



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.

A 2004 The Countryside Reminder about the Wheeling Cemetery

A lot of history rests at the Wheeling Cemetery, and some of it is fading and crumbling away. The cemetery's oldest section — that in the northeast corner closest to Dundee Road — is littered with more than a dozen monuments lying face down, broken at the top or tipped over from old age.

Some are tossed in a pile near a bush. Most of these monuments mark the resting place of those who died in the mid-19th century — in some cases more than 40 years before Wheeling was incorporated as a village in 1894. Other neglected monuments date to the 1920s. Members of the Wheeling

Historical Society have asked village officials to repair the gravestones, but little has been done. "We go back and forth," said Linda Reading, curator of the Wheeling Historical Museum. "It needs to be repaired and taken care of, or it will be destroyed." Vandals damaged some of the monuments on Halloween more than two years ago, an incident, Reading said, that prompted discussions about repairing other aging stones. Reading said village officials cite the costs involved of the repairs, and have put them off. Reading said the society has offered to help the village repair the stones, even if it means using volunteers to do it. The Knopf Cemetery in Buffalo Grove cemetery was repaired with the help of volunteers. "I know it can be done," Reading said. Tony Altieri, commander of AMVETS Post 66 in Wheeling, said he, too, would like to see a restoration of the cemetery. He said perhaps some of the monuments beyond repair could be replaced with stones similar in style, while others could be fixed. However, his efforts, also have been stymied by the costs of the endeavor. "People keep saying it's expensive, but I can never get a figure," he said. "How expensive is expensive? Maybe we can narrow it down and see what we can do." Altieri said the post may be able to donate some money to the project. But he also noted the Knopf Cemetery repair. And he is hopeful a volunteer effort could take over if the money does not come through. "Right now, I'm not sure where to go (for help)," he said. Chuck Spratt, director of Wheeling's Public Works Department, said his department is responsible for the maintenance of the cemetery, including the maintenance of the monuments. He said he would like to do more for the cemetery, but most of the department's budget is tied up with capital improvement projects like water main replacements, road repairs and sidewalk replacements. Spratt said the department spent about \$40,000 in spring 2003 to repair the 30 gravestones damaged by the Halloween vandalism. The department, however, has been unable to work on the neglected monuments. And no one, including Spratt, knows what reversing the neglect would cost. "We do our best with the budget we have," he said. "It's a nice, old cemetery and there's a lot of history there. We try to make it look nice."



Save The Date and Note The New Location

The Wheeling Historical Society and The Indian Trails Public Library present

Ghost Songs and Stories by Rick Pickering

on September 27 at 7:00 PM

AT: The Indian Trails Public Library.

A Message From The President — Terry Steilen



This is the **last chance** for our original steeple bell. If you have driven past the Evergreen Korean Presbyterian Church on Highland Ave. lately, you may have noticed a change in the posture of the bell. Pieces of the bell frame have been disappearing over the last few months. The only thing left is the bell itself, and it appears that it is half positioned on the bricks, ready to fall, such that the clapper can be taken. Given a tow truck, I bet it will be completely gone before winter. The scavengers are close to winning. I've talked with the new Pastor, and he has noticed the change too. I told him of our quest to put the bell back into its original home up in our steeple. He thought that it would be a good idea. Unfortunately, he has not responded since my original contact. There may be one last chance. Say a prayer.

It's time for Lollipop Lane planning. If you are an ornament collector, you need to get one from us early. They will go fast. Please note: there is a left and right boot that are each sold separately, and they are big ornaments. You may want the pair! Also, please donate any old small under tree toys to help keep our Lollipop Lane collection up to date.



You may have noticed a change to our web page. We now have a search button at the top. During the past year we have been inventorying and scanning every item that we have in the museum. While still in progress, we have made this information available on the web page for all to see. We have lots of pictures, news clippings, artifacts, documented. Just use the SEARCH-DB tab at the top of the page. We still have lots of things to be added, so keep watching. Send us your comments and we will add them to the items.

One last item, our Sing-Along with Flo and Ice Cream Social was a nice success. A big thank you to Culvers in Buffalo Grove for donating the ice cream and toppings; Staff for all of the assistance, and the public for attending. All of our 40 seats were filled with a few standing. It took some prodding, but by the end, everyone was singing and having a good time.

Terry

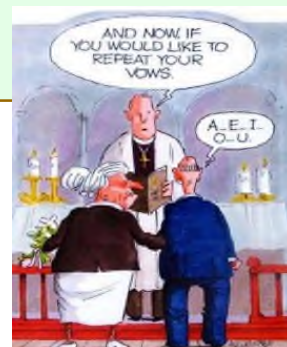
The Curator's Corner — Patti Steilen



This season at the Museum is coming to a close. We've had an increase in attendance due to the new sign in the Park. Thanks to the Park District. We have October 8th and 22nd in need of people to sit at the Museum. Please call me at (847)924-4473 if you can help out.

We have purchased archival paper and boxes to store our old maps. Marilyn and I will be putting them in boxes to help better preserve them. We will be putting up a new display this winter with the theme of the 50's. If anyone has an item for loan or donation from that period just let us know. We can pick it up.

The Lemkes donated an apartment size stove that will be the highlight of the display. We hope to see a large turnout at the Library for our Ghost Stories Program.



I HAVE A CONDITION THAT PREVENTS ME FROM GOING ON A DIET... I GET HUNGRY.

I got called 'pretty' today! Well actually the full statement was 'you're pretty annoying' But I only focus on positive things

BEAUTY COMES IN ALL SHAPES AND SIZES. SMALL, LARGE, CIRCLE, SQUARE, THIN CRUST, THICK CRUST, STUFFED CRUST, EXTRA TOPPINGS.

WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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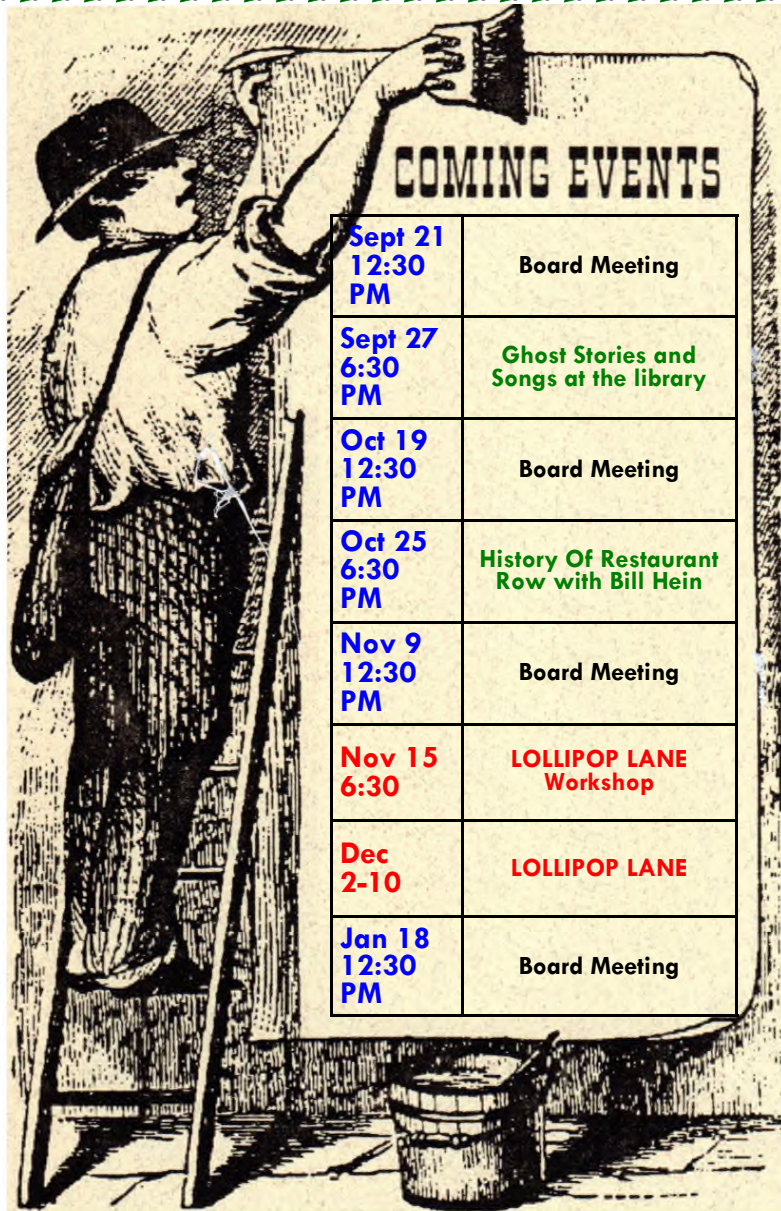
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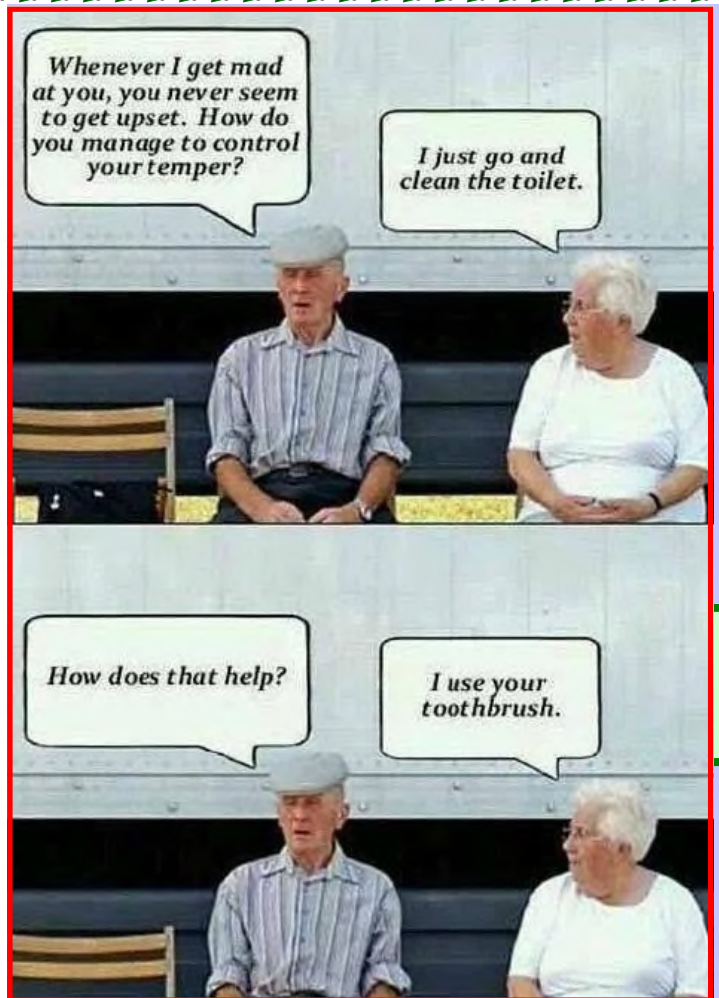
Terry Steilen

COOKS CORNER HAMBURGER STROGONAUFG

1lb. Ground beef, 3/4 C. Water, 1pkg Onion Soup mix, 2tbs. Tomato paste, 1/4 C. sour cream. Brown beef. Drain grease. Add soup mix and water. Thicken with flour. Add tomato paste. Simmer for 15 min. Add sour cream. Serve over noodles or rice.



| COMING EVENTS | |
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| Sept 21 12:30 PM | Board Meeting |
| Sept 27 6:30 PM | Ghost Stories and Songs at the library |
| Oct 19 12:30 PM | 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 |
| Dec 2-10 | LOLLIPOP LANE |
| Jan 18 12:30 PM | Board Meeting |



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YESTERDAY IS HISTORY. TOMORROW IS A MYSTERY. BUT TODAY IS A GIFT, THAT'S WHY IT IS THE PRESENT.





WHEELING
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Wednesday, September 27, 2017
7:00 pm

“Ghost Riders and Other Spooky Songs”
Rick Pickren



Join us for Ghost Riders and Other Spooky Songs presented by singer-songwriter-actor Rick Pickren. Rick has shared the stage with famous artists such as George Strait, Merle Haggard, Alabama, The Judds and many more.

Co-sponsored by the Indian Trails Public Library District

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Note: New Location!

Indian Trails Public Library
355 Schoenbeck Road
Wheeling, IL 60090

Doors open at 6:30. Come early and meet members of the Wheeling Historical Society. Learn about the Society and its work with preserving the history of Wheeling and the annual Lollipop Lane event.