



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.

Final Reminder: Please Pay Your Dues !



JENSEN's ICE CREAM PARLOR on Milwaukee Ave. was built by the Utpadels, using cement blocks for which they were famous.

Ice Cream Social & Sing-Along with Flo August 27th. 1:30PM

The Old Dinner Bell

Its clear voice rang across the fields,
Oh, I can remember it well—
Calling us in at noonday,
The sound of the old dinner bell.

Come mealtime the countryside echoed,
With a deep and resonant tone;
Eager and hungry we hastened,
On the path that led toward home.

Now forgotten, rusty and mute,
It sits on its weathered mast,
Just one more silent relic
Of our long-gone, colorful past.

If I could have a wish today,
I would hear the rolling swell,
Echoing again across the valley...
The sound of the old dinner bell.

—Dorothy Birdwell
Waterford, Ohio



JUST FOR LAUGHS !

- I was addicted to the Hokey Pokey, but I turned myself around.
- I child-proofed my house, but the kids still get in.
- Between two evils, I always pick the one I never tried.
- If attacked by a mob of clowns, go for the juggler.
- My reality check bounced.

A Message From The President — Terry Steilen

It has been a good summer. Not to hot, not to cold, and just a lot more rain than normal. I hope that all made it though the floods. Unfortunately the museum did not. We had a little water in the basement again. Marilyn, Bev and Patti discovered the problem, got things off the floor and called the Park District for help. They responded immediately. A few things were damaged. The Park District folks surveyed the situation and found that our old gutters and downspouts, after a hundred years of use, had developed some holes in them, Lots of holes, and big ones too. They will be replaced, but similar replacements need to be ordered from afar! Things are dry and back to normal, and we now have a new dehumidifier.

Speaking of new things, did you notice the new sign in front of the museum? We now have a permanent sign stating our open hours. Sunday attendance has grown, and thanks to Ken Brady who installed our new Donation Box, our donations have dramatically improved as well. Thank you Ken, and thank you to Jan Buchs and her staff too. We've asked to overlay our new sign, with a banner that we can use for Lollipop Lane.

Due to insurance and Park regulations, All Lollipop Lane Volunteers will be required to fill out a Volunteer Information Form this year. Please be sure to get one from us as soon as possible.

- Terry

The Curator's Corner — Patti Steilen



Please note the time changes for the September and November meetings. In September we are partnering with the Indian Trails Library with Rick Pickering performing Ghost Songs at the Library. We are in the process of scanning all our photos and documents in the files in the basement. We will then take a photo of every item we have in the museum and pair it with any information in our files. This will keep us busy for a very long time but it is important for maintaining records and hopefully it will help us find items that are tucked away in files and the carriage house. We are looking forward to the Ice Cream Social and sing-along with Flo Feiner who has performed for the Seniors Center as well as many local venues. She sings in the choir at St. Mary Parish in Buffalo Grove. This event is on Sunday August 27th at 1:30 and takes the place of the general meeting on Wednesday, August 23rd. Hope to see everyone there. Charlene Lemke has been donating items from her parents estate. Pictures and mementos are appreciated. If anyone knows of someone who would like an old organ circa 1930, we are ready to part with our organ. We would like to make room to reorganize the main room of the museum and we won't have room for the organ.

Teens' Snack Had More Protein Than Expected



THE YEAR 1959 was a magical one. I was getting ready to turn 16 (right)— the age when I could drive a car, go to see drive-in movies and take the much-heard-about "road trips." Ah, I could barely wait! That summer, as in the past, I was going to stay a couple of weeks with my grandparents Mammaw and Pappaw. They had a small farm in the foothills of eastern Kentucky near Cumberland.

This summer, my cousin, who was 3 years younger than I was, was going to stay the 2 weeks with me at Pappaw's house. We were great friends and his name, Johnnie Ray, was taken after my name, John.

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WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**Campus is Located in the Wheeling Park District's Chamber Park
131 N. Wolf Road
Wheeling Illinois**

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COOKS CORNER

ITALIAN TORTE



1 cup ricotta cheese
3 tablespoons sugar
1/4 cup miniature chocolate chips
1 loaf (10-3/4 ounces) frozen pound cake, thawed

In a bowl, combine the ricotta cheese and sugar; mix well. Stir in chocolate chips. Split cake into three horizontal layers. Place bottom layer on a serving plate; top with half of the cheese mixture. Repeat layers. Top with

the remaining cake layer. Cover and refrigerate until serving. Yield: 6 servings.

COMING EVENTS	
Aug 17 12:30	Board Meeting
Aug 27 1:30 PM	Ice Cream Social & Sing-Along with FLO
Sept 21 12:30	Board Meeting
Sept 27 6:30	Ghost Stories and Songs at the library
Oct 19 12:30	Board Meeting
Oct 25 6:30 PM	History Of Restaurant Row with Bill Hein
Nov 9 12:30 PM	Board Meeting
Nov 15 6:30	LOLLIPOP LANE Workshop

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Now everything has its price, and one rule was very firm: My grandparents went to bed every night at 8 p.m. sharp. The doors were locked, the lights were turned off, and the house would become silent, awaiting the dawn.

Teenagers, however, did not go to bed at 8 p.m., especially in the summer. My cousin and I could play the radio, but the volume had to be kept very low. Teenage boys start to get hungry about 8 p.m. In fact, teenage boys are always hungry. Well, this particular night, we listened to the radio until about 10:30 p.m.

By then, we were past hungry and went direct to being starved. The two of us, sitting in the dark, could no longer constrain our young healthy appetites. Johnnie Ray said he would sneak into the kitchen, as he remembered that a box of chocolate chip cookies was in one of the kitchen cupboards.

Sure enough, he came back with the box of cookies.. .and we devoured them! I suddenly felt strange and asked Johnnie Ray if he felt anything. No. I asked him to turn on the light, taking a chance we might be found out, and lo and behold .1 saw chocolate chips walking! I blinked and took another look into the now-empty box.

There were no less than a million black ants. They were all over the box, our clothes and our mouths.

It would be several years before I was able to eat chocolate chip cookies again, due to a longstanding fear that I might open up a box of cookies and see the chips walking!

Original village hall houses Wheeling's past

By Mark Mandernach

At first glance, the intersection of Dundee Road and Wolf Road in Wheeling appears to be just another example of suburban sprawl. The gas stations, video stores and strip malls don't really distinguish the area from any other.

But just around the corner, at 251 N. Wolf Road, is the Wheeling Historical Museum, where visitors can retreat in time to see what life was like in Wheeling at the turn of the century and earlier. Wheeling's roots date back to its first settlers in 1833.

"Believe me when I say that Wheeling has changed very much over the years," said museum curator Betty Barrie, who moved to Wheeling when she was 2 years old in 1921. "We've gone from being a farm town where people grew their own vegetables to a full-fledged suburb of Chicago. At the museum we try to show people what life used to be like around here."

The white frame building at the west end of Chamber Park, which now houses the museum, was the original village hall. It was built in 1895 at a cost of \$553.26, which included two jail cells. It also was a meeting place for village trustees, a police station and a courthouse, which explains the jails. It was moved from 84 S. Milwaukee Ave. to its current location in 1978.

One highlight of the museum is the many framed black-and-white photos. Wheeling family doctor Henry A. Benz's Old English home, Earl Johnson's Wheeling Filling Station on Milwaukee Avenue, Aug Pieper's Blacksmith & Horseshoe Shop, and Fassbender's Ice Cream Store at the corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Dundee Road are all preserved through photos. Two miniature displays illustrate "Doctor's House Call" and "General Store."

A menu from the old Hartmann House Restaurant on Milwaukee Avenue brags about an "Extra thick T-bone steak" for a whopping \$2.

"Wheeling has always been known for its fine restaurants," Barrie said. "Going back to the 1920s and 1930s, people would come to Wheeling restaurants from Chicago and the North Shore. Of course, that tradition still exists today."

A speed limit sign from 1904 warns operators of motorized vehicles in Wheeling that they risk fines of \$5 to \$100 if they exceed the 12 mph speed limit. And the limit drops to 4 mph when turning corners. Other

memorabilia includes an Improved New Goodrich foot-pedal sewing machine, an antique switchboard once used by Wheeling telephone operators, old-time phones and items from local fighting men, including World War I and II uniforms and other artifacts.

There are also a number of antique school desks and classroom photos, like Mrs. Holt's Wheeling School class from 1910. And a list of rules and regulations from 1872 illustrates how times have changed in 120 years.

A teacher's duties back then included, among other things, cleaning the chimney and hauling water. Male teachers were allowed one evening each week for courting purposes, but getting a shave in the barber shop "gives good reason to suspect his worth, intention, integrity and honesty." And a teacher who "performs without fault for five years will be given a raise of 25 cents per week."

Along with the regular displays, there are rotating exhibits, depending on the time of year. February means "Valentine's Day Memories" and June is "Wheeling Weddings."

"We try to keep things fresh. People who visit us often appreciate that," Barrie said. "We're always looking for ideas for rotating local exhibits, in case anyone has any suggestions."

And local archives are available, including old village documents, newspaper clippings and postcards, and photos of Wheeling homes and businesses, for residents interested in local history or charting their family tree.

There are two other historical structures at Chamber Park. Sicks Carriage House, which was built in 1892, houses an antique Wheeling fire engine and a variety of agricultural implements. It's open some Sundays, depending on the availability of volunteer help. And the original Wheeling Presbyterian Church, which was erected in 1865, is used for Wheeling Park District pre-school classes, historical society meetings and other events.

Wheeling Historical Museum meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of the month in September, October, November, January, March and April. A potluck supper and auction is held each February, and the annual banquet is in May. Yearly museum events are "Lollipop Lane" for children in December and the "Old Settlers' Picnic" every July.

The Wheeling Historical Museum, 251 N. Wolf Rd., Wheeling, 708-537-3119, is open Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. Call 708-537-0327 for more information.



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From a 1973 Newsletter—A touch of the past!



WHEELING
HISTORICAL SOCIETY



*Sunday, August 27, 2017
1:30 pm*

*"Sing-Along with Flo Feiner"
followed by an
Ice Cream Social*



Flo plays the old standards and American favorites. Join us for a summer afternoon of music that will soothe your soul and change your mood.

Ice cream will be served following the sing-along'

Chamber Park Community Center
251 N. Wolf Road
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Come on down to Lollipop Lane...



Mr. and Mrs. Claus welcome visitors of all ages to Lollipop Lane at Chamber Park, 131 N. Wolf Rd. The Clauses will greet guests December 2-10: 6:00-8:00PM Monday-Friday, and 2:00-5:00 Saturday and Sunday. **ADMISSION IS FREE.** Stasek Chevrolet will take pictures, and parents are encouraged to bring their own cameras. Cookies and this years collectable ornament will be available for purchase.



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