



251 North Wolf Road • Wheeling, Illinois 60090

# WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

JULY 2011

## Remembering the Old Settlers Picnic ...

Wheeling's first Old Settlers Picnic was held on July 4, 1984, at Chamber Community Center and Park in Wheeling.

To be known as an "old settler" in 1984, you must have lived in Wheeling before 1960. Old Settlers are those who have lived in Wheeling for over 25 years.

Guests were asked to bring a picnic lunch, while entertainment, beverages, and desserts were provided by the Wheeling Historical Society.

Participants were asked to share and exhibit old pictures from their family albums. They were also encouraged to tell stories about their lives in the past and how times have changed.

The Old Settlers Picnics were common in this area years ago. This picnic was one of the biggest social events of the year, complete with group pictures and speeches by guests. ★



Gladys Keil, Elsie Hiller, E. Albert Fantl



Bob Buerger, Marshall Balling

Above: Dorothy Flentge and guests

Right: Gathering on the grounds of the Chamber Community Center Park.

Below: Kathy Lorenz, the Buergers, and Roger Powers



**No Board Meeting  
in July**

**GENERAL MEETING  
Wednesday, July 27  
7:00 p.m.**

**Program with Bill Kiddle  
"The Boys in Blue"**

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

**WHEELING  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY**

Located in the  
Wheeling Park District's  
Chamber Park  
251 Wolf Road  
Wheeling, Illinois 60090

**Museum Hours**

April through October  
Sunday 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

**2010–2011  
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**Message from the President**

**Dear Members and Friends,**

I hope this summer is going well for all of you. For those who had damage and electrical outages after the storm last month, I hope things have been resolved and fixed. I know many of you had storm damage and were without power for one or more days.

The general meeting opened on June 22nd with only 6 members in attendance plus the speaker for the evening. We decided to cancel the meeting and reschedule the program.

The program is rescheduled for the September 28th meeting: “Baseball in the Movies” by Steven Frenzel. Those of us in attendance the night after the storm saw a preview of the program and it looks great. So come to the meeting on September 28 and tell your friends to join us.

At our July meeting, member Bill Kiddle will present “The Boys in Blue,” a program about the Civil War. This timely presentation on the Civil War’s 150th anniversary will include information about men from the Wheeling area who were in that war, and Wheeling in 1860 pre-war conditions. The meeting is on Wednesday, July 27, at 7:00 p.m.

No board meeting is held in July due to the fact that the June meeting was cancelled. The agenda that was to be presented in June will be presented in July.

We hope to see you attend.

**Historically Yours,**

**Joan Wiener, President**



**Curator’s Report**

When our volunteers are at the museum (and we like to encourage *you* to volunteer, too), they donate their time in the interest of preserving our local history for the future.

We’ve been cleaning, organizing, cataloging, and answering inquiries. We’re also creating a scrapbook about our own “American Idol” finalist, Haley Reinhart of Wheeling.

The museum has been busy with visitors during the open Sunday hours, and hopefully the weather will encourage more people to stop by.

If you are interested in helping, or can assist us with Sundays hours at the museum, please give us a call.

**Patti Steilen  
Curator**

## Things to do and Places to go

### Exhibit through August 2011:

**Lake County Discovery  
Museum** (847-968-3400)  
Learn about the new  
technology implemented  
during the Civil War:  
submarines, reconnaissance  
balloon, ironclads, and  
railroads.

**July 23 and 24**  
**The Grove Heritage  
Association**  
(847-299-6096)  
Civil War Days

**September 3 and 4**  
**Glenview History Center**  
(847-724-2235)  
Civil War Sesquicentennial  
—Encampment

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### Time Marches On ...

Just a reminder about  
dues for this year: if  
you've received a  
reminder in your  
newsletter, please  
continue your support and  
mail your check to:

Wheeling Historical Society  
PO Box 3  
Wheeling, IL 60090

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## Wheeling News from 1932

### WHEELING

Traffic at the corner of Milwaukee and Dundee roads is being directed by stop and go lights since last Saturday. The need for lights at this intersection has been felt for some time and were ordered installed by the village early in the summer. It is hoped that motorists will help to make the system effective by giving heed to the lights. They should remember that they, the signals are not an end in themselves by only a means to an end which is public safety. The motorist who attempts to beat the lights, is only beating his own chances for safety and also his fellow motrist. Children are especially warned in crossing the streets to watch the light and also to remember that they must be mindful of cars that may be turning the corner.

The Wm. Laurance family visited Mr. Laurance's parents in Missouri last week.

The P. T. A. are sponsoring a corn beef cabbage supper to be held on Wednesday evening, Nov. 9th at Childerley Community Center. A unique feature of the affair is that the supper is in charge of the men, who will do the serving that evening.

Wheeling Camp R. N. A. honored their past Oracles and charter members by inviting them to fill stations at their regular meeting last Thursday. The following Past Oracles held stations for the evening: Neighbor Nelda Welflin; Past Oracle Neighbor Anna Armbruster; Vice Oracle Neighbor Elsie Ehlers; Chancellor Neighbor Lydia Wick and Marshal Neighbor Regina Behrens. Charter Members, Neighbors Minnie Pieper and Alice Utpadel filled the stations of outer and inner sentinles. The degree of membership was conferred upon 4 candidates. Deputy C. Krue-

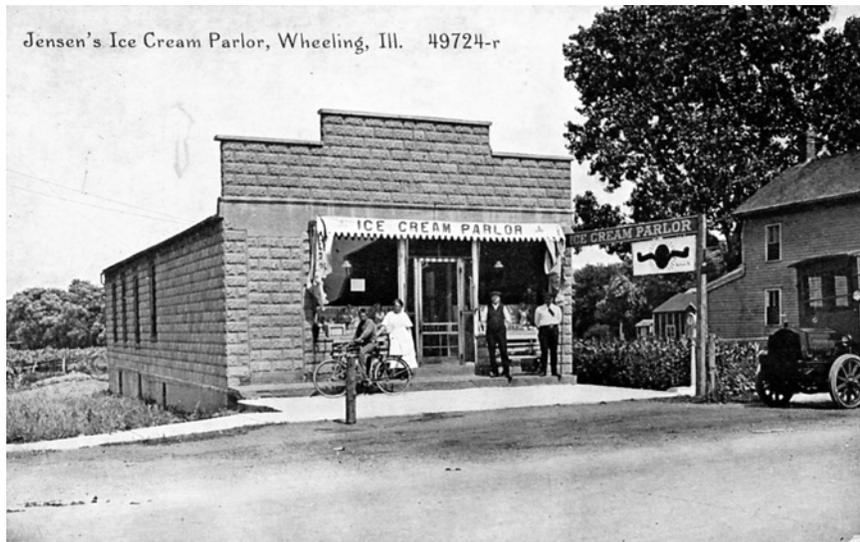
ger was present and assisted in the work. After the meeting several Hallowe'en stunts provided entertainment and refreshments consisting of sandwiches, doughnuts, coffee, apples and candy were served.

About 10 young friends surprised Arthur Fassbender Jr. in honor of his 10th birthday last Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Chas. Balling spent the week-end with her sisters in Chicago.

Dr. and Mrs. N. S. MacVicar, Crosswell, Mich., made a surprise call on Dr. and Mrs. Nehls, last Sunday. The doctors were classmates at college and had a pleasant visit together.

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### At My House ...

A farmer was driving along the road with a load of fertilizer. A little boy, playing in front of his house, saw him and called, "What've you got in your truck?"

"Fertilizer," the farmer replied.

"What're you gonna do with it?" asked the little boy.

"Put it on strawberries," answered the farmer.

"You ought to live here," the little boy advised.

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10-6-66

## Wheeling FARM STAND MARKET



The Farmers Market  
is OPEN

**Tuesdays from 9 to 3**  
**Saturdays from 9 to 1**

at Chamber Park on Wolf Road  
in Wheeling