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**This book contains over 100 photos**

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**Thanks to Susan MacEachern**

**For a tremendous job of photo-editing**

Besides editing, Susan has photographed many pictures in this book including photos below.

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Most 40th anniversary photos were taken by Kory Hales.

Association members wishing to view more of Kory Hales' 40th Anniversary Photos may do so by visiting [www.lakevikingmo.com](http://www.lakevikingmo.com).



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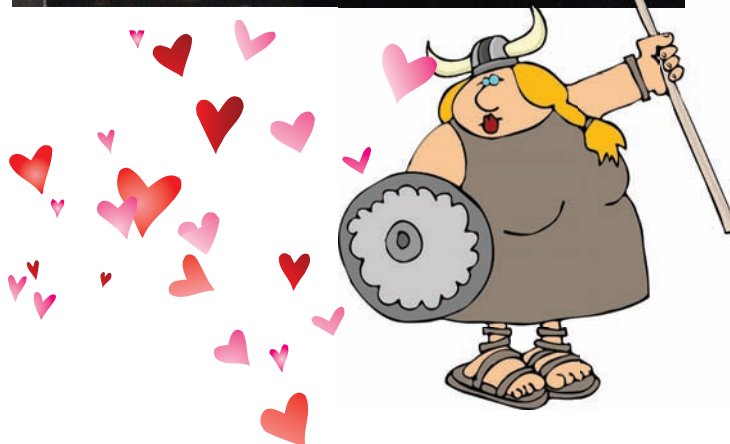
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Fortieth Anniversary MC Ron Spidle and Randy Tague of Lake Viking Marine speed toward a ribbon cutting ceremony on the water.



# Photos From the Archives

*Here are scenes from the early days of Lake Viking*



Above  
Construction of  
Lake Viking  
Center:  
The Spillway



Above: Two DSI sales posters (circa 1968) from the Roberta Sandy collection.





# Introduction

Personal recollections are the real treasures. Maybe it's the memory of "original farm-land-owner" and "original lot-owner" Ed Froman. He recalls chasing his runaway cattle, toward Big Creek, and running into developers who were walking an area where they were planning on building a new dam.

Or maybe it's Bob and Janet Hausman's memories of ice-skating on a frozen creek which, in the following year, was destined to become a 630 acre lake.

Or maybe it's the memories of master angler and fishing guru, John Dooley, as he recalls the big ones he's caught in the virtual fishing paradise that exists in his backyard.

On the other hand, history is facts and figures. It's crunching numbers of pumping capacities at the water plant with Roger Barker, or it's digging up population information at the association office or details of the early construction.

History, now, is also the great 40th Anniversary Celebration that occurred on July 21, 2007.

Many aspects come into play when trying to compile an accurate history. The downside is the omissions. It's inevitable that a person or a significant event gets left out. Apologies in advance for the stories that have been inadvertently lost in the shuffle.

The accounts on these pages are not all-encompassing histories, but rather short glimpses through windows of the past contrasted with the landscape of the present.

I have written all unsigned text. However, these stories would never have reached the reader, were it not for tireless research by Norman and Marian Larason. Susan MacEachern's photo-editing was a huge contribution! Photo credits are on the inside cover.

The planning of Lake Viking's 40th Anniversary Celebration became the catalyst for this publication. Since then, compiling all the information has been a rewarding adventure. I could have easily published more stories and included more photos, but I had to stop somewhere.

This publication is designed to serve the dual purpose of, first, commemorating the Lake Viking's 40th anniversary celebration, and, secondly, going back to 1967 and recording some of the history before it is lost.

Join us now, as we celebrate the past while recognizing the promise of our future.

...  
*Troy Lesan*

A catch at the Junior Fishing Derby



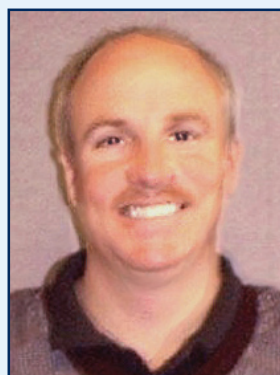
"Dancing in the street" at the 40th Anniversary celebration.



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The governing body of the Lake Viking community is the Viking Valley Association Board of Directors — who are most often referred to as Board Members.

The Board meets monthly, with special meetings sometimes called, and an annual meeting each March. Board Members are elected at annual meetings.

Throughout the Association's history, every major decision (and there have been many) has been the result of a motion that was made, seconded, and voted upon by Board Members. Each Board Member has a position (President, Vice-President, Secretary etc.) within the Board, and, more importantly, each Board Member has a vote.

The November 14, 1969 edition of Lake Viking News featured an article titled Organization of Property Owners' Association Begins. The article further described a procedure in which ballots were mailed to all property owners. Ballots were to be returned by December 15. The results of that voting process determined the first Association Board. Before the Association was formed with Board Members elected, decisions were made by the Project Manager for the developer.

We have not found a comprehensive listing of all Association Board Presidents. Board Presidents frequently mentioned in the archives are: Bob Paul, Ed Hausman, Ray Williams, Bob Anderson, Dean Lee, Glenn Mayo, Charles Castor and Marvin Humphrey.

More recent Board Presidents have been: David Tolen, Roger Lankford, Sally Zerbe, Gene Frye, Mark Leggett, and Shawn Hepinstall.

Association Board Members are responsible for many important decisions. They, as well as appointed committee members, donate much of their personal time toward the goal of continuing Lake Viking's tradition of quality and excellence.

P.S. The support of the Association Board has also made it possible to publish this book!



# Lake Viking's 40th Anniversary — A Celebration To Remember

In the very first edition of the Lake Viking News (December 1967), the headline was “Annual Picnic A Big Success.”

Despite the fact that this first “birthday party” was held on a cold day on November 5, there was a huge turnout. At that time, construction on the dam was just beginning, but many lots had already been sold, and enthusiasm for Lake Viking was running high.

It was estimated that over 3,000 people attended that first gathering. Food was provided for and served by the Gallatin Chamber of Commerce. Barbecue grills churned out chicken, beef, pork, and hot-dogs, while hundreds of pounds of potato chips, slaw, and pork and beans were served.

Despite the fact that it was a bitterly cold day, the mood was festive and the crowd of people in attendance swelled. Eventually, the Sheriff and Highway Patrol were called in to help direct traffic. Local fans returning from the Kansas City Chiefs game reported encountering extra heavy traffic in this area. The First Annual Lake Viking celebration was an event the magnitude of which had rarely been seen in the area.

Fast forward to July 21, 2007. It was time for Lake Viking to throw another “birthday party.” This time it was the 40th Anniversary

Weary volunteers take a time-out after serving a continuous lunch line lasting 4 hours.



Board Members and Lake Manager Shad Mort begin celebration with ribbon cutting.

Party. This celebration had been planned for months, was eagerly anticipated, and lived up to the great expectations!

The weather cooperated beautifully. It was a glorious summer day, with temperatures that weren't too hot; nor was there a trace of rain in the clear blue summer skies. Festivities began promptly at 10 AM with Association Board members participating in a ribbon cutting ceremony. Next, another ribbon cutting ceremony, using speedboats provided by Lake Viking Marine, took place on the water.

Following the opening ceremony, the events of the day proceeded like clockwork. A portable playground was erected for children, while entertainment was provided, all day, by music from four different bands.

The crowd in attendance steadily grew.  
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Photos: Portable playground.  
Face painter Cathy Corbett



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An army of volunteers served a food-line that started shortly before 11 AM and lasted non-stop for almost four hours. Eventually, 700 hamburgers, 700 hot-dogs, 600 pounds of beef, hundreds of bags of potato chips, buckets of baked beans, and gallons and gallons of drinks were consumed.

It was estimated that nearly 3,000 were served during the day, but this was just the beginning. Another celebration continued into the night (and maybe even into the wee hours of the next morning) with presentations, more live music, food, and drink. It was estimated that 1,000 attended the evening festivities.

It's not as if Lake Viking doesn't know

how to throw a good celebration. Every year the Association puts on a great Fourth of July fireworks program. Maybe the precedent for staging good events was established back on that cold day in November of 1967. Yet, in 2007, the 40th Anniversary Party was something extra special. So much so that the Association is thinking about having a birthday party every year!



Tents were full all afternoon as Volunteers served close to 3,000. Volunteers also served Cotton Candy.





# 1967



1967 membership sticker  
(from Steven & Deby Gann)

**In 1967** Lyndon Johnson was President and Hubert Humphrey was Vice-President. Sinatra crooned his way back into the hearts of his fans with “Strangers in the Night.” Elvis was poised for a big comeback, and the Beatles went psychedelic with “Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band.”

Meanwhile, in Daviess County, Interstate 35 wasn’t completed yet, and the Rock Island Railroad still ran trains through Gallatin and Altamont. Gallatin still had four grocery stores, five car dealerships, four hardware stores, and a jewelry store.



In 1967, our soldiers were in their 3rd year of heavy fighting in Vietnam , but General William Westmoreland assured the nation that victory was forthcoming. Meanwhile, in the mid-east, Israel scored a resounding victory against Arab Nations in the Six Day War.

On TV, in 1967, the final episode of The Fugitive established an all-time high Nielson Rating. It cost a buck and a quarter to go to the theater and watch movies such as Cool Hand Luke and The Graduate.

Twiggy made her much anticipated debut in New York City, while, in San Francisco, the Hippies took over the Haight- Asbury neighborhood.

In sports, the year began with the Kansas City Chiefs losing to Vince Lombardi’s mighty Green Bay Packers in the very first Super Bowl! Peggy Fleming ruled the world of women’s figure skating.

In professional baseball, the year would be the last for the Athletics in Kansas City. The once proud franchise had relocated, from Philadelphia, in 1954, and spent a decade plus toiling in sub-mediocrity at the old Municipal Stadium.

In 1967, the Dow peaked at \$925. Incomes were on the rise, and blue-collar workers were seriously looking at the prospect of achieving the lofty wage of \$3.00 an hour. And, oh yes . . . construction was beginning on Lake Viking.



This dozer and grader are actually cutting the first swaths of farmland in the construction of Lake Viking.





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## More Good Bargains from 1967



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Cost of a Volkswagen Beetle	\$1,769
... or we can splurge on a Jaguar Roadster!	\$5,670
<i>(Reality check: in 1967 the average annual income was \$7,300 )</i>	



Construction of the Community Building and Association Office were among the first projects completed in 1967.



# Gallatin Civic Leaders

## *Pave the Way*

As early as 1960, members of the Gallatin Rotary Club Committee began to promote the idea of building a new lake in Daviess County. Charles Belshe, Charles Brandom, Junior Hockensmith, Hubert Tate, and Floyd Tuggle were the members.

From the time this committee was appointed, the members never lost sight of their goal.

For years, a huge lake had been envisioned in the Grand River watershed near Pattonsburg. The concept, which would have helped control chronic flooding in the area, had been planned as early as the 1930's. If completed, this lake would have covered an area of close to 80,000 acres, however landowners in the Pattonsburg area were vehemently opposed to the idea of losing valuable farmland.

There was also an earlier Gallatin location for a lake. It was south of Gallatin and west of the Honey Creek bottoms. Again, local landowners were in opposition.

The Gallatin Rotary Committee continued to work hard at finding a lake location, as did Joe Snyder, the well-known Gallatin Publisher. Snyder was vice chairman of the Missouri Water Resources Board, and had initially used his position to push hard for the big lake at Pattonsburg. He had even gone to Washington D.C. to testify on the positive economic impact of a Pattonsburg Lake. Subsequently his efforts did not make him popular with folks in the northwest part of the county. As a result the newspaper office was bombarded with letters that were critical of his efforts.

In 1966, Joe Snyder was feeling frustrated as he was preparing to attend a meeting of the Water Resources Board, at Jefferson City. He and other Gallatin Civic leaders had worked hard at trying to promote a lake for Daviess County. Surely a recreational lake would be an economic shot-in-the-arm for the area. Many from northwest Missouri

were travelling to the Lake of the Ozarks area. Not only would a local lake bring back some of the money flowing out of the area, but it would bring other money in.

As the Water Resources Board meeting was getting ready to convene, Joe Snyder was reflecting on these things. Then, suddenly a person walked into the room and asked a question: "Is there anyone here who can think of a good place to build a lake?"

Joe Snyder wasted little time in responding to the man's inquiry, and this became the initial contact made with a company called Development Services Incorporated (DSI.) It turns out that DSI was experienced at building and developing Lake Properties. The company had been building a lake development called Holiday Shores near St. Louis and was looking for another location in the state of Missouri.

Once Development Services Inc. came into the picture, things began to happen fast. In early 1967, 2,500 acres of farmland were purchased from 23 landowners at a cost of one-half million dollars. Construction was ready to begin.

Suddenly, there was a tremendous sense of anticipation and local excitement. The dream had been steadfastly pursued by Gallatin Civic Leaders. Now it was coming true!



Grand Opening Celebration  
11-5-67 was organized by the  
Gallatin Chamber of Commerce



A group from Gallatin observes  
the lake's early construction



# The 23 Landowners

Joe Snyder, the longtime Gallatin publisher, encountered numerous disagreeable landowners during his advocacy of a recreational lake in Daviess County. His longtime support of the failed "Pattonsburg Lake" project made him an unpopular person in that area. As a result, Snyder reaped letters of protest from landowners whose farms would have gone underwater. The projected Honey Creek Lake produced more of the same.

"In a way, I can't blame those landowners. I could see their point of view. Their farms were their livelihood, their way of life, and often times, had been in the family for generations." Snyder later stated.

On the other hand, Snyder's expertise on this subject made him very appreciative of the 23 landowners who sold their farmland in order that Lake Viking could be built.

In an appearance before the Lake Viking Lion's Club in September of 1997, Snyder declared that "the real heroes in the lake project were the 23 landowners who sold their property, without litigation, to assist Gallatin in its quest to stabilize the economy and provide a source of water recreation."



## Here is a List of those 23 Landowners

William S. Heyser  
 Wiley & Margaret Burns  
 Kermit & Goldie Burns  
 Henry Scott  
 Forrest & Eula Burns  
 Ellis & Lura Dale  
 Charles Heyser Estate  
 Robert (Bobby) Davis  
 Bonnie & Katie Downey  
 Edward & Marjorie Froman  
 Daniel Froman  
 Marvin & Marjorie Frost  
 Herbert & Anna McCrary  
 Daisey & Elmer Myers  
 Henry Heyser & Elsie Mae Heyser  
 Rolla & Carolyn Youtsey  
 Esquire & Nellie Gambill  
 Frederick & Frances Peters  
 William & Myrtle Riddell  
 R.V. & Mae Doyle  
 Wilbert & Ola Rhea Youtsey  
 Triune Cattle Company  
*(formerly part of Paul and Ruth Manheim Farm)*  
 Western Land & Cattle Company  
*(formerly part of Ruth Young Farm)*



Original landowner Robert (Bobby) Davis

Above - This old road (and bridge) is now under Lake Viking



# Development Services Inc.

## D.S.I.

There have been many favorable circumstances contributing to the tremendous growth of Lake Viking during the past forty years. First and foremost, however, was the initial development and construction of Lake Viking by Development Services Incorporated (DSI).

By all accounts, DSI was a highly reputable company with extensive experience in developing recreational lake properties. DSI had already developed at least 45 lake properties by 1967, when the company first came to the attention of Joe Snyder.

An article, written, in the February 16, 1967 edition of the Snyder's North Missourian newspaper reports the following:

"Development Services Incorporated is headed by Kenneth F. Gorman . . . who has been in the development business since 1935. He is considered the "dean" of the development business.

"The company is the first to build large privately owned lakes on a major scale . . . and is the largest in operation today. They have never been involved in a lawsuit and have always kept promises."

DSI proved to be highly capable in all aspects of Lake Viking's development. The company was equally knowledgeable about engineering and sales and marketing

Earlier dreams of Lake Projects in the area had evaporated because of difficulties in coordinating land purchases. However, immediately after DSI took the project, the firm

got together with landowners, and, by January 16, 1967, had arranged for the purchase of the 2500 acres needed for Lake Viking.

Next, DSI hired the Robert Kimball Engineering Company, to design and survey the Lake. Contractors hired were George

Bennett, Scott Gibson, and Gibbs Construction. Each of these companies was among the best in their respective areas of expertise.

Work began immediately with the lake floor being cleared of trees. Next, construction of the dam began. Construction of the community building,

the airport, beaches, and campgrounds also commenced in 1967.

Once the engineering and construction got off to a start, DSI began a sales and marketing campaign. The marketing effort ran like clockwork. Lots were offered for sale a section (40 or 50 lots) at a time. Thus, the announcement of each additional section opened up for sale became an eagerly anticipated event.

Another example of DSI maintaining their priorities was found in how the lots were offered. First, DSI allowed the 23 landowners, who had been so cooperative, to chose a water-front lot. Next, lots were offered for sale to citizens of Daviess County before being opened up for sale to the general public.

In addition, DSI built the lake's water system and shepherded the water facility through early growth until it was finally sold to the Association in 1976.

When ownership of the lake infrastructure was transferred from DSI to the Viking Valley Association, DSI even left a cash amount per each lot, which, in effect, served as the first year's annual dues.

By all accounts, DSI was a first-class operation.



Early construction scene at Lake Viking



1968 DSI brochure advertising Lake Viking (from the Roberta Sandy Collection)  
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# Lake Viking Quick Facts

- Lake Viking is a 630 acre lake.
- Lake Viking impounds water from Big Creek which is a tributary to the Grand River.
- Lake Viking drains a watershed of 9,203 acres (14.3 sq. miles) of land.
- Lake Viking has 19 miles of shoreline and 25 miles of good roads.
- Lake Viking has 2504 total lots:
  - 661 waterfront lots
  - 1585 tier lots
  - 164 mobile home lots
  - 68 air-strip lots
  - 17 commercial lots
  - 19 community areas
  - 2 campgrounds
  - 2 swimming beaches



**Keep Reading!  
There's MORE.  
It ain't over til  
the Valkyrie sings!**



Photo Caption: Overhead view of Lake Viking shortly after construction (Community Building and office area in center)  
Notice the absence of houses along the shoreline.



# Building the Dam

The construction of Lake Viking's dam was not achieved without delay, cost over-runs, and adversity. Although work started in 1967, high water from Big Creek washed away numerous construction efforts. By Spring of 1968, work was still going on.

George Bennett was the President of the Construction Company bearing his name. Bennett Construction had built many dams and held contracts for some of the biggest construction jobs in the area including those from the Army Corps of Engineers.

In May of 1968, George Bennett passed away at his home in Kansas City, before his company completed the Lake Viking Dam. His son, George "Ed" Bennett Jr. took control of the company, and that same month, heavy equipment crews were working twelve-hour days and weekends in order to get the dam built.

In the end, the cost of the dam and length of time taken for its construction more than doubled original projections. This, in itself, was a testimonial to the professionalism of DSI. The Lake Viking Dam was the biggest they had built, and the company refused to take short cuts or allow adversity to dissuade them from doing the job right.



Building a dam is no small job.  
Gravel road atop newly constructed dam.

## FYI

- The dam at Lake Viking is 1450 feet long, 85 feet high, with a 580 foot width at the base and a 20 foot width at the top.
- The dam was keyed into solid rock at each end. It has a 3 ½ to 1 slope on the upstream side and a slope of 2 ¼ to 1 on the downstream side.

### Fast Facts on Construction of the Dam

First, the base of the dam was dug out with heavy equipment and trenched down to bedrock. This trench was lined with a core of clay which was built up into a berm.

The clay core was then faced with poured concrete and topped by the spillway which emptied into the concrete outlet that is presently situated at the northwest corner.

Next was rip-rap and 500,000 cubic yards of dirt — all continuously compacted with the heavy equipment used in the construction.

Finally the road was built along the top of the dam.



# The Viking Boat



The challenge: Lake Viking needed to build an authentic and realistic replica of an ancient Viking Ship, and, in so doing, capture the powerful and mythical aura surrounding the fearsome, dragon adorned vessels of these ancient Nordic Warriors.

The solution: Hire the Amish. Even if the Amish were not well versed in dragons and sea-faring ways, they were widely acclaimed as expert carpenters and craftsmen. The decision to hire Monroe Gingrich and his carpenters to build the Viking Ship that sets anchored at the main entrance . . . was a good one.

Our Viking Ship was built in August of 1967 and has endured, over the years, as a widely recognized and beloved symbol of Lake Viking.

The stone masonry foundation of the Lake Viking Ship was built by Don Feters. Mr. Feters also built the stone masonry fireplace at the community building.

## Quick Facts

- Have you ever wondered about the black metal objects on each end of the Viking Ships stone foundation? They are actually burners from which propane flames once illuminated the ship at night.
- The flag and the spotlight to illuminate it were installed at the ship in 1971.
- A time capsule was buried at the foot of the ship in 2000.



# The Nordic Influence

## Viking Valley or Valkyrie Valley - do you know the difference?

Answer: The Viking Valley Association is the non-profit corporation that owns the Lake, the roads, and the facilities and collects dues to maintain this infrastructure. Ownership of Lake Viking was incrementally transferred, between the years of 1970 and 1976, from Development Services Incorporated after the Lake was built and developed.

Valkyrie Valley, on the other hand, is a legal, geographical description. All Lake Viking properties comprise Valkyrie Valley which consists of the Lake and the original 2000 lots which were surveyed and platted by Development Services Inc. before Lake Viking was built in 1967.

While both Vikings and Valkyries are fixtures of Nordic lore, one is a historical reality while the other is myth. In order to be a true Viking connoisseur, one must be in touch with both the historical and the mythical sides.

Vikings certainly existed. This legendary civilization virtually ruled the seas during the middle ages. They were fierce warriors and fearless adventurers, who conquered and colonized parts of three continents.

Valkyries, on the other hand, are from Norse Mythology, which inspired the Vikings.

Valkyries were female war-helmet clad maidens who worked for Odin (the Viking God of war). When brave and valiant warriors died in battle, Valkyries swooped down upon the fallen heroes and transported them up to Valhalla (Viking Heaven).

Once the Valkyries were back in Valhalla, wouldn't you know it, they traded in their war-helmets for aprons. Their heavenly duties required them to serve as libation bearers. Valkyries were to keep the inhabitants of Valhalla supplied with drink while taking great care of the drinking chalices.

There was actually a reason for all this. Odin had need of a celestial army well-maintained and plied with drink. His warriors, on a final Armageddon-like day, which was predestined in Norse mythology, would be needed for the final battle between the forces of good and evil.

But until that dreaded day of ultimate mayhem in Valhalla, the mythical Viking Warriors are finding more pleasant things to do as suggested by this announcement that

appeared in an early brochure advertising Lake Viking: "The Norsemen picked a beautiful valley with a beautiful lake and, one night, under a full moon landed their Viking ships at Valkyrie Valley"

Then, shortly after those lines were written, the first Lake Viking sign appeared on the road to the lake's main entrance. It was a large billboard (shown on this book's cover) featuring the picture of a golden haired Valkyrie!

Our billboard Valkyrie has an expression on her face that is very contemplative. What was she thinking? Could it be . . .

"wait till you see the names on the road signs!"



As this heavy cloud of early morning fog lifts, don't be surprised to see the ghostly apparition of a Viking Ship gliding across the lake.

# Early Lake Viking Road Signs

Whether the roads at Lake Viking were named by our Valkyrie, or - as another story suggests - by a daughter of one the developers, one has to admit: these old Nordic road names were, well . . . different.

**FYI:** There are still numerous copies of the Lake Viking map with the old road names listed. One such copy is the large map posted on the wall of the Yacht Club Community Building.

**Pop Quiz:**  
What would these road signs say in Viking-speak?

Present Name:	Early Viking Name:
Annapolis Drive	Thor Lane
Admiral Drive	Valhalla
Barracuda Drive	Lief Ericson Drive
Baywatch Court	Skandia Point
Bluegill Drive	Oslo Drive
Crayfish Point	Jurgen Point
Fisherman Road	Norstag Terrace
Fox Road	Troedeboar Road
Hideaway Road	Nordkyn Lane
Neptune Court	Stickkelsdor Street
Rowboat Drive	Toredag Drive
Sailor Point	Skool Point
Schooner Drive	Skodar Blvd.





# Just a Farmer's Wife

No history of Lake Viking would be complete without mention of Roberta Sandy. Roberta grew up in the Winston area and married Kenneth Sandy. Her early years were consumed with raising three sons and the duties of a homemaker.

Roberta was involved in numerous organizations throughout the county. Eventually, she became acquainted with Kenneth F. Gorman, the President of Development Services Inc. Shortly after the Sandys bought one of the first lots, Roberta asked Gorman to give her a job on the Lake Viking sales staff.

During early development, Lake Viking was a busy place. There were continual promotions and big advertisements in the St. Joseph and Kansas City newspapers, and contests on weekends to draw in prospective buyers. Lots were selling like hotcakes. Competition was intense. Business was so brisk that Development Services employed 15 salesmen! Needless to say, these 15 men were less than impressed when Roberta Sandy showed up, fresh off the farm, to begin her new job as . . . a Lake Viking sales lady.

"Every day, those salesmen would lineup at the main entrance to meet customers who came to look at lots," Roberta recalls. "And every day I would start at the back of the line and wouldn't get a client unless the other salesmen were engaged.

In retrospect, however, Roberta is

philosophical: "I can't blame those men. They were professional salesmen. Many had relocated with their families, to Gallatin, in order to advance their careers...and I was just a farmer's wife."

Roberta didn't get discouraged. "I was the tenth of eleven children in our family. I knew a little bit about fighting for a place at the table."

It turned out that Roberta had another advantage. She knew a lot of people from the area. She began talking to people she knew, telling them about Lake Viking, encouraging them to come out and, most importantly, to ask for her when arriving! Soon she began making sales and more sales.

Roberta's perseverance paid dividends. By 1972, DSI had sold most of the lots and was ready to move on. The company had their sights on a new development location.

In a bold stroke, Roberta arrived at an agreement with DSI whereby the company would transfer Exclusive Realtor rights to her if she would buy their 70 remaining lots.

Roberta took a deep breath and signed the contract. In four short years, Roberta went from being the lowest face on the sales totem pole to Exclusive Realtor status. And as the owner of Lake Viking Sales, she's been an integral part of the Lake Viking scene ever since.

During a recent conversation, Roberta Sandy issued a tongue in cheek caveat: "You'll hear a lot of stories about me," she cautioned. "And I want to warn you - they're all true!"

This year, as Lake Viking celebrates its 40th anniversary, Roberta Sandy can take pride in her role in the Lake's progress.



Roberta Sandy

## Quick Facts about Roberta Sandy:

- She's lost track of all the lots she's sold. Mostly because she's sold many of the lots several times.
- Roberta became a full-fledged "horse trader" several years ago when she took a horse as down payment for a lot.
- Roberta also once accepted the contents of a big china pot and a beer mug as a down payment. The pot was full of pennies. The mug was full of nickels, dimes and quarters. The down payment was \$ 1,100 all in coin.
- Roberta has served as President of the Seven County (now St Joseph) Area Realtors Association and was also listed in The National Registry of Who's Who. She was recently honored for having served on the Cameron Regional Medical Center (Cameron Hospital) Board for 42 YEARS!!!

# DUST & MUD

Imagine the construction of Lake Viking. This was no small project. The area around the future lake was a beehive of activity. There must have been a continual roar from the diesel engines of dozers, end-loaders, scrapers, dump-trucks, and cement trucks. Imagine the dust!

Roberta Sandy recalls thinking that the bulldozers would wear out their tracks from going over the dam again and again. Of course, one of the most important aspects of building the dam would have been the compacting of the dirt and rock fill, and this is what the heavy equipment was doing during the repeated runs over the dam.

At the same time the dam was being built, roads were being graveled, and lots were being offered for sale. Traffic on the roads leading to the Lake began to increase. On weekends, there were continual sales promotions designed to bring in buyers. The staff of sales personnel would sit in line, in their cars, waiting for prospective clients to pour into the Lake's main entrance.

As the salesmen waited for their customers to arrive, it was as if they were operating on a primal communication system of smoke signals. They knew prospective buyers were getting close by the clouds of dust arising from the newly graveled roads.

Of course the opposite extreme of the continual dust was . . . mud! When it rained, as it often did during those construction years of 1967 and 1968, the job-site was quickly transformed into a vast unnavigable moonscape of muck and mud!

During the first year of construction, there were several torrential rains that washed the beginnings of the dam completely away. In May of 1968, after once again loosing ground to floods, Bennett Construction brought in reinforcements for their battle against the elements. With the addition of more large earth moving scrapers and dozers, the Construction Company finally prevailed to the extent that the dam was built to a height of twenty-five feet.

Later, after the Lake began to hold water, anxious lot owners brought their boats out, even though docks were few and launches were virtually non-existent. In those early days, when even the Tate Marina had yet to build a launch, the mud was actually an asset.

Marion Caldwell recalls eager boaters backing their trailers up in a pasture close to the Marina then scooting the boats through the mud and into the water.

"It worked," Caldwell recalls. "But there was a lot more clean-up afterwards. And after the mud dried . . . you should have seen all the ruts! "

Yes, a lot can happen in forty years. Lake Viking has really come a long way.



During construction of dam, the dozers were often mired in mud!



# The Staff

Road maintenance, lake maintenance, shoreline maintenance, campground maintenance, erosion control, snow removal, mowing, road and boating enforcement, record keeping, building permits, collections, budgets . . . and even goose control!

These are just some of the responsibilities of Association Manager Shad Mort and his staff. When you stop and think about it, they really get a lot done.



Picture (L to R): Jack Humphrey, Terry Shank, Jerry Carter, Nathan Gann, Larry Brown, Rusty Hendricks, James Davis, Frank Brasfield, Jim Boehm, Jeff Johnson, Zack Morrison, Tom Archibald, Brenda Dannar- Winfree, Shad Mort, Sally Zerbe, Matt Hostetler.

Lake Viking has had numerous Lake Managers and - as they were first called - project managers. A list of their names and years they served (as near as we can figure) is contained in the Appendix.

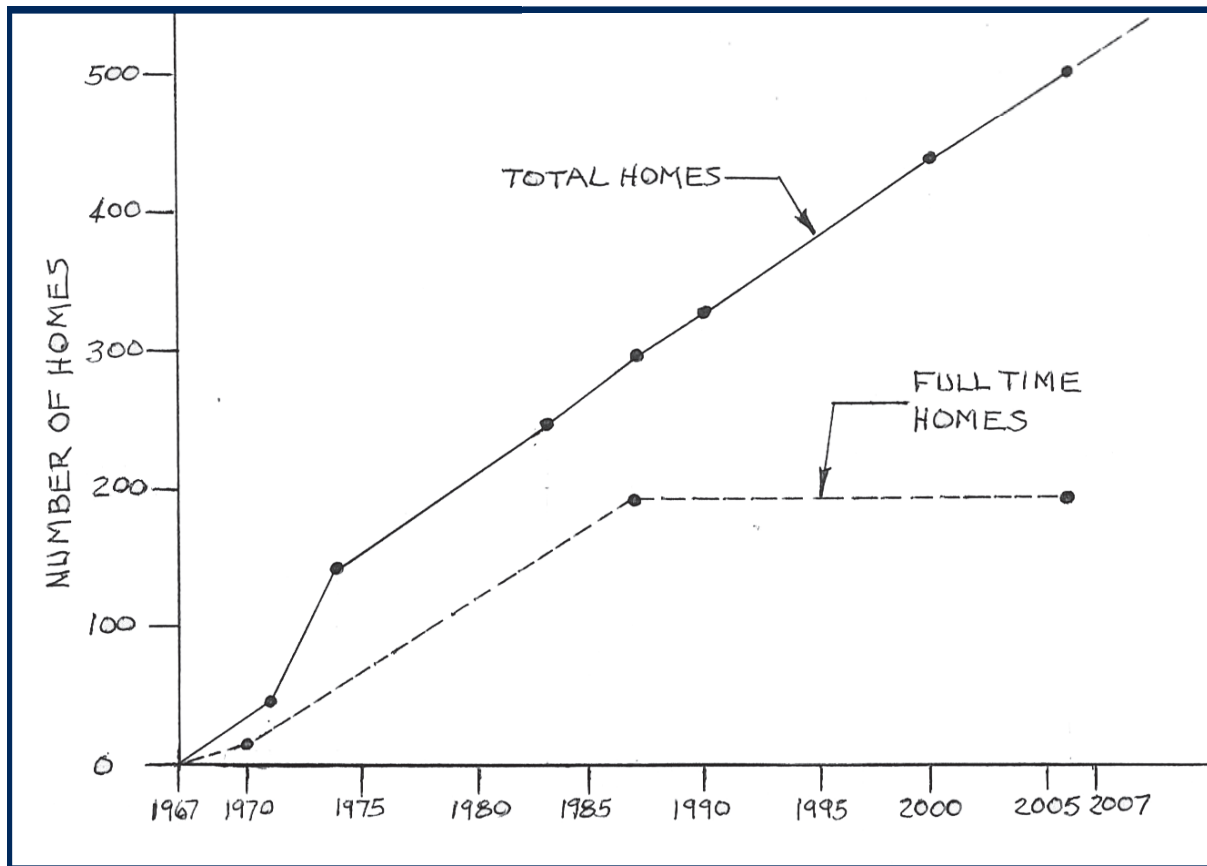
Robert Feigley was Lake Manager for the longest duration - 17 years.

Shad Mort has been Lake Manager since February 2005.

Brenda Dannar-Winfree has the most years on the staff. She started in 1988!

One of the first persons hired by the Lake Association was Kenny Mort (for security), who is the grandfather of current Lake Manager Shad Mort.

# Lake Viking Homes



*Graph by Norman Larason*

There are 318 waterfront homes and 168 tier homes at Lake Viking.

62% of homeowners are part-time residents. 38% are full-time residents.

## Homes built on Lake Viking since 1984:

1984 – 18	1985 – 11	1986 – 14	1987 – 17	1988 – 7	1989 – 11
1990 – 6	1991 – 14	1992 – 13	1993 – 17	1994 – 16	1995 – 9
1996 – 11	1997 – 13	1998 – 8	1999 – 4	2000 – 11	2001 – 8
2002 – 7	2003 – 5	2004 – 10	2005 – 17	2006 – 7	2007 – 12



# Lake Viking's *First Fire Truck*

In May of 1973, The Viking Valley Association proudly announced the acquisition of the Lake's first fire truck. The fire truck, despite being new to Lake Viking . . . wasn't exactly a spring chicken. It was, in fact, a seasoned old warrior, which had seen action in many fires after having been purchased new by the Raytown Fire District . . . in 1948.

The fire truck, a 1948 Ford with a standard two-ton chassis, was outfitted and assembled by the American La France Corp. The Lake Viking Association found out the truck was for sale through George Smith. Smith was a Lake Viking resident who had, previous to his retirement, served as the Raytown Fire Chief for 25 years. He was present the day the truck was delivered brand new to Raytown. Ironically, the fire truck had also served as Raytown's first.

In the Raytown Fire Department logbook, which George Smith kept during his years as Fire Chief, he records the arrival of the new fire truck on December 8, 1948. The truck was shipped on a railroad flat car and, after being unloaded, was immediately fitted, by Raytown Volunteer Firemen, with 300 feet of hose. Raytown paid \$7,792.79 for the truck in 1948. In 1973 it was sold to the Association for \$3,606.

It is said that beauty is in the eye of the beholder. Despite its age, there were many attractive qualities about Lake Viking's first fire truck. The truck's bright red exterior still held its luster, and it had an aerial ladder system that was only 2 years old. The engine had been rebuilt

and, as a result, turned over perfectly and started as well as a new model. Amazingly, when the fire truck was delivered from Raytown to Lake Viking, it was still on the original front tires.

By 1973, Raytown had experienced tremendous growth and was seeking a higher ISO rating for its fire department.



George Smith with Lake Viking's first Fire Truck when it was new in 1948  
(at Raytown)

During Chief Smith's 26-year career, Raytown's Fire Dept. had expanded from only one full-time employee (Smith), to a point where he had 19 firemen under his supervision.

One of the criteria for a better rating for the expanded department was a modernized fleet of trucks. Thus, it was adios to the old '48 model. George Smith knew that there still wasn't anything wrong with the old fire truck. He advised

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the Association to make the purchase.

In the meantime, The Lake Viking Association needed an ISO rating improvement as well. The current rating was non-existent – a big zero! – from having no fire truck at all. Worse yet, a very expensive home at the Lake had just burned to the ground as a result. The fact that Raytown's truck had a pump

and a 500 gallon water tank was also an important factor. At that time, there were few hydrants at the Lake and water often had to be pumped from the Lake.

Yep, this was a match made in heaven. The old 1948 fire-truck still had a lot of years of service left in 1973. It served the Lake Viking Volunteer Fire Department until it was finally retired in 1989.

## ***The Lake Viking Fire Department***



Pictured: Chief Larry Hillman, James Davis, Jeff Johnson, Zack Morrison, Asst. Chief Susan Jackson, and Glen Parrack. Not pictured Warren Newberry, Terry Jarboe, and Dennis Lund.

Larry Hillman has been Lake Viking Fire Chief since 2004

In addition to serving on the Volunteer Fire Department, Susan Jackson, Zack Morrison, James Davis, and Glen Parrack serve as First Responders for the Lake Viking Area.

Susan Jackson has also completed training to qualify as EMT

Warren Newberry, Zack Morrison, and Chief Larry Hillman have qualified as Certified Rescue Divers with their training consisting of classes in Kansas City and actual open water dives at Table Rock Lake.

After years of carrying an ISO fire rating of 9.0. Chief Hillman is able to announce that as a result of his department meeting the necessary criteria, Lake Viking's rating will drop to 7.0 as of November 1, 2007. This lower rating promises to result in lower insurance rates for many Association Members.

The Association now has three trucks in their fire-fighting fleet:

- 1979 Ford Class A pumper (in picture)
- 1985 Chevy, and 1995 Chevy, both  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton with self-contained 300 gallon tanks for fighting grass fires and minor fires.



# The Lake Viking Church

In November 1985, The Lake Viking News reported the following building permits granted by the Association for that year: 7 new homes, 2 new mobile homes, 11 utility buildings, 22 docks, 4 garages, and . . . 1 church.

At last. The Lake Viking Congregation would have a home!

As early as 1968, Hubert Tate arranged for land to be set aside, at the main entrance of Lake Viking, for a church. However, for its first thirteen years of existence, the Lake Viking Church met in the clubhouse.

The church began on May 28, 1972 when Hubert Tate brought in Rev. Melvin West to hold services. Rev. West was the Area Director of Church and Community Work for the United Methodist Church. He and Linda Reed, of Maryville, started the church off by leading services every Sunday for the first four months of the church's existence.

October 22, 1972 marked the first Sunday on which church members held services on their own. Throughout the remainder of that year, lay speakers were featured with original charter members Willis McCaulla and Ruth Slatten taking leading roles. The church was off and running, but in December of 1972, the church decided to disband until April 1, 1973. They had to. There was no heat at the clubhouse!

As anti-climactic as the finish of 1972 was, 1973 featured many important milestones. A building committee was formed with Hubert Tate and Roberta Sandy as the co-chairs. The church held its first communion on October 7, 1973, and was officially named the Lake Viking Ecumenical Church.

Baptist, Christian (Disciples of Christ), Methodist, Roman Catholic, and Re-organized Latter Day Saints were the denominations of the small group of original members. Thus, an early realization of the diversity in the Lake community was reflected in the church. Membership was open to anyone professing Christian Faith.

1974 was another important year. On March 12, 1974 The Lake Viking Church received its charter. The church's first baptism service took place (lakeside), but the church also had its first memorial. It was for Hubert Tate, who died on June 19, 1974. Tate, as earlier stated, was responsible for setting aside land for the church. His son, Phil Tate, was also instrumental in helping the church get started.

In 1983, due to a general misunderstanding of the word ecumenical, it was decided that the church would be interdenominational and its name would be Lake Viking Church. On July 3, 1983, Joe Palmer became the church's first full-time pastor.

In 1972, with a new church building only a distant dream, the small congregation had decided to set aside 10% of collections for a building fund. Thus, when the church was built in 1985, it was "debt free." On November 3, 1985, the dream materialized when the first service was held in the new church.

In 1992, Joe Palmer retired, and Alvin Hillman became the church's second full-time pastor. Pastor Hillman was actually retired when he became Pastor at Lake Viking. His "retirement job" lasted 14 years, during which he shepherded the Lake Viking Church



Pastor Robert Nelson



Pastor Alvin Hillman

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through a period of positive growth.

November 5, 2006 marked another milestone in Church History. On that Sunday, Robert Nelson became the Pastor at Lake Viking Church. Pastor Nelson projects a dynamic and inspirational speaking style, entirely scriptural based, which has drawn an even larger church membership. Pastor Nelson and the Lake Viking Church congregation eagerly invite anyone to attend. Sunday Church Services are at 10 a.m.

## Lake Viking Church Photo Gallery



The Lake Viking Church



### And The young at heart

Theodore Crawford baptized at age 95.



Lucille Foster, Norma McCaulla, and Ruth Bailey are original church members.

The first Board Members of The Lake Viking Church (elected in 1972) were Dick McLauchlen, Ruth Slatten,

Martin Gomer, Lucille Foster, and Willis McCaulla

Church members joining Lake Viking Church before the annual meeting in June, 1975 are Charter Members. There are 55 Charter Members.

The Lake Viking Cemetery is managed by The Viking Valley Association and situated next to the Lake Viking Church.

## Interesting Facts

During 43 years at Lake Viking and other congregations, Pastor Hillman has preached thousands of sermons. One Easter, he preached 5 sermons at 5 churches!

Besides being a skilled preacher, Pastor Robert Nelson is musically gifted. He and his wife Mari Beth often sing duets during the service . . . and Pastor Bob plays a pretty good guitar. His Christian Rock group – Servants of the Most High – performed at the 40th Anniversary celebration.

### The Lake Viking Church has taken an active and expanding role in ministering to the youth



Easter Egg Hunt 2007



Jessi Becerra and Maria Bickford are part of the church youth.



# Lake Viking Marine



Throughout Lake Viking's forty-year history, there have been numerous conditions that have contributed to the Lake's growth and success. One of the advantages the Lake has always enjoyed is the presence of a Marina.

In December of 1967, the Lake Viking News announced:

"Construction is under way on Tate Marine Inc. - the only Marina to be located on beautiful Lake Viking."

Kimball Engineering designed the marina. Plans called for a building, a hard-surface parking area, a concrete launching ramp, and a marine gas and oil dock. 100 boat-slips were in the plans and everything was to be completed by spring of 1968.

In November of 1969, owners Hubert Tate and manager Phil Tate announced that the Marina building was completed. They were ready to accept boats to winterize and for storage. In April of 1970, Tate Marine announced that they were ready for a big season, and had a full-time factory-trained mechanic who had spent the winter at Waukegan, IL attending service school.

That mechanic happened to be Larry Tague, who continued to work for Tate Marine until 1973. From there, Larry moved to Carthage, Mo. to become assistant manager at Bob Carroll Marine.

By 1977, the Tate's sold the Marina. The new owners changed the name to Viking

Marina. They also hired a manager - Larry Tague, who returned and continued to manage the operation until 1983.

In 1986, the Marina was sold to Roland Malot. In March, 1988 foreclosure was initiated by the Mercantile Bank of Kansas City. The Marina was going bankrupt!



The Staff at Lake Viking Marine. Front row (L to R) Tyler Rogers & Brandon Meseberg. Middle row (L to R) Larry Hillman, Steve Berggren, Glen Parrack, Larry Tague, Sherry Tague, Susan Jackson, Duane Karstens, Garret Rogers, Randy Tague. Back Row: Haleigh Tague, Alex King, Johny Smith

About the time when things were looking the worst is when a big turn-around began. Glen Mayo, who had been very active, both with the Association and with the Lions Club, bought the Marina from the Mercantile Bank.

Mayo was a good businessman. The first thing he did was to select a partner, who was knowledgeable in selling and servicing boats. That partner was none other than Larry Tague. Larry had been building his resume

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with career stops at the Midwest Marine in Leavenworth and the Village Marine at Lake of the Ozarks.

Mayo took Larry Tague as part-owner of the newly named Lake Viking Marine with the understanding that Larry's ownership would increase as the Marina's sales performance increased. Tague would manage the marina, select boat lines, hire employees, and supervise all aspects of the business operation.

As they say, "the rest is history." In 1988 sales revenues at Lake Viking Marine were \$200,000. During the past four years, revenues have averaged over three million dollars while topping out at five million dollars in 2006.

The success of Lake Viking Marine is no accident. Each year, the marina sets up at boat shows in cities in the Midwest. Sales are also Internet driven with the web-site accounting for 80% of used boat sales.

But, most important is Lake Viking Marine's growing reputation as an industry leader. In 1998, 2000, and 2002, Lake Viking Marine was the regional Customer Service Index Award Leader among Cobalt Dealerships. In addition, Lake Viking Marine won Cobalt's National CSI Award in 2002.

In 2006, from a list of 4,000 applicants, the boating industry ranked the top 100 dealerships in the nation. Lake Viking was number 74, nationwide, and 5th in the nation in Customer Service Index.

Lake Viking Marine is among only 99 dealerships awarded a five-star rating by National Marine Mfg. Association, and the first in Missouri to garner the five-star award.

As Lake Viking celebrates its 40th Anniversary this year, Lake Viking Marine can also celebrate a distinguished record of service and achievement.

## It's been a nice 40 years for sailing

Dr. Larry Graham was one of the first to buy a lot on Lake Viking. As soon as there was water in the lake – long before the lake was full – Dr. Graham eagerly launched his sailboat, despite the fact that he couldn't go very far. The picture to

the right shows Dr. Graham sailing his 20 foot Venice 4 sailboat during those early days.

During the forty years Lake Viking has been in existence, Dr. Graham has often been seen sailing the lake. Thus, it's not surprising that Dr. Graham was out sailing during Lake Viking's Fortieth Anniversary celebration, on July 21, 2007. On that day, he could be seen gliding across the lake (left photo) in the same sailboat he used forty years ago.

Yes, Dr. Larry Graham will be the first to acknowledge: "It's Been A Good 40 Years For Sailing!"





# The Boats



During Lake Vikings early days, eager boaters took to the water long before the lake was full . . . and docked where they could.



Another perfect day for boating!



Pirates are occasional visitors to Lake Viking. In this case: the Anderbergs, who were boat parade winners in 2005, 2006 & 2007.

# High Water Marks

Almost since day one at Lake Viking, docks, boatlifts, and boats in boathouses have been known to take occasional abuse during high water.

Perhaps the first recorded instance of this was in the Nov. 14, 1969 edition of the Lake Viking News. In this issue, there were several photos of temporary docks, which were suddenly distanced from the shoreline due to a heavy rain.

Because of abundant rainfall in 1969, Lake Viking was on the verge of filling by spring of 1970. At that time, the waterline was getting very close to the top of the spillway, when a heavy rain came. Phil Tate and Larry Tague put on their raincoats, got in a boat, went out to the spillway, and personally witnessed the very first instance of water going over the top.

During another heavy rain late at night, Marion Caldwell, the Gallatin Insurance Agent, went out to check his boat. As he arrived at the water's edge, a man approached in the darkness . . . and asked Marion if he could sell him a policy on boat insurance.

Everyone remembers the flood of 1993, when high waters raged and reaped widespread devastation. Even residents in such flood-accustomed areas as the Quad Cities, Des Moines, Kansas City and St. Louis had never seen the like.

In the little town of Hardin, Missouri, the Crooked River washed away a Cemetery necessitating a rather grim retrieval of both bodies and caskets. When it was over, Climatologists declared the floods of 1993 as a once in a 500-year occurrence.

We certainly hope so, yet just this year, many were reminded of 1993 when on May 6, a two-day deluge totaling 8 inches or more in numerous areas, sent water over the shoreline and onto lots.

Many people thought the 2007 high water was equal to that of 1993. A few were certain that the water was even higher. Larry Tague, owner of Lake Viking Marine, painted a line marking the high water level in 1993. Larry reports that the high water of 2007 came within 6 inches of the 1993 mark!



High water reached its peak on May 7, 2007 at the dam's west end.

Water rushed out and down the spillway



## Erosion -A Major Challenge

When construction began on the Lake Viking Dam, it was thwarted because of the numerous times that rainwater from Big Creek washed away the earthwork. This common occurrence of rampaging water was, however, an asset when it came to quickly filling the new lake.

Some perceived years before the lake would be full. In May of 1968, the lake was little more than a large pond. Yet, by September of 1969, after two hard rains, the lake had risen nine feet in one month! Only nine feet remained before it reached the spillway.

As runoff continued to pour into the lake, Association Members rejoiced at the lake becoming full. Unfortunately, a new complication was also materializing – silting!

Within a decade after Lake Viking was built, silting was a major concern. At that time, much of the 9,000-acre area draining into the lake was cultivated for crops. Thus, every rain dumped more topsoil into the lake. Besides silting from plowed ground, the lake was experiencing severe erosion on lots where shorelines weren't rip-rapped.

As the Association continued attempts to combat silting, it became obvious that outside assistance was needed in order to confront the overwhelming problem. In 1985, the engineering firm of Burns & McDonnell was hired to: 1.) Identify the magnitude of the silting at Lake Viking, and 2.) Propose both short-term and long-term solutions.

The findings of the Burns & McDonnell report were daunting. It was estimated that 51,139 tons of dirt (the equivalent of 2,500 20-ton dump truck loads) was ending up in the bottom of the lake each year.

In 1985 Ray Williams, a longtime Board Member, began a crusade to direct Lake Viking toward a resolution of the problem. At the time, numerous government land conservation-funding programs were available.



Mr. Williams' effort in coordinating with these programs was a significant factor in preserving the quality of Lake Viking.

CRP (Conservation Reserve Program) and, more importantly, Special Area Land Treatment program (SALT) were instrumental. CRP paid farmers to take land out of crop production and seed it for pasture. SALT, however, was a more complex system.

SALT was a five-year program, which based available funding on a ranking according to need, while working with landowners on an individual basis. Virtually every ditch and gully was walked by agents. Then, a narrative was written detailing remedial measures that included such things as terraces, dams, steel culverts and rip-rap. Finally, the entire funding structure was contingent on meeting a local enrollment percentage.

In all of these cases, Lake Viking passed with flying colors. When applications for SALT funding were read, in Jefferson City, Lake Viking was ranked as the number one priority in the state of Missouri. In addition, landowner participation in the proposed erosion control project was a whopping 92 per cent!

Once again, as in 1967, cooperation from surrounding landowners gave Lake Viking a needed boost. It wasn't just neighboring farmers who needed to pitch in. It was the Association's responsibility to get rock on the shorelines and to build sediment traps in the numerous inlets to the lake.

The Lake has done its part. For many years, The Association has provided free trucking for any rock purchased to control erosion on lots and shorelines. Numerous silt traps have been built, and they continue to be cleaned out in order to combat silting.



# Sir Dredge-A-Lot *to the Rescue*

Erosion and silting have always been chronic problems. As early as 1976, The Lake Viking News reported the Association's purchase of a Mud Cat Dredge.

There were high hopes for the Mud Cat. In 1976 and 1977 everyone was singing its praises. After several years, however, it became obvious that the Mud Cat was a "lightweight." With only a 4 inch intake and a six inch outlet line, it was simply too small for Lake Viking's substantial needs. Rocks, small branches and even sticks from beaver dams reaped havoc. By 1980, the Mud Cat was written off as a failure.

Subsequently, dredging was done by a dragline. The Association hired dragline operators to clean out the coves and rented its services to property owners on weekends.

In August of 1988, The Association bought a 405 Koering Dragline that had previously worked for the lake on contract. The dragline worked fine for work close to the shoreline. It helped to improve many coves, including Three Tubes, but it was effective only within the 65 foot perimeter which was in reach of its boom.

Finally, in 1990, the Association took a major step, in the battle against silting, and purchased a larger dredge. The dredge, which was relatively new and in good condition, was purchased by Lake Manager Bob Feigley and Board Members Ray Williams and Dean Lee at an auction in Pleasant Hill. In addition to the dredge, the Association was able to acquire a needed high-powered booster pump and a mile and a half of twelve-inch pipe for discharge.

After the ill-fated Mud Cat adventure, there were doubts as to the wisdom of purchasing another dredge. However, the booster pump and the doubling of the size of the discharge pipe made all the difference in the world. The new dredge soon became a workhorse and began filling sediment basins faster than they could be built. Dredging operations continued and a great deal of silt was removed from the lake.

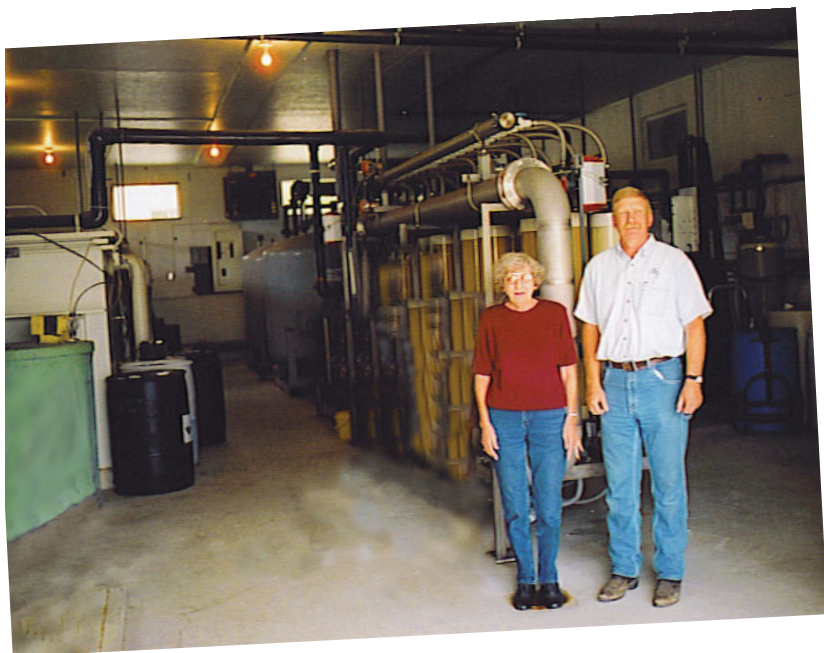
Fast forward to 2004: The dredge had fallen into disrepair and disuse. Lake Management Consultant George Townsend realized the critical importance of resuming dredging again, and initiated actions to restart operations. When Shad Mort became Lake Manager, in 2005, he finalized the necessary repairs to make the dredge functional.

In order to rekindle interest in the dredge, Shad also started a contest to name the dredge. The choice, by popular vote, on the Lake Viking web-site, was Sir Dredge-A-Lot. The name couldn't be more appropriate. Dredge a lot is exactly what is needed to preserve the excellent conditions that Association members have become accustomed to.



Lake Manager Shad Mort and Sir Dredge-A-Lot





Longtime water system employees Ruth Gibson and Roger Barker  
(Zack Morrison was hired in September 2007)

# The Water Plant

When Lake Viking was built, an obvious cornerstone of the development was the water plant. DSI had built numerous other water systems for their lake developments that were widely regarded as being innovative. During construction, DSI promised to supply water to anyone building a house before the water facility was completed.

Editions from 1968 and 1969 Lake Viking News tell of contracts being let for the building of a water distribution system with a targeted completion date of 1970.

The April 1970 issue reports construction delays and a steak dinner bet between Board Members Ray Melton and Ed Hausman over the actual completion. The same issue reports of a special Association Meeting regarding purchase of the water system.

The water system was finally completed and operational on July 17, 1971 with water charges of \$5 a month beginning on July 1, and billed quarterly.

According to the Daviess County History (1986 edition), the final sale of the water system to the Association was in 1976 – for a price of \$300,000. This was a substantial investment, but one that was forecast to become profitable in the future.

In May 1977, it was reported water consumption had already run as high as 170,000 gallons on a peak day. The problem was that the plant only had the capacity to process 150,000 gallons a day. Whenever the plant pumps more water than it can purify, it is subject to being red-tagged and shut down by the state. Solution: new water meters on each property to help monitor consumption.

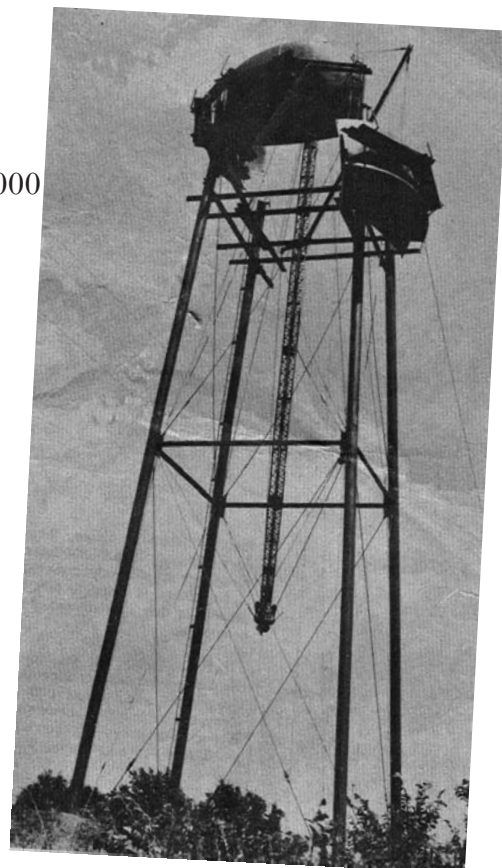
By December of 1986, when Bob Feigley became Lake Manager, housing on the lake was rapidly increasing. Feigley began installing more fire-hydrants.

From the earliest days of the lake's water system, Harold Gooding was in charge of the water department. In 1982, the Association hired a young man, named Roger Barker, who also helped with water-system maintenance.

As Roger continued to work at the water plant, he became more and more interested. He decided to study and take the test to become a state-licensed certified water plant operator. This put Roger in position to eventually run the water facility.

In 1996, the water system was demanding an increasing

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Assembling the water tower in 1970

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amount of Association resources. Increased building on the lake was driving up water consumption, which ultimately led to the Association falling under increasing scrutiny from the Missouri Department of Health. Meanwhile the Association had to balance expenditure needs of the water facility with those of other areas, in order to make budget.

In a June 5th meeting with Lake Manager Feigley, Missouri Department of Health representatives recommended that the Lake Viking water facility become a special water district. The Association was in agreement; but reserve had to increase before the system could meet the necessary criteria to become a separate district.

The dilemma was finally resolved by a system upgrade allowing the organization of PWSD # 3. The basis of change was the \$500 per house and \$100 per lot user fees, which are still in effect today. The old “water boy” units were converted to pre-treatment while a clear well was built for reserve.

Another result of the new water district was more realistic pricing, which aided in moderating consumption. Before the water district was organized, water was cheap with the old \$5 monthly minimum still in effect.

It doesn't seem possible, but the highest daily water consumption ever recorded by the water plant was on August 7, 1995. On that day 203,400 gallons of water were used. Roger Barker reports that month to be the only one in which 4,000,000 gallons of water were used.

Finally, in 2000 a major upgrade occurred as a result of a revenue bond. The new, state-of-the-art, 3-step filtration system installed in the water plant was, at the time, only the second in Missouri, and it put PWSD #3 of Daviess County way ahead of the curve.

## *Quick Facts about PWSD #3*

- In 1982, the water plant pumped an average of 20,000 gallons per day.
- Today, the plant pumps an average of 73,000 gallons per day.
- Today, the facility pumps at a rate of 120 gallons per minute, and, if needed can pump up to 140 gallons per minute.
- In 1995 the water plant's reserve was 11,000 gallons. Today it's 300,000 gallons!

Steps in current water processing operation are from lake to holding pond, to filtration system, to clear well. The filtration system is in three steps:

- 1.) Mixed media (consisting of the old water boy tanks)
- 2.) Ultra filtration
- 3.) Carbon granular activated filtration



# The Airport

## The Airport

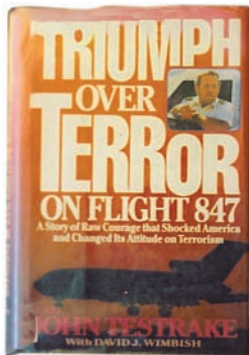
The story behind the decision to build an airport at Lake Viking – like many stories - is one with several different versions.

One story has the airport decision being made by a group of investor/developers who were drinking beer together. Another version maintains that original Lake Viking plans called for a golf course with the decision to build an airstrip as a compromise between pro-golf course and anti-golf course factions.

The final version holds that an airport always was part of the game plan. Who knows? Several old advertising brochures, like the one pictured below, make no mention of an airstrip. On the other hand, a 3600' airstrip, along with the clubhouse, campgrounds, beaches, and the swimming pool were among the first fixtures listed as completed in 1967.

One airport myth is centered around the misconception that John Testrake was instrumental in exerting influence to build the airstrip.

Actually, the opposite would be true. The airstrip was built long before Testrake bought property on the Lake. The fact that he chose to reside at Lake Viking was probably a result of the presence of an airstrip.



For those who don't remember, Captain John Testrake was on TWA flight 847, to Athens, which was taken hostage by Shi'ite terrorists on June 14, 1985. During the harrowing experience, one passenger was executed, but the steady, levelheaded leadership of Testrake and the other crew members was credited with saving the remaining hostages. The hostages were finally released on June 30, 1985, and Testrake returned to a hero's welcome at his home in Richmond Missouri .

At least two movies were made based on TWA Flight 847, and Testrake wrote a book titled Triumph Over Terror, which can be found at the Gallatin Library.

After he retired, John Testrake continued to fly, so it's probable that the airstrip was one of the factors in his decision to locate at Lake Viking. The presence of the airstrip is just one of the attractive amenities the Lake has to offer.

After John Testrake moved to Lake Viking, he ran for a seat in the State Legislature. His opponent in a race featuring both candidates with Lake Viking connections - was incumbent Phil Tate. Tate prevailed, and the two opposing candidates became good friends afterwards.

John Testrake died of cancer on February 6, 1996.



# An Enjoyable Sunday Afternoon

On Sunday, June 3, 2007, a unique group of Lake Viking Association members met in the community building. The common factor among the group of people in this gathering was that they were all connected to the very early days of Lake Viking's existence.

Several of those present had purchased lots in 1967, while others were children of original members, who still lived on the lake; and some on the same property their parents had owned. Still others were connected to the original property owners whose land eventually became the lake.

The meeting had been rather hastily convened, with a picture-taking session as the original intent. Undoubtedly, there were some who should have been present that weren't, but what transpired among those present made for a truly memorable event.

It was decided that attendees would introduce themselves and, then add any comments regarding their connection with the lake. What followed was a delightful round of recollections and reminiscences on the early days of Lake Viking.

Roberta Sandy got the meeting off with a bang by recounting numerous stories of the early days of Lake Viking . . . as only Roberta could. One of Roberta's stories was about how the developer had eagerly set up Len Dawson, the great quarterback of Kansas City Chiefs Super Bowl team, with a lot in hopes that he would bring



Longtime Association Members. Front row (L to R): Carol Teel, Ruth Bailey, Roberta Sandy, Betty Huffman, Jean Caldwell. 2nd row: Wayne & Carol Wood, Marvin Teel, G.H. & Dorothy Olsen, Nancy Terry, Marilyn Maize and Marion Caldwell. 3rd row: Dr. Larry Graham, Ed Minor, Dr. Jesse Maize and Phill Tate.

in buyers.

Jim Hausman, who is the son of Ed Hausman, a former Association President, expanded on Roberta's narrative. It turns out that the Hausman property was mistakenly identified as the Len Dawson property. The result was weekend onlookers driving their boats by the Hausman residence in hopes of getting a look at a football-star.

Another guest, Dr. Larry Graham, recalled how he rushed from his dentist practice to Lake Viking, at the end of the day, so he would be able to buy a lot. He bought his lot (#5) on the very second day lots were offered and has owned it ever since. Dr. Graham was a member of the first Association Lake Committee.

Another Dentist in the house – Dr. Jesse Maize – is a longtime Association member. He grew up on a farm on

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*An Enjoyable Sunday Afternoon* continued route DD and he recalled how Big Creek used to flood the family farm. George Olsen remembered farming and plowing the ground of the lakebed, which is now under water.

Phil Tate acknowledged those present, who had been customers of



Longtime members and children-members of original lot owners. Front row (L to R): Lucille Foster, Norma McCaulla, Jan & Donald Porter. 2nd row Steve & Deby Gann, Karl Frederick, Marian Larason, 3rd row Jim & Cindy Hausman Clara Frederick, Norman Larason. Upper row: Jim & Mary Riley



Longtime members and 2nd generation members  
From row: (L to R) Gerald Cooksey, Ed Froman, J.D. & Betty Zerbe  
Back: Betty Cooksey, Bob & Janet Hausman, Sally & Terry Zerbe

the Tate Marina. He also remembered his high-school job of helping ready the farmland to become a lake by clearing it of trees and brush.

Ruth Bailey and Norma McCaulla have both lived on the lake since the early days, and have no plans of leaving.

They, along with Lucille Foster, were charter members of the Lake Viking Church, as well as numerous other organizations at the Lake.

Steve Gann had childhood memories of his family making the long trip to Lake of the Ozarks before Lake Viking was built. Both Steve Gann and Karl Frederick's parents were original members, and both recalled bringing their future wives – Clara Frederick and Deby Gann - to Lake Viking on dates.

Wayne Wood recalled that several of the Wood families relocated to Gallatin from Carrolton to set up business when the lake was being built. The Wood brothers built many seawalls and other structures around the lake – including the concrete fence posts and cooking grills at the community areas.

Nancy Terry, like several others, has owned the same lot since year one, and she marveled at all of the building and development that has occurred. Marion and Jean Caldwell remembered how hard Gallatin folks worked to get Lake Viking built.

Marvin Teel recalled how water was delivered to the community building area, then piped across the road to his father's house.

Betty (Heyser) Huffman, who is descended from one of the original pioneer families of Daviess County, revealed that in the 1850's, her grandfather had homesteaded the land that is now the Lake Viking airstrip.

As the meeting concluded, all present realized they had benefited from an extraordinary glimpse into a window of the past . . . as only first-hand personal recollections can provide!



First Seawall being built in 1967



The first building permit for a house at Lake Viking was issued to Herman and Viola Teel. Their son Marvin and his wife Carol now reside in the house and are pictured in front of it.

## Lake Viking Firsts

First mail service was to community mailboxes east of Association Office.

First water-skiers were Marion and Jean Caldwell and J.W. and Bea Gann.

First sailboat on the lake belonged to Dr. Larry Graham.

First Airport hangar - a partnership of Junior Terry and Jack Lynch.

First seawall: Jr. Hockensmith, built by Wood Bros. Concrete (above photo)

First Marina in Missouri to get 5 star rating - Lake Viking Marine.

First Volunteer of the Year Award went to Bob Clemens in 2001.

Maybe it's not a first, but PWSD #3 at Lake Viking was, at the time, the second water system to be equipped with their new state-of-the-art filtration system!



# About the Yacht Club

*By Susan MacEachern*

At the other end of Lake Viking from the clubhouse and marina area sits a second, equally great meeting place. The octagonal-shaped social hub was built on its own peninsula in 1972 and is joined to the shore by the man-made isthmus and road called Eagle Point. A private club, property owners of most of the #3000's and #1200's, and "B" and "C" lot owners located around the south end of the lake are eligible to join. Only members and their guests may use the facility, which includes a huge party room with outstanding overhead beam work and a larger-than-normal size map of the entire lake, picnic tables and barbecue grills, horseshoe and volleyball areas, a swimming and children's play area, and boat slips rentable to club members at an extremely reasonable rate.

Many Yacht Club members are also summer-long campers, with permanent campsites set up at Campground #1. Returning year after year, the residents of Campground #1

enjoy a sense of community and social camaraderie, which carries over to their Yacht Club doings. The Association already maintains 175 campsites in two campgrounds, and plans to enlarge and improve Campground #1 in the near future.

Wishing to incorporate with the larger lake's general activities, the Yacht Club participates in the annual Progressive Dinner, which is held on the first Saturday evening in August. This is a perfect opportunity for the whole lake to enjoy the perfect setting found in the clubhouse on Eagle Point!

Club member Bonnie Harrah points out a location on the map in the clubhouse.



The Yacht Club sits atop a man-made peninsula.

## Clubs, Organizations, and Activities Around the Lake

*By Susan MacEachern*

As we celebrate our 40th Birthday at Valkyrie Valley, there are a few people who are celebrating nearly as many years of residence here. One of those lucky souls is Norma McCaulla, whose parents moved here in 1970. At that time there were only a handful of families residing along the shoreline.

According to Norma, her father felt the neighbors should “get to know each other,” so she and her parents went from house to house inviting folks to bring a potluck dish and a game, and meet one another. Thus was born the Supper Club. Thanks to the tireless efforts of friendly callers, such as JoAnn Myers and Harold and June Catt, the group is still meeting regularly. Usually you can join in the fun downstairs at the Clubhouse every 4th Saturday at 6:00, but occasionally the club does something extra special. Once they commandeered several pontoon boats and picnicked on the water, and once they met in Plattsburg, where one member was recuperating from a broken hip. Now, that’s what I call “friends.”

If potluck and games aren’t your style, how about Bridge? We’ve had a Bridge Club at the lake ever since we’ve had a lake! One of the original foursome, Ruth Bailey, says, “Fifty years ago bridge was the only thing to do in Gallatin.” And in 2007 the game still reigns, with eight regular players who meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday afternoon of every month. If you’d like to play as a substitute—or if you and three friends want to start a table, contact Nedra Eichler for details.

Lake members can also join a free water aerobics class led by Betty Cooksey each Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning from 8:00-9:00 throughout the pool season. Whether young or old, these low-impact exercises are a great way to start the day! For the active set there have been other physical activities, (such as Square Dancing Club,) from time to time. Organ players also had a club for about three years. Keyboards and lessons were provided by Joy Wilsted, and there are a few more organs around the lake as a result of her musical inspiration.

Our homemakers have a club, too. Originally established by Ina Naylor to be a chapter of the Listen and Learn Extension Club, the group has evolved into a monthly potluck luncheon with guest speaker. Annual

dues of \$12 are now collected and forwarded directly to charity, with no other duties required of members. It’s a great place to meet other women from the lake. Come to the Clubhouse as a guest any 2nd Thursday at noon, and see for yourself.

The Lake Viking Quilters and Needle Workers Guild meets at the lower level of the Clubhouse, to work together on quilts, on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. This group of needle crafters is a shining example of what a few generous souls can do for the good of the community.

Over the past decade they’ve donated quilts, lap blankets and wall hangings to victims of hurricane Katrina, the Salvation Army, the Gallatin Sunrise Center, the Green Hills Community Action Agency, and more. The group also provides a quilting magazine subscription to the Daviess County Library, and has donated quilts to be raffled by our Lake Viking Volunteer Fire Department.

In 1995 the group hosted its first quilt show, and pooled the proceeds together with Homemakers, L.V. Clippers, Lions Club funds, and the fire department, to install tornado warning sirens for our community. The group has also funded guard rails at low water crossings around the lake, and purchased Christmas lights for the city of Gallatin. Members visit local elementary schools to share tips on quilting and spread the philosophy of “...random acts of kindness.”

Do you feel your sewing skills or supplies are lacking? “That’s not a problem,” says contact Janice Humphrey. “Just come, and we’ll fix you up.” While some quilters sew to create a product, some sew more for the relaxation. Either way, if you show up to the quilting bee any alternate Tuesday from 10-2:00 (fall through spring) you’ll come away feeling rejuvenated.

Swimming, fishing and boating aren’t for you? Why not join—or even initiate—the activity that fits you to a “T?” The newly rejuvenated (after a 30+ year slumber) Activities Committee now produces 4-5 lake-wide events every year. Since 2005 they’ve sponsored a Junior Fishing Derby, Scarecrow Fest, Boat Parade, Progressive Dinner, Craft Bazaar, and more. Christmas of 2007 features a homes tour. The Activities Committee is always open to suggestions, and would welcome new members.

**All of this just goes to prove —  
there’s a ton of fun to be had at the lake.**



**FYI:** The Lake Viking Quilters keep improving on their production numbers. In 2006, they set a club standard by donating no less than 76 QUILTS that had been made by club members. 55 of the quilts went to social service organizations and 21 went to Mount Mercy Children's Hospital.

In 2007, the Lake Viking Quilters have already beat that record. Already, they have made and donated over 100 Quilts! So far, 60 quilts have been donated to Green Hills in Gallatin, 20 have gone to Family Services at Caldwell County, 11 quilts to Children's Mercy Hospital, and 15 more to the Festival of Sharing Division of the Methodist Church. Additional quilts will be donated in December 07.

## Clubs and Organizations Photo Gallery:



Quilters prepare for a big show.



Quilter Janice Humphrey and her creations



Shirley Leakey presents quilts to Caldwell County FSD



The Lake's Winter Crafts Bazaar

# Kids Kamp at Lake Viking

*By Susan MacEachern*

Lions Club members; what's their vision? That's exactly what they're all about—vision!! Lions Club International is an organization which exists to help the visually and hearing impaired. They accomplish this in a thousand ways. Throughout the country, local chapters are responsible for eye research, hearing and sight guide dog programs, cornea donations at eye banks, and the collection and distribution of discarded eyeglasses.

Let's count some of the ways their works are visible right here at Lake Viking:

- pancake breakfasts
- street lamps
- litter-free roads
- trees planted at the cemetery
- nicely painted clubhouse and shelters around the lake
- a wonderful pavilion south of the clubhouse
- 2 scholarships each year to local high school graduates
- contributions to the 100-year-old Jameson picnic (a four day event)
- donations to the Eye Research Foundation in Columbia
- our spectacular July 4th fireworks
- Kids Kamp

Okay, we've all seen the signs for the pancake breakfasts, and we've all watched the fireworks — but what is Kids Kamp?

Known throughout northwestern Missouri, it's a week-long summer camping program for visually impaired Missourians, aged 8-16. Thanks to gifts from all of the Lions Clubs in District 26F (Lake Viking is only one club in the district,) the entire six days and nights are free of charge to Kids Kampers. Lodging is provided at the clubhouse and all meals are furnished and served by the Lake

Viking Lions. Every year there are boat rides provided by several lake members. "Kounselors" are area teens who volunteer to partner with one special needs child for the entire week. Assisted by their partners, Kampers do crafts, swim, tube and even go for a single-engine airplane ride.

In the past there have been horseback rides, too. The fish fry is great fun. Missouri Department of Conservation stocks a catchment pond a few days before the session starts. The Kampers fish, cook, and then eat what they caught. On other nights there are: a hay ride, face-painting, a music/dance performance by the Mic-O-Say dancers, a wiener roast, and a homemade ice cream splurge.

When they're not busy with crafts, sports or eating, Kampers are preparing their own acts for a talent show, which is held on the last night of Kamp.

Scheduled volunteers sleep overnight at the clubhouse with Kampers, and the Daviess County Health Department furnishes a nurse and has doctors on call for any medical emergencies. Together with the assistance of our lake's staff and security department, Missouri's visually impaired youth have enjoyed fourteen wonderful and safe seasons of fun at the Lake Viking Kids Kamp.

## Fast Lions Club Facts

Lion Glenn Mayo was instrumental in launching the Kids Kamp program.

The first Kids Kamp was in 1993.

Earnest Knapp is the longest-standing charter member who is still active in our Lake Viking Chapter. He now lives in Gallatin.



## The Lions Club has a long and storied history at Lake Viking



The early morning sun rises on Lake Viking Lions Club sign.



Cooks stay busy flipping pancakes for the annual July pancake breakfast.



The late Ray Williams was instrumental in getting Lions started.



Lines start early for pancake breakfast.



Kids Kampers at the Krafts table.

# Daviess County Special Road District #1

*By Norman Larason*

When Lake Viking was developed in 1967, there were no provisions for hard surfaced entrance roads. All roads into the lake were gravel roads maintained by Daviess County. The county didn't have any money to hard surface these roads. Traffic to the lake increased as the lake developed, but county road maintenance simply couldn't keep up.

The below picture is the west entrance road, during the winter of '73. It was taken by Lake Viking resident Norma McCaulla, who made daily trips to work at St. Joseph. This road had little gravel and was muddy and slick after rains. One winter, it was closed for a week!

Sometimes, Norma had trouble getting up the hill behind what is now the Lake Viking Sales Office. She recalls that she would hit the accelerator as hard as she could, while hoping she didn't meet anyone at the top of the hill.

Lucille Foster, another longtime lake resident, and the late Ina Reznor made daily trips to Kansas City, at that time, when lake roads weren't much better. Lucille vividly remembers that #\*\$!!# hill, as Ina called it. It was located on Lake Viking Terrace leading to Otter Rd near the west entrance. They didn't always make it to the top.

Lucille and Ina lived on the west side of the lake, but the mailboxes were at the entrance on the lake's east side. Lucille recalls getting stuck so many times, on a trip back from the mailboxes, that the Bridgeman's wrecker finally just took them home.

In February 1972, Lake Viking Board Members and the Liberty Township Board met to discuss the entrance roads. County Engineers reported that 1,641 tons of rock



The old West Entrance Road (1973)

were needed to provide a 1" thick rock surface over the 3.7 miles comprising the 3 entrance roads. Furthermore, ditches needed to be cleaned and the roadbed crowned beforehand.

Cost of the rock was estimated to be \$4,500, but the township didn't have any money for rock. Their money all went towards a grader payment, operating costs, and operator wages. No decision was made on how the needed work could be done.

Efforts to improve the entrance roads led to a drive, by Lake Viking residents, to form a special road district. They successfully petitioned the Daviess County Court, and voters approved formation of the Daviess County Special Road District No. 1. The district maintains over nine miles of roads. Lake Viking Roads are not part of the district.

On October 6, 1981, the County Court appointed Robert Anderson, Fred Newman, and Ralph Leutenegger as the first Road District Commissioners with the power to levy taxes and issue bonds to improve or maintain their roads. Tax money previously earmarked for Daviess County was retained by the new road district.

By December, 1981 the Road District Commissioners and Lake Viking Board Members had agreed to a proposal whereby the Association's maintenance department would maintain those roads, with the road district providing reimbursement for the work done. This arrangement was to be renewed and reviewed annually, and is still in effect.

The road district was able to gravel and grade the roads, mow, and perform some snow

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removal. Money was still tight, however. Any thought of hard surfaced entrance roads was still just wishful thinking.

In the fall of 1987, a lake committee was formed to study improvement of the entrance roads. This resulted in an effort to have the Missouri State Highway Dept. provide a hard surfaced road from State Route DD to the lake. This proposal received the support of the Daviess County Commissioners; many meetings were held, but it eventually failed. The Road Commissioners tried again in 1992, hoping that new fuel tax would spark interest in the entrance road. This effort also failed. MODOT never really had any desire to add to their road system mileage.

In April 1988, road district voters approved an 11 cent levy increase to improve the entrance roads. By August, they were seeking an affordable surface to the roads. Bids were taken, and the Road District selected Citywide Contracting Co. to do the job. The late Russell Buehler, of Lake Viking, was principal owner of Citywide. This project accomplished some grading and ditch work. A fly ash treatment was used in an attempt to stabilize the roadbeds, but this proved ineffective.

The Road District continued to work on the roads. By December 1994, a new rock base for the south entrance road was completed. It was re-surfaced in June 1996. In the summer of 1997, a new rock base was added to the east entrance road. Right-of-way improvements and grading continued into the summer of 1998.

At this point, the Road District had spent half of the next year's revenue to complete work on the east road, and was also in debt to Lake Viking. A \$370,000 bond issue was proposed and, in April 1999, approved by voters. By August a new rock base had been laid for the west entrance road. In October a contract went out to put 2 inches of asphalt on the east and west entrance roads. This work was completed in December.

These projects widened the roadbed, removed brush, and graded back the ditch banks. It was necessary for most landowners to either set back their fences or remove and rebuild them after the grading was done.

Grading for the Road District was done by the Lake Viking Maintenance Department. Lake Manager, Bob Feigley, who was also a Road District Commissioner, remembers using railroad ballast from the old abandoned Rock Island Railroad line which paralleled Highway 6. The rock was donated by landowners Wilbur Youtsey, for the south road, and Wayne Burris, (of Lake Viking) for the east road. Ballast was also purchased from Nina Boyer for the east road. Rock was purchased from a quarry for the west road. The Road District excavated, hauled, placed, and compacted the base - - all by using the Lake Viking Maintenance Crew.

The roads have also been chipped and sealed, with the east road re-paved with asphalt in 2005. These were jobs well done, and they greatly improved access to Lake Viking.

With our special road district's ability to fund such projects, the good ol' days of dust and mud on the entrance roads are gone for good.



Photos: First the Lake Viking Roads were constructed. Then, the Public District Roads leading to the Lake were steadily improved. Above is the construction of Lake Viking Terrace

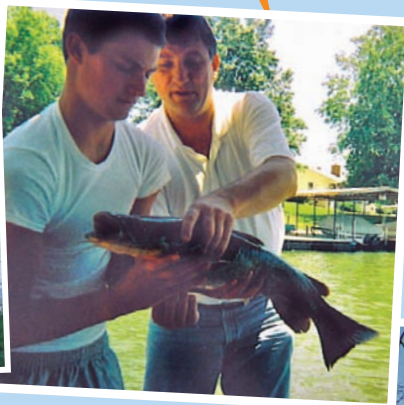
# Fish Tales



The Master - John Dooley



The Wannabe – Troy Lesan



Marvin & Carol Teel's grandson lands a big one too.



Dooley has the grandkids trained well.

Ancient  
Proverb  
(revised)

Give a man a fish,  
and you will feed him  
for a day

Teach a man to fish,  
And you will feed him  
for a lifetime.

Have John Dooley  
teach a man to fish,  
and a man will feed  
the entire  
neighborhood.



Troy O'Dell  
reels in  
another  
lunker!



## *Here's a story – just one – about grandkids!*

Even when Terrin Humphrey was an infant, she was a bundle of energy. She was walking at seven months. Then, she was running and wouldn't stop. She ran everywhere, and was constantly active.

Grandparents Jack and Janice Humphrey, who are longtime Lake Viking residents, remember that the highly active little Terrin wouldn't keep her seat belt on when they took her for a ride. Terrin's parents, Steve and Lisa, decided to get her involved in some kind of physical activity - quick. Ballet? Nope. Not enough of a challenge. Gymnastics sounded better.

Fast-forward to 2004 at the Olympics in Athens, Greece. Gymnastics definitely turned out to be the answer. Terrin was a natural. As a little girl, she had come to the attention of Al Fong, who trained her at his nationally famous Great American Gymnastic Express in Blue Springs. Now Terrin and Courtney McCool, another girl from the Blue Springs gym, were on the United States Olympic team!

At Athens, there was great excitement about the US Girls Gymnastic Team. However the excitement was mostly over Courtney McCool and some of the other teammates. Terrin, almost unnoticed, "was under the radar." Maybe that was her motivation, because when the Olympics were over, Terrin Humphrey walked away with two silver medals. She just missed winning the gold by a fraction of a point.

At age 18, Terrin was a national celebrity. Colleges from all over the nation recruited her. She favored Stanford or UCLA; but then, the University of Alabama came knocking.

The Alabama Crimson Tide are most known for their football program that grew to national prominence under legendary Coach Bear Bryant. The University's Women's Gymnastic team has become a national powerhouse also.

Under Coach Sarah Patterson, the Crimson Tide ladies have won four National Championships and finished in the nation's top four 18 out of the past 22 years. But even more impressive is the fan excitement. The Crimson Tide Lady gymnastic meets, at Tuscaloosa Alabama, draw an average crowd of 10,000, and set a record of 15,043 fans.

Terrin was caught up in the excitement and accepted the big scholarship that the University of Alabama offered. Her enrollment was the icing on the cake for the storied program. For all of its notoriety, the Crimson Tide team had never successfully recruited an Olympic Medal Winner. Terrin didn't disappoint. Since joining the Crimson Tide, she's won NCAA National Championships on the uneven bars in 2005 and again in 2007.

At age 21, Terrin Humphrey has two Olympic Silver Medals and two College National Championships. Not a bad resume.

Terrin's brother, Shannon, is a U.S. Marine and recently returned from Iraq.



Billboard in Tuscaloosa celebrates Terrin's arrival



Terrin makes an impression with the Crimson Tide.

# The Prosecution Rests



Gene and Joanne McFadin

World famous defense-attorney Richard “Gene” McFadin is a long-time Lake Viking resident. McFadin was one of the most well known defense attorneys in the state and maybe in the nation. He appeared on Larry King Live, Oprah, and on 60 Minutes. A Japanese publication even sent a reporter to Missouri to do a feature on him.

In 1990, Gene was appointed to head an Association Committee in charge of ridding Lake Viking of geese. Today, the Canada Goose population still thrives.

How can this be? The only logical explanation is that someone forgot to tell Gene that, this time he was working for the PROSECUTION!

## Quick Facts.....

Hard to believe: the Canada Goose – *Branta Canadensis* - was once almost extinct. Its population in North America now numbers five million (most of whom have vacationed at Lake Viking!).

There are eleven sub-species of the Canada Goose, and two types: Migratory and Resident. Obviously it is the Resident Group with which we are most familiar.

and....

In general, the Canada Goose population increases by 10% each year.

DNR estimates the population of migratory Canada Geese that travel the flyways over Missouri has doubled since 1990.

Which brings us full circle. 1990 is the same year that Gene McFadin volunteered for Goose Control Detail. A definite case of poor timing Gene!



The “accused”



## Appendix

The following is additional information from the extraordinary amount of research that has been done by Norman and Marian Larason:

Marian Larason spent considerable time researching Association Member lists in order to find members who were (1.) original lot owners from 1967, (2.) early owners who purchased lots from the developer, (3.) children of original lot owners who were the second generation of Association Members.

Additional members who were unavailable for the June 3 Sunday afternoon meeting and photo-sessions are Bill & Iona Fuchs, Cleo Tillman, Paul Tillman & Jean Sweet, Benny & Delores Gordon, Lola and Kenneth Critten, Larry & Pat Duvall, Larry & Sherry Hausman, Charley Walker, Ken and Carolyn Fisher, Spencer and Judy Elbert, and Carl Butcher.



The Larason Clan: Marian, Norman, Gladys, and Leland



Association member Betty Heyser Huffman riding her pony near the old Bell Tower school house (1942). It was west of present-day airstrip in the grove of trees.

West entrance road trivia - The section of road, from behind the Lake Viking Sales office to Old Union Cemetery, is a new shortcut from the original road. It was deeded to Daviess County in June of 1971.

### Lake Viking Managers

Name	Date of service	Title
Henry Skorga	Started Dec. 1967	Project Manager
Jack Hathaway	July 1970 – March 1977	Executive Secretary
Warren Spears	March 1977 – Oct. 1981	Project Manager
Lloyd Rissman	Dec. 1981 – Oct. 1983	Project Manager
Robert Lutz	Nov. 1983 – July 1984	General Manager
Elmer Leonard	August 1984 – Nov. 1986	Lake Manager
Robert Feigley	Dec. 1986 – June 2003	Lake Manager
George Townsend	August 2003– Jan. 2005	Management Consultant
Shad Mort	Feb. 2005 to present	Lake Manager



The old Bell Tower School used to be situated ¼ of a mile south of the Lions Club sign at Nautilus & Cessna.

No. NP-7368

STATE of MISSOURI

JAMES C. KIRKPATRICK, Secretary of State

Corporation Department  
Certificate of Incorporation

A General Not For Profit Corporation

WHEREAS, duplicate originals of Articles of Incorporation of VIKING VALLEY ASSOCIATION have been received and filed in the office of the Secretary of State and which Articles, in all respects, comply with the requirements of The General Not For Profit Corporation Law of Missouri;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES C. KIRKPATRICK, Secretary of State of the State of Missouri, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby certify and declare VIKING VALLEY ASSOCIATION a body corporate, duly organized this day, that it is entitled to all rights and privileges granted corporations organized under The General Not For Profit Corporation Law of Missouri; that the address of its initial Registered Office in Missouri is 111 West Jackson, Gallatin; and that its period of existence is perpetual

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the GREAT SEAL of the State of Missouri, at the City of Jefferson, this 28th day of April, 1967.

James C. Kirkpatrick  
Secretary of State  
T. R. Cloud  
Deputy Secretary of State

I, JAMES C. KIRKPATRICK, Secretary of State of the State of Missouri, hereby certify that the copy of the Certificate of Incorporation above set forth, is full, true, and complete, and that to the first issued certified copy thereof I have attached a copy of the Articles of Incorporation referred to therein.

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THE GREAT SEAL OF THE  
STATE OF MISSOURI

James C. Kirkpatrick  
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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

UNDER THE

GENERAL NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION ACT  
(These Articles Must Be Filed in Duplicate)

To The Secretary of State, Jefferson City, Missouri:

We, the undersigned,

Name	Number	Street	Address City	State
William Webster	206	S. Daviess St.	Gallatin,	Missouri
Neil Rollins	2214	Homewood Drive	Orlando,	Florida
Barbara Slaughter	4339	Elliston Rd.	Memphis	Tennessee

being natural persons of the age of twenty-one years or more and citizens of the United States, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the "General Not For Profit Corporation Act" of the State of Missouri, do hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

1. The name of the corporation is: VIKING VALLEY ASSOCIATION
2. The period of duration of the corporation is: perpetual
3. The address of its initial Registered Office in the State of Missouri is: 111 West Jackson street in the city of Gallatin County of Daviess and the name of its initial Registered Agent at said Address is: C. Dudley Brandom
4. The first Board of Directors shall be 3 in number, their names and addresses being as follows:

Name	Number	Street	Address City	State
William Webster	206	S. Daviess St.	Gallatin,	Missouri
Neil Rollins	2214	Homewood Drive	Orlando,	Florida
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5. The purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

The purpose or purposes for which the Corporation is organized are: Homeowner and Community Improvement Association; Recreational Club and Association; Cultural; Health; Social; Athletic; and Wild Life Conservation; and other similar purposes in their broadest aspects as provided for and contemplated in Section 355.025 Missouri RS, as amended, and including, but not restricted to, the following more detailed description of purposes;



- 1) To engage in, foster, sponsor, encourage and promote home owner and community development and improvement and the development of services in connection therewith, including the promotion development, construction and operation and management of facilities for fire protection, utilities, property protection, water resources and systems, sanitary conditions, communications, roads and ways, recreational areas, lakes, boat docks and navigation facilities, water safety and conservation and facilities and systems in connection therewith; and
  - 2) To engage in, foster, sponsor, encourage, and promote, formulate and oversee the systematic development of homes, cottages, club houses, lodges, restaurants, boat docks and facilities, marinas, lakes, playgrounds and recreational areas and facilities, fish and wild life areas and other similar facilities for the use, enjoyment and benefit of the members of this Association and their respective guests and the community in general; and
  - 3) To engage in, foster, sponsor, encourage and promote recreational, athletic, health, cultural and social development, interests and activities in the broadest aspect of said general terms, including athletic programs, water sports, water and land recreation, cultural programs, projects and events, crafts and nature studies, activities development and events; and
  - 4) To establish, maintain and conduct programs for the safety, protection, health and well being of the members including facilities and services in connection therewith;
  - 5) To establish and maintain, and from time to time to amend and alter, rules and regulations for the operation, use, management, promotion and enjoyment of facilities, activities and purposes herein contained, and to assess dues from members for the fulfillment of said program and purposes; and
  - 6) Other and such similar purposes.
6. The Board of Directors shall have authority to establish three or more classes of membership which shall include:
- "Active" Membership: which shall have voting privileges; and  
 "Associate" Membership: which shall NOT have voting privileges; and  
 "Honorary" Membership: which shall NOT have voting privileges, unless specifically granted and authorized by Board of Directors;  
 and the qualifications, rights, privileges and obligations of each class of membership shall be set forth in the By-laws of said Association.

William Webster )  
 Neil Rollins ) Incorporators  
 Barbara Slaughter )

VERIFICATION

STATE OF MISSOURI )  
 ) ss.  
 County of DAVIESS )

I, Carol M. Grove, a Notary Public, do hereby certify that on the 26th day of April, 1967, William Webster, Neil Rollins and Barbara Slaughter personally appeared before me and being first duly sworn by me severally acknowledged that they signed as their free act and deed the foregoing document in the respective capacities therein set forth and declared that the statement therein contained are true, to their best knowledge and belief.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

SEAL

Carol M. Grove  
 Notary Public

My commission expires: April 1, 1971

FILED AND CERTIFICATE OF  
 INCORPORATION ISSUED  
 APR 28 1967  
 James C. Kirkpatrick  
 Corporation Dept. SECRETARY OF STATE

Filed for record this 1st day of May A.D. 1967 at 8 o'clock A.M.

Jelen Graham  
 Deputy

Juanita M. Dowell  
 Recorder

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# **Imprints**

The following names are of Lake Viking Association Members who have contributed in support of this publication. In so doing, they have in turn left their imprints on the pages of this history etched in stone

**Tom & Donna Archibald**  
**Lots 1279, 1280, 1281, 718, & 3108**  
**Association Members since 1999**

**J Sam Barton**  
**Association Member since 2006**

**Jerry and Ann Carter Lot 486**  
**Association members since 1981**

**The Ganns: Steven, Deby, Nathan, & Addey**  
**Blessed to have 40 years & 5 generations on Lot 24**

**Dr. Larry & Sarah Graham Lot 5**  
**Purchased on the 2nd day of sales in 1967**

**Larry & Sherry Hausman**  
**Our grandchildren are our family's 4th generation**  
**enjoying Lake Viking**

**Rev. Betty Heyser Huffman:**  
**Descended from original Lake Viking landowners & first**  
**settler of township.**

**John & Cathy Marx**  
**Lots 691 & X 9**

**Kenny and Judy Marx**  
**Lots 688, 689, & 690**



**Oliver (Tut) & Marge McAfee**  
**Lot 193 Association Members since 1987**

**Jim, Judy, and Pierce Rash**  
**Association Members since 2004**

**In memory of original Gallatin Rotary Club Committee**  
**Member Hubert Tate — by Phil Tate.**

**In Loving Memory of Herman and Viola Teel**  
**by Marvin & Carol Teel, Teresa, and Denise**

**George & Karen Townsend Lots 640 & 641**  
**Association Members since 1999**

**Ed and Lila Weissenbach**  
**Whitebrook Landing Lot 218**

**Bryan, Ann, Ross, & Terrill Wood - Lot 578**  
**"It's the vacation we come home to every day"**

**Bob Allen & Charlotte Allen – Lot 608**

**Cynthia McAfee Ayers – Lot 2461**

**Dr Harold and Ruth Bailey – Association Members since 1967**

**Ken & Jeannie Baker Lot 194**

**Richard and Jeanie Berry – Lot 238**

**Boudreaux's Restaurant welcomes our friends from Lake Viking**

**Doyle & Norma Brant - Lots 552 & 553**

**Bill & Carlene Bray – Lot 8**

**Marion & Jean Caldwell Lot 12**

**Harold & June Catt – Here by the Grace of God since March 1993**



**Duane & Mindy Charles - Lots 74 & 75**

**Bob & Fran Clemens Lot 191**

**Gerald & Betty Cooksey: Association Members since 1971**

**James & Connie Davis Lot 2056**

**Mike & Christie Crump - Lot 467**

**Barbara Davis in memory of Louis Davis deceased in 1999**

**John & Joyce Dooley - Association Members Since 1990**

**Karl & Clara Frederick - Association Members since 1990**

**Gene & Pat Frye - Association members since 1997 - Lot 2218**

**Jim & JoAnn Gibbany - Lot 508**

**Pat & Janice Gillihan - Lot 64**

**Gordon & Bonnie Harrah - Lot 1226**

**Bob & Janet Hausman & Family: Association members since 1967**

**Jim and Cindy Hausman: Proud to have been on the lake since '67**

**Flint & Mary Hibler - Association Members since 1999**

**Harlan & Jeannie Horst - Lot 317**

**Jack & Janice Humphrey - Association Members since 1987**

**Jeff and Angela Johnson - Lot 1208**

**Joan & Rick Jones - Lot 577, Association Members since 2002**

**Isabel and Ray Langner Lot 587 - Longtime Association Members**

**Roger & Maggi Lankford, 1994. Plus Emma 2001 and Dude 2005.**

**Troy Lesan & Shirley Leakey - Association members since 2001**

**Gene and Betty Lundy - Lot 396**





**John & Sharon Lutter - Lot 602 Association members since 1992**

**Willis, Ina & Norma McCaulla - Association members since 1968**

**Bill McGinnis Association Member since 1968**

**Shad & Amy Mort - Lot Z16**

**Warren & Stacie Newberry - Lot 22**

**David and Nadine Parmenter - Lots 537 & 538**

**Loyal Oxley Smith in memorial of John Oxley**

**Richard & Julie Reynolds - Lot 55**

**Steve & Dee Rizek - Lot 915**

**Dick & Donna Smith, Lot 345, Association Members since 1992**

**Loyal Smith in memorial of George Smith**

**John & Deanna Sandy Lot 1872**

**Jeff & Kay Speaker Lot 140**

**Bob & Jennifer Williams - Lot 7**

**In loving memory of Joe VanBecelaere by Charlene**

**Don and Arbie Vasos - Association members since 1996**

**Jack & Joan Walton - Association Members since Jan. 1990**

**In Memory of Rita & Charles White by Family**

**Ed & Janet White, Children & Grandchildren all enjoy the lake!**

**Terry and Sally Zerbe Lot 446**

**(P.S. Thanks to Sally Zerbe for all of her valuable assistance!)**

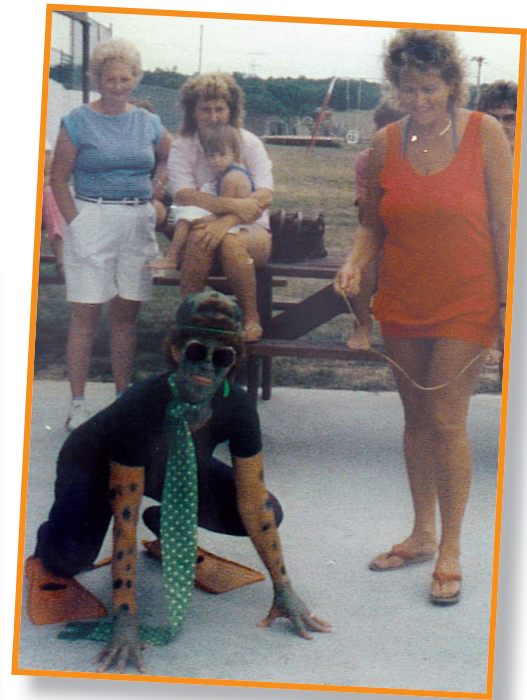
**Background for these imprints are runestones which were used by Vikings to record their history in the 12th and 13th centuries.**



# Photo Stories



40th Anniversary T-shirts were the prevailing fashion statement.



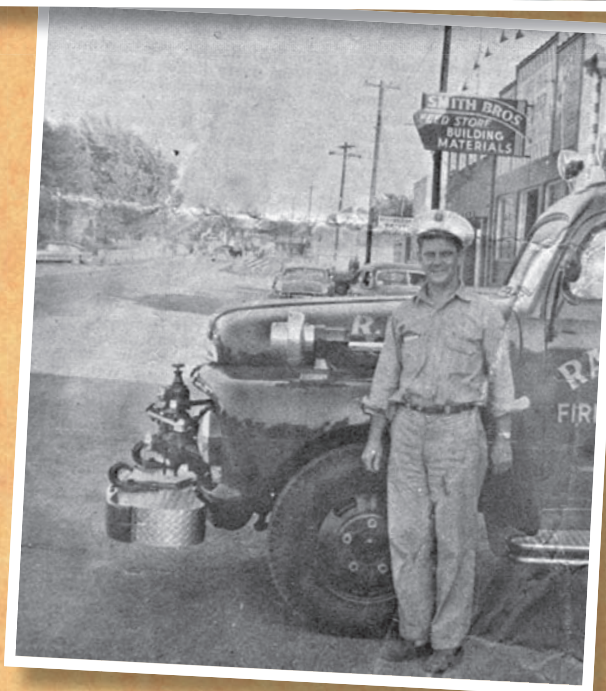
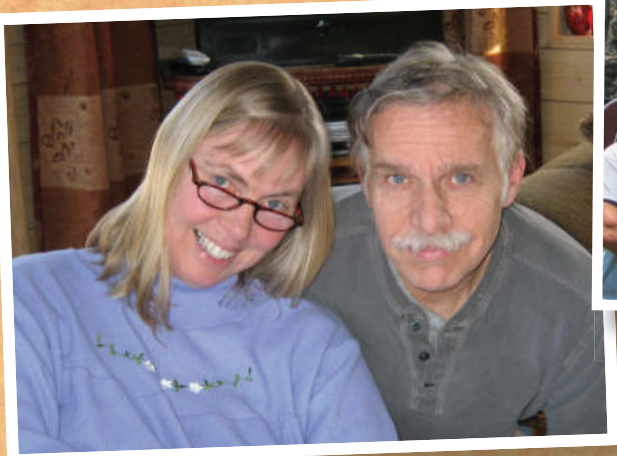
In 1985, the Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast was also the site of a frog jumping contest. Here is an unusual entry in the human / frog category



Even celebrities came out for Lake Viking's 40th Birthday Party. Top Left: Overview of 40th Anniversary festivities. Bottom Left: Annual meeting of Viking Valley Association members



Right: Association Security Team (June 2007):  
Tom Archibald, Mike Belshe, Matt Hostetler,  
James Davis, and Gordon Harrah.  
Below: Photo-editor Susan MacEachern  
and husband David MacEachern



Another photo (circa 1948) of George Smith and the fire-truck that would become Lake Vikings's first fire-truck .



Scenic background for a Lion's Club Garage Sale 9-6-2003