



# NEWSLETTER

WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY JULY 2006



*Message  
From The  
President*

Dear Members and Friends:

There will be a regular meeting June 28 but please be aware that the July 26 Regular Meeting will be CANCELLED since this year we are not participating in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities. (we can just enjoy them) and there seems to be no need to have a meeting. There will be a regular meeting in August as we are planning to hold our annual picnic Sunday, September 10th and we will be meeting to make plans for it. This year will be held in conjunction with the Wheeling Garden Club.

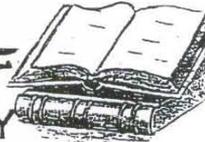
The summer seems to be moving right along. Before you know it, Guess what? LOLLIPOP LANE. This will be something to look forward to. Right now with the rains we have been having, the gardens are really flourishing. Its' as shame summer is so short. Enjoy it while we can. Other than that, It is the Societies hope you all have a great summer and I hope to see you at the next meeting.

Elaine Simpson, President

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## A BIT-OF HISTORY



### PATH USED BY INDIANS

By Tom Edwards

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The wandering Indian tribes and the pioneer fur traders have long gone, but the routes that they traveled and their paths through the wilderness are still very much with us in this automotive age.

One is Milwaukee Avenue. Coming from Chicago through Wheeling and leading up into Wisconsin to Green bay, it has been a "highway " for centuries. It was traveled by the moccasined feet of the Algonquin Indians long before white men arrived here. It was known by Marquette, and other explorers, adventurers that followed. The path was used by the travelers in the Wheeling area region, and later became a major stage coach route between Chicago and Milwaukee and points in-between. A rough map drawn in 1830 shows the trail as the "Milwalky" trace.

In 1849 county officials decided to "pave" the rutted, often impassable road with planks from Chicago to Wheeling. The first year they completed 10 miles of planking, getting as far as "Oak Ridge." In 1851 Milwaukee Avenue had been planked as far as Dutchman's Point, which is now Niles, but evidently the project never got beyond that point.

To pay for the grading and planking, tolls were charged in the 1850s to travel the highway from Niles to Chicago. Fees were 37 1/2 cents for a four -horse hitch, and 25 cents for a two-horse team.

With the advent of the automotive age, Milwaukee Avenue remained a major artery but now a concrete one rather than a dirt trail through the forests and across the prairie



## PORTRAITS FROM THE PAST

DOCTOR IAN TAYLOR emigrated to the United States from Ontario, Canada, lived in Evanston. He moved and founded the North Suburban Animal Hospital in Wheeling in 1957. He took care of many animals and after 32 years of a successful practice, he retired in 1989. Doc Taylor was also a civic minded resident and a member of the Arlington Heights Lions Club. He had earned many recognitions and awards from the village board and dignitaries. He was cited in many of those recognitions for his more than 30 years of public service as a veterinarian, and he had a perfect attendance record for monthly Lions Club meetings in 36 years and attendance of the international club's meetings in 57 different countries. He served as Goodwill Ambassador for the Lions Club and the Village of Wheeling. He was also a member of the Wheeling Historical Society for many years and as a member, helped getting the old village hall on Milwaukee Avenue preserved as a museum. His business card read, "Your pet's best friend is your veterinarian." and he firmly believed this. He is truly missed.



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

RELATIONSHIPS ARE HARD: It's like a full time job, and we should treat it like one. If you boyfriend or girlfriend wants to leave you, they should give you two weeks' notice. There should be severance pay, and the day before they leave you, they should have to find you a temp."

NAME THE YEAR!

First veterinarian, Dr. George Schneider, arrived and built a home on N. Milwaukee Avenue in 1851, 1853, 1857?

Mail stage operated between Waukegan and Chicago By way of Libertyville, Half Day and Wheeling. Wisconsin Central Railroad and Green Bay Milwaukee Railroad joined at the state line in 1854, 1857, 1859?

Jacob Hunsinger built the Union Hotel in 1834, 1846, 1856?

The Civil war breaks out. On May 4, 14 Wheeling volunteers join Union Rifle Guard at Camp Fry. A two-room schoolhouse was built to replace original one in 1854, 1856, 1861?

November 2, the first meeting of German Evangelical and United Reformed Lutheran Church. Later in the same year, congregation joins Presbyterian Church of the United States in 1861, 1864, 1865?

ANSWERS: 1853, 1854, 1856, 1861, 1864



We would like to thank the following for their donations to the Wheeling Historical Society.

Dan Horcher for the old fashion hand hair trimmers.

To the estate of Ian Taylor for the many pictures, Lions Club memorabilia, Certificates of Appreciation numerous kitchen utensils from the 1950's and veterinarian equipment, plaques, etc.

Elaine Simpson, Village of Wheeling for an Ink framed picture by M. Balling.



**Did You Know?**

There are an average of 178 sesame seeds on a McDonald's Big Mac bun.

Pound for pound, hamburgers cost more than new cars.

When Heinz ketchup leaves the bottle, it travels at a rate of 25 miles per year.

It's possible to lead a cow upstairs...but not downstairs.

The Bible has been translated into Klingon.

Humans are the only primates that don't have pigment in the palms of their hands.



*Poet's*  
**Gramma** *Corner*

I have a dear old Gramma;  
She's almost 93.  
I love to wear her spectacles;  
They're just the fit for me.  
She's such a dear old Gramma,  
Inside her pocket wide,  
She always has some peppermints  
And chocolate just beside.  
She tells us stories so we laugh  
And laugh till we almost burst.  
Say, you can't have our Gramma—  
She just belongs to us!

—Author Unknown



**Frosted Banana Bars**

*(pictured above)*

- 1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 2 cups sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1-1/2 cups mashed ripe bananas (about 3 medium)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda

Pinch salt

**FROSTING:**

- 1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 4 cups confectioners' sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract

In a mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar. Beat in eggs, bananas and vanilla. Combine flour, baking soda and salt. Add to creamed mixture; mix well. Pour into a greased 15-in. x 10-in. x 1-in. baking pan. Bake at 350° for 25 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool. For frosting, cream butter and cream cheese in a mixing bowl. Gradually add sugar and vanilla; beat well. Spread over bars. **Yield:** 3 dozen.

During the prohibition era, it carried many a truck cargo of contraband liquor, and bootlegging and gaming flourished in establishments along the periphery of the highway. Some establishments between Niles and Wheeling have past reputations or being meccas for gamblers and vice runners.

Travelers along the highway through the years have known dangers from marauding Indians, roving bandits, hijackers, and now simply traffic accidents.

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MILWAUKEE AVENUE where it crosses the DesPlaines River between Niles and Wheeling. It runs Along the Cook County Forest Preserve to Wheeling.

**FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO JUST THOUGHT YOU KNEW EVERYTHING...**

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

No piece of paper can be folded in half more than (7) times.

Donkeys kill more people annually than plan crashes.

You burn more calories sleeping than you do watching television.

Oak trees do not produce acorns until they are fifty (50) years of age or older.

**REMEMBER WHEN!!!!**

Before semi automatics and crack...before SEGA or Super Nintendo...way back, I'm talking about hide and go seek at dusk, red light, green light, kick the can, playing kickball and dodgeball until you porch light can on and mother may I? red rover, hula hoops, roller skating to music, running through the sprinkler and catching lighting bugs in a jar; Christmas morning ; your first day of school; bedtime prayers and good night kisses and climbing trees??. **THINK ABOUT IT!**

**EVER WONDER WHY?**

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 an American Airlines packet of nuts: "Instructions: Open packet, eat nuts." (Step 3: maybe, uh... fly Delta?)

One a child's superman costume: Wearing of this garment does not enable you to fly." (I don't blame the company, I blame the parents for this one.)

**YOU KNOW YOUR GETTING OLDER WHEN....**

You sit in a rocking chair and can't get it going.

Your knees buckle but your belt won't.

Your back goes out more than you do.

You have too much room in the house and not enough in the medicine chest.

You sink your teeth in a steak and they stay there.

**YOU ARE WONDERING WHY MORE PEOPLE AREN'T USING THIS SIZE PRINT.**