

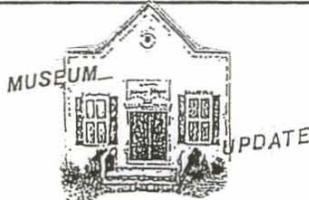


# NEWSLETTER February, 2005

NEWSLETTER OF WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY



*Message  
From The  
President*



Dear Members and Friends:

Well here we are, and another year has gone by and we are in the month of February 2005. The ground hog has seen his shadow which means another six weeks of winter. Isn't that exciting. Looking out the window, seeing the snow melting and 50 degree weather, it is hard to believe that spring is only six weeks away.

Be sure to mark your calendar because on Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will be having our yearly dinner and auction. Set this day aside for having a great time being with friends, excellent food, and of course the Historical Society's famous auction. Also, don't forget to go through your home looking for items to bring to the auction. This is the only fund raiser the society has.

Just a note, if you reside in Wheeling and are not a registered voter, please stop by the village hall and register. Our municipal election is on Tuesday April 5<sup>th</sup> and if you will not be in the village on that date, you can do an absentee ballot. Remember, the direction your community is moving, depends on the candidates you elect to office.

We are looking forward to a good year with the hope we can all pitch in and make the society proud of what it does and gives to the community

A short meeting will be held before the dinner and auction. Be sure you sign up with Eleanor and you can pay at the door. Because of the size of the church, we are limited in space to about fifty people. Hoping to see you there.

Elaine Simpson, President

At this point in time we are getting ready for Spring. Two exhibits will be changed and different pictures will be put up. On display, will be 1) a bank exhibit and 2) a doll exhibit. Anyone wanting to loan a doll or something to do with Wheeling area banks, is welcome to add to the exhibits and put them on display.

We would like to thank the park maintenance staff for keeping the sidewalks and parking areas clean during our snow season. It is really appreciated by us who work at the museum.

One of our volunteers "Marilyn Chromy" has been on the sick list and we sure do miss her. Come back Soon Marilyn.

Barb and Beverly are working with old newspapers getting them cataloged and filed.

Linda has been helping those seeking information for which the museum can provide, although it takes a lot of research on her part.

We are looking forward to opening in spring and hope to see you all.



## UPCOMING MEETINGS

February 16th...Board Meeting  
February 23<sup>rd</sup>...Regular Meeting  
Dinner and Auction

## A BIT OF HISTORY



Continued.....

WHEELING'S "VALLEY trail" Seen Many Changes Now Milwaukee Ave. Once Bison Route  
By Barb McIntyre  
Taken from the Journal & Topics Progress Edition  
April 25-26, 1984

The Union Hotel bore a sign proclaiming it "Auto Stop No. 1" for Chicago travelers headed north. In 1924 the hotel was sold to Felix Rogalski, who was the owner when the original frame building burned down on December 26, 1925. It was rebuilt with red brick was owned by Frank Miramonti and George Palm in 1947 when Gourmet Magazine quoted its prices: "Perch dinner, \$2.50; chicken or pot roast with gravy \$3.00. The hotel underwent a series of owners, with names including The Savoy, Café Angelo, Hooligan's Disco, The Gallery, Kisses, and Billy and Company.

By 1893, the bicycle craze reached its peak and women's clothing went from bustles to bloomer suits as they rode out from Chicago and neighboring communities to eat at the famous Wheeling restaurants. By this time the lower wheeled cycles called "safety bikes" came into use.

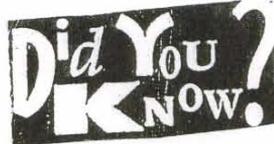
Although Milwaukee Avenue still wasn't paved, early Fords, Appersons and Stanley Steamers found their way to Wheeling, the women wearing veils, the men wearing goggles, and both wearing dusters for good reason.

The Union Hotel and Hall played a significant role in the history of the Village in early June, 1894. It was here that a meeting was held to plan incorporation of the Village. Because of the number of taverns springing up and the rowdiness of many of the patrons, especially those from a settlement of railroad workers from a village known as Everett or West Lake Forest, it was decided that a local government would have to be formed to make and enforce laws.

After incorporation, the first village ordinance was to

issue dram shop licenses to Kurt Knoblauch for the Chicago House, C.F. Metz for the Columbia Hotel, Jacob Schwingel for Schwingel House, John Behm for the Union Hotel, Herman Harmening for the Wheeling House and Andrew G. Horcher for the Wisconsin Central Hotel. The latter two fronted on what is now the Soo Line Railroad, south of Dundee Road.

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The "spot" on 7UP comes from its inventor who had red eyes. He was albino.

On average, 12 newborn babies will be given to the wrong parents daily.

During the chariot scene in "Ben Hur", a small red car can be seen in the distance

Warren Beatty and Shirley Mac Laine are brother and sister.

Chocolate affects a dog's heart and nervous system: a few ounces will kill a small sized dog.

Orcas (killer whales) kill sharks by torpedoing up into the shark's stomach from underneath, causing the shark to explode.

Most lipstick contains fish scales (ewww).

Donald Duck comics were banned from Finland because he doesn't wear pants!

Ketchup was sold in the 1830s as medicine.



ATTENTION MEMBERS !

SPRING CLEANING IS DUE AT THE MUSEUM... ANYONE WHO CAN HELP PLEASE LET LINDA KNOW. THE DATE IS SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.



## I Love America

Gail Brook Burket

I love America for manifold  
Inspiring beauty in her vast domain;  
Hill, lake, woodland, prairie, desert, shore,  
Blue-haloed mountain, valley, stream, and plain.

*I love America for Pilgrim faith,  
The firm foundation of democracy.  
I love America for patriots  
Who lived and died to keep their homeland free.*

I love America for cherishing  
Both Puritans and gallant cavaliers.  
I love America for hardihood  
And hope, personified by pioneers.

*I love America for fostering  
True freedom's first pure breath that earth  
might see  
What untold wonders can be wrought when man  
Lives unencumbered by old tyranny.*

I love America for many bloods  
Now blended into one . . . American.  
I love America for guarding well  
Her sacred trust, the rights God granted man.

*I love America for all that she  
Has been and is and yet may hope to be.  
I love America for standing now . . .  
The world's lone citadel of liberty.*



Society

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

-W.H.S. Constitution-

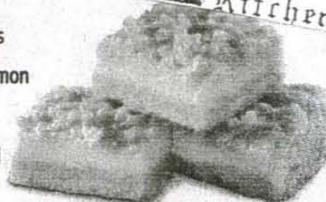
## Lemon Crumb Bars

Prep time: 30 minutes

Servings: Makes 24 to 36 bars

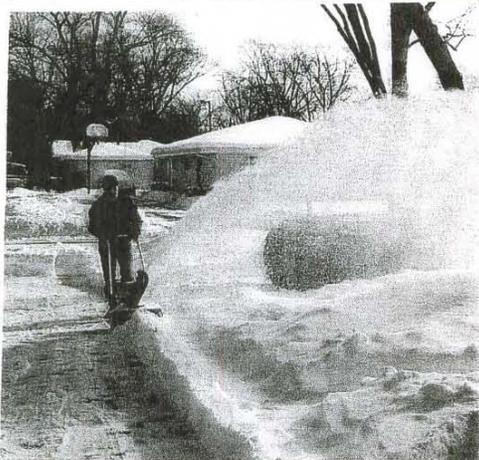
- 1 (18 1/4 oz.) package lemon or yellow cake mix
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter or margarine, softened
- 1 egg
- 3 egg yolks
- 2 cups finely crushed saltine crackers (1/4 lb.)
- 1 (14 ounce) can sweetened condensed milk (NOT evaporated milk)
- 1/2 cup ReaLemon® Lemon Juice from Concentrate

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. In large bowl, beat cake mix, margarine and 1 egg with mixer until crumbly. Stir in saltine crumbs. Reserving 2 cups crumb mixture, press remaining crumbs on bottom of greased 13x9-in. baking pan.
2. Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until golden.
3. With mixer or wire whisk, beat 3 egg yolks, sweetened condensed milk and ReaLemon lemon juice. Spread over prepared crust. Top with reserved crumb mixture.
4. Bake 25 minutes longer or until set and top is golden. Cool. Refrigerate within 2 hours. Cut into bars. Store covered in refrigerator.

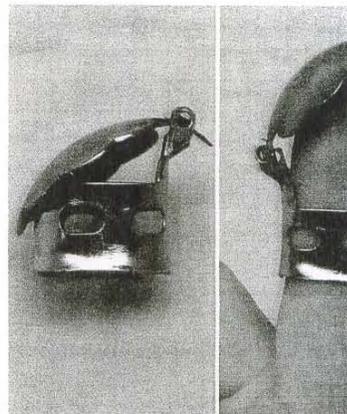


To all our friends and members  
who have been under the  
weather or in the hospital;  
we want to you to know, we  
are always thinking of you.

A special and speedy recovery to Claire Rudolph who is now in rehabilitation because of her hip surgery. Also a special get well wish to Marilyn Chromy who has had a bit of a set back and again is on the road to recovery. To Margaret Forke, we hope you are recovering from your broken wrist.

**WHATZIT**

Two views of the same small metal object. An adjustable ring fits over a cylinder as small as a little finger, and doing so pushes the spring-loaded cap open. What is it?



Puzzle by Scot Morris

**FEBRUARY 2005 WEATHER FORECAST**

More weather resources at [www.farmersalmanac.com](http://www.farmersalmanac.com)

**2 GREAT LAKES AND MIDWEST**

1st-3rd. Wet, then clearing and cold.

4th-7th. Major storm, heavy snow

accumulations of 8 to 15 inches. 8th-

11th. Clearing and colder. 12th-15th.

More snow, especially Great Lakes.

16th-19th. Fair. 20th-23rd.

Snowstorm. 24th-28th. Fair and cold.

Full Moon names date back to Native Americans, of what is now the northern and eastern United States. The tribes kept track of the seasons by giving distinctive names to each recurring full Moon. Their names were applied to the entire month in which each occurred. There was some variation in the Moon names, but in general, the same ones were current throughout the Algonquin tribes from New England to Lake Superior. European settlers followed that custom and created some of their own names. Since the lunar month is only 29 days long on the average, the full Moon dates shift from year to year. Here is the Farmers Almanac's full Moon name for the month of February.

- **Full Snow Moon - February** Since the heaviest snow usually falls during this month, native tribes of the north and east most often called February's full Moon the Full Snow Moon. Some tribes also referred to this Moon as the Full Hunger Moon, since harsh weather conditions in their areas made hunting very difficult.

**EVER WONDER WHY?????**

Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?

Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?

If con is the opposite of pro, is Congress the opposite of progress?

If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?

On some Swanson frozen dinners: "Serving Suggestion: Defrost," (but it's "just" a suggestion).

**WORLD'S EASIEST QUIZ!!!**

1. How long did the Hundred Years War last?
2. Which country makes Panama hats?
3. From which animal do we get catgut?
4. In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?
5. What is a camel's hair brush made of?

Answers: 1. 116 years, 2. Ecuador, 3. sheep and horses, 4. November, 5. Squirrel fur.