



Wheeling Historical
Society and Museum
Newsletter

Spring Is Almost Here

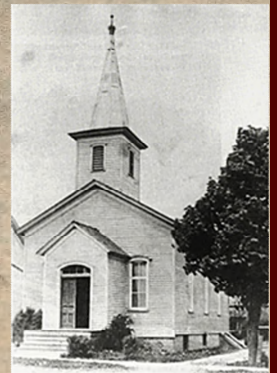
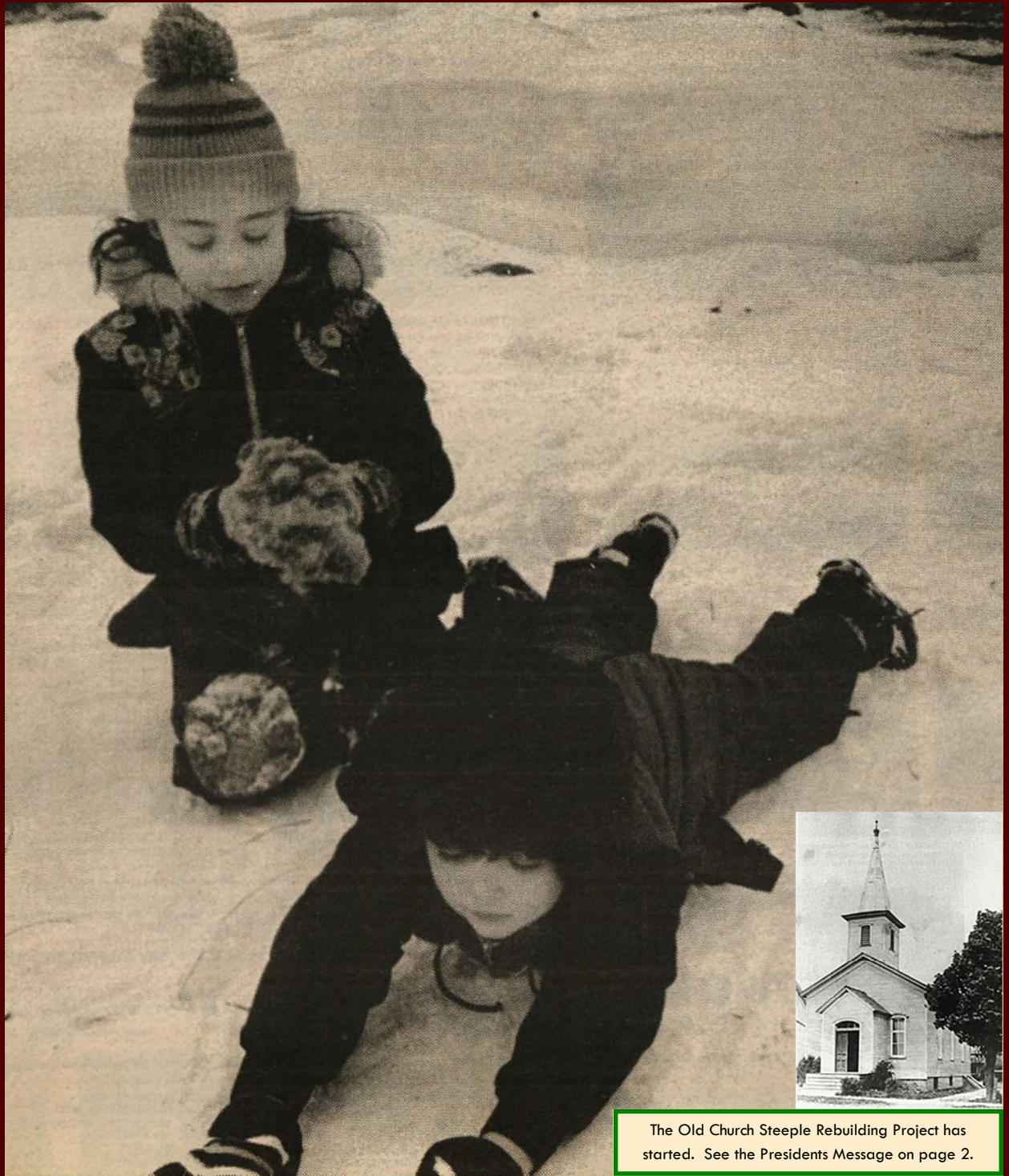
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The Wheeling Historical Society and Museum celebrates the link between the past and the present. The museum is a cooperative effort of the Village of Wheeling, Wheeling Park District, Indian Trails Public Library.

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY

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The Old Church Steeple Rebuilding Project has started. See the Presidents Message on page 2.

A Message From The President — Terry Steilen

As previously promised, I have started the project to investigate the feasibility of restoring the steeple on our church to its original appearance. Ken Brady, Mark Smith and I have created a list of items that will need to be accomplished.

First on the list is determine if the Evergreen Presbyterian Church in town would be willing to relocate their bell, forged in 1881, back to its original home in our steeple. The bell is currently in a sad state of disrepair, and we will need to determine if our 150 year old church and bell tower is still capable of supporting it. The church was built in 1865, and the original steeple was destroyed by lightning in @1938, rebuilt, and apparently struck again in @1958. The congregation decided not to rebuild. The bell was eventually moved to their new church on Highland Ave. where it sits today, just off the sidewalk in the front yard. We hope to gain their support by the end of the month.

I need help in completing this project. If you would like to help this keep moving forward, please give me a call., Thank you again for your continued support, Terry



The Curator's Corner — Patti Steilen



Once again Lollipop Lane was a huge success. Thanks again to all the elves who gave their time to making it a fun week. The annual White Elephant dinner is February 22nd. Hope to see a good crowd and enjoy the auctioneering of Bill Hein. We can always use extra help in the basement on Thursdays. It doesn't have to be an every week commitment; we need help organizing and scanning items. We have some interesting programs and a tea planned where we will be looking at old pictures and scrap books. We will also be asking for written memories of life in Wheeling from the 50's on. Please see upcoming events in this newsletter and mark your calendars.

From Reminisce Magazine: As a 16-year-old-girl, my mother attended a small country church in Pennsylvania. Most everyone knew each other. One Sunday before church services began, my mother was sitting in the front row and turned around to look at the congregation. Her eyes met those of a young man she'd never met. In that brief moment, a warm smile and a wink from him was all it took to cause my mother to believe in love at first sight! She later told me her first thought was, "This is the man I'm going to marry!" That day she didn't linger in church, but quickly made her way out, hoping to see him. Once again their eyes met, and another encouraging smile from him gave her the courage to say hello. From there the relationship blossomed. On



their way to the movies one evening, they paused at the window of a jewelry store to look at a display of rings. With a little prompting from him she pointed out one she thought was pretty. Then they continued on to the movie. Shortly after being seated, my dad told my mom he'd be right back. When he returned, the lights were out and the movie had started. He sat down, took her hand and slipped that ring on her finger. A couple of warm smiles and a little wink in church was how it all began for my parents over 40 years ago.

Vickie Sluga New York.

WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Cook's Kitchen

COOKS CORNER

Briciole



- 1 beef flank steak (1-1/2 lbs.)
- 4 Tbsp. olive oil, divided
- 1/2 cup soft bread crumbs
- 1/2 cup minced fresh parsley
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 tsp. dried oregano
- 1/2 tsp. salt, divided
- 1/2 tsp. pepper, divided
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 cans (15 oz. each) tomato sauce
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 tsp. Italian seasoning

- 1/2 tsp. sugar
- Hot cooked spaghetti, optional

Flatten steak to 1/2-in. thickness. Rub with 1 Tbsp. oil. Combine the bread crumbs, parsley, cheese, garlic, oregano, 1/4 tsp. salt and 1/4 tsp. pepper. Spoon over beef to within 1 in. of edges; press down. Roll up jelly-roll style, starting with a long side; tie with kitchen string. In a Dutch oven, brown meat in remaining oil on all sides. Add onion and cook until tender. Stir in the tomato sauce, water, Italian seasoning, sugar and remaining salt and pepper. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 70-80 minutes or until meat is tender. Remove meat from sauce and discard string. Cut into thin slices; serve with sauce and spaghetti if desired. Yield: 6 servings.

COMING EVENTS	
Feb 16 12:30 PM	Board Meeting
Feb 22 6:00 PM	White Elephant Dinner and Auction
Mar 16 12:30 PM	Board Meeting
Mar 22 6:30 PM	History Of Purple Heart
Apr 20 12:30 MP	Board Meeting
Apr 23 1:00 PM	Tea At Old Church
May 18 12:30 PM	Board Meeting
May 24 06:00	Installation Dinner



On January 14, 1982 frigid weather caused the crash of an airplane into 3 other planes after taking off from Palwaukee Airport. Daniel Bitton was the pilot and 2 Wisconsin residents were injured in the crash. There were mechanical problems and the pilot headed back to Palwaukee with 40 mph winds. He avoided hitting a restaurant filled with people. The crash caused minor injuries.



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Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, February 22, 2017
6:00 pm

Annual Dinner and White Elephant Auction

Price: \$12.00 / person

Menu: Fried Chicken, Lasagna, Italian Sausage,
Meatballs, Salad, Garlic Bread & Dessert Pizzas!
Desserts provided by Members



Empty your basement and garage!
Share your treasures / take home a treasure!

Proceeds benefit WHS projects

Limited seating –

Call Joan Welner at 847-650-0144 for reservations

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