



Lake Viking

Fiftieth Anniversary Edition

1967 - 2017

Celebrating Our Golden Anniversary





Pictures on this page: Randy Tague leads the Water Sports Event of Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration. Marc Hollars lands a lunker. These Vikings flex their muscles for the Cardboard Boat Race. Hayden Edwards "flips out" over Lake Viking.



A special "thanks" to Jeff Hower, the 'Gray Wizard' Rob Provance, Jodie Manahan, and Cindy Barker for providing me with hundreds of pictures from which to chose for this publication. Thanks also to Donna Redden for picture contributions.

Background Rainbow Photo courtesy of Norma Jensen Hughes

Cover photos (clockwise): Lake Viking Church, Fireworks display, July 1 2017, John Locker at the 50th Anniversary Celebration, and aerial shot of Beach 2 area.

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Introduction

This **Lake Viking Fiftieth Anniversary Edition** commemorates Lake Viking's Golden Anniversary. Ten years ago I wrote "Lake Viking 1967-2007 Celebrating 40 Years of Progress" which was a detailed history of the lake. The timing was good, because then I was able to benefit from valuable first-hand accounts of the early days that aren't available now. Personal recollections from people like **REALTOR** Roberta Sandy, long-time association member Marion Caldwell, longtime publisher of the Gallatin Newspaper Joe Snyder, original Water Board Member Roger Eichler, and Margaret Burns and Betty Heyser Huffman from "original farmland owner families," were instrumental, in helping me accumulate information. Now all of those people are deceased.

Ten years later, turning the page, the lake has enjoyed robust growth while achieving a higher level of aesthetic desirability. Yes, it's been a very exciting and eventful fifty years at Lake Viking. The Fortieth Anniversary History (there are still some available!) laid the historical groundwork and is referenced often. This new book is conspicuously lacking in financial data, five-year plans, and budget projections, but with the help of some great photography, it emphasizes the



outstanding quality of life to be found here. The book begins with pictures of the great Fifty Year Anniversary Celebration we recently experienced and continues with all of the other outstanding events, activities, and picturesque scenery available to Association Members during the last decade and right up to the present.

By Troy Lesan

Enjoy



Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration



Many Association Members have said that the Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration is the greatest event ever held at the lake. As an extra added bonus, the weather co-operated with clear blue skies, temperatures in the low 80's, and beautiful sunny day.

Beginning with an Anvil Shoot, a ribbon cutting ceremony, and a live band on Friday evening, August 11, the great lineup of events continued with a bicycle race, cardboard boat race, music from 3 more bands, a Boat Parade, a Water-sports Showcase Event, Food Trucks, a Cornhole Challenge, a Talent and Family Magic Show, games and face-painting for the kids, and raffle drawings. The festivities lasted well into the night on Saturday August 12. It was a tremendous Golden Anniversary Celebration. These pictures tell the story.



Unlike this cardboard boat – the Lake Viking Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration was smooth sailing.



The festivities began with a bang (from Jeff Hower's Anvil Shoot).



8 year olds Cooper Tunks and Noah Krueger are putting on a show

Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration



This is a picture of the refurbished Cobalt "Sweet 16" (also 50 years old) earlier piloted in the Water Sports Show by Larry & Sherry Tague



Then and now: at the Fortieth Anniversary Celebration, nine year-old Mattie Hibler is getting her face painted. At the 50th Anniversary wingding, Mattie carries on the tradition as a face-painter.



Magician David Sandy and helper perform a magic trick



These guys are in a hurry to join in the fun!



Accordion player Tristan Seignette (with the help of his daughters) wins the talent show.

Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration



Jill Hansen, Addison Edwards, Westin Edwards, Marla Edwards, and Hayden Edwards.



Huge crowd on hand for the cardboard boat race.



The Crew Activities Committee hard at work in the Hospitality Tent: Norman & Marian Larason, Gail Bush, David, Mary, Dustin, and Flint Hibler, and Resa Wiltse. Noticeably absent are Eric & Jody Odette who are probably emptying another trash barrel.

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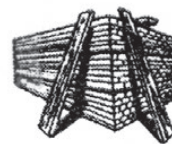
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Now & Then (including Greg Manahan of Head East in center) put on an excellent evening performance.

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Lake Viking mailman Jeremy Ripple and Lake Viking Church Members Johnny Brown, Christy Douglas, Jeremy Peiter, Mary Nelson, and Pastor Robert Nelson in Servants of The Most High, one of the four musical groups at the event, perform below the corporate sponsor sign.



Tony, Lana & Kenny Southwick putting up corporate sponsor sign.

Lake Viking Founders

This picture, taken in 1967, is of the men who are generally acknowledged as the Lake Viking Founders. Seated: F.S. Tuggle, standing (L to R) Charles Belshe, Charles Brandom, Junior Hockensmith, and Hubert Tate. As early as 1960, these five men comprised a committee from the Gallatin Rotary Club appointed by the membership, to promote the creation of a recreational lake that would bring revenue to Daviess County. These five were all well-known businessmen in the community. Tuggle was a banker; Belshe was a farmer and banker, Brandom a Judge; Tate and Hockensmith were car dealerships owners. (Would you believe there were once five car dealerships in Gallatin?) This committee kept their goals in sight and never gave up until finally in 1967, Lake Viking was created.



Lake Viking History 101: Rocks and Seawalls



Picture the 632 acres of Lake Viking fifty years ago when the dam was being constructed. The land was still in pasture, timber, and brush and was cleared with surveyors using the projected spillway as the reference and staking out where the lake's shoreline would be. As construction of the dam began, many of the first seawalls were also being built.

Junior Hockensmith, among "The Founders" from the previous article, was one of the first Lake Viking lot owners and builder of the first seawall on the lake. Hockensmith bought Lot 78, due to its favorable location on a point and got a head-start on construction. As a result of his ownership of a bulldozer he also did custom-digging for neighbors. As soon as the theoretical shoreline was marked out, he went to work. Many of his Lake Viking neighbors, in those early days, were also from Gallatin. Dr. and Ruth Bailey at lot 11, and Marion and Jean Caldwell at



lot 12 were among those early owners who benefitted from deeper shorelines compliments of Hockensmith. (Incidentally, Jean Caldwell still lives on lot

12).

When Junior was digging next door to the Caldwells, at lot 13, he uncovered two large red boulders; one so large that it was difficult for him to move. It remains at lot 13. (Pictured left) The other boulder was smaller and Hockensmith was able to push it across the lake bed, where it sits on lot 78 to this day.

As Junior Hockensmith continued his hobby of bull-dozing, construction of other seawalls began in earnest by the Wood Brothers Concrete Construction Company of Gallatin. During the construction of Lake Viking, the Wood Brothers were extremely active in the construction of the foundations and basements of many of the lake's first houses as well as concrete work in the Association Community Areas, and of course, building seawalls.

In 2007, during the lake's fortieth anniversary, many of the old Wood Brothers walls were still standing, but since then, the appearance of the lake has changed dramatically and there are only a few of the those original seawalls left. In 2003, a new landscaping trend appeared at Lake Viking when construction partners Will Salmon and Shad Mort began using huge limestone rocks on shorelines. From that point on, use of the large rocks continued until they became the standard. Shad Mort branched off into his own business then sold to Travis Trosper when he became Lake Manager. Trosper and Salmon have continued to build many of the seawalls at Lake Viking.

Ironically most of the original Wood Brothers seawalls that remain, around the lake, are in the area around the old Hockensmith property. (Below)



Pictured left are John and Wayne Wood (a third Wood Brother, Robert, deceased) stand on one of the many seawalls they built during the early days of the lake's construction. This wall, on lot 82 belongs to Brad and Jenny Leeper.

Lake Viking History 101: Rocks and Seawalls



When the Wood Brothers built that first seawall for Hockensmith, he had them construct a special feature. The forms for the foundation wall were layered with steel barrels in a horizontal position so that after the walls were poured and the lake was full the barrels would serve as a catfish habitat.

More “Seawall History” can be found at lots 83 and 84. When the lake was built, those lots belonged to Ed Hausman, who was one of the first Association Board Presidents. Three members of the Hausman Family still have houses on the lake, and they can remember the early days of ice-skating on the small body of water that existed before the lake expanded. Another of their memories is picking up numerous rocks that were unearthed during road construction at the lake. Those rocks were used in the facing of their seawall on lot 83 which still stands today. The seawall on lot 84 has a slightly different appearance. The exterior facing of that wall is from rocks that were old street



Lots 83 and 84 feature the two unique seawalls built by Ed Hausman in 1967.

cobblestones from Saint Joseph. Before that, as legend has it those rocks came from Italy where they were loaded into the hulls of ships as ballast and eventually into the old Mississippi and Missouri River steamboats which explains their arrival at Saint Joseph.

At both seawalls, a full concrete wall, serving as a foundation behind the rock walls, was built by Mr. Hausman. Speaking of solid foundations: today, Ed Hausman’s sons and their families – grand-children and great grandchildren –are still enjoying Lake Viking.



This picture, taken in July of 2017 is of the Hausman Family (not all pictured—8 missing). 2nd, 3rd, 4th generations of Ed and Rosemary Hausman.

Houses

The biggest change at Lake Viking since the Fortieth Anniversary Book came out ten years ago – many would agree – has been the construction of so many more beautiful upscale houses. The next pages feature a diverse sampling of Lake Viking houses which display a variety of architectural styles and examples of aesthetic desirability.

Many more attractive houses could have been featured in this section, but with space constraints these houses will offer an enticing introductory tour that will undoubtedly inspire more extended tours in the future.



603 This spacious house was finished in 2014 and is a post and beam construction. The result is magnificent high ceilings and substantial square footage. The house is owned by Leonal and Joanna Kilgore.



At lot 369, the sign on the boat-dock says “Hog Wild” And why not? Kenny and Jackie Derks are owners of a large hog operation and they have also gone hog wild with artistic landscaping and tasteful architectural design. This Lake Viking house stands out (with another impressive house across the water) as a favorite viewing in any lake boat tour. The waterfall is a notable highlight.



Joe and Nancy Serrone's place @ lot #583 presents an impressive view from the road or water. Replete with an impressive outdoor kitchen the brick house with its rectangular lines, statues, and wrought iron railing projects an Italianette look . . . with the house's porthole windows adding a nautical effect.



Lot # 579, owned by Evelyn Brown is known as 1-2-3 to boaters because of the street address numbers posted on the house at waterside. It is on a picturesque property on a point and was also the object of a major make-over a few years ago. The old picture of the property contrasts with the sleek modern design of the updated version.

Houses



No boat tour of Lake Viking is complete without a view of the attractive houses in the cove with single and double digit lot numbers. These properties were the first ones offered for sale when the lake opened fifty years ago. Today this area boasts an appearance that has changed dramatically since those days . . . as evidenced by this home, at lot 63, belonging to Brian and Nicole Prewitt.



Shawn and Rebecca Palowniak's rustic log house perched on a hill at lot 56 has been featured in a national magazine.



Don and Carolyn Leeper's house was one featured as a 2017 Yard of the Month by the Activities Committee.



“Walton’s Wharf at Lot 217 is in an area that has been extremely busy with new home construction in the last ten years. Owners are Robert and Vicky Walton.



This property at Lot 357, belonging to Debbie and Jeff Hower, features a house on a spacious, well-shaded and impeccably manicured yard with great shoreline. Many pictures in this book were taken by Jeff. In addition to being a skilled photographer, Jeff is also the guy who does the anvil shoots. He has also travelled extensively – in Africa, South America, and Mexico with wife Debbie . . . and almost anywhere else you can think of in the United States and Canada on his motorcycle with his biker group.



This house, lot #67, is the residence of Lowell and Leslie Kruse.



FAST FACTS: LAKE VIKING HOUSES

Waterfront Homes - 375 Tier Homes - 181 Total Homes - 556

Full Time Homes - 196 Part Time Homes - 360

The following numbers of building permits for new homes were issued since statistics were posted in Fortieth Anniversary Book: 2008 - 1; 2009 - 6; 2010 - 6; 2011 - 5; 2012 - 3; 2013 - 6; 2014 - 6; 2015 - 14; 2016 - 4; 2017 - 12

AERIAL VIEWS OF LAKE VIKING ...

Here are some aerial views of Lake Viking. See if you can pick out the locations...



Fourth Of July @ Lake Viking



Time for Mark & Missy Leggett to bring out the big flag.

The Fourth of July weekend is symbolic. Vibrant, dynamic – it's a festive and exciting time when Lake Viking becomes alive with activity. It's the highlight of the summer – with plenty of special events: the Lion's Club Breakfast, craft bazaar, boat parade, fishing, swimming, family get-togethers. Each year this week-end seems to get a little bigger and better. The brilliant night-time fireworks displays are scenes we could watch all night long. In fact we do just that, because, once the Association fireworks end the private shows begin in earnest.

Shirley and I are on the water directly across from Beach One with ringside seats every year. In 2013, we had visitors during the fireworks – Nathaniel and Jordanna Goosen: missionaries from Brazil who were travelling in the United States and had enjoyed the privilege of watching Fourth of July Fireworks both in Chicago, at Grant Park, and at Lake Viking. I asked Nathaniel which show he liked best. He said "Lake Viking hands down, because of all the reflections of the lights on the water!"

Each Fourth of July week-end has a special memory weather-wise as well: the incredibly hot one of 2012 with temperatures hovering at 103 degrees or all-day rainfall putting the 2009 fireworks in jeopardy . . . or in 2016 when all day rain actually caused the fireworks to be postponed for two days. Of course the July Fourth week-ends always means extra work and precautions taken by staff. Water Safety is on high alert, while Roger Barker of PWSD # 3 always cranks up the pumping capacity at the water plant. (Take my word – a very important consideration.)

During the past ten years, Lake Viking has added many events, yet most will overwhelmingly agree that the Independence Day week-end is still the climax of the year.



Two year-old Holden Southwick, grandson of Tony & Lana Southwick, gets into the spirit

Fourth Of July @ Lake Viking



Lake Viking Lion's Club scholarship winners pose with Missouri State Legislator Jay Eccleston at the 2016 July 4 Pancake Breakfast.



This Uncle Sam wanna be has been known to make occasional July 4 appearances with the Lake Viking Church Choir.



THE BOAT PARADE

This is another topic where which I could go absolutely wild with pictures. With all of the other activities during the Independence Day week-end, the boat parade is often overlooked . . . but it never fails to be great event. Year after year, the hard work and originality of the contestants is a source of amazement as these pictures show.

Year after year the Anderbergs come up with winning themes



Santa's Sleigh in July was winning entry from the Ed and Janet White Family in 2016. Santa's reindeers on . . . jet skis!!!

A New Dredge



In with the New Dredge – out with the old dredge.

On July 13, 2016, Lake Viking's new 2010 IMS Dredge was delivered by flatbed truck. With a weight of 56,000 pounds, it was no small task to get the dredge off the truck and into the water. It helped to have a 132,000 pound leased crane on hand. The new dredge is a workhorse and can get about

four times the amount of dredging done as the old model which was also lifted out of the water in the same operation. With the vastly increased production capabilities of the new dredge, the biggest problem now is where to put all of the silt it generates.



After 29 Years – New Ownership for Lake Viking Marine

“It’s been a great run, and we want to extend a big thank you to the Lake Viking owners and the great people who have been our customers,” said owner Larry Tague, as he announced the sale of Lake Viking Marine. Larry is looking forward to spending more quality time with family and travelling. When he became part of the ownership group of Lake Viking Marine in 1988, the company had annual revenues of \$200,000 and had experienced bankruptcy. In recent years revenues have been around six million and the company has 15 employees.

On March 31, 2017, Marine Sales Group of Memphis Tennessee, the owner of several other marinas, in Tennessee and Kentucky, announced purchase of the Lake Viking Marine. Mike Tutor is President of Marine Sales Group,

Both Lake Viking Marine and Marine Sales Group share histories as National CSI and NMMA award winning dealerships. “With our shared brand lines and business philosophies partnering with Marine Sales was an easy decision. We will continue to operate as Lake



(L to R) Larry Tague, Randy Tague, and Phil Tate – representing Marina Ownership from day one to the present year – along with Bob Hausman at the Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration.

Viking Marine, but this merger will provide greater benefits for our employees and opportunities for our customers,” said Randy Tague who will continue as Operations Manager of Lake Viking Marine.



Larry, Sherry and Randy Tague of Lake Viking Marine



A younger Randy & Haleigh Tague standing in front of one of Lake Viking Marine’s many industry awards .

Cardboard Boat Race

In the four years of existence, the Lake Viking Marine's Cardboard Boat race has been full of thrills, spills, and close races. Who can forget the memorable heat in 2015 when Thomas the Train built by the Shawn Hepinstall family became the little engine that could. Or another heat in which Gus Vassos forged to a decisive victory while proud father Nick Vassos, the Channel Four News Anchor, looked on as a guest judge

The Cardboard Boat races have also featured notable shipwrecks worthy of the Lake Viking Marine "Titanic Award." There definitely is a special know-how involved in building and piloting these cardboard boats and no one has done better than power rower Tracy Ortiz (representing the Strohm Family) who has set the pace in piloting her Wounded Warrior Boats to victory.

This has been a great event made possible by hard work from the folks at Lake Viking Marine, and the best part is that all money raised goes to the Wounded Warrior Project for veterans.



Look out. These kids mean business...C B boat Thomas the Train forges to victory in 2015 (inset).



Perennial winner Tracy Ortiz in Wounded Warrior and Gary & Joyce Teegarden in Castaway are neck and neck in 2017.



A formidable cardboard warship



Gus Vassos and friend celebrate their trophy while grandfather Don Vassos looks on.

POLAR BEAR PLUNGE



As of 2017, The Lake Viking Polar Bear Plunge is ten years old! I remember an Association Board Meeting, back in 2007, when a guest speaker by the name of Tim Goebel showed up. Tim was an officer at The Crossroad Correction Facility and was involved with Special Olympics. More specifically as a law enforcement officer, he was involved in organizing Polar Bear Plunges. Tim was intent on talking Lake Viking into having a Plunge. Luckily for him, Association Members Jim and Judy Rash were at the meeting. They were already active with their son Pierce in Special Olympics and they took interest. As they say, the rest was history. With Judy Rash as organizer of the event (Tim Goebel had moved on to Jefferson City), and husband Jim Rash as the top fund-raiser year in and year out, the Lake Viking Polar Bear Plunge became a fixture. From 2008 with 38 plungers raising just over \$14,000 to 2017 with \$30,189 raised by – yes after several years of coming close to

the century mark – 100 plungers!

Each year the Lake Viking Polar Bear Plunge has been hosted by a Law Enforcement Agencies whether it be Crossroads Correctional Center, Chillicothe Correctional Center, or Daviess County Sheriff's Office. In 2017, several plaques were presented for ten years of involvement. Ten Year Plungers are, Jim Rash, Carrie Pfeifer, and Mike Lowe. Those as ten-year volunteers and supporters were Jeff Hower, Tim Gilham, Judy Rash, Lake Viking Association, Troy Lesan, and Shad Mort.

An entire book could be written on this subject alone. The following pictures attempt to catch the excitement and spirit from ten years of the Plunge:



Didn't know jumping into ice-cold water could be so much fun.



The costumes are awesome ...



How is this for Viking authenticity?



Every year Damon Hennen has led the Polar Bear Strut: a 5k/10k walk/ run.



This soggy Smurf is Mike Rowe – he has plunged all ten years!



Shawn Hepinstall is invigorated by the icy water



Yours truly in bear suit & Pierce Rash as Mustard do a Happy Dance



A pre-plunge brawl – zombies vs. lumberjacks

Polar Bear Plunge



How does Jim Rash do it? He comes up with a fish every time!



The 2014 event featured 91 plungers . . . including the dog.

The Lake Viking Church



The iconic Lake Viking Church sign greets people coming and going from the main entrance with messages that are always meaningful and often profound.

Has been in existence since 1972 with construction of the present building occurring in 1985. The church features a choir, a very active youth group and Wednesday bible studies. Ten A.M. Sunday Church services have been a long-standing

tradition. The church has been under the leadership of Pastor Robert Nelson since November, 2006 and has experienced steady growth during that period.

Pastor Nelson has become known for his inspired and impassioned speaking style and the incorporation of music into his worship services. He is a skilled singer and guitar player, and over the years the Lake Viking Church has been the scene of many memorable music performances both during church services and at special programs.

Baptisms? No problem. The church has a baptismal font . . . and a 632 acre lake to accommodate.



Pastor Robert Nelson is definitely an energetic and outgoing sort of guy.



Members of the Speaker family await baptism by Pastor Nelson in Lake Viking.



The active Youth Group at Lake Viking Church practices for "Bible Bowl."

Clubhouse Activities



Mary Hibler and Mary Orlando at the 2017 Cinco de Mayo celebration.



The Gallatin Senior Center and Home Delivered Meals has greatly benefitted from several fund-raising events at the Clubhouse including an event in memory of Julia Shank. In this picture, at a Food and Wine-tasting event, Allison Spidle presents a donation check to AAA Board Members including Association Members Jim Aschbrenner, Jean Caldwell and Shirley Leakey.

The Lake Viking Clubhouse has been around since day one (as evidenced by the year 1967 imprinted on a building cornerstone) and has been the bedrock of social activity. It has been the sight of wedding receptions, birthday and anniversary parties, fund-raising activities, wine-tastings, craft bazaars, meetings, luncheons, and of course the monthly and annual meetings of the Association Board. Here are some fun pictures of the various events during the past ten years.



The "Kyle's Whiz Kids" team participated in the two highly successful Gallatin Rotary Club Trivia Nights



Connor, Amanda, and Brandon Dirks enjoy "Restaurant Night" in July 2016.

Mary Immaculate Auctions

There is a strong Lake Viking presence at the Mary Immaculate Catholic Church of Gallatin. Church attendance increases during the summer season at the lake, and the spike in activity is never more apparent than when the big tent goes up in front of the Lake Viking Clubhouse. The Mary Immaculate congregation holds their auction. Thus far, there have been six auctions. The first ones started out small but as the tradition was ingrained, the event became huge. Eventually the auction became so big and time consuming that it evolved into a biennial event. The "big tent" was necessary because the clubhouse was totally filled up with tables of quality merchandise for the silent auction. And the silent auction is just phase one which is followed by the live auction. Over the years, these auctions have benefitted from Father Bob Rost's contributions of antique and quality hand-crafted furniture, the expertise of auctioneer Mark Leggett, and the organizational and accounting skills of Missy Leggett . . . as well as a lot of volunteer hours from many others.

The Mary Immaculate Auctions have definitely been among the biggest events at the Lake Viking Clubhouse. Witness the June 17, 2017 event which attracted 400 people. That evening history was made in several ways, when the amount taken in



Huge crowds under the "big tent" for The Mary Immaculate Auctions.

exceeded a whopping \$50,000. Of that money, over \$15,000 was earmarked to be split between two local charitable funds: The Gallatin Active Aging Resource Center and Backpack Buddies.



A treasure trove of silent auction items bring big crowds into the clubhouse



One never knows what will be donated to the auction – as evidenced by this pedigreed Golden Retriever pup being offered by auctioneer Mark Leggett.

Water Department

Over the years, The Public Water Supply District #3 of Lake Viking has been blessed by a highly capable workforce. On March 31, 2017, one of those stalwart employees, Ruth Gibson, retired after 17 years as Secretary. Ruth's efficiency was always highlighted in each year's outside audit which showed her bookkeeping to be virtually mistake-free.

Meanwhile, Manager Roger Barker has just completed thirty-five years of service which began when the Water Plant was still part of the Association Maintenance Department. Since then, Roger has established a firm command over all of the aspects of the Water plant from the wiring to the computer system to the complex mix of chemicals required for water treatment. In addition, he and assistant Gary King maintain and repair all of the equipment and machinery. Roger has also received prestigious recognition by being appointed to the Board of Directors for the Missouri Rural Water Association. PWSD #3 as well as all other water districts are subject to quarterly testing . . . and because of Roger's continued improvement of the treatment process, the numbers have never been better.



P.W.S.D. #3 employees Gary King , Dianne Hullett, Ruth Gibson, and Roger Barker.

In years past the Lake Viking Fire Department featured a water stream for the July 4th Celebrations.



*Speaking of water, that
Lake Viking Water is
good stuff...Give me
another drink!*



Fire Department

Lake Viking has benefitted from an active Volunteer Fire Department for many years. The department boasts a full-sized fire-truck and two smaller pick-up sized pumper trucks that have responded to everything from numerous grass fires to a few full-blown house fires. Currently the LV Fire Dept is active in attending regional meetings and seminars and has a very favorable I.P.O rating.



Roger Lankford directs Fire Department members in full-dress confined entry drill.



In 2015 the LV Fire Department featured volunteers representing 3 generations of one family: Dallas, Danny, and Cody Engel.



Fire Department Members Tony Gronnegger, Rusty Hendricks and Gary King.



The chili at Lake Viking Fire Dept Chili cook-offs is second to none.



Lake Viking Quilters



The Charitable gifts from The Lake Viking Quilters are numerous: The Sheffield Place (for homeless women and their families) in Kansas City, the Rachel House in Lee's Summit, Salvation Army of St. Joseph, Green Hills and the Green Hills Shelter for

abused women in Trenton Missouri, Foster Children of Cameron, and the Watered Gardens Rescue Mission in Joplin . . . and that's just in the past few years. The Quilters have even donated to the Sheriff Departments of both Daviess and Caldwell Counties. The reason: law enforcement personnel often encounter children who have been traumatized at accidents or crime scenes. The quilts are gifts that also serve as an outreach. In their many years of existence, the Quilters have made and donated thousands of quilts, and they have donated much in the way of their time and effort in doing so.

These quilts are not the high dollar, ornate, and artistic masterpieces that are to be found at the Missouri Star Quilt Company of Hamilton or the Amish outlets of Jamesport – they are constructed from donated material: anything from old flannel shirts and tee-shirts but mostly just assortments of fabric of all shapes and sizes – yet, they are greatly appreciated by organizations that receive them.



(R To L) Nadja McCubbin, Shirley Leakey, Sheriff Ben Becerra, & Joyce Becerra: Quilters make a donation to Daviess County Sheriff Office



Quilters Linda Allen & Betty Cooksey drop off quilts at Salvation Army, St. Joseph



50th Anniversary T-Shirt

Clubs and Organizations



This 2012 picture is just too hard to resist. It's a Lake Viking Homemakers Club fashion-spoof. Individuals pictured (from L to R) are Mary Riley, Janet Weidner, Shirley Leakey, Sue Morris, Mary Aschbrenner, and Betty Cooksey. The Homemakers Club along with the Supper Club, which meets the third Friday of the month at the clubhouse basement are two groups that have been in existence since the very early days of Lake Viking.

The Lion's Club has had a Lake Viking Chapter for over twenty-five years and the group works hard to raise money for worthwhile charitable causes including college scholarship money for graduating seniors at both the Winston and Gallatin High

Schools. The histories of the Lions and the other organizations are presented in more detail in the Lake Viking History Volume One and more info on Lion's Club History is also on the west wall of the Lake Viking clubhouse.



Lion Club Members (R to L) Bob & Jo Gould, David & Stephanie Chesney, and Don & Carolyn Leeper shown with Pastor Robert Nelson make a Lion's donation toward purchase of a Lake Viking Church van.



Lions (L to R) Bob Gould, David Chesney, & Terry Jarboe put in a long day cooking for the July 4 Pancake Breakfast.

The Lake Viking Garage Sale...

started five years ago and immediately became an eagerly anticipated event. In fact it was so popular that it was soon expanded to a twice year basis. The Spring Garage Sale, in April, has become an unofficial opening to another season at the Lake, while the Fall event signals a winding down. The Lake Viking Garage Sale has been the brainchild of longtime Activities Committee Member Marian Larason. Her husband, Norman, meticulously labors on creation of the map each year. The event usually gets off with a strong start with eager buyers arriving early to take advantage of the great diversity of bargain merchandise that can only be found at Lake Viking.



What other Garage Sale would feature a stretch limo?



A bargain price on this stuff (the girl, Annabelle Butrous not included.)



The Feiden Kids are open for business.



We still haven't figured this one out.



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Super Seniors



Norma McCaulla has resided at Lake Viking Association a long time. Her parents built one of the very first houses on the lake and Norma still lives in that house. Shown here with a cake celebrating her 90th birthday, Norma is the last living Charter Member of the Lake Viking Church where

she was also the longtime Secretary. She assists the church serving cookies and coffee at Association Annual Meetings. Norma recalls that she has been to every Annual Meeting except for two.

On the same week-end that Lake Viking celebrated its fiftieth anniversary, Pastor Alvin Hillman celebrated his 90th Birthday. Pastor Hillman, who resides at Lake Viking, has been an ordained minister for over 50 years, has pastored numerous churches around Missouri and is still at it. He postponed retirement to be the Pastor at Lake Viking Church for fourteen years and then “deferred” retirement again to become the Pastor at the Gallatin Presbyterian Church – as position at which he still serves!

Of the many attractions that people come to Lake Viking to see: fireworks, the Polar Bear Plunge, the Marina, the annual garage sale, how many of us would think of “Nutcrackers?” Yet longtime

Association Member Marge McAfee has a famous collection of them. Each Christmas Season, after she carefully un-boxes, unwraps, and places each of the some 650 nutcrackers in her collection, visitors begin to appear. People from near and far come to her house to view the amazing display and take the tour narrated by Marge.

Some of Marge’s nutcrackers come from distant countries, and there are all shapes and sizes: some only an inch tall, one as tall as she, and costumed in colorful array. In Marge’s house, nutcrackers hang from Christmas Trees, perch on fireplace mantels, cabinets, furniture, and stand on the floor. It has been such a time consuming job to put them all in place that Marge usually starts the task in early November, and each year, for the last three or four years, Marge has said it would be her last display. “I’m getting too old for this,” she insists. She is 93 years old after all, but no matter what happens, Marge McAfee can be assured that her fantastic Nutcracker Collection has been a source of entertainment and amazement; another of the hidden treasures of Lake Viking.



Alvin Hillman turns 90



Marge points out very diverse groupings of Nutcrackers

The Campgrounds

After 50 years, the Association Campgrounds are still going strong. The 167 sites, in both Campground #1 and the smaller Campground #2, are available for rental to any Lake Viking Association Member in good standing and are always occupied and with a constant waiting list. The campground is a Lake Viking amenity whereby greater access to the lake and its facilities is available for owners of unimproved lots.

And if past History is an indicator – many of today's campers are the permanent Lake Viking residents of tomorrow. In fact several campground spots are occupied by Association Members who own houses on the water at Lake Viking. The campgrounds folks are known for their tradition of being a tightly knit social unit ...as the following pictures depict.



Campground Halloween Celebrations which involve both the adults and the kids

The Yacht Club

Although there are water-front lots in the Yacht Club (the 700's), membership also affords extra water-front accessibility to its tier lot owners. This section, on the very south end of the lake, started out as a smaller ownership group within the Association with members able to use the Yacht Club Community Building for social events and meetings. The Yacht Club has its own board and officers. It periodically schedules clean-up and paint days, is the scene of the Annual Lake Viking Boat parade and has recently expanded to include more boat slips for members.



Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration



Top finishers in Cornhole Tournament.



Who can resist another face painting picture?



Members of the planning Committee for the Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration (L-R) Jana Hanson, Jody

Manahan, Mark Leggett (Chairman), Resa Witse, Gail Bush, Pat Weiss, Shad Mort, Shawn Hepinstall and Lana and Tony Southwick. Kudos to Mark Leggett and this committee for a job well done.

Photo Flashes

Speaking of flashes Lake Viking was the scene of not one but two of Jeff Hower's Anvil Shoots in 2017—one for the fiftieth celebration & one a week later on the day of the total eclipse.



Can't get enough of these Boat Parade pix.



These palm trees were a big hit at the 2017 July 4 Craft Bazaar



A nice memory from February 2016. Would you believe gas @ 1.39 a gallon? The picture was taken at Association Member Jeff Speaker's Pit Stop gas station in Winston. Needless to say the price didn't stay that low for very long, but it was great while it lasted.

Photo Flashes



There really are snowy winters at Lake Viking . . . as in 2011.



Things happen even with the pros. In this scene, Lake Viking Marine skid loader got too close to the water. Rescue attempts were successful.



Blake Daffron provided capable assistance to the Association in establishing a Zebra Mussel Awareness program, and in so doing, he earned his Eagle Scout Award.



Jana Hansen did a nice job with the 50th Anniversary Time Capsule.



The Hausman family claims the Lake Viking record for the most skiers in a water fan during the summer of 2000.

Photo Flashes



Holy Cow: this fish at 57 pounds is almost as big as Alleah Travis, the girl that caught it!



As always the fishing at Lake Viking is good as evidenced by pictures of Gary Teegarden, Mike Feiden, Quentin Conway and Debbie Hollars.



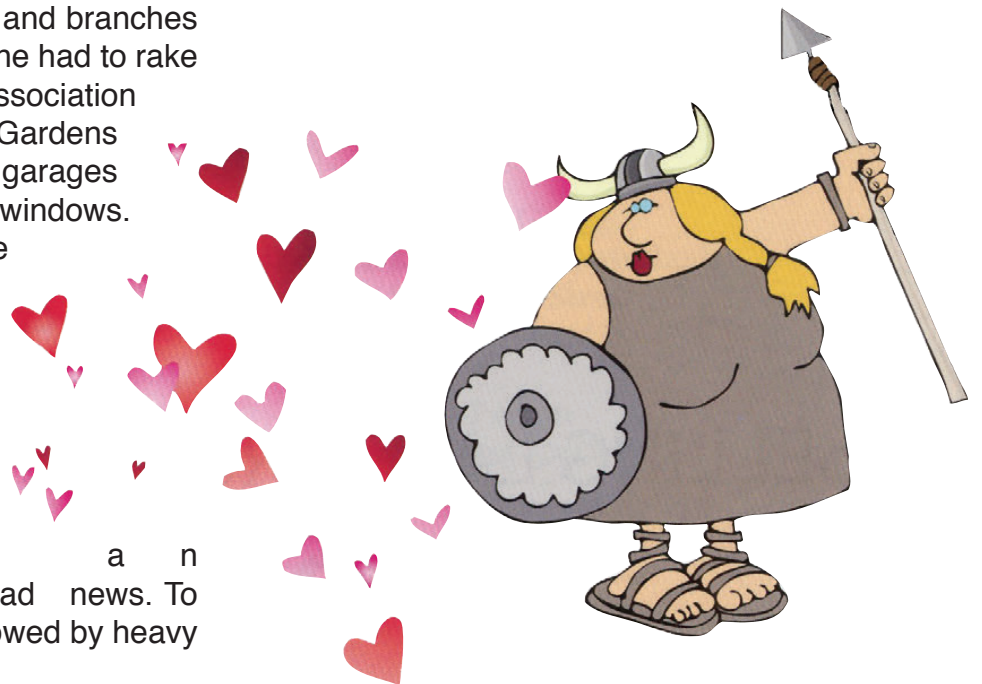
Hail Hail



rain. Those with broken windows and skylights experienced rainwater pouring in. After the hail was over, we heard the sound in our water pipes of running water, and couldn't determine the source. Finally after looking everywhere, we discovered that the hail had pounded our house so hard that it had turned on an outside water faucet. Hopefully Lake Viking has seen the last of the hail for a long time.

In 2009 and again in 2011, Lake Viking experienced two hail-storms that will not soon be forgotten. The 2009 storm was the most serious. It was estimated that over 50% of Lake Viking houses suffered damage. In that storm, our house on the west side of the lake looked like Swiss Cheese with over 200 holes in the vinyl siding. We were filmed and interviewed by both KQTV Channel 2 in Saint Joseph and WDAF Channel 4 from Kansas City. During the hail, the noise level was unbelievable, and when it was over, the battering had been so severe that streets were covered with leaves and branches with the asphalt barely visible. Everyone had to rake up leaves and branches and the Association burn pile was piled high with debris. Gardens were destroyed; and cars not inside garages were pounded and suffered broken windows. Vinyl siding and shingles suffered the most damage. At least one roofing company from Kansas City set up a temporary office and warehouse in Gallatin.

In 2009, rumors had hailstones as big as baseballs. The biggest we saw was golf ball size but make no mistake, golf ball sized hail during a n interval lasting several minutes is bad news. To make matters worse, the hail was followed by heavy



The Staff

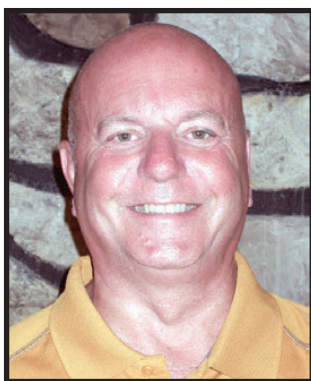


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The Magician gives a thumbs up to the Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration.



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Lake Manager Shad Mort joins the 2012 Plunge

