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A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF A BUSY MUSEUM!



October 2nd –We had our 9th Cranberry wine booth where we served both hot mulled and cold cranberry wine. We sold 25 cases of wine by the glass. We had 20 VOLUNTEERS who worked in shifts from 8 – 4. Cranfest King Bob Gillette and Queen Judy Gillette loaned a generator to us and helped in

the booth. Barb and Dave Derring put our caboose float together and made improvements on the float. Hannah Woller pulled the float with her children Braelynn Mrotek and Case Woller in the parade. A thank you to Sand Lake Twp. for storing the float this year.



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September 14th – Stone Laker Night – approximately 45 people attended and enjoyed the delicious punch made by Judy Holmes and other assorted goodies. We hoped that an evening event would encourage attendance from many who work on the weekends. Board members made the food and VOL-UNTEERED again!



August 25th – VOL-UNTEERS helped at the BINGO night at the Schoolhouse Wine Shop. Sharon Paine generously gives half of the nightly proceeds to a local not-for-profit organization. Dave Derring was a great caller for the event!

July 28th – Stout's Island Lodge and its Knapp-Stout & Co. Roots joint presentation with the Birchwood Historical Society.

Over 50 people from Stone Lake, Birchwood and other parts of northwest WI braved potential threat of storms to attend a presentation by author Ron Arthur on Knapp-Stout Company and Stout's Island Lodge. Arthur has written two books about the logging era, the main company involved with the logging industry and the establishment of summer island living for the Stout family: "White Pine, Red Cedar" and "Stout's Island Lodge."

Ron compared the present day Internet corporation, Amazon, developed totally on the Internet, to the devel-

opment of the Knapp-Stout Lumber Company "Empire" during the last half of the 19th century lumber rush in northern WI. Billions of trees were harvested by Knapp-Stout, the largest logging company in existence. In order to move logs down river from Red Cedar River to the Chippewa to the Mississippi, the company created a number of different operations (an infrastructure) to support logging, just as Amazon, of today, needed to develop an infrastructure to manage their products, technology and transportation of goods. Knapp-Stout needed to control the river systems via dams, riverboats and steamers, all built and owned by the company. The infrastructure also included issuing "script" to their workers that could be used at company stores. Their companies also created and sold newer tools for their logging and all were sold to other logging companies for their use.



Shirley Stout visiting with author

Red Cedar lake was a hub for the movement of logs. In 1887, Frank D. Stout, the son of Henry Lane Stout, the founder of Knapp-Stout Lumber Company, had a large log hunting and fishing camp built from trainloads of cedar logs from Idaho, redwood from California and local white pine built on a 26 acre island on the lake. In 1912 the main lodge was completed for his family and household staff to spend their summers. He called it "The Island of Happy Days."

Ron supplemented his presentation with a slideshow and answered numerous audience questions. His books were available for sale. The audience also enjoyed wonderful desserts baked and served by the historical society members.

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July 11th – Annual Pie and Ice Cream Social – VOL-UNTEERS baked and served 40 pies!

Delicious, homemade apple pie with a large scoop of ice cream—what could be better on a sunny, warm summer afternoon while visiting friends and family and listening to wonderful live music. It all happened at the Stone Lake Lions Park on Sunday, July 12.

After a year off because of the Covid pandemic, the ladies and gentlemen of the Stone Lake Area Historical Society, out did themselves with over 40 scrumptious pies, baked and donated by members and friends of the museum. Pies from apple to pecan, pumpkin, rhubarb, blueberry and many other varieties were served with a choice of ice cream “a la mode” and cups of steaming coffee. How could one chose from such a large variety of pies – crumbled tops, custard, pie crusts crisscrossed or not, or plain all cut to equal perfection by the trusty six-section medal pie slicer? Root beer floats were also on the menu for those who weren't pie connoisseurs.

The Lion's Club pavilion was “hopping” with full tables of friends getting back together after many months apart. Visits were enhanced by the local favorite “Good Medicine Band” playing old favorites that most all guests recognized and, at times, were singing along to. Scott McKinzie, one of the band members, said that the band loves playing at the social and figures it is at least their eighth year participating. The band always has “the community in mind,” and he said they “love playing for food!!” Carol Sheehan is their leader. She can belt out the songs and simultaneously play her 12-string guitar. Scott and Carol were joined by Shawn Anderson and Peter Heisler. Other band members, LaVonne Diamond, Pam Stoutenburg, and Renee Young have also made appearances in the past.

After cutting, scooping, and serving pies, ice cream, root beer floats and coffee, the members were ecstatic to be able to say the words “SOLD OUT” – the best news for the Stone Lake Historical Society.

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June 24th – Children’s Day – several VOLUNTEERS hosted the Stone Lake Bible School children with their teachers. They enjoyed the museum, visiting the caboose, getting their “shoot the moon” toy and lemonade and cookies.

May 2nd – Annual Spring Dinner – due to COVID, this meal was served as a drive-through at the Stone Lake Fire Dept. VOLUNTEERS prepared the dinner and desserts. A special thank you to Jim and Rose Rhea for preparing the delicious pulled pork, homemade potato salad and baked beans.



VOLUNTEERS maintaining caboose and museum! A great big thank you to Tom McDonnell and Dave Fichter for their extensive work on the caboose. They caulked, replaced boards and painted all summer! It looks great! If you have such skills, please VOLUNTEER to help next summer.

GREETERS NEEDED!

VOLUNTEERS needed to be greeters at the museum. Jeri Jacoby has a very difficult job filling the slots for weekly greeters. She has provide greeters for 56 days when the museum is open. This year she only had 21 willing VOLUNTEERS. You can see that many people served numerous times. Please consider taking at least one shift next summer. Several local museums have had to limit the days they are open because they can’t find greeters. We do not want to do this! We are open Fri – Sun. noon – 4:00 pm. Being a greeter is not difficult! You will meeting interesting people during your short shift. WE NEED YOUR HELP!



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This is what one of our visitors, Marie Schnaitman, posted after seeing the museum.

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Marie's Post

On Friday afternoon we stopped at the Stone Lake Depot/Museum. Inside its walls is a very impressive compilation of the history of this area. For those of us who have Summer homes in this area, have you ever wondered about the history of the families who have roads named after them? Roads such as Tripp, Walter, Gundry, Boylan, Metcalf, etc. There are photographs and write-ups of many of the families who helped build Stone Lake in the 1800's and 1900's. There is wreckage of a B-52. There is a room for the railroad buff, rooms with school history, clothing apparel and items used in early era homes, identification of townspeople holding public office from what I think is the beginning of Stone Lake. Lots of photographs that helps one to see the history of a building, a road, a family, a home, etc. There is so much to see and learn (I've only highlighted a bit of what interested me). And there are books one can purchase that contain historical data.

So, if you are looking to fill in a few hours to learn more about the history of your Summer home area, stop in and immerse yourself. It was fun and interesting for us and I think it will be for you also.

You've all undoubtedly seen the sign for the museum as you drove by ... it's located at the intersection of HWY 70 and County Road AA.

Michelle Rau Drabek and 42 others



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,
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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!

NEW ACQUISITIONS

Bobby Schmidt pieces now on display in the museum. Schmidt sold many of his Jim Beam bottles to help start the Fishing Hall of Fame in Hayward. We now have a number of his other Jim Beam bottles. We also have a lovely complete bathroom set and a set of German fish plates from the Schmidt collection.



Guy Houston, owner of Pop n Tags in Hayward, generously donated a number of large debris pieces from the B-52 crash in 1966.





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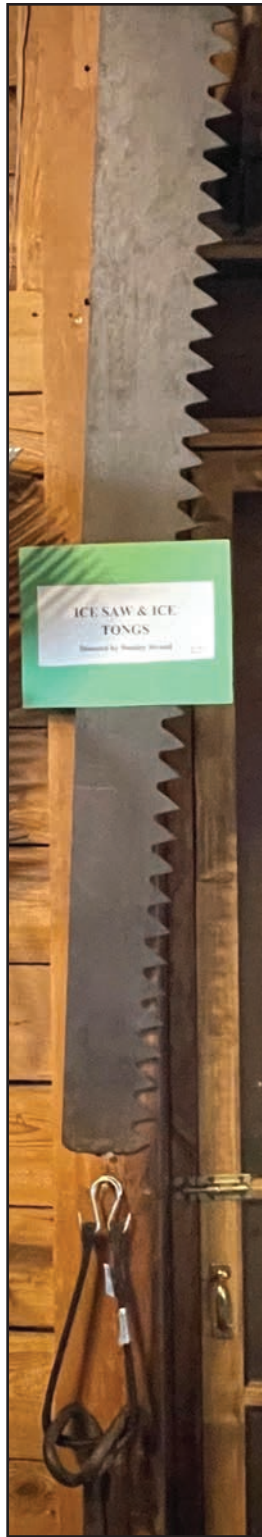
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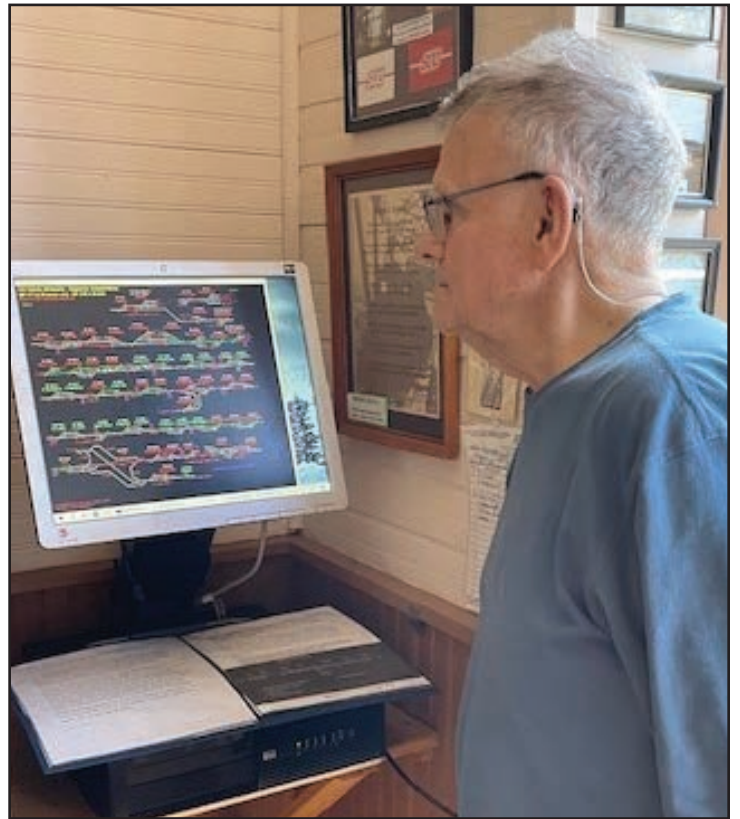
Stan Strand donated a large ice saw and tongs which are now hung so people can see them. You may have to look up to see some of our displays because shelf space is at a premium. Scott Ashby and his grandfather Marlo Schield spent a day climbing on a high ladder and hanging displays like the Walking Plow. Laura Schield Ashby donated an interesting 1935 map of Wisconsin which she found in North Carolina. We greatly appreciate all of our new acquisitions!



ADVANCED TRAIN MONITORING POINT

An Advanced Train Control System (ATCS) is a system of railway equipment designed to ensure the safety by monitoring locomotive and train locations, providing analysis and reporting, automating track warrants, detecting blind spots and similar orders.

ATCS has provided the Stone Lake Area Historical Society with this monitoring equipment. Anyone who is interested will be able to watch this monitor, and see if the trains are on the two sidings in Stone Lake. It will be possible to monitor the 30 trains which come through Stone Lake daily. The computer display in the museum shows the trains from Duluth down to Wisconsin Rapids. The entire train control system is controlled out of Chicago. Many train enthusiasts have visited the museum to see this display.



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