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1913 Soo Line Caboose, 1926 Town Hall,
and Little Free Library

NEWSLETTER VOLUME 12, ISSUE 1 SPRING, 2020

HISTORICAL SOCIETY CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2020

- Sunday, May 3 - Spring Dinner 4:00-7:00 pm. at Stone Lake Fire Hall. Delicious pulled pork dinner with dessert bar.
- Friday, May 22 - Memorial Day week-end. Museum opens for season. Fri. – Sun. 12:00-4:00 pm. Free admission.
- June - Children's Day for Bible Schools.
- Thursday, June 18th - Speaker Ron Arthur – History of Stout Island – 7:00 pm at Stone Lake Town Hall. Free admission. Refreshments served.
- June 24 - Elder Day for local nursing homes.
- Sunday, July 12 - Annual Pie & Ice Cream Social – 1:00-3:00 at Lions Park. Music by Good Medicine Band.
- July 22 - Elder Day for local nursing homes.
- Tuesday, September 8 - Stone Lake Night at the Museum – 5:00-8:00 pm. Free admission. Refreshments served.
- Saturday, October 3 - Cranfest – Museum hosts a hot mulled cranberry wine booth at top of Main Street.
- Museum closes for season at 4:00 pm.

Please plan to attend these events and volunteer to help the museum!



Spring Dinner 2019

SLAHS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Annual memberships in the Stone Lake Area Historical Society begin April 1, 2020. We NEED memberships to maintain the beautiful Depot Museum Complex.

Members will also find a ballot to vote for the Stone Lake Historical Society Board in this newsletter. Please consider becoming a new member or renewing your membership now by completing the form below and returning it with your check.

If you already are a member and have moved, **please update your address so we can correct our records.** Please mail to:

Connie Schield, PO Box 35, Stone Lake, WI 54876

SLAHS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please make check payable to:

STONE LAKE AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

_____ \$100 Lifetime membership for family

_____ \$10 Annual membership for a couple

_____ \$5 Annual single membership

How you can volunteer and help:

_____ I will be happy to be a greeter, please contact me.

_____ I will make a dessert for the May 3rd Spring Dinner.

_____ I will bake a pie for the July 12th Pie & Ice Cream Social.



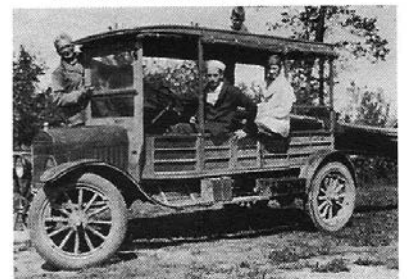
**Good Medicine Band at last year's
Ice Cream Social**

VINTAGE CAR AND TRACTOR SHOW by Judy Holmes

The Stone Lake Area Historical Society Board would like to host a vintage car, tractor and truck one day show at the museum. We would love to know the Stone Lake history of your vehicle! If you have imaginative ideas for this event or a vehicle, please call Judy @ 715 865-3005 or Connie at 715 865-4940. This event will be scheduled and advertised if there is interest.

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KITCHENOLOGY COOKBOOK

We have republished the Kitchenology cookbook which was given to us by Janet Bean Brooks. It was printed by the Heart of the North Homemakers in Stone Lake in 1940 and contains a variety of wonderful old recipes from the local women in the Homemakers. The advertisements in the book will bring back many memories for the old timers! The Kitchenology Cookbook will make a perfect gift for families from Stone Lake.

You will be able to purchase the book at the museum and at the Shell Lake State Bank during the summer or you can order now and we will send you a copy.

The cost is \$12@ and \$2.00@ for postage. Please enclose a check made out to the Stone Lake Area Historical Society and mail with the form below:

KITCHENOLOGY COOKBOOK

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

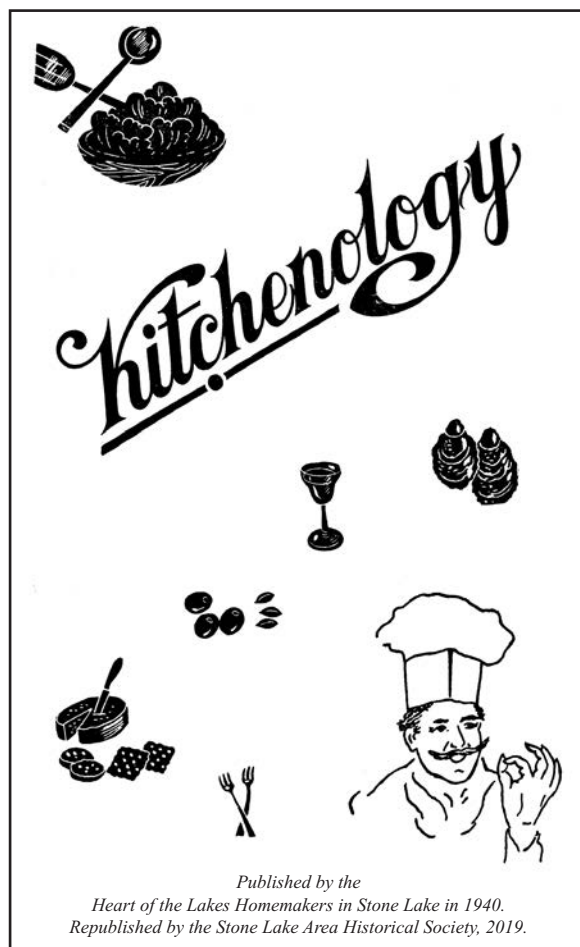
Please send _____ copies of the Kitchenology Cookbook.

I have enclosed \$_____ to cover book and postage (\$14 each).

Mail to Connie Schield, PO Box 35, Stone Lake, WI 54876

**Thank you for supporting the
Stone Lake Area Historical Society with this purchase!**

Three salad recipes from the Kitchenology cookbook:



SALAD—FRIDAY'S TREAT
2 cups salmon, 2 hard cooked eggs, 2 cups diced celery, 6 small sweet pickles, salt and pepper to taste. Mix with salad dressing.
Mrs. Ned Clawson

VEGETABLE SALAD
1 cup grated raw carrot, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup diced apples, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup celery, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup nuts. Serve on lettuce with salad dressing.
Mrs. Ned Clawson

BEET SALAD
1 pkg. lemon jello, 1 and two-thirds cup boiling water, 1 tbsp. orange juice, 1 tbsp. vinegar, $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups diced beets, 1 tbsp. sugar, $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. cinnamon and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup diced celery. Dissolve jello in water, cool and add rest of ingredients.
Mrs. L. W. Dickinson

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STOUT'S ISLAND LODGE PRESENTATION

Thursday, June 20th – 7:00 pm at Stone Lake Town Hall
Free Admission and Refreshments!

Ron Arthur will give a presentation about the Stout's Island Lodge on Red Cedar Lake. Frank D. Stout was the son of Henry Lane Stout, founder of the Knapp-Stout Lumber Co., which was at one time the largest lumber company in the United States.

In 1887, Frank D. Stout, a lumber baron himself, together with Thomas Wilson, Jr. purchased the island and built a large log structure to be used for a hunting and fishing camp. In 1903, Frank bought out Thomas Wilson, Jr. and became the only owner of the 26 acre island. Frank D. Stout spent \$1.5 million (\$35 million today) to build his family a private 35,000 square foot Adirondack style lodge and compound. Trainloads of cedar logs from Idaho, redwood from California and local white pine were used in the construction. The main lodge which stands today was built in 1912.

Frank D. Stout named this place "The Island of Happy Days" and he and his wife Clara and their five children spent every summer here with their entire household staff from their home on Lake Shore Drive in Chicago.

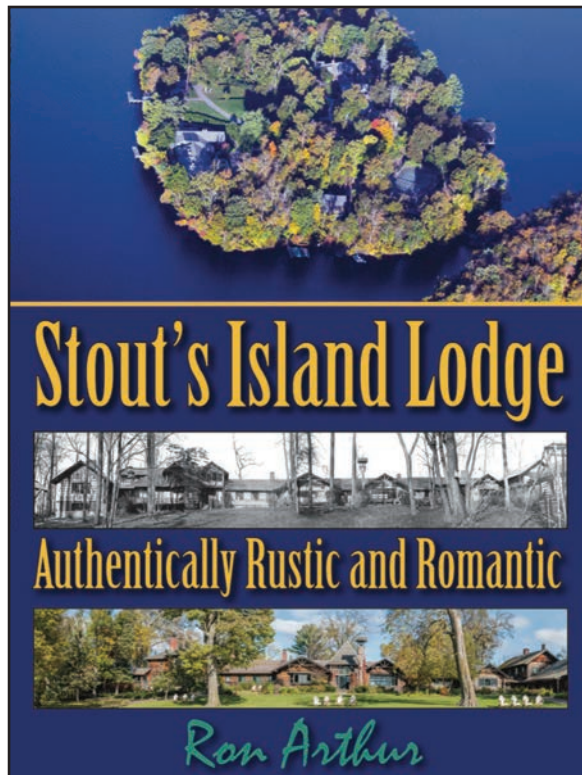
Frank D. Stout died at the Rice Lake Hospital at age 73 in 1927. He had also been President of the Missouri

Southern Railway Co. and the Union Electric Co. of Dubuque. At his death, his fortune was estimated to be \$25,000,000.

Please join us for this presentation on the Stout Island Lodge by Ron Arthur on Thursday, June 18 at the Stone Lake Town Hall.

Little Sissabagama residents may be particularly interested because Frank D. Stout's grandson, Frank Stout III owned Big Island (Stout Island) in the middle of Little Sissabagama. This remains a treasure because of its old-growth hardwoods. He gifted this 31 acre island to the Little

Sissabagama Shore Owners Association for safekeeping. After much study, the LSSOA placed the island into a conservation easement with the West Wisconsin Land Trust. This island is now called the Frank Stout Wilderness Preserve and is protected from residential development and misuse.



Things Remembered

N 5077 Dawn Road
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If depression glass is your passion, be sure to circle this shop on your map! Vi Myer welcomes you to tour this small shop just outside of Stone Lake.

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A MESSAGE FROM A FELLOW GREETER

by Jill Fries

I want to share how much fun it is to be a Greeter at the museum! First, let it be said that you don't need to know all the history of the local Stone Lake area. I am proof of that! I knew very little about the history of Stone Lake, BUT through volunteering I have learned much. In my experience, I would say about half of the folks who visit are searching for some specific information such as the B-52 display. Our B-52 display is VERY popular. Some visitors use the museum as a rest stop because we are conveniently located, but then they find our museum is AWESOME! Every person has stated how much information we have and that they will be back.

Second, you meet wonderful, friendly and curious people. I have met relatives whose relatives worked on the railroad and they share their memories. I have met people who came to the area as children with their parents on a vacation and then the family decided to move here and make a life. I have witnessed the eyes of young people light up when they peruse the B-52 display or a young woman who was interested in textiles examine the clothing on display.

Third, if you are like me and your life plate is very full... this can be four hours out of your daily schedule

where you can leave all that behind and read some of the many resources in the museum (this is what I do... and I have learned much), or write a long overdue letter. I am looking forward to seeing you at the museum this summer!



Bob Johnson &
Hugh McNamara

Thanks to Jill for this cleverly written article. Jill is the daughter of Kelly and Don Brunner at Radtke Ranch on County B. She and her husband are now living with her mother and continuing to operate their resort.





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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2020

PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING!

The Stone Lake Area Historical Society Museum Complex is open 20 weekends a year Friday–Sunday 12:00-4:00 pm. We try to have two people there at all times but some people like to be there alone. We need your help to staff the museum for these days! We will provide training for you. Our guests like to be welcomed and our greeters ask them what they are interested in and point them in the right direction. Jeri Jacoby has the most difficult job on the museum board because she has to make sure we have the required greeters each week. Please consider volunteering this summer!



Please complete this form and mail to: Connie Schield, PO Box 35, Stone Lake, WI 54876. Jeri Jacoby will contact you.

☐ I (we) will volunteer as Greeter(s) this summer.

☐ I prefer working on a Fri. _____ Sat. _____ Sun. _____

Which month is better for you? May _____ June _____ July _____ Aug _____ Sept _____

Your name(s): _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

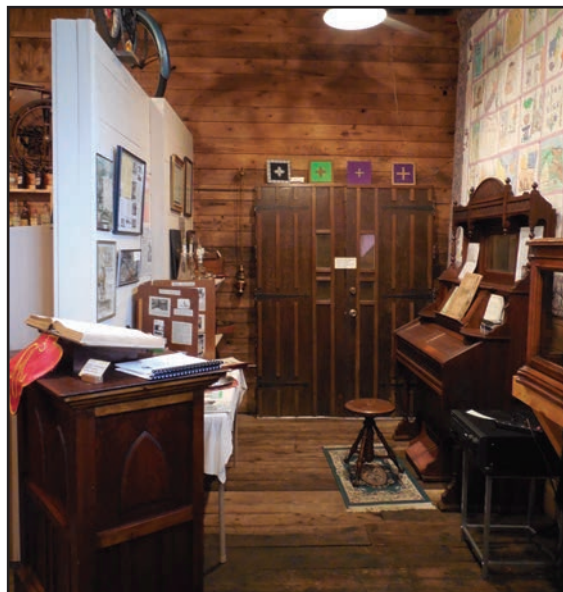
_____ I would like to help maintain the flower garden at the museum.

_____ I would like to help maintain the museum by painting, etc.

Thanks so much for volunteering!

CHURCH HISTORY

Last fall we got a new 10' display case for our church history area in the museum. If you have any old items or pictures from the Stone Lake Area churches, please consider donating them to the museum.





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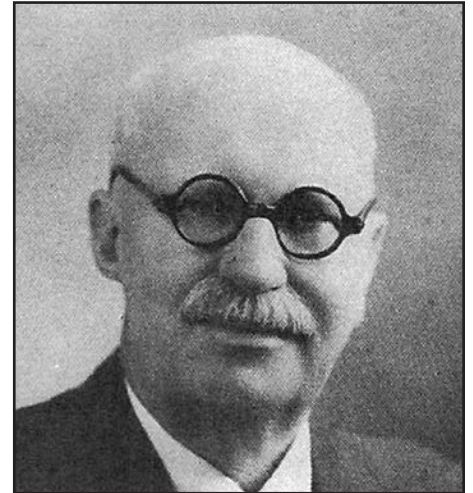
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HIGHLIGHT FROM 2012 CEMETERY WALK

Dickinson Family History

A.A. Dickinson bought his property in 1913, built a lumber yard on one corner, an automobile garage on another corner (which became one of the very first Ford dealerships), and rebuilt and enlarged the small store which had been on the property he had purchased. That became the first general store.

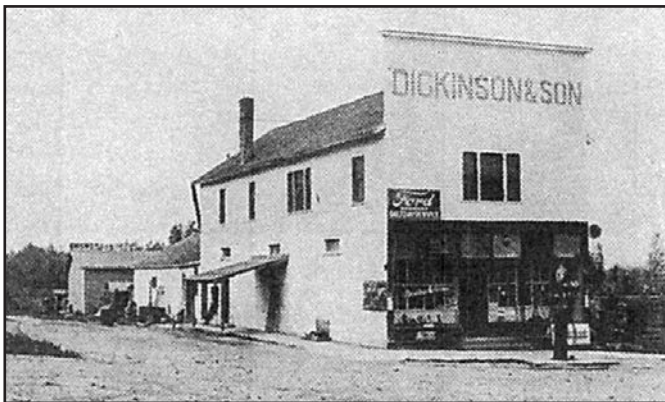
This general store sold a wide variety of items from pipe and glass cut to order, hunting and fishing supplies, live bait, guns and ammunition, even used furniture. It also sold ice cream, groceries and fresh meat. Dickinsons also had an ice business, where they put up ice from the lake in winter, for cabins without power to use in the summer time, and for tourists to use to pack their fish for the trip back home.



Alfred Alvin (A.A.) Dickinson

A.A. Dickinson's son Lloyd and wife Nellie built a large home on Stone Lake at the end of Main Street in 1922. They later added on to the home in 1928. They lived there while they worked in the Dickinson businesses. A.A. and his wife Frankie lived in an apartment above the general store in the winter, and moved to a lake home on Big Sissabagama in the summer.

A.A. Dickinson's son Lloyd eventually owned and operated the hardware store, and when A.A. Dickinson died in 1937, the Ford Garage was sold to Senator White's wife, and the lumber yard was sold to Hayward Lumber Company. Lloyd died in 1956, A.A.'s wife Frankie died in 1960, and Lloyd's wife Nellie (Ellen) died in 1997. When Lloyd died, his widow Nellie sold the general store and lake home to the Debus family.



Dickinson General Store built about 1911.



*This is the store after the addition was put on.
This store was later to burn to the ground.*

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