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A HISTORY OF OMENA POSTMASTERS PART II: Debbie Disch

This is the second in the two-part series on the history of Omena postmasters. When the first part was published in the fall of 2009, it was 150 years since the first postmaster, **Aaron Page**, had been appointed on June 21, 1859. The second postmaster was **John Anderson**, but he held that position for only six months in 1881.

Sidney Keyes became postmaster in late 1881 and held that position until 1887, when **Andrew F. Anderson** was appointed. The post office was located in the postmasters' homes until 1887, when Andrew moved it into his general store in Omena.

From 1894-1898, Sidney Keyes again became post-master, moving the post office back into his home. Then, in 1898, Andrew Anderson was reappointed, and it returned to the store. In 1914, Andrew was succeeded as postmaster by his son, **Louis Anderson**, who was **George Anderson's** father and **Annette Deibel's** uncle. He held the post until 1929, when he opened a second store in Northport, and moved there to run it. **Adolph Jacobson** became the manager of the store, and also succeeded him as postmaster, serving from 1929 to 1940. **Homer Fouts** became the postmaster in 1940. For a number of years during the 1940s, the post office moved down the street in the summer to the ice cream parlor and gift shop, which was also owned by the Andersons.

Homer Fouts died just before **Myles and Bea Kimmerly** moved to Omena in 1947 and bought the general store. Bea was the acting postmaster for almost two years.

Horace Wheeler was appointed postmaster in 1949 and served until 1965. When the Kimmerlys' store was closed in 1959, the post office moved to its current location in the old ice cream parlor – one hundred years after postal service was established in Omena.

From 1906 until 1955, Omena had rural delivery service.

Fred Putnam remembers how important mail delivery was to the families in the area. With no major department stores nearby, many purchases were made by catalog and delivered through the postal service. Each fall, he and his siblings ordered their new school clothes and anxiously awaited their arrival. Rural delivery was discontinued in 1955 and divided between Northport and Suttons Bay, depending on where you lived.



After the move to its current location in 1959, Horace Wheeler remained postmaster until 1965. **Geneva Smith** had worked in the Omena post office for a number of years and became the acting postmaster. In 1967, she was appointed postmaster. **Jon**

Smith has many memories of the years that his mother worked for the post office. Geneva and her family lived in town in the house that her granddaughter, **Sheila Lingaur**, and her family now live. In the late 1940s and early 1950s, the train still ran through town. The Omena train stop was just up the hill behind her house. The train

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OHS Timelines Mission Statement:

*Our purpose is to showcase Omena's
past as we chronicle the present,
with an understanding that today's news*

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Strike up the Band! Summer is just around the corner and OHS is ready. Our industrious committees have spent a busy spring creating enticing events for a gala season of fun and adventure for you!

Our new exhibit, designed by the Museum Committee, will feature Resort Days in Omena, reminding us of the heydays of our finest turn-of-the-century hotels, with all their flourish and finery. Mark your calendars for the Grand Opening on June 27!

Pontoon rides at sunset promise a leisurely evening and pleasant motor around the waters of Omena Bay as we envision our ancestors landing with their families by steamer from Chicago, Cincinnati and Detroit. Can you picture them strolling along the sidewalk with their parasols? Our jaunty drivers, led by Jim Miller, will guide us through this bit of Omena history. Set aside July 9.


Our leading ladies, Linda Kemper, Caryn DeVries and Doni Lystra have conjured up a weekend of community fun for July 17 and 18. On Saturday evening will feature an auction offering priceless gems, old and new. (Check out our website for items.) Young and old will enjoy a Sunday festival of old-fashioned games and socializing along the waterfront. Of course, there will be an Ice Cream Social - and music will flood the street. The Mayor will preside, so you must be there! Please come in costume if you can.

Kathy Miller and her Program Committee have a roster of fascinating information and activities scattered throughout evenings in June, July and August. Please consult our Calendar of Programs and Events so you don't miss the dates and times.

Our Annual Meeting will be at Shady Trails Camp on August 6. You will want to be there for a special tribute to Vin Moore, one of Omena's finest, still missed by one and all.

The OHS Board has concluded that one membership solicitation a year makes more sense than the current two, so please look forward to our only membership solicitation, coming this fall to a post office near you!

As you bring summer warmth and sun to Omena's shore, your Board will be standing by with a hearty welcome!



ooooooooops!

Sorry, but it seems the gremlins worked overtime on our Fall, 2010, issue. Please make the following important corrections:

MILESTONES -

Jennifer Buehler was married on September 26, 2009.

Robert Jay DeVrou died August 5, 2009.

Frank C. Kalchik died September 9, 2009.

TREASURER'S REPORT -

Our receipts came to \$21,631 (not \$221,631, as reported! Wishful thinking, perhaps.

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Mike Kimmerly was appointed Probate Judge in 1958.

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still ran through town. The Omena train stop was just up the hill behind the the Anderson/Smith/Lingaur house. The train would stop, or slow down, briefly to pick up and drop off mail bags. Geneva could hear the train and hop in her Model A truck to pick up the mail bag. One of Bob and Caryn Devries' favorite memories of her goes back to around 1981 when they walked with their two toddlers, Ryan and Kendra, to the post office. "Geege" or "Gee-gee," as many in town called Geneva, would slip a cookie or a piece of candy through the mail slot, delighting the children.

Geneva retired in 1981 and was succeeded by **Norm Edick**, Norm had been the clerk in the **Cedar Post Office**. He remembers how cold the post office was that first winter, with the wind howling through. Geneva had always worn a vest or jacket inside in the winter. For Norm's first winter, he made storm windows for the building, keeping him warmer and using much less fuel oil. He remembers how Geneva and **David Viskochil** continued to plant flowers in the flower boxes and around the post office every year. While Norm was postmaster, he hired **Gail Lang** to assist. Gail continued to work there after Norm left, and still lives in Omena. **Sally Viskochil** also assisted for a couple of years. Norm left Omena in the mid-80s to become postmaster in Maple City.

Dolores "Dee" Wilcox was appointed to replace Norm Edick. At the time she took over, there were 85 mail boxes. *A History of Leelanau Township*, published in 1982, offered its opinion: "Today there are 85 rented boxes and a need for more." Dee addressed that need and added the "L" of boxes in the post office. Dee served until 1990. **Connie Lutloff** was acting postmaster until **Mark Frank** was appointed in December of that year.

Mark had worked at the Northport and Traverse City post offices before then. He remembers that Omena was "a little taken aback" when their new postmaster arrived with his earring and longish hair, and then on his motorcycle when the snow melted.

Mark served for almost twenty years before his retirement in June, 2009. He was a wonderful historian, saving and recording many items from our post office's earlier days. He worked with the U.S. Postal Service in Washington, D.C. to get accurate information on past postmasters, and left a history file with the post office. Mark also added another section to the boxes, bringing the total to 228 boxes still there today. **Nancy Kalchik**, an Omena resident, has been the acting postmaster since Mark's retirement. The Omena Post Office has changed dramatically, yet is, in some respects, unchanged in the slightly over 150 years since postal service was established in town. In the beginning, mail arrived sporadically and was tossed onto the floor of **Reverend Dougerty's** home. The few roads that existed were

unpaved. Because travel was so difficult, Omena was primarily self-sufficient in terms of goods and services that could be found in in the village. What is unchanged is that the post office is a hub for social interaction. It is still a central part of the community and its postmasters continue to play an important role in our daily lives. ❖

OUR OHS ARCHIVES

Joey Bensley

One of the assets of OHS is our ever increasing archives. Prior to our becoming an official organization, many members had already begun collecting photos, documents, interviews and memorabilia with the hope that it would one day be properly cared for and documented. Under **Bill Marbach's** leadership, many such items were cataloged and filed for safe keeping. Today this remains an ongoing and disciplined process. Through the years our collection has grown and served not only our members but other individuals and organizations as well. It is a valuable tool for researching various historical matters for articles, books, exhibits or personal information on families and buildings.

Many OHS members may not be aware of the extent to which our archives have been used over the past few years. We invite those who are interested in researching our growing collection and/or adding to it, to contact **Joey Bensley** at 386-7726.

OHS is constantly in search of new and interesting facts about Omena's past. Even though digging through old records and newspaper articles is often a mundane task, they remain unwavering and their discoveries become our treasures. The rewards come in the form of bits of forgotten information that paint a more accurate and colorful picture. Today they share some recent bits of information with you, our readers. Enjoy! ❖

NEW DISCOVERIES

Larry and Joey Bensley

An exciting element in the study of history is any discovery that discloses evidence that was previously unknown or lost for generations. Just when one thinks they have a command of local history, new and exciting information surfaces. Recently, an article from the July 20, 1898 edition of the *Grand Traverse Herald* was brought to our attention by **Janet Novak**, a member of OHS and volunteer with the Grand Traverse Heritage Society. In this edition were a number of interesting historical items. Two examples are the following personal remembrances about **Chief Shab-wah-sung** and **Man-i-to-wah-by**. Intriguing and compelling in the same issue of the paper was an article about the mounds left by unknown people of a previous time. It seems that **Mr. Morgan Bates** had a keen interest in archaeology and proceeded to open some mounds constructed near

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Traverse City by early people known as the **Mound Builders**. In several he found numerous specimens of stone, copper and clay. Among the clay relics were samples he believed came from an extensive pottery making group in Omena. The article claims that many years ago, the site of this manufactory was clearly traced and many beautiful specimens, all broken, were secured.

Whether the above is completely accurate or not, it provides a new path to trace in our quest for Omena's history. With continued research, more will be uncovered concerning the early people who built the mounds and created the clay pottery from this area. If one enjoys a challenge, the search for answers can be rewarding. ❖

*Editor's Note: The story of Shob-wah-sung and the one that follows it are just as **Abel Page** wrote them many years later. We think his unique word usage, spelling, and syntax add to their charm.*

***Abel T. Page** and his younger brother, **Aaron**, migrated with their father, **Abel, Sr.**, from Vermont to Kent County, Michigan, circa 1840. By the time Abel was twenty-one, in 1850, he had inherited the family farm in Kent County.*

***Omena, a Place in Time** tells us that "Aaron, then nineteen, helped him farm the land. When Aaron later made Omena his home, Abel made part of his living by helping to sell pieces of Omena as a land agent based in Grand Rapids...Frank Graves' 'Special Agent' in developing the **New Mission Resort** was Abel T. Page." Brother Aaron operated the **Page Boarding House**, across Omena Bay from the resort.*

SHOB-WAH-SUNG

Abel Page

Among the prominent Indians belonging to the Omena Mission, the most remarkable character was the Old Chippewa chief, Shob-wah-sung. In disposition and temperament he differed very much from the kind-hearted medicine man, Man-i-to-wah-by. Shob-wah-sung in his manner, was very dignified and sedate, seldom laughing, and talking little. He was a man of strong will, good judgment, and his word was law with his tribe. He was respected and recognized as a brave and competent leader. When the United States Government was negotiating treaties with the Indians for their lands, Shob-wah-sung took a very active part in the Council's deliberations. In his manhood prime, he was a mighty hunter, and great warrior. It is reported of him that he was at an early day engaged in a number of battles with Indian tribes on the west side of Lake Michigan. In his later years, among the Mission Indians, he was known and counseled as a Chee-se-ka (or "urjer.")

Shob-wah-sung was twice married. When his first wife died, he went into mourning, consisting in having his face blackened with charcoal and smeared with sturgeon oil, and wearing a glazed black cambric shirt, which gave him a most hideous appearance. He remained a widower

alone, he took another wife; they had two children, a son and daughter, who survived him.

Shob-wah-sung made his home for many years on the beautiful Mission Point. The old man was very much attached to that locality; there among forests he cleared a small plat of ground, and every summer made a nice garden where he raised his vegetables. Many moons have come and gone since this noble son of the forest tilled his lone garden. In the wild woods of the romantic Mission Point, and on that pretty garden spot where, years ago, Shob-wah-sung gathered his winter supply of potatoes and corn, a second growth of thrifty maple and elm trees now cover the ground. **Mr. Frank H. Graves** of Grand Rapids, is now the owner of one hundred and fifty acres of land upon New Mission Point, extending into Grand Traverse Bay nearly three-fourths of a mile. This tract of land is almost surrounded by the waters of Traverse and Omena Bays. These historic grounds have all been platted into lots and will be made one of the most attractive Summer Resorts in all Northern Michigan.

Shob-wah-sung's summer garden is located on this platted land and Mr. Graves will fit it up for a pretty summer park, in remembrance of the old red man of the forest. Much of the information and history relating to Omena, the New Mission and the Indians, was kindly furnished me by my brother, A.H. Page, and his wife. They resided at Omena soon after the Mission was established. He cleared up a farm there. Mrs. Page being conversant with the Indian language, the U. S. Government employed her as Indian interpreter and teacher for the Indians many years. This, and keeping the post office at Omena, enabled them to become well acquainted with the Indians and their history. Mr. Page, now a resident of Colorado, is the owner of a Calumet, or "Pipe of Peace," of old red pipe stone. It was given to him by Shob-wah-sung a short time before he died.❖

MAN-I-TO-WAH-BY

Abel Page

Connected with the New Mission at Omena, there were two very noted Indian characters. The name of one was Man-i-to-wah-by, the other Shob-wah-sung. Man-i-to-wah-by was a doctor or "medicine man". Physically he was large and well proportioned. He was tall and, in his prime, straight as an arrow.

Man-i-to-wah-by was a person of more than ordinary ability and possessed a large amount of practical knowledge and good common sense. He was held in high esteem and almost revered by the Indians of his tribe, not only as a healer of their ills, but as a wise and prudent counselor. He was always a welcome guest among white neighbors. Man-i-to-wah-by had a very cheerful disposition and was a great joker and story teller, always a favorite with white children. He enjoyed collecting

them about him and telling them stories. He had had 7 wives but no living children in his old age, being nearly 100. He said he felt very sorry when his 5th wife died as she was a good cook. In this particular, Man-i-to-wah-by was not unlike many of his pale-faced brethren. He had an adopted daughter who lived with him until she married, but her husband would not take the old man.

He was very fond of good clothes and on extra occasions he would dress up in a nice showy suit covered with silver ornaments, which the U.S. government gave him. He was dressed in this suit when **Mr. S.H. Spencer**, photographer at Northport, took his photograph. The Indians have a superstitious dread of having their photo taken. Man-i-to-wah-by refused many times for a money consideration to have his photo taken but one time when the citizens of Northport got the old Indian up a big dinner and he had eaten his fill of good things, he felt so good he forgot his superstitions and Mr. Spencer secured his picture.

Man-i-to-wah-by lived and died in the Indian village near Omena. He was an Ottawa. The Indians not seeing him sitting around as usual, one morning went to his wigwam and found him dying. He was buried in the little Indian cemetery at Omena, dressed in his silver ornamented suit - gathered with his fathers in the far away Indian summer land. ❖

IN THE GOOD OLD SUMMERTIME

Alice Littlefield

Mark your calendars for the "**FUNRAISER**" to be held Saturday, July 17 and Sunday, July 18. It will be chaired by **Linda Kemper** and **Caryn DeVries**. A Family Fun Fest on Sunday will feature ice cream and games that will appeal to children of all ages. Among the games planned are horseshoes, badminton, beanbag toss, a pie-eating contest, and more. Security will be provided by the OBS (Omena Board of Security, not to be confused with the Omena Breakfast Society).

Exercise your creativity - come dressed in vintage resort wear from the 1890s to 1930s. Best costume gets a prize and your photo prominently displayed!

Got ideas? Volunteers are welcome and needed. To offer your ideas and/or your help organizing games, email Linda Kemper at lindacwelch22@comcast.net or Caryn Devries at caryndv@hotmail.com, or call Alice Littlefield at 231-357-1359. ❖

*So many romances flourished during
the summer months that a road.....
ending at the water's edge,
was christened "Lovers Lane."
(Give Me a Golden Pen, by Gertrude Goebel.)*

MORE EXCITING SUMMER EVENTS

Kathy Miller

The program committee met three times during the winter to plan four programs that we know you will find interesting and enjoyable. Please note that two events require pre-registration due to space limitations.

1. June 30, 7 PM: at the museum: "The Cemeteries of Leelanau Township" by George Anderson.
2. July 9, 5 PM: Meet at Kathy and Jim Miller's home at 3123 Omena Point Road for "Omena's Historical Bay Cruise." This will be an adults only activity and requires pre-registration. For reservations, please call the Millers at 386-5228.
3. August 6, 4 PM: Annual Meeting at Shady Trails; will include "Remembrances of Vin Moore," an OHS charter member.
4. August 17, 6 PM: Meet at Sunset Lodge: An "historic" meal prepared by Susan Odom as it would have been presented in the early resort days. There is a \$20 charge and pre-registration. Please call Joey or Larry Bensley at 386-7726 for this rare treat.



Our busy Program Committee is seen here finalizing the plans for the OHS 2010 summer programs. Left to Right are George Anderson, Nana Kennedy, Bob Smart, Mary Smart, Joey Bensley, Joan Blount, Larry Bensley(hiding in the back) and Kathy Miller (standing).

Questions? Call Kathy Miller at 386-5228. ❖

AN ORIGINAL OMENA FAMILY

Mary Tonnegerger

It is hard to fathom how integral the Kalchik family is to the history and evolving life of Omena. A review of the voluminous book, *The Gills Pier Bohemians* by Robert E. Schrader, has an extensive chapter on the Kalchik family (Bohemian spelling: Kalcik), its history and its relationship to many familiar names in Leelanau County.

The founding father of the family was **John Kalchik, Sr.** who was born in Prague, Bohemia in 1844. He came to America, specifically to Leland, with a group of

fellow countrymen who were recruited to work at a the foundry that made coke in Leland. The men made the sea voyage together on a boat that was dispatched by the foundry owners. The site of eight kilns, the area today is known by all as "Fishtown."

John married **Anna Kirt**, also of Prague, and had one child, **John Kalchik, Jr.** Anna died at a relatively young age, so John, Sr. married her sister, also from Prague. To this union, seven children were born. Another sister, **Mary**, married **Henry Kropp**. John Sr. died in 1918 at Gills Pier, at the age of 74.

From this brief introduction, we can trace the extended family to other key county families such as **Sleder, Plamondon, Korson, Kolarik, Kirt, and Schaub**. Families were large due to religious heritage and the need for help with the many challenges of survival. It was not uncommon to have families up to twelve children. One Kalchik ancestor had eight children and forty-four grandchildren.

We will focus on one Omena descendant of John, Senior, his third son, **Joseph Charles Kalchik**, who was born in 1875 at Gills Pier, an area dominated by the landmark **St. Wenceslaus Church**. In 1905 he married **Anna Mary Kropp** who was born in Cedar in 1882. They had three children: Charles, (whose son is Chuck Kalchik of Northport), Frank, and Mary (who died in childhood). The middle child, Frank, the father of many current Omena residents, will also be profiled.

Joseph was a talented man with the foresight to see the potential growth of agriculture in the Omena area. In 1909, he and his wife Anna purchased one acre of land to start farming, and the seller threw in an extra quarter acre to get them started.

Joseph was quite varied in his endeavors. He and Anna purchased the **Oaks Hotel** in 1913 from the **General Grierson** trust. Located at the end of Omena Point, it stood on land now occupied by the **Wyler** family. Many long-term residents remember it as a fine resort. Services to arriving resort guests were critical to Joseph Kalchik and his two sons. He owned the first car in Omena but also met guests coming by rail with a horse drawn cart.

With the old residences, water was key. Many cottages had water tanks and the challenge was getting water into the tanks. Joseph and his crew hauled water from the bay to the tanks which were often in the attic. Anna Kalchik ran a laundry service for summer visitors.

Joseph's granddaughter, **Pat Kalchik Bussey**, remembers that she and her sister, Joanne, sometimes helped their grandmother clean the cottages on the Point before the summer families arrived. "We also helped with cook-

ing and cleaning at home. Mother was extra busy with bookwork during cherry season. We kids always hoped for an early end to the cherry harvest. The sooner it was over, the more time for us to enjoy vacation before school started. The current **OTYC** clubhouse, originally known as **The Pavilion**, was built by the Anderson brothers in 1911. **Frank Kalchik**, was as versatile as his father. He worked for the Andersons, played in a band that entertained summer visitors and was also involved in running the volunteer Fire Department.



Frank Kalchik

Over the years, Frank and his wife, **Mary Elizabeth (Betty Korson)** (b.1914), built upon and expanded his father's pursuits into many areas. Frank added to the family farm and, by 1949, he and his wife were owners or supervisors of almost 300 acres. They raised livestock, grew cherries, and ultimately, processed cherries at their **Omena Packing Company**. In 1948, it shipped three million pounds of sweet and sour cherries. They brined cherries on the property on Tatch Road, and, in 1977, that site became the original base of operation for the **Leelanau Wine Cellars**, operated by Joseph's grandson, **Chuck Kalchik**, and **Mike Jacobson**.

We now know the building materials, hauling, bulldozer, and excavating business, as **Kal Excavating**. Frank ran the rigs and Mary (Betty) handled the books. Their three sons, **Gerald, Ralph, and Ron Kalchik** bought the business in 1965; Gerry and Ralph turned it over to Ron a few years later. Ron passed away in 1990, but Kal Excavating is still operated today by Frank and Betty's daughter-in-law, **Joan Ten Brock**, and their grandson, **Nathan Kalchik**, who now lives with his family in his grandfather's home on NW Bayshore Drive.

Frank and Mary had five children; and the four remaining still reside in Omena. They are **Ralph Kalchik (wife Nancy)**, **Patricia Kalchik Bussey (husband Marlin)**, **Joanne Kalchik Dalzell, (husband Allan)**, **Gerald (wife Nancy, our current postmaster)**, and **Ronald, deceased (wife Joan)**. From these came fifteen grandchildren plus many greats and great-greats. Family reunions must be amazing!

Mary died in 2006 at the age of 91 and Frank in 2009, a few weeks before his 100th birthday - a total of 190 years of impact on Omena's history and development! A record like that will not soon be broken. ♦

A SNEAK PREVIEW OF OUR 2010 SUMMER EXHIBIT - OMENA RESORTS

Jim Miller

Did you know that, in its heyday, Omena boasted nine resorts? Most were substantial in size and offered all the amenities found in fine resorts around the country. They were spread throughout Omena, from the **Clovers Resort** near **Villa Marquette** to **Sunset Lodge** and the **Leelanau Hotel**, high above the shores of Omena Point.



*The Clovers was high style in the mid-1880s, when it was built by **Sidney Keyes**. After closing in 1955, the buildings were mainly untended until 1980, when due to extreme deterioration, it was intentionally burned to the ground.*

Our 2010 exhibit is shaping up to be the best ever! We will be showcasing all nine resorts, focusing on the key role they played in Omena's history.

Sunset Lodge has been restored and remains the oldest traditional resort destination in the area. The actual survey used to transport early summer resorters between the steamships and the Sunset Lodge has been purchased by OHS and will be on exhibit. Artifacts documents and photos, including then-and-now pictures, will be displayed along with each resort's story.

Our front room exhibit will be transformed into a typical resort era bedroom, furnished with period furniture, rugs and photos. Step back in time with us and see what life was like in old Omena. We'll see you there! ♦

OUR OHS LIBRARY - SMALL, BUT PROUD Bruce Balas

The library of the Omena Historical Society was established in 2004 to gather and preserve both material about the history of Omena and publications by authors with historical connections to Omena. Because much of the material is delicate, it is not a lending library. Materials can be used in the library itself, which is set up with comfortable chairs and tables to make your reading more enjoyable.

This summer at the library, there will be a display of books by authors who at one time actually lived or summered in Omena. So far we have identified and collected twenty such authors, some from the past like **Wally Cox**, (aka Mr. Peepers) of television fame, his grandmother, **Eleanor Atkinson**, who wrote "Johnny Appleseed," **Clara Pierson**, who wrote children's books, and Civil War general, **Byron Cutcheon**, to name a few. Other more recent authors that you will recognize will also be included. To add interest to the display, **Larry Bensley** has collected and framed pictures of almost every author. Come in this summer and see how many of these you recognize.

Authors known to have Omena connections:

Allen, Tim
Atkinson, Eleanor
Blake, Eleanor
Carmody, Ruth Freeland
Centner, James L.
Charter, Kay
Cox, Wally
Craker, Alan
Craker, Ruth

Cutcheon, Byron
Goebel, Gertrude
Holmes, Amanda
Kemble, John
Lystra, Don
Mitchell, John
Oberndorf, Charles
Page, Abel T.
Pierson, Clara
Schneidewind, Barbara
Wylie, Ken



Eleanor Atkinson wrote several successful books. She is perhaps best known for her books for young people, among them "Johnny Appleseed" and "Greyfriar's Bobby," which have long been considered classics. "Grayfriers's Bobby" has been reprinted many times and was the basis for at least two films.

We may individually profile our Omena authors in future issues, so if you think of any we've omitted, please email **Bruce Balas** at jbbalas@gmail.com. ♦



THE BULLETIN BOARD



DELICATESSEN DAY IS COMING!

Omena Village Preservation Association invites one and all to "Delicatessen Day," a fundraiser to renovate the Omena post office.

Enjoy great food and help Omena maintain its wonderful heritage.

All food provided by renowned Shapiro's Delicatessen of Indianapolis.

Date: Saturday, July 31st

Time: 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Place: 1/4 mile north of Omena on M22.

Look for Quonset huts on left

Indoor and outdoor seating available.

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