

# Willowlake

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Talk



## Independence Day covered dish

Our Independence Day covered dish was held on Friday, 1 July. There was only about 38 people present but we had a very festive dinner of salads and desserts, it was just too hot to cook. Liz Curran brought a very fitting dessert for us to enjoy as did Donna Beauboeuf.



. Not only were they attractive and patriotic, but delicious as well. After dinner there was bingo, the jackpot continues to grow so watch your calendar for the next session.

## Men's Breakfast at Margaretville



Good Food, Good Friends, and Good Conversation.

## Willow Lake Upcoming Birthdays

Gordy, Pat	9-Aug
Guillot, Jackie	9-Aug
Mayer, Janice	10-Aug
Wells, Leon	18-Aug
Phillips, Lee	20-Aug
Hazelwood, Mary	25-Aug
Koval, Ken	31-Aug

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### Ladies Luncheon

This group of our Willow Lake ladies met today for lunch at Outback Steakhouse. The food was great and as usual, we had a good time visiting with each other.



They say you're supposed to learn something new every day, and a lot of us learned from Dee Metheny about freezing leftover food in glass pint and half pint jars. Can't wait to try it!

Thank you Rose Kennedy for hosting.

### Men's Lunch

This month the men had lunch at Notini's Italian Buffet.



Again; ten of us had a very enjoyable meal and conversation. Politics was never mentioned.



### Children of "The Greatest Generation"

Born in the 1930s and early 40s, we exist as a very special age cohort. We are the Silent Generation. We are the smallest number of children born since the early 1900s. We are the "last ones".

We are the last generation, climbing out of the depression, who can remember the winds of war and the impact of a world at war which rattled the structure of our daily lives for years. We are the last to remember ration books for everything from gas to sugar to shoes to stoves. We saved tin foil and poured fat into tin cans. We hand mixed "white stuff" with "yellow stuff" to make fake butter. We saw cars up on blocks because tires weren't available.

We can remember milk being delivered to our house early in the morning and placed in the milk box on the porch. (A friend's mother delivered milk in a horse drawn cart.)

We are the last to hear Roosevelt's radio assurances and to see gold stars in the front windows of our grieving neighbors. We can

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also remember the parades on August 15, 1945; VJ Day. We saw the boys home from the war build their Cape Cod style houses, pouring the cellar, tar papering it over and living there until they could afford the time and money to build it out.

We are the last generation who spent childhood without television; instead we imagined what we heard on the radio. As we all like to brag, with no TV, we spent our childhood playing outside until the street lights came on. We did play outside and we did play on our own. There was no little league, there was no city playground for kids. To play in the water, we turned the fire hydrants on and ran through the spray.

The lack of television in early years meant, for most of us, that we had little real understanding of what the world was like. Our Saturday if at the movies, gave us newsreels of the war and the holocaust sandwiched in between westerns and cartoons. Telephones were one to a house, often shared and hung on the wall. Computers were called calculators and were hand cranked; typewriters were driven by pounding fingers, throwing the carriage, and changing the ribbon. The "internet" and "GOOGLE" were words that didn't exist. Newspapers and magazines were written for adults. We are the last group who had to find out for ourselves.

As we grew up, the country was exploding with growth. The GI Bill gave returning veterans the means to get an education and spurred colleges to grow. VA loans fanned a housing boom. Pent up demand coupled with new installment payment plans put factories to work.

New highways would bring jobs and mobility.

The last of us was born in 1942, more than 99.9% of us are either retired or dead; and all of us believe we grew up in the best of times.

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### **Walmart Supercenter Update**

The Bossier City Council annexed land for a new Walmart. Last month, the Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) voted to rezone the land on Wemple Rd. at Airline Dr. in North Bossier to commercial. The Bossier City Council still has to give a final vote on the rezoning, which is expected to take place next month.