

## History of Lakeside Cemetery

On December 27th, 1907, Daniel Lucas and his wife, Anna, sold land for "one dollar and other considerations: to the Modern Woodmen of America on "to be used for cemetery purposes:. This land was surveyed and platted on July 6 & 7, 1908, by Chas O Sturtevant for a cemetery. John Neuner was its first sexton. It was known as the Woodman's Cemetery of Frazee. The change in the name took place when the Modern Woodmen turned over control of the cemetery to the Village of Frazee.

A picture taken in 1938 shows a group of ladies gathered together with rakes and baskets preparatory to cleaning up Lakeside Cemetery. In April, 1944, a group of 9 ladies met and officially organized a Lakeside Cemetery Association, with Articles of Association and By-Laws drawn up for the purpose of maintaining and beautifying the grounds, Mrs. D.W.Daggett was elected to be its first president, and she remained in this position until she retired in October 1969. Other charter members of the organization were: Mrs. Fred Hall, Vice President; Mrs Hans Jess, Secretary; Mrs Rudy Rethwisch, Treasurer; and the following trustees: Mrs Paul Wade, Mrs Harry Hanson, Mrs S.J. Huntley, Mrs. C.D. Lyford and Mrs Grace Skillings.

A Stone gateway entrance was erected in 1954 and a vault was built in 1963. Mrs Hilary Tester served as president after the resignation of Mrs. Daggett in 1969. A stone bench was placed near the entrance by Mrs Huntley who often rode to the cemetery on horseback to visit the grave of her husband. In the early 1980's, the cemetery was landscaped with shrubbery and trees planted. Mrs Ed Trieglaff took over as president in the spring of 1986. Anna Mae Nelson has held the position as well as Joan Ketter and Elinor Rethwish. Meetings are called when necessary, usually 4 or 5 times per year.

The Lakeside Cemetery committee exists mainly on donations and volunteers. At the time of this writing (September 2014) one grave plot cost \$500(contact Larry Stephenson, Sexton for information on purchasing a plot). City of Frazee (owner of the cemetery) is completely in charge of all 'Perpetual Care' and the Lakeside Cemetery Committee works with beautification of shrubs and flower beds. The Lakeside Cemetery is a place of beauty and serenity for both the living and the dead! An object of pride to our entire community.