

CHERRY VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER
Fall 2019



And all at once summer collapsed into fall....Oscar
Wilde



The following have passed away since our last newsletter:

Joan M. Garrett	80	Apr. 2019
Janet (Heinkel) Kint	77	Apr. 2019
Steve Appell	69	Sept. 2019
Dick Kanak		Oct. 2019
Lois Molander	92	Oct. 2019
Duane Nolley	82	Oct. 2019
Marlin Holt	81	Nov. 2019



The Friendship Club



It was during the early 1950's that the Friendship Club existed, holding it's meetings at the home of Lila and Harry Johnson. Some of the members were also belonged to the Methodist Church while others did not, including Lila and Harry. This photo was taken at a Christmas party during which my dad played Santa Claus. In the back from left to right is Mr. Whitehand with Harry Johnson behind him. Next to Harry is Dorothy Sheldon. I believe the young woman in front of her was Anna Marie, but I don't recall her last name, or the name of the woman next to her. Donna Roberts, wife of the minister, is next to Santa with Vi Cooper next to her, then Lodena Wilt and Mrs. Whitehand. I am behind Lodena, Mrs. Klonz is behind me and next to her are Lila Johnson and my mother.

This note was send to Barb Anderson by Dina Sorensen, along with the photo. Thank you Barb for sharing it.



The Valley Echo, November 1945

We have several issues of the Valley Echo, written by the high school students in Cherry Valley School but encompassing some news from the lower grades as well. They are well written and a little time capsule of life in 1945. This issue was 79 years old this month!

Editorial

Although the fighting of the war is over, there is no reason to stop buying defense stamps and victory bonds. The government still has to buy food for its service men and women. The occupation of Germany and Japan will take quite a large sum of money. To operate the ships and planes that bring our boys and girls home is very expensive. The navy has said that the U.S.S. Arkansas used about \$100,000 worth of electricity per month. Every bit will help. So why don't you get out those half filled stamp books and fill them. Those who have given their lives would be proud of you.

By Betty Bennett

Community News

Recently discharged service men and women of Cherry Valley include Howard Bauer, Lyle Wilt, Kearney Rochford, Gail Henry, George Blackmer, William Harned, Robert Flood, Mrs. Mary Ellen Green Johnson, Wendell Knox, Howard Enders, and Ronald Howell. We are surely glad to have them all back home again.

The annual bazaar and chicken supper were held in the Methodist Church November 1st. Movies are being held each Thursday night in Oberg's Hall. All ears were glued to the radio the evening of October 24th to hear a prize winning play written by a local girl, Miss Dorothy Sheldon. It was dramatized on the Dr. Christian program.

A new electrical store will occupy the Cozy Cafe building, and Clifford Gallo and Lee Richert are going to operate a factory in the building commonly called the "Old Waiting Room". Harold J. Yunek has taken over the management of the Standard Oil service station.

By Lodena Holt

Movies

The title of the first movie this year was "Zenobia". It was a comical picture. The next one took place during fire prevention week, and it told and showed many different ways to prevent fires. With this one was also another movie on the 1944 World Series. The last movie was "Brigham Young". This was a story of the struggles and hardships of the Mormons. The movies that we've had so far this year have been enjoyed by everyone, as the ones to follow will be.

Beverly Oberg



Rosie the Maid from “The Jetsons”, sponsored by Rep. Joe Sosnowski—Library Staff Favorite

Emmett the LEGO Man from “The LEGO Movie”, by Karen Lane & family—Best Use of Theme
(animated characters)

Cruella De Vil from “101 Dalmatians”, sponsored by the Shell Station—Judge’s Pick

Rich Uncle Pennybags from “Monopoly”, by Generations Credit Union—Best In Business Category

Hiccup & Toothless from “How to Train Your Dragon”, by Kari Eskew & family—Best In Individual
Category




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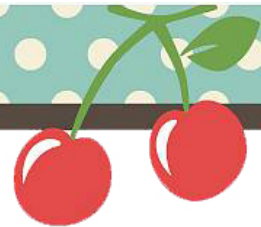


Terry Murphy, a lifelong Cherry Valley resident had always envisioned organizing a non for profit organization with a group of Cherry Valley area men with the goal of helping Cherry Valley area children and the community in general. In 2011 he put his ideas into action and the Cherry Valley Area Men's Association was established. Sadly Terry passed away in 2017 but his vision and goals are the driving force of our organization. We are a small organization that raises money through various events, company sponsors and membership dues. We donate to various community needs and offer five \$500 scholarships per year towards continuing education.

Cherry Valley Area Men's Association is a Nonprofit 501 (C)(3) organization Fed ID # 90-0674903

Events Cherry Valley Area Men's Association has sponsored or contributed to:

1. Petitioned and got the speed limit reduced from 55 mph to 45 mph on Harrison (Bypass 20) and Mill Road intersection.
2. Established an educational scholarship program donating five \$500 scholarships every year.
3. Donated uniforms and equipment for the 4th and 5th grade boys and girls basketball teams at Cherry Valley School
4. Donated cheerleading uniforms for the 4th and 5th grade Cherry Valley School Spirit squad.
5. CVAMA members assist with the yearly food and paper shredding drive at Village Hall.
6. Raised funds for uniforms for the Goldie B. Floberg special athletes.
7. CVAMA worked with the Winnebago County Forest Preserve to design, produce and install rules of the river signs at six county forest preserves.
8. Donated to the 2011 and 2012 downtown Cherry Valley Christmas lights
9. Donated and passed out over 4,000 Frisbees at the Cherry Valley 4th of July parade 2012 thru 2018.
10. Sponsored the Oscar Meyer Weiner Mobile at the 2012 4th of July parade.
11. Sponsor the Cherry Valley Family Night Ice skating at Carlson Ice Arena 2016-2018
12. Sponsored Cherry Valley 4th and 5th grade basketball players to youth basketball clinics.
13. Mini Golf and silent auction sponsor 2017, 2018 Cherry Valley Public Library fundraiser.
14. Sponsored Wild Life Exhibit and Educational Show Cherry Valley Public Library 2017
15. Donated a defibrillator to the Cherry Valley Police Department.
16. Sponsor the Cherry Valley Bounce Night at the Gymnastics Academy South for 2017 and 2018.
17. Contributed fishing poles and tackle boxes to the Cherry Valley Library that can be used with a library card.
18. Sponsor the Cherry Valley Library tour at the Burpee Museum 2018
19. Sponsor Cherry Valley Library Furry and Friends Petting Zoo 2018



November 2019

Dear Members of the Cherry Valley Historical Society,

The year is quickly drawing to a close, which means it's time to announce Membership Dues for the coming year 2020. We hope that you will remain a part of this organization with your paid membership. Without you, we couldn't continue to work to preserve the history of Cherry Valley. Membership continues to be only \$10.

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