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STONE LAKE AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY EVENTS FOR 2023

- **Sunday, May 7th** – Annual Spring Dinner at Stone Lake Fire Hall 4:30pm - 7:00pm
- **Friday, May 26th** – Museum opens for season! Friday through Sunday, noon - 4:00pm.
- **Wednesday, June 7th** – Bingo at Red Schoolhouse Wines 5:30pm. Play Bingo as you support the museum.
- **Thursday, June 15th** – Volunteer Appreciation Night – anyone who has volunteered at museum activities and/or would like to volunteer is welcome! Please join us 6:00 – 8:00pm with refreshments served. Please check your home calendars to see if you have a few free afternoons to be a Greeter.
- **Sunday, July 9th** – Annual Pie and Ice Cream Social at Lions Park, 12:30 – 3:00pm. Music provided by the Good Medicine Band!
- **Thursday, July 27th** – author Peggy Prilaman Marxen will speak about her book, *“The Farm on Badger Creek.”* Event will be at the Stone Lake Town Hall at 7:00pm. No admission charge. Refreshments served.
- **Children’s Day** scheduled with local Bible Schools.
- **Tuesday, September 12th** – Open House at the museum 5:00 – 7:00pm. Refreshments served. Please bring your children!
- **Saturday, October 7th** – 5:00pm Museum closes for the season.

STONE LAKE'S 45TH ANNUAL Cranberry Festival 2023
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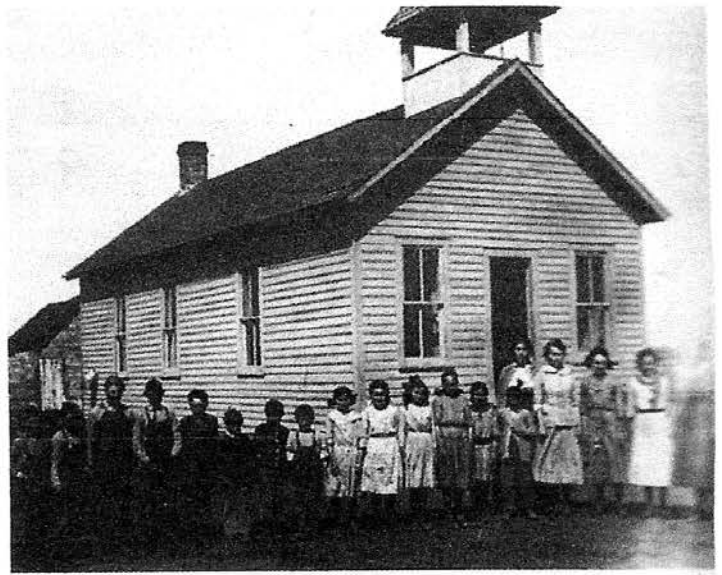
Early Schools...

JORDAN SCHOOL

The first Jordan School, named after the William Jordan family, stood on the land where the Garbutt home is located today. The exact year it was built is not known, but it was before 1910 as there was already a very good attendance in 1910 as shown in the picture below. Some of the teachers, beginning with the year 1910 were Sophie Solberg, Rose Jordan, Carol Sanders, Ellen Lavelle, Anne McPhee, Martha Haugseth, Pearl Amidon, Sarah McPhee, Jane Bradley, Kathleen Leonard, Laura Chalmers, James Berard, Grace Hamm, Marvel Ackley, Etta Eden, Olga Simonson, Marge Kadine, Vickie Wakefield.

The first Jordan School had no plumbing, and the school was heated by a big stove in one corner of the building. All eight grades were taught by one teacher, and during the wintertime, lunches left in the hall froze before noon. Some children walked as far as two miles each way to attend school.

In 1927, the first Jordan School was sold and moved, and the machine shed and granary on the Ben Kadlec place were built from lumber which still bears initials of those first students, carved in the walls of the frame schoolhouse when no one was looking. A new brick schoolhouse was built that



Jordan School, around 1910, with students from left to right: Neilson Levake, Dan McLeod, Ted Levake, Fred Leonard, Clarence DeGroot, Victor Hahn, ? DeGroot, Angus McPhee, Helen Leonard, Sarah Stagg McPhee, Elsie McLeod, Viola Hahn, Kathleen Leonard, ? Hahn, Mary McLeod, Irene Bradley, Florence Hahn, Lucille Levake. Teacher was Miss Hassl about 1910.

year, and stands today as the home of Bertha Garbutt. The ivy which grows today on that brick building was planted on Arbor Day many years ago by students George and Warren Buck. Jordan School closed in the 1950's.



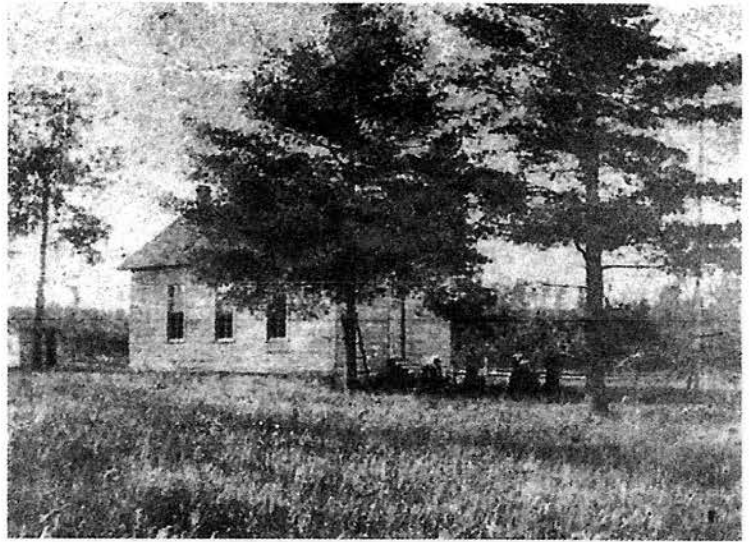
Class of 1931 at the second Jordan School, today the Garbutt home on Highway 27.

Jordan School, about 1916. Front row, left to right: Lyle Larson, Luellen Levake, Della Kadlec, Margaret Steger, Kathryn Steger, Ben Kadlec, Jack Loch, John Bunting, Robert Levake. Back row, Anna Loch, Mildred Bunting, Dorothy Loch, Verna Kadlec, Jeanette Bradley, Teacher Kathleen Leonard, Josephine Kadlec, Springer boy, Raymond Loch, Ralph Bennett.

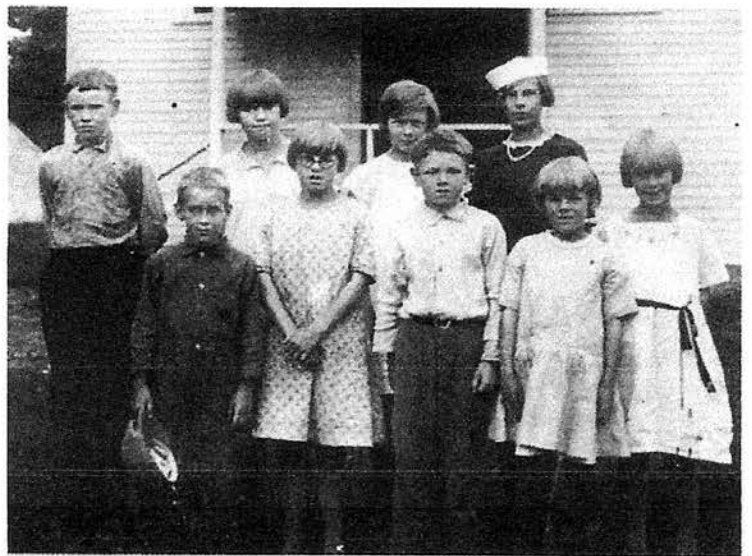
LAKEVIEW SCHOOL

Lakeview School was built on the west side of Stone Lake around 1890. Until the Stone Lake Elementary School was built in 1910, children in town all attended the Lakeview School on the west side of the lake, and while in the Winter they could go straight across the ice, in the Spring and Fall, the trip was as long as five miles for some children. The earliest students at this school, as listed on the 1891 school register, were Hattie Wakefield, Lottie Terrill, Stella Lampman, Frank L. Wakefield, Mabel Terrill, Oscar Lampman, Louis Wakefield, Lillie Lampman, Robert Lampman, and Chester Terrill. Teacher was Dana Burnstad. Mamie Kenrick and Becky Avery were half sisters of Belle Wakefield, and also taught at that school during the period it was open.

After the Stone Lake School was built, town children went to that school and the students living outside of town, to the west, went to the Lakeview



Lakeview School



Picture taken in front of Lakeview School, about 1927. Back row, left to right: Stanley Thorp, Esther Thorp, Helen Johnson, Mabel Hartz. Front row, Leonard Hartz, Margaret Hartz, Arnold Thorp, Katherine Hartz, Hedwig Hartz.



Teachers, Becky Avery, Mamie Kenrick

School. Pictures show the Lakeview School, as it looked in 1900, and the class of 1927 shown in front of the school.

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FAMILY MEMORIES OF THE LAKEVIEW SCHOOL

Written by Bill Hartz



Back around 1964. My dad took me on a foot tour of the surrounding woods. Our adventure took us down the old roadways that folks traveled back in the early days of Stone Lake. Our trip ended at the old Lakeview School on Lake Road. This was the school that my dad attended in the 1920's. The building was old, vacant and in disrepair and the door was open. We went inside of the completely empty building. My dad then described the original layout and showed me where the stove was and where he sat in class. My greatest memory was that the place was full of porcupine quills and my focus was on trying to find the largest quill! I was only 6 years old.

At that point the memories of his childhood days started to flow. He spoke of when the teacher had knitted gloves for everyone in the class and gave them as Christmas gifts. When he used the outhouse, one of his gloves fell into the hole and there was no hope of recovering it which was devastating to both of them! Another time he and his classmates had found some logs leftover from the local logging operations and they decided to build a raft. They brought a hammer and nails and built a fine raft and awaited for the ice to go out. The day finally came and they launched the raft during recess. No sooner did they get into the open water when the logs started to roll and break apart and all on board went into the "drink."! The teacher was furious and had to move their desks around the stove so they would dry off. That led to the story of how the teacher would paddle a canoe across Stone Lake every day to come to teach. One day the students had the great idea to push her out and then grabbed her paddle, so she was basically stuck on the lake with no way to get back to shore. My dad did not tell me how she got back, but he remembered that they all paid a high price when the news reached their parents.



The school was eventually sold and the building was added to and used for storage. In the summer of 2020, the owner realized that the building was falling into itself and had to be taken down. I had the great fortune to meet the owner (Shiloh Snyder) and tour the building just before they pulled it down. In the wall next to the entryway, I found the initials (LH) which my father had carved with a jackknife. I managed to save the piece of lumber with the carving. When the structure came down and the flooring was stripped off of it, there was a large support timber across the middle that had a hand-cut dovetail joint at each end.

The owner realized my attachment to the building and we worked an arrangement to get me a piece of that support beam with the dovetail. It was sent over to the good guys at Dressy Log furniture where Todd Dressler turned it into a fireplace mantle. Todd heard the backstory on this piece of timber and took great care to preserve the history and hand-cut dovetail that was done in 1890. He also took the "leftovers" from the project and made a beautiful sitting bench which also shows off the early woodworking skills of the early pioneers who gathered and built the first school house in Stone Lake.



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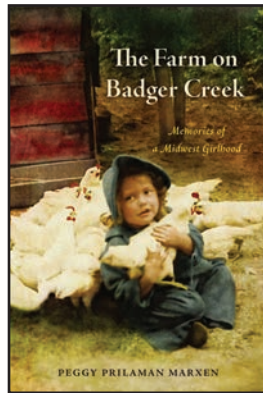
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MEET THE AUTHOR



Peggy Marxen presents her book *The Farm on Badger Creek* on Thursday, July 27th at the Stone Lake Town Hall at 7:00.

She grew up on a dairy farm in the small town of Meteor in Northwestern Sawyer County. In her book, she witnesses the vanishing of a family dairy farm way of life and the changes to rural Wisconsin. She shares her stories of a close-knit extended family that sustained a farm through hard weather and even harder times through the revolutions in agricultural technology and transportation. Marxen shares stories of her family's subsistence dairy herd and the hunting, fishing, the selling of timber and maple syrup which sustained the family. She re-counts the three mile walk to her one-room school and recalls the lack of electricity, indoor plumbing and telephone. The author uses both humor and nostalgia throughout her book.



Please join us at the Stone Lake Town Hall (across from the fire hall and museum). Refreshments will be served. This is a joint presentation with the Sawyer County Historical Society.

HOW TO GET A PIONEER/CENTURY CERTIFICATE FOR YOUR FAMILY

The Stone Lake Area Historical Society has become a member of the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society. If you would like to apply for a Century Family Certificate,



you will need to send \$25 and request the application forms. You will have to prove direct descent, and that you ancestor settled in Wisconsin prior to 1851 for Pioneer, or over 100 years prior to the date of application for a Century Ancestor. The Genealogical Society has many resources to help you. Applications with \$25 should be sent to the WSGS office, P.O. Box 5106, Madison, WI 53705-0106. Processing may take 4-6 weeks.

MATCHING GIFT PROGRAMS

If you are still working or retired, check with your human resources department to see if your company has a matching gift program for gifts to 501 c (3) charitable organizations. Gifts to these organizations are tax deductible. The Stone Lake Area Historical Society is currently getting donations from individuals through these programs. This year we are getting matching gifts through a program called Benevity. The funds are dispersed through the American Online Giving Program, Benevity's foundation partner. We are receiving quarterly matching funds from Microsoft and a one-time very generous gift from Macy's through Benevity. Your human resources department can help you set up such a giving program because the Stone Lake Area Historical Society is registered. These gifts are significantly important to the Stone Lake Area Historical Society!

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Current members will find a ballot for the Stone Lake Area Historical Society Board in this newsletter. Please return to the address given. If you are not a current member, please complete the form or update your membership. Checks need to be made out to the **Stone Lake Area Historical Society**. Please update your personal information on this form.

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Please complete this form and mail to:
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Jeri Jacoby will contact you.



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

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Thanks so much for volunteering!

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Thank You

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