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The People Behind the Mill

BY GLENN A. GIERZYCKI

Most of the people interested in the history of Bay View know that the community was founded and formed around an iron mill that began operations in 1867. Many people also know that a Midwestern industrialist named Eber Brock Ward was the man behind the venture. But no great undertaking is normally the accomplishment of one person. The Milwaukee Iron Company was no exception.

The incorporation papers filed with the State of Wisconsin in 1866 show that other men were involved in the establishment of the business.

The purpose of this article is to explain a little bit about these other men. But first I'd like to comment a bit about the incorporation papers.

The incorporation papers were published in the Private and Local Laws of 1866 of the State of Wisconsin. Several provisions in the Wisconsin Constitution constrain the enactment of a law having limited applicability to a person, place or thing. These laws were different from "general laws" that would be applied throughout the state.

One thing that struck me is the length of the papers that incorporate the Milwaukee Iron Company. They are quite short. My research into the early railroads of the state has found that some of those incorporation papers can be 10 or more pages long. The second thing that stood out was the original amount of capital stock. The amount of \$500,000.00 seems very low for such a major endeavor. By the way, capital stock is the amount of common and preferred stock the company is allowed to issue. It can be increased over time. The third thing I noticed was the foresight to include the option of building blast furnaces in the original papers. The original mill was built for re-rolling and reforming iron railroad rails, which would deform under heavy usage. Two blast furnaces for iron were built in Bay View several years after the mill had begun operations.

Since many readers of the publication may have rudimentary knowledge of the life of Mr. Ward, I would like to briefly describe the lives of the other incorporators.



Stephen Clement was born in 1813 in Erie, Pennsylvania. He became a steam ship captain on the Great Lakes in his 20's. In 1842, he began sailing for E. B. Ward. He was also co-owner of a steam ship line, with E. B. Ward, that sailed between Chicago and Milwaukee. In 1852 he established the Clement Steamboat Company that sailed along the western shore of Lake Michigan. He sold the company in 1856 as railroads began to build an efficient network in the lake states. In 1864 Clement was named president of the Chicago Rolling Mill Company. When the North Chicago Rolling Mill Company was formed in 1869, he maintained the office of presidency until 1871 when he resigned. He was named president of the Milwaukee Iron Company upon its formation. Mr. Ward died in 1875, and the Milwaukee operations shut down in 1876. The plant reopened under receivership in 1877 and Clement was chosen as treasurer. He came to Milwaukee in 1878 when he took charge of the Bay View Works. While in Milwaukee, he resided in the Yankee Hill neighborhood. He died in Oconomowoc in August 1894 and is buried in Waukegan, Illinois. Clement Avenue is named in his honor.

Orrin W. Potter was born on December 15, 1836 in Rochester, New York. In 1856 he found a job as a clerk in the Wyandotte, Michigan rolling mill of Eber Brock Ward, which began operation in 1855. His



abilities impressed Mr. Ward and he was appointed secretary and supervisor of the operation. In 1864 he became secretary and manager of the newly-organized Chicago Rolling Mill Company in North Chicago. The business grew rapidly and in 1869 was reorganized as the North Chicago Rolling Mill Company. Several years later the company acquired the Milwaukee Iron Company in Bay View. Stephen Clement resigned as president of the company in 1871 and Potter became the new president. When the Illinois Steel Company was formed in 1889, Potter was named chairman of the board. He retired in April 1890. He also held interests in banks and iron ore mines. He died on May 17, 1907 and is buried at Graceland Cemetery in Chicago. Potter Street in Bay View is named after him.



Alexander Mitchell was born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland on October 18, 1817. In 1839 he came to Chicago and later in the year moved to Milwaukee. He became secretary of a marine and fire insurance company owned by George Smith,

who was also Scottish. After some troubles with the territorial legislature, the firm became known as the Wisconsin Marine and Fire Insurance Bank. Mitchell came into control of the bank in 1854. He was involved in the Milwaukee Gas Light Company, Northwestern

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President's Message

BY HANNAH HAZELBERG

Summertime already? Get your yoga mats, and grab a friend, we have the return of recreation at the Beulah Brinton House! Join us for monthly yoga classes during the summer, sign-ups now available on the BVHS website. We also have the return of our Open Houses, held every first Saturday of the month from May to October. A big thank you to all who attended our Annual Dinner at South Shore Yacht Club (SSYC), we appreciate our wonderful speakers and the fascinating topic of Increase Lapham. If you missed, don't worry you can learn more about the book and Lapham during our June virtual book club meeting June 9th on our Facebook page.

Speaking of SSYC, it's this year's Historical Society Landmark dedication recipient, join us in person on Saturday June 11th for the presentation by Ron Winkler. It's also an opportunity to meet our littlest members and newest volunteers! Board Secretary, Brittany Hager McNeely and husband, Peter, welcomed baby girl Anja in November of 2021 and she's an absolute joy! My husband, Matthew and I welcomed baby boy Samuel, on March 24th 2022. We are over the moon in love and I have appreciated the support of the board as I am adjusting to my newest and best role, "Mom."

See you in June!

Hannah Hazelberg



Baby Samuel



Baby Anja

Bylaws Committee Update:

Notice of Revised Bylaws for Public Review & Vote

The Bylaws Committee has suggested changes to the bylaws and respectfully submits them for public review. A vote by the general membership that will be sent via email on or around July 1st, 2022, approximately thirty days from publication. These changes pertain particularly to clarification of term limits. It is the Bylaw Committee's opinion that the current language creates a "Lame Duck" of officers who have served two years in their duties and then are essentially demoted to a general director for the remaining third year. This can lead to confusion of leadership duties. We are submitting the following changes to reflect a correction of this issue.

ARTICLE V. ELECTIONS

Section 1. Directors (Current)

- At the last business meeting of the year, members shall elect directors from voting members of the Society in good standing. One third of the directorships shall become vacant each year. Elections to these vacancies shall be held each year and will be for a term of three years. Only two consecutive board terms shall be permitted. In the event a director is elected to fill an unexpired term they shall still be eligible to serve two full additional terms of office.

Revision

Section 1. Directors

- At the last business meeting of the year, members shall elect directors from voting members of the Society in good standing. One third of the directorships shall become vacant each year. **Non-officer members of the board of directors shall serve three-year terms, with no more than two consecutive board terms. Officership supersedes directorship. If a director becomes an officer they serve two years from the date of election to the role.**

Section 2. Officers (Current)

- Officers shall serve a term of two years. The president/treasurer and vice president/secretary shall be elected in alternating years. Officers can succeed themselves.

Revision

Section 2. Officers

- The following roles of the board are officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Officers shall serve a term of two years, and no more than two consecutive board terms. The elections of the President and Secretary, should be in alternating years to the roles of Treasurer and Vice President.**



Special Thanks to the Businesses and Individuals Who Made the Bay View Historical Society Annual Dinner a Success!

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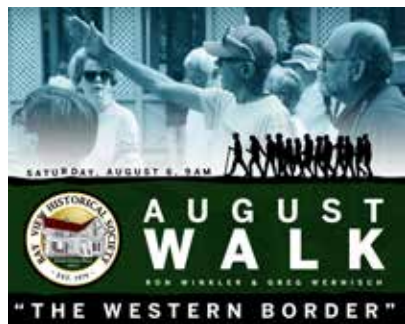
Voyager Wine Bar



Bay View Historical Society Board of Directors

L-R: Heather Taylor, Margaret Herzfeld, Joel Willems, Dana Hansen, Bill O'Brien, Brittany Hager McNeely

Not pictured: Hannah Hazelberg, John Toutenhoofd, Russ Grabczyk, Bridget Hirthe, Joe Jones, Bryce Richards.



August Walk - The Western Border Saturday, August 6, 9:00 AM

BY RON WINKLER

This year's Bay View Historical Society (BVHS) annual August Walk will be held on Saturday, August 6th. We will start and end at Colectivo Coffee, 2301 S.

Kinnickinnic Avenue. Registration will be at 9:00 AM and the walk will begin at 9:30 AM. The Western Border Walk will be led by society members Ron Winkler and Greg Wernisch. We will follow safety guidelines as determined by our health department and lawmakers at the time of the walk.

Cost will be \$5.00 for BVHS members and \$10.00 for nonmembers. Anyone purchasing a membership that day will be admitted for \$5.00. Each participant will also receive a copy of the new Western Border walk brochure, one of nine walking tours designed to help Bay Viewites and visitors gain an appreciation of Bay View's history, architecture and lifestyle. The walk is approximately two miles, covering the area west of Howell Avenue to First Street and from Lincoln Avenue on the north to Rosedale Avenue on the south.

As mentioned in our Spring issue, this will be Greg Wernisch's thirteenth and final year as co-tour guide. As my good friend, he will be greatly missed and I will need someone to fill his shoes. If you are interested,

contact me at rawinkler@sbcglobal.net.

Highlights of the Western Border include: The home and office of Bay View architect Stanley Kadow, as well as homes and businesses designed by him. We will also see the home of Paul Gauer, Bay View's Alderman from 1920 until 1936. In 1956 he published "The Gauer Story, a Chronicle of Bay View" as a history of Bay View and memoir of the Gauer Family. Gauer Circle in Bay View was named for him.

Two BVHS landmarks will be on the tour. The Keller Winery received landmark designation in 2006 while St. Augustine school was landmarked in 1988. The church, rectory and convent are nearby.

Finally, we will see one of Milwaukee's oldest homes at 2418 S. Howell Avenue. It belonged to Uriah B. Smith, Milwaukee's first tailor and a realtor. He was the father of Milwaukee's first non-Native American child, a girl named Milwaukee Smith.



Solstice Jam

A "Solstice Jam" will be held on **Tuesday, June 21st at 5:30 PM** outdoors by the lawn gazebo of the **Beulah Brinton House, 2590 S. Superior Ave in Bay View WI.**

Neighbors, Bay View Historical Society members, and musicians of all levels are invited to bring a lawn chair and instrument to sing and strum along with folksinger David HB Drake and friends. **Superior Street Winds**, a clarinet ensemble playing a variety of light music from different eras and styles From Mozart to ABBA, will start the event at 5:30. **David HB Drake** will follow at 6:30pm. Requests will be attempted!

This event is part of the annual **Make Music Milwaukee** celebration and is free to the public. In case of bad weather, the event will be cancelled.

For event information email bbrintonhc@gmail.com / visit bayviewhistoricalsociety.org/. More on Make Music Milwaukee Day at www.makemusicday.org/milwaukee



Obituary

Three longtime Bay View Historical Society members have died recently, and they all will be sorely missed.

Bea Reinders left this earth on March 7. She was a BVHS Board Member, and longtime ambassador for the society. She would staff booths at various Bay View events and talk to people about BVHS, encouraging them to join the society. She also helped to establish the South Shore Park Watch (now the Friends of South Shore Park), and was the brains behind the annual Earth Day event, which still brings hundreds of 5th - 8th graders each spring to learn about nature, the park, and various opportunities to enter career paths that enhance the natural world.



Penny Manke died on March 11. She was involved with Girl Scouts, and served as president of the Trowbridge Street School PTA, Fritsche Middle School PTSA, Bay View High School PTSA, and the Milwaukee City Council of PTA/PTSAs. She was an officer of Polish Women's Alliance of America, and volunteered with Friends of Humboldt Park, Humboldt Park Fourth of July Association, and the Bay View Bash Children's Area. At the historical society, you may have seen her and her husband, John, serving up hot dogs and bratwurst for many different events.



John Sternkopf passed away March 15. John was an accomplished sailor, a student of history and a lover of the arts. He was always on hand to help at every historical society event. He also was a member of the Friends of South Shore Park, and on Earth Day, led groups of children on a tour of trees in the park, explaining the similarities and differences of various trees, what their wood could be used for, and the mysteries of photosynthesis. His gentle presence at the South Shore Farmers' Market attracted many market-goers. John also served in the Navy and on the board of Directors of the International Institute, and a member of the crew behind the Bay View Tragedy event. We will miss seeing John cycling around Bay View.



Leaving a Legacy

One generation plants the trees, and another gets the shade. - Chinese Proverb

You can make a difference by planning today how your generosity will live on after you are gone. One way to do this is by remembering the Bay View Historical Society (BVHS) in your will. BVHS is committed to conserving, celebrating and sharing Bay View's rich heritage. Planning a gift for BVHS will plant seeds to help assure its future growth.

South Shore Yacht Club Landmark Dedication Saturday, June 11, 12:30 PM

BY RON WINKLER



Photo courtesy of South Shore Yacht Club

The South Shore Yacht Club (SSYC), 2300 East Nock Street, will become Bay View Historical Society's (BVHS) 27th landmark on Saturday, June 11th. Landmarking will be in conjunction with SSYC's Review of the Fleet, which opens the club's sailing season. The day's events will begin at noon and last until 10:00 PM. It is free and open to the public and will be held rain or shine. BVHS and SSYC are coordinating the day's events along with a souvenir booklet.

The day's first event will be the landmarking at 12:30 PM at the club's front gate. BVHS President Hannah Hazelberg and Landmarks Historian Ron Winkler will present the plaque. SSYC was founded in 1913 and its current clubhouse, designed by Russell Barr Williamson, dates from 1935. After the dedication, you will be able to take a tour of SSYC.

Review of the Fleet will be from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. The ceremony will begin with our National Anthem and includes a memorial service. This Bristol event (conforming to the highest standards of seamanship) will capture the color, splendor and pageantry of summer on Lake Michigan with cannons, bells and music. It will conclude with a Boat Parade.

Food will be available for purchase from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. There will be live music by Litmus Vinyl from 6:30 to 10:00 PM.

Invited guests include politicians as well as area yacht club commodores, members of the Coast Guard, Harbor Patrol, Fire Department and Port of Milwaukee.



People Behind the Mill *continued*

National Insurance Company, grain elevators, and the first pumping plant for Milwaukee city water. He was active in numerous railroad ventures in southeastern Wisconsin and is known for the guiding the growth of the Milwaukee Road system in the mid-1800's. Two of his buildings remain architectural gems in Milwaukee. In 1876 he built the Mitchell Building on Michigan Avenue in downtown Milwaukee to put all of his business ventures under one roof. His mansion on Grand Avenue (now called Wisconsin Avenue) was built in 1848 and has been remodeled several times. It is now home to the Wisconsin Club. Mitchell also served 2 terms in the U. S. House of Representatives. He died on April 19, 1887 while on a trip to New York. Mitchell Street on the south side of Milwaukee and Mitchell, South Dakota are named for him. He is buried in Forest Home Cemetery.

Charles F. Ilsley was born in 1827 in Eastport, Maine. He came to Milwaukee in February 1847. He is best known for being a founder of the Marshall and Ilsley Bank. In 1849, Ilsley joined Samuel Marshall in the banking business in Milwaukee. The private banking house was called

Marshall and Ilsley. The company was incorporated as the Marshall and Ilsley Bank in 1888 under a state charter, with Ilsley as the vice president. He was later elevated to president upon the death of Marshall. Ilsley was also involved in the formation of the Madison

State Bank, which was the first bank chartered by the state. He was an officer of the North Western Iron Company which had iron mines and an iron furnace in the Iron Ridge area in Dodge County. He was also involved with the Milwaukee City Railway Company, which provided horse car service on the west and south sides of the city. He died on December 4, 1904 and is buried at Forest Home Cemetery.

Edward W. Brodhead was born in Plattsburgh, New York on December 24, 1809. He studied civil engineering at West Point (at a time when civilians could learn engineering at the school and not become a military officer). He was engaged as a surveyor for canals and railroads in the eastern U. S. before he was made the chief engineer and supervisor of the construction of the Milwaukee and Mississippi Railroad in 1852. The railroad was building a line from Milwaukee to Prairie du Chien via Madison. In 1857 he was made president of the railroad. He resigned in the next year to focus on real estate. He was a founder of the Farmers and Millers Bank in Milwaukee in 1854. From 1863 to 1882, he was president of the First National Bank of Milwaukee. The town of Brodhead in Green and Rock Counties in Wisconsin was partially laid out on his lands. Brodhead promised to donate a bell to the first church in the town if the town was named after him. The Methodist Episcopal Church was completed in 1858 and Brodhead did donate a bell weighing 700 pounds that cost \$400. He died in 1890.



Is it Time to Renew Your Membership?

Please look at your Bay View Historian mailing label to see when your membership will expire.

All yearly membership terms run from January 1 thru December 31. Any new memberships will be current through the end of the calendar year (one year plus pro-rated months). Members receive our newsletter, *The Historian*, with interesting articles and the latest information on all our events as well as discounts at a variety of Bay View merchants.

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Passing, Seen

BY BILL O'BRIEN

"Back to work" is all the rage.

While I remain committed to retirement, deleting every AARP prompt to buff my resumé, more than 2,000 old-timers are in new positions in the neighborhood, paving the west verge on Wentworth Avenue. You ask, "How can so many stalwarts be engaged in that narrow space between the curb and sidewalk?"

These fellows, hailing from 3 states and almost a century old, are paving blocks or bricks, just 9 x 4 x 3½ inches and averaging 9 pounds apiece. Clay-and-slate products of a vanished industry, once particularly strong in the Midwest, they were outmoded by the 1950s as asphalt and concrete became the most common road and street coverings.



When shopping at Groppi's Food Market, we have long favored parking along the level north walkway on Russell Avenue. Turning the corner south for home recently, I noticed that the Wentworth verge was no longer a lumpy, pitted strip, so I asked Anne Nehring of Groppi's about the transformation. She expressed her pleasure with the fresh look and utility of the installation, made from blocks salvaged by the Brickyard on Clement Avenue from construction sites all over Milwaukee and laid out last October by New Visions Landscaping.

Pavers were patented in 1870 and first installed in Charleston, South Carolina. Various marked with raised or incuse letters set in level lines or arcs, they range in color from orange or red to dark brown or a vitreous purple.



The most famous "Brickyard" in the world sees the annual running of the Indianapolis 500. To pave the Motor Speedway in 1909, 3.2 million blocks

were ordered from the Wabash Clay Company of Veedersburg, Indiana. Fulfilling the contract was beyond W.C. Co.'s capacity, so Poston Paving Block of Crawfordsville and 3 other brickmakers shared in the effort. The original blocks, first set in 63 days, were largely asphalted over in stages between 1937 and 1961. A 3-foot strip of original pavers at the track's starting line, the "Yard of Bricks," receives the winner's traditional kiss.



Groppi's Wentworth verge has Wabash and Poston brands like those used for the racetrack, Culver, Poston, Veedersburg, and W.C. Co., and several others fired in Illinois and Ohio.

Many are from the Barr Clay Company, which operated in Streator, Illinois, from 1892 to 1923. There are a few Danville blocks from Illinois's Western Brick Company, the likes of which can be seen in academic buildings and the football stadium at the University of Illinois.



Purington of East Galesburg, Illinois, was once the world's largest brick manufacturer. It was started in 1849 by mason Henry Grosscup, who bought 90 acres of land from Knox College. He paid for the tract with his first production of bricks, used for the school's Whiting Hall and Old Main. Purington blocks were the original street surfaces in the Panama Canal Zone.



The Buckeye State is represented by the Metropolitan Paving Company of Canton, Peebles Paving Brick of Portsmouth, and Nelsonville Brick Company, from the home of an annual Brick Festival. This year's edition will be Sunday, July 30, and features historic displays, walking tours, and (joy!) a brick swap.

I joked in a 2014 column about how hard it would be to collect date-stamped sidewalk squares. Pavers take up far less space. Just a few might replace the concrete blocks in your 70s-retro bookshelf. They also do fine service in the garden. If you're further drawn to "brickology," as aficionados call it, you'll find company in the International Brick Collectors Association.

John E. Blazer and Tom Rollings' brochure on the 13 known brands of 1909 Speedway blocks: <https://www.firstsuperspeedway.com/articles/brickyard-brochure>. Laid end-to-end, the 3.2 million originals would stretch 455 miles.

Where in (Historical) Bay View?

BY RON WINKLER

Do you recognize this Bay View landmark? Look for the answer in the next issue of The Historian



Answer to last issue's quiz (Spring 2022):

Bethel Evangelical Church, 2392 South Woodward Avenue was founded in 1883 by Germans in Walker's Point. In 1897 they moved into this Victorian Gothic style cream city brick church designed by Crane and Barkhausen and constructed by Bay View's Meredith Brothers Construction Company. In 1968, they merged with Trinity Methodist Church, 2772 South Kinnickinnic Avenue to form Bay View United Methodist Church. Today the Woodward Avenue church is owned by Iglesia Hispana Adventista Del Septimo Dio, Milwaukee.





The Immigrants of Bay View: Urszula Manschot

BY DAVID DRAKE

Urszula (Ula) Manschot is one of Bay View's newer neighbors from another land.

Ula and her husband Jonathan Manschot moved to Bay View in 2018 after living in Shorewood. Ula and Jon met in Spain in 2012, where he was teaching English.

They had a son, Felix, and moved to Warsaw, Poland about a year later and stayed for 4 years. Ula was working in the Medical Field but wanted to change careers. She found that much harder to do in Poland, and Europe in general, so they came to America.

Ula is a self-taught UX and graphic designer, with a passion for the environment and experience in mental health, providing a softer, user-friendly experience on her projects. Jon works as a Financial Analyst for the Center for

Advancing Population Science at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

UX (User Experience design) shapes users' emotions as they interact with a digital process, product, or service and helps users work in an intuitive and efficient way. Among Ula's projects is an app called ToySwapp, for families with children that helps to exchange toys you no longer need or want with people living in your neighborhood (like Bay View)! Samples of her work can be seen on her website at <https://www.ulamanschot.com/>

They moved to Milwaukee's "other east side," Bay View, from Shorewood and find this neighborhood to be more of a welcoming community. When asked if she has any family here in Milwaukee, she knows of no relatives here, and if there are, they would be much older.

Does Ula see differences between Wisconsin and Poland?

While the landscape is similar, it tends to be hotter in summer and colder in winter (even near the Lake). Ula says it took time to adjust to the cultural differences here in America, but going to a local block party with families from Fernwood Montessori School where she met some new friends from Ukraine.

Ula and her husband enjoy their new home in Bay View and continue to make pierogies. (yum!)

If you would like to feature an ancestor who brought your family to Bay View or if you have immigrated here recently yourself, please contact bbrintonhc@gmail.com so we can include their story in future newsletters.



A Lesson in Contentment

BY RON WINKLER

Two educators who spent the bulk of their careers teaching in Bay View schools recently passed away. Audrey Pavlik taught third and fourth grade at Dover Street School while Jo Ann Melchiorre taught Math and French at Bay View High School.

Audrey Pavlik

Audrey Pavlik, born on February 13, 1923, considered 13 as her lucky number. She died on September 23, 2020 at the age of 98. Audrey attended Dover Street School where she then taught third and fourth grade until she retired in 1985. (Miss Pavlik was my third grade teacher at Dover.) Her father John Pavlik was a firefighter for the city of Milwaukee.

Audrey was very active in fraternal organizations, beginning with Bethel #6 Job's Daughters. She then joined Order of the Eastern Star (OES) where she was active at the local, state and national levels. In 1989-90, she served as the Worthy Grand Matron for Wisconsin. She was a member of OES for over seventy years.

She established the Audrey Jane Pavlik Charitable Trust which provides scholarships to undergraduate students. A Celebration of her life was held on Saturday, December 18, 2021 at Krause Funeral Home, 12401 W. National Avenue.



LEFT: Audrey Pavlik 1959 Dover Street School, February 27, 1959. Audrey Pavlik's mixed third and fourth grade class. Ron Winkler is in the top row, second from right. RIGHT: Audrey Pavlik, more recent photo.



Jo Ann Melchiorre

Jo Ann Melchiorre was born on August 6, 1940 and passed away on April 26, 2022. She spent her childhood at the Cass Street Playground across the street from her home. Many companions from those days became lifelong friends. She loved the East Side and lived there her entire life.

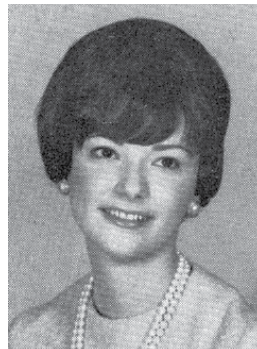
Jo Ann attended St. Rita's Grade School, St. Joan Antida High School and Marquette

University. She then traveled to Quebec, Canada to immerse herself in French. When she returned to Milwaukee, she was hired by Milwaukee Public Schools where she taught Math and French at Bay View High School until she retired in the mid-1990s.

She was a sports fan and her favorite players were third baseman Eddie Matthews of the old Milwaukee Braves and Green Bay Packers quarterback Brett Favre. She was a proud Italian and was active at the Italian Community Center and Festa Italiana. At Three Holy Women Parish, one of her favorite activities was contributing to the success of the spaghetti dinners.

This allowed her to guarantee that the dinners were never scheduled on a Green Bay Packers Sunday.

Visitation and Mass of Christian Burial were held at Three Holy Women Parish- St. Rita Church, 1617 N. Cass Street on Monday, May 2, 2022 with interment at Holy Cross Cemetery, 7301 W. Nash Street.



Jo Ann Melchiorre 1968 and more recent.

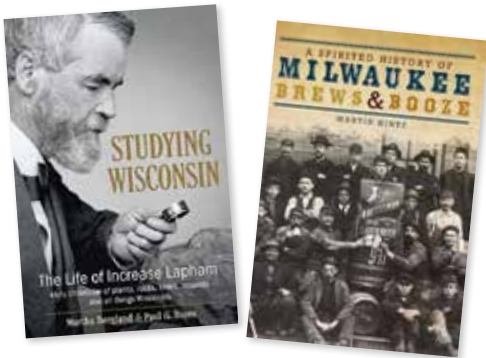
Lessons from teachers

Both of these women lived long, happy, healthy, fulfilling lives. Audrey lived 36 years after retiring, to age 97. Jo Ann lived 27 years after retiring, to age 81. It goes without saying that they lived to a happy, healthy old age.

A little observation reveals common threads between these two women. They found their place in life at a young age in vocation, activities and friends. Both loved teaching and their students loved them. Although they loved their jobs, they had a life outside of the classroom which involved spiritual enlightenment and service. They could step into that life on weekends and vacations. It was a healthy balance.

When they retired, they had something to retire into and could devote even more time to their lifelong pursuits. In addition, they spent more time with friends, many from their childhood days. They found contentment early in life. They weren't constantly searching; they were satisfied with who they were and with what they had found.

Teaching didn't end when they left the classroom at the end of a workday or when they retired. They were role models in how to live a happy life. As role models, they used life as their classroom to teach others how to live.



2022 Virtual Book Club

Our BVHS Virtual Book Club has a few discussions remaining. Join us as we explore local history by local authors via Zoom. Mark your calendar for the following:

Thursday • June 9 • 6:30 PM *"Studying Wisconsin: The Life of Increase Lapham"* by Martha Bergland & Paul G. Hayes

Thursday • August 11 • 6:30 PM *"A Spirited History of Milwaukee Brews & Booze"* by Martin Hintz

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South Shore Yacht Club Landmark Dedication

Saturday • June 11 • 12:30PM
South Shore Yacht Club

Sunrise Yoga

1st Saturdays • May - August
9AM – 10AM • \$15/Session
Beulah Brinton House

Solstice Jam

Tuesday • June 21 • 5:30PM
Beulah Brinton House

August Walk

Saturday • August 6 • 9AM
Colectivo Coffee, 2301 S. KK Avenue

Virtual Book Club

"Studying Wisconsin: The Life of Increase Lapham" by Martha Bergland & Paul G. Hayes

Thursday • June 9 • 6:30PM

"A Spirited History of Milwaukee Brews & Booze" by Martin Hintz

Thursday • August 11 • 6:30PM

BVHS Board Meetings

Wednesday • June 8 • 6:30PM

Wednesday • July 13 • 6:30PM

Wednesday • August 10 • 6:30PM

Wednesday • September 14 • 6:30PM

Beulah Brinton Open Houses

Saturday • June 4 • 1-4PM

Saturday • July 2 • 1-4PM

Saturday • August 6 • 1-4PM

Saturday • September 3 • 1-4PM

Saturday • October 1 • 1-4PM