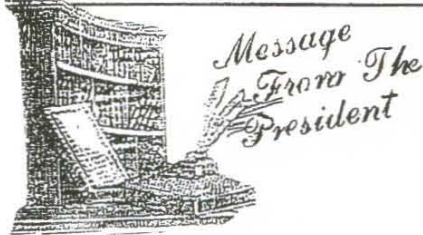




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# NEWSLETTER APRIL 2006

NEWSLETTER OF WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Dear Members and Friends:

The meeting of March 22<sup>nd</sup> has come and gone and at that time the slate of officers for the fiscal year 2006-2007 was presented by the Nominating Committee. The following members were named: Elaine Simpson, President; Barbara LaHay, Director and Wedge Hancock, Director. At the April 27th meeting nominations will also be taken from the floor. Be sure to attend the meeting and vote.

The other upcoming events discussed were the Installation Dinner to be held in May and our annual picnic which will be held in September. We have invited the Garden Club to participate with us and hopefully with it being Grandparents day, we will have a good turnout.

Also on another note, the company I work for is looking for quite a bit of help. If you know of anybody that is looking for a position, please have them call me at 847-572-7903 or they can e-mail me at [ESimpson@ltdcommodities.com](mailto:ESimpson@ltdcommodities.com).

Hope to see you at our April meeting.

Elaine Simpson, President



### UPCOMING MEETINGS

April 19.....Board Meeting  
April 26.....Regular Meeting  
Voting will take place for new board members



The museum is now open to the public each Sunday of the month. (except holidays)

The new exhibits have been completed one presenting old valentines from the 1930's, and the other, menu's from our different restaurants in the community, new and old.

The park maintenance staff has finished remodeling the bathrooms...they look great.

Maintenance staff has also dug around the gardens and around the museum and also the other buildings That also looks great...thanks!

Spring clean up has been discussed and volunteers will be needed for one day to help dust, and clean areas in the museum. Please keep this in mind and help if asked.


Volunteers will be needed for the month of May. Please give 2 hours of your time one Sunday of the month. Your help will be requested at the next regular meeting.

Patti




This is the time of year when many of our members are under the weather with colds and an assortment of ills. We would like to list them all if this information is passed on to us. Meanwhile we hope all of you are in good health and if not, please know we wish you well soon.

A BIT OF HISTORY



*Willy Necker's*  
**TRAINING SCHOOL  
 and BOARDING KENNEL**  
 WHEELING, ILLINOIS



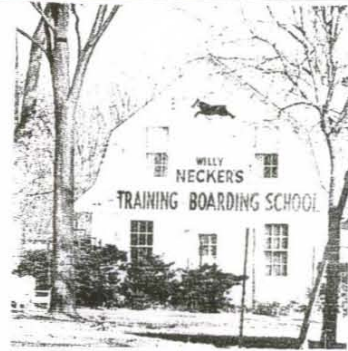
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Located 2 1/2 Miles North  
of Wheeling, Illinois on  
Milwaukee Avenue -  
Route U.S. 42 and  
Highway 21

Remember Willy Necker's Boarding Kennel?  
 Here's a little history about the man as presented  
 in a small pamphlet we came across at the museum.

During World War II Lt. Cmdr. Necker headed up the Training work in the War Dog Unit of the Coast Guard. For two years he was loaned to the Army for a dog training program. His job was training both men and dogs for all-important war work such as sentry duty, guard duty, scout work, life saving, messenger duty and attack. Dogs were trained to alert handlers when on scouting trips. They were trained to do important casualty work- seeking out wounded.

All that, of course, was war work. But Willy Necker had his start long before World War II. At the age of 14, he started training dogs. His early schooling was in Germany. He had trained dogs for the famous people of screen, stage and radio. His dog acts have appeared on many of the country's best TV shows. He had trained some of America's finest hunting dogs and hundreds and hundreds of dogs for people who just want a pet.



In all, Willy Necker and his trainers have schooled more than 8000 dogs for varied useful duties- this does not include the thousands trained during World War II.

Willy Necker has received special citations from societies commending him for promoting kindness to animals. He is an honorary member of the Anti-Cruelty Society. Willy Necker's trained dog acts have gained international acclaim. His record in show and trail competition is one of the most impressive in the nation. He is one of the pioneers of today's popular obedience trails- some of his dogs have been used in making movies.



## HOUSEHOLD HINTS

### Spring Cleaning

**Flooring:** Vacuum often. It is great exercise and extends the life of your carpet. It will keep the carpet looking like new, not to mention eliminate dust.

**Bathroom:** Hard water isn't so tough. Wash away the lime with vinegar.

**Kitchen:** Remove tarnish from silver or copper with lemon juice. When storing silver, copper and brass add a piece of chalk, the chalk will absorb the moisture and eliminate the problem.

**Bedroom:** Rotate your mattress every three months. Clean the closets.

**REMINDER:** Check and clean gutters and Downspouts to get ready for spring showers.



Clans of long ago that wanted to get rid of their unwanted people without killing them used to burn their houses down-hence the expression "to get fired."

Only two people signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4<sup>th</sup>, John Hancock and Charles Thomson. Most of the rest signed on August 2, but the last signature wasn't added until 5 years later.

"I am," is the shortest complete sentence in the English language.

Hershey's Kisses are called that because the machine that makes them looks like it's kissing the conveyor belt.

An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.

The most valuable bathtub in the world is valued at \$5 million. It is solid gold.

Shakespeare invented the word "assassination"

The 1939 World's Fair in New York saw teardrop shaped cars, talking appliances, and living room sofas that could be cleaned with a squirt of the garden hose.

#### NAME THE YEAR!

Milwaukee Avenue was designated Post road between Chicago and Green Bay. Ascher G. Skinner opened a blacksmith shop. 1825, 1827, 1837

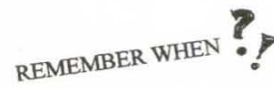
Filkins built Stage Coach Tavern, Wheeling's first commercial structure. The Post Office was established there on May 1 with Filkins as postmaster. Russell Wheeler and Charles Daniels opened the first general store. The Federal government land survey completed, Section lines were run. John Deere developed a new, self-cleaning steel plow that could break tough sod of the prairie and can be pulled by horses instead of oxen. 1821, 1837, 1839

Orestin Shepard opened a blacksmith st 1836, 1837, 1838

James Parker opened Parker Hotel, Wheeling's Second hostelry. Ascher Skinner moved to a 270 acre Farm in Section 12. Allison's Bridge was built across the DesPlaines River. Wheeler Daniels store was sold to Joel McDuffee. 1821, 1838, 1842

Pre-emption act authorized the sale of land in 160 acre parcels at \$1.25 per acre. 1827, 1836, 1841

ANSWERS: 1841, 1841, 1838, 1837, 1836, 1835, 1837, 1841



It was considered a great privilege to be taken out to dinner at a real restaurant with your parents.

The worst thing you could do at school was smoke in the bathrooms.

Flunk a test or chew gum.

A '57 Chevy was everyone's dream car, to cruise, peel out, lay rubber.

To watch submarine races.

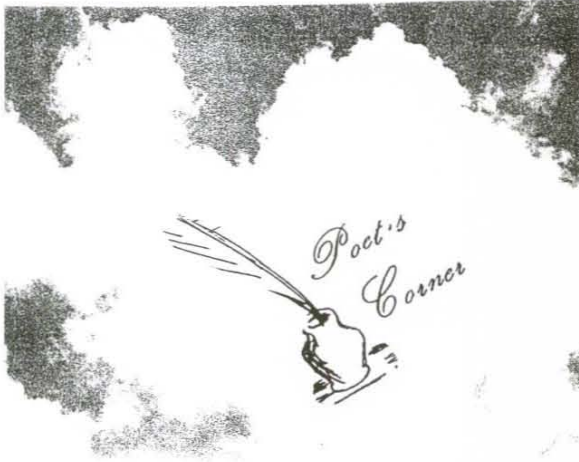
People went steady and girls wore a class ring with an inch of wrapped yarn, so it would fit her finger.

No one ever asked where the car keys were because they were in the car, in the ignition, and the doors were never locked.

You got in big trouble if you accidentally locked the doors at home, since no one ever had a key.



"The object of this Society shall be the Discovery, preservation And dissemination of Knowledge about the Community of Wheelin



*Flight at Dawn*

Vida S. Bronson

Up from the sedges brown they rise,  
Soaring on iridescent wing into the blue;  
Breaking the morning silence with strident cries,  
The dawn's first rays disclosing varying hues.

*Of green or brown, beige, cinnamon or blue,  
What artist, painting with an earthly brush,  
Could hope to achieve a coloring so true,  
Or catch the shadings of that upward rush?*

Where do they fly when from feeding grounds  
they spring

Upward and onward into that vast unknown?  
Gliding afar on shimmering, graceful wing,  
Southward they go, led by instinct alone.

*Who charts their flight to nesting lands afar,  
As sure of wings they fly their heavenward way?  
Should we then fear to trust that selfsame power  
To map our course and plan our destiny?*

INSTRUCTIONS FOR LIFE

1. In disagreements with love ones, deal with the current situation. Don't bring up the past.
2. read between the lines.
3. Share your knowledge. It's a way to achieve immortality.
4. Be gentle with the earth.
5. Pray. There's immeasurable power in it.
6. Never interrupt when you are being flattered.
- 7 Mind your own business.
9. Don't trust a man/woman who doesn't close his/her eyes when you kiss.

AND YOU THOUGHT YOU KNEW EVERYTHING

Most dust particles in your house are made from dead skin.  
Pearls melt in vinegar.

The first owner of the Mariboro Company died of lung cancer

Michael Jordan makes more money from Nike annually than all of the Nike factor workers in Malaysia combined

Walt Disney was afraid of mice  
Marilyn Monroe had six toes

All US Presidents have worn glasses. Some just didn't like being seen wearing them in public



TIME MARCHES ON..

Just a reminder that dues  
For 2006-2007 are due in  
May.

You can pay at the Installation  
Dinner or mail your dues in with  
the enclosed renewal application.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK ONE:

\_\_\_\_ FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$15.00

\_\_\_\_ INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP \$10.00

Checks are made payable to:  
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