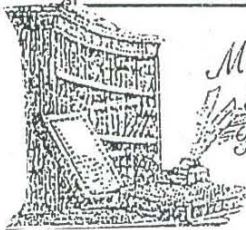




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# NEWSLETTER Apr. 03 NO. 6

NEWSLETTER OF WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY



*Message  
From The  
President*

Dear Members and Friends:

March has been an exciting month. We had a showing of the artwork Marshall Balling and we had over fifty people attend each weekend. This was a wonderful donation that his family made to the Society. It will bring many years of enjoyment To display his work and remember what Wheeling looked Like in the past.

It would be great for the society if we could do a joint effort with the Village, the Park District and the and the Garden Club to use his property as the entrance to the village., Besides being a historical home for the society, the home is in a perfect location to welcome people to the village. The Garden Club could do a walk with flowers and planting and it into the Village's plan for a River walk and it is not far from Friendship Park. This is an idea and a plan that I hope we will be able to move forward on.

Also at our March meeting we had a presentation of the Civil War. The part I found most interesting was the food They ate and the clothes they wore and what they had to Carry with them on a daily basis.

Please join us for our April meeting when the presentation Will be given by Shirley Howenstine on the "Orphan Train" which tells the story of children transferred from orphan-ages to homes..

Another reminder we will be having our installation dinner In May at Compass Rose on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Please keep this date open.

Looking forward to seeing you at our April meeting .

Elaine Simpson  
President



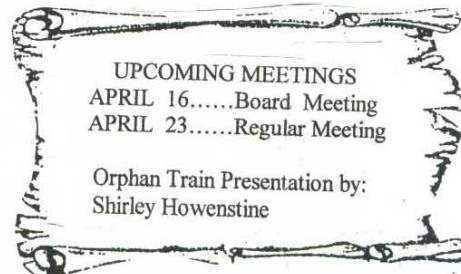
Scott Anderson of Pete Miller's restaurant requested Various pictures and newspaper articles from the 40's Copied for him. He would like to enlarge and display for a 1940 décor of the restaurant. Pete Millers has replaced Crawdaddy's on Milwaukee Ave.

We would like to give many thanks to all the workers Who helped with the art exhibit. About 100 people Attended for the two day show. Beth Sheiffele, Marshall Balling's niece also loaned us her favorite oil painting called the "House in the Woods" done by Marshall. She was very impressed with the exhibit and took pictures of the displays.

A special thanks to Bill McConnell who has been Giving much of his time to bring information to us on the old train depot.

We would also like to thank the park district For the loan of two easels and to Mitch's crew For setting up the tables and painting the walls in the building before the exhibit: Great job guys!

Linda Reading, Curator



UPCOMING MEETINGS  
APRIL 16.....Board Meeting  
APRIL 23.....Regular Meeting

Orphan Train Presentation by:  
Shirley Howenstine



## PORTRAITS FROM THE PAST

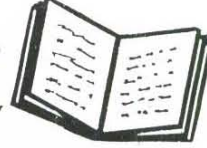
This month we would like to honor Frank Schnaitmann who for many years has helped his society to go forward. Frank has been President numerous times and he and Lonnie have been the backbone of our once a year event "Lollipop Lane". He has acted as a Director, newsletter editor and in many other capacities. He was instrumental in getting the Carriage House moved to its present location in Chamber Park. He is also a former board member of the Wheeling Park District. Thanks Frank or all you have done.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The volunteers to sit at the Museum for May are:  
May 4th ...Barb LaHay, Elaine Simpson  
May 11 th...Pat Hancock , Wedge Hancock

Volunteers are needed for May 18th and May 25<sup>th</sup>.  
Please sign up at the April meeting.

## A BIT OF HISTORY



Wheeling's first school was built in 1645. This building, which was very small, was used only until 1861 when a larger school was erected. This second building was destroyed by fire in 1870. In 1871 a new two-story school was built on the south side of Dundee Road just west of Milwaukee Avenue. This structure served the community until 1925 when the brick school on Wille Avenue, (Walt Whitman), was completed.

There was also the small Strong School located on the northeast corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Palatine Road,. This school, was built after the Civil War and served the children who lived in the far south end of town

The Elisabeth Port School for Country Children, located on McHenry Road, was attended by children who lived on the grounds of Childerley.

For high school, the Wheeling children attended Des Plaines (Maine and Thatcher), Deerfield Shields (Highland Park), and Northbrook High Schools. Wheeling High School was built in 1963.

From this humble beginning, Wheeling's school system has grown and today it boasts one of the country's finest school district, both at the primary and secondary levels.



We would like to thank  
the following for their  
loans and/or donations.

From Michael Hill, Winona Mo. We received some pictures of A one-man golf cart made in Wheeling, Il. The name BobCat appears on the front and he requested any information regarding the cart.

We have purchased 6 new art easels for the art show and they Can be used in the future when needed.

Thanks to Kathleen LaBelle nee: McSorley who identified two more people in the "Rattlesnake Hunt" picture.





Poet's

### Corner *A Fruitful Day*

The sun is slowly sinking  
On what was a fruitful day,  
For you helped a needy brother  
Along his burdened way.

You perceived the silent message  
Often hidden from one's view,  
And followed heartfelt instincts  
That brought hope and faith anew.

You made a grateful soulmate  
For you took the time to care,  
While being reminiscent  
Of your own times of despair.

Catherine Janssen Irwin



## Did You Know?

Mosquito repellents don't repel. They hid you. The spray blocks the mosquito's sensors so they don't know you're there.

Dentists have recommended that a toothbrush be kept at least 6 feet away from a toilet to avoid airborne particles resulting from the flush.

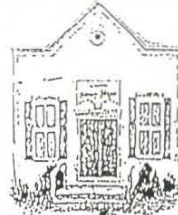
The liquid inside young coconuts can be used as substitute for Blood plasma.

No piece of paper can be folded more than 7 times.

Donkeys kill more people annually than plane crashes

You burn more calories sleeping than you do watching television.

Oak trees do not produce acorns until they are fifty years of age or older.



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"The object of this Society shall be the Discovery, preservation and dissemination of knowledge about the community of Wheeling"

-W.H.S. Constitution-



### Cook's Kitchen

#### WINTER GARDEN SCRAMBLED EGGS



8 eggs  
1 cup finely chopped fully cooked ham  
1/4 cup chopped sweet red pepper  
1/4 cup chopped green pepper  
1/4 cup sliced canned mushrooms  
1/4 cup chopped onion  
1/4 cup butter or margarine  
1/4 teaspoon garlic salt

Pinch pepper  
Pinch celery seed

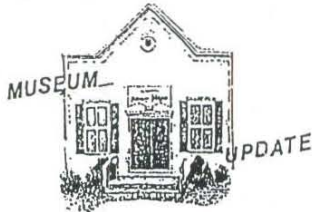
In a bowl, beat eggs; add ham, peppers, mushrooms and onion. Melt butter in a large skillet; add the egg mixture. Cook and stir gently over medium heat until the eggs are completely set. Add garlic salt, pepper and celery seed. **Yield:** 4 servings.





# SICK LIST

To all our friends who are under the weather, ill or in the hospital, we would like you to know we are thinking of you and wish all of you a speedy recovery.



Just to update you on whats happening at the Museum, we have been working and sorting Out the pictures used in the exhibit.

Along with that, Linda has been working with a lady who is doing some research on old homes and farms in the area which were built in the 1800's .

We are also doing inventory which is an on going thing.

Visitors to the museum on Sundays is a little slow but as the weather gets warmer things will pick up.

A new exhibit has been put up representing the 1920s. Hope you al drop in to see it..



# TRIVIA

## REMEMBER WHEN?

Wheeling ----- Happiness was strolling over to the nearest little delicatessen located next to the tracks on Dundee Rd. for a refreshing Pepsi on a sunny afternoon. For our first five yr. olds, finding a Kindergarten located in the quaint old church, then situated on Dundee Rd., and now located next to the Historical Museum on Wolf Rd.

We remember when we could go into the Welflin store on Milwaukee Avg. and make a stab at trying for an ice skate exchange for the little ones. Remember when a few husbands were trying valiantly to flood the old Chamber of Commerce field for winter skating?

Sheila Schultz was about to begin her column "Musing in Meadowbrook" and Marianne Fox was struggling with her column "Dunhurst Doings." A few of the families were forming car pools for commuting to Chicago while the mothers endeavors included forming babysitting groups to help save the dollars.

The Jr. Womens Club, who were instrumental in forming the Historical Museum, Park District, etc., were setting up the first library behind the old Union Hotel and paying rent to George Palm and Frank Marimonte, owners of the hotel. With the help of people like Muriel Lishett, Mary Burlingham, Joan Woods and lots of brushes and paint, the library was a stepping stone to the fine library we have today.

