

Chatsworth Lake Manor Recent History and Influences –

Lake Manor Church



Perhaps one of the last of its kind, Lake Manor Chapel reflects an era gone by. This neighborhood country church was planted in

the early 1920's. The first years saw the Christian congregation arriving by horse and buggy and holding worship services inside a tent. In 1955, work was completed on the chapel and kitchen building. The church is well known for hosting seasonal dinners and events for the community, where Dale Dawson has been the Pastor since 2008.

Chatsworth Lake Market, 23400 Lake Manor Drive



The market has been owned by Vinod and Kiran Roy since 1990. (24 years)

In the 1940's it was the **Red & White**, owned by Edie Washburn. Joe Eckhoff's memories included that: in 1939-41 there was Keg Day.... One day a year for good show.... Acme Beer Co. would give a free keg of beer to Edie Washburn's store and she'd put it under the big oak tree which is now Lenny's parking lot and the whole town would turn out with their own cups and mugs for this social event. Maude Waite bought the store for \$600 from Edie Washburn.

In the 1950s, it was owned by Katherine (Kay) Slater, whose brothers were Burt & George. We are not sure who owned it next, but the market burned down around 1972.

A few years after the fire, Frank and Joan Cannarella purchased the business, and it operated in the tiny building next to the fire station. They bought the vacant lot where the old store was, and then moved a small store onto the property around 1977. It was called Canyon Trading Post.

Marco Bogash leased the store for a time, followed by Kent Randall in 1986. Then, Vinod Roy purchased the store in 1990, and eventually the land in 1999.

In 2008, there was a Grand Reopening with an expanded market and services. Mr. Roy made sure that the ambience of the expansion continued the feeling of the country store that everyone knew.

Log Cabin Mercantile Co.



The exact date of when the Log Cabin was built is unknown, but it would have been a good selling promotion for Cabin Sites sold in the early 20's. Floyd and Essie Berry owned Chatsworth Lake Properties. They ran their business from the cabin and built their home in back. The stone work on the home and behind the cabin was done by Essie's father and Frank Bell. Later additional stone work was added by stone mason Mike Knapp.

Essie Berry owned the cabin and home until she passed away in 1967.

In 1968 Joe and Margaret Foreman along with their daughter Susie purchased the cabin and started the Log Cabin Mercantile as a family business. The office still contained old real estate ledgers.

Lenny's Smokehouse Location

23360 Lake Manor Dr.

-1966 originally built as the **Renaissance Bar**

-1970's **Hillbilly Haven** Biker Bar, two pool tables, beer and Harleys.

-1980's **The Acorn** owned by Gerry Miller - gourmet restaurant.

-2001 **Eagle Bar and Grill**

-2004 **Le Petite Chic** owner Kathi Bakshi Tea Room.

-2005 **Burgundy Creek**

-2012 **Lenny's Smokehouse** owner Lenny Bent also runs a gourmet production catering company for the film and television industry.

Right across the street from Lenny's at the corner of Thompson was **The Silver Dollar Saloon**. Built in 1952, it was the Silver Dollar Saloon during the early 70's. Residents remember a pool table there. In 1996 it was Norville Paschal's Saw Sharpening Shack in the back, with his wife Sharon's Lake Manor Gallery in the front.

Our October 2014 presentation on Lake Manor also included a section on the Lake Manor Fire Department Station 75 and its history in our community. We will save that section of this article for future publication.

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