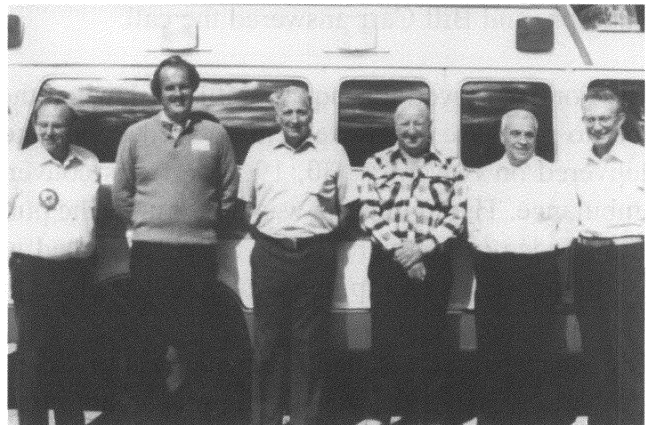
Members of the squad in 1976 were: Al Bryner, Bill Carr, Phil Cayo, Larry Clark, John Davidson, Ron Flemming, Rich Harrison, Harley Jerde, Jim Kamin, Konnie Klen, Wayne Lake, Roy Pack, Ken Richards, Art Schultz, Carl Schultz, John Smith, Steve Rudolph, Tom Pfeffier, Mike Bull, Bob Williams and Tom Solka.



Rescue Squad Ice Golf Outing Food Tent

Officers in 1976 are President, Carl Schultz, Vice president, Phil Cayo, Secretary-Treasurer, John Smith, and Board of Directors, Bill Carr, Art Schultz, Ken Richards, Larry Clark, John Davidson, Ron Fleming, Rich Harrison, Harley Jerde, Jim Kamin, Konnie Klen, Wayne Lake, Roy Pack, John Smith, Steve Rudolph, Tom Pfeffier, Mike Bull, Bob Williams, and Tom Solka.

The indication of the growing need for the services of the Silver Lake Rescue Squad has been seen in the increasing numbers of annual calls, from 105 in 1963 to a peak of 236 in 1971 and 177 in 1975. In 1976, a new rescue squad unit was added and there were three Emergency Medical Technicians on the squad; Carl Schultz, Phil Cayo and Bill Carr. The past 17 years of community aid formed a foundation for a future of continued service. In 1976, a new rescue squad unit was added. The past 17 years of community aid form a foundation for a future of continued service.



Rescue Squad Members

Did not receive any requested updated information for this article for the 75th anniversary.

History of Riverview School

The Riverview School was established in the year 1895 in the Village of Silver Lake. A one room school was built on four lots donated by William A. Schenning. The school was built on the land, which is south of the present Community Baptist Church. Miss Gertrude L. Boothe was the first teacher. Prior to 1895, the children of the Village of Silver Lake attended the Salem Mound School on Highway 50.

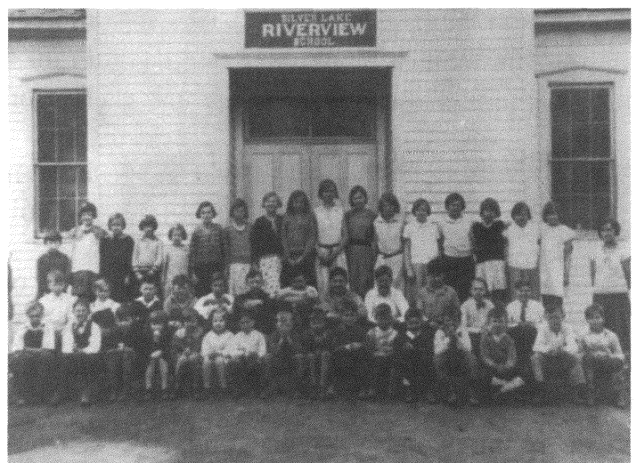


Old Silver Lake School

In the year 1912, it became necessary to establish a two-room school or a Stated Graded School, While the school was being remodeled; the children had school in the Methodist Church, which was the Lyle Kerkhoff residence was in 1976. Two sisters, Miss Maude Vincent, (Mrs. Roy Murdock) and Miss Mildred Vincent (Mrs. Ray Paddock) were hired as the first teachers for the two-room school. This school was in operation until the year 1949 when the school became too small for the increased enrollment.

July 11, 1949 the annual school meeting was held and adjourned to August 8, 1949, for the purpose of voting to build a new three room school on the nine acre site, which was acquired about the year 1930 for school purposes. The land is where the present school stands.

A loan for \$40,000 was voted to build and Mr. Lawrence Monberg was hired as the architect. Three classrooms, an office, two washrooms, steam heating system, asphalt tile on the floors, and ceramic tile in the washrooms were included in the



Riverview Original Class



Riverview 1931 Students

new building. Mrs. Enid Frank was principal and teacher. The staff included three other teachers. During the annual meeting on July 10, 1950 the first addition to the school was voted at a cost of \$23,000. This room was to be used as an additional room. It is now the fifth grade room. In December 1950, the Camp Lake School was annexed to the Riverview School district. This district now had an equalized valuation of \$5,960,000. The Dix Bus Service transported 55 children from Camp Lake.

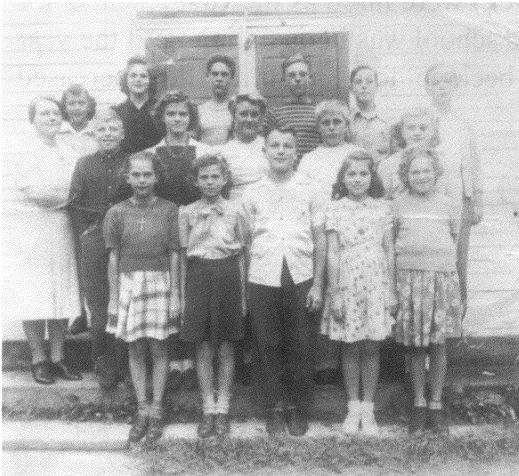
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Riverview 1935 Students

A special school meeting was called on April 25, 1952 for the purpose of building another addition to take care of the increased enrollment. A loan of \$25,000 was voted and one room, basement, and a kitchen were built.

January 31, 1955 a special school meeting was called for the purpose of building a fourth addition to the school. A loan of \$30,000 was voted for the purpose of building



Riverview 1944 Students

two classrooms; a large basement and washrooms for the kindergarten, a storage room, and a new two-door entry were built. One of the new rooms was designed for permanent kindergarten use. The school enrollment at that time was 181 students and the school could accommodate about 230 students. At that time, Mrs. Enid Frank was principal and teacher. There was a staff of five other teachers.

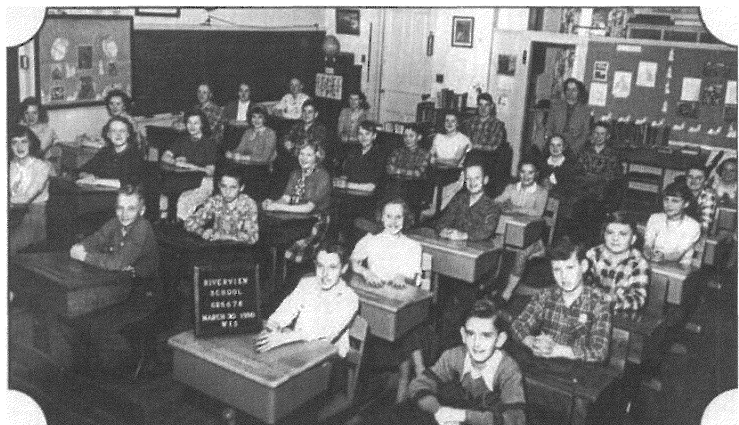
Four more classrooms were built on the north of the school during the next few years.

In 1966, the present school office, library, two classrooms and the gym were built at a cost of \$165,000.

Mr. Hellum became the new administrator for the school in 1968. Four rooms, teachers lounge, a music room, material center, and AV room were built in 1969. This is the present Junior High.

In 1974, the last addition to the school consisted of two rooms and a hall. This was built at a cost of \$75,000. These became two sixth grade rooms.

The 1976 enrollment at Riverview School was 433 students with a staff of 29 teachers. Mr. Perry Hellum was District Administrator and Mr. Douglas Feld, Assistant Principal.



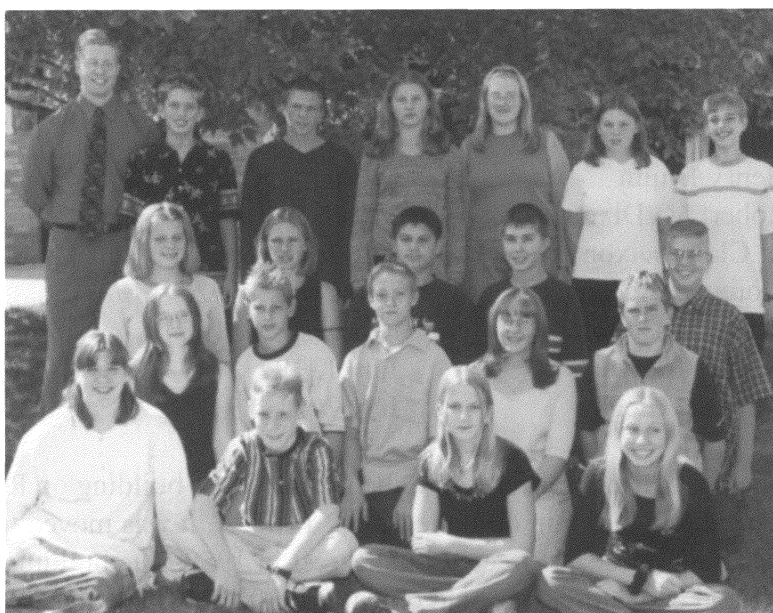
Riverview 1950 Students

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In 1978, a four-classroom addition for fifth grade students was added to the north side of the building. The cost of the addition was \$275,000.

In 1990, a larger addition was added to the southeast corner of the building at a cost of \$995,000. This new addition included a kindergarten classroom, computer room, guidance office and six classrooms.

In 1998, the largest addition to date was completed on the west side of the building. This new addition expanded the building by over 30%. It included a new gym, vocal music room, band room, art room, library, conversion of the old gym into a multipurpose room to accommodate physical education and lunchroom needs, storage and furnace space, five classrooms and remodeling and conversion of parts of the building. The new addition was built at a cost of \$3,900,000.



Riverview 2001 Students

In 1998, Dr. Perry Hellum retired after 30 years of service to the district. Mr. Gary Petersen was hired as the new District Administrator.

The 2001, enrollment at Riverview School is 615 students. 50 teaching staff members, 26 support and two administrators serve the needs of these students.



Riverview 2001 Students



Riverview 2001 Students

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Silver Lake Post Office

The first post office was located in the Dixon and Dunning Store on Lake Street. The first postmaster was Fred Schoening and he was appointed on February 16, 1887. The following have served as postmasters in Silver Lake:

Robert M. Dixon	February 25, 1887
Brayton B. Dunning	June 4, 1887
Henry Bluim	February 5, 1895
Robert M. Dixon	March 30, 1899
R. Claire Dixon	July 1, 1915
Florence M. Lewis	January 22, 1925
Malcolm Dalton	February 20, 1934
Bonnie Hauge	July 1, 1973
Terrence Liegler	July 20, 1989

The post office was moved to the Dalton Store building on Railroad Street in 1895. In 1915, it was moved to a building on Lake Street. In 1934, it was moved to the Dalton Store. A new post office was built on Lake Street at First Street in 1959. The building was completed in May 1959 and the official dedication was held on August 30, 1959. The local post office is the only real active physical link that people of any small community have with our national government. It is a most important and necessary establishment for everyone in the community.



Silver Lake Post Office

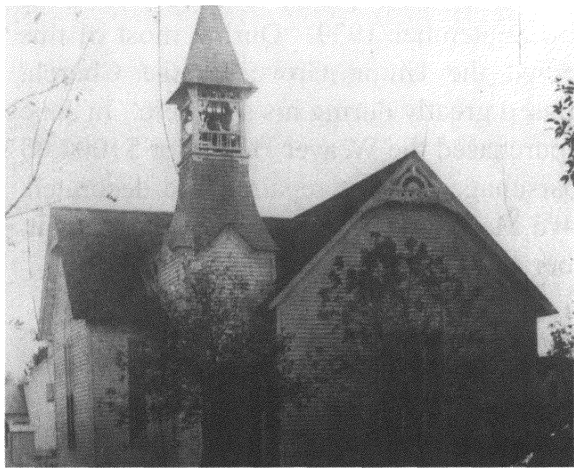
In 1989, a new building was constructed for the ever-growing needs of the community. This building is located on Cogswell Drive across from the Silver Lake State Bank.

In 1996, a rural route was established. A route driver was hired to deliver mail directly to the homes.

To this day, the postmaster remains very active in maintaining mail delivery to the post office boxes for those in the village that continue to receive their mail there.

A Brief History of Community Baptist Church

May 16, 1897, a Baptist Church was organized at Silver Lake by Reverend Charles Rust, evangelist, and Reverend E. B. Edmunds, secretary of the Wisconsin Baptist State Convention. The meeting was held in the chapel car "Glad Tidings," which had returned to Silver Lake, having held evangelistic services there in November 1896. Several people were converted and expressed a desire to organize a church. Sixteen men and women were baptized, and two accepted by letter to become the charter members of what was to be known as the Silver Lake Baptist Church.



1897

Plans were under way to erect a building. Harry Orvis of Camp Lake designed and built it because his wife desired a Baptist Church near by in which to worship. The total cost of the building was \$600.00 and the equipment cost an additional \$200.00. The dedication of the church was held on October 17, 1897.

The first pastor was Reverend Vernon Phillips, from October 1897 to August 1901. Reverend H. Todd supplied Wilmot and Silver Lake from August 1901 to September 1902. During the next twenty years there were many pastors: among whom were Reverend Thomas Gales, September 1902 to

November 1904; Reverend C. F. Van Marter, November 1904 to 1906; Reverend Emery Bancroft, September 1906 to 1908; Reverend George Burroughs, April 1908 to 1909; Reverend George Doody, April 1910 to August 1910; Reverend Stewart who served Liberty Corners Congregational Church too, September 1912 to February 1913; Reverend Paul McKinney, February 1913 to May 1915; Reverend Charles Mount, June 1915 to December 1916, who left to go to Africa as a missionary; Reverends A. Butler; William Humphrey; and Newton Carman, who became missionaries in China, ministered during the years 1917 to 1918; reverend Harry Clause, January to September, 1919; Reverend Howard Keithly, September 1919 to June 1921; and Reverend A. Brumbaugh, June 1921 to September 1922.



Community Baptist Church Choir

On May 4, 1904, the Ladies Aid was organized. The name was later changed to Women's Union in 1919 and to Women with a Mission in 1995.

Reverend A. R. Wakeland became the first resident Pastor in March 1923 and stayed until December 1924.

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1926

During Reverend Ralph Spangler's pastorate, from March 1925 to June 1926, talk began of remodeling the church, but it was not until Reverend Charles Randall's ministry from June 1926 to June 1930 that the work was done. The building was raised, a basement put in, and a new chimney and heating plant were added at a total cost of \$3000.00. On May 17, 1928, the constitution was revised and the name changed to The Community Baptist Church.

Reverend James Axtell served as pastor for nine years from September 1930 to September 1939. During most of this time, he also served the Union Grove Baptist Church. Membership increased greatly during his stay here. In June 1939, the church purchased the Weaver Home for \$1000.00 to be used as a parsonage. It was repaired and decorated, and Reverend Lloyd Martz was the first pastor to occupy it. He came in October 1939 and stayed until October 1943.

Reverend Joseph Weatherly, who ministered here from October 1943 to November 1945, was a missionary in India with Youth for Christ for eight years and became Vice President of Overseas for Gospel Films, Inc.

Reverend Weatherly was followed by Reverend Ted Brannen from November 1945 to 1948. August 1954, he and his family went to Japan to serve as missionaries there.



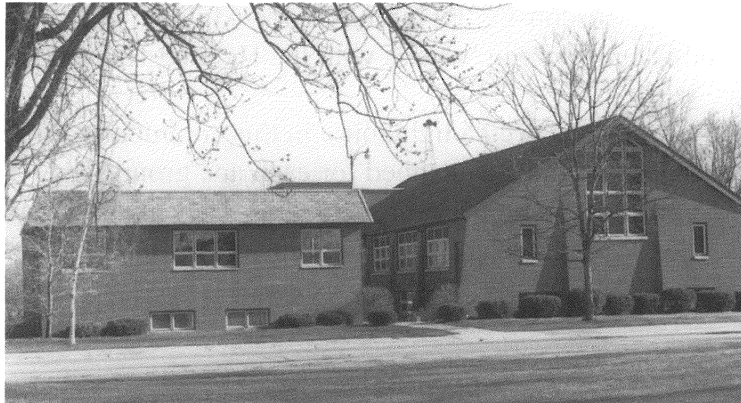
January 1949, Reverend Lawrence Williams accepted the call to our church. In 1950, the members started planning for the building of a new church. Architect H. J. Bruns was chosen to draw up plans. Two lots were purchased in 1952. On October 17, 1954, ground-breaking ceremonies were held, and work began by contractors, Rausch Bros. of Wilmot. Cornerstone laying ceremonies were held on February 27, 1955. The building was completed in the fall of 1955, and the congregation moved in. Dedication services were held on January 8, 1956. Reverend Howard Keithly, a former pastor gave the dedication address. On May 19, 1957, the church celebrated its 60th anniversary.

In March 1954, the church was accepted into the fellowship of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches.

The Friendship Guild was organized in 1950. Reverend Williams resigned in December 1961, having ministered for 13 years.

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March 1962, Reverend Wayne Buchanan accepted a call to our church and stayed for seven years, leaving in March 1969. During his ministry, the old church was made into a Youth Center and was used for several years. Later it was torn down and a new parsonage was built on the lot. The Buchanans moved into it. The former parsonage was sold. For a time, the morning services were broadcast over radio station WMIR. On October 4, 1964, a homecoming and mortgage burning service was held.



1970

Following the call of Reverend Robert R. Mason as pastor in July 1969, plans were soon under way to build a new educational building to add on to the church. Plans were submitted by Mr. C. B. Bruns, architect. Construction began with ground breaking on April 12, 1970, under the supervision of Church Building Associates with Oliver Walden employed as superintendent. By March 1971, the new facilities were in full operation, with a noticeable increase in Sunday school attendance. The dedication service was held on February 16, 1971. Reverend Lawrence Williams and Reverend Wayne Buchanan were speakers at the morning and evening services. Other past pastors in attendance were Reverend Howard Keithley and Reverend Joe Weatherly.

Reverend W. Gene Campbell, who served the church from 1974 till 1979, followed Pastor Mason. In 1979, the church purchased the home just west of the church to be used by the associate pastors.

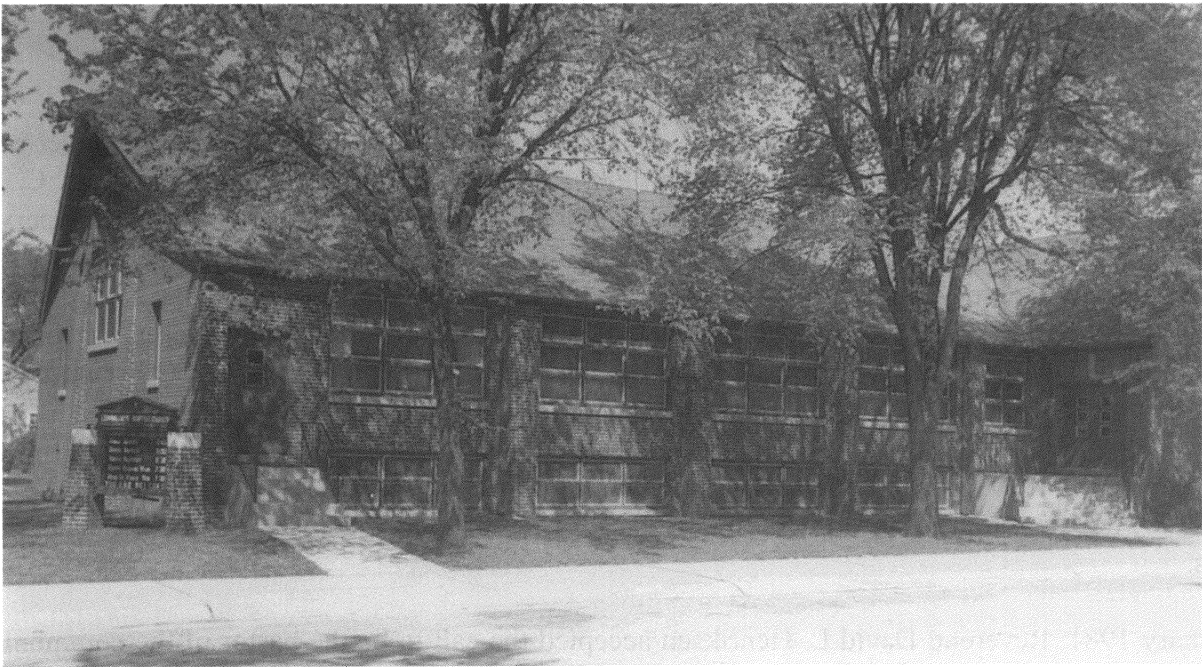
January 1981, Reverend David L. Henriksen accepted the call to be the pastor of the community Baptist Church. In 1982, the church purchased the property just east of the church to provide additional parking. May 17, 1987, the church celebrated its 90th anniversary with Reverend Robert Mason and Reverend Lawrence Williams speaking. At this time, the church also burned the mortgage. In 1991 a new addition was added to the associate pastor's house, doubling the size of the house. In 1996-1997, a new handicap lift was added to accommodate the disabled and to facilitate the moving of equipment.

On May 18, 1997, the church celebrated its 100th anniversary with Reverend Robert Mason, Reverend Lawrence Williams, Jr., Brad Dickinson, Reverend Mel Stadt, and Dr. Paul Tassel, former National GARBC Representative as guests. Reverend Henriksen resigned in June 1999, having ministered for 18 years.

Associate pastors and youth directors have included: David Acree, Tim Parchetti, John Tallman (now a missionary with New Tribes Mission), Chuck Dutton (now living in Texas), Steve Mayo (now a missionary with the Association of Baptists for World evangelism in Australia), Brad Dickinson (now Camp Director at Camp Fairwood, Westfield, Wisconsin) and Mark Michalcewicz (now living in Michigan).

Interim pastors have included Reverend Don Wise, who now lives in Florida; Reverend Mel Stadt; who lives in Union Grove, Wisconsin; Reverend Mark Mulder, who lives in Union Grove, Wisconsin; and Reverend David Morgan, who is with the Helping Hands Ministry.

The Community Baptist Church has been a lighthouse in this community for the past 104 years. A full program of ministries and activities is planned for each age group. They have a Sunday school with classes for each age group from nursery through adult. They also have a very active AWANA club for boys and girls from K-6th grade and a youth ministry for the teens in grades 8-12.



1954

History of Silver Lake Scouting

Girl Scouting in Silver Lake

In the span of several years, two girls clubs, namely the Yebo girls and then the Sunshine Club were organized by Gladys Bufton (Mrs. Fred Schmalfeldt). In 1936 she explored the possibility of a Lone Troop of Girl Scouts since scouting existed only in the city of Kenosha. A charter was granted to Troop 55 with Lucille Weaver (Mrs. S. Gault) as assistant leader to Gladys. There were ten girls registered nationally. Camping, hiking, earning badges and funs was a big part of the program. Each year Lone Troop 55 grew bigger. Fern Berry (Mrs. Clem Tilton) joined as an assistant leader. As assistant leaders left for college or jobs, new ones gave great help. Katy Jones (Mrs. Vincent Paddock) joined us as an assistant leader. We were now invited to join the Kenosha Council and by 1941, approximately 40 Silver Lake girls, ages 10 to 14 were registered nationally.

Parading in the Wilmot Fairs, going to Pottowatomie girl Scout Camp, earning badges in the Girl Scout program, camping and over nighting at the Kenosha Girl Scout Little House, selling Christmas cards and Girl Scout cookies, taking part in Civic functions such as donating to the Red Cross War Fund, selling poppies for the women's Auxiliary, and sending soldier kits to 15 local boys in the service kept everyone a busy but happy bunch of girls.

Many able and wonderful women joined Troop 55 as assistants during Gladys Schmalfeldt 25 years as the leader: Etta Williams Berry, Mrs. Edith Michaels Pittner, Mrs. Larry Connell, Mrs. Rockwell, Mrs. Nancy Knight, Mrs. Marge Kruzan, Mrs. Elvera Moe, Mrs. Jean Nielson, Mrs. Marlene Hubbard, Mrs. Betty VanDerZee, and Mrs. Mildred Kowalik.

Mrs. Elvera Moe took over the leadership in the 1960's. Her assistants turned into leaders as the Scout program became revised. The following have kept scouting alive for hundreds of Silver Lake girls. Mrs. Betty Schendel, Mrs. Alice Greenwald, Ethelyn Nelson, Mrs. Betty Greiner, Mrs. Lois Schultz, Mrs. Cheryl and Mr. Jim VanPatten, Mrs. Joanne Sherwood, Mrs. Penny Wegner, Mrs. Sue Ellsworth, Mrs. Carol Smith, Mrs. Herda, Mrs. Dorothy Glatz, and Mrs. Joan Ranson.

In 1946, Mrs. Schmalfeldt organized a group of high school girls, some of whom had belonged to Troop 55 and wanted to continue in scouting. Seventeen girls kept this group active for 3 years.

In 1947, Argia Panknin (Sobbe) and Marcelyn Connell helped Mrs. Schmalfeldt organize a Brownie troop "77" for girls from 7 to 9 years of age. Hiking, cook outs, handicrafts, songs and games made the weekly meetings exciting. The leadership was turned over to Mrs. Edith Michaels and Mrs. Bertha Wilson and then for several years to Mrs. Evelyn Thiede. Mrs. Esther Thornton with Mrs. Etta Berry as assistant became the next leader. For the next 15 years Mrs. Thornton led the Brownies with many changes in helping her. Mrs. Virginia Freeman, Mrs. Elaine Maleski, Mrs. Elvera Moe, Mrs. Evelyn Nuyttens, Mrs. Rose Mary Alby, Mrs. Gertrude Hockney, Mrs. Helen Swanson, Mrs. Mary Ann Hornoff and Mrs. Virginia Lubkeman were willing helpers.

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Mrs. Louise Schenning then became leader for several years. Mrs. Dorothy Vorpahl and Mrs. Leslie Blavat became co-leaders and to date the Brownies are still having fun with Mrs. Leslie Blavat, Mrs. Barbara Berg, Mrs. Barbara Spickerman and Mrs. Maryann Kennedy.

Today, the Girl Scouts of Silver Lake consist of Junior Troop #60, Brownie Troop 2201 and Daisy Troop 205. Like their predecessors from the 1940's, these groups regularly participate in our town's parades and provided Community service as needed. A special thanks for their past participation in girl scouts goes to Mrs. Jeannie Steffin in working with both Brownie and junior Troops; Mrs. Margarita Manarik in working with the Junior Troop, and lastly to Mrs. Julie Carlson who has unselfishly devoted her leadership and time for the last three years to both Daisy and Junior Troops. All of these women have unselfishly given up their personal time to be exemplary role Models for our daughters of Silver Lake and the surrounding communities. Thank you Jeannie, Margarita and Julie for the smiles, hugs, laughter and leadership you have given to our girls as they develop into young women and the continued programming of girl scouts in our community.

Boy Scouts of Silver Lake

It's been exciting the last few years how boy scouts have developed in our community. Pack and Troop 329, led primarily by Mr. Ray Carter continues to actively participate in community, district and council events. Both groups belong to the Fox River District of the Southeast Wisconsin Boy Scouts of America. The pack currently consists of about 40+ boys and the troop about 25 boys. Ray has been the key link between the entire Cub and Scout Masters, their Assistants and Parents. There are many adults and parents to thank, so many who devote endless hours of their own time to come out and give a hand to either supervise or participate themselves as community volunteers, chaperones for camp outs, and fundraising so all the boys have an opportunity to attend camp each year.

Venturing, the next step in Scouting

A step beyond the traditional Boy Scout Troop has taken place with the introduction of the Venturing program in Boy Scouts. Venturing is a youth led program for high school and college age young men and women between the ages of 14 to 20. Unlike Boy Scouts where the adults have much influence over the decisions the boys make with their programming, Venturing allows both young men and women to make the decisions and when they feel they need some additional help, ask for opinions from their adult advisors. Venturing Crews participate in high adventure, youth ministry and outdoor programs such as hiking, repelling, camping, scuba driving, sailing, confidence building and teamwork skills, just to name a few. Crew 701 of Western Kenosha County has youth involved from both Wilmot and Central High Schools. Crew 701 was organized about four years ago under the leadership of Dale and Cindy Frye and Deborah McGregor. Today, Duke and Jane Nelson are the advisors of Crew 701. Crew 701 has been instrumental in the community and council by organizing October Family Festival in 1999 for the Village of Silver Lake and in 2000 organizing scouts from the region to participate in raising \$25K for community organizations dur-

ing The Wisconsin Off Road Series Mountain Bike Races sponsored by Alterra Coffee and Wheel & Sprocket held at Wilmot Mountain. They received their Quality Unit Award for 2001 and were recognized at the 2001 Southeast Wisconsin Awards Banquet as New Crew of the Year for their contributions to their community and the advancement of venturing leadership by youth.

Career Exploring Joins the Silver Lake Police Department

Lastly, as school districts across the country are seeking both in-school career education opportunities like the Learning for Life program as well as work-based programs such as Career Exploring, in the past the Village of Silver Lake under the direction of former Police Chief Roger Griebel implemented a Police Exploring Program to work with youth that had an interest in becoming police officers. His program led to successful completion of eight young men and women completing 60 hours of police training with the village police department to participate in the department's Ride Along Program in 1998-1999. Today, that program no longer exists for Post 764. Post 764 still actively participates in village fundraisers and provides security for the summer band in the park series each year. They also have created a Post Color Guard led by Dennis Rodefer. Post 764 Color Guard has participated in many parades and ceremonies. Additionally, Post 764 provides security in conjunction with the Kenosha County Fair Police each year at the Kenosha County Fair. At the 2001 Awards Banquet, Post 764 received the "Community Service 2000" award and Dennis Rodefer received New Advisor of the Year. Dennis went onto the Regional Awards Banquet for Exploring and Venturing held in Bloomingdale, Illinois in March 2001 and was selected as the New Advisor of the Year out of the twelve state conference region. Dennis, a Silver Lake resident and the first advisor ever to receive a regional award for the Southeast Wisconsin Council Boy Scouts of America at the regional banquet. He was nominated by Paulette Currington and Marie Nelson, a present and former member of Post 764. Many thanks go to all the adults that have made contributions to the Post. Deborah McGregor and Ray Noble, both serving as co-advisors for the last two years; Jane and Duke Nelson, who helped out with programming in the beginning and obtaining uniforms for the youth to wear during their the post's first year; Theresa and John Herreid who stepped in to help out when the Nelson's departed to help out with Crew 701; Marlene Vela keeping track of the awards and helping out by sewing uniforms for the youth and of course Dennis Rodefer who stepped in to lend a hand when the Post needed help in the creation of the color guard.

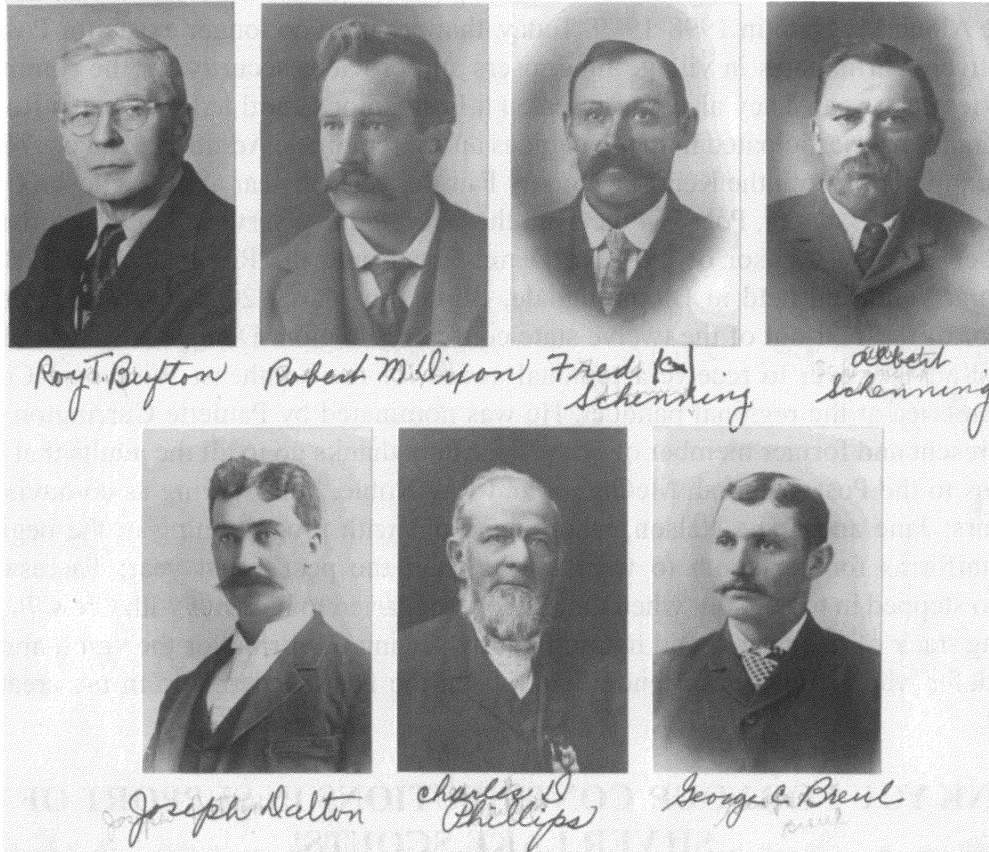
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE SILVER LAKE SCOUTS!

Often times, we go unrecognized for the efforts we contribute. This article was written with the intention of recognizing each and every adult volunteer involved with these programs along with the youth that participate. If we missed your name, we are sorry. What is important to our youth is your actions and the role model you portray in these programs along with your leadership and friendship you provide to them each meeting and outing.

History of Silver Lake State Bank

In 1907, Robert M. Dixon, George C. Bruel, Charles Phillips, Charles Bernhoft, W.G. Schlecht and 17 other forward looking citizens of Silver Lake in Salem Township signed an agreement to purchase 100 shares of stock for the organization of a commercial and savings bank to be known as the Silver Lake State Bank. On August 22 of that year, the stock was fully subscribed providing for a paid in capital of \$10,000.

On July 8, 1908, the state commissioner issued a charter and the first bank in west Kenosha County opened for business. Dixon was president, B.H. Stocker, vice president and Schlecht was cashier. Bruel, Bernhoft, F.H. Schenning, John Dixon, Albert Schenning and A. Mathews formed the board of directors.



The bank conducted business in the two rooms in back of what was then Flueker's Butcher Shop, which later was Sokolski's Grocery Store, south east corner of Second and Lake Streets. By the end of 1908, the total assets were \$23,952 and larger quarters were required.

John M. Ludwig, blacksmith, built a frame building just north of Carl's store, but on June 22, 1912, the new brick building on the south west corner of Lake and Second, which for many years was a landmark in the village, was completed.

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John Evans



Erik Hansen

In 1922, the bank was completely reorganized; more capital was brought in, and the man who has been most closely identified with the destiny of the bank began his tenure. Erik Hansen, age 29, of Kilbourn (now Wisconsin Dells), at that time assistant cashier of the Kilbourn State Bank, became cashier and manager, his son, Lyle E. Hansen, a graduate of the University of Wisconsin and of Marquette University Law School, joined the staff in 1948 and was vice president, cashier and director. A long time employee is Mrs. Georgia Panknin, auditor. Long associated with the bank were John Evans, chairman of the

board, and C.V. Cook, vice chairman. John H. Thompson joined the bank in the early 1960's as assistant cashier, was made a director, and in 1969, was promoted to cashier.

Due to the continuous growth of the Silver Lake State Bank requiring additional floor space, the board of directors in 1966 voted to construct a new building to house the bank facilities, which is the present building at 740 Cogswell Drive. The building is of colonial design with drive in facilities and a spacious parking area.



Old Bank

In April of 1970, David A. Straz, Jr. purchased the controlling interest in the Silver Lake State Bank. A major portion of that stock was purchased from Erich Mildenberg, currently commissioner of Banks of the State of Wisconsin. At that time Mr. Straz became president, and the newly elected board of directors were David A. Straz, L. Erik Hansen, James H. Thompson, Edward C. Evans, chairman of the board; along with the following officers: James H. Thompson, cashier; R.H. Henning, assistant vice president; Georgia Panknin, assistant cashier. The assets of the bank at that time were \$5,285,479.68.



Silver Lake Firststar Bank

Over the years under the close supervision of Mr. Straz, the bank has shown considerable growth and at year-end of 1975 which reflect total assets of \$9,466,370.55. The board of directors at this time consists of Edward C. Evans, chairman; Honorable K. Thompson Savage, attorney with the firm of Carlson, Savage and Mallow; David Straz, vice president; David A. Straz, Jr. president; James H. Yanke, agriculture; and M.W. Dederling, executive vice president and cashier.

The officers of the bank as of December 31, 1975 were Edward C. Evans, chairman; David A. Straz, vice president; Clarence L. Wilson, assistant vice president; and Mrs. Georgia B. Panknin, assistant cashier and auditor.

In 1976, Mr. David A. Straz, Jr. also had controlling interest in Kenosha National Bank, the West Kenosha State Bank, and the First National Bank of Lake Geneva, along with various other real estate holdings.

The Silver Lake State Bank became First Bank Southeast in 1983. In the mid-1980's, First Bank Southeast became a branch of the First Bank Southeast-Lake Geneva. Marine National Exchange Bank out of Milwaukee, Wisconsin handled the Treasury Tax and Loan Accounts during this time period.

In 1995, Firststar Bank (formerly First Wisconsin National Bank) head quartered then out of Milwaukee, acquired First Bank Southeast in its entirety. Incidentally, Firststar Bank serves as the Reserve Bank for Silver Lake State Bank since its inception. It's ironic that approximately 90 years later it would be acquired by them.

In 1998, Firststar Bank was acquired by Star Bank of Ohio. Star Bank decided to keep the Firststar name until its purchase of US Bank on February 27, 2001. The signs on the bank should change in late 2001 to early 2002. US Bank will have over 2,200 branches, over 5,000 ATM machines, and 10 million customers. They have grown from an asset size of a little over a million in the 1920's to 160 billion in asset size today.

Silver Lake State Bank has evolved from a one bank all-service location into the 8th largest financial service holding company in the United States.

Some interesting facts:

Then:

Early 1900's:

Number of shareholders 8-10

1920's:

Average Household /Business Mortgages

\$2500

1950's:

FDIC Insurance Raised

To \$10,000 from \$5,000

Now:

2001

Thousands

Over \$100,00.00

\$100,000 per account title

History of Schultz-Hahn Post 293 The American Legion

After World War I had ended, our veterans could see that there was a need to form an organization that would give service to the community, state and nation. An organization was needed to help rehabilitate the veteran, insure aid for the disabled, and care for widows and children of the veterans who had died in service to their country. The memories and associations of the great wars would be preserved by an organization of veterans who had served together. The combined efforts of the veterans would help pass many new laws, and benefits could be increased.

In 1921, a group of Legionnaires from the American Legion Post 21 of Kenosha, led by Herbert Swenson, came into our community to help organize a Legion Post. Under the leadership of their first Commander Lester (Ted) Smith of Salem, they organized and operated under a temporary charter until 1931 when the Post received its permanent charter.



American Legion 50 Year Recognitions



American Legion Initiation

The Silver Lake Post was named in memory of Private John H. Schultz, of Salem, and Private Martin Hahn of Brighton. Private Schultz was killed in the Argonne, and Private Hahn was killed at the Battle of Meuse, Argonne. Both of these men are buried in the Meuse Argonne American Legion Cemetery, Meuse, France.

Before World War II, the membership held their meetings in the Salem Hall. After World War II, the meetings were held in the Fire Department buildings of Silver Lake and Salem. In 1950, a drive for building funds was conducted in our area, and the present Memorial Hall in Silver Lake was acquired. Legion members and many friends worked together to put the hall in shape for community use. With a permanent home, the Post membership increased and became active in the community.

Post 293 sponsors the annual Memorial Day Parade and Program to honor all veterans of all wars. The community Children's' Christmas Party, which is hosted by the Post, has been an annual affair for over 30 years. Each year they sponsor a boy from Westosha Central High School to attend Badger Boys State where they participate in mock local and state government operations. Each year the

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Post awards a Certificate, Medallion and check for \$25.00 to a boy and a girl from each of 12 area schools in Recognition of the possession of those high qualities of Courage, Honor, Leadership, Patriotism, Scholarship, and Service. These qualities are necessary to the preservation and protection of the fundamental institutions of our government and the advancement of society. They also sponsor County Law Day each year on May 1st. This is held at the County Court House in Kenosha, and selected students from county schools spend the day visiting the Court House and participating in a mock trial. They also tour the County Sheriffs Department. Students are encouraged to write an essay about Law Day, and two winners from each school are treated to a trip to Madison to tour the State Capitol and Legislative Chambers.



American Legion Firing Squad

Throughout the many years, the Post has strived to pay respects to our departed comrades with Poppy Services at wakes and providing a firing squad, color guard and flag folding ceremony at graveside. The Poppy Service is still provided by request of the family of the veteran, and members attend the funerals. The other services are now provided by other active service detachments. Departed veterans are named on mounted lists in our Memorial Hall. The Post also places flags on graves of veterans in local cemeteries.

The Post holds its annual fundraiser at the Kenosha County Fair each year and will continue as long as the membership is able.

They are always looking for area veterans to join our Post and keep up the good work, which they started in 1919. Many veterans worked very hard over the years to make their Post the success it is today. They invite veterans to join their ranks.

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History of Schultz-Hahn American Legion Auxiliary

It wasn't until 1950 that the Post acquired their own building and converted the old tavern and farmhouse into the Schultz-Hahn American Legion Building. At this time, the ladies of the Auxiliary were busy attending District Conferences and State Conventions; bringing home new programs, new ideas and putting them to practical use in our Silver Lake Area. In 1964, a major remodeling was undertaken to modernize the Memorial Hall and Bar. At that time our hall was dedicated as a Memorial to those who have left us while serving God and their Country, and especially to the two young men who gave us their name; John Schultz, born June 14, 1894, called to serve his country in May of 1918 and died in action October 18, 1918; and Martin Hahn, born July 7, 1894, called to serve his country in May of 1918 and died in action October 15, 1918; dead and buried in the Argonne in France less than a month before the Armistice was signed. So the Hall stands as a Memorial to them and to those who came later, as did Tom Brandes, Vietnam, Daniel Patrick, Vietnam. Our Hall is dedicated to serve this community and is available to our community organizations such as our Fire and Rescue Units, Boy and Girl Scout Groups, Senior Citizen Groups, the Sunshine Club when it was active and many others.



American Legion Post 293



Legion Santa And his helper

In 1921, former servicemen from Salem, Bristol, Brighton, Camp Lake and Silver Lake areas organized the Schultz-Hahn American Legion post 293 under the leadership of Lester Smith, the 1st Commander of Post 293.

Several years later, the wives and mothers of these former fighting men organized the Schultz-Hahn American Legion Auxiliary, and on February 22, 1928 received their Charter with a membership of 16 ladies led by presidents that first year, Mrs. Leona Smith and Mrs. Agnes Thomas. Of the ladies that joined their first year, only one is still a member of the Schultz-Hahn Auxiliary for 50 years. Mrs. Irma Sheriff and Mrs. Crystal Richter have 48 year memberships; Mrs. Anna Rudolph and Mrs. Belle Barhydte, 40-year memberships; and Mrs. Louise Robel, who served 30 years. These women, and many others too numerous to mention by name built up the Schultz-Hahn American Legion Auxiliary

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American Legion Auxiliary members

Marie Brandes has been honored by the auxiliary as a Life Member and Gold Star Mother pictured with her granddaughter and President Kathy Wolfe. Muriel Patrick has also been remembered as a Gold Star Mother too. Both mothers reside in Silver Lake and have lost sons in the Vietnam War.

The American Legion Auxiliary has seen many changes since the 50th Celebration. They have lost many of our charter members that founded our organization. They currently have 95 senior and junior members. Life Memberships are given to mem-

bers who have 40 years of service, or 25 years of service and 70 years of age. Dues are paid for members who are confined to nursing homes. The auxiliary meet once a month at the Legion Hall and are a very active group of women. They host monthly card parties for the community. They bring a busload of veterans from Milwaukee Zablocki Medical Center for a day at the hall, with a garbage can cook-out and rides on the lake, bingo, music and friendship.

They are as always, attending conferences and conventions to learn more about the many programs for the veteran and their family. They also sponsor a girl from Westosha Central High School to attend Badger Girl State in Madison. She has one week of learning about our government, what makes it tick and practicing the principals we govern ourselves by. Many of the volunteer work include assisting in bingo parties for the veterans that are living in a halfway house in Kenosha. The Poppy program is outstanding with volunteers from the Legion and Auxiliary. The auxiliary also sponsors Friendship Night, which is a lot of fun. They initiate new members and honor members with years of service. In the year 2001, they honored Darlene Carr 40 years, Isabel Olkives and Dorothy Snyder 41 years, Fern Schultz 47 years, and Patricia Sasaki and Dolores E. 'Doll' Terry 48 years. They also assist the Legion with their Annual Christmas Party for the kids in our area, and help at the Beer Tent held at the Kenosha County Fair in August.

Other members, too numerous to mention by name, continue to keep the Schultz-Hahn American Legion Auxiliary what it is today, an organization dedicated to assist the men of the American Legion and to serve the veteran and the community.

The Sunshine Club of Silver Lake

On February 22, 1926, the Sunshine Club organized. The Adult bible community Baptist Church Class met at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Schenning (Fred) for its regular monthly meeting. Mrs. Harry Orvis of Camp Lake was the teacher of the class. She suggested to the eleven members present that a club be organized, the purpose to bring a bit of cheer to the sick, the lonely, the bereaved with a card, or a gift, and maybe a visit. By the end of the year, 41 members had signed up. Meetings were to be held in the homes, dues would be 10 cents a month. Election of officers was held at the first meeting. Mrs. H. Orvis, president and Mrs. Oscar Yanke, secretary treasurer. In the beginning, the adult class of Community Baptist Church sponsored the club, but it became a civic association, which included members from Silver Lake, Camp Lake, Basset, Fox River and Salem.

Of the 41 members who joined that first year, five ladies were still active as of 1976. They were Mrs. Roy Swensen, daughter of Mrs. Orvis, Florence Schenning, Anna Hazelman, Esther Yanke, and Martha VanDerZee. The first person to be remembered was Mrs. Otto Schenning on the birth of a baby boy.

Monthly meetings were held in various homes with hostesses serving refreshments and also planning the program. A Sunshine Committee took care of remembering those who needed a bit of cheer, a great help to the officers. The club also donated to public charities such as Red Cross, Cancer Fund, Heart Fund, Poppy Fund and later years the Rescue Squad. Mrs. Orvis served as president for 17 years until her death in April 1943.

Mrs. Louise Schenning became a member in 1934, and soon after was chosen vice president. At the death of Mrs. Orvis, Mrs. Oscar Robel (Louise Schenning) became president, and served faithfully for thirty-two years. The dues were raised to 25 cents per month, and the only means of raising money was by a silent auction and donations from non-members. All members enjoyed the monthly birthday table with a hand made gift for each celebrant for that month. New ladies moving into the community were made welcome. A worthwhile project for many years is the giving of baskets of fruit at Christmas, usually delivered by the president or member of her committee.

In 1976, this article was published in the 50th celebration history book. We have not received any updated information for the year 2001.

History of Silver Lake Fire Department and Rescue Squad Auxiliary

The Silver Lake Fire Department and Rescue Squad Auxiliary held its first meeting on January 19, 1961 with nine members. Jo Rudolph was elected president and the group received their charter on October 19, 1961. At that first meeting, members decided on dues of 50 cents a month, but this was later eliminated.

For several years, membership was limited to the wives of fireman and rescue squad members only, but now is open to any women who are interested in joining. The only requirement is that they must be 18 years of age and attend three meetings before they receive their badge signifying that they are a member.

The main purpose in organizing the auxiliary was so the wives could help their husbands in as many ways as possible. They began serving coffee and sandwiches when the men were on a lengthy fire or rescue call and also contributed proceeds from any fund raising events, which consisted mainly of card parties and bake sales, to the fire department and rescue squad. The first year the auxiliary donated \$73.50 to the rescue squad to help pay for their new ambulance which they had purchased that year.

In the beginning, the rescue squad was in need of sheets, so one of the auxiliary's early projects was making them and also laundering them after the calls, to help save on expenses. Two members, Mildred Williams and Pat Brandenburger also made the auxiliary's flag.

As the years went by, additional fund raising events were sponsored by the auxiliary some of which included holding children's movies at the American Legion Hall, a rummage sale, an old fashioned ice cream social, spaghetti dinner, and a Fall Benefit Dance which proved to be the largest fund raiser. The auxiliary has also participated in the Silver Lake Summerfest since it began and holds monthly luncheon card parties and various bake sales through out the year.

In 1970, the auxiliary took on the task of keeping the old 1929 fire engine which was going to be sold for lack of storage space and because insurance was so high. The picturesque fire engine was the first pumper in use in the eastern part of the county and fought its last fire in 1964, but remained a piece of Silver Lake history. After circulating a petition, headed by Charlene Procknow and Betty Zillmer, the village decided to keep the truck. The truck was restored to its original red color and the auxiliary set up a special fund for the maintenance and care of this well-loved vehicle which is now used only in parades.



*Silver Lake Fire & Rescue Squad Auxiliary
ride in the 1929 Model A Fire Engine*

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"Silver Lake Fire Department and Rescue Squad Auxiliary"**

Valentine

Many women have remained members of the auxiliary since it's beginning and some have contributed many services, above and beyond their regular duties as a member. In 1973, the auxiliary decided to honor these special members with a plaque and has only given two such awards. In 1973, the first award was given to Mrs. Charles Hockney and her husband. Mrs. Hockney has been making the Raggedy Ann and Raggedy Andy dolls since 1970 for the benefit of the auxiliary. Mrs. Hocking, a local artist, has donated paintings of the village hall and fire and rescue squad trucks to the departments.

Mildred Williams received the award in 1974. She has been president and served five terms as treasurer, an office she currently holds. She has contributed generously to auxiliary bake sales and has always been willing to participate in various auxiliary activities.

In 1975, the auxiliary presented checks totaling \$1250, the fire department receiving \$750.00 and the rescue squad receiving \$500.00. Membership increased considerably over the years and now totals 51 members in the auxiliary.

Officers in 1976 they are: President Margie Saucerman; Vice President, Viv Czebotar; Secretary, Jan Nichols; Treasurer Mildred Williams; Publicity Judy Kunz; Historian, Edna Schwartz; and card party chairman, Juanita Clark.



Silver Lake Fire & Rescue Squad Auxiliary Members

Over the past 25 years, times have changed dramatically. Most wives, moms, and even some grandmothers hold down jobs outside the home now. Free time is limited, and time for volunteerism is next to impossible.

The Fire and Rescue Auxiliary will celebrate its 40th year this summer. Mildred Williams, the only 40 year member is the current and long time treasurer. Over the years she held several offices including president. They are now a small force of thirty, which includes two male members.

Basically the objectives are the same: to “aid and assist” as needed and raise funds. Besides holding dances and bake sales, in the past few years they published an extremely successful cookbook and have raffled off an outdoor cedar swing, fireplaces, and other things. The past several years they have raised up to \$4000.00 each year for the volunteer organizations.

In April 1994, they began the “TOTAL” restoration of the village’s 1929 Model A fire truck. Other restoration work had been done over the years, but this was the first total restoration. This truck had been the first motorized fire engine east of I-94. The body was totally dismantled, sent out for sand blasting, dipped and repainted. Motor work was done, old wood replaced, and the seat was re-upholstered.

The auxiliary held a special 1920’s theme dance and placed donation buckets all over town, with the proceeds going toward the restoration fund. The firefighters took the truck apart and put it back together on their own time. When restoration was nearing completion in September 1995, they ran short of funds. Both the fire department and village helped out.

On September 1, 1997, the village awoke to find a devastating fire, which totally destroyed the fire department and damaged both the police department and village hall. The Auxiliary lost almost everything. Insurance covered next to nothing (due to age.) They lost the storage space, cabinets, contents, stove, and refrigerators.

Just a few days later they found they had several wonderful benefactors. Separately Mrs. Jane Bloss and Mrs. Joyce Harrison called and delivered Nesco roasters, a microwave oven, a large coffee maker, hot/cold beverage containers, etc. For the past several years Judy Kluender has given us storage space at the American Legion Bar that she leases. She has since joined the Auxiliary and is now its 2001 president.

Miraculously three things survived the fire that could never be replaced.
The 1929 Model A fire truck—which just happened to be stored in another building at the time.
The hand made satin Auxiliary flag
The old photo albums that show the history of the organization

Like the old Model A, they keep on truckin’. Over the years they too, have had some mechanical failures, but they are very proud of the fact that they are one of the last remaining fire and rescue auxiliaries in the area.

They would also like to mention some volunteer helpers who have been there to lend a hand for many years: Marge Kruzan, Dave Stoxen Sr., Marie Ellis, Judie Schwartz, Emily Collins, Gloria Glatz, and Doris DeWitt, a thirty-two year member, who still helps sell tickets at the age of 90.

Thanks to the village for their continued support.

The members of the Silver Lake Fire and Rescue, Dive Team Auxiliary.

History of Silver Lake Sportsmen's Club Inc.

In the spring of 1957, Sheldon Faber and Edwin Lech purchased, banded, and released two pheasant roosters in the Silver Lake area. This act became the basis for forming sportsmen's club in the area.



Deer Hunting Group

In June of 1957, the following men joined together as the charter members of the Silver Lake Sportsmen's Club: Henry Andre, Francis O'Neil, Howard Koubener, Eldon Schenning, Joseph Czebotar, Frank Cason, Robert Rudolph, Sheldon Faber, William Kruzan, and Edwin Lech.

The club was incorporated in July of 1958. Shortly thereafter, the group purchased 40 acres from Phil VanHalter in the Salem Township. This property became the home of the club, and in short order a clubhouse and trap shooting range were constructed. Later on, an archery range was added as well as various improvements to the property for conservation purposes.

Because of the rapid growth, the club limited membership to 80, but formed a junior club to train boys in gun safety, fishing, hunting, and trap shooting. Upon becoming adults, the members of the Junior Club automatically become members of the club.

Many of the club's conservation efforts focus on improving the local habitat. They provide access to the marsh areas so the Carthage College Horticultural Dept. can conduct research on plant and animal life there. Each spring the club members build and erect wood duck and mallard nests through out the area. In addition, they maintain a pond for rearing northern pike; assist the D.N.R. to remove trash and debris from Silver Lake spawning areas for pike as well as check fish population, growth, reproduction, and the oxygen strength of the water.

Club activities focus around the sportsmen that make up the group. There are trap and archery leagues through the summer that have spirited competition as well as picnics and a year-end awards presentation and BBQ. The club also runs a monthly Trap Shoot that is open to the public. Food and beverages are available and meat prizes are awarded to the top shooters. The highlight of the summer is the Juniors Trap Shoot. This event is supported by many of the local business in the form of prizes and other donations. The funds raised by the junior's pay for the fishing and hunting trips the group leader, Al Kerkman, takes the boys on throughout the year. His brother, "Stubby" regularly BBQ's chicken for the best chicken dinner around. The main fund raiser and social activity for the club is the annual gun raffle and fall dance at the American Legion. This is the highlight of the year for the members and wives alike.



Silver Lake Sportsmen's Club Members

The officers for 2001 are Dave Faber, President; Paul Schultz, Vice President; George Wyndsam, Secretary; Stephen Vorderbruggen, Treasurer; and Rick McRae, Marty Belicki, and Joe Rausch as Board members.

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The Silver Lake 4-H Club

The Silver Lake Super Stars 4-H Club was formed on November 22, 1972. As club projects that year the clubs sang Christmas carols for the shut ins and held a bake sale to raise funds for the club. Mrs. Dolores Walker became leader of the club the second year. Club projects included cleaning up the Silver Lake beach, marching in the Memorial Day Parade, and participated in judging at the fair. They won first prize for the clubs' float in the County Fair Parade.

In 1975, the club participated in the County 4-H pizza sale and had two of the top sales persons in the county selling a total of 317. A popcorn sale was also held to raise funds for the club. In the summer, the club toured the Jay Potato Chip plant in Chicago. A party was held to honor Mrs. Walker for her efforts as club leader.

In 1976, Mrs. Loretta Fox and Mrs. Cheryl Nichols were the leaders of the Silver Lake Super Star 4-H Club.

This article was last published in the 50th celebration history book. We have not received any updated information for the year 2001.

Faber Construction **A “Silver Lake” tradition since 1934**

Hundreds of Buildings to Their Credit

How traumatic it must have been for young Jacob Faber, his brother, sister and mother to watch as their father and husband was laid to rest in the Atlantic after passing away on their early 1800’s voyage from Holland to start a new life in America. Settling in Salem Township, on the south side of Silver Lake, Young Jacob would eventually become a section Forman for the Soo Line railroad, marry Millie Ganzlin, and start their family in Silver Lake.

That family of nine boys and four daughters would lay the foundation for a Silver Lake business that was started by the two oldest brothers, Reinald and Leroy in 1934. Faber Brothers Construction, either employed or influenced Ken, Walt, Jake, Shell, Lyle and the youngest brother Don into becoming carpenters, cabinet makers or starting their own construction business’s. The “Boys” as they were called, would become the first generation to build new homes and remodel older homes in and around Silver Lake that now numbers in the hundreds.



Lee Faber

Following grade school, Reinie applied for work and was accepted to apprentice to the late George Schmalfeldt (builder and contractor in Silver Lake since the turn of the century). Schmalfeldt next apprenticed Lee and therein lies a success within a story.

Lee Faber was a victim of infantile paralysis during his pre-school years and the crippling disease left the child with one leg shorter than the other. To his wife, Schmalfeldt expressed his misgivings the day he hired Lee. His fear that such a handicap would make the hazards of construction



Early Years, Faber Construction

work difficult in not impossible. Less than a week later he admitted the joke was on him. Schmalfeldt stated “The boy will be all right!” was in the nature of an understatement. Though the Faber’s are by and large equally skilled in carpentry and construction, if any distinction were made, Lee was the master on the construction jobs while Reinie was the top artisan in cabinetwork.

After their stint with Schmalfeldt, the two elder Fabers worked for Frank Schulze of Salem and Harvey Richter of Twin Lakes before working solely for Faber Brothers Construction. Ken, Jake, Lyle, Shell, and Rob joined the brothers and the story continues.

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World War II broke out. The boys landed a job in Camp McCoy where they helped build a hospital before entering the service. The Faber brothers were well represented in each branch of the military. Millie had 5 sons in the service all at one time. Bob saw action in Europe, Sheldon in the Pacific, Walter and Jake were army men, Lyle and Don, the two youngest, served in the Navy and Marines respectively. Lee and Reinie were in defense work. But to men used to rugged outdoor activity; fishing, hunting, farming, and carpentry early in life and during school vacations; working indoors was "Like being in Jail!"

Shell entered the service in December 1942. He received his basic training and spent the next four years overseas, returning home after the hostilities ended in 1946. The brothers banded together again to pound nails collectively. This occupation aligned with a post war building boom have kept the Fabers going "great guns." The qualities that make a good army may account for the success of this family of carpenters. Teamwork, loyalty to each other, pride in a job well done describes all of them.



Faber Construction sign

Things got tight and Shell, Lyle and Jake went to work in Illinois for three years only to return to Silver Lake to reform their alliance with Leroy. Though most of the Faber jobs have been summer cottages and homes, they count among their commercial buildings the completed Henry Bierdz Plumbing store on the south end of town, the remodeled Silver Lake Bank, O'Neil's Barber Shop, Sam Sokolski's modernized store front, Richter's Store, Bauman's Hardware store are all Faber's work as well as the large Salvation Army bathhouse in Camp Lake. Faber Brothers account for many homes built and remodeled in Kenosha, Racine and Walworth counties while right in Silver Lake, one street listed on the map as Chestnut street is commonly called Faber street. Three of the brother's own homes that flank each other. Meanwhile next to, behind, and dotting the neighborhood are Faber built residences.

An outstanding example of their work was the George Moe home on Fourth Street. A trim well designed ranch type home with the same fine wood and cabinet work inside that marks the Faber's top craftsmanship.

Should more of the young Faber boys follow the example of father and uncle, they will do more than carry on a family tradition. They will as elder generations have done, typify a sort of life this is wholly possible only in America.

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Shell's son Gary was born and raised in Silver Lake attended Riverview grade and Wilmot High schools as his father and grandparents before him. He helped his father and uncles on many jobs as a young child. Cleaning up sawdust, wood cuttings, picking up lumber scraps etc was his first responsibilities. He had to learn from the bottom up, you just don't start out pounding nails. It gave the boy a sense of self worth and the enjoyment of being with the elders. In 1967, Shell's son Gary, joined his father in business, working many evenings after school and weekends and full time in the summer until he graduated from Wilmot High School in 1970. His father and uncles taught him that the quality you build into a home is a reflection of the person who did the work.

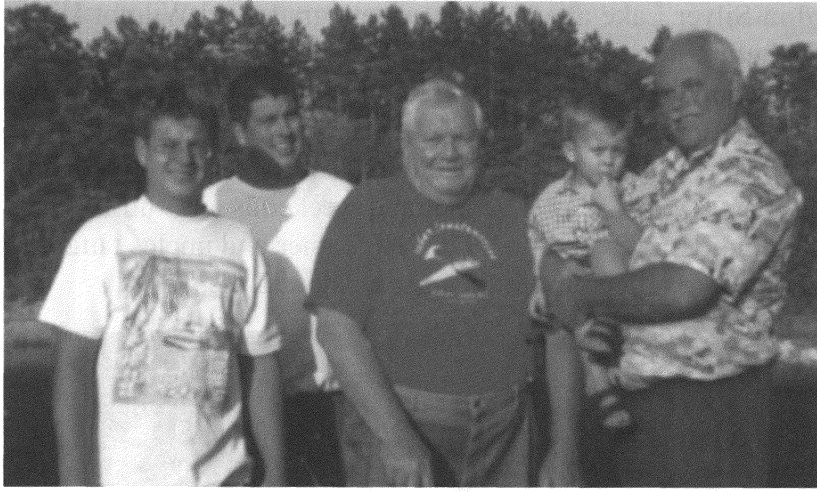


Faber's Fire, July 22, 1996

Barbara Olnhausen born in Chicago rode the Soo Line with her mother and 2 sisters from Chicago to the Silver Lake Depot. They got off the train with many other commuters and walked 2 miles to their summer cottage just outside Silver Lake in Shorewood Terrace. But before that long walk, they would always stop at Carl's store. It was nothing like what they had in Chicago. The candy showcase and of course the soda fountain in the back were always the highlight of their trip. In 1956, her parents, William and Shirley, decided to move permanently to the country because they did not want to raise their 3 girls in Chicago. Barbara attended Wheatland Grade School and Wilmot High School.

She married Gary after her High School years and they lived in Shorewood Terrace, later moving to Silver Lake. They had 2 sons, Jeff and Casey who were raised in Silver Lake, attended Riverview Grade School (the same as their father Gary, grandfather Shell and great grandmother Millie) and Wilmot High school just as both their parents.

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Faber Family Members

Gary worked with his father and uncles full time for many years. As the uncles retired Shell and Gary took over the business completely as father and son calling the business Faber Construction. They worked together building and remodeling homes.

Gary's son Jeff received a play construction set as a child. Gary knew that Jeff was destined to be a carpenter. So Jeff followed his fathers footsteps right into the

construction work. He joined Faber Construction full time in 1992. He married Lisa Rausch from Wilmot and have 2 children, Olivia who is now 7 and Gavin who is 2. Jeff has 11 years experience behind him.

Casey was handed down his brothers construction set and like his brother played carpenter also as a child. He started working part time at the age of 15 when he was not involved in sports through school. He joined Faber Construction full time in 1995 after graduating High School and has 6 years experience behind him.

Shell retired in 1984 leaving the business with Gary, his wife and his sons to operate. Working entirely out of their home and garage, the Faber family continued to carry on the tradition of quality craftsmanship until their expansion in the business caused them to move to a bigger facility. Gary and the boys work together as a father son team as the 3rd generation of Faber builders. They have expanded their business to include, new homes, remodeling, roofing, siding, concrete work and excavating. Gary's Uncle Darrel (Null), a retired machine operator, helps him out on excavating work.

Gary and his sons built a shop in 1994 on 296th Ave on Highway AH, not far from their Silver Lake home. July 22, 1996, fire struck the newly constructed Faber Construction building and everything was lost. It was devastating to watch 25 years built up to only be leveled by fire. Family and friends gathered to help clean up the debris. The Silver Lake Fire Department responded to the call, along with Wilmot and Trevor Fire Departments.

Many people in the community often call on Faber Construction to do work. Many of the remodeling work is done on homes that were build many years ago by the original Faber Brothers. Gary and the boys especially like working on these jobs and hearing the many stories of their grandfather and great uncles and their quality craftsmanship.

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The Moe home again comes into the picture for Gary and his boys. They were called on to remodel through the different owners, the Newberry's, the Paulsen's and the Dykstra's. The Dykstra's experienced a fire in their home December 1999. Debbie Dykstra, Gary's cousin, called on Gary, to contract him to do the remodeling. Again, Gary and his two sons' carries on that meticulous quality construction tradition passed on through the years.

Gavin Casey Faber, Jeff's 2 years old son, can be seen driving around with the boys and his grandfather. He loves being in the bobcat and working the levers. The big cat is probably his favorite when he can sit up in the cab with his dad and digs gravel at the pit. The past Christmas his grandfather, Gary, got him his first toolbox, hammer and tape measure (the real things). If Gavin continues like he is he probably will probably be the 4th generation in Faber Construction.

Neatness and craftsmanship are the stamp that has become the Faber trademark today.

"Faber Farm"



*"Dave McGuire, prior farm owner
(Largest man)"*



"Faber Farm"



*"Faber Farmhouse, Michael Schenning
standing outside"*

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History of the Silver Lake Volunteer Fire Department

The Silver Lake Fire Department was started sometime in the early 1900's. The first record that could be found was a report from the Fire Insurance rating office in Milwaukee, WI. dated in September 18, 1923.



Early Years, Silver Lake Volunteer Fire Department

The first organizational meeting was held at the Wilbur Lumber Company office. The following volunteered their service: Chief R.C. Barber, Assistant Chief Charles Richards, 2nd Assistant Chief Paul Price, Secretary-Treasurer Joe A. Zelinger, William Richter, Harry Schmalfeldt, Fred Schmalfeldt Jr., Ray Wasteak, John Taylor, Warren Sarbecker, Cliff Janke, Bert Dean, Fred Wild, Clarence Loth, and Vivian Holtdorf. Walter Kamin and Bert Richards volunteer their services and were initiated at a later date.

August 1929, Peter Pirsch & Sons Co. of Kenosah, Wisconsin built a new pumper on a 1929 Model A Ford chassis for the village fire department. It was equipped with a 250 GPM rotary gear pump. Through the years this pumper answered fire calls in all of Salem and Wheatland Townships until fire departments were organized in those townships.

The fire department moved from its quarters at the Wilbur Lumber Company to a fire house which is now the General Telephone Company garage on Railroad St. In 1949, the fire department purchased another new pumper built by Pirsch & Sons. This pumper was also built on a Ford chassis and had a 200 gallon per minute pump.

In 1952, a new Village Hall and firehouse was built in its present location.

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In 1960, a 750-GPM. pumper was ordered from Peter Pirsch. This piece of equipment was paid for jointly by the fire department and village. The fire department now had three pumpers in service. In 1962, the 1929 Model A pumper was retired from active service and is still used as a parade vehicle by the fire department.



Silver Lake Volunteer Fire Department

In August 1967, the members of the fire department started construction of a new stall and hose tower. Money for this project was raised by donations. All labor was free and no one received any money for this project. Help with the labor and materials were received by the department from many people who were not members of the fire department. This project was completed in March 1968.

In 1970 another piece of equipment was purchased by the fire department. This was a four-wheel drive grass fire truck and carries a portable generator and flood lights and deluge gun. This engine responds to all calls.

In 1975, a 1000-GPM. pumper was purchased jointly by the fire department and village from Pirsch & Sons. The department also had a 1250-gallon tanker. The fire department consisted of 35 men who are as follows: Chief Richard C. Harrison, Assistant Chief Wayne Lake, Captains David Zillmer, John Smith, Lieutenants Steve Rudolph, Michael Bull, Robert Williams, Secretary-Treasurer William Kowalik, Arthur Schultz, Robert Rudolph, William Zirzow, Frank Cason, Walter Ebeling, Harley Jerde, James Kamin, Larry Clark, Erv Pagles, Phil Cayo, Robert Schenning, John Davidson, Bert DeBell, Ronald Felming, Richard Nichols, Ken Richards, Bert Lathrop, Roy Pack, Carl Schultz, Kostantyn Klen, Tom Pheiffer, Clark Berg, Steve Schultz, John Koch, Dave Gyger, Dave Schoenbeck, Joseph Elfers.

The above portion of this article can be found in a 1976 publication on the history of the Village of Silver Lake. The remaining portion was updated in 2000.

In 1984, a pumper was purchased from FMC. The rig contained a 1000-gallon tank and a 1250 GPM pump. In 1989, a 3500-gallon tanker with an International chassis was purchased. In 1988, a 1979 panel van was donated to the department. The members volunteered time and material to turn it into an equipment van used to bring firefight-

ers and equipment to calls. In 1994, a Sutphen pumper was purchased. This piece of apparatus had a 1200-gallon tank with a 1500 GPM pump.

On September 1, 1997, the members were called out for a structure fire at the village hall. Unfortunately the fire was in the apparatus bay when fire fighters arrived, engulfing the entire mid-section of the building. The members called 7 departments for mutual aid help and pulled out the only piece of equipment to survive the fire, the 1970 grass rig. Departments from near and far donat-

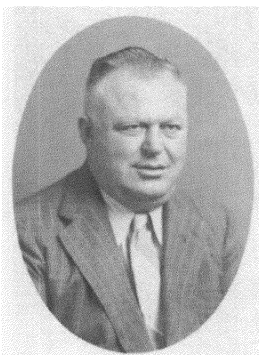


Silver Lake Volunteer Fire Department

ed clothing, gear and apparatus. Before the sun went down that night the fire department was ready to respond to calls, temporarily housed at the County Building north of town. The insurance company worked swiftly and purchasing new equipment began immediately. By summer of 1998, all equipment was bought except for the apparatus. In July of 1998, US Tanker delivered a 3500-gallon tanker, built on a Western Star chassis. In August of 1998 the members moved into their new building, built where the old firehouse existed prior to the fire. In September of that same year, 2 nearly identical 1998 Pierce Dash 2000 pumpers were delivered. These rigs contained 1250-gallon tanks, 2000 GPM pumps and seating for 8. The last piece of apparatus that was lost was replaced in May 2000. An 18' walk-in rescue built by American LaFrance on a Freightliner chassis was delivered. The unit is used for a command center, firefighter rehab and air truck.

Chiefs who have served: 1929-1935 Ralph C. Barber, 1936-1943 Martin Schenning, 1944-1947 Ralph G. Barber, 1948-1951 Fred Schmalfeldt, 1952 Lyle Kerkhoff, 1953-1954 Hardy Schmalfeldt, 1955-1956 Sheldon Faber, 1957-1966 Lloyd C. Casey, 1967-1972 Richard C. Harrison, 1973-1974 Wayne Lake, 1975-1985 Richard C. Harrison, 1986-1987 Dave Zillmer, 1987-1988 Steve Rudolph, 1989 Al Dunski, 1991- 1993 Dave Zillmer, 1994-1995 Ralph Drinkwine, 1997-2000 Dan Tanski, 2001-20xx Tom Smith.

Schenning Insurance



Martin Schenning

Martin Schenning, a lifelong resident of Silver Lake started the Schenning Insurance Agency Business in 1929, out of his home at 209 East Depot St. He operated the business until his death December 20, 1957. Martin also served on the Kenosha County Board for 30 plus years.

Louise worked with her husband through the years, then took it over after his death. In 1958 she had Florence Schenning come into the office and work for her. She retired from the business in 1964. Louise memberships included; Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Ladies Aid Society of Wilmot, Westosha B.P.W. and past president; Sunshine Club of Silver Lake since 1943, past president; Twin Lakes Senior Citizens past secretary, Garden Club past president; Salem Mound Cemetery Association Board and treasurer for many years, American Legion Auxiliary of Schultz-Hahn Unit #293 past president and held other offices, VFW Auxiliary of the Brandes Memorial Post #8375, Silver Lake Fire and Rescue Squad Auxiliary, Kenosha Insurance Women's group and past president, and Kettle Moraine Women's Club and past president. Louise passed away October 23rd 2000 at the age of 100.



Wendell & mother Louise

Louise and Martin's son Wendell attended Riverview Grade School, and graduated Wilmot High in 1958. He went on to the University of Wisconsin, Kenosha Campus for one year before working at the American Motors Plant in Kenosha for one year.

In 1960, Wendell decided to work at the Schenning Insurance office. He purchased the business January 2, 1964. He continued to work out of the house on Depot St. until January 1965 when he moved into the new office on 313 East Lake St. in February 1966. He bought Holdorf Agency in Silver Lake in October 1966 and Hansen Agency from Silver Lake State Bank. He also bought George Illges Agency from Paddock Lake in the 1970's. In 1977 he bought the old Barber Shop building next door to his office at that time at 311 East Lake Street. The business remained at this location

until October 1989. A new building was built on 633 S. Cogswell Dr. As far back as they can recall the Schenning's believe Schenning Insurance Agency is one of the oldest business in town.

Wendell's memberships include; The Independent Insurance Agents of Wisconsin and Southport Bank Western Kenosha County Advisory Board.

Wendell and his wife Phyllis have been married since November 1982 and reside in the Village of Silver Lake. He also has 3 children; Deborah (Debbie) who went to Riverview Grade School,

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moved to Florida 1974, then came back and graduated Wilmot High School. Once she had completed high school, Debbie moved back to Florida went to receive her nursing degree. She later married Adrian Langford and have 2 children, Adrian and Jennifer, They currently reside in Bradenton, Florida but still come back occasionally to Silver Lake to visit.

Rebecca (Becky) went to Riverveiw Grade School, before moving to Florida 1974. She attended high school, went on to college in Florida where she received here masters degree. Becky married Warren Jerrigan after college and they have one son, Warren and expect a new arrival in September 2001. Becky, her husband and son returned to Silver Lake to visit in June 2001.



Louise Schenning



Schenning Insurance Agency Office

Michael also moved to Florida 1974. He returned to Wisconsin in 1994 to go to the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh for one semester, only to leave again and moved to Woodbridge, Virginia where he met and married Kathy Williamson in July 1995. Michael moved back to Silver Lake in January 2000 and later after Kathy finished the year out teaching grade school in Virginia, moved to Wisconsin in June with daughter Mary. Michael and Kathy had a son, Michael November 1999 in Kenosha Hospital, Wisconsin.

Mary Kay Stoxen has been with Schenning Agency since April 12, 1976; June Brandes Sept 7, 1976; Mary Nellessen Dec 23, 1998; Jacki Lenz Nov 13, 2000.

Silver Lake Hardware Store 220 E. Lake Street

Ray & Ann Bauman owned the Hardware store in Silver Lake for many years. It was known at that time as Baumann's. Ray Bauman was a plumber and therefore the hardware store consisted of plumbing fixtures, pipes, sinks strainers, nuts and bolts, etc. and was a good storefront for his plumbing business. Ray did plumbing work in the village as well as the surrounding communities.



Richard & Marilyn Hoffman

In 1972, the Bauman's sold the store to Mr. & Mrs. Robert Wentdorf. Bob Wentdorf continued the hardware end of it but also did TV repair work in the store for the village and surrounding communities until he sold it to the Hoffmann's in 1976.

Richard and Marilyn Hoffman were from Shiller Park, Illinois. They had 3 children. Rick who was 17, Gary 13 and David who was 8 years old at that time. The Hoffmann's decided that Silver Lake was the little town for them and purchased the Hardware store from Bob Wentdorf and called it "*Hoffmann Hardware*". It was known as Hofmann Hardware for 18 years but to this day people still refer to it as the Hoffmann Hardware store.

The Hoffmann's had many employees work for them through the years including their son. They operated their store daily 8-6 and Sundays 9-1. You could always see Marilyn behind the counter with a smile just eager to help customers. Dick was employed as an electrician and you would see him in the store in the later hours and on Saturday and Sunday. As the business grew they all worked very hard to make it better for the town and the 3 sons jumped right into the act and worked along with their parents.

After Rick, the oldest graduated from Wilmot High School in 1977, he set up his own lock & glass business at the store, which he purchased from Bill Carr. Bill was ready to retire and was happy that Rick was buying the business and that he was going to run it in the store and keep it in the area.

In 1979, they joined the OK Hardware chain, which later merged with Trustworthy Stores. They were then able to purchase the inventory through the hardware chain and ran 5 sales year sending sale flyers to the surrounding areas and sale signs in the windows of the store. They were then able to supply their town with a variety of merchandise that was needed.

Rick remained at the hardware store location until the need to move to a bigger facility die to the expansion of his glass business. He relocated to Hwy 50 & B where he is at now and he still serves the people of Silver Lake and the surrounding area. He and his wife Sandy (Miles) work the business together, along with their son Richie, who graduated from Wilmot High School in June 2001

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and perhaps someday take over the business for his parents. They also have 2 daughters, Jenny age 15, a freshman at Wilmot High School and Chrissy age 10 in the 5th grade at Riverview School.

In the early 80's, the Hoffmann's were able to hire their first employee, Joe McTigue. Joe worked part time and was a big help to the growing business. Other part time employees who helped were Bill Carr, Bob Hagler, Leif Erickson, Paul Schultz, Bob Gerner, Jim Colles, and Brad Erickson who did electrical work through the store. Each employee was a tremendous help to the business with his or her knowledge and personalities. During all this time the Hoffmann's and their 2 sons still worked in their expanding business. Younger employees were hired from the area: Phil Freyermuth, Don Huart, Mike Johnson, Vince Rittmer, Tommy Morrison, Doug Knigge & Jason Stalker.



Hoffmann's "Little People"

In 1987, Dick and Marilyn purchased Carls Store located right next door on the corner (226 E. Lake St.). The variety store had the famous ice cream fountain where many of the village people would congregate and catch up on all the local news. The Hoffmann's connected the 2 buildings with a doorway and turned the new section into a lawn and garden center.

Three years in a row the Hoffmann's participated in the annual Kenosha County Fair parade in Wilmot, Wisconsin. A sale at the store was run during this time and the hardware company would send out balloon type blow up costumes called the "Little People" which were

over 6 ft tall. These costumes were the Trustworthy man and woman. Their sons, Gary and Dave, jumped in the suits even though it was 90 degrees and paraded in front of the store and sometimes through the town to greet and welcome customers. They paraded through the crowds of people at the parade making a big hit with everyone and creating a lot of excitement. This exposure encouraged more customers to come shop in town at the hardware store.

July 11, 1992, Hollywood came to Silver Lake. The movie, "The Paint Job" was going to be filmed at the Hoffmann Hardware store. Talent scouts from the film company had scouted the whole area for a small town hardware store and chose Hoffmann Hardware for the location of the filming. Movie trailers which housed dressing rooms, food and supplies for the movie moved into Silver Lake for the day of filming. The town was "famous." Most of the movie was filmed in the city of Kenosha but Silver Lake was unique to have been represented as one of the towns west of Kenosha for the movie.

People were lining the street early in the day to peek at all the excitement. A few local people were picked as extras. Millie Bull, who owned the property next to the hardware store, offered her yard

• **Silver screen**

(Continued from front page)

Silver Lake's role in their lives will have to wait for about a year of production and the perils of the cutting room. The Hoffmanns, however, have already had a taste of a happy outcome to their 15 years in the business — the hardware business, that is.

"This is the best chapter in the book," said Marilyn. "We've met a lot of nice people in those 15 years, but this really put the frosting on the cake."

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to the film personnel so they could set up dining tables and tents to feed the stars and crew. The Hoffmann's and Millie Bull were invited to dine with the stars.

There were many takes and re-takes and filming that lasted well after midnight. Even though the crowds thinned out, there still some that stayed till the end.

The main stars of the movie were Will Patten and Bebe Newirth from the TV show Cheers. The next day a crew from the Film Company came to disassemble all the props that were added to the building for filming. This same crew worked in the store a week before the filming to set up everything. The Hoffmann's worked right around and with the crew during all this time and just closed the store for the day of the filming.

Extra police were needed from the town to keep order and the movie company brought their own security with.

Silver Lake and the Hoffmann family made the newspaper headlines and channel 12 news. The movie turned out to be a love triangle story and it ran on the TV movie channels.

After 18 years of many long hours and hard work in Silver Lake, Dick and Marilyn decided to "retire" and enjoy themselves. They say it was "pleasure" to meet and to serve the needs of the people of Silver Lake and the surrounding area for 18 years. "We enjoyed it very much, you were all a big part of our life in Silver Lake".

The store was sold to Steve and Barb Shippee in 1994, was only open for a short time and now it is vacant.

The Silver Lake Community Library

The Community Library began in 1977 with 3,000 donated books and a dedicated band of volunteers. Housed in one room in the Salem Grade School, the library was open 28 hours a week. In 1980, a joint agreement was signed by the town of Salem and the Village of Paddock Lake establishing the Community Library to form the Kenosha County Federated Library System. Residents of Kenosha County now pay either a municipal tax or a county tax for library services. In 1981, the library moved to rented quarters at the corner of Cogswell Drive and Lake Street in Silver Lake, and the Village of Silver Lake became a member of the library district in 1987.



Silver Lake Community Library

In 1993, the Village of Twin Lakes and the Town of Randall joined the Community Library in 1993 with the opening of a facility in Twin Lakes. Paddock Lake, Salem, and Silver Lake agreed to build a much-needed new facility. Construction began in June of 1994. The new building in Salem opened in May of 1995. The same month, the library established a new outlet for children's services at its present location in Silver Lake, 313 East Lake Street.

This page is sponsored by "Community Library"

Larry's Auto Service



Larry's Auto, Cogswell Drive, 2001

Larry's Auto Service is a place of quality service you can trust. Owned and operated by Larry J. Derler. Larry purchased "Larry's Auto Service in September of 1986 from Francis X. Prestay. At that time it was called Silver Lake Citgo. Upon the purchase, Larry changed the business name to Citgo of Silver Lake. Three years later, due to the changing economy, Larry decided to remove the gas pumps and tanks, thus changing the name one last time to "Larry's Auto Service." Making his business strictly into auto repair and service was economically more stable, since the village already had two other gas stations.

Larry worked for Mr. Prestay from 1979 to 1986, which gave him several years experience in the auto repair field. Larry has been at this location for the past 22 years and loves every minute of it. He has one employee, Mike Stoxen whom has been with him for the last 10 years.

Former owners of this location were: Francis X. Prestay 1972 –1986, Red Jensen, Charles Dubus AKA, "One Armed Charlie," James Vanpatten, purchased in 1967, Lawrence Vanpatten 1954-1967, Albert Lafayette, August (Bunt) Schultz, George Hockney, and Taylor Oil Company.

Larry married Sylvia (Reichwein) in February of 1996. As of the year 2001, they had two children, Nathan age 14 and Sheena age 2 ?. They reside in the Village of Silver Lake and are all extremely happy here.

This page sponsored by Larry Derler & Family

Sugar-N-Spice Beauty Salon



Sugar N' Spice Beauty Salon, Lake Street, 2001

In 1969, Judy Kluender opened the Sugar-N-Spice Beauty Salon. Judy primarily operated the full service salon by appointment. Prior to the 1969, when the beauty shop opened, it was operated as an attorney law office.

In 1994, Judy's daughter, Gail Runkel, along with her partner, Linda Myers, decided to move in the salon with Judy. The Salon needed to be enlarged and updated to facilitate their growing needs. Gail and Linda took two rentals on Lake Street and tore some walls down to make the current Sugar-N-Spice Styling and Tanning Salon at 315 E. Lake Street.

A grand opening was held in August of 1994. In the spring of 1995 a tanning bed was added to their services. Gina Schauf joined the staff in June of 1996.

Currently the four women, Judy, Gail, Linda and Gina keep the salon running smooth.

This page is sponsored by Judy Kluender, "Sugar-N-Spice Salon"

Ruth's Hairlines



Some of the Girls at Ruth's Hairlines

Ruth's Hairlines started in her home at 305 S. 2nd. Street. They opened the shop on March 10, 1987. It consisted of two working stations with Tammy Robinson working part-time. A few months later, Debbie Andrekus was hired and the three women alternated their hours between them to keep the shop open full time.

Kim Briggs and Leona Drinkwine owned and operated a video and variety store called Kim Lee's at 713 S. Cogswell Drive and decided that they would lease out half of the store for another small business. After the years of keeping very busy, Ruth's Hairlines outgrew the two-chair salon and on February 15, 1993, Ruth decided to open a bigger salon and leased the other portion of Kim Lee's.

With much help from her husband (Rion), they remodeled their portion of the building. They started with a vacant room that had red concrete flooring, plumbing pipes and electrical connections running everywhere. They added a dropped ceiling, carpeting, tile, walls, a bathroom, and an employee breakroom along with a reception area. The salon consisted of 5 working stations, 3 shampoo bowls and 3 hair dryers. In 1996, they added a tanning bed and in 1999, an upright tanning booth was added.

Jenny White (manager) was hired upon opening in February 1993. Kristen Sarbacker (assistant manager) started working in June of 1997, Trish Gahart was hired in June of 1998, Shannon Walls was hired September of 1999. They presently have two receptionists – Renee' Rield and Genesee Badtke.

The move to a larger and more convenient location has made Ruth's Hairlines in Silver Lake a successful business.

This page sponsored by Ruth Clark, "Ruth's Hairlines"

Loth Realty



Ray Loth, 1929



Anna Mae Loth



Ray and Anna Mae Loth

Raymond Loth was born in Silver Lake in 1909. His father Charlie Loth and mother Millie came here from Franksville to run the Boyle Ice Company, so Ray grew up working the ice business. He married Anna Mae Anderson whose father, Albert and mother, Anna, ran the White Swan Tavern and restaurant (now the American Legion). Raymond moved on to farming on the south edge of town approximately 1944. About 1955 or 1956 he built the Loth building on Lake Street and a few years later he built the post office next to it. Later he opened Loth Realty, which his son Charles took over in the early 70's.

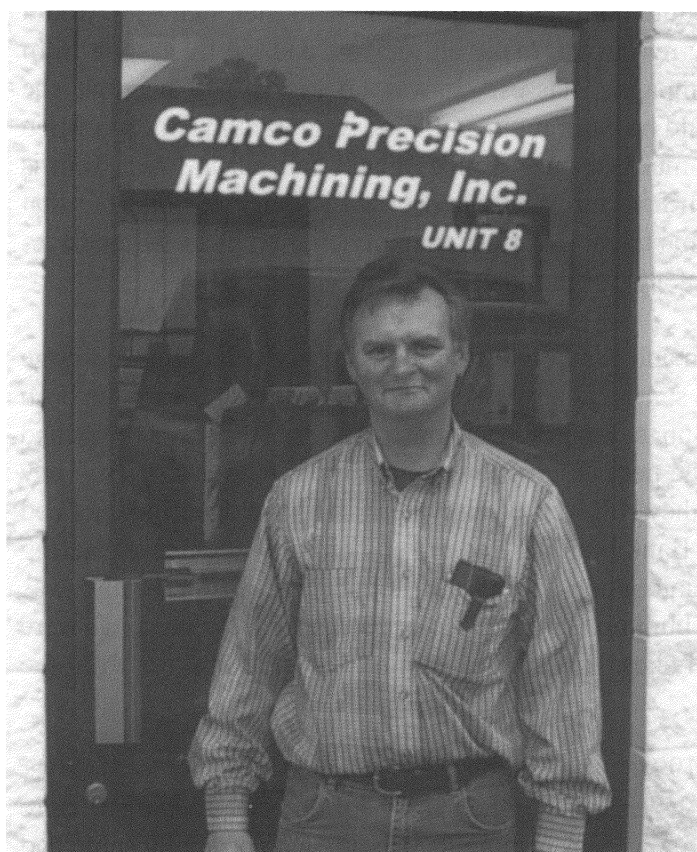
He lived in Silver Lake all his life and loved it. He used to say, "I was born in Silver Lake and never got far from it. He loved to fish and hunt, served time on the Wilmot High School board, Masonic Lodge and Silver Lake Fire Department.



Loth Village Sign

This page sponsored by Chuck and Judy Loth

Camco Precision Machining, Inc.



Art Camerer, Camco Precision Machining

Camco Precision Machining, Inc. is a small, privately owned machine job shop providing CNC machining and welding services to its customers.

Camco began in 1981 as a part-time pursuit of the owner, Art Camerer, who at the time worked as a tool room machinist for a company in Mundelein, Illinois. “For years it was really just a hobby; something to provide a little extra money for trap-shooting and fishing.”

Over the years, Camco continued to grow and approximately seven years ago, Art found he could no longer juggle the full-time job and the demands of Camco. He left his job to devote 100% of his time to Camco. Through hard work and long hours, the company continued to grow, to the point the “shop” in the garage at home could no longer accommodate one more piece of equipment or material.

The beginning of 2000 found Camco looking for a new home. Silver Lake’s business park proved to be the best choice for a variety of reasons. As a result, a lease was signed for two units at 1000 Lotus Drive.

Today Camco employs five full-time and two part-time employees, in addition to Art, who no longer seems to have time for any hobbies!

This page sponsored by Art Camerer, “Camco Precision, Inc.”

Binanti's Taste of Italy Restaurant



Taste of Italy Restaurant, 2001

In childhood Linda Binanti and her sister, Lee Ann, would play restaurant, make up recipes, and sip their soda from champagne glasses. It was no surprise to her that she would be working in an Italian restaurant in Chicago when she met Gaetano "Tom" Binanti and fell in love. Tom is from Palermo, Sicily and Linda is quick to point out that it's his talent that rules the kitchen, hers is in the management and promotion side.

Tom and Linda moved out of Chicago after their marriage and started a family, Alexandra and Christopher were born within a year of each other and when they approached school age, the Binanti's started searching for the perfect hometown and a great school district. They chose Silver Lake. Although they lived locally, they still worked elsewhere, then one day Linda noticed the 'For Sale' sign on the old Silver Lake State Bank building and talked Tom into opening a catering business. The catering idea quickly developed into a deli and restaurant and "The Taste of Italy" was opened in April of 1996. The restaurant rapidly built up a loyal group of patrons and the Binanti's were looking to expand to another location in Twin Lakes. In the meanwhile they lived upstairs from the restaurant and were saving to build a home.

Tragedy struck two years later in the spring of 1998. While their baker, Brenda Muscarello of Silver Lake was in the restaurant in the early morning hours starting the baking for the day, the old structure gave way and the ceiling in the dining and deli areas came crashing in. Brenda who normally came and went by the front door cannot explain why this morning when she realized the building was giving way turned and ran down the hall to the back door. Doing so saved her, since the hall is next to the old bank vault, that part of the building remained in tact.

Coming down the stairs that morning, Linda was met by a heap of rubble in the stairway, the business destroyed and the inventory completely ruined. Shortly thereafter, the Binanti's were feeling it was time to give up, when their employees and their families and friends came, pitched in, cleaned up the mess and encouraged them to reopen. They poured their saving (no new home just yet) back into the business, made the necessary repairs and reopened a month later.

The Taste of Italy employs 5 full-time and 8 part-time workers off and on. Last year they added the outdoor patio for patrons to sit and wait for a table during the good weather months. The Binanti's tradition of serving coffee and pastry to friends and passers-by during the Memorial Day parade and their free Thanksgiving meals to say thank you to the community have made them a bright spot in Silver Lake.

The old bank building has been many different businesses in the past, prior to the Binanti's purchasing the business it was called the Pizza Bank owned by Carl Johnson, before that it was Bits & Pizza's, an arcade purchased by Hugh King, an office for the lumber yard, an attorney's office, and a bank.

Sponsored by Linda and Tom Binanti's "Taste of Italy"

Lotus Light / Internatural



Lotus Light, Art

Lotus Light Enterprises is located at 1100 Lotus Drive in the Schenning Business Park, and is a wholesale distributor of natural health, beauty aid, herbal and other alternative products. The products available from Lotus can generally be classified as products that promote health and wellness. Lotus presents a range of products, which incorporate natural ingredients, cruelty free principles and ecologically sound choices.

Lotus was founded in 1981 by Santosh and Doris Krinsky of Twin Lakes. The company first operated out of their living room in Wilmot, and was incorporated in 1982 starting out as a publishing company and wholesale distributor of several different products. The company began to grow, and soon moved into a small building in Wilmot. About this time, a sister company called Lotus Brands was formed. Brands manufactures natural health products, and holds exclusive distribution rights to many product lines, and sells to many wholesale distributors such as Lotus Light.

The growth of the two companies made it necessary for Lotus Light to find larger quarters, and in 1992, moved to a 20,000 square foot facility in Silver Lake. Lotus Brands soon outgrew the building in Wilmot, and in 1994, another building was constructed next to the Lotus Light in the Schenning Business Park.

The mid to late 1990's saw steady growth for both companies, and a third building was completed in December of 1999. Lotus Light and Lotus Brands now occupy more than 65,000 square feet of buildings in the Schenning Park. Together the companies employ over 85 people, virtually all of who live in Silver Lake and the surrounding communities.

Today Lotus Light/Internatural carries over 12,000 products including body care, homeopathy, herbal products, vitamins and supplements, teas, candles, giftware, flower essences, stones and crystals, incense, massage and bodywork tools, pet care products, essential oils, aromatherapy products, CD's and tapes, videos and books.

Although Lotus Light has relied almost exclusively on wholesale sales to retailers since its inception. Last year they started a retail division, and went live with a web site to sell directly to consumers. The Internet sales have begun to take off, and are expected to become a large part of the future business for Lotus Light. All 12,000 products that are available through Lotus Light can be found on their website www.internatural.com.

The Lotus companies have flourished since moving to Silver Lake, and together have millions of dollars in sales annually. The management at Lotus feels that a large part of the growth and success can be directly attributed to the great employees they have found since moving to Silver Lake, and the support of the Silver Lake Board and the community.

This page sponsored by "Lotus Light"

Bio-Strip, Inc.



Bio-Strip, Lotus Drive, 2001

Al Look was born and raised outside Toronto, Canada and Caren was born and raised in Illinois. Silver Lake was always the place Caren thought would be great to live, as her grandparents had a summer home overlooking the lake. Al and Caren were married in 1995 and have children from previous marriages. In all they have 4 children, Jennifer 21 and Derek 17 live in Canada, Tamie 17 lives in Tennessee and Aimie 18 lives with us in Silver Lake.

Bio-Strip, Inc. was born July 2000, in the hopes that someday, Al and Caren could retire from their corporate telecommunications jobs and work for themselves close to home. Since Al and Caren like to see the restoration of cars, they wanted to provide a service in the process of a restoration. They also wanted this service to be not so hostile to the substrate or the environment. Their service can strip paint, powdercoating, surface rust and body filler from metal, chrome, fiberglass, and ABS plastic. They blast with a sodium bicarbonate compound (baking soda) so it is safe, a bit dusty, but safe. Bio-Strip has blasted cars, car parts, motorcycle parts, steel chairs, patio furniture, and pontoon boat railings. They have also blasted the frames for some of the cars that run at Wilmot and Lake Geneva racetracks.

They welcome people in town to stop in and see them and there environmental friendly process. They would love to meet everyone around. Their hours are 8am to 5pm Monday thru Friday, and on Saturday they are open from 8am to 1pm. Bio-Strip is located north of town off of Highway B on Lotus Dr. in the Schenning Industrial Park.

This page sponsored by Caren and Al Look, “Bio-Strip. Inc.”

M G & S Sales, Inc.



MG & S Sales, Inc. Staff

Mitch and Glenda Szydowski opened MG&S Sales, Inc. in April, 1987 in Antioch, Illinois. In 1992, they began looking for a location to build to accommodate their expanding business. They found Silver Lake to be perfect in that it was a small community with growth potential which was centrally located. They moved into their new building at 1203 Pryor Street in the Silver Lake Industrial Park in November, 1992.

MG&S sells a complete line of sporting goods, sports equipment and advertising items. They specialize in the screenprinting of garments for businesses, clubs, and schools; and in embroidery. They screenprint yard signs and magnetic signs for businesses and political elections. They print the team logos and names on the official folding chair for the NBA and NCAA.

Their current employees, Pam Safran, graphic artist, Mark Hansen, part-time screen printer, and Katie Stoxen, screen helper work with Mitch and Glenda to keep this business thriving and growing in Silver Lake.

This page sponsored by Mitch and Glenda Szydowski, "MG&S Sales"

Moss Fabricating



Bob Moss, Moss Fabricating

A young Bob Moss, his wife Jill, and her parents, Grace & the late Bernard J. Ingham, conceived an idea. Bernard Ingham was a self-employed truck driver for all of his life, and knew that there was a need for an honest, quality-minded metal repair and fabricating business. So, at the age of 26, and already a sheet metal journeyman, they started a small business, like many small businesses, in a 24 X 24 garage, from their home in Paddock Lake. As a result, Moss Fabricating was born in the year of 1988.

Their first business days consisted of going to trucking companies to fix and fabricate parts for semi-trucks. Also, with his kitchen equipment fabricating knowledge from his previous job at the Illinois Range Co. in Bristol, Bob started going to local restaurants and utilized his experience. At one time, he serviced over thirty McDonald's stores in Southeastern Wisconsin.

In 1990, things started to change. Bob met Jim Gooch, a former two time Lake Geneva Speedway Track champion in the Late Model Stock Division, through his friend and right hand man, Ron Berger.

Jim was then and still employed at Five Star Race Car Bodies, and Bob did a small repair on an aluminum part for him. Jim told the owners of Five Star, Fran Prestay and Carl Schultz, about Bob and his excellent work. Not long after that, Five Star asked him to try to make a welded aluminum spoiler for their already top of the line Stock Car bodies. Due to the successful outcome, Bob, Jill and their crew started fabricating nearly 20,000 Stock Car parts per year.

Currently, Moss Fabricating is the world's largest fabricator of Late Model Stock Car rear spoilers and nose screens, amongst many other race car parts.

The business is now running from their 2400 sq. ft. shop in the Schenning Business Park at 1000 E. Lotus Drive, and Bob still repairs and fabricates just about anything that the great people of Western Kenosha County bring to him. He, his wife, and his three children Adrienne, Sarah & Nicholas hope to keep his business going for many years to come.

This page sponsored by Bob and Jill Moss, "Moss Fabricating"

Silver Lake Auto Body, Inc.
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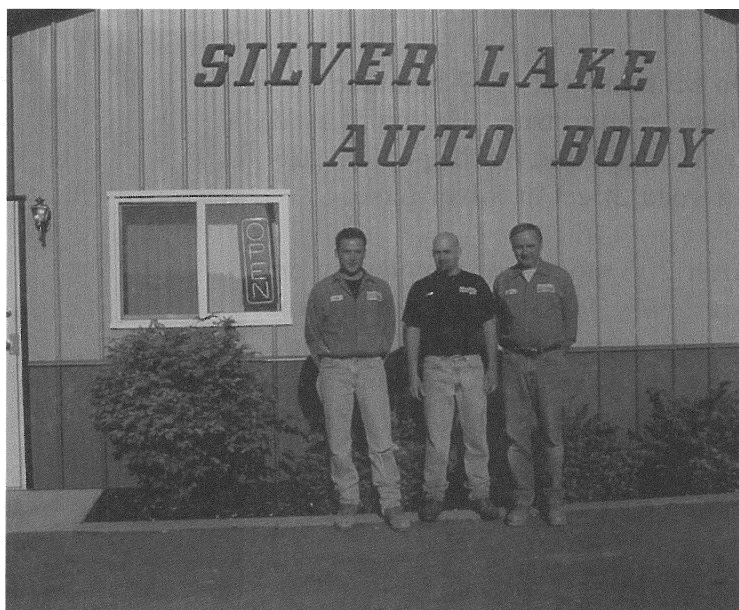


Silver Lake Auto Body, Inc., Pryor Street, 2001

Silver Lake Auto Body, Inc., under the current owner, Leonard Hill, opened November 1998. They are located in the Schenning Business Park on 1205 Pryor Street in Silver Lake.

The bodyshop was purchased from Gary Lutz who purchased the land in the business park, built the building in 1993 and operated the business for approximately five years. Prior to purchasing this business Len Hill worked in the autobody repair business for over 30 years in Kenosha, Wisconsin and Waukegan, Illinois.

Currently working with Len Hill at Silver Lake Auto Body, Inc. are employees Randy Hill, autobody technician and Scott Vilella, autobody technician/painter.



Silver Lake Auto Body Staff

This page sponsored by Alice and Len Hill, "Silver Lake Auto Body"

Uncle George's Bar and Grill



Uncle George's Bar & Grill, 2001

George Felletti was born in Chicago, Illinois in September of 1949. He married Genevieve Faber and they lived in Chicago until 1959. This is when they decided that they would move to Wisconsin with their two children to be closer to Gen's family.

George worked at AMC (now Chrysler) in Kenosha for the next 30 years. He retired in 1989. Gen passed away in 1990 and George found he had a lot of time and energy on his hands. After a few years of doing odd jobs for friends and

family he decided to pursue a long time dream of his. That dream was to one day own a bar as his father before him.

On February 14, 1997 he made that dream come true. He purchased Frank and Betty's Depot at 225 Railroad Street in Silver Lake,

After 2 1/2 months of remodeling on April 30th 1997, George and his son George were ready to open. They serve daily specials and have fish fry's on Fridays.



Uncle George's Bar & Grill, Inside

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Village of Silver Lake President's Hall of Fame

On Sept. 7, 1926, the Village of Silver Lake conducted its first election for officers of the village. The officers consisted of a President, Clerk, Treasurer, Assessor, Supervisor, Constable, Justice of the Peace, and a Trustee long term & Trustee short term.

The results were as follows with 55 total votes cast. C. B. Vaughn 52 votes for president, Erick Hansen 46 votes for Clerk, C. L. Janke for Treasurer, Joseph E Dalton 52 votes for Assessor, J. M. Ludwig 31 votes, O. D. Wicks 24 votes for Supervisor, August Schultz 51 votes for Constable, Bert Dean 32 votes, C. L. Randall 19 votes for Justice of the Peace. Otto Schenning 36 votes, Wm. H. Richter 16 votes for trustee long term, Ralph C. Barber 46 votes, Bert Dean 1 vote, Henry Walburg 1 vote for trustee short term.

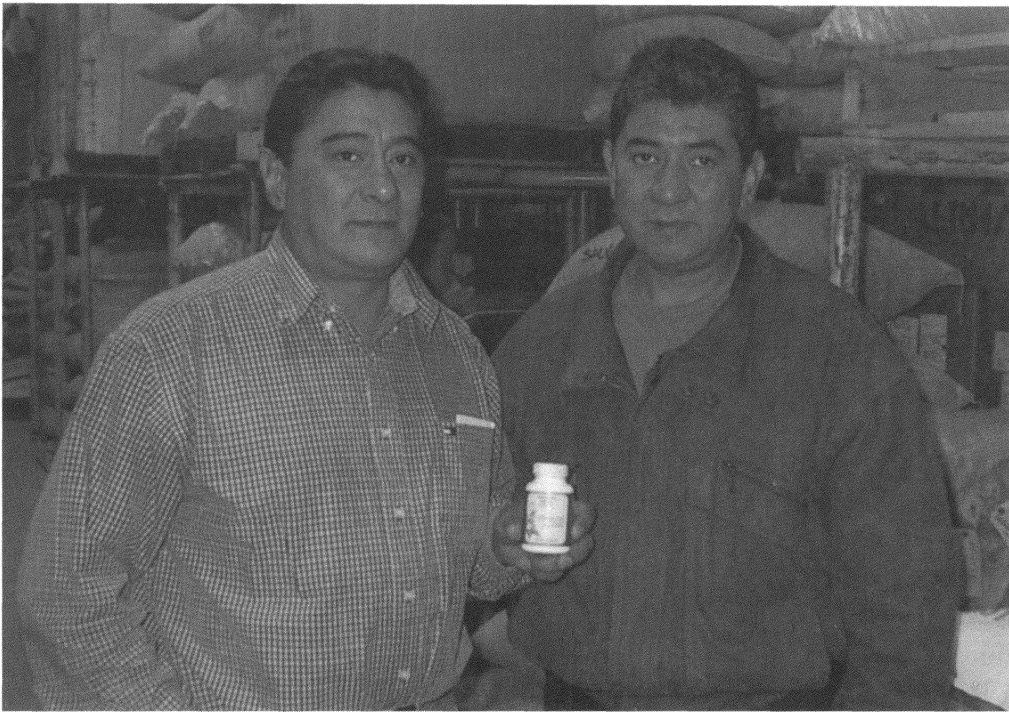
On Sep. 16, 1926 the newly created Village of Silver Lake held its very first Village Board meeting with C. B. Vaughn as its first president.

The following is a list of Silver Lake's past and present presidents.

C. B. Vaughn	1926-1931
William H. Richter	1931-1944 & 1950-1953
Roy T. Bufton	1944-1947 & 1953-1954
Clem Tilton	1947-1950
George C. Hockney	1954-1957
Frank H. Wheeler	1957-1959
George F. Moe	1959-1973
Richard C. Harrison	1973-1979
Ronald C. Wieland	1979-1983
Ralph Drinkwine Sr.	1983-1984
Kevin Mulhern	1984-1985
Ralph Drinkwine Jr.	1985-1995
Michael Faber	1995-1999
Stephan N. Shippee	1999-2001
Jeffrey A. Albrecht	2001-present

This list has men from all walks of life with one common thread connecting them all, that being they all did what they thought at the time was best for the village and each one tried to leave it just a little better than before.

Evergreen Herbs



Marco Moyano and his brother

Evergreen Herbs was established in 1995 by its proprietor, Marco Moyano. Evergreen Herbs supplies processed herbs of all kinds to wholesalers, grocers, health food dealers, tea companies and other businesses throughout the country.

Moyano's business imports raw materials from all over the world, processes them, usually by grinding or pulverizing them into various forms from flakes to fine powders. Evergreen Herbs is also developing its own line of fine products such as herbal teas and supplement tablets for sale to the general public through health food stores, via mail order, and soon the internet.

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Silver Lake Dairy Queen



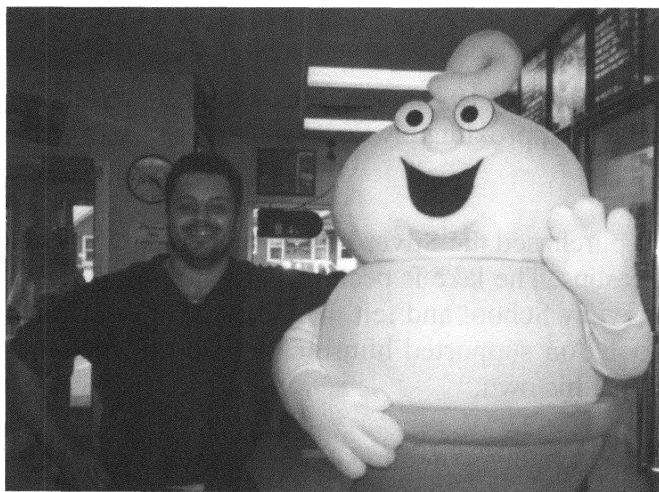
First Store



New Store



Indoor Seating



Harlan Hudson and "Fluff"

The Silver Lake Dairy Queen originally opened in the Mid 50's by the Schick Family as a seasonal, 2 window walkup.

After selling the Schick Lumber and Millwork, David and Dorothy Schick built the Dairy Queen in 1954 next to their previous business. They ran the Dairy Queen for four years as a family seasonal business. They sold it to Roland Giese in 1958. It then was purchased by Judy Satterson in 1971. They operated it for 14 years, hiring local people and high school students in the summer. Then it closed during the winter months.

Deanna Hudson purchased the Dairy Queen in February of 1986. She soon added a drive thru. She married Tom Hebert in 1992 and in 1998 they built a new store over the existing building. They added booths and can accommodate 50 people. They also added seating outside with the soothing sounds of a waterfall garden. It is now open year round and has a full menu, plus ice cream cakes. They employ 30 plus employees in the peak season and 20 plus in their off season.

The Heberts along with Deanna's son Harlan Hudson, who is the General Manager, continue to strive to bring Silver Lake a fast food restaurant they can be proud of.

This page sponsored by Donald and Betty Shick, "D.D. Home Improvements"
This page sponsored by Deanna and Tom Hebert, "Silver Lake Dairy Queen"

Silver Lake Grill

Dan and Faye Sonnichson were operating a restaurant in Lake Geneva on 150 Broad Street when Faye's mom told her about the restaurant located in the Gambles Store Building. It was a small restaurant operated by Jim Allen and his wife. Sonnichson's came in March of 1950.



Silver Lake Grill, Cogswell Drive

The family then consisted of Kenny and Keith. Kenny was in the first kindergarten class of the new Riverview School in 1950. In 1951 Mike was born. Dan then built the present restaurant in 1953 and their grand opening was in 1954. In 1959, the fourth Sonnichson son, Craig was born. All the boys attended Riverview Grade School and Wilmot High School.

Dan and Faye continued to operate the Silver Lake Grill until March of 1971. A total of 21 years working together, 7 days a week, from 7 am until 7pm. The restaurant served homemade pies, donuts and was known for homecooked meals. In the 1960's, a cheeseburger deluxe with fries and cole slaw was 85 cents and 88 cents with tax. Silver Lake Grill was the place where many village and county residents gathered everyday for coffee and donuts – breakfast, lunch, dinner and conversation. It was so busy people stood in line to get into the restaurant.

Some people who worked at the Silver Lake Grill during that time were, Alice Greenwald, Martha Pulera, Edith Loth, Dorothy Schmalfeldt, Rose Woodall, Linda Nielsen, Dorothy Rebicek, Maggie Dodge, and Ellen Bierdz.

Due to ill health, Dan and Faye sold the Silver Lake Grill in 1971. Dan Sonnichson passed away in 1979. Pete and Voula Condos operated the Grill for approximately 20 years. They in turn sold to the present owners Jon Beth and family.

Jon and Julie Beth formerly of Racine, Wisconsin, purchased the Silver Lake Grill in July of 1995. They chose to relocate to Silver Lake for many reasons. The lake is beautiful and they enjoy lake sports. Jon and Julie also were impressed by Riverview School and felt their children would benefit from attending a community supported school. Jon supported himself through college as a chef and decided to use his degree to open a place of his own.

After purchasing the Grill, the Beth's did extensive remodeling and updating choosing to go with a lake theme. They redid the menu and enjoy running specials. They feel that they are fortunate that their area has many fine people and they enjoy and appreciate their support.

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This page sponsored by Jon and Julie Beth



Sonnichson Family, 1965

Pope's Precision Automotive, Inc.



Pope's Precision Automotive Staff

In August 1997, Michael and Janet Pope decided to open their own Auto and Truck Repair. The family consisted of 3 children, Jessica Rashell and Brandon. The building they rented had 1600 square feet of working space and was located at 1000 Lotus Drive, Unit #5. They only had 1 car lift, 1 desk for the office and with a lot of help from friends and family they opened their doors with one customer.

Business started doing well shortly after they opened and new customers were coming in everyday, things started changing and they found that they were growing enough that they could take on another unit. They expanded their business into the adjoining unit and they added 3 more car lifts and were working out of a 4,000 square foot unit now. They rented this building a little over 3 1/2 years and then came their 4th child, Corina.

Currently they are located two blocks west of the old location with a new address of 1201 Pryor Street. This building was previously owned by Pryor Trucking Company. They believe that the building they purchased to run their Auto and Truck Repair is the perfect size and location in Silver Lake. They now have 5,650 square feet with 3 offices, a reception area for their customers and even a lunchroom / kitchen for their employees to relax during lunch and breaks.

Pope's Precision Automotive is a family owned and operated Auto and Truck Repair facility. Prior to opening the business, Michael worked out of the garage at home for approximately 10 years. Michael decided to quit working for someone else and wanted to work for himself and open his own business.

Employees Lloyd Collamore and Chris Reilly, which they consider family are very important to them. August 1997, is a great date for them to remember. It was the beginning of their success.

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Westech Automotive, Inc.



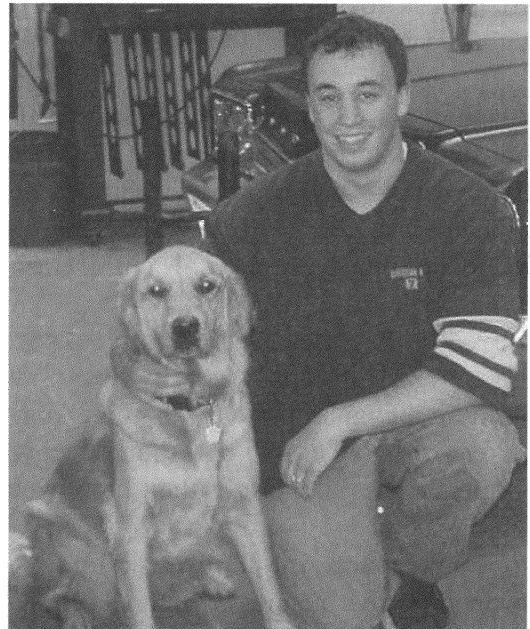
Westech Personnel

Westosha Auto Service was established on July 1, 1979, in half of the building, which formerly housed Micro Finish Manufacturing. Laddie Ruzicka was the landlord at the time. Modifications were necessary to install hoists needed for the repair shop.

In the early 1980's a machine shop was purchased and added to the business. In the mid 1980's the business name was changed to Westech Automotive. In 1988 the building was purchased from Laddie Ruzicka. This allowed for the expansion of the machine shop, office space, and the addition of a chassis dynamometer.

Westech Automotive currently employs six individuals. Norm Brandes, owner, and Tony Roth, lead technician, have been with Westech Automotive since its inception. Beth Brandes, administrative assistant, has been with the staff since 1991. Chris Barbian, technician, started in May of 2000. Mike Schiavone, machinist, started January of 2001. Our most recent employee, Brian Lucius, started in June of 2001. He works on a part-time basis after school. The mascot of Westech Automotive is Morgan the Golden Retriever.

Westech Automotive works on vintage as well as today's vehicles. The staff at Westech is able to diagnose vehicle problems and make needed repairs. They also can overhaul an engine with precision machining from the machine shop. If the desired result is more horsepower and torque, Westech can make such modifications and test the vehicle on the chassis dynamometer.



Brian & Morgan

This page sponsored by Norm and June Brandes & Family

The Boat Doc



The Boat Doc Store Front, Cogswell Drive

The Boat Doc is a boat and motor repair shop located at 735 Cogswell Drive. It was founded in 1986 by Bill Erb and his wife Karen. The building was originally built as a dairy, which accounts for the thick cinder block walls. The last owner of the property was Jim Cason. He also operated a boat repair business at the location.

Bill is a life long resident of Silver Lake. He graduated from Riverview School and Wilmot High School. He began repairing boats at the age of eight, helping his father, Jack. The family owned the Silver Lake Marina when Bill was young.

The name of the shop came from the fact that Bill was President and Captain of the local Volunteer Rescue Squad when the shop opened. At that time, Kenosha Hospital was opening the Westosha Clinic right around the corner from the shop. Westosha Clinic was a stand-alone emergency room for the hospital. People often commented that the hospital for the boats was right around the corner from the hospital for the owners. That is how Bill came to be known as "Doc." Bill and Karen served the Silver Lake Rescue Squad for over 15 years each, as did their son Frank. Frank is also a former President of the Squad. Bill and Karen still serve as members of the Silver Lake Dive Team. They are both certified scuba divers.

The Boat Doc does not sell any new boats or motors, allowing them the freedom to concentrate on

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fixing the boats already in service. The primary focus of the business is servicing outboard and inboard-outboard engines. Bill and Karen also sell the accessories and safety items that are a necessary part of the boating experience. They have an extensive inventory of parts and toys. Since boating is a seasonal activity in southern Wisconsin, The Boat Doc also provides winter storage for boats and complete winterizing service.

The Boat Doc draws people to Silver Lake from a wide area of southern Wisconsin and northern Illinois because it is a factory authorized service center for Minnkota Electric Trolling motors. The motors are manufactured in Minnesota and sold nationwide.

Bill takes a very personal interest in each boat that comes into the shop for repair. Together with one mechanic, Al Malmstrom, Bill personally fixes or oversees the repair of each boat. He considers each broken boat to be a mystery needing solving. Bill and Karen would like every boater to know that the most important thing he or she can do to enjoy the boating experience is to properly take care of the boat in the fall and see it is winterized. Freezing weather can be expected any time after October 15th. Boats need to be properly drained and coated with protective substances. Zebra mussels also need to be removed from the systems.

The Boat Doc, Bill, Karen, and Al, are looking forward to being an important part of the Silver Lake community for many years to come. They hope people living so close to this beautiful lake will enjoy and take care to preserve the many things nature has to offer.

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Silver Lakes "50" year Celebration, 1976



Girls Little League

Silver Lake Celebrated it's 50th birthday with over a 200 people in attendance in the open-air worship and joined in the community picnic at Riverview School. Everyone was pleased with the response to the birthday party.



Parade Banner



Band in Parade

The daylong activities included a parade and following the picnic, games for adults and children. In the evening the celebration continues with old-fashioned movies followed by a dance at the American Legion hall.



Wilmot Band



50th Birthday Cake

Dory Richter baked and decorated the birthday cake that was cut at 3 p.m. at the community picnic.



Refreshments after Parade



Old Fire Truck

As usual the parade consisted of the old fire truck which carried a group of department auxiliary volunteers and Rev. Gene Campbell, Pastor of the Silver Lake community Baptist Church.



A Street in the 50's

Part of the festivities was to honor residents that were born and lived in Silver Lake all their lives. Mrs. Edith Schenning

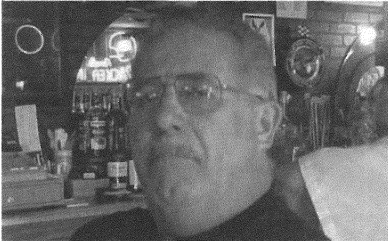
Hockney was the first child born in Silver Lake. Mrs. Hockney was in her nineties at the time of the celebration and was living in Brookside. She received a bouquet of flowers from the committee chairman, Mrs. Joyce Harrison. Also honored at this special celebration were the following: Mrs. Minnie Mecklenburg Holtdorf, Mrs. Dorothy Dixon Holtdorf, Miss Ethel Dalton, Mrs. Doris Schwartz DeWitt, Mrs. Gladys Bufton Schmalfeldt, Mrs. Malcolm Dalton, Robert Faber, Lee Faber, Bert Schenning, Fred Schmalfeldt, Don Schmalfeldt. They were recognized as the eldest natives and received gift certificates.

Rod's Packer Inn formally known as the Chicago Tavern

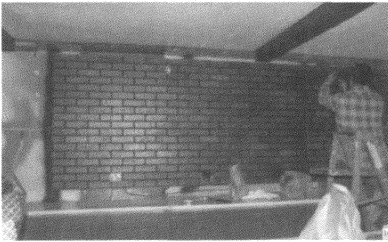
Rodney Moster purchased the Packer Inn in 1984. There was a lot of work involved to give the place a face lift. So with the help of Faber Construction and many great friends and not much money, they were able to give the bar and restaurant a facelift with a new roof, some paint, tables and chairs, etc. and the place was open for business.



Packer Inn reroof



Rodney Moster



Packer Inn facelift

In the 1950's Ed Lech named the bar/restaurant "The Packer Inn" and the name has remained out of respect for Ed. Rod, being a Chicago Bears Fan, gets the place really jumping when the Bears and Packers engage in their yearly football battles. He has incorporated a Packer theme on one end of the bar and a Bears theme at the other end. Rod is also a race fan and brings in a good crowd whenever there is a Nascar or Indy race.

Rod has owned and operated the Packer Inn with the help of his daughter - Kim, wife - Shirley, and many great cooks, bartenders, and kitchen helpers. Kim worked at the Packer Inn for approximately 13 years. Her father allowed her to work flexible hours so that she could go to college and graduate with a degree in psychology. This gave her the opportunity to pay for her 8 years of college. To date, Rod's wife, Shirley (Schenning) Moster helps with the weekly books and wherever else she can fill in, while maintaining a full time job.



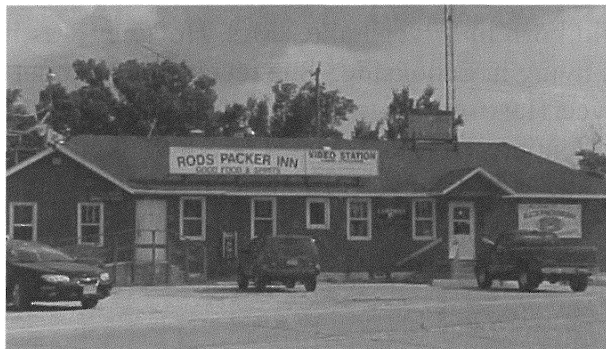
Packer Inn Garage



Denise Schaufel



Packer Inn customers



Rod's Packer Inn

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Silver Lake Auto Service



Original Silver Lake Standard gas station

Fred Schmafeldt built the gas station and auto repair shop, located at 551 Cogswell Dr., in 1960. Standard Oil Company signed a contract with Mr. Schmafeldt for a 10-year lease after its construction was complete. During the 10 years there were many different people hired to run the business.

In June of 1970 it closed. The 10-year lease with Standard Oil Company had run out and there wasn't anyone to run it. Harmon Garwood, who at the time owned and operated Wilmot Auto Service, was a customer and friend of Fred Schmafeldt. In July of the same year, Harmon approached Mr. Schmafeldt and offered to purchase the property and business from him thinking it would be a great opportunity for his son Tom, who was to be discharged from the United States military in September. Mr. Schmafeldt accepted Harmon's offer. In order to keep the business up and running Harm's younger son Tim, who at the time was in 8th grade, ran the business from July to September when Tom was to return. Upon Tom's arrival back home, with two sons, Harmon (age 2) and Dwayne (age 1), he became the proprietor of Silver Lake Auto Service on September 15.

As time progressed many improvements were made on the building and property; the driveway was paved, a canopy erected over the full-service gas pumps and eventually a self-service gas pump island



Silver Lake Amoco

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was installed. As more time passed the business grew with the town and Tom's two son's had grown too. In 1987 Harmon graduated from high school, Dwayne was entering his senior year and Tom's dad Harmon was reaching retirement age. Tom moved from Silver Lake Auto Service to Wilmot Auto Service and his two sons were now the proprietor's of the business. A few years later, in 1993, Silver Lake Auto Service expanded and changes were made. A convenience store was added along new gas dispensers, a new canopy and three new service bays for the auto repair shop. Now, in the year of 2001, there is one more small addition; Harm's five-year-old son Jake spends most of his days helping his dad at the shop...and the legacy continues.



present Silver Lake Auto Amoco

Silver Lake Auto Service would like to thank the people of Silver Lake and the surrounding communities for making the business what it is today.

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SS Express Lane

Purchased by Lyle Swatek in the 1960's as a gas station. In 1995, it was remodeled to include the convenient store as you see it today located at 515 Cogswell Drive.



Swatek Sales

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Shari Wayne Helps Nab Bandits in 1962

A courageous 11-year-old girl was the heroine of Silver Lake in 1962. On August 9, of that year, at 7 p.m. two Chicagoans attempted to rob Sam's Store, which is now the video store on the south-east corner of Lake St. and Second. The pair had entered the store and terrorized and beat Mrs. Sam Sokolski, 67.

Mrs. Sokolski was alone in the store when the two men entered. One of them asked for money and said, "This is a stick-up." The other man dragged her into a kitchen behind the store and, placing her on a bed, tying both her hands and feet with a piece of twine rope. Mrs. Sokolski said he struck her in the face and tried to put something around her mouth when she began screaming.

Leaving her tied on the bed, the pair began searching the cash register and counters in the store for money.

Meanwhile Shari Wayne and her friend Janice Elverman were in front of the store when their friend, Donny Gerber, said he thought someone was robbing Mrs. Sokolski. He said he heard her screaming. Shari raced over to the firehouse and alerted the firefighters who were there.

Fire Chief Lloyd Casey and firemen Richard Harrison, Robert Rudolph, Orville Yaeger, and Frank Mullner ran to the store and covered both the front and rear exits. The bandits dashed through the rear door of the building in an effort to escape, but were caught by the firefighters. Harrison hit one of the men over the head and stopped him while another fireman grabbed his companion.

Town Marshal Willis Carle, who arrived at the scene moments later, handcuffed the pair and made them sit on the ground until Sheriff's deputies arrived to arrest them.

The two men, Ted Kulekowski, 52, Chicago and Stefan Woloszyn, 27, also of Chicago were tried in the County Court. Woloszyn was sentenced to 18 months at the state prison at Waupun and Kulekowski pleaded no contest. He was placed on probation and ordered to pay restitution to Mrs. Sokolski for personal injuries.

Shari Wayne, now Shari Kerkman, was presented a framed award from the Wisconsin Professional Policemen's Association for her heroic part in capturing the pair of bandits. She also received a meritorious award from the Kenosha Police Department.

This page sponsored by Sharon (Wayne) Kerkman

Car-A Van

The Car-A-Van is a senior bus service provided by Kenosha Achievement Center. It started in 1981 with the intentions of helping those who were 65 or older, disabled, or did not have access to a car. The only restrictions now to use this service is that you have to be 65 or older.

Tracy Sambirski is the route driver for Car-A-Van which runs to Kenosha every Friday, Antioch on the 1st Tuesday of the month, and Burlington on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. They drop off their passengers at 10:00 am and then pick them up at 1:30 pm. According to how many and the location of the people that ride the bus will determine the time they are picked up at their stop. The people that are interested in going to town to do their business, shopping, or doctor visits just need to call the service 24 hours in advance to ensure that they are on the list to as one of the drivers stop. The fare is \$3.00 round trip. They also have a daily service for \$1.00 round trip, which brings them to the Nutrition Center, Westosha Senior Center on 45 & C, and the American Legion on Legion Drive, Twin Lakes.

Rachael Cesario has her roots in Silver Lake. She was born in Silver Lake, attended and graduated from Riverview Grade School in 1989. Her parents, David and Debbie Bromstead were originally from Kenosha before moving to Silver Lake. While they lived here, they ran the Silver Lake Marina, from 1985 through 1989. From there they moved to Cross Lake and Rachel attended Central High School, and graduated only to return to Silver Lake once again. They moved to the Windjammer Condominiums on Cogswell Drive in Silver Lake and lived there from 1993 through 1997. David and Debbie Bromstead moved to Phoenix in the year 1997 and Rachael moved to Kenosha where she now holds the position of Transportation Office Control Supervisor for the Kenosha Achievement Center.

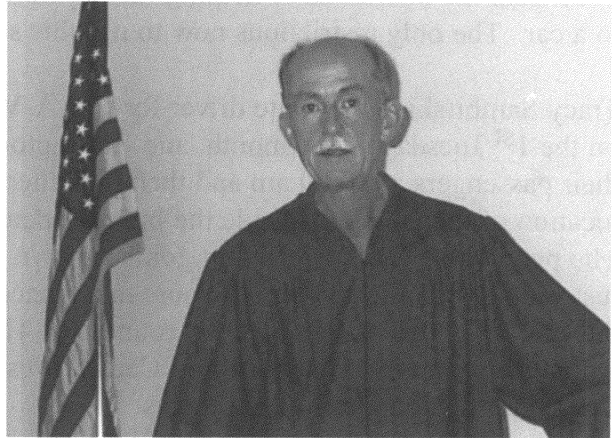
Currently the people from Silver Lake that utilize this service are Mary Bucci, Loretta Shermen, Marge Hering, and Wally Nolan. There are two others that use the service from Bristol. They are Elizabeth Kislinger and Vilma Schindel.

If anyone is interested in utilizes this bus service they should call 24 hours in advance toll free at 1-800-678-1559. *At the price of gas now a days, why not?*

Silver Lake Village Employees



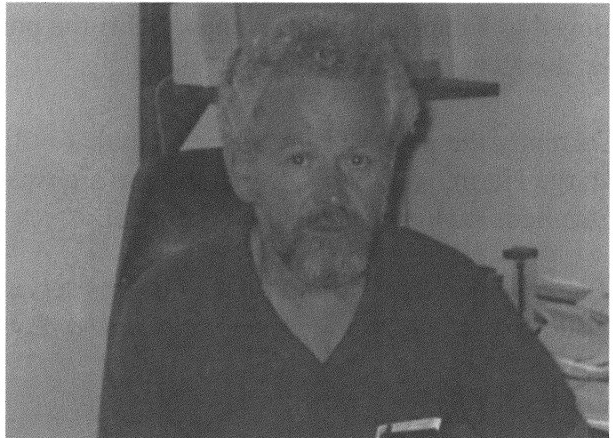
**Connie Clark, Margie Saucerman,
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**David J. Engstrom, Silver Lake
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Royce Kennedy, Building Inspector

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Colleen, Roger Jr. & Jeff**

The Silver Lake Marina, Newest Business in Silver Lake



Marina Customers

ends in the summer, an annual fishing contest in the spring, and boat and pontoon rentals. The beautiful restaurant and tavern have oak walls and tin-plate ceilings. Both the restaurant and tavern have incredible lake views. Specializing in steaks, ribs and pasta they also serve a daily fish fry and breakfast on the weekends.

Matt Sullivan, Jack Storino, Chad Harvey and George Lambesis purchased the Silver Lake Marina in 1999. After an extensive renovation, which included the construction of a new restaurant, tavern, open lake pavilion, boat ramp, boat slips, and recreation area, the Silver Lake Marina is the newest attraction in the village. The marina features live music in the pavilion on week-



Silver Lake Marina

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Polliwogs and Caterpillars Day Care



Polliwogs and Caterpillar Day Care

The Day care was built in November of 1994 with their goal being to provide quality care for Silver Lake families with pre school children.

Pre-school classes are offered for all day care children. This facility is licensed for 48 children ages 2 to 6 years.

This is a Division of Joyce's Pre-School and Day Care.

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Horizon Products

Horizon is a contract manufacturer owned by Guy and Donna Luempert,. They assemble printed circuit boards, electronic cables, and provide associated design services for a variety of businesses including the computer, automotive, printing, gaming, and mailing industries. They employ 15 people in all of out locations.

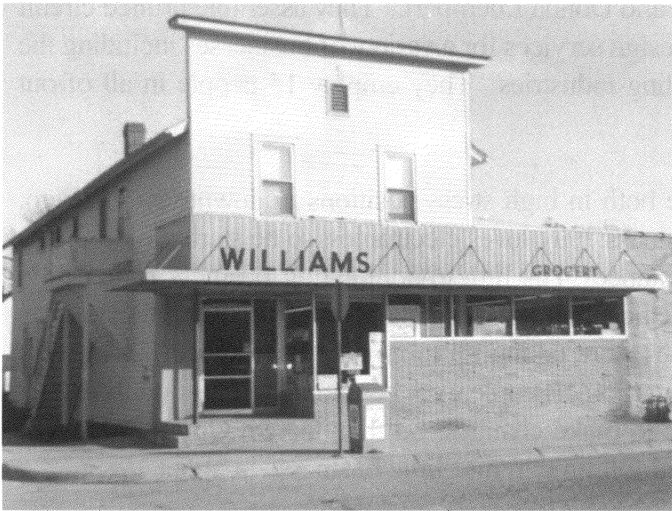
In the early 80's, Guy and Donna Luempert were both in high stress positions in downtown Chicago. They talked constantly about having their own business. Guy loves electronics, so he started moonlighting making electronic cables for business acquaintances. His little moonlighting business started in a shoebox out of their one bedroom condo. In time, the small list of supplies that fit in his little shoebox grew larger and larger. The parts for his assemblies were taking up more and more space. There were huge cardboard boxes stacked up all over their living room. (People were beginning to question their decorating abilities and Donna's sanity!). It was time to make changes. So they talked. Guy quit his job, opened a shop in Elk Grove Village, IL and worked full time in his "little business" in about 1985.

In 1989, one of the ladies Donna worked with was telling her about this great house she bought on a lake near the Illinois/Wisconsin border in a little town named Trevor. Guy and Donna took a drive to see what she was talking about, decided the country was beautiful and talked to a Realtor in Paddock Lake. They drove all around the area and found this beautiful little lake in a quiet little village. It was peaceful Silver Lake. Then they found a lovely home that suited their needs and dreams. They talked and decided that the commute to Elk Grove Village and Chicago did not seem that bad. The next thing she remember was Guy saying, "we're moving to Silver Lake". (This is when Donna found out the true meaning of "making an emotional purchase!") They moved into their new home in October 1990.

Needless to say, it didn't take long for Donna to lose interest in getting up at 4:00 in the morning and driving on I-94 to be on time for work in Chicago, especially since it was winter and it was not only dark, but very cold. Guy and Donna talked again and Guy said the business could support both of them, so she quit her job and started working full time for Guy in Elk Grove Village. The Luempert's business continued to grow and they needed more shop space. They decided that there was no reason the business could not be closer to their home since they had a good customer base, business is done strictly over the phone and the finished goods are delivered via Fed Ex. So, in 1991, Guy shopped for commercial space and found the old Silver Lake post office on Lake Street vacant. The size was right, so they signed the papers, cleaned, painted and moved in. The business continued to grow and they needed more space. 311 East Lake Street became vacant so they moved the business office into that building, which they subsequently learned was at one time Wendell Schenning's Insurance office and before that a barber shop. They are still growing. Guy's buying more elaborate machines to make more products more efficiently, so now they also have a large shop in Lake In the Hills, IL, to accommodate Guy's big machines and people to run them. Guy and Donna also have a location in Necedah, WI, where battery cables are assembled. Their main business address continues to be 321 East Lake Street, Silver Lake, WI. They are keeping their business office and light cable assembly work in Silver Lake, so Donna can continue to be part of the business and still be close to their daughter, Alexis and home. By the way, their daughter is a true "Silver Lakian" since she was born here in 1993. (An additional bonus because of their move to the country!) If you're interested to know more, visit their web site at www.hmfg.com or stop by and say hello.

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Silver Lake “Williams Family ” Grocery Store



William's Store

R.M Dixon, a Silver Lake carpenter, built the structure that now stands on the northwest corner of Lake St. and 2nd in 1884. Its first commercial occupant was the partnership, John Dixon (brother of the builder) and Braight Dunning, a general merchandising establishment. This building was considered one of the oldest business establishments in Silver Lake.

John Dixon and Dunning later parted and John left the village to begin a hardware store in Union Grove. For a short time, the building owner, R.M. Dixon, took over the business and carried on in the general merchandising field, operated the post office

and later branched into a dry goods business. Later the business was known as R.M. Dixon and Son.

Bill Richter came to the village from Wheatland Township in 1917 to work for the Wilbur Lumber Yard. After a year, he joined Dixon and his father in law, as a partner in the general store. In those days farm implements, buggies, and harnesses were major retail items in the store. Stock that ran the gamut from dry goods through staple groceries.

In 1926, Richter and his brother in law V.A. Holtdorf took over the business as a partnership. In 1927, Richter assumed sole ownership. The five Richter boys helped their dad out in the store during their school years. The three Richter girls also helped serve the patrons of their dad's store. In 1928, he bought the corner property from the Dixon estate following the owner's death in July of that year.

In 1929, the meat department was added but otherwise the interior remained the same during the hazardous years of the depression and the period of materials scarcity that marked the war years.

At that time the store was unchanged from the original construction with the salt shed on the west side and the one story machine shed on the east side enclosed for the dry goods department as the only addition. It stayed that way until 1945 when Richter undertook a major interior renovation. The installation of modern display counters, shelves and fixtures. The huge, old, round, black stove disappeared with the installation of a furnace and the familiar cracker-barrel atmosphere of the country store vanished forever.

Howard Williams from Walworth County worked in Lake Geneva and Williams Bay grocery and meat business since he was a youth. He subsequently came to Silver Lake to work for Richter

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General in 1951. Williams and his wife, Mildred, built there home in Silver Lake. In 1958, Williams purchased the store with Richter retiring.

Williams and his wife Mildred had four boys and one girl. The boys were kept busy after school and during vacation helping their father, as the Richter boys helped their father, stocking shelves and waiting on customers. Mildred and her daughter would work out at the check out counter.

In August of 1968, Williams passed away and his wife Mildred maintained ownership but rented out the store to various individuals over the years until she eventually sold in 1990. At this time the grocery store remains vacant.

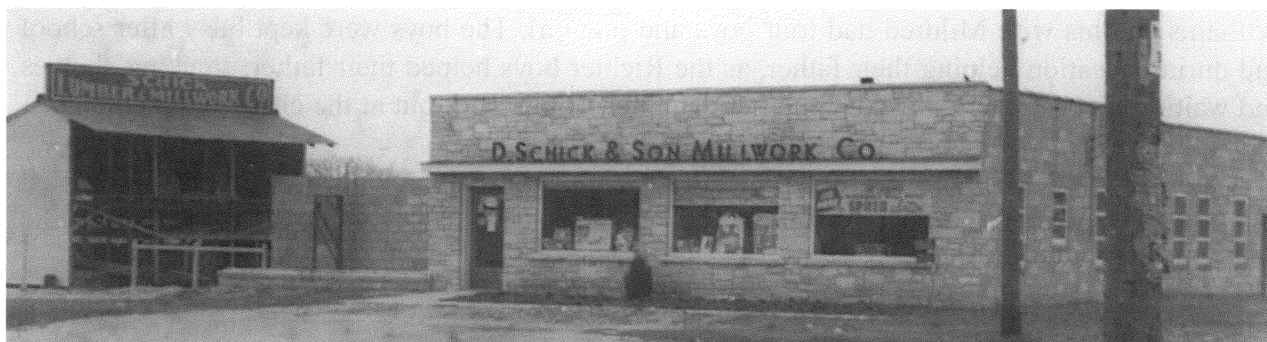


Silver Lake Home on Depot Street, Mildred Williams



Silver Lake Home on Depot Street, Bob Williams

Schick Lumber and Millwork



Schick Lumber & Millwork

In 1947 G. David Schick and his son David Schick started the Schick Lumber and Millwork. The grand opening was October 6, 1948. The company manufactured cabinets, window sashes, shadow boxes, boats, and any specialty cabinets.

G. David Schick wanted to retire at the age of 70, so the building was sold in August of 1953 to the Hockney Company, which was owned by George Hockney. They took possession of the building in May 1954.



Schick Lumber Truck

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Foreign Exchange Student in Silver Lake

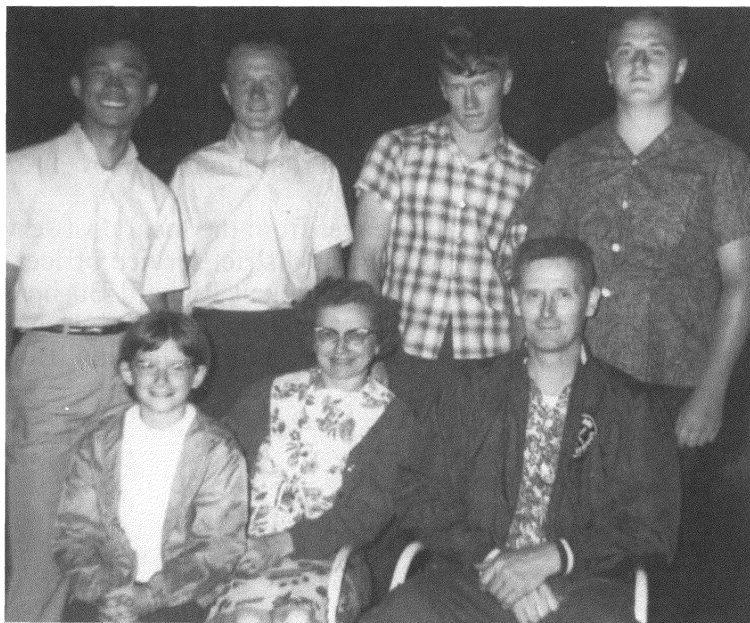


Manoon Inpanbutre

the Williams were quite busy. Manoon was guest of honor at an AFS Chapter Officer's picnic Monday June 26 at the Chapter Presidents home, Willis Freeman. Willis Freeman, presented a transistor radio to Manoon Inpanbutre, Wilmot AFS student for the past year at a farewell picnic held in his house recently.

The Howard Williams family was the second host family for the Wilmot AFS chapter which, was initiated in 1965. The family was informed in August 1966 that Manoon Inpanbutre of Sobrab, Thailand would be joining their family about August 18. Manoon, 18, attended school at Lampang, Thailand, and his credits had been accepted at the Wilmot High School administrators so he would enter the senior class in September, along with Jim Williams, 17. Their other two sons Dennis 16, and Robert 14 also attended Wilmot at that time. Their daughter Lori was just 8 years old and attended Riverview Grade School. The Williams also had another son David 19, who attended Wisconsin State University in River Falls as a sophomore that year.

In 1967 as the school year ended it was time to say farewell to there exchange student, Manoon Inpanbutre. Gene Olsen, Wilmot High School Administrator, signed the 1967 Panther annual for Manoon Inpanbutre July 1, 1967. Picnics and different functions were held



Manoon and the Williams family

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BRANDES MEMORIAL VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS VFW POST #8375

Brandes Memorial Veterans of Foreign Wars Post was organized in May 1969. The Post was named in honor of a local resident Thomas Brandes, who gave his life for his country in Vietnam. The first commander of the VFW was John Schnurr.

The following is a list of past commanders:

1969-70—John Schnurr	1970-71—Edwin Pietrowski	1971-72—Jerry Evans
1972-73—Arthur Schultz	1973-74—William Elfers	1974-75—Roger Saucerman
1975-76—Walter Ebeling	1976-77—Orville Yeager	1977-78—George Fruits
1978-79—Richard Wolfe	1979-80—Bruce Feldkamp	1980-81—Joseph Glatz
1981-82—Charles McNeff	1982-83—Dennis Matteson	1983-84—Douglas Hansen
1984-85—Larry Hansen	1985-86—Donald Reichenbach	1986-89—Joseph McTigue
1989-91—Erwin Pagels	1989-91—Erwin Pagels	1991-92—James Waltz
1992-93—James Andro	1993-94—James Waltz	1994-95—Joseph McTigue
1995-98—William Carsten	1998-99— Joseph McTigue	1999-Present—Donald Tvrdik

The purpose of the VFW is to be aware of veterans needs and to help them attain benefits. The VFW also works for the betterment of the community and promotes youth programs such as the Boy Scouts and Little League Baseball. Brandes Memorial VFW has been well known for its Paraplegic Days and for sponsoring the popular Summerfest. Now it hosts successful Pancake Breakfasts and Poppy Promotions on Nov. 11.

In 1979, Orville Yeager from the local post served as First District Commander, and Ron Radomski was district service officer. The Post has the honor of having Medal of Honor recipient Richard Bushpas as a member. Present officers are: Don Tvrdik—Commander, Ralph Voyta—Adjutant, Erv Pagels—Quartermaster, Freddy Vestuto—Chaplain, Ron Oldenburg—Service Officer.

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Carl's Store

Betty Griener worked for Carl's for many years and recalls many happy memories. Carl's Store was a drug store at the time Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fluke bought it. It was a store that sold a lot of different merchandise.

They sold aspirin, cough syrup, vitamins, jewelry, perfumes, swimsuits, nylons, and Buster Brown clothing for children. Other items that were available for sale were batteries, cigars, cigarettes, pipe tobacco, fishing items, and hunting licenses. You could always go into the store and pick up a last minute gift item for Mother's Day, Father's Day, Easter, Christmas and even gifts for new babies. A variety of greeting cards were available for all occasions as well as gift wrap.

The store was a place that young and old would get together for coffee, pop, Sundays, newspaper, malts and milkshakes. The famous soda fountain was always full on Sunday morning before and after church. There were three generations sitting at this soda fountain.

The small children would come in with their moms, dads, and grandparents. The famous candy counter was a glass show case that was the first thing that a child would see going into the door. It displayed all kinds of penny candy positioned ever so meticulously on the shelves for the little eyes to see. Children would put their faces right up to the glass and look at each and every shelf lined with milk duds, ju ju bees, button candy on paper strips before making their final choices.

Many of the children would stop in the store to purchase gifts for their parents, grandparents, teenagers or friends. Dorothy (Rebicek) Wentland recalls buying "Evening in Paris" cologne for her mother for mother's day every year.

Edna Schwartz worked many years for the Fluke's. She added a little special touch to the store by wrapping gifts that people would purchase. She knew everyone in town and always had a smile. She helped many people in trouble times, as did Carl and Vi Flucke. They would have people sign cards on the birth of a new baby, anniversaries, sympathy, etc. Edna trained many people that worked at the store over the years; Jean Peterson, Jean Walker, Diana Walden, Al Hanke, Don Gallagher, Al Brynor Jo Rudolph, Cheryl Faber, Anita Patterson, Sharon Gerber, Betty Griener and many, many more.

It was a very friendly store for all that lived in the community. Flucke's kept the business until they sold it to the Hoffmann's to add their new lawn and garden center. The old soda fountain stools and counter were removed and given to the Hungarian Village in Twin Lakes.

Carl's Store was the hub of Silver Lake. There were many good friends that met at Carl's Store, a many good story that was told and lots of laughs. If only the store could talk.

This page sponsored by Judy Schwartz and Betty Griener

Frederick H. Schenning Homestead Now Nickel's

The founder of Silver Lake was Frederick H. Schenning (1855-1941). He built a resort east of the Wisconsin Central Railroad tracks in the 1880's, which consisted of a pavilion, beach and hotel and was a popular destination for people from Chicago coming out by train. An original map of the area shows the location of the property, which included land that stretched up to what is now the village beach on Cogswell Drive (Hwy. B), and all the property on First Street.



Old Schenning house

The large lakefront home at 238 S. Cogswell Drive was also built around the turn of the century. The home has passed through several owners and now is being restored by present owners Phyllis and Albert Nickel. The house has eleven large rooms, five downstairs and six bedrooms upstairs, and a 400 square foot attic. There were 53 windows in the house. Some projects involved tearing down walls and closets that had been added over the years to reveal old doorways and bookshelves that had been covered up over time. They also found that the stairs in the living room had been turned to come down the front of the house. An unusual fact is that no evidence has been found of any fireplaces ever being in the house. It is heated by steam with ornate radiators in each room. Much of the wood on the doorframes in the house was marked "Silver Lake Lumber Company." In some rooms, the red pine floors are one-piece boards that are just over 15 ft. long. The house was solidly built with a poured concrete foundation, unusual for the times.

One of the things that hasn't changed is the home's best feature—the view of the lake from the 12 by 40 ft. screened porch, both in summer and winter.

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The Nickel House

The Nickel family received this letter in 1997. Mrs. Jean C. Stanley wrote it. The home had belonged to her grandparents.



Nickel's Home

Dear Folks,

I received a copy of the article printed in the Kenosha from Mrs. Marie Brandes, who lives in Silver Lake.

I was born in that house and all my vacation time for my first twenty years was spent there. Therefore, I have a very soft spot in my heart for that (your) house. However, they did a lot of changing inside and out when they converted it into a nursing home.

You mentioned in the article that someday you "hoped to see" a picture of the giant stuffed bear that graced the front porch.

So I've enclosed a picture of the bear we children played with and a picture of the front porch where he stood. Hope you enjoy.

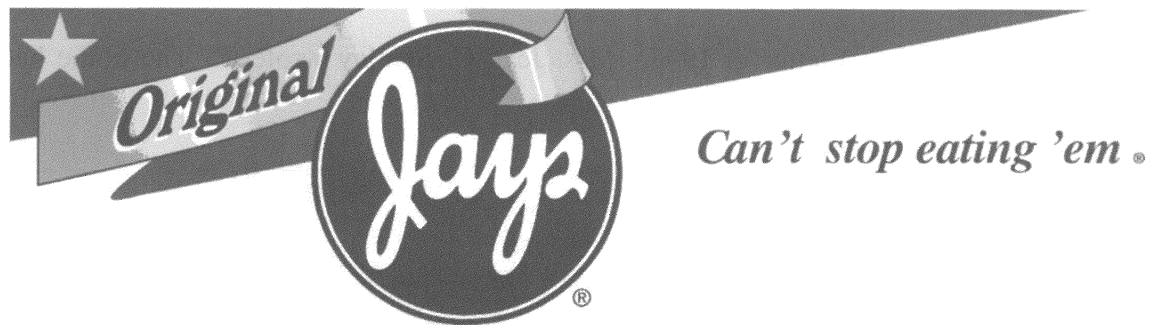
Sincerely,

Jean Baldwin Stanley.

P.S. I liked the beautiful wreath on the house!

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Jays Potato Chips



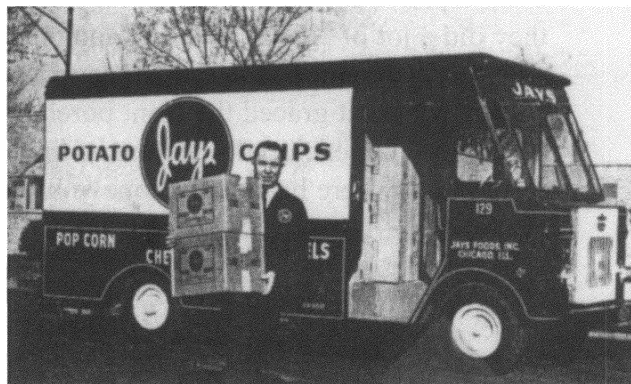
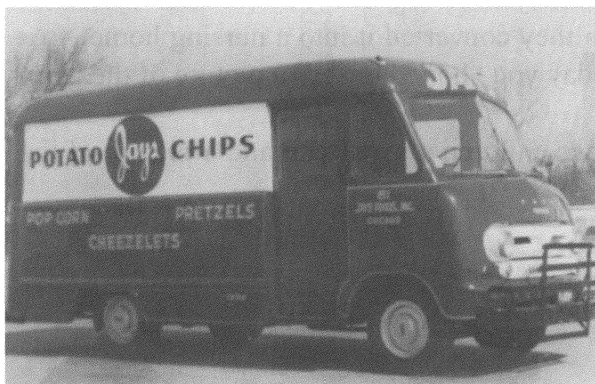
“A Pip of a Chip,” Jays Potato Chips, you can’t stop eating them,” these slogans have been heard all over the Chicagoland and within a 100-mile radius.

The making of Jays Potato Chips date back to 1927, in Chicago, when Leonard Japp Sr. began peddling Mrs. Japps Potato Chips door to door. A few years later Mr. Japp became a partner with George Johnson.

But “Jays” a little name for a big business in snacks, has special meaning in Silver Lake where the trailer trucks bearing the famous white script letters in the blue circle pull up at the south end of Cogswell Drive and are at home in a big concrete block building.

But when World War II broke out, Pearl Harbor was bombed in 1941, and with the business on the rise, they could not afford to associate with something so unpleasant at that time for a pleasant taste treat. The two partners’ Japps and Johnson came up with the name Jays.

The company has operated for almost 75 years with a consistent focus on quality and service both in their products and in the workplace.



Jays Delivery Trucks

In 1968 Ed Reddin was managing the fleet that delivered the snacks on nine routes. Ed, who was with Jays for 20 years, came to Silver Lake in 1953 when Jays had rented a smaller building north of the present structure, which was built in 1963. Mrs. Eleanor Casey was Ed’s right hand during

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that time with 10 years of service. Other employees at that time included: William Bergmark, 23 years, and Robert Zukowski, 12 years. Youngest in points of years of service was Al Yanca, with two. There were a total of 13 employees in all.

In 1986, the company was sold to Borden, Inc. In 1994, the current management team repurchased the company. Jay's belief in quality and service quickly returned to the production and sales organization, new products were added and Jays Foods has again become the strongest regional Snack Company in our marketing area.



Jays truck and staff

Currently employed at the silver Lake Branch are John Eddy, Regional Sales Manager, Jack Schmecht, who has been with Jays Silver Lake for more than 30 years, is the Branch Manager, and Phyllis Nickel is the office customer service coordinator. Route sales Representatives are Tom Cosgrove, Joe Imburgia, Jerry Mack, Bob Bathery, Doug Huschka, Steve Iselin, Pat Molumby, John Klementzos, Dale Beecher, Mark Kubart, Judy Crawford, Pat Sikorski, and Dennis Dohse.

Extra route salesmen are Will Brink and Dave Derler. Warehouse employees are Joe Bloom, Jason Klementzos, Ryan Schmaling, Eric Schweizer, and Mike Ours.

In a recent survey conducted by a Milwaukee TV station, people were given several brands of chips to taste. Jays was the chip of choice.

Dr. Becker's House Now "Sokolski Home"



Dr. Becker Louis Sokolski Home

This home was built at the turn of the century. Dr. Becker was the 1st physician in Silver Lake. He lived in this house until his death in October of 1948.

On September 14, 1942, Dr. Becker was going to a call when his car had stalled right on the tracks. He tried to get it started but not in an adequate amount of time. The train struck his car. He sustained serious injuries but survived.

John & Lois Skulks purchased the home in September of 1952. It is here that they raised their family. Lois still lives in this stately home on Lake Street.

In the original picture, the sidewalk curved around the old tree. In the recent picture Dutch Elm disease had destroyed the 2 elm trees that were growing in the front of the home.



Sokolski Home

Kruzan Oil, Inc.

Kruzan Oil has been in business for approximately 36 years, with locations in Silver Lake and Burlington. The Silver Lake Bulk Plant has been in use since 1926, when fuel was brought in by rail car.

Fred Schmalfeldt was an agent for Standard Oil for many years and Bob Kruzan drove for him. During the late 1960's, Fred decided that it was time for him to retire so the Kruzan's bought him out. Fred then decided that he was just too young to retire and he came back to drive for Bob.

In 1976, Kruzan's moved the office to 365 West Market Street, in Burlington, and now serve the areas of Kenosha, Racine and Walworth counties.

Kruzan Oil is a family owned and operated business, with Bob, his wife Marge, and son Jeff all involved.



Jeff and Bob Kruzan

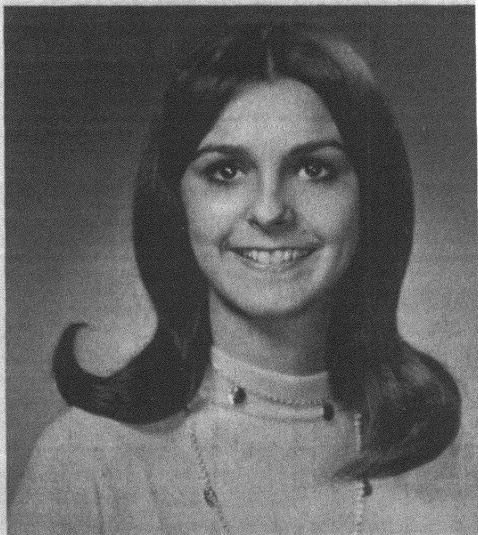


Kruzan Oil Truck

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Royalty in Silver Lake 1971

WESTOSHA REPORT November 3, 1971



No event is complete without a pretty girl and that addition to the Hildebrandt Department Store and Westosha Report and area merchants homemaker school on Saturday, Nov. 13, has been confirmed.

Miss Kay Hilbert, currently reigning as Miss Kenosha County Fair Queen, will be on hand to represent the Pepsi Cola Bottling Co. of Kenosha and Racine and to make sure every person in attendance quenches her thirst with a cool glass of Pepsi.

Miss Hilbert, a 1971 graduate of Wilmot High School, is presently enrolled as a freshman majoring in business administration at the University of Wisconsin, Whitewater. She enjoys listening to music, swimming, participating in baseball and basketball games and traveling.

The show, to be held at the Lakewood School in Twin Lakes, will open its doors at 12 noon. The event will begin at 1:30. Tickets can be obtained at the Westosha Report office or Hildebrandt's Dept. Store. The tickets are free and will be limited to 2 per person. Entry to the show is by tickets only. These tickets will be used for the door prize drawing after the cooking demonstration and style show. Winners must be present to win.

Come, meet Miss Kenosha County Fair Queen, learn some advance hints on the latest in fall and winter clothing and watch the actual making of some new easy foods which your family will enjoy. A recipe book is given to each member of the audience so it will be easy to follow along.

Kay (Hilbert) Freeman was the Kenosha county Fair Queen in 1971. Kay attended Wilmot High School and at the age of 17 decided that she would run in the fair queen contest. She was the President of her freshman year, secretary-treasurer, and also was involved in the National Honor society. After High School she attended Whitewater State University and majored in business.

Kay is currently married to Randy Freeman and has 2 children, Chris 21, and Kelly 19. She is now a homemaker and lives in Brookfield, Wisconsin.

She also volunteers at the United Way and other community functions parade participant (as a clown) and active in church events. In her spare time she likes to travel with her family, snorkel and is into making craft projects.

*Kay Hilbert
1971 Kenosha County
Fair Queen*

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Royalty in Silver Lake 1998



*Jaclyn Faber
1998 Kenosha County
Fair Queen*

Jaclyn Faber, Vivacious, Outgoing Fairest of the Fair in 1998.

Thirty years ago, as Patricia LaViolette was named first runner-up in the Fairest of the Fair contest, she never dreamed her daughter would be representing Kenosha County.

Jaclyn Faber, then 19, of Silver Lake was crowned the 1998 Kenosha County Fairest of the Fair. Her parents, David and Patricia Faber, said they were very proud of their daughter.

“She’s very outgoing,” Patricia said. She was a cheerleader for more than six years and was then an assistant coach. She also volunteered for Rotary Club events and Food, Folks and Spokes.

“I was shaking up there,” Faber said, of the moments before the winner was named. “But I just took it in stride.” It was her cheerleading coach, Dorothy Wentland, who encouraged her to run. “If anyone could

represent Kenosha County Fair, it would be Jaclyn,” Wentland said. “She has a vivacious personality and all the characteristics of an outstanding young woman.” Jaclyn was a CYC Raiders All-Star Cheerleader for six years, was on the team that won Nationals in Orlando, Florida in 1997, and traveled to New Zealand, Australia and Hawaii to cheer with the USA Cheer and Dance Team.

Faber is a graduate of Wilmot High School where she was active in musicals/dramas; Madrigal feast, Burger Bash, “W” Club, WHS Cheerleader, and Pom Pon Squad. She was Co captain for the senior year color guard for the Thanksgiving Day Parade in Houston, TX and Orlando, FL.

Jaclyn went on to represent Kenosha County in the State Fairest of the Fair competition held in Milwaukee, WI. She is on the Kenosha county Fair Queen Fairest of the Fair Board and is a member of the American Legion Auxiliary of Silver Lake.

Since the time of her fame as Fairest of the Fair, Jaclyn has graduated from the Milwaukee School of Massage Therapy and is employed at Joan’s Designers as a hair stylist, massage therapist and esthetician (skin care specialist).

In her spare time, she enjoys life on the farm. Jaclyn is currently engaged to Mike Daniels and will be married on 2/2/02.

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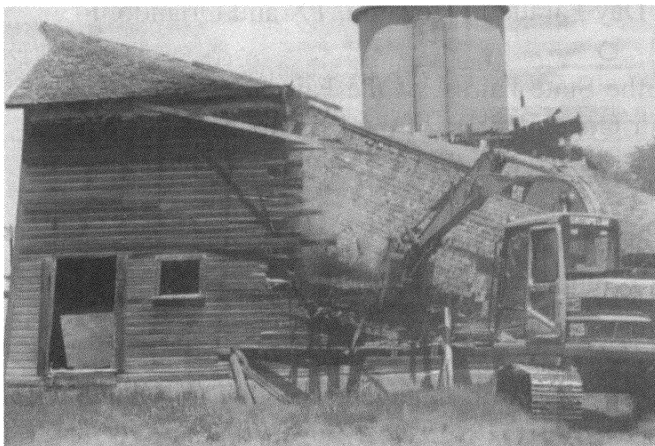
Rebicek's 100-Year-Old Dairy Barn Falls Prey to Ravages of Time

The plug on the life support machine sustaining one of the village's last dairy barns was pulled on June 7, 2000. The specter of death had been haunting the century-old structure for some time, but like a relative heartbroken by the prospect of a loved one's passing, owner Dorothy Wentland was having a hard time letting go.

It took a Silver Lake raze order and 10 minutes of blows from a Faber's CAT excavator to bring the five-level barn to its knees. It would have taken a miracle to save Wentland from tears. "To see this barn go really hurts," Wentland said holding back the tears. "I grew up here. I lived here all my life until I got married. I know how hard my parents worked to make this farm operate. This is the last building to go. This barn has a lot of sentimental value to me."



Frank and Helen Rebicek



Wentland Rebicek Farm Demolition 2000

The roots of those sentiments can be traced back to when Wentland's parents—Frank and Helen Rebicek—left fast-paced Chicago in the mid-1940's for the rural serenity of Kenosha County. They settled first in Camp Lake. Then in 1947, they bought an approximately 100-acre farm straddling Highway B, north of Highway AH from the John Mahony family. Prior to Mahony's owning the farm, the Kerwin's owned the farm. However, neither the Mahony's nor Kerwin's had it as a dairy farm. Mahony's were summer residents of Silver Lake, raising only sheep and a few ponies. During the winter months, they hired caretakers to look after the farm until their return in the summer. Frank commented to Helen, "If you don't like the farm we could always go back to the city." Gas was rationed at that time, the trips to Kenosha County from Chicago were limited. Some of their belongings had to be left behind. Back then, dairy farmers only received a check once a month. It was a struggle, but she must have liked it, they ended up staying on the farm and farming for the next 25 years.

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Mrs. Helen Rebicek



*Frank Rebicek with grandson
Richard Rebicek Jr.*

By then, Dorothy's elder brother, Richard, had entered the U.S. Navy and her other brother, Ernest, was out of high school, so she essentially had the pastoral playground to herself. There, watching her already middle-aged parents struggling to live off the milk of their 40 cows and the proceeds of their roadside vegetable stand, Dorothy learned the value of hard work.

While Frank milked the herd of cows, Helen and Dorothy did feeding, watering, bedding and fed calves. The livestock and horses were considered pets.



Mr. Frank Rebicek on the Farm

"As a kid, I used to love to sit in the barn with the cattle and horses and just listen to the rain. It was always so warm and cozy," Wentland said. "I was never lonesome here. I wouldn't have traded growing up on a farm in the country for any other lifestyle."

Wentland's parents are now deceased, and her childhood home is inhabited by renters. She and husband Phil live on the farmland across Highway B and still own about 33 acres of the original farm. The rest of the farm is still in the Rebicek name, but little by little the old farm building that stood in the shadow of the hulking gray barn have been razed. The barn was the last to go.

"It's a shame," said Faber Construction owner Gary Faber, whose great uncles helped build the barn around the 1900's. On Wednesday, June 7th, Faber was charged with reducing the time-worn structure to a

heap of rubble, leaving only the silo as a sentinel marking a rich past.

The task was inevitable. Faber estimated it would have cost the Wentlands at least \$60,000 to restore the barn to its former glory.



Rebicek's Farmhouse

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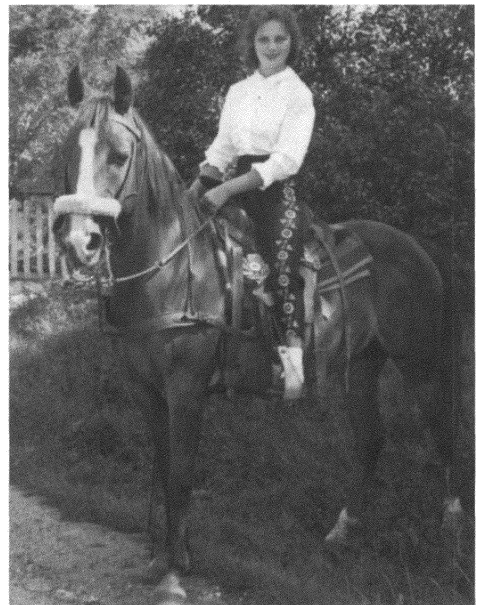
The cedar-shake-shingled roof had begun to sag. The mighty frame had taken to leaning.

Still the building seemed to fight until the end, refusing to go quietly.

“Did you see how it resisted falling? It didn’t want to go. It seemed to say, ‘I can stand forever,’” Wentland said of the barn. “It weathered a lot of high winds and big snowstorms over the years. It had such character. It was a landmark!”



Wentland Rebicek farm



Dorothy and her horse Nellie

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Origins of Little League

The Little League movement was formed in 1939 in Williamsport, Pa. It has grown to become the largest youth sports program in the land.

Through Little League baseball, youngsters develop and appreciate the need for teamwork, sportsmanship and unselfish cooperation.

Physical development of the child through Little League baseball is a prime concern, under the safest and most time-tested rules.

There are more than 2,300 young men in organized baseball, 450 of who are on major league rosters. They have worked their way up from Little League. Some include Orel Hershiser, Cal Ripkin, Ozzie Smith, Frank Thomas, Cecil Fielder, and Kirby Puckett.

The Little League movement currently numbers more than 22,000 chartered programs in 104 countries around the world. That translates to over 3½ million youngsters in seven divisions playing baseball and softball.



Don VanDerZee Athletic Park

In the western Kenosha County area, there are a number of games played throughout the week. The league in the area is Lakeland Little League. The league is broken down into boys and girls leagues. They include boys major baseball, boys minor league, junior girls softball, senior girls softball, and minor girls softball.

Lakeland Little League was founded in 1955. The League consisted of the Cubs, Braves, White Sox and the Yankees. A volunteer, Don VanDerZee was the driving source in introducing Little League to Silver Lake and the surrounding communities. Other key volunteers who gave many years of dedication to the league include Hardy Schmalfeldt, Lee Rittmer, Willis Hanke, Burt Richards, and Joe Hilbert.

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Currently Lakeland Little League consists of 48 Baseball and Softball teams. The President is Kerry Burnett. Kerry was an active baseball team player in the league and has followed in his fathers' footsteps George Burnett. George was a dedicated volunteer to the league and the communities for many years.

Many children have enjoyed the Little League experience with the help and support from the past and present volunteers. These volunteers consist of teenagers umpiring, parents coaching, parents and grandparents cheering and supporting the values that Little League introduces to our youngsters.

Lakeland Little League plays at a number of sites throughout the area. The boys play at Fox River, Silver Lake Grade School, New Munster, Paddock Lake, and Bristol. The girls play at Wilmot High School. The League stresses to the managers that the game is for the kids. They are teaching them a structured sport.

Butch (Louis) Faber is a veteran of Little League Baseball for 30+ years. He played for the White Sox's and the Orioles in his younger years and when he was older he coached the Cubs team for 13 years. The dedication that was shown through the parents and the children inspired him to continue in Little League. After coaching he then went on to be the President for 7 years. Butch has continued on in the Little League organization as the Wisconsin District 6 Administrator. He has also gone the World Series each year since 1989 where he met many new friends and ballplayers from all over the World.

The success of Little League is solely based on its support from the community. On a sunny day if you happen to be driving by a baseball or softball game, stop in and cheer for the kids. If you do not have the time beep your horn you will be amazed by how your attendance or acknowledgement to their dedication of teamwork will bring a smile their face.

This article is dedicated to Don VanDerZee who has made a difference in the lives of those that were involved in this sport.

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A.L.S. Catering



Anne L. Sosnoski

Anne L. Sosnoski is a full time R.N who working at Victory Memory Hospital in Illinois. Her position as a night nurse and supervisor keep her quite busy but the flexibility of her job made it possible to open the A.L.S Catering business in Silver Lake on Highway F just before the Fox River bridge. She has been there since 1998.

Anne and her Husband ran a catering service from the Grizzly Saloon on Highway 45 and from within the churches. One of her food distributors mentioned the availability of the business in Silver Lake. She jumped at the chance to expand and purchased the catering business from Jenny Janas who ran the business from 1996 to 1998. Jenny Janas was in the army reserves and went full time reserves and was sent to Puerto Rico. Millie and Jack Santee were in the catering facility for 12 years from 1984 till 1996. Lavern and Rudy were the original catering business when it was called Lavern's Catering.

Anne provides a full service catering business including china, linens, and silverware. . She provides a complete wedding planning including flowers arrangements, invitations, wedding cakes and decorating. A.L.S. Catering serves everything from just an or'derve party, buffet dinners, to a full service sit down dinner. Anne's staff includes 25 part time employees that are from the vil-lage and surrounding communi-ties that are on call.

One of her customers is Com Ed, which she serves all three shifts for their Christmas parties. Anne's biggest party she served was for a wedding party of 800 but says she can serve well over 1000. This year she catered the Elkhorn Dog Show where she served close to 1000.



A.L.S. Catering

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She serves buffets in your home, back yard, or hall. She currently serves pig roast, graduations, birthdays, house warming, Christmas parties, etc. She prides her self in making her own kielbasa. Until she can find a company that makes it as well as hers she will continue to make it herself. Even though she lives in Illinois her phone number for service is 262-889-4896.



A.L.S. Catering, Riviara, Lake Geneva

“On the Cutting Edge”

Silver Lake by 1903 had become an ice colony, one with all the hustle of a logging camp. Men with horses scurried about the lake, scraping and grooving and cutting the ice into sheets. Other men poled the sheets toward shore, where the ice was split into 200-pound cakes and stored in 200-foot icehouses. Railroads then took the frozen sweat to Chicago for cooling, food, and drinks, even candy and cadavers.

Women were busy too. They worked the kitchens and laundries of lakeside boarding houses. Others mended hats and coats and gloves for the Chicago homeless who worked the ice.

Old and New

Steel had become king. Chicago skyscrapers, framed in steel girders, surpassed ten stories. Suspension bridges, with arching steel cables, spanned rivers and ravines. Boats, Tractors, Railroads, Haymowers. Even horseless carriages. All were being built with steel.

But the ice trade stuck to hand tools and horse-drawn plows made of wood and wrought iron. Some 60 different ice tools had been developed, mostly in New England, from tools used in mining, farming, logging, and other trades. Forged in open hearths or Bessemer furnaces, such ironware became dulled and dented on the ice fields. Their repair fell to toolmakers and village blacksmiths.

Among Silver Lake's 50 residents was John Ludwig. “With large and sinewy hands...as strong as iron bands.” Uncle John shod horses, mended bobsleds, and fixed wagon wheels. Morgans, Percherons, and Clydesdales became his clients. At winter's ends, he would recast the plows, reshape pike poles, and sharpen chisel bars for next year's ice harvest. He was the brawny backbone of a brawny ice crew.

One day, when Uncle John was pounding a red-hot ice spud on his anvil, a child passing the shop after school asked what he was doing. Ludwig replied, “Hammering a glass of cold lemonade.”

Not long after, Silver Lake gained a second smith, Chester Hockney had opened a shop one-week before Farmer Hotz came by. He brought the wiry 22-year-old draft horse with a bloodied leg. “Must I shoot it?” the farmer asked.

“Walk the horse back and forth,” Hockney instructed. Watching its lame foot hit the ground gave the neophyte an idea. He trimmed the hoof and reshaped the shoe so the horse's weight fell on less painful points. Next he cleaned the leg and sent the farmer home, advising him to walk the horse for the first two miles and then run it at a slow trot.

The horse recovered. Soon everyone heard about the clever blacksmith. “Dad had learned his trade well,” wrote son George. “He was the guy you turned to when something special had to be built.”

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Not content to shoe horses, Hockney turned to steel and skill to fix a different sort. Fords, Packards, and Studebakers became his clients. But another fate awaited the young mechanic.

Helping a Harvest

Weather played a whimsical game with the ice crew, a game they seldom won. Warm weather delayed ice-up and kept the ice thin, forming “punk ice” that gave way underfoot. Droughts were even worse.

Without rain, the lake’s shallows became boot-sucking mud flats. Water plants, like sago pondweed, reached for the sun and crowded the lake surface far offshore. When winter came, the foliage would freeze into the ice and spoil the ice crop. Chicago meat packers then relied on Madison for lake ice and the Old South for factory ice.

Fearing another mild winter, Jim Boyle of the Boyle Ice Company—one of several ice conglomerates on Silver Lake called on Chester Hockney for help.

“Chet, here’s 150 bucks,” said Boyle. “Build me a machine that will get rid of weeds. We just got to cut clean ice near shore.”



Hockney’s Underwater Weed Cutter

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A New Path

For cutting water plants, Hockney studied saws and shears and sickle bars. Then he modified a haymower so it floated on water. Mounted on pontoons, his cutter was propelled through the water by a gasoline engine that turned a rear paddle wheel. But the contraption looked so much like a McCormick reaper, it was denied a patent. That didn't stop Hockney.

He built more cutters and sold them to other ice companies. Soon lakes throughout the Midwest were abuzz with saw boats. Plants were snipped in late fall and allowed to drift ashore where workers raked and burned the dried shoots.

Hockney also built an ice cutter by modifying a ford Model-T engine. He mounted the engine on a sled behind a steel circular saw. The saw ripped a groove 8 – 12 inches deep, leaving the ice ready to be split into cakes. One or two workers could cut an entire field. Mechanics on other ice lakes built similar machines. By January 1920, steel had replaced horse-drawn ice plows...and legions of Chicago laborers.



Hockney Co.

Paddle Wheeling

Hockney continued to tinker with weed cutters, trying new ways to snip the plants or drive the machines. He built bigger boats that cut lanes 5 – 10 feet wide and up to 5 feet deep through plant beds. He designed a sickle bar for use on rowboats and added a rake to skim the clippings ashore.

But not all his ideas worked. He built a three-sided boat to reduce water resistance on the bow. It floated on steel drums but tended to tip and almost threw him overboard. And despite his rake attachment, clippings rafted away or stormed the shore and needed to be hand raked.

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Then, one day, a pair of mallards gave Hockney an idea. “He noticed the action of their webbed feet,” wrote George. “Their toes were held tight when extending the legs...but spread apart when retracting the legs for propulsion.” And so the Duck Paddle Drive was invented, with two paddle wheels for legs.

His ideas and tinkering culminated in the Amphibian Cutter, a paddle wheeler with removable sickle bars that converted into a tractor. Built in 1924, it could be driven down a road and onto a lake, though the front wheels and steering column had to be removed before launching the craft.

These and other weed cutters went on to snip lake plants around the world, in New Zealand, Australia, Egypt, India, Hawaii, Indonesia, and Brazil. But gasoline ice cutters came too late to save the ice trade. Cutting leaves had replaced cutting ice.

A Cold Reverie

As the icehouses burned or crumbled in the 1920's, improved roads and cars beckoned Chicago back: this time to boat, fish, and swim. Lake lots were sold and developed. A dam was built to drown the trampled shores, sewers were added to carry off the treated excess. Silver Lake had become an urban escape.

John Ludwig and Chester Hockney retired from working iron and steel. Hockney sold the business to his son, George, who continued the business for twenty-five years. In 1965 George sold the business to his son-in-law Stanley Anderson (Caryl) who continued until the year 2000.

The Hockney Underwater Weed Cutters continue to be manufactured in Sharon, Wisconsin. Check it out at www.weedcutter.com.

As I gaze upon an icebound lake and feel the boreal breeze, those Silver Lake days come to mind. Men and boys on the ice scraping and sawing; women and girls in the boarding houses cooking and cleaning. I hear the ping of a hammer striking iron, the whirl of a paddle wheel kicking mud. For a moment, I'm no longer alone on the frozen lake but amid harvest and history. Before me lies a world both hard and frail that stood, not once but twice, on the cutting edge...of ice harvesting and plant management.

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Dr. Chester A. Dewitt and Wife Doris



Dr. Chester A. and Wife, Doris DeWitt

Mrs. Doris Miller DeWitt was born on November 13, 1906 in Silver Lake on the East Side of the lake. Her folks were Ernest and Anna Schwartz. Anna's hometown was Lyons, Wisconsin and later years in Burlington, Wisconsin. Ernest's hometown was Blue Island, Illinois and later moved to Silver Lake. Anna moved to Silver Lake to work with her cousin Anna Hazelman. This is when she met Ernest and later was married. Ernest and Anna had 10 children with Doris being the oldest. One sister passed away in infancy, 2 brothers and 1 sister passed away in their later years. Ernest passed away in 1952 and Anna in 1962.

Fred Schwartz, Doris's grandfather was a foreman for the Jefferson Ice Company, which her father worked for. The icehouse and home stood where the new beach is today.

Jefferson Ice cutting was very interesting and brought men from many different town to harvest the ice in Silver Lake. These men made their temporary homes at Bacharas Hotel, which used to be next to the Silver Lake Auto (Amoco) station on Highway B.

Doris married Dr. Chester A. DeWitt, who was the second doctor in Silver Lake. Chester was born march 24, 1901 at Spring Lake, Michigan. He graduated from the University of Michigan Medical School and served his internship and residency in Chicago.

He had medical practices in Milwaukee and Racine, before settling in Silver Lake with his practice. Chester was a member of the Wisconsin Medical Association and other professional associations and was active in medicine until the time of his death January 26, 1978.

Art Schultz Plumbing and Heating



Art Schultz Plumbing and Heating

Art (Bunk) Schultz was born and raised in Silver Lake. His father operated the gas station that is now Larry's Auto. He also worked for Ralph Barber Lumber Company. Art worked nights at Harnisfeger Corporation in Milwaukee where he met and married Fern in 1945 and built their present home in 1950 at 114 South First Street, Silver Lake. The lot their home is on was bought from George Hockney, actually, an electric water pump and an oil burner for his furnace was traded for

this lot. He worked nights and went to the Milwaukee School of Engineering during the day. His uncle, who lived in Salem, got him started as a plumber. Art Schultz and his wife had the plumbing and heating and LP Skelgas business and service out of their home. The business was operated from the garage selling stoves, plumbing fixtures, etc. His first desk was a card table. While Fern was a full time mom with two young children, Gary 2 years old and Carl a 1 year old, she still managed to help operate the business with her husband.

They purchased and paid off the corner lot and then purchased the second lot from Chester Hockney. Then, in 1956, they built their store, Art Schultz Plumbing and Heating. All together, they have worked for 47 years in the business. They sold the gas business first and then retired from the plumbing and heating business in 1996 when it was sold to Kim Singleton.



Home of Art and Fern Schultz

Art Schultz served with the volunteer Fire Department for 35 years and is also a charter member with the Silver Lake Rescue Squad for 22 years. Before 911 calls, Art and Fern took all the Fire and Rescue calls in their home and in their store. They were the ones who blew the whistle for the volunteer Fire and Rescue to answer the call.

Their son Gary now resides in Waterford and Carl in Twin Lakes. Art and Fern enjoy their 5 grandchildren.

The Schultz's will be married 55 years on November 23, 2001. "*Happy Anniversary*"

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Frank and Helen Rebicek Sell Farm Land “ First Silver Lake Treatment Plant”

The village of Silver Lake was searching for land to build the first sewage treatment plant. The Rebicek farmland on the West Side of Highway B, south of Highway F (along the river) was deemed the best location in the area. However; the Frank Rebicek farm was not in the village of Silver Lake but in Salem. Frank, knowing the future need for a treatment plant agreed to sell with the stipulation that his entire farm on both the east and west side of Highway B and south to AH be annexed into the village limits with sewer hookups to the farm free. Back in those days, this was all done on a handshake. This extended the village current boundaries on the south to AH.



*Silver Lake Village Employees at New Treatment Plant
Mark Werner, Bob Williams, and Karen Nelson*

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Silver Lake Citizens Nearly a Century
This page is dedicated to Georgia, Paul, and Frank



Georgia B. Panknin
Born: Camp Lake, WI. July 7, 1903
Education: Camp lake, Wilmot Union High School,
Whitewater Teachers College
Taught commercial subjects at Elkhorn and Milwaukee
Worked for Erik Hansen, Silver Lake State Bank as assistant
cashier
Retired after 53 years of service
Husband, Arthur E. Panknin, 3 daughters, Phyllis, Argia, and
Judy, 3 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Paul Thornton
Born: Troy Center, WI. February 26, 1904
Education: Walworth County Schools
Lived in Silver Lake since 16 years old.
In business for several years retired from Ladish
Tri Clover after 49 years of service
Worked part time for Edstrom, Ind. For 4 years.
Celebrated 61 years of marriage in June of 2001
Wife, Esther Thornton, 2 sons, 9 grandchildren,
7 great grandchildren
Has enjoyed retirement in Silver Lake for 27 years.



Frank Kamin
Born: October 30, 1903 in Chicago, moved to Camp Lake, and
came to Silver Lake about 1915
Education: Riverview School and after 8th grade graduation
then Wilmot High School
His family consisted of four sisters and four brothers. They
lived next to the hardware store. He attended worked at Silver
Lake Bank He worked at American Motors for many years and
retired from there. He married Edith Rudolph and they have
celebrated more than 60 yrs. He enjoyed golfing five days a
week until his health caused golf to become a problem.

Sheri Wayne Helps Nab Bandits in 1962

A plucky 11 year old girl was the heroine of Silver Lake in 1962. On August 9, of that year, at 7 p.m. two Chicagoans attempted to rob Sam's Store, which is now the video store on the south-east corner of Lake St. and Second. The pair had entered the store and terrorized and beat Mrs. Sam Sokolski, 67.

Mrs. Sokolski was alone in the store when the two men entered. One of them asked for money and said, "This is a stick-up." The other man dragged her into a kitchen behind the store and, placing her on a bed, tying both her hands and feet with a piece of twine rope. Mrs. Sokolski said he struck her in the face and tried to put something around her mouth when she began screaming.

Leaving her tied on the bed, the pair began searching the cash register and counters in the store for money.

Meanwhile Sheri Wayne and her friend Janice Elverman were in front of the store when their friend, Donny Gerber, said he thought someone was robbing Mrs. Sokolski. He said he heard her screaming. Sheri raced over to the firehouse and alerted the firefighters who were there.

Fire Chief Lloyd Casey and firemen Richard Harrison, Robert Rudolph, Orville Yaeger, and Frank Mullner ran to the store and covered both the front and rear exits. The bandits dashed through the rear door of the building in an effort to escape, but were caught by the firefighters. Harrison hit one of the men over the head and stopped him while another fireman grabbed his companion.

Town Marshal Willis Carle, who arrived at the scene moments later, handcuffed the pair and made them sit on the ground until Sheriff's deputies arrived to arrest them.

The two men, Ted Kulekowski, 52, Chicago and Stefan Woloszyn, 27, also of Chicago were tried in the County Court. Woloszyn was sentenced to 18 months at the state prison at Waupun and Kulekowski pleaded no contest. He was placed on probation and ordered to pay restitution to Mrs. Sokolski for personal injuries.

Sheri Wayne, now Sheri Kerkman, was presented a framed award from the Wisconsin Professional Policemen's Association for her heroic part in capturing the pair of bandits. She also received a meritorious award from the Kenosha Police Department.

The Schenning's Contribution to Silver Lake, Wisconsin

Frederick and Charlotte Schoening (changed to Schenning) bought land in the year 1866, at the sum of \$5.00 per acre. Silver Lake and the Fox River were the boundaries; records disclose no buildings on the site. The Schennings cleared the land of timber, used by the railroad for fuel. The railroad station at that time was in the then flourishing town of Fox River, long before Silver Lake village was bisected by tracks.

The Schennings had plowed the land from river to lake when the Wisconsin Central built its line through their farm. Schenning donated land for the depot. By then, summer visitors were a familiar sight, renting their accommodations from Fred Schenning, Jr.

In 1886, Frederick Sr. sold the land to his sons. Fred Jr. bought the land east of the tracks, and William and his wife acquired the land west of the railroad. Fred built the first hotel and livery stable. He married Eliza Prosser on November 1, 1879. Their daughter, Edith Schenning Hockney, was the first child born in Silver Lake. William Schenning married Wilhelmina Nichles of McHenry in 1886, the year the village was first surveyed.

With the advent of the railroad, business picked up in the quiet, rural hamlet. Along came the ice companies: Zuttermister, Union, Bushing, Tewes, Consumers, Jefferson, Boyle, and Schennings' own ice house. All of them circled the lake, and there was plenty of trouble over who was to cut ice where!

Children attended Mound Center School until 1888 when William Schenning donated the land for the old Riverview School. Fred Schenning donated land for a Methodist Church. About 1895, William Schenning donated land for a Baptist church.

This page is sponsored by Milt Schenning

Why the Schenning Signs in Silver Lake

The present population of Silver Lake, Wisconsin, may be wondering about the history of their village, especially when seeing the business park with a new sign which reads: "Schenning Business Park, founders of Silver Lake 1866" and Depot Street being double-named as Schenning Memorial Drive.

Fred and Charlotte Schenning purchased their farmland 1866. The southern limit was the present Larch Street and the northern limit the Fox River Dells area. Silver Lake and the Fox River were the other boundaries. The barns and home were located on the present Depot Street. They donated some of their farmland to bring the Wisconsin Railroad through the present town of Silver Lake. They included enough land for a depot and a freight siding. They felt the railroad would attract business and people. The railroad began operation in 1886.

Then they sold their land to their sons. Two of their sons, Fred and William, had some of the farmland surveyed to create lots for sale. The original plat of the village had only five east-west streets: Depot, Park, Lake, North, and North Water. The north-south streets were numbered. The land was advertised as a rare spot between lovely Silver Lake and the picturesque and winding Fox River, which affords boating, fishing, and swimming.

In the late 1880's Fred Schenning, Jr. built Silver Lake Hotel and Resort to attract people to Silver Lake. The hotel had 26 bedrooms, parlor, dining room, and kitchen. The resort included a pavilion, bowling alley, and bar. Guests could easily walk from the depot to the hotel.

In 1887, Fred Schenning applied for a post office to give Silver Lake a mailing address. He was Silver Lake's first postmaster. In 1895, Fred Schenning donated land for a Methodist church, William Schenning donated land for a school (Riverview) and land for a Baptist church (Community Baptist).

The Schennings spent considerable time attracting businesses and people to Silver Lake. They watched the community grow.

In 1998, Schennings still live in Silver Lake, which is 132 years later. Depot Street is still home to a Schenning descendant, the street where the original farm buildings were.

The present Schenning descendants, which include members of the 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th generations, thank the Village Board of Silver Lake for allowing the Schenning name to be ever present in the future of Silver Lake. The business park sign and Schenning Memorial Drive signs were purchased by the Schennings as a tribute to their ancestors, the founding family of Silver Lake.

This page sponsored by Stan & Caryl (Hockney) Anderson

Mildred (Ganzlin) Faber



This page is in memory of Millie Faber. Millie raised her children basically on her own after her husband died from sunstroke while working on the Soo Line. She was quiet, reserved and dedicated mother to her children. And loved dearly by them all...



Seated bottom row: Margie (Faber) Null, Midge (Faber) Goehring, Millie Faber, Genivieve (Faber) Felletti, Standing back row: Don Faber, Kenneth Faber, Jake Faber, Lyle Faber, Reinald Faber, LeeRoy Faber, Robert Faber, and Sheldon Faber. Missing from picture is Walter Faber and Shirley (Faber) Klontz

This page sponsored by Colleen (Faber) Dykstra and her daughter Tiffany

Tom Brandes First Kenosha County Casualty VietNam War

My dear brother

By brother was a good guy,
One of the very best,
But God chose to take him
And now he's laid to rest.

He was a proud soldier
And served his country well,
He was overseas in combat
When he met that fatal shell.

He's home again where he belongs,
But things are different than we planned.
We buried you on your release date
I guess that could be called fate.

His letters home were many,
His gripes were very few,
The things he spoke of most
Were of home with people he knew.

When we saw you that last day
You were so happy and gay,
At that time we did not know
It was to be the last time we'd see you that way.

There were so many little things
That were left unsaid,
Had we known what was to come
They never would have been left undone.

You always had a good word
And a favor for all your friends,
But dear brother they can't miss you
Half as much as we in the family do.

You had so many friends,
More than you ever knew,
And if you could have seen them all
You would have known your foes were few.

That fateful night the telegram came
Was one we will never forget.
It was the first one I've ever seen
And will always live to regret.

God had his reasons for taking you
And leaving us sad and blue.
Again some day we will meet you
In the promised land.
Please dear brother be there
To meet us with open hand.

Until then dear Tommie,
May you rest in peace.
Forget you we will never
You'll remain in our hearts forever.

—Bonnie Brown
(for her brother, Thomas Brandes,
killed in action in Viet Nam,
Nov. 17, 1965)

Poem to my Brother



Tom Brandes was fatally wounded on Nov. 17, 1965 by hostile small arms fire while in a defensive position after completing 54 combat missions. His body was returned home for burial on Dec. 5, the day he was to be discharged from service. Pictured above, his mother studies the citations she has loaned to Riverview for its tribute to Tom - the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Gallantry Cross with Palm, the Military Merit Award and the record of V.F.W. Post 8575's naming of its post in Tom's honor, plus many newspaper clippings, including a front page story from the Westosha Report. The Report's account contains an article by war correspondent, Tom Tiede, that Tom sent to Westosha's editor, along with a letter, that was received after his death.

Riverview School Tribute to Tom



(Silver Lake)—Last week the family of AS/4 Tom Brandes, who was killed in Viet Nam last Nov. 17, received two more medals posthumously awarded their son and brother. The latest medals were presented by the Republic of Viet Nam. Earlier this year the young soldier, the first Kenosha county casualty of the Viet Nam war, was awarded this country's Purple Heart and Bronze Star with V device. From the left, pictured above, Tom's father, Arthur Brandes, holds the Purple Heart, Mrs. Brandes the Bronze Star, brother Danny and sister Barbara the Viet Nam Republic citations. (story inside)

Brandes Family receives military awards for son and brother Tom

This page sponsored by Bonnie Brandes

Tom Brandes First Kenosha County Casualty VietNam War



The war is over but Riverview remembers and a corner of the display contains a globe of the world where Tom Brandes' mother and his niece, Brenda Brown, pinpoint the tiny country where he was killed in 1965.

On the wall, to the left, the names of Kenoshans lost in the Vietnam War are listed, with the three from this area prominently displayed - Tom Brandes, Dan Patrick (1967) and Jerome Lubeno (1969).

Kenosha County First Casualties



"I don't expect to come back," Tom Brandes prophetically told his sister, Mrs. Bonnie Hauge, left, pictured with Riverview School social studies teacher, Mrs. Dorothy Wentland, who holds the Purple Heart awarded to Kenosha County's first Vietnam casualty. The table display contains the memorabilia from Africa and Vietnam that the serviceman sent home to his family. Part of the wall displays contain essays by the junior high students who expounded on their impressions and views of the Indonesian conflict from newspaper articles they clipped during their study of the war.

*Bonnie Hauge Brandes & Teacher
Dorothy (Rebicek) Wentland*



Honor Brandes
Silver Lake Village President Ralph Drinkwine, Jr., left, presents a plaque honoring Art Brandes for all the community work he was involved in before he died a few months ago, to his wife Marie at a Silver Lake Village Board meeting. Insert is picture of Brandes. — Photo by Gloria Davis.

Honoring Art Brandes

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Lakecrest Plumbing



2001 Lake Crest Plumbing.

Lakecrest Plumbing was founded by two hometown kids, Kim Singleton and his wife, Barbara (formerly Alby), along with their sons, Brett, Bart and Ty. They bought the Schultz Plumbing Building at 401 E. Lake Street in the spring of 1994. Kim's focus was on new construction and service calls.

Lakecrest comes To the Aid of the Village

On September 1, 1997, as the Village Municipal Building was burning, Kim approached his former employee and now Village employee, Connie Clark, that his building was available for the

Village and County officials to use throughout the day for emergency meetings as well as a resting place for fireman. Along with Kim's ever present coffee cup, he made sure those who wanted got as much coffee as they needed. By days end it was apparent the Village needed new offices. Kim and Barb offered their office building to the Village and they moved out and relocated to their home in Randall for the duration of the building of the new facilities. For that, the Village will forever be grateful to Kim and Barb.

Tandem Construction

In the fall of 1998, Lakecrest took up residence once again in their office along with friend and fellow contractors, Tim Mertis and his wife, MaryAnn. Tandem Construction is a builder of custom homes and remodeling. Tim and his crew, along with Lakecrest, remodeled the old office building into what is now a fully staffed working office.



Home on Sixth Street featured in Sears and the World's Fair



Home on Sixth Street



Home on Fourth Street, Bernice Rittmer



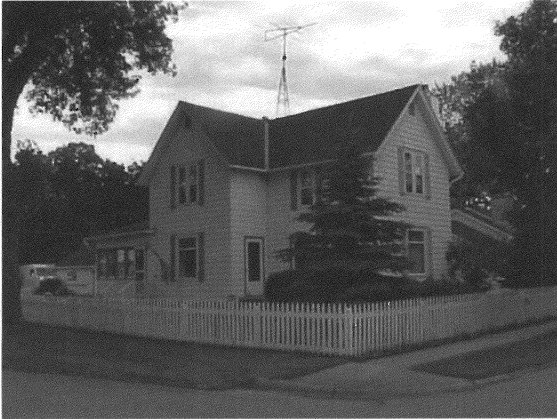
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Home on Lake Street, The Arnold's



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**Home on Fourth and Lake Street,
The Harmon's**



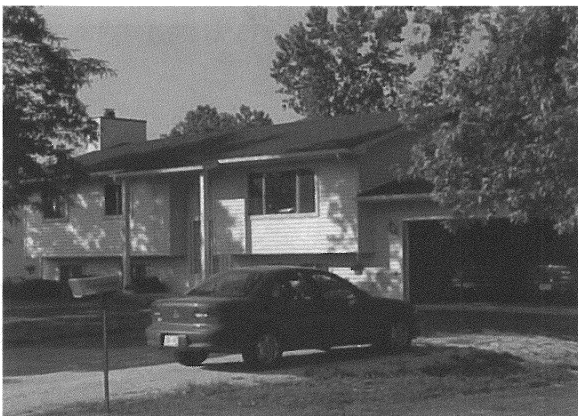
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**Home on Lake Street, at one time
Dr. DeWitt's home and office**



Home in the Woodland's, Jeff Albrecht



Home on Lake Street, Tiffany Bull



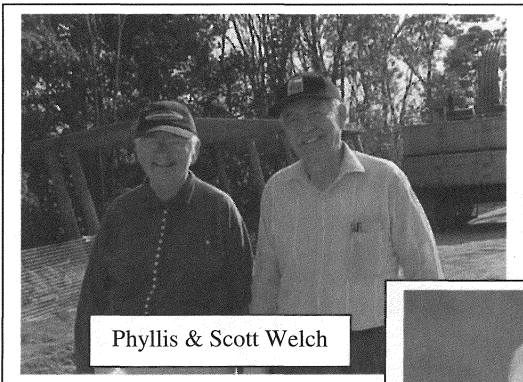
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Home on Fourth Street, Dave Faber



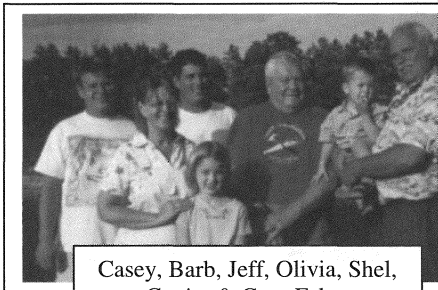
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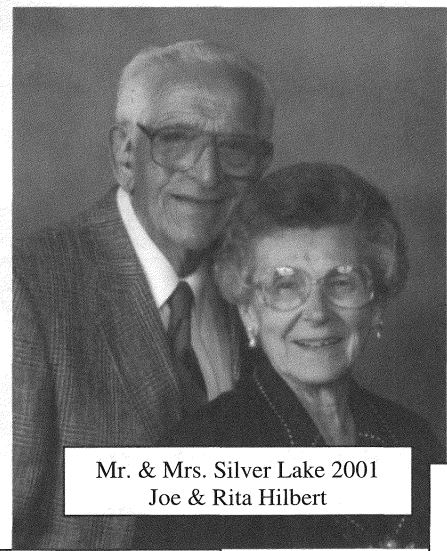
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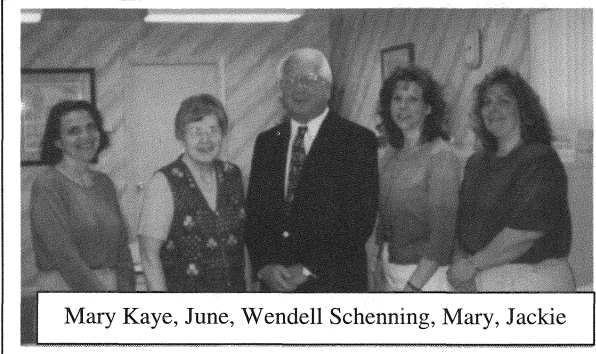
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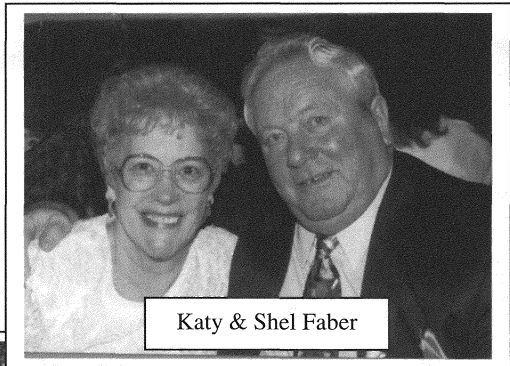
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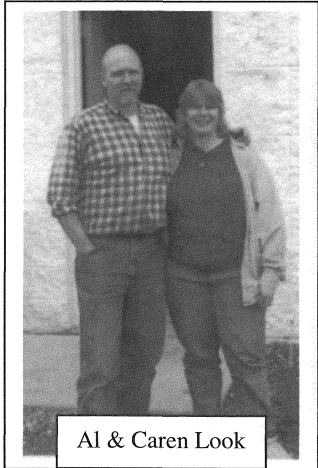
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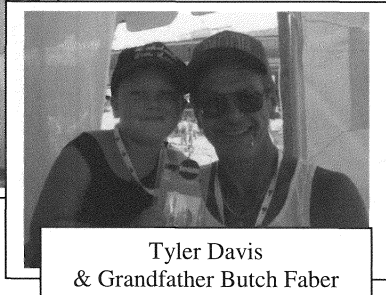
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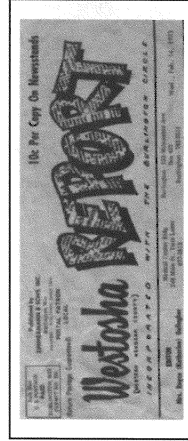
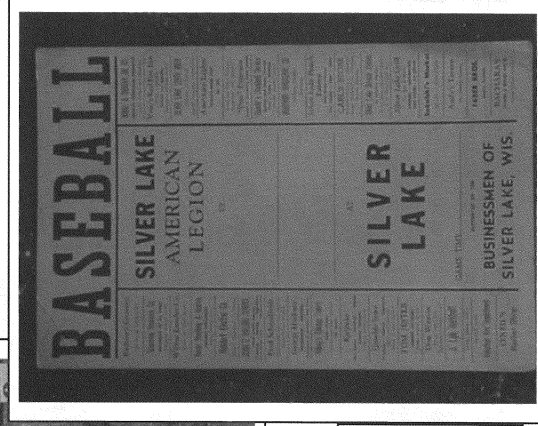
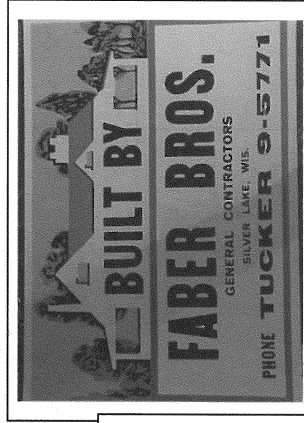
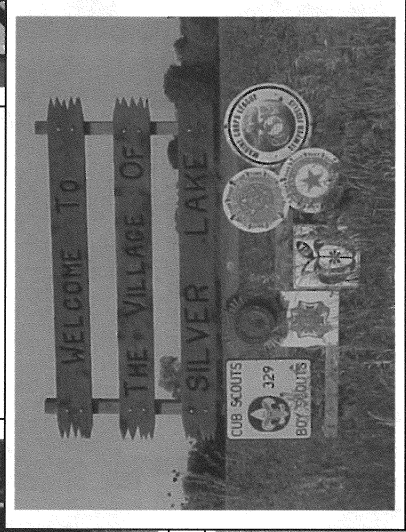
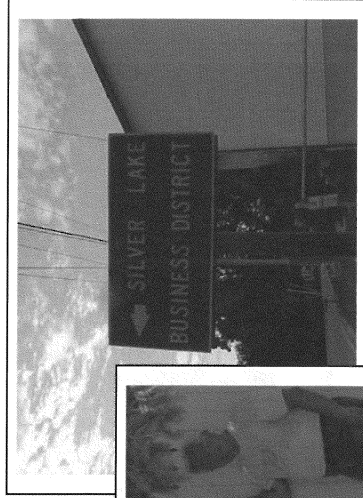
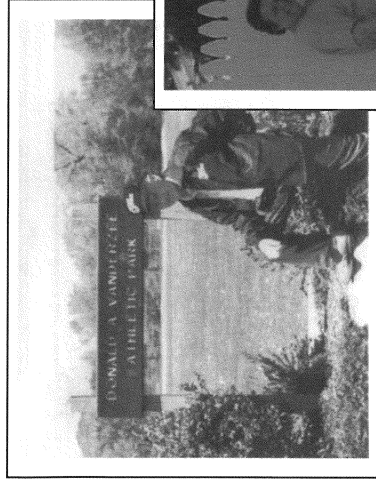


Vito & Vickie Aulozzi



Tyler Davis
& Grandfather Butch Faber

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This page sponsored by Shelley (Faber) Davis and son Tyler

“Sam Sokolski’s” Store
Submitted by William Sokolski

In 1930, Sam and Mary Sokolski, of Kenosha, purchased the store at the southeast corner of Lake St. and Second. They opened a meat market there with a slaughterhouse in the back. Pigs, steers, and other animals, purchased from local farmers, were slaughtered on the site. There was a walk-in cooler approximately 10’x15’x6’ with a space above filled with ice that had been harvested from Silver Lake during the winter. The ice lasted all through the summer. The walls of the cooler were one foot thick, and the ice was covered with sawdust that helped keep it cold.

In 1933, the family, consisting of Sam and Mary and their children Dorothy, Natalie, John and William, moved permanently to Silver Lake. The Sokolski’s operated the store together, and the family had living quarters above the store. Mr. Sam Sokolski died at the age of 65 in 1958. His wife continued to operated the store on her own until her death at the age of 81.

In 1935 they put an ammonia compressor in the store for refrigeration. The store, now called Sokolski Grocery, began to sell groceries along with the meat. There was a grocery store across Lake Street that began to sell meat, so the Sokolski’s began to sell groceries. Competition began!

The ammonia in the compressor had to be changed once a year. They drained the ammonia out and refilled it. It was a smell that watered your eyes! A technician would crack the valve and run out of the basement as quickly as possible.

When the meat market/grocery store across the street closed, the man who owned it came to work for Mr. Sokolski. That store was in the house next to the railroad tracks on Lake St. A member of the Schenning family still lives in that house.

In 1940, they switched over to freon refrigeration, and no more ammonia was released on the residents of Silver Lake.

There was sawdust in the butcher shop, which was tracked around on the wooden floors. The pop was in bottles with a two-cent bottle deposit—the same as milk bottles. Pepsi was in twelve ounce bottles, and Coke was six ounces. The saying was, “Pepsi Cola hits the spot—12 full oz., that’s a lot—twice as much for a nickel too—do da do da do da doo—Pepsi Cola is the drink for you!”

Penny candy was everywhere. A quarter pound Baby Ruth Candy Bar was a dime.

The kitchen was downstairs in the rear of the store. When the doorbell rang, they would come out and wait on the customers.

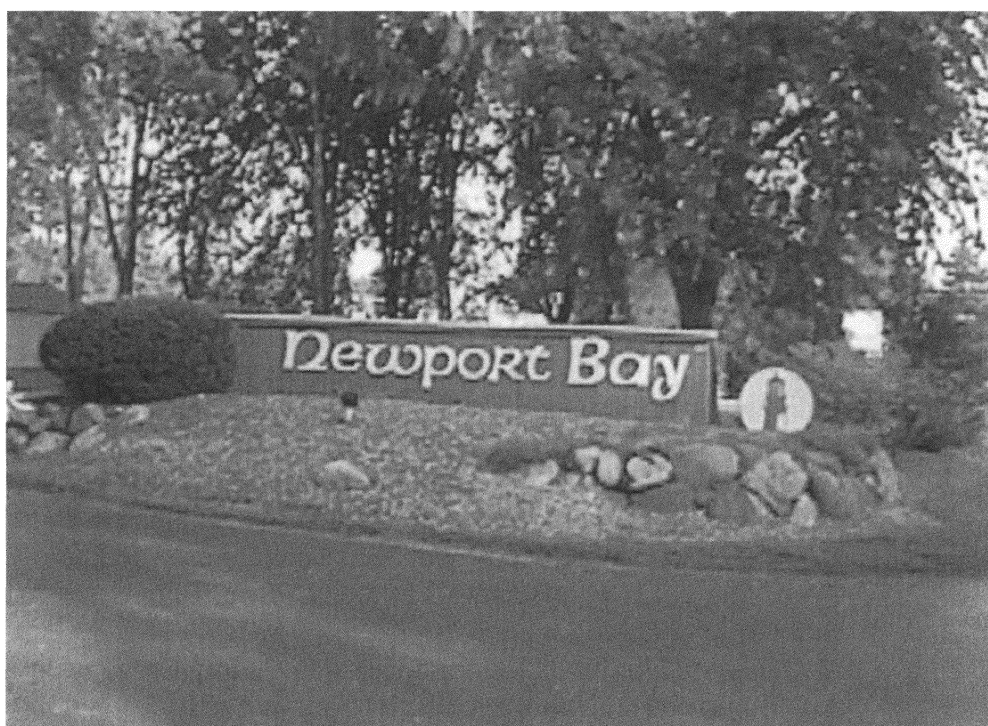
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Across Second Street to the west was the bank. East of Sam's Store was a barbershop. There was an empty lot east of the barbershop. Warren Sarbacker operated the Silver Lake Garage to the east of that location.

The children, except Natalie, stayed in Silver Lake and raised their families. Dorothy (Sokolski) Barkley still lives on the lake on Silver Lake Rd.; William lives at 112 West Depot St. John died in 1971, and his wife, Lois, still resides on Lake Street. Natalie (Sokolski) Vuletich lives in Colorado.

After the death of Mrs. Sokolski, Mr. William Michajlak purchased the building. It became a variety store. The store is now The Video Station. What history this building has!

**Our “Special Thanks”
Newport Bay Condominiums Association**



Newport Bay Condominium Entrance Sign



“Sponsors”

Yr. Arrived	Family
Late 1800's	Charlie & Amelia Loth Family
1894	Robert & Emma Dixon, children Claire, Claude, Dewitt, Louis, Crystal, John, & Dorothy
1895	Martin T. & (1919) Louise B. Schenning, children Eldon, Darlene, & Wendell
1901-1972	<i>In Memory of Frank G. Rebicek</i>
1903-1996	<i>In Memory of Helen A. Rebicek</i>
1903-2000	Hockney Underwater Weed Cutters & still continues
1906	Doris Schwartz-Miller-DeWitt, Katy, Ruth, Marilyn & Gene
1907	Fred & Gladys (Bufton) Schmalfeldt, children Janet & John
1908	Millie (Ganzlin) & Jacob Faber
1913	George Hockney
1927	Gertruce (Berry) Hockney, children Sherron, Caryl, & George
1915	Frank Kamin, 1940, Frank & Edith (Rudolph) Kamin, son Bob Rudolph
1916	Dorothy (Rustman) & Marty Wohlford, sons John & George
1909	Art & Marie (Davies) Brandes, children Bonnie, Tom, Betty, Judi, Barbara Jo & Dan
1941-1965	<i>In Memory of Tom Brandes</i> , First Kenosha County Casualty, Vietnam War
1918	Art (Bunk) & Fern Schultz, children Gary & Carl
1919	William & Crystal Richter owned first grocery store, children Robert, Lyle, Marie, Gerald, Richard, Ruth, William Jr. & JoAnn
1920	Paul Thornton came to Silver Lake, 1940, Paul & Esther Thornton, children Gordon & Lynn
1922	Sheldon & Katy (1946) Faber, children Louis, Gary, Colleen & Michael
1922	Hardy Schmalfeldt, 1942, Hardy & Dorothy (Smith) Schmalfeldt, children Tom & Barb
1923	Art & Georgia Panknin, Phyllis, Argia & Judy <i>Happy Birthday Georgia Panknin 98 years old on 7/7/01</i>
1929	Martin & Louise B. Schenning established Schenning Insurance. 1964 Wendell A Schenning purchased Agency.
1930	Raymond “Swede” & Edna (Neuman) Schwartz, children Donna, Juanita, Judie, Jerry, & Jackie
1930	Francis & Caroline Reiter, daughters Dorothy & Janice
1930	Sam & Mary Sokolski, children Natalie, John, Dorothy, & William
1931	Katy (Miller) Elverman-Yeager, Jan, Robin & Cindy
1941	Walter & Martha Ellis children, Buddy, Jack, Barb & Tommy
1941	Karen Richards, 1961 Karen (Richards) Schilz, children Craig, Curt, & Christine
1941	Edward & Sophie Sait, children Larry, George, & Virgiline
1944	Larry & Marie Sait, children Robert, James, Thomas, Billy, Gary, Kathleen, & JoAnne
1945	John & Lois Sokolski, children Jack, Jim, Jerilyn & Jodi
1946	Hank & Anne Bierdz, daughters Ellen & Liz

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- 1946 Henry & Martha (Carlson) VanDerZee, children Don, Elaine, & Marlene
- 1946 Bud & Elaine (VanDerZee) Maleski, children Sandy & Craig
- 1946 Don & Betty (Grum) VanDerZee, children Donna, Mike, & Lori
- 1947 Frank & Mary Bucci, children Marilyn & John
- 1948 Gib & Etta Berry, daughter, Jill
- 1948 David & Dorothy Schick, sons Donald, David & Dale
- 1948 Donald Schick, 1958 Betty (Owen) Schick, children Ronald, Diana & Nathan
- 1948 Frank G. & Helen A. Rebicek, children Richard, Ernest & Dorothy
- 1949 Lee & Bernice Rittmer children, Karen, Marsha, Lynn, Tim, Brad & Jackie
- 1949 Karen Rittmer 1968 Karen (Rittmer) & Duane “Dewey” Cates, children Cari & Donald
- 1949 John Schmalfeldt 1974 John & Kathi Schmalfeldt, children Rob, Anna, & Michael
- 1950 Gene & Dorothy Albach, children Stephen, Bonnie & Wendy
- 1950 George & Fae Singleton, children Kim, Kerry, Konnie, Karla, & Kelly
- 1951 Howard (deceased, 1968) & Mildred Williams, children, David, James, Danny, Bobby, & Lori
- 1951 Gary Faber & Barbara J Faber (1977), sons Jeff & Casey
- 1951 Malcolm & Rosemary Alby, children Tom, Robert, Mary, Kathleen, & Barbara Ann
- 1952 Bill & Betty Elfers, children Joe, Kurt, Kathleen & David
- 1952 David Faber (born here) 1975 David & Patty Faber, daughters Jaclyn & Cristal
- 1952 Tim Rittmer (born here) 1976 Tim & Marge Rittmer, children Lee & Erica
- 1952 Michael & Lorraine Wayne, children Ronny, Bob, Rick, & Sharon
- 1953 Clarence & Phyllis (Panknin) Paulson & daughter Kristen
- 1954 Joe & Rita Hilbert, children Lynn, Gary, Kay, Debbie, Randy & Kevin
- 1955 Bob & Marge Kruzan, children, Jeff & Julie
- 1956 Philip & Nancy Cayo, children Carolyn, Marilyn & William
- 1956 Walter & Christine Faber, sons Robert, John & David
- 1957 Paula Halko, (1968) Paula & William Kunz, children Cari & Craig
- 1957 Peter & Amalie Michajlak & Karin
- 1957 Marie & Michael Halko, children George, Paula, Laura, Larry & Jeff
- 1958 Donald Schubert, Janice, Jon & Kim
- 1958 Karen Gerber 1980 Karen (Gerber) & Wayne Nelson, children Brandi & Steven
- 1960 Kevin & Sally Mulhern, children Michael, Shawna & Patrick
- 1961 Clarence & Louise Maki, children Linda, Dennis, & Diane
- 1963 Alvin & Dorothy Bryner, son Alan
- 1964 Karla Singleton children Justin, Kellen, & Jordan Gere

“Sponsors”

- 1965 Glenn & Barbara Wetherbee, children Stacy (Evans), David, Jeff ,& Carrie (Long)
- 1965 Scott & Phil Welch, daughters Nancy & Linda
- 1965 Phil & Dorothy (Rebicek) Wentland
- 1966 James & Gloria Davis, children Jim, Kevin, Laura, & Scott
- 1967 Jack & Lois Erb, children Joe, Bill, Mike, Jackie & Bob
- 1970 Dwight & Dorothy (LaPalm) Vorpahl, children Dannette, Dwight Jr., & Dustin
- 1972 Larry & Lorrie Isbrandt, children, Rhonda, Karen, Michelle, Russell & Cheryl
- 1972 Gene & Marlys Heckel, children Penny, Gene, Eric, Leif, Kevin, & Craig
- 1973 Nathan Schick & Kathy (Baker) Schick, married 1995
- 1973 Jeff & Lisa (Rausch) Faber, children Olivia & Gavin
- 1976-1994 *In Memory of Lee Timothy Rittmer*
- 1978 John & Karen Bartuska, children Frank & Melissa
- 1978 George & Nancy Wohlford, children David, Pennie (Clark) & Candy (Geweke)
- 1978 David & Marlene Engstrom
- 1979 Ray & Virginia Smith, son Ryan
- 1979 Nancy & Dave Stoxen
- 1979 Rion & Ruth Clark, children Wes & Dane Clark
- 1979 Dick “Hollywood” & Susie Maron, children Brian & April
- 1979 Tom & Karla Posiwitz & Greg
- 1980 Al & Marianne Dunski
- 1983 Bill & Karen Erb
- 1984 Dan & Cindy Tanski, children Daniel, Derick, & Michelle
- 1985 Paul F. Rice, children Dan, & Mike Rice
- 1986 The Sam Barranco Family
- 1987 Ron & Kris (Paulson) Schick & children Kaila, Nicholas, Daniel & Rachel
- 1989 Peter & Brenda Muscarello, children Daniel, Tim & Matthew
- 1989 Michael & Terry Faber, children Jacob & Jessica
- 1990 Jim & Nancy Burnette, children Keystal, Mary Kate, & Patrick
- 1991 Sig & Sandra Kolano
- 1991 Jim & Julie Peterson, children Ashlee & Tyler
- 1992 Chris & Katie Samborski
- 1992 Don & Joy Asleson, children Kristen & Joseph
- 1993 David & Maria Mueller
- 1993 Larry & Marianna Carnes
- 1994 Jeff & Mary Albrecht, sons Travis & Todd
- 1996 Tom & Debbie Smith, daughter Shanna (3 years old)
- 1997 Rita Marksteiner, children Michelle, Stephen & Robert

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2001	Kevin & Shelby Rindahl, children Jacquelyn & Anna Born here Paul Felks Born Here Shelly & Eric Ericksen, Ashley & Tyler Ginkel
1984	Deborah (Felletti) & Charles Dykstra & daughter Gina
1979	George & Genevieve (Faber) Felletti children George & Debbie
1914-1999	<i>In Memory of Alice Bird</i> , children Betty, Bob, Barb
1913-2001	<i>In Memory of Lila Schmalfeldt</i> , Husband Donald, Son James, Family life time residents

This final page sponsored by:
Barbara J. Faber and Dorothy (Rebicek) Wentland

**WE DEDICATE THIS BOOK TO ALL
WHO CAME BEFORE US
AND TO ALL WHO WILL COME
AFTER US**

**It is our sincere hope
that you have enjoyed reading this
75th Anniversary Book as much as we have enjoyed
putting it together for you.**

**The articles featured within are a collection of historical information
submitted to us in the form of notes, written stories or verbal information.
We have tried very hard to record a complete history. If anyone has been
overlooked, please forgive us. Know that it was the enormity of the task and
not the importance of the individual which may have caused any omissions.**

**We hope that every reader was able to relate to some aspect of history
recorded in this book. May it be a resource which you, your children, and
grandchildren enjoy for years to come.**

**To the 100th Anniversary Committee which will convene in 25 years to write
the next chapter of this book, we say best wishes and may you find this
research helpful as you complete your daunting task.**

Our thanks to all who made this book possible.



Barb and Dorothy

**As you close this book, you are closing a chapter of
75 years of history, but remember**

**TO EVERY END THERE IS A
NEW BEGINNING . . .**



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