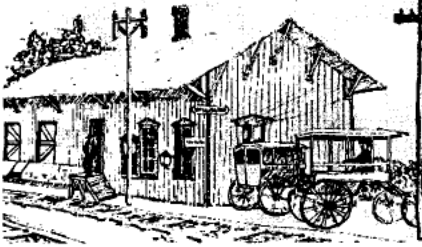


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DATES TO REMEMBER:

Tuesday, January 3 rd	Town Reorg. Mtg.	7:00
Wednesday, January 11 th	WHS Board Meeting(Town Hall)	7:30
Tuesday, January 24 th	Town Board Meeting/Workshop	7:00
Thursday, February 2 nd	Groundhog Day	
Wednesday, February 8 th	WHS Board Meeting (Town Hall)	7:30
Tuesday February 14 th	Town Board Meeting Valentines Day	7:00
Tuesday, February 28 th	Town Workshop	7:00

From the Editors Desk -

- ❖ Civil War Re-Enactors would like to hold an encampment on the Society Grounds in 2006. The Board is currently looking at this request.
- ❖ We welcome new life members Loretta & Mike White and new members Patricia and Matthew Perry.
- ❖ The Wilson book by Avis Townsend has been selling very well and an order for additional books has been placed. Part of the proceeds of the books purchased at the Town Hall benefit the Society.
- ❖ Members in the News - Congratulations go out to newly elected Supervisor Joseph Jastrzemski, Councilman Brad Clark and Legislator Kyle Andrews!
- ❖ Pam Groff has had to resign as our Recording Secretary - we will miss you Pam! She has done a **great** job for the Society!
- ❖ Our new schedule for general meetings has us meeting on the fourth Monday of April, June, September, October, and late November/early December. We will try to get the programs listed as early as possible so you can plan to attend!
- ❖ The Wilson Lions Club has some interesting historical programs coming up this year. On March 20th, Fort Niagara will present a program on Pouchot's Return. On May 1st, Fort Niagara will cover the French and Indian War and on June 5th, "Surly Sal", a dinner theatre, will be presented. All will be held at the Wilson House Inn and are open to the public. For more information on any of these programs, contact any of the Wilson Lions, including myself!
- ❖ Oops! Due to a mix-up and the illness of our printer, we decided to combine the January February issues of our newsletter - sorry about that!

FULL MOON LORE FOR JANUARY: The Full Wolf Moon will appear on January 14th, 2006. The first full moon is a time of silence and sitting by the home fire. As the wild winter howls, appreciate the warmth of home and family. Now is the time to go within and plan the changes you will make in the spring. Consider now what you will plant next spring and write your spring dreams down.

FULL MOON LORE FOR FEBRUARY: The Full Snow Moon will appear on February 12th, 2006. This moon usually gives us the heaviest snowfall of the year. Hunting becomes very difficult, and so this moon was also called the Full Hunger Moon.

In Memoriam

Beatrice I. Rockwood passed away December 5th, 2005. Born September 18th, 1921 in Buffalo, she was the daughter of Arthur and Clara Winkelsas Hahn. Beatrice worked for Wilson High School in the cafeteria. She enjoyed being with her family, boating and needlepoint. Beatrice was a member of the Gnostic Guild and the Wilson Yacht Club. Her husband Willis E. Rockwood predeceased her in 1995. Beatrice is survived by her daughters, Kathey Yerdon and Lynne (Pat) Spina, both of Ransomville.

Donald W. Luff, Jr. died on Tuesday, December 20th, at the Buffalo General Hospital. Don was born in Lockport on November 30th, 1930, the son of Gertrude Jex and the late Donald W. Luff Sr. He graduated from Wilson High School and was drafted by the NY Yankees Farm Team. He served as a Corporal in the US Army with the 29th Regiment Combat Team from 1952-1954. He worked as a milk delivery man for Hoover's Dairy and was the third generation owner of Luff Greenhouses in Cambria. He was a 50 year member of the Martin F. Jennings American Legion Post 836, and a 50 year member of Wilson Fire Company #1 where he served as Chief from 1973-1978. Don was a founding member of the Wilson Conservation Club, the Wilson Investment Club and was currently serving as Wilson Town Councilman, a post that he has held since 1979. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing, bowling and spending time with his granddaughters Jamie Lea, Shelby and Lindsay. He was an avid Buffalo Bill Fan. He married Rita Pratt on September 23rd, 1950. She predeceased him on November 13th, 1979. He is survived by his mother, Gertrude Jex Luff, his son James L. Luff of Cambria, his daughter Jackie (Scott) Benton of Wilson, and his dear companion, Maureen Bryer of Wilson. Burial was at North Ridge Cemetery.

Lee H. Denny, entered into rest on Monday, December 26th, at Buffalo General Hospital. Born May 26th, 1933 in Claredon, NY he was the son of the late Lee and Edna Brown Denny. Lee married Shirley Singer in 1953 in Wilson. He served in the army during the Korean War and was stationed at Fort Benning, GA. He worked at Criswell Plumbing in Lockport. After his retirement, he and Shirley moved to Hawaii, then Las Vegas, Florida and finally back home to Wilson. He is survived by his wife Shirley, and two sons, Mike and Dale Denny, both of Wilson.

Arthur J. Bundy, age 87, died Monday, January 9th, 2006. He was born in Wilson on November 12th, 1918, the son of the late Arthur and Annie Sweet Bundy. He served in the US Army in WW II, was a POW and received the Purple Heart in 1945. He was a welder at Harrison Radiator and retired after 35 years of service. He was an avid golfer. He was predeceased by his wife, Virginia Scheffler Bundy in 2004, two sons, Boyd Bundy in 1969 and Michael Bundy in 2001. He is survived by one son, Anthony, of Orlando, FL, seven grandchildren nine great-grandchildren, two sisters-in-laws, Gloria (Sippy) Culp and Linda Stowers, both of Wilson and a brother-in-law, James (Barbara) Scheffler of Burt. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery, Wilson.

February Holidays

February 8th - Mardi Gras

February 9th - Chinese New Year – Year of the Rooster

February 11th – Thomas Edison Birthday

February 12th - Abraham Lincoln Birthday

February 14th - Valentine Day

February 22nd - George Washington Birthday

Never go to a doctor whose office plants have died.

*National Popcorn Day
January 19th*

The origins of this holiday are unknown. We have not found any information or documentation to confirm this is a true "National" day. But, don't let that pop (burst) your bubble, err pop your corn that is. It's a day to celebrate healthy (until you load it with salt and butter), and addicting popcorn. According to tradition, National Popcorn Day is celebrated on January 19th each year. There is some suggestion that Popcorn Day may, at one point, have been tied to the Superbowl. And, we found one reference to it being on January 30th. On National Popcorn Day, we suggest you pop up some fresh popcorn, kick back and enjoy!

From the Mailbag

This is further information about the District 13 photograph that was featured in the November 2005 Historical Society newsletter. The picture was sent to me by Ernestine Dietrick Walpole, per my request for photos and/or memories concerning one-room schools. Mrs. Walpole was the only one who responded.

The picture was her class in 1939, although Mrs. Plumb was substituting the day of the picture. She was Miss Dietrick then! The school was located on Cambria Wilson Road on the west side south of Braley Road. It is a house today.

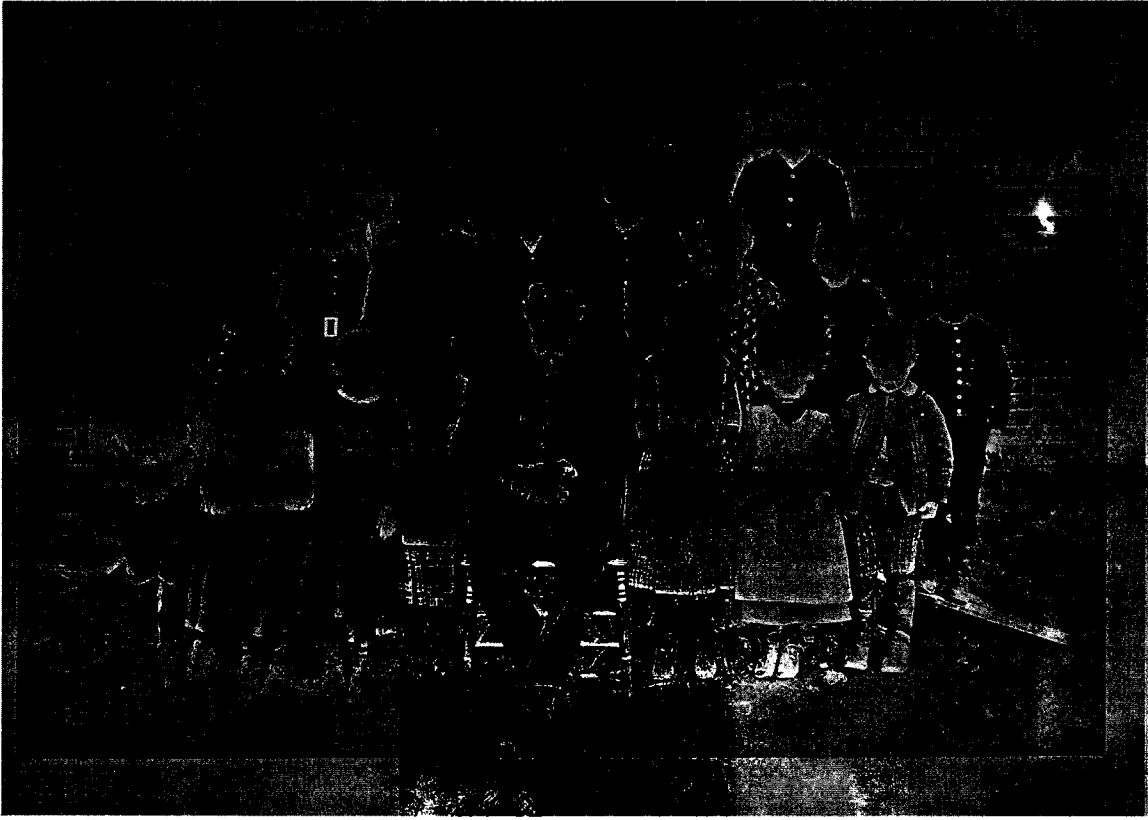
After centralization, she became a teacher in the new school in the village. She retired after the 1972 school year. I'm sure there are many society members who had Mrs. Walpole for a first grade teacher. She was my teacher in 1944 and my son Steve's just before she retired. She now lives in an apartment in her son's home in Richmond, Virginia.

~ Marlene Schotz

Groundhog Day, February 2nd, is a popular tradition in the United States. It is also a legend that traverses centuries, its origins clouded in the mists of time with ethnic cultures and animals awakening on specific dates. Myths such as this tie our present to the distant past when nature did, indeed, influence our lives. It is the day that the Groundhog comes out of his hole after a long winter sleep to look for his shadow. If he sees it, he regards it as an omen of six more weeks of bad weather and returns to his hole. If the day is cloudy and, hence, shadowless, he takes it as a sign of spring and stays above ground. The groundhog tradition stems from similar beliefs associated with Candlemas Day and the days of early Christians in Europe, and for centuries the custom was to have the clergy bless candles and distribute them to the people. Even then, it marked a milestone in the winter and the weather that day was important.

*If Candlemas be fair and bright,
Come, Winter, have another flight;
If Candlemas brings clouds and rain,
Go Winter, and come not again.*

Everything's got a moral, if only you can find it.



This one-room brick schoolhouse was located on the west side of Maple Road just north of the Wilson-Burt Road. To the best of my knowledge, this school and the one on the south side of the Wilson-Burt Road just west of the Beebe Road are the only brick one-room schoolhouses that existed in the Town of Wilson. The rest were built of frame construction. I have no idea when this school was torn down. There were two large maple trees out near the Maple Road that stood all alone by themselves and I had asked my father one day why these trees were left standing in this open area and he told me that there used to be a schoolhouse there. I think there might be a stump from one of these trees still there today. This photo is dated 1892 and is from the Historical Society's collection. Charles F. Horton—Town of Wilson Historian

The students are:

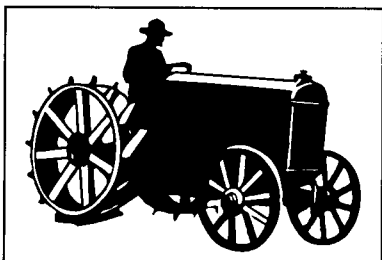
Top row: Ida Brandt, Adda Carter, Edith Cook, Minne Tschalold and Frank Campbell

Middle Row: Curtis Pettit, Jabes Ward, Charles Ward, Dennis Cook, Sarah Ward and C. Gifford

Bottom Row: Merle Holmes, R. Holmes, Gusta Schultz, M. Schultz, Ella Brandt, Teacher Arthur Dobbs, Edith Pease, Grace Smith, Ray Seeley and Dan Carter

Farmers Calendar – January 1881

It is a great point to get a good start in the New Year. The first thing is to know how you stand, and to keep square with the world, if you can. There is an old text, you know, which says that, "If you don't look closely into your own affairs, your creditors will do it for you", and that is too apt to be the case when things are left at loose ends. Now, if you can't square up all the bills, it will do no hurt to see just how they look in black and white. That's the first step. The next is to aim high, and then come as near the mark as you can. Put life into all the work on the farm, and it won't be so apt to drag. Keep a sharp eye on the barn, the henhouse, the woodpile and the corncrib. To feed well, and to feed a large stock so as to make it pay, is the way to make the farm pan out well at the end of the year.



We might as well look this fact square in the face. It is as cheap to buy food for stock in the shape of oil meal, as it is to buy food for plants in the shape of fertilizers, and it pays to feed oil meal with all the coarse food we put into our stock. You know the old saying, "The more stock, the more manure, and the more manure, the more crops."

A Fire Hard to Kindle Indicates Bad Weather.

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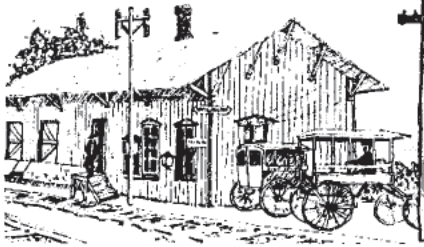
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Thursday, March 16 th	Fair Meeting at Town Hall	7:00 pm
Friday, March 17 th	St. Patricks Day	
Tuesday, March 28 th	Town Workshop Meeting	7:00 pm

The Sheldon Pioneers

Much has been written about Reuben Wilson and his family, and justly so because much of the early development of Wilson was initiated by them. However, the Sheldon family also played a prominent roll in Wilson's early history! In fact, Stephen Sheldon, arrived here from Jefferson County New York in 1809, one year earlier than Reuben! He had been previously assigned lots #8 and #9 by the Holland Land Co. and his first home was a rude dwelling on the west bank of 12 Mile Creek. A short time later he built another house at the mouth of the creek where he died in the fall of 1812. He is reported to have been buried in Wilson's first cemetery - a small-unmarked plot at the eastern tip of Sunset Island.

When the British burned the Sheldon home, the family fled but later returned to build another house nearby where they lived for many years. Stephen's oldest son, Daniel, and a brother, George, were living in Kingston when war broke out. Both were drafted into the British army, but managed to escape. They returned to Wilson where Daniel Sheldon and Joshua Williams built the first sawmill on 12-mile creek. Reuben Wilson later acquired the mill. George Sheldon located his home on lot #17. The Lake Shore Road, the first improved road opened in the town, was laid out in July of 1916 by George Sheldon and Abner Crossman, road commissioners, under the survey of Joseph Aiken. The road extended from Youngstown to Van Horne's Mill at Burt.

The British captured Stephen's third son, 13-year-old Smith Sheldon, in 1814 while working for a Captain Brown near Four Mile Creek. All were taken to Quebec where Smith died aboard a prison ship. Another brother, Simon, built the first tannery in town at the northwest corner of lot #7. When the Collegiate Institute was established in 1845, many prominent citizens pledged money to build it. One of them was Simon Sheldon, who not only made a substantial pledge, but also gave the land on which the school was built. A Wilson Historical Society marker currently marks the site - now occupied by the Town Hall!

Quote of the Day: Selfishness is not living as one wishes to live, it is asking others to live as one wishes to live." Oscar Wilde

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

January 11th, 2006

President Don Burrows called the regular Board of Directors Meeting to order at 7:30 pm in the conference room of the Town Hall. The following people were present: Sandy Holden, Dan King, Wally Goodman, Don Burrows, Wanda Burrows, Judy King, Diane Muscoreil and Charles Horton.

Judy King gave the treasurer's report. A motion was made by Diane Muscoreil, seconded by Dan King and unanimously carried the treasurer's report be approved as presented and the bills be paid.

There was a discussion of keeping the messages on the sign more up to date.

Wall Goodman will look into the grant that was recently offered through Senator George Maziarz' office.

Jill Rohring, Wilson Lions Club, requested the use of the Historical Society for the annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Wilson and Ransomville Lions Clubs. This year's event will be held Saturday, April 15th at 11:30 a.m. A motion was made by Judy King, seconded by Wally Goodman and unanimously carried, the Lions Clubs be authorized to use the grounds for the Easter Egg Hunt as requested.

Don Burrows reported that Dan King, Bob Cramer and Chuck Horton will serve on his committee to study the completion of the Barnum Building.

Chuck Horton reported that Jamie O'Donnell has serviced the lawn mower and has it all ready to go for the summer.

Wanda Burrows reported that the Historical Society insurance, excepting the special policy on the antique cars, went under the Town's policy as of January 1st, 2006.

A motion was made by Judy King, seconded by Dan King and unanimously carried the meeting be adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Wanda E. Burrows, Acting Secretary

Memorial Day Fair Quilt

**Enclosed in this newsletter are the tickets for this years' fair quilt. The tickets sell for \$1.00 each. This queen sized quilt is named "Hearts and Flowers". Just fill out the number of tickets you wish to purchase and return the entire sheet, including unused tickets, to:
Sandy Holden, PO Box 319, Wilson, NY 14172.**

FULL MOON LORE FOR MARCH: The Full Worm Moon will appear on March 14th, 2006. As the temperature begins to warm and the ground begins to thaw, earthworm casts appear, heralding the return of the robins. The more northern tribes knew this Moon as the Full Crow Moon, when the cawing of crows signaled the end of winter; or the Full Crust Moon, because the snow cover becomes crusted from thawing by day and freezing at night. The Full Sap Moon, marking the time of tapping maple trees, is another variation. To the settlers, it was also known as the Lenten Moon, and was considered to be the last full Moon of winter.

In Memoriam:

Philip D. Goodman, of Wilson, died suddenly on November 19th, 2006 in Lake Mary, Florida. Phil was an active member of Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Wilson, and past president of the Parish Council. Throughout his life, Phil was involved in the community having been a youth hockey and little league baseball coach.

He is survived by his mother, Carmella, his wife Pamela (Fideli), two sons, Philip (Lisa) of Wilson and Paul (Tara) of Baldwinsville NY, and two daughters, Laura (Mark) Titterington of Clermont, FL and Linda (Steve) Kazukietas of Sanford, FL.

Sara L. Berry, age 90, of Wilson, died Friday, November 25th, 2005. She was the daughter of the late Leonard and Clara Mayes Holmes.

Sara was a 50+-year member of the Exley United Methodist Church, a charter and life member of the Wilson Historical Society and a member of the Gnostic Guild of Wilson. Her husband, Fred, predeceased her in 1988. She is survived by her son, the Rev. Daniel (Neoma) Berry of Michigan and daughters Judith (Carl) Jennejahn of Hamlin NY and Priscilla (Thomas) Smiley of Illinois.

George W. Alvers, age 82, of Wilson passed away at his home on Friday, November 11th, 2005. He was born October 11th, 1923 in Wilson, the son of the late George and Mae Billings Alvers. He was a veteran of World War II and a member and former trustee of the Exley United Methodist Church. He retired from Harrison Radiator in 1986 and enjoyed tin working and gardening, especially his rose garden.

He was the beloved husband of Pauline Alvers; loving father of Georganne (Mike) McAvoy of Wilson, Mary Ellen (Dan) Foster of Georgia, Paul (Darlene) Alvers of Wilson, Patricia (Joe) Paprocki of Texas and Pamela (David) Basil of Georgia.

Arlene Martin of Lockport, NY entered into rest Monday, January 30th, 2006 at home. She was born in Lockport on May 15th, 1928. She was president of the Wilson Golden Agers. She was the daughter of the late Frank Martin and Helen Luedtke.

David R. Schendel, died suddenly at home on Tuesday, February 7th, 2006 at the age of 60. He was born on April 19th, 1945 in Niagara Falls, the son of the late Robert G. and Marion Lindhurst Schendel. He was a 1962 graduate of Wilson High School.

Dave was employed as a tool and die maker for 35 years at Harrison Radiator, retiring in 1999. He was also the owner of Ridgeview Plumbing & Heating, a family business he took over in 1983. Dave was an exceptional musician and played with the county band "The Stagehands" for many years. David is survived by his wife of 33 years, Barbara (Upton) and children Corrie (Michael) Murray of Newfane, Kevin (Nina) Schendel of Maryland and Kelly (Clay) Fritsch of Texas.

Floyd A. Rohring passed away January 27th, 2006. Born August 7th, 1927 in Wilson, he was the son of Chester and Nora Rohring. Floyd attended Wilson High School, graduating in 1944.

Floyd is survived by his children, Susan (James) McCoy of Lockport and Beth (Harold) Westfall of Newfane. His son Wayne predeceased him.

F. Gordon Bullock, age 80, of Wilson died Monday, January 16th, 2006. He was the son of the late Frank and Clara Belle Smith Bullock. He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wilson and served as Business Manager and Clerk of the Board of Education for Wilson Central School, retiring in 1987.

He is survived by his wife, Ruby, son Stephen (Shirley) Furnace and daughter Cheryl (David) Wilkins.

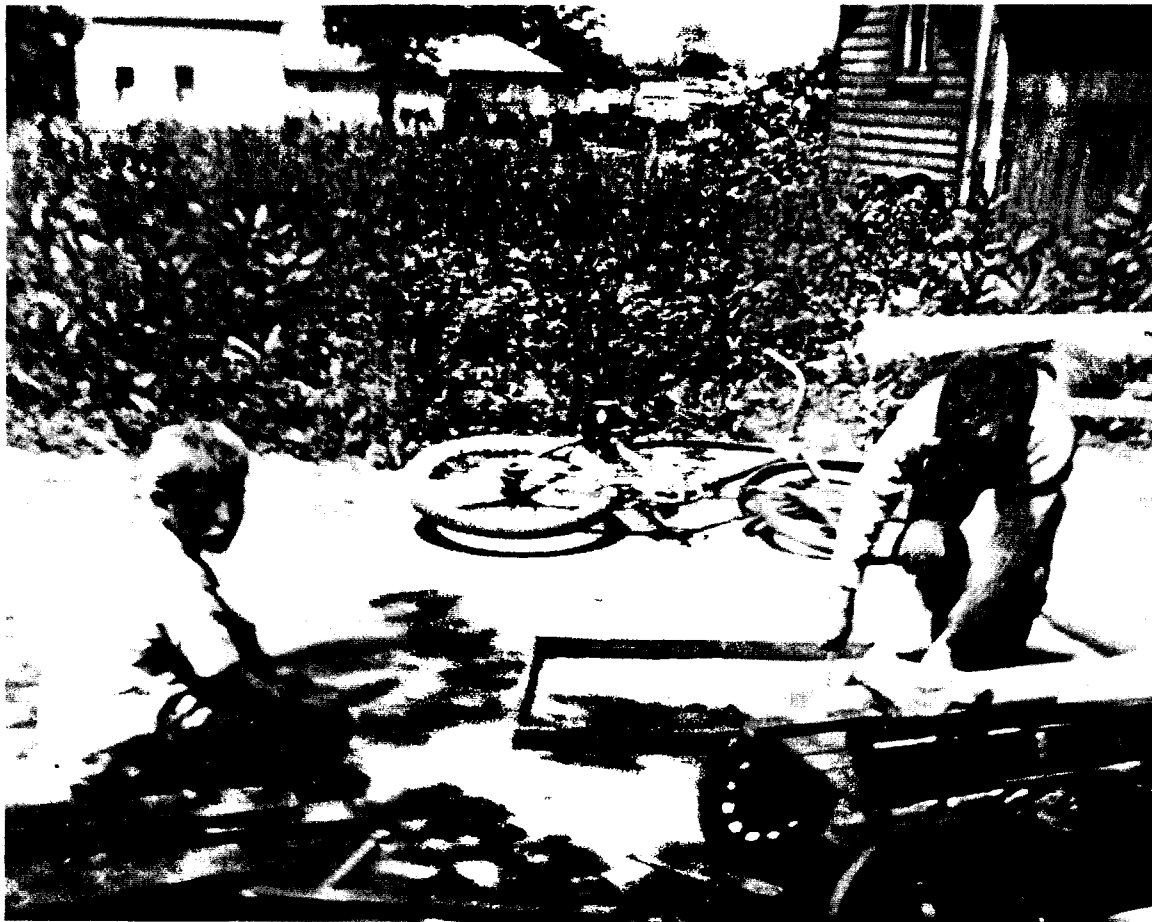
St. Patrick's Day

Saint Patrick's day is in honor of the Patron Saint of Ireland, who brought christianity to the Emerald Isles, as Ireland is known. It is truly a day of celebrating Irish history, ancestry, traditions and customs.

Are you Irish perchance?! Well, the saying goes everyone is a little Irish on Saint Patrick's Day.

Roots of Tradition: Saint Patrick's day is held in honor of Saint Patrick, the missionary who brought Christianity to the Irish people in the 400's AD.

Erin Go Braugh is perhaps the most common Irish term you will hear. It means "Ireland Forever"



I recently had a nice long conversation with Don Flagler who sent me this photo. It shows Don and Roger Ward repairing a boy's wagon in front of the old Flagler Welding Shop on High Street. According to Don, his father attached a building to the old jail and used this as his shop until he built a new shop years later, which is still standing today. Don grew up and ran this shop along with his father until he moved to Texas some time ago. Many of you will remember the Flaglers, who built or repaired anything that needed welding together. The local farmers did not have the equipment or knowledge to do this type of work, but as welding machines became affordable and the farmers and mechanics acquired them, the need for the old time blacksmith disappeared. Some of the many projects that the Flaglers built were a replica of an early Oldsmobile for Doctor Argue and a large open boat that Don's father use for fishing.

Charles F. Horton—Town of Wilson Historian

Farmers Calendar – March 1881

A lot of little odd jobs are sure to turn up as the spring opens, and it won't do to leave them at sixes and sevens (in disorder). There are fences to mend, tools to fix, the manure in the barn cellar to fork over, the hens to feed, the woodshed to fill, to say nothing of the barn and the cows that are sure to come in. We must begin to fly round, or be left in the rear. It is far better to drive the work, than to let the work drive us. A coat of paint here and there will make things shine, and save wood and iron. Why don't you turn to, and cut the brush in the pastures and along the walls? Bushes crowd out a great many plants that ought to have a chance to grow. The frost has set loose a great many stones in the lots, and it is easy to throw them out now, or as soon as the ground opens. Don't put it off till the sod gets hard again. It saves time to do it now. If you have an old sash, you can start a few plants under glass, and so have them for table use earlier than you can in any other way. It pays to take a little extra pain. Might as well spend time in this way as in any other. A thrifty man will be sure to find enough to do as spring comes on.

Better to be bitten by a snake than to feel the sun in March.

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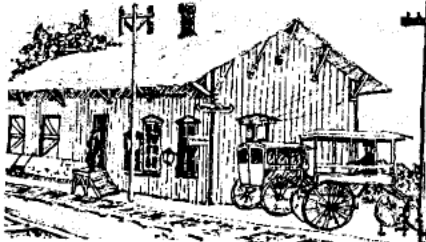
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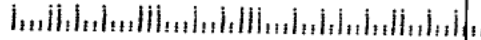
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Sunday, April 2 nd	Daylight Savings - Turn your clock ahead 1 hour!	
Wednesday, April 5 th	Town Workshop	7:00 pm
Wednesday, April 12 th	WHS Board Meeting	7:30 pm
Saturday, April 15 th	Lions Easter Egg Hunt at WHS	12:00 pm
Wednesday, April 19 th	Town Board Meeting	7:00 pm
Thursday, April 20 th	Fair Meeting at Town Hall	7:30pm
Monday, April 24 th	WHS General Meeting	7:30 pm

Wilson's Oldest Business

Jerome Cooper, who moved to Wilson in 1852, founded the Hamilton and Clark Funeral Chapel, the oldest on-going business in the village of Wilson, in 1869. He started the business under the name of the Cuddeback and Cooper Furniture Store and Funeral Home.

Kate Cuddeback was Jerome Cooper's daughter and she also operated the business. When her father died in 1914 at the age of 88 she continued to operate the business until 1918. That was the year she decided to sell out to LaMotte Hamilton, who worked for her, and Ray Clark, a Wilson native who worked as a salesman for the Friends' Manufacturing Company in Gasport. LaMott and Ray borrowed the money to purchase the business, and they took possession in the spring of 1918.

Ray and his wife, Doris Fittro Clark, took up residence in the apartment above the store, and it was also the year the business became established as Hamilton and Clark.

America was at war, and Ray Clark enlisted in the army and was sent overseas to France. Doris, in the meantime, accepted a teaching position in Pendleton. LaMott Hamilton's wife, Gertrude, died during the big influenza epidemic that fall, so Doris also worked at the store on Saturdays to help him out.

When Ray Clark returned from France in 1919, Doris gave up her teaching position and again joined her husband in the apartment above the store. Ray then attended Syracuse University where he received his embalmer's license.

In the early 1920's, Hamilton and Clark operated a thriving upholstery trade, and finished goods were transported throughout the east on the now defunct "Hojack" railroad. Also, in the early twenties, Kenmore was developing as a fast growing suburb of Buffalo and it was decided to open a branch of the business there.

Ray Clark died in 1926 at the early age of thirty-three, and neither Dayton Hardison, an employee, or LaMott Hamilton had the heart to embalm his, so a Niagara Falls connection was used. Doris Clark and her daughter, Virginia Klaiber, and her son, Donald, remained in Kenmore, while LaMott Hamilton continued the business in Wilson. He married Carrie Pierce, but they never had any children.

When LaMott Hamilton died in 1958, Jack Naslund, who had married LaMott's niece, purchased the business. Donald Held, his partner since 1978, bought the business from Jack in 1987.

It was quite common in bygone years to combine a furniture store with a funeral parlor because caskets as well as furniture were often made at the establishment.

Quote of the Day: Good judgment comes from experience, and experience - well, that comes from poor judgment."4.A. Milne

President Don Burrows called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was present. Present were: Diane Muscoreil, Judy King, Wally Goodman, Charles Horton, Dan King, Bob Cramer, Kyle Andrews and Don Burrows.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Don Burrows read the minutes of the January Board meeting. A motion was made by Judy King, seconded by Charles Horton and carried that the minutes be accepted as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT: A motion was made by Chuck Horton, seconded by Wally Goodman and carried that the bills be paid as presented by the Treasurer.

Wally Goodman reported on the Grant from the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historical Preservation. Our grant for \$2500.00 has been approved and we need to send off the application as soon as possible to finish the process.

President Burrows reported that he would be meeting with Assemblywoman Francine DelMonte at her Town Meeting here to see if she has any money available for the Society.

There was a discussion of our sign in front of the Depot. We need to find someone to take care of putting up the messages. Several names were suggested and they will be contacted.

Kyle Andrews reported that Memorial Day Fair Meetings would be held at the Town Hall on February 16th, March 16th and April 20th at 7:00 pm. He will be asking Kyle Middlefeldt to join the fair committee made up of Sally and Darrell Smith, Pam Groff, Don Burrows, Lois Barnum and Nettie Stimson. The Sheriff's work program has been contacted and will be available to help in any way we need them.

Wally Goodman reported on the mold problem in the car building. He and Dan King investigated possible solutions and came up with germicidal lights that would be placed in the heating unit return duct. A motion was made by Wally, seconded by Judy King and carried that the necessary lights be purchased at a price of approximately \$960.00.

The Barnum Building Planning Committee met and came up with the final plans and drawings. The estimated cost will be \$10,000.00. Bob Cramer was instrumental in creating the plans. The project will not start until after the fair. The Finance Committee will have to meet to discuss funding of the project.

Kyle Andrews spoke on the Billy Sherman Memorial on the Zauner property on Wilson Burt road. He will contact the owners of the property and discuss cleaning up the sign and the area around it.

A motion to adjourn was made by Judy King, seconded by Chuck Horton and unanimously carried at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Diane Muscoreil Corresponding Secretary

Arbor Day

The idea for Arbor Day originally came from Nebraska. A visit to Nebraska today wouldn't disclose that the state was once a treeless plain. Yet it was the lack of trees there that led to the founding of Arbor Day in the 1800s. Among pioneers moving into the Nebraska Territory in 1854 was J. Sterling Morton from Detroit. He and his wife were lovers of nature, and the home they established in Nebraska was quickly planted with trees, shrubs and flowers.

Morton was a journalist and soon became editor of Nebraska's first newspaper. Given that forum, he spread agricultural information and his enthusiasm for trees to an equally enthusiastic audience. On January 4, 1872, Morton first proposed a tree-planting holiday to be called "Arbor Day" at a meeting of the State Board of Agriculture.

During the 1870s, other states passed legislation to observe Arbor Day, and the tradition began in schools nationwide in 1882.

Today the most common date for the state observances is the last Friday in April, and several U. S. Presidents have proclaimed a National Arbor Day on that date. In New York State, Arbor Day will be observed on April 28th, 2006. Go plant a sugar maple!

FULL MOON LORE FOR APRIL: The Full Pink Moon will occur on April 13th, 2006. This name came from the herb moss pink, or wild ground phlox, which is one of the earliest widespread flowers of the spring. Other names for this month's celestial body include the Full Sprouting Grass Moon, the Egg Moon, and among coastal tribes the Full Fish Moon, because this was the time that the shad swam upstream to spawn.

In Memorium:

Gerald C. Wiefert of Ransomville died on Saturday, February 11th, 2006. He was a lifelong resident of Ransomville, the son of Louis and Mabel Wiefert. He attended Wilson Central High School until entering the Navy in May 0t 1944, and served as a Gunner Mate aboard the SS Laredo Raft and received the WWII Victory Ribbon, the American Area Ribbon and the European African Middle Eastern Area Ribbon. He was honorably discharged in June of 1946. For the next 55 years he was co-owner and operator with his brother, Merton Wiefert, of the Wiefert's Service Station on Ridge Road in Ransomville until his retirement in 2003. Gerald was a lifelong member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, a member of the American Legion O. Leo Curtiss Post #830 Ransomville, and a former member of the VFW Post #313, Youngstown.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Beverly "Boots" Sawyer Wiefert, and four children, Gerald R. (Joyce), Nancy (John) Laughlan, Roger Wiefert, all of Ransomville, and Michael "Mickey" Wiefert of Lockport.

Jeffrey Bruce Amey of Wilson, NY entered into rest on February 12th, 2006. He was the son of the late Bruce Amey and Nannie Bell Amey. He had lived in the area all his life.

He was the brother of Terry Amey of Newfane and Melody Amey of Wilson, NY.

Ricky D. McHenry died Friday, February 24th at home, surrounded by his loving family after a courageous battle with cancer. Chief McHenry was appointed to the Niagara Falls Fire Department in 1978. He was promoted to Fire Captain in April of 1993 and Battalion Chief January of 2003. He was highly decorated for his achievements in the NFFD. Chief McHenry was also devoted to helping others in his personal time through his commitment to the Wilson Fire Company. He rose through the ranks with Wilson, achieving the rank of Chief. He served as President of the Niagara County Fire Chiefs Assn. Rick was instrumental in the fire education of numerous members of the local fire service and was one of the first formal instructors of the smoke divers course. Chief McHenry was a member of the NYS Professional Firefighters Assn, the International Assn. Of Firefighters, the Niagara Falls Firefighters Christmas Toy Fund Committee and was a career long contributor to the United Way. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Bascom McHenry, son Ricky (Gina) and daughter Angela (Edsal) Talbert.

Elma Emma McGrath passed away on Saturday, March 18th, 2006. She graduated from Wilson High in 1936 and worked for 30 years at College Inn Food Products. Elma was a member of the Wilson Historical Society, the Hartland Historical Society and North Ridge Methodist Church. Predeceased by her husband Donald in 1985, she is survived by her children Joan (Ralph) Preish of Rochester, Richard (Diane) of Amherst and James of Lockport.

Mildred Louise Neville of Wilson died on Friday, March 17th, 2006. Known to her friends as Millie, she grew up in Niagara Falls and has since lived in Wilson for almost 50 years. Millie was extremely devoted to the Wilson community and was active in many local organizations. She was a member of Our Lady of the Rosary Roman Catholic Church, involved in St. Bridget's Food Pantry, The Wilson Historical Society, served as an officer of the Friends of the Wilson Library, was a member of the Wilson Widows Group and previously volunteered as a Literacy Partner. Mrs. Neville also served as an election inspector for the Town of Wilson. Mildred was predeceased by her husband, Richard, and is survived by her five children, Richard of Virginia, William (Cheryl) of Michigan, Kathleen of New York City, Timothy of Virginia and James of Massachusetts.

Lester Stillman Clark, a longtime friend and benefactor of the Wilson Historical Society, passed away on March 14th 2006 in California. Les was born in the Village of Wilson, one of thirteen children. He moved to California in 1947, where he met his wife, Betty Anne Marcos. Les graduated from the University of California at Berkeley. He was very proud of his schooling, and he established in the minds of his children the importance of education. He entered the field of sales and was a born salesman! He worked for several corporations and ended his career as a salesman with the Kathryn Beich Fund Raising candy business, which was later bought out by the Nestle Company.

Les was active in his town, being a little league coach, a Weblo leader in Boy Scouts and a board member of the New Haven Unified School District. He also was the "character" of the neighborhood! All in all, he was a devoted and vocal member of his community.

He leaves behind his wife Betty, and their five children, James (Mary, Carol (David)Romero, Katey Patel, Leslie (Craig) Lilly and Jeffrey (Lisa) as well as fourteen grandchildren. He also leaves behind brothers and sisters in Wilson, NY; Milton "Ollie" Clark, Maurice Clark, Lois LaJoie, Beverly Bailey and Murriel Haner. He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Marie A. Hoffman, of Wilson NY entered into rest on Saturday, March 18th, 2006. She was married to Robert Hoffman, and leaves behind children Linda Hurley of New Jersey, Craig (Susan) of Alabama and David of San Diego.



This photo of the old Wilson Theater shown here was taken around the mid 1950's. The theater was called the Gem Theater in the earlier days and had a smaller marquee than the one shown here. By the early 1960's movies had stopped being shown here and this building was remodeled to become a pool hall. A fire broke out in the late 1960's or early 1970's and damage was severe enough that the building was torn down and today this site is part of the parking lot for Lakeside Market. Most small villages had movie theaters during this (pre-television) time period. The white trash barrel next to the pole in front had a green Girl Scout emblem on it as the local Girl Scout's kept these barrels painted for the main street area.

Charles F. Horton—Town of Wilson Historian

Farmers Calendar – April 1881

It is high time to dig up the beds in the kitchen garden. This ought to be the pride of the farm. Let it be handy to get at, so as to coax you to take a turn at the weeds, at off jobs, when there isn't much else to do. An hour's work, now and then, will do a heap of good, and make things grow. Isn't it strange what a little patch can be made to yield, when you try to work it up to its level best? A few rods square will do more to make the pot boil than the best acre on the farm. Small fruits of all kinds must have plenty of room. Why shouldn't boys and girls on the farm have as many strawberries, and currants, and cherries, and all kinds of berries as they want? There is nothing like them for health, and they save many a bill for drugs. The plough can go in this month and do good work on light lands. It is of no use to try to work stiff and wet soils yet, and it does more hurt than good. We ought to sow more clover-seed. It is one of the best crops we can raise, and leaves the land better than it found it. A light top-dressing will make it catch anywhere in grassland, and the more of it you have, the better for you!

A sunshiny shower never lasts half an hour.

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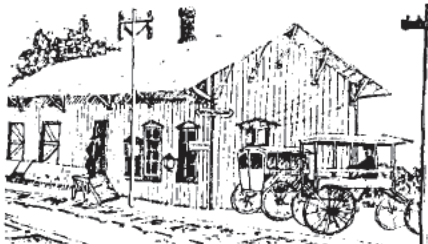
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DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wednesday, May 3 rd	Town Workshop	7:00 pm
Wednesday, May 10 th	WHS Board Meeting	7:30 pm
Wednesday, May 17 th	Town Board Meeting	7:00 pm
Thursday, May 18 th	Fair Meeting at Town Hall	7:00pm
Monday, May 29 th	Memorial Day Fair	9:00am - 5:00 pm

New Life Members

We would like to welcome three new life members to the Society –

Jack L. Hutchison born in Greenville, PA, to George G. Hutchison and Verna Reinhart. Jack is the Past President of the Niagara Wheatfield Board of Education, Retired Past President and Charter Member of the Niagara County Rotary. He served in the U. S. Navy. And received his MBA from the University of Pittsburgh. He is married to Melinda, and they have three sons, Donald, Jack and Paul.

Melinda Hutchison was also born in Greenville, PA to George Meeker and Mable Dorwert. She attended Niagara Community College. Melinda serves as Librarian at her church and is active as a volunteer with Hospice. Jack and Melinda have served for the past twenty years as the King and Queen of the Cotton Candy Machine at the Society Fair.

Welcome also goes out to Kathryn L. Thompson of Ypsilanti, Michigan, our new life member.

REMINDER

You have to get your dues in this month to avoid missing a copy of our newsletter!

Quote of the Day: The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible.

Minutes of WHS Board of Directors MeetingMarch 8th, 2006

The Regular Wilson Historical Society Trustees meeting was held on Wednesday, March 8th, 2006 at 7:30 pm in the Conference Room of the Town Hall.

The following people were present: President Donald Burrows, Wally Goodman, Dan King, Judy King, Diane Muscoreil, Wanda Burrows, Charles Horton and Sandy Holden.

Judy King gave the Treasurer's report and a motion was made by Mrs. Muscoreil, seconded by Mr. Horton and unanimously carried that the Treasurer's report be approved as read and the bills be paid.

Mr. Goodman reported that the grant the society has received in the amount of \$2500.00 is through the NYS Office of Parks and Recreation and Historical Preservation. He has received all of the forms and is working on completing the necessary paperwork.

A thank you was received from Pam Groff for the flowers the Society sent to her in appreciation of her fine work as Secretary.

A letter of resignation was received from first Vice President Bruce Muck.

Mrs. Burrows spoke about the possibility of having a special celebration next summer in recognition of the 150th Anniversary of the Schoolhouse.

A motion was made by Mrs. King, seconded by Mrs. Muscoreil and unanimously carried that the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda E. Burrows, Acting Secretary

May Day/Memorial Day

May Day (May 1) is a spring festival celebrating human fertility and the renewal of nature. The festival originated with the celebration of the Roman goddess Flora and spread to other countries of the Roman Empire. May Day was especially popular in England during medieval times. Activities centered around the maypole, a tree collected from the woods and brought to the village to celebrate the upcoming summer.

It was this latter activity combined with the temporary setting aside of the social hierarchy that Puritans found objectionable. By 1644, May Day had been banned by the English Parliament although it reappeared when Charles II took the throne in 1660. However, the overt sexuality of the festival went underground during the Victorian period and May Day was transformed into a celebration of England. May Day achieved little popularity in the United States because of the Puritan influence. However, in many European countries, it is a time of courtship. In Communist and socialist countries, May Day often features parades exhibiting military prowess.

The first documented observance of **Memorial Day** occurred in Waterloo, New York on May 5, 1866. The purpose of the day was to honor those who fought in the Civil War. The day has now expanded to honor those who died during each of the wars in which the United States fought. Typical activities include placing flowers on the graves of soldiers and many communities have parades as tributes to the soldiers who died.

Public Law 90-363, passed on June 28, 1968, required that beginning in 1971, Memorial Day would be observed on the last Monday in May. It is a legal holiday in the United States.

FULL MOON LORE FOR MAY: The Full Flower Moon will appear on May 13th, 2006. In most areas, flowers are abundant everywhere during this time. Thus, the name of this Moon. Other names include the Full Corn Planting Moon, or the Milk Moon.

Putting the REAL in Real Estate

A home buyer's language guide

Some of the best fiction being written these days is in the real estate ads. I know – I once visited a “House with Extras”. I had pictured a spare snazzy bathroom, maybe a kitchen skylight and a safe tucked into the bedroom floor. In reality, it was three lopsided outbuildings where the owner had flirted with worm farming and 16 “extra” layers of wall paper on the living room walls.

Since then, I've decided that any similarity between the real estate ad and the real estate is purely coincidental. I've learned the true meaning of terms such as “cozy”. It doesn't mean curling up in front of a fireplace. It means you can't cuss the cat without getting hair in your mouth.

Here are some other terms I've defined to help first-time home buyers:

STARTER HOME: You'll be working the next 40 years making it livable.

RUSTIC: Look for the bathroom on the back of the lot.

UNIQUE FLOOR PLAN: Rooms are triangular-shaped. This is really a pyramid.

HANDYMAN'S DREAM: You can't operate the toaster and curling iron at the same time without blowing a fuse.

SUNKEN BATHTUB: Clear down to the basement.

TREE ADORNED LOT: Jungle.

TURN-OF-THE-CENTURY CHARM: Two electrical outlets per 3,000 square feet of living space. A bathtub with toenails and a furnace that runs on coal.

CLOSE TO SHOPPING: Situated on Wal-Mart's parking lot.

NO REASONABLE OFFER REFUSED. OWNER LEAVING: Darn right. He's leaving as soon as you buy the joint.

ATTIC NEEDS FINISHING: Bare rafters.

COUNTRY CHARM: Septic tank.

COUNTY KITCHEN: Bring your own cabinets.

EFFICIENCY KITCHEN: Everything is within arm's length, including the four walls.

TOTALLY REMODELED: Every room is paneled.

ENJOY PRIVACY: Nearest loaf of bread is 30 miles away.

POSSIBILITIES: Sure, if you have \$90,000.00 to knock it down and start over. I know, we bought this one!

Who doff's his coat on a winter's day, Will gladly put it on in May.



This photo is of the old stone house, which was located on the north side of Ide Road almost to the Beebe Road intersection. I had heard that this old home was going to be torn down and shortly after I took this photo, it was. The building was set afire to burn out all the wood and etc. This house is referred to as the Aiken House in the booklet published by the Wilson Historical Society named after William and Harriet Aiken who had this house built. The addition on the right hand side of the photo was added later to the original house. The Quoins (the large stones at the corners) and the lintels along with the windowsills were of limestone. This was one of twelve remaining stone houses left in the Town of Wilson and, unfortunately, another stone house on the Beebe Road has lost much of its roof and is in poor condition at the present. We can only hope that the remaining houses will keep being properly maintained so the future generations can have an example of these great old stone houses.

Charles F. Horton—Town of Wilson Historian

Farmers Calendar – May 1881

Say what you will of roots and the root crop. I like to have a good lot of them for winter use, and my cows all seem to think as I do. They help the appetite and the digestive organs, and make a change from dry hay. I would not be without them for twice their cost. Now is the time to put in the seed. Sow the mangold (beets for cattle) and the sugar beet by the 10th, but there is no haste with the swede (rutabaga). It can wait till next month. We ought to try to save work on the root crop. It is apt to cost a great deal more than there is any need of, and we must learn to save cost on the work. Choose clean land, and sow in straight rows, use the horse hoe, and keep down the weeds as they start. Make sure of good seed. Why don't you raise your own seed, and so make sure of getting what you want? Corn may go in towards the end of the month. There is not much to be gained by planting too early. Straight rows both ways and level culture save work, and make the corn cost less by the bushel. A small lot of sweet corn ought to go in once a week, so as to make sure of a long supply for your own use. Look out for the garden, and keep a sharp eye on the bugs.

May changes moods just like a baby: Someone should have named it "Maybe".

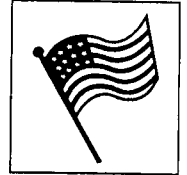
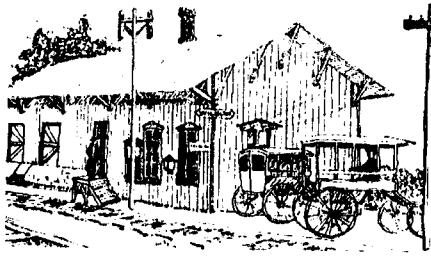
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DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wednesday, June 7 th	Town Workshop	7:00 pm
Wednesday, June 14 th	WHS Board Meeting Flag Day	7:30 pm
Sunday, June 18 th	Father's Day	
Wednesday, June 21 st	Town Board Mtg. Summer Solstice	7:00pm
Monday, June 26 th	General Meeting/Election	7:30 pm

New Life Members

Two wonderful new benches have been added to the Society Grounds – one in memory of Bob & Edna Rose, Founding and Life Members donated by Bill & Judy Rose, and one in memory of Gordon Strablow, a Truly Dedicated Member of the Society, donated by Don & Wanda Burrows, Dan & Judy King and Jim & Diane Muscoreil.

We have been asked about the marker down on the corner of Ontario St. and Harbor Street near the boathouse that appears to have been donated by the Historical Society. It reads:



Wilson Harbor
Port of Entry
September 25, 1851
to
June 30, 1907
Wilson Historical Society
1975

If you have any information as to how this marker was placed here, please let us know! It looks wonderful now that Roxanne Benton has removed all the dead bushes that hid it! Nice job Roxanne!

Don't forget that your membership fees are due!

Quote of the Day:

Santa Claus has the right idea: Visit people only once a year. ~
Victor Borge

Minutes of WHS Board of Directors Meeting**April 12th, 2006**

President Don Burrows called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Attending were: Diane Muscoreil, Judy King, Dan King, Kyle Andrews, Sally Smith, Ollie Clark, Mickey Hunter, Sandy Holden, Lois Barnum and Dorothy Maxfield.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes of the March 8th Board meeting were accepted as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT: A motion was made by Dan King, seconded by Lois Barnum and carried that the bills be paid as presented by Treasurer Judy King.

NEW BUSINESS: Lois Barnum told us of the quilt she recently purchased for next year's fair. There was a discussion of getting some good ticket salesmen to help sell tickets for this years' quilt at the fair.

Judy King reported that we have three new life members, Melinda and Jack Hutchison and Kathryn Thompson. Judy also reported memorials have come in for Elma McGrath. Sally Smith has ordered plaques for the life members and will have them up before the Fair.

Dorothy Maxfield received John Harold's 1962 Wilson Central School ring from his brother Jim Holden for display at the museum.

Diane reported that she and Sandy have agreed to cut back the amount of newsletters printed each month to 300.

Don reported that Brad Clark is now taking care of our sign out front, and has asked that some additional letters and strips be ordered. A motion was made by Sandy Holden, seconded by Dorothy Maxfield and carried that the necessary letters be ordered. Carried.

A letter was received from Chris Srock of the 28th NYSVI Memorial Regiment in response to our reply to the Re-enactors request to use the Society. After much discussion, it was decided that we are currently unable to meet all of the requests made by the group. A letter will be sent to Chris informing him of our decision.

A discussion was held on the Barnum Bldg. Work that will begin after the fair. The Finance Committee will meet at 7:00 pm on May 10th before the regular board meeting to discuss the necessary steps to be taken to get the project going.

A motion was made by Mickey, seconded by Judy to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Muscoreil
Corresponding Secretary

Flag Day/Father's Day

June 14, 1777 -- Continental Congress adopts the following: Resolved: that the flag of the United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation.

The first **Father's Day** was observed on June 19, 1910 in Spokane, Washington. In 1924 President Calvin Coolidge supported the idea of a national Father's Day. In 1966 President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the third Sunday of June as Father's Day.

FULL MOON LORE FOR JUNE: The Full Strawberry Moon will appear on June 11th, 2006. This name was universal to every Algonquin tribe. However, in Europe they called it the Rose Moon. Also because the relatively short season for harvesting strawberries comes each year during the month of June . . . so the full Moon that occurs during that month was christened for the strawberry!



Randall Road School District #8

April 11, 1898

Back row: Edward Connor, Grace Goodfellow, Auden Tower, Edith Freeman, Everett Goodfellow, Lorena Williams, Elma McKee, Frank O'Connor, Vesta McKee, Warren Tower, Irving Allen, May Stevens and James Ryan

Second row: Jay Smith, Iris Bradley, Leo Connor, Maud Smith, Ruel Greene, Amy Allen, Nellie Williams, Effie Tower, Howard Lewis, Lula Rockwood, Harry Sherman, Winifred Allen, Howard Williams and Mary Stoddard

Third row: Jessie Frank, Margaret Stoddard, Johnny Van Camp, Fay Allen, Fred Smith, Richard Williams, Carol Allen, Floyd Wilson (On bike) and Addie Lewis

Forth row: Eddie Krutch (in wagon), Hugh Stoddard, Phoebe Lewis, Mrs. Mary Monahan (teacher), Walter Ryan, Garnette Tower, John Stoddard and Levant Williams

Photo from the Album of Ruth Stevens Kramer

Many thanks to Mr. Kramer for bringing in this photo to share with every one in our newsletter. With the school year drawing to a close, I thought this would make an interesting photo. The American Flag in the background is a 45 Star flag and, along with the bicycle and small wagon, adds a lot to the photo. In many old photos the people in the photo are unidentified. If you any have old family photos and an elderly family member knows who is on the photo, you should write it on the back because before you know it, this source of information is lost for ever. ~ Charles F. Horton, Town Historian

Weather Glossery

Dog Days The hot, sultry period between early July and mid-August, so called because Sirius, the Dog Star (the brightest star of the night sky), rises and sets with the Sun during this time. Ancient Egyptians believed the heat of this brilliant star added to the Sun's heat to create the hot weather

Heat Lightning Intermittent flashes of light across the sky on warm summer evenings, not accompanied by thunder. It is thought to be cloud reflections of distant lightning.

Indian Summer A period of abnormally mild weather, occurring in late autumn or early winter, usually after the first frost.

Mackerel Sky A formation of cirrocumulus or altocumulus clouds suggesting the pattern of scales on a mackerel's back.

Weather The state of the atmosphere at a given time and place, described by specifying the variables such as temperature, moisture, wind velocity and air pressure, and their effects on life and human activity.

What does "ONE INCH OF RAIN" amount to? An acre of ground contains 43,560 square feet. Consequently, a rainfall of one inch over one acre of ground would mean a total of 6,272,640 cubic inches of water. This is the equivalent of 3,630 cubic feet. As a cubic foot of pure water weighs about 62.4 pounds, the exact amount varying with the temperature, it follows that the weight of a uniform coating of one inch of rain over one acre of surface would be 226,512 pounds, or about 113 short tons! The weight of one U.S. gallon of pure water is about 8.345 pounds. Consequently, a rainfall of one inch over one acre of ground would mean 27,143 gallons of water. **Wow!**

A Stroll Down Memory Lane

Around the turn of the century, when large crowds gathered at Wilson's "Lake Island Park", Claude Jones, a hometown boy, would inflate his balloon and rise 1,000 to 1,500 feet above the ground. He filled it with hot air by placing it over a frame under which a fire was built, and while the bag expanded a ring of men would hold it in place. When the balloon reached its capacity, Claude would yell "Let her go" and off he'd sail into space.

The air in the balloon would cool off at about 1500 feet causing it to roll over, and at that split second Claude would leap free and float down with a parachute. One time the wind came up when he was ready to take off, and, not wishing to lose the hot air, he let the men release him anyway. He was blown out over the lake, and when he came down, he had to swim back to shore!

According to the late Earl Armstrong, the amusement resort was named "Lake Island Park" because, when the land was first purchased, the east end of the "island" was part of the park property. You entered the mainland park from Harbor St., and could drive through the woods to an open area where Red Clark's house now stands. The woods were always crowded with horses and buggies, and many villagers walked there and would hang their picnic baskets on tree limbs until they were needed.

A ball diamond, backed by a ten foot board fence, had bleachers extending from 1st base to home plate, and they consisted of 2 inch planks set on wooden posts. Back of home plate was a grand stand that could seat 500 people, and it cost 15 cents to watch a game, nothing if you sat on the ground.

West of the grandstand was a large Ferris wheel operated by a steam-powered threshing engine. A team of horses and tank wagon were used to supply the engine with water from the nearby creek. Just west of the Ferris wheel was the dining hall where a good steak dinner could be bought for 50 cents. There was also a colorful red and white refreshment stand nearby where ice cream was available and lemon and orangeade were sold for 5 cents a glass.

Beside the bay was a bathhouse, boathouse and water toboggan slide that cost 20 cents a half hour to ride. Bathing suits could be rented, and 50 small rowboats were also available. A large dance pavilion, which stood on the present site of Clark's home, was open on 3 sides with one end enclosed for stage and orchestra. Dancing usually started at noon and lasted until midnight. The pavilion was later replaced with the Tuscarora or T Club.

South of the pavilion was a merry-go-round which, like the Ferris wheel, was powered by an old steam threshing engine. Next to it were 8 swings, and each could accommodate 6 people. An outdoor auditorium with a speaker's stand was located west of the pavilion, and was large enough so 3 act plays could be held there. Seats on wooden posts were nailed to trees in a semi circle with the top row about twenty feet off the ground.

A wooden footbridge connected the mainland to Clark's Island, and another arched footbridge crossed the slip leading to the Wilson Boathouse. This made it possible for persons using the excursion boats to walk from the east pier to the Park.

In 1894, the "Garden City" made two trips daily from Toronto, and generally docked in Wilson at 11:30 am and 4:30 pm. A Canadian passenger wrote an article that year for the "Toronto Journal" in which he described Wilson as "A most attractive spot, thronged with thousands of gaily dressed, holiday seekers". He noted that attractions in the park included "prominent speakers, band concerts, baseball games, dancing, boating, fishing, water lily gathering water sports, feasting and flirting".

He also commented that even though soft drinks were only allowed in the park, just beyond its' boundaries were two saloons, "were lager beer of very refreshing and minimum intoxicating quality was dispensed to endless streams of never satisfied humanity".

He described the Greenwood Cemetery as being "well tenanted" but not kept up in the best condition, and observed, "If no one wanted to make the effort necessary to care for it, it might better be turned over to a flock of sheep - a practice sometimes used in English churchyards". He was, however, impressed by the large number of small American flags that marked the graves from a previous Decoration Day observance.

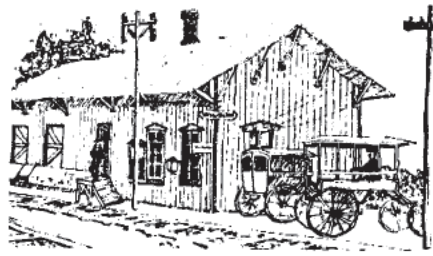
Wilson's status as a resort town slowly diminished after 1900 when trolley service was started from Lockport to Olcott, but today crowds of people are once again taking advantage of the excellent boating and fishing which is supported by several fine yacht clubs, marinas and boat launching facilities.

Golf is what men do to relax when they're too tired to mow the lawn!

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Tuesday, July 4 th	Independence Day	
Wednesday, July 5 th	Town Workshop	7:00 pm
Wednesday, July 12 th	WHS Board Meeting	7:30 pm
Sunday, June 18 th	Father's Day	
Wednesday, July 19 th	Town Board Mtg.	7:00pm

From the Editor's Desk

Well, the Memorial Day Fair is now history! What a glorious day it was, although a bit too hot for my taste! The crowd seemed as large as ever, and certainly drank a LOT of water! Good job done by the Fair Committee, chaired by Kyle Andrews, and a big THANK YOU to the many volunteers who help make this event the success that it is!

The results of the Quilt Raffle at this year's fair are as follows:

- 5th Place Historical Society Cookbook Kathy Wronski
- 4th Place Historical Society Sketchbook Norm Eaton
- 3rd Place Cross Stitched Linens by Elma McGrath Nora Clark
- 2nd Place Wood Carving by Bob Schearer Ann Botzer
- 1st Place Quilt Rena & Bernard Israel

Enjoy the Summer!

Minutes of WHS Board of Directors Meeting**May 10th, 2006**

President Don Burrows called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Attending were: Diane Muscoreil, Dan King, Mickey Hunter, Sandy Holden, Wally Goodman, Chuck Horton, Dorothy Maxfield, Anita Plunkett and Aryn Plunkett.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes of the April 12th Board meeting were accepted as read. The letter sent to Chris Srock of the 28th NYSVI Memorial Regiment was read to the board.

TREASURER'S REPORT: A motion was made by Wally Goodman, seconded by Dorothy Maxfield and carried that the bills be paid as presented.

NEW BUSINESS: Dan King reported that the Finance Committee Meeting scheduled for 7:00 pm this evening will be rescheduled. Dan also reported that the IRS Reports have all been filed by the Treasurer.

Two resignations have been received. Miles Linnabery resigned as Trustee and as Chairman of Programs/Refreshments and Celeste Crawford resigned from Accessions and as Chairman of Library/Genealogy. The Board discussed possible people to fill these positions and Diane will contact several people. Don also spoke on the possibility of combining jobs.

A request was received from the WCS Senior Class of 1951 to use the society facilities on July 21st. A motion was made by Wally Goodman seconded by Chuck Horton to permit the use. Carried.

Diane reported that she had been contacted by Roxanne Benton regarding the stone marker placed by the Society at the Boathouse. The bushes around the stone are all dead and Diane will tell Roxanne that she can pull out the plants.

Sandy Holden reported on the last Fair meeting and that all seems to be in place. The last fair meeting will be held on May 18th at the Town Hall.

Wally reported that the grant will be mailed out tomorrow morning. He also reported that the County work crew will be at the society on the 18th from 10:30-2:30. Anyone who can show up to help will be welcomed. Wally has the applications for the Society Scholarship and will be getting them to the members of the Scholarship Committee this week so they can make their decision in time for the June 8th presentation.

Dan King suggested that a climate controlled records room should be built into the Barnum building when the other work is being done. He also discussed the Wilson Lions building a display cabinet for their memorabilia. Diane will bring this up at the next Lions Board Meeting. There was also a discussion on the Lion float in the pole barn, which the Lions hope to rebuild.

Wally reported that he is waiting for Robert Hull to pick up the Vauxhal he purchased.

Chuck reported that Keith Dixon dug out the front of the Fittro Building and Chuck would be stabilizing the wall for now, then we will consider having metal siding put up.

Don showed us the two benches he made that will be donated to the Society in honor of the Roses and Gordon Strablow.

A motion was made by Mickey, seconded by Dorothy to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Muscoreil
Corresponding Secretary

FULL MOON LORE FOR JULY: The Full Buck Moon will appear on July 10th, 2006. This name comes from the new antlers of buck deer that are now punching out from their foreheads in coatings of velvety fur. It is also called the Full Thunder Moon and the Full Hay Moon.

In Memoriam

Edward E. "Ted" Bull, age 90 of Wilson, died Monday, May 29th, 2006 at his home. He was born in Lockport on April 27th, 1916, the son of the late Ernest and Nina Bull. He was a member of the Exley United Methodist Church, a 50-year member of the Mason Lodge #376 of the O.E.S., Wilson and Newfane Chapters, and a 50-year member of the South Wilson Vol. Fire Company.

Ted graduated from Lockport High School and served in the US Air Force from April 1942 until June 1946 as a Sergeant. He was a millwright at Harrison Radiator for 45 years, retiring in 1981. He enjoyed bowling, gardening, camping and traveling. He especially enjoyed Jacuzzis and ice-cold beer! Ted is survived by his wife Melva, and children Barbara Branch of Ransomville, Bruce (Irene) Bull of Wilson and Diane Bull of Ontario, CA.

William C. Shook, age 79 of Wilson, died Tuesday, My 30th, 2006. He was born in Lancaster NY, the son of the late Eugene and Lillian Shook. He was a member of the Community Bible Church in Cambria and the American Legion in Bolivar, NY. He was a member of the Wilson Fire Co. #1 for 45 years, serving as a trustee for four years, and a Fire Captain for 14 years.

He served in the US Navy during WW! In a construction battalion, where he helped build airstrips and huge fuel tanks for the invasion of Japan. His wife Catherine predeceased him. William is survived by children Charlene (Eric) Rohring of Ransomville, Nancy Shook of Clayton, NY, and William P. Shook of Lockport.

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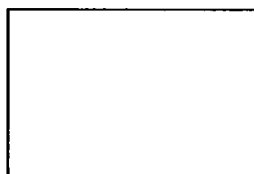
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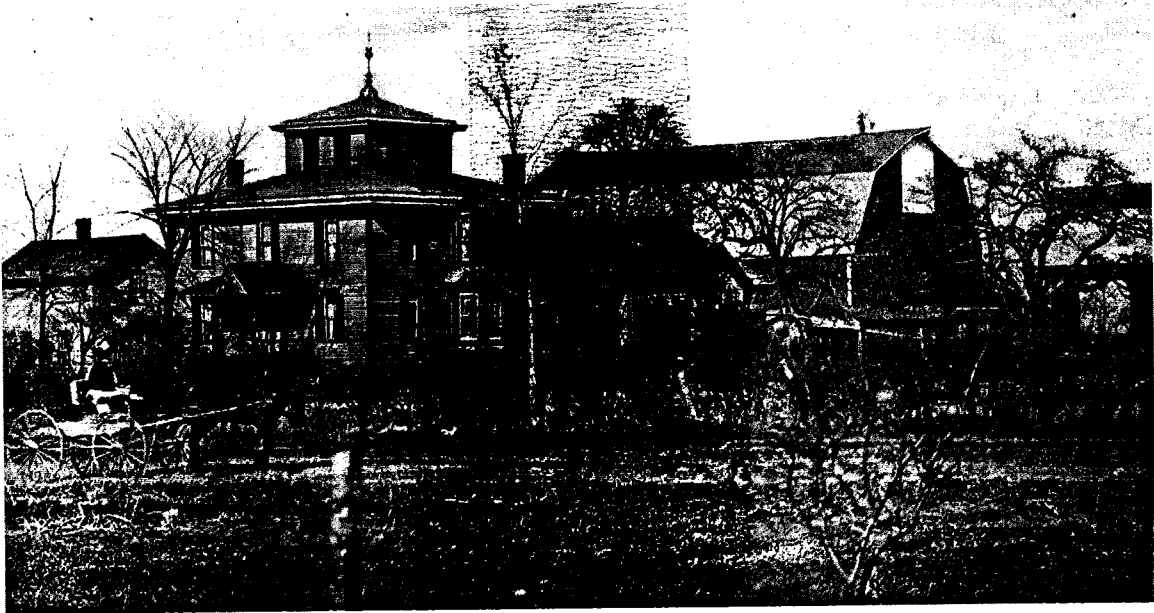
As we celebrate the **Fourth Of July**, with our Fireworks, and hot dogs,
may we remember what this day is all about ..

Don't let us forget those brave men and women that fought and died so that we might have the freedom to
speak up when things are not as they should be ...the freedom to worship in churches of our choice.



I don't know about you, but I still get "goose bumps" when I hear the song, "God Bless America", or when
I stand and "Pledge Allegiance To The Flag".

So enjoy the holiday, but don't forget those that made it possible.



As you head south from the Village of Wilson along Lake Street on the east side the first old farmhouse is the one shown here. I grew up next to this farm and at that time Lloyd Duxbury owned it. He lived in the smaller house to the left in the background and worked this farm. The large house was the old Duxbury homestead and Lloyd converted this large house into five apartments in the 1950's. The large barn you see was L-shaped and was destroyed by a fire in the 1960's. This old house is known as the Duxbury Apartments since it was remodeled. This photo is most likely taken by W. L. Dox, a local photographer about 1910 that lived diagonally across the road from this farm. The horse and wagon are headed south on the dirt road, which is Lake Street today.

Charles F. Horton—Town of Wilson Historian

Location of Historical Markers in Wilson

1. Reuben Wilson Landing – North side of Rt. 18 near Maple Road
2. Port of Entry – Plaque on large stone at the entrance to Wilson Boathouse. Port from 9/25/1815 – 6/30/1907
3. Collegiate Institute marker – Wilson Town Hall
4. Tabor Bridge – East branch of 12 Mile Creek where it crosses Lake St. (Rt. 425)
5. Anchor Farm – East side of Rt. 425 just south of the Village of Wilson
6. Wright Homestead – East side of Daniels Road, north of New Road
7. 1824 Log Cabin – Chestnut Road east of North Road
8. Hojack Park – Name given to Historical Museum Grounds
9. 1836 Pease Homestead – Corner of Maple Road and Wilson Burt Road, four generations
10. Site of Former Randall Road Cemetery – West side of Randall Road north of New Road
11. First Schoolhouse in Wilson – Site of Wilson House Restaurant
12. Site of former Kruse Brick Kiln – East side of Beebe Road, north of Ide Road
13. Clinton Pettit Home – 1835 – where Ira Pettit grew up. He was the subject of the "Diary of a Dead Man", written by Jean P. Ray. 2471 Maple Road
14. Billy Sherman Gravesite – North side of Wilson Burt Road, east of the Village of Wilson
15. Site of Log House built in 1818 by Reuben Wilson – Young Street, north side on way out of Village of Wilson
16. Randall Road Schoolhouse – Located on Wilson Historical Society Grounds

UNIVERSAL LAWS

Law of Mechanical Repair: After your hands become coated with grease your nose will begin to itch.

Law of the Workshop: Any tool, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.

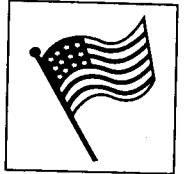
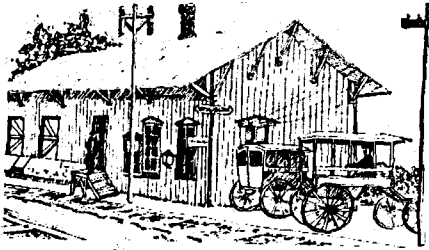
Law of probability: The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

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Wednesday, August 2 nd	Town Workshop	7:00 pm
Friday, August 4 th	Motorcycle Cruise Night	
Saturday, August 5 th	Wilson Wet 'n Wild Triathlon	
Wednesday, August 9 th	WHS Board Meeting	7:30 pm
Wednesday, August 16 th	Town Board Mtg.	7:00pm

From the President's Desk ~

Just a reminder that your membership and dues are very important to the Society. The funds keep our mission to preserve for posterity the historical records and memorabilia of the Town and Village of Wilson - and allow us to make the necessary improvements and upkeep to our buildings and property. They help keep the museum, one-room schoolhouse, and antique car collection preserved and in good condition for all to view and enjoy. We are presently undertaking an updating of the Barnum Building including installation of handicapped-accessible lavatories.

If you haven't yet sent in your dues for the fiscal year 2006-2007, please send them to our membership chairman, Sandy Holden, at PO Box 848, Wilson, NY 14172. Thank you for your past support and in advance for your present support!

Also - a reminder that our next general meeting is scheduled for September 25th at 7:30 pm in the depot. Mrs. Wanda Burrows is in charge of the program for the evening and it promises to be very interesting! Hope to see you there ~

*Wally Goodman
President*

Minutes of WHS Board of Directors Meeting**June 14th, 2006**

President Don Burrows called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Attending were: Diane Muscoreil, Dan King, Mickey Hunter, Wally Goodman, Chuck Horton, Dorothy Maxfield, Judy King, Sally & Darrell Smith and Lois Barnum.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes of the May 10th Board meeting were accepted as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT: A report on the fair was given by the treasurer. A motion was made by Dan King, seconded by Wally Goodman and carried that the bills be paid as presented by the Treasurer.

NEW BUSINESS: A discussion was held on the Barnum building project, and a motion was made by Wally Goodman, seconded by Chuck Horton and unanimously carried to start the project with \$10,000.

Chuck Horton reported that there is a drip in the sink in the Depot and that we want to be sure it is fully turned off each time we use it to prevent high water/sewer bills.

Chuck also reported that the stone marker placed by the Society at the Boathouse is on the list of historical marker. He also asked that the marker on Billy Sherman grave be cleaned or repainted and that the two flags placed there be removed as they are shredded. A motion was made by Chuck Horton, seconded by Wally Goodman and carried that we spend up to \$200.00 to get the Riviera in the car museum up and running.

Sally reported that she had given the life member plaques to Villani Trophy in Niagara falls, but when she tried to contact them, cannot reach them. There is a going out of business sign on the door, so she will try Lockport Trophy to see if they can do the plaques for us.

Wally reported that the Sheriff work crews did a great job on the cars in the museum and that he would like to get them back for more work. He also asked that we place a first aid kit in the Barnum building and thinks we should have the depot power washed before the fair each year. Wally also told us the grant money has still not arrived. Still no word on the Vauxhal.

Dan King asked what we plan to do with the fire truck given to us by Wilson #1. Wally told us that it was given with no strings attached and he will look into selling it and get back to the board with his recommendations.

Don reported that the Annual Dinner/Elections would take place on June 26th at 6:00 pm, with him and Wally cooking the hotdogs.

Diane reported that all positions on the board have been filled except for Programs and Refreshments. It was decided that these jobs would be filled as the meetings come up. She also reported that the Wilson Lions would be very interested in having a display cabinet in the Barnum building.

A motion was made by Judy, seconded by Dorothy to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm. Carried.

Respectfully submitted, Diane Muscoreil, Corresponding Secretary

FULL MOON LORE FOR AUGUST: The Full Sturgeon Moon will appear on August 9th, 2006. This moon name came from the large fish of the Great Lakes and other major bodies of water where the sturgeon is most readily caught. It is also known as the Full Red Moon because the moon rises looking reddish through a sultry haze at this time of year.

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National Aviation Day celebrates the myriad of amazing contributions, inventions, and developments leading to and resulting from human flight. On December 17, 1903 Wilbur and Orville Wright were able to launch their airplane and watch it fly for a momentous twelve seconds and a total distance of 120 feet. Though this may not seem remarkable in light of the extensive aviation industry that has since flourished, that brief but historic flight made all the innovations of modern day air travel and navigation possible. The Wright brothers constructed the airplane that undertook the flight by hand, with the successful design approximately four years of intensive research and trial and error in the making. National Aviation Day was established as such by presidential proclamation in 1939, which designated the anniversary of Orville Wright's birthday on this date in 1871 an annual holiday to mark the effort and dedication to the idea of human flight, without which the world as we know it would be a very different place.



June 26, 2006

President Don Burrows called the Annual Meeting of the Wilson Historical Society to order at 6:55 pm following our potluck dinner. The following Chairmen gave their annual committee reports: Dorothy Maxfield, Sandy Holden, Celeste Crawford, Wally Goodman, Charles Horton, Carole Schnoor, Mickey Hunter and Marlene Schotz. Don Burrows reported for Richard Johnson, Caboose Chairman.

Wanda Burrows reported on the wonderful job the work release men did on the museum cars, schoolhouse, and grounds. Don Burrows reported that Johanna Andritz had over ten school classes visit the old Schoolhouse this year to learn about local history. He also gave a brief report on the 2006 Memorial Day Fair.

A thank you note was received from Aryn Plunkett for the Donald Croop Scholarship she was awarded.

Bob Cramer described the upcoming project at the Barnum Building in detail including a report on the costs involved. We hope to have the work release program come to help us out, along with our members!

A motion was made by Carole Schnoor, seconded by Sandy Holden and carried that the secretary cast one vote for the uncontested slate of officers as presented at the April general meeting.

A special "Thank You" went to outgoing President Don Burrows for the fine job he has done this past year by Wally Goodman and the members present.

If you don't learn to laugh at trouble, you won't have anything to laugh at when you are old.



Tuscarora Bay in the 1960's

Many people have asked about the fact that the creek at Roosevelt Beach at one time flowed into Tuscarora Bay. If you can picture in your mind that in this photo there was several hundred feet of land which has eroded away over some fifty years along this shoreline. The old maps show that the creek at Roosevelt Beach made a sharp turn to the east and flowed into the west end of Tuscarora bay. Early photos show that the high bank of land ran along in front of what is today called Tuscarora State Park. Before the development of Sunset Island a farmer on the west side of what we call Roosevelt Beach today put a gate across this narrow strip on land that separated the lake from where the creek made it's sharp turn into Tuscarora Bay. This gate was used to pasture his sheep on this long strip of land, which had high banks and was surrounded by water. Later as people used this entrance to Sunset Island area they referred to this as the Sheep's Path. The building of the piers in the 1950's helped stop some of the erosion but in the 1970's a long breakwall was built between what is called the large and small island to prevent the lake from cutting into Tuscarora Bay. Currently lake levels have been maintained by the locks at the St. Lawrence Seaway, so the erosion of the past has not occurred.

Charles F. Horton—Historian Town of Wilson

August sunshine and bright nights ripen the grape.

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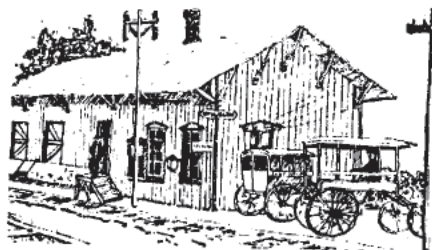
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Thursday, Sept. 21 st	Village Board Mtg.	7:30pm
Monday, Sept. 25 th	General Meeting	7:00pm

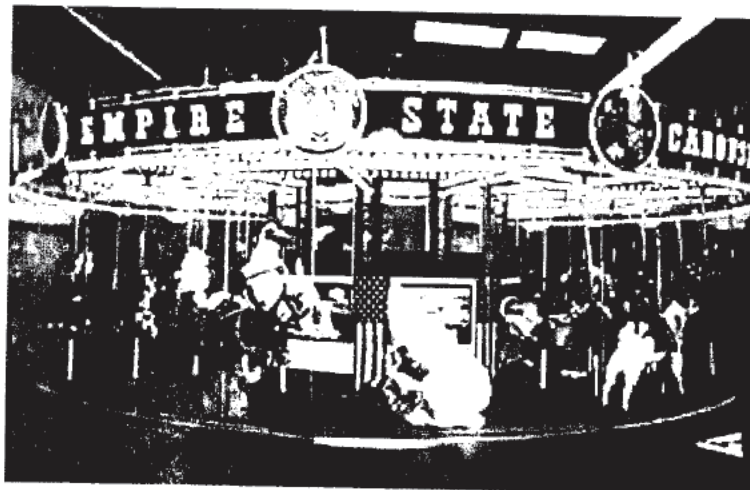
From the Mailbag

Finally, after 23 years, the Empire State Carousel has found a permanent home in the Farmers Museum, Cooperstown, NY.

It was handcrafted by New York artisans and represents the work of over 1,000 volunteer woodcarvers, painters and quilters from across the State.

On the carousel are installed 118 hand-carved name boards, contributed by local New York communities, of which Wilson and Ransomville are included. Members of the local carving club that was active in Wilson during the building of the carousel were invited to carve the two name boards for their towns, which are mounted along with the other participating communities.

If you travel to Cooperstown, be sure to look for this wonderful carousel, which has finally found it's home in a permanent building! ~ Bob Schearer, Spring, TX



Quote of the Day: Life is uncertain. Eat dessert first

Minutes of WHS Board of Directors Meeting**July 12th, 2006**

President Wallace Goodman called the meeting to order at 7:30 P. M. with pledge of allegiance. The following were present: Diane Muscoreil, Sandy Holden, Dan King, Judy King, Don Burrows, Charles Horton, Mickey Hunter, Dorothy Maxfield, Bob Botzer.

Secretary's report: A motion was made by Sandy Holden, seconded by Judy King and unanimously carried, they be accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report: A motion was made by Diane Muscoreil, seconded by Don Burrows and unanimously carried, the bills be paid as presented.

Sandy Holden reported on the membership. There are about 75 or 80 members who have not paid dues. A notice will be put in the newsletter and if the response is not satisfactory, post cards will be sent to those in arrears.

Don Burrows reported on the Barnum Building project. Mr. Cramer would like a key to the building so he can get in to start the work. Don will take care of this.

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CHAIRPERSONS SELECTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Curator:	Dorothy Maxfield	Finance	Wanda Burrows
Barnum Bldg.:	Kyle Andrews	Fittro Shop:	Charles Horton
Planing Bd.:	Don Burrows	Railroad Depot:	Dorothy Maxfield
Caboose:	Richard Johnson	Argue Bldg.:	Wally Goodman, Dan King
Breezeway:	Mickey Hunter	Nominations:	Diane Muscoreil
Pole Barn:	Charles Horton	Grounds:	Charles Horton
Schoolhouse:	Johanna Andritz	Federation Rep.:	Marlene Schotz

Wally gave a report of the meeting held on the car museum. Several suggestions were discussed including cars, repairs to the inside of the building and Wednesday nights during the summer are work nights beginning at 7:00 P. M.

Mickey Hunter requested the use of the buildings and grounds for the annual picnic of the Exley Methodist Church. A motion was made by Don Burrows, seconded by Diane Muscoreil and unanimously carried, the request be granted.

Charles Horton has a framed picture of Mercy Flight over Niagara Falls which was given to the Wilson Lions Club. They are giving it to the Historical Society to be displayed. He has contacted someone to look at the Fittro Building to see what has to be done to replace the boards that have rotted.

There was discussion of the Veterans Memorial which Floyd Clark is in the processing of constructing on his property just off of Park Street.

It was moved by Judy King, seconded by Sandy Holden and unanimously carried, the meeting be adjourned at 8:15 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilynn R. Allgeier
Recording Secretary

FULL MOON LORE FOR SEPTEMBER: The Full Corn Moon will appear on September 7th, 2006. This moon name comes from the fields of ripening corn that surround us wherever we seem to look! Now is the time when the corn will be harvested.

Articles from a wonderful old brochure given to me recently ~

A DELIGHTFUL SPOT FOR SUMMER HOMES

The Island at Wilson Harbor is ideal for summer homes. The outlook north, as far as the eye can scan, shows the grandure of the beauriful waters of old Lake Ontario. Majestically wave after wave come rolling on and on, dashing the sparkling water on the great, broad, sand beach which is so delightful to bathers. The outlook to the east shows the harbor, two peirs extending into the lake 1000 feet. At this point the waters of Tuscarora River enter the lake. It is here that fishermen come in, more or less laden with each day's catch of whitefish, herring, pike and perch, delightfully fresh from the pure, deep water of the lake. The outlook to the south is the glittering, placid water of the river, the have of safety, picturesque and superb – a boating paradise. Over the river you see the pretty wooded Lake Island Park. The outlook west shows an adjoining village of pretty summer homes.

YOU CAN ENJOY UNALLOYED SUMMER PLEASURES HERE

Come to Lake Island Park for your summer outing; be free from dusty streets, smoke from factories, odors from stables; breathe into your lungs pure air day and night. This location is noted for absolutely pure water, pure milk, pure food, fresh fruits and vegetables. Come for opleasure, to bathe in the clear blue water of the lake with a smooth, firm, sandy bottom, a comfort to your feet. Come and enjoy the magnificent boating on the lake or on the placid waters of Tuscarora River, amidst a garden of water-lilies bordered by sloping banks beautifully wooded, trees festooned with handing vines of the wild grape, and the scenery wonderfully enchanting and picturesque. The boating in the pure, quiet water is PERFECTLY SAFE FOR THE UNSKILLED BOATMAN, WOMAN OR CHILD! It is just the place to participate in the invigorating exercise of rowing.

Wilson is easy of access from Buffalo, Tonawanda, Niagara Falls and Lockport. Morning, midday and afternoon trains each way. About an hour's ride by automobile. It is a matter to be decided by you, and one worthy of your most earnest thought and consideration.

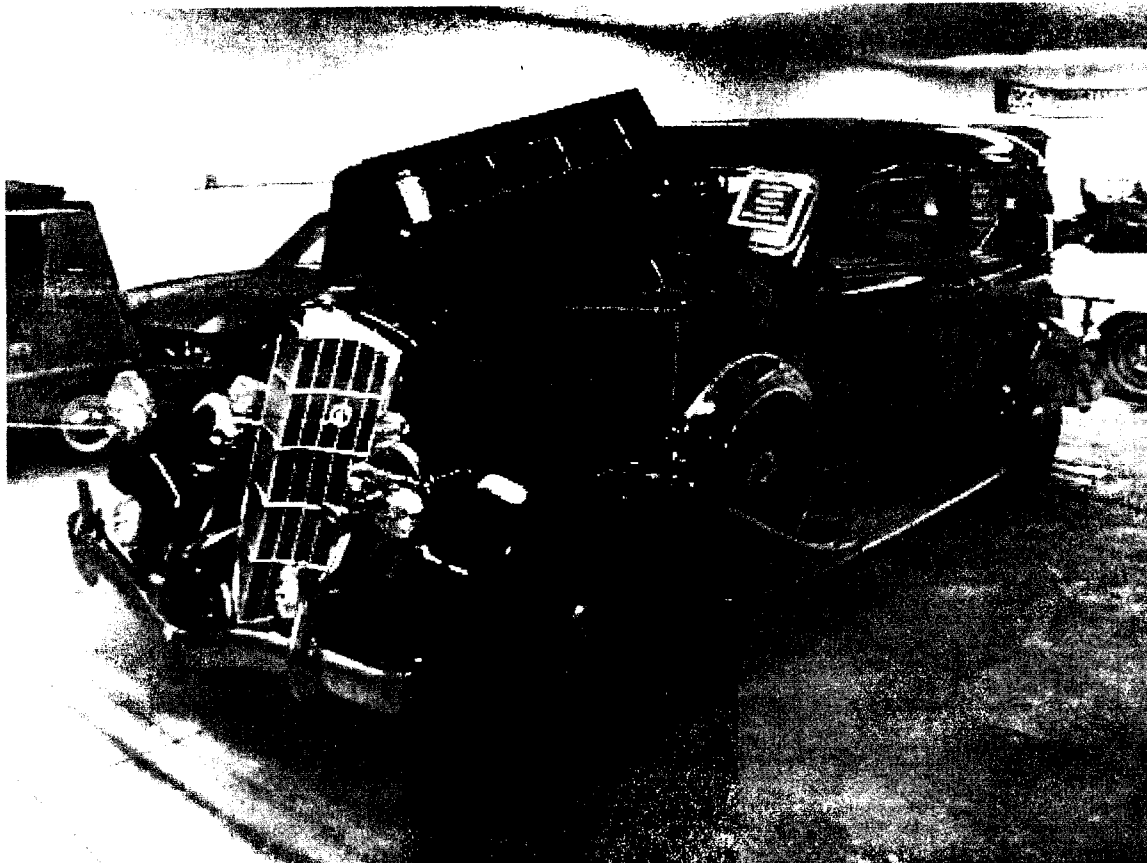
NATURE SMILES ON THIS BEAUTIFUL PARK

No park in the state can boast of being surrounded by more of the beauties of nature, its summer climate is unsurpassed, delightfully warm without extreme heat and the nights are refreshingly cool. Superior advantages appeal to all newcomers who visit this grand lake, river and nature's beautiful park, absolutely free from malaria. Sufferers of asthma or hay fever get great relief. No gnats, fleas sand flies or other annoying insects. No use for canopies over your bed. The tired business man, the weary student, the careworn mother, the languid invalid, all find their lassitude relieved and gradually leaving them of its own accord. Come if your general tone is run down. You will soon be built up in this pure ozone-laden atmosphere, wafted gently or briskly by almost constant cool breezes from over the pure deep waters of Lake Ontario, or the healthful balm of the piney woods. To stride through the grand wooded park, its beautiful points, peninsulas and islands, or to recline in the shade, causes your to realize, as never before, that here even mere existence is a new-found pleasure of priceless value.

EXCELLENT FACILITIES FOR REACHING PARK

This delightful location is easy of access from Niagara Falls, the Tonawanda, Buffalo and Lockport. It can be reached quickly and at little expense. The cost of living here is quite moderate; the food fresh from orchards and gardens; the location elevated twenty or thirty feet above the water in lake and river; equipment modern, up-to-date with water system electric lights, telegraph, local and long distance telephone. Caterers for all of your requirements call daily for orders and make prompt delivery.

Ample supply of row boats and gasoline launches are ever at your command. Now is the time to secure a let here upon which to build you a summer home. Where else can you find a location so desirable? EVERY WAY DESIRABLE. Positively free from every objectionable feature, with absolute security, privacy and comfort for your family. Do not lose the opportunity of securing one of the fifty lots that arre offered for sale during the early summer months of this year (1911). Each and every lot has a water front and also a front on a reservation to which all lot-owners will have access and this is so specified in the purchase contract.



This is a photo of a 1934 Pierce Arrow which is on display in the Argue Building of the Wilson Historical Society. Dr. John F. Argue was an avid collector of fine automobiles and many of his autos have been donated to our museum. Some of these autos were professionally restored and have won many awards at antique auto shows. Old autos that were restored to "like new condition" take a tremendous amount of time and money to keep in tip top shape. Our new president, Wally Goodman, has taken a step towards bringing our auto museum autos up to running condition and we hope to be able to start re-restoring some of our finer autos back to top shape. The Pierce Arrow is now running again with the help of several volunteers. Wally has made Wednesday nights Car Museum Night, so if anyone out there wants to come and give us a hand, we welcome you to do so.

~ Charles F. Horton Town of Wilson Historian

COBBLESTONE HOUSES, TOWN OF WILSON

1. Morgan Johnson House, Route 425 just south of the Village of Wilson
2. Aiken House, Ide Road
3. Adriance House, Beebe Road
4. William Woodcock House, North side of Chestnut Road
5. Jesse Smith House, East side of Maple Road near Nelson
6. William Wilson House, West side of Maple Road
7. James Morse House, East side of Maple Road near Ide Road
8. Exley House, West side of Maple Road North of Ide Road
9. Clinton Pettit House, East Side of Maple Road North of Ide
10. J. Whitlock Home, East side of Maple Road North of Ide
11. Luther Wilson House, Lake St. and Young St, Village of Wilson
12. Case Homestead, Lake St. Village of Wilson

For interesting information on each of these homes, send me an email at dmuscoreil@gmail.com and I will email you off a copy of the booklet "Cobblestone Houses and Legends", Town of Wilson.

Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.

William Butler Yeats (1865-1939)

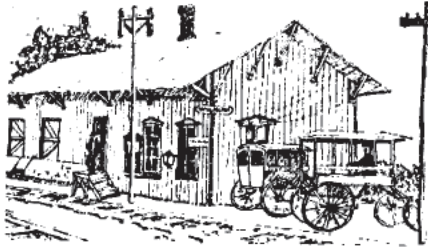
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DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wednesday, Oct. 4 th	Town Workshop	7:00 pm
Wednesday, Oct. 11 th	WHS Board Meeting	7:30 pm
Wednesday, Oct. 18 th	Town Board Mtg.	7:00pm
Thursday, Oct. 19 th	Village Board Mtg.	7:30pm
Monday, Oct. 23 rd	General Meeting	7:00pm
Tuesday, Oct. 31 st	Halloween	

In Memoriam

Jack Raymond Terry, of Wilson, NY, passed peacefully on August 20th, 2006. The family moved to Wilson in 1967, where he was Superintendent of the Wilson School district until his retirement in 1972. He was a long-time member of the Rotary Club, Masons-Elmira Lodge, Exley United Methodist Church and Wilson Historical Society.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Winifred Kilmer Terry, four children, Susan (Harry) Blish, John (Cynthia) Terry, Jan(David) Jordan and Lynn (Gary) Sprague, and many grandchildren and great grandchildren, as well as three sisters, Joyce Neuffer, Jean Terry and Janice Sylvester.

Beverly J. Norton passed away after a short illness on August 6th 2006. She enjoyed an extensive career in nursing. Her last position was that of evening Supervisor at the Newfane Hospital. She retired in 1984. Beverly was a master bridge player, participating in local, national in international tournaments. She is survived by her daughter Kathy King and grandsons Brian & Kevin, son Larry Norton and daughter-in-law Carolyn Thompson and granddaughter Emma.

Thomas E. Marks died on Tuesday, September 12th at the Inter Community Memorial Hospital. He was born in Wilson, NY on September 11, 1927. He was a lifetime owner of Marks Nursery in Wilson and a member of the Niagara County Farm Bureau, the American Nurseryman Assn. And the Ontario Masonic Lodge. He is survived by his loving companion, JoAnn Azzarella, a daughter, Susan Lunn, a grandson, Wayne Lunn and a sister, Eva Charles.

Garland Whistler Reese Jr. Of Wilson, husband of Linda Stanger Reese, entered into rest Monday, September 11th. A veteran of the US Army, he was a paratrooper and bomb demolition expert during WWII. Garland moved to Wilson in 1970. He was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church and enjoyed boating. He taught boating classes for many years and enjoyed carpentry work, photography, fishing and growing fruit. He was the father of Susan Larcomb (Dennis) Hazel and Garland W. Reese III all of Sarasota, FL., and step father of Pam (Michael) Gawne and Frederic Turner. He is also survived by several grandchildren.

Quote of the Day: Whether a man winds up with a nest egg, or a goose egg, depends a lot on the kind of chick he marries.

Excerpts from Minutes of WHS Board of Directors Meeting

August 12th, 2006

President Wallace Goodman called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. with the pledge of allegiance. The following were present: Don Burrows, Dan and Judy King, Bob Botzer, Mickey Hunter, Dorothy Maxfield, Charles Horton.

Some dues have been coming in since the newsletter went out.

A donation of \$40.00 was received from a gentleman who wanted to look at the Covert automobile. His name was the same as the car.

Don Burrows reported nothing done on the Barnum Building renovation as yet.

Sunday the Exley Methodist Church will hold their picnic on the grounds and everything is in order for that.

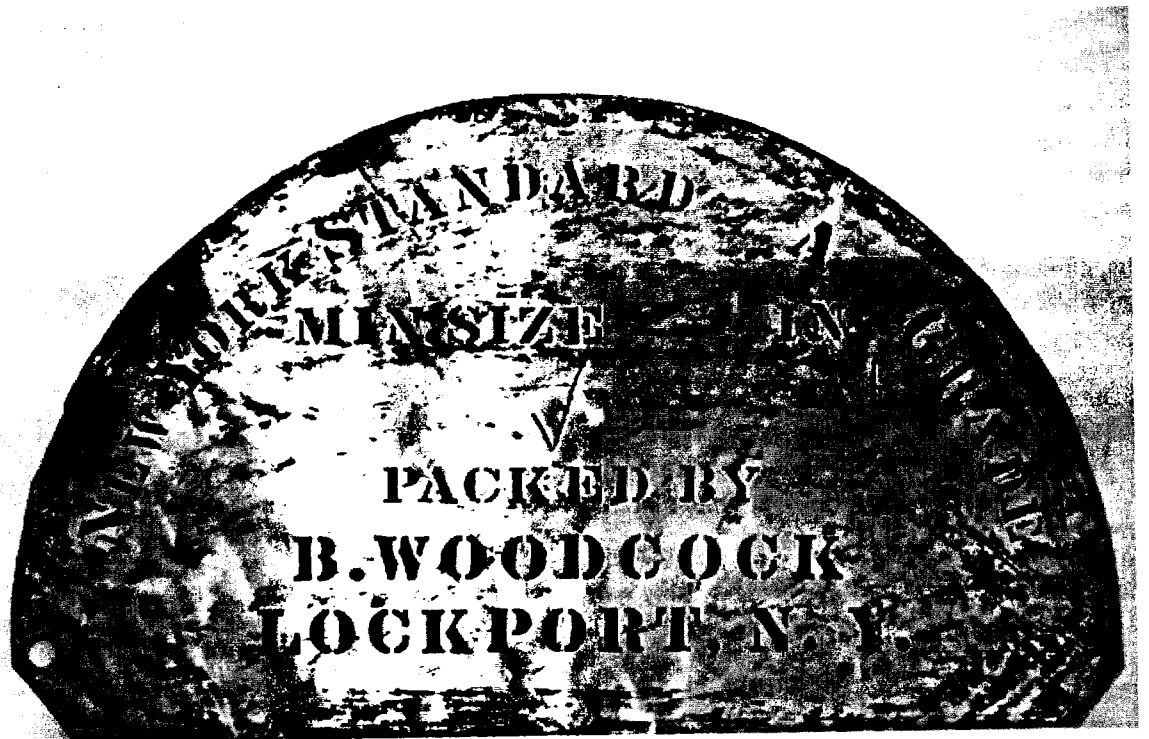
Charles Horton reported that he locked some books, which would be of interest to the Society, in the filing cabinet. Anyone interested in them can contact him for the key. It was felt that a fireproof cabinet should be purchased for storage of some of the important items and books.

Dorothy Maxfield reported that a map of France was given to Nettie Stimson to sell as it was of no value to the Society. A profit of \$83.00 was received.

Marilynn Allgeier spoke about the Historical Marker signs. They are all in pretty good shape but one is needed for the Daniels Family Cemetery on Daniels Road. This will be looked into as to prices, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilynn R. Allgeier
Recording Secretary



This is a recent photo of a brass stencil used by apple farmers to label their apple boxes and barrels for identification. I have cleaned most of the old ink oxidation off of the stencil to show off the information on this stencil, B. Woodcock (I believed lived in the southeast part of the Town of Wilson). The stencil says Lockport, N. Y., which was most likely his mailing address. If any of you can add to this information it would be appreciated. This stencil also shows grade and size and the hole at the left is to hang the stencil when it wasn't being used. The museum has several of these stencils and they were made by F. G. Stone Lockport, N. Y. The farmers also had smaller stencils that labeled their boxes and barrels as to the variety of apples ex. Macintosh, Greening, Golden Delicious and etc. Thousands of barrels were shipped on the old Hojack Line to the markets in the east so every farmer who shipped apples on the railroad had one of these stencils. Charles F. Horton—Town of Wilson Historian

FULL MOON LORE FOR OCTOBER: The Full Harvest Moon will appear on October 6th, 2006. Always the full moon occurring nearest to the Autumnal Equinox, it brightens the sky so the final harvest can be tended to late into the evening.

If the hare wears a thick coat in October, lay in a good store of fuel.



The History of Halloween

Halloween is an annual celebration, but just what is it actually a celebration of? And how did this peculiar custom originate? The word itself, "Halloween," actually has its origins in the Catholic Church. It comes from a contracted corruption of All Hallows Eve. November 1, "All Hollows Day" (or "All Saints Day"), is a Catholic day of observance in honor of saints. But, in the 5th century BC, in Celtic Ireland, summer officially ended on October 31. The holiday was called Samhain (sow-en), the Celtic New year.

One story says that, on that day, the disembodied spirits of all those who had died throughout the preceding year would come back in search of living bodies to possess for the next year. It was believed to be their only hope for the afterlife. The Celts believed all laws of space and time were suspended during this time, allowing the spirit world to intermingle with the living. Naturally, the still-living did not want to be possessed. So on the night of October 31, villagers would extinguish the fires in their homes, to make them cold and undesirable. They would then dress up in all manner of ghoulish costumes and noisily paraded around the neighborhood, being as destructive as possible in order to frighten away spirits looking for bodies to possess. The Romans adopted the Celtic practices as their own. But in the first century AD, Samhain was assimilated into celebrations of some of the other Roman traditions that took place in October, such as their day to honor Pomona, the Roman goddess of fruit and trees. The symbol of Pomona is the apple, which might explain the origin of our modern tradition of bobbing for apples on Halloween.

As belief in spirit possession waned, the practice of dressing up like hobgoblins, ghosts, and witches took on a more ceremonial role. The custom of Halloween was brought to America in the 1840's by Irish immigrants fleeing their country's potato famine. At that time, the favorite pranks in New England included tipping over outhouses and unhinging fence gates. The custom of trick-or-treating is thought to have originated not with the Irish Celts, but with a ninth-century European custom called souling. On November 2, All Souls Day, early Christians would walk from village to village begging for "soul cakes," made out of square pieces of bread with currants. The more soul cakes the beggars would receive, the more prayers they would promise to say on behalf of the dead relatives of the donors. At the time, it was believed that the dead remained in limbo for a time after death, and that prayer, even by strangers, could expedite a soul's passage to heaven. The Jack-o-lantern custom probably comes from Irish folklore. As the tale is told, a man named Jack, who was notorious as a drunkard and trickster, tricked Satan into climbing a tree. Jack then carved an image of a cross in the tree's trunk, trapping the devil up the tree. Jack made a deal with the devil that, if he would never tempt him again, he would promise to let him down the tree. According to the folk tale, after Jack died, he was denied entrance to Heaven because of his evil ways, but he was also denied access to Hell because he had tricked the devil. Instead, the devil gave him a single ember to light his way through the frigid darkness. The ember was placed inside a hollowed-out turnip to keep it glowing longer. The Irish used turnips as their "Jack's lanterns" originally. But when the immigrants came to America, they found that pumpkins were far more plentiful than turnips. So the Jack-O-Lantern in America was a hollowed-out pumpkin, lit with an ember!



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CHAPTER XVIII.
THE TOWN OF WILSON.

This town was erected in the same year with Lewiston. but a little later, the date being April 10, 1818, when it was set off from Porter. It is one of the northern tier of towns in the county and borders the lake shore. It received its name from Reuben Wilson, one of the most prominent pioneers of this locality. The surface of the town is generally level and productive. The east branch of Twelve-mile Creek crosses the town near the center, and the west branch crosses the northwest corner.

The first town meeting was held April 6, 1819, at the house of David Porter, and the following officers elected: Supervisor, Reuben Wilson; town clerk, Daniel Holmes; assessors, David Burgess, John Carter, and Henry Lockwood; collector, Oramel Hartwell; overseers of the poor, Abner Crossman, and Burgoyne Kemp; commissioners of highways, James McKinney, Joshua Williams, and John Carter; constables, Oramel Hartwell and Joshua D. Coller; excise commissioners, Alexander Douglas, Reuben Wilson and Joshua Williams; fence viewers, Jeremiah Whipple, Hiel Bixby, and Burgovne Kemp; poundmaster, Elisba Stevens. Reuben Wilson was then a justice and presided at this meeting. In 1824 a portion of the original town was set off to form Newfane.

The first meeting voted \$250 for bridge purposes, and \$25 for the support of the poor. Bounties were placed on wolves killed, and other usual regulations were voted for governing the community.

The following is a complete list of supervisors since the organization of the town:

In 1819-29, Reuben Wilson; 1830-32, John Carter; 1833-42, Luther Wilson; 1843-45, Robert L. McChesney; 1846-47, Samuel R. Merwin; 1848, Alexander Pettit; 1849, Russell Robinson; 1850, R. L. McChesney; 1851, Reuben F. Wilson; 1852, Curtis Pettit; 1853, Alexander Pettit; 1854, Orsemus Ferris; 1855-56, Luther Wilson; 1857, Orsemus Ferris; 1858, Henry N. Johnson; 1859-61, Ralph Stockwell; 1862-63, Tunis Outwater; 1864, David O. Jeffery; 1865, Benjamin Farley; 1866, Alexander Pettit; 1867, Richard C. Holmes; 1868-70, William Hamblin; 1871-74, Benjamin Dearborn; 1875-77, Ralph Stockwell; 1878-80, Edward Baker; 1881, Stephen C. Wakeman; 1882, A. Douglass Pease; 1883-84, Martin S. Gifford; 1885-86, O. S. McChesney; 1887-90, Samuel H. Petit; 1891-92, William H. Holmes; 1893-96, Samuel H. Pettitt (resigned January 1, 1896, and T. A. Blake appointed to fill vacancy); 1896-98, J. W. Hackett.

The other town officers for 1897 are: Charles N. Markle, town clerk; John C. Miller, Warren A. Bush, Jacob D. Irish, and Jaw K. Johnson, justices of the peace; Samuel O. Isdell, George L. Griffin, and Walter E. Wetmore, assessors; Edward M. Woodcock, collector; Charles Deitz, highway commissioner; E. A. Johnson, and Edward Barker, overseers of the poor.

There were only a few settlers in this town prior to the war of 1812. Henry Lockwood came from Canada in 1808 and took 100 acres of land from the Holland Land Company on lot 77, in the extreme northeast corner of the town. He built his log house near the mouth of a small stream that long bore his name, and there lived until the breaking out of the war. At the close of the war, the place was transferred to John Cudaback who lived there, as also did J. S. Cudaback.

In the same year (1808) Robert Waterhouse came from Connecticut and settled on lot 1 in the extreme south part of the town. In 1809 Stephen Sheldon, from Jefferson county, N. Y., came with his large family and located on the east branch of Twelve-mile Creek, half a mile from its mouth, where he built a rude dwelling place. Lots 8 and 9 had previously been assigned to him by the Holland Company. In the spring of 1811 he built a better house at the mouth of the creek, moved into it and there died in the fall of 1812. His family remained there until the house was burned by the British. They afterward rebuilt near by and lived there many years. In the summer of 1814 Smith Sheldon, the third son of the pioneer, was working with four others for a Captain Brown, near Four-mile Creek, when Brown and all of his help was captured by British troops and taken to Quebec, where Mr. Sheldon died on a prison ship.

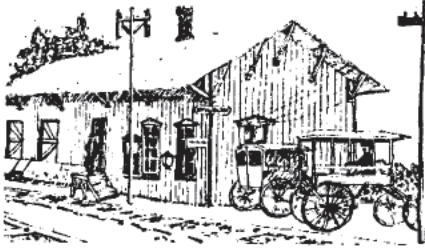
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When you have to make a choice and don't make it, that is in itself a choice.

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wednesday, Nov. 1 st	Town Workshop	7:00 pm
Tuesday, Nov. 7 th	Election Day	6:00 am - 9:00 pm
Wednesday, Nov. 8 th	WHS Board Meeting	7:30 pm
Saturday, Nov. 11 th	Veterans Day	
Wednesday, Nov. 15 th	Town Board Mtg.	7:00pm
Thursday, Nov. 16 th	Village Board Mtg.	7:30pm
Thursday, Nov. 23 rd	Thanksgiving Day	
Monday, Dec. 4 th	General Meeting/Holiday Party	7:00pm

In Memoriam

Leocadia Adele Feigenbaum passed away on October 4th, 2006. During WW II she was a civil service employee for the Office of the Quartermaster General in Washington, DC. In 1946 she returned to Niagara Falls and worked at Moore Business Forms until 1963. She married Edward Feigenbaum on April 6th, 1963, and they moved to Wilson in 1972. Mrs. Feigenbaum was a Communicant of Our Lady of the Rosary Church and a member of its' Altar Rosary Society. She enjoyed singing, music and traveling. In addition to her husband, she is survived by her children, Michael (Debbie) Feigenbaum of Washing, Major Edward (Erlinda) Feigenbaum of Missouri and Catherine (Thomas) Mahar of New York.



GREENWOOD CEMETERY WREATHS

Freshly made Douglas Fir Christmas wreaths will again be offered by the Greenwood Cemetery Advisory Committee this year. The committee, with help from the Town DPW and the Wilson Lions Club, will place the wreaths early in December and remove them in the spring. The cost of this service is \$25.00. Orders must be placed and payments received **no later than Friday, November 24th**.

For more information, please call the Town Clerk's Office at 716-751-6704, Ext. 10.

I would like to order _____ wreaths @ \$25.00 each to be placed in Greenwood Cemetery.

Name of person or family where wreath is to be placed:

Please make checks payable to the Town of Wilson. Mail orders should be addressed to P.O. Box 537, Wilson, New York, 14172-0537. **NO ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED AFTER NOVEMBER 24TH**.

Name _____ Phone No. _____

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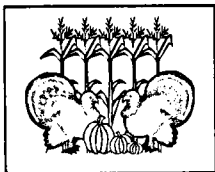
Quote of the Day:

Excerpts from Minutes of WHS Board of Directors Meeting September 13, 2006

President Wallace Goodman called the meeting to order at 7:30 P. M. with the pledge of allegiance. The following were present: Dan and Judy King, Diane Muscoreil, Mickey Hunter, Don Burrows, Bob Botzer, Dorothy Maxfield, Wanda Burrows.

- ❖ The secretary read the minutes of the August 9 meeting and they were approved as read.
- ❖ Treasurer's report: A motion was made by Don Burrows, seconded by Mickey Hunter and unanimously carried, this report be accepted as read.
- ❖ It was noted that quite a few membership renewals have come in since the last meeting.
- ❖ Don had nothing to report on the renovation of the Barnum Building as the work has not been started as of yet.
- ❖ A grant of \$3,000 was received from Assemblywoman Francine DelMonte to help with some of the renovation work. It was suggested that a thank you be sent to Francine.
- ❖ A follow up on the flea market held by the Exley Methodist Church on Sept. 7, Labor Day was mentioned. A letter of thanks was received with a donation to the Society of \$225.00. There was also a request to use the grounds again on Labor Day of 2007. A motion was made by Dan King, seconded by Dorothy Maxfield and unanimously carried, approval be given except the barbecue pits be moved to the north end of the Barnum Building. The Society will be having a car parts flea market that same day.
- ❖ Wally reported the car committee has been working all summer on the cars. Five cars are now in running condition.
- ❖ An American Flag was presented to the Society by Ontario Lodge #376 F. & A. M. A thank you will be sent to them for the flag.
- ❖ In order to shut the alarm system off you have to press the # sign twice and then the code number.
- ❖ Dan reported the storage building looks in good shape. He has two videos for the regular meeting of the Society. The one they will use is on vintage trucks. He would also like to request the use of the grounds on Sunday Sept. 24 as the Historical Truck Society will be on a tour and will proceed to the grounds at about 6:00 P. M. A motion was made by Diane Muscoreil, seconded by Dorothy Maxfield and unanimously carried, this request be granted.
- ❖ Bob Botzer requested a key to the building. He has been reading the minutes of the Society from 1981 to 1989 and reports that they are very interesting reading.
- ❖ It was reported that there is a leak somewhere in the water line as the water reading was very high. This will be looked into.
- ❖ A motion was made by Judy King, seconded by Bob Botzer and unanimously carried, the meeting be adjourned at 8:00 P. M.

Respectfully submitted, Marilyn R. Allgeier Recording Secretary



The History of Thanksgiving

In 1621, after a hard and devastating first year in the New World the Pilgrim's fall harvest was very successful and plentiful. There was corn, fruits, vegetables, along with fish which was packed in salt, and meat that was smoke cured over fires. They found they had enough food to put away for the winter.

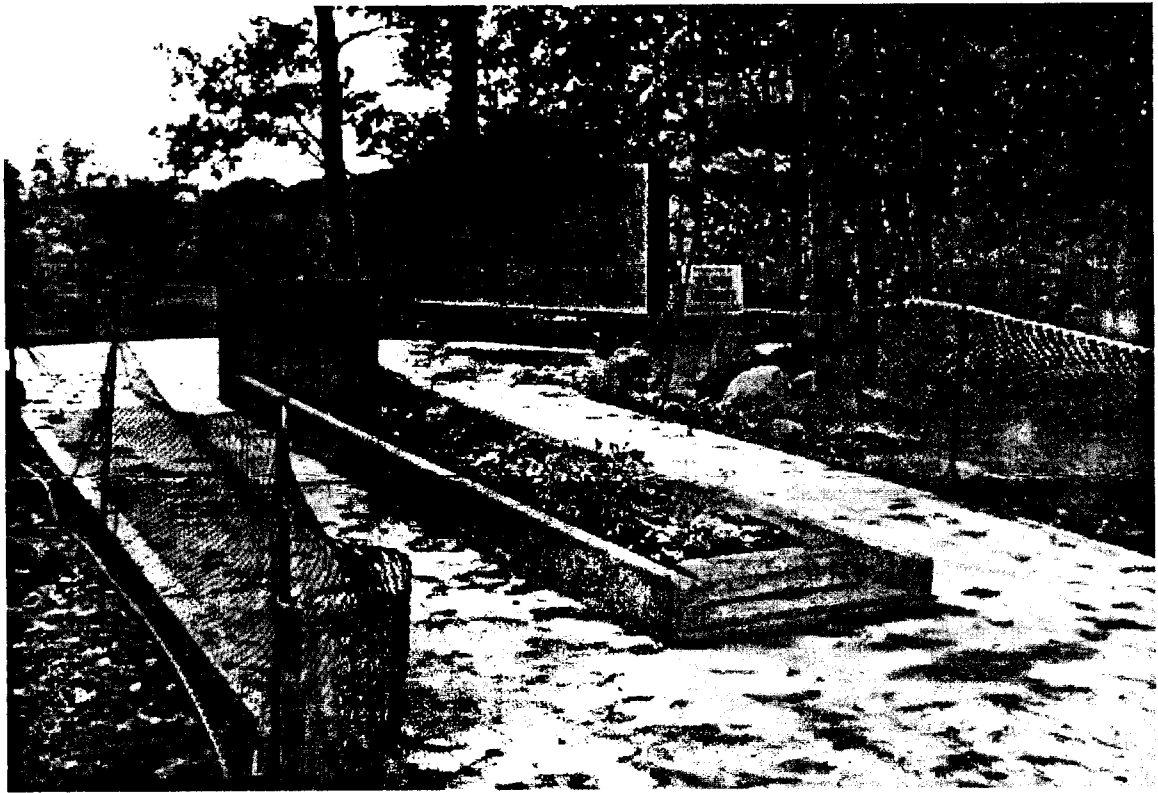
The Pilgrims had beaten the odds. They built homes in the wilderness, they raised enough crops to keep them alive during the long coming winter, and they were at peace with their Indian neighbors. Their Governor, William Bradford, proclaimed a day of thanksgiving that was to be shared by all the colonists and the neighboring Native American Indians.

The custom of an annually celebrated thanksgiving, held after the harvest, continued through the years. During the American Revolution (late 1770's) a day of national thanksgiving was suggested by the Continental Congress.

In 1817 New York State adopted Thanksgiving Day as an annual custom. By the middle of the 19th century many other states also celebrated a Thanksgiving Day. In 1863 President Abraham Lincoln appointed a national day of thanksgiving. Since then each president has issued a Thanksgiving Day proclamation, usually designating the fourth Thursday of each November as the holiday.

FULL MOON LORE FOR NOVEMBER: The Full Beaver Moon will appear on November 5th, 2006. This name comes from the fact that the beaver are now active in full preparation for winter. This moon has also been called the Frosty Moon.

If there be ice in November that will bear a duck, There'll be nothing thereafter but sleet and muck!



The above photo you see is of Floyd "Red" Clark's Veterans Memorial which he has been constructing for the last year. The memorial is located on Park Street, adjacent to Greenwood Cemetery. The large stone wall you see will have stainless steel plaques attached, with each plaque bearing the names of Wilson area veterans who served during that era, Ex: Civil War Era, World War I Era etc. In order to make sure that each list of names is in the right era and spelled correctly, we will be listing one of these eras each month for any of our members to correct or add to. Thank you for your help with this project! Charles F.Horton—Town of Wilson Historian

LIST OF CIVIL WAR VETERANS FROM WILSON

Adams, Amaziah
 Adam, John L.
 Achinson, Cyrus F.
 Adriance, Henry
 Adriance, John
 Adriance, Wm. H.
 Allen, Norman O.
 Alvers, Lewis
 Ames, Henry
 Ames, James D.
 Anderson, Adelbert
 Anderson, Johnathan
 Arnold, Chauncey N.
 Ash, Truman
 Ashford, Charles N.
 Atchenson, Cyrus
 Atchenson, Johnathan
 Atchenson, Phineas
 Austin, George P.
 Bachelder, Ozro
 Bailey, Perrin C.
 Baldwin, James G.
 Baker, Charles S.
 Bangham, John S.
 Barber, Byron B.
 Beebe, Charles W.
 Beebe, Nelson H.
 Beebe, Robert O.
 Beebe, A. Burr
 Billings, Henry
 Bleasby, Arthur
 Bollow, Henry
 Bonsteel, Morris C.
 Boufil, Simon

Bradley, Daniel P.
 Bradley, Joel P.
 Bradley, Nathaniel B
 Brady, William
 Bramen, Issac K.
 Brewer, Erwin
 Brouck, William
 Brown, Alanson
 Brown, Benjamin B.
 Brown, Fayette S.
 Brown, Robert
 Brown, George
 Brown, Willard W
 Burgess, William D.
 Burnett, Oswald
 Burnett, Thomas
 Burroughs, Charles
 Bush, John W.
 Bigalow, Ransom E.
 Campbell, Nicholas
 Cardinal, Joseph
 Carlisle, Roswell C.
 Carver, William H.
 Caryell, Charles E.
 Chappell, George H.
 Churchill, Robert
 Clark, Anthony
 Clift, William
 Coan, William
 Coe, Bradford
 Coe, Elwood
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 Colby, Myron H.
 Cole, Andrew N.
 Cole, Ezra
 Cole, Henry

Conn, Gardner
 Cottrell, Charles
 Crawford, Reuben
 Crawford, Simon
 Cuddeback, Eli
 Cuddeback, Harvey
 Cuddeback, John
 Dally, Albert A.
 Dally, Warren B.
 Davenport, George
 Davis, Clark
 Davis, Daniel H.
 Davis, Edward
 Davis, John L.
 Davis, Samuel
 Dawson, George
 Day, George W.
 Dean, Charles M.
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 Downey, John
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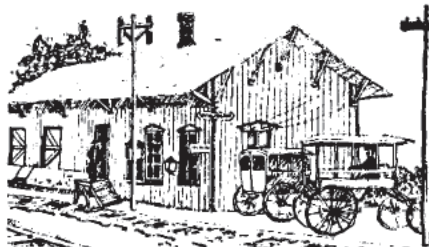
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DATES TO REMEMBER:

Monday, Dec. 4th	Sanborn Band	7:30 pm
	Christmas Concert at Depot	
Wednesday, Dec. 6 th	Town Workshop	7:00 pm
Wednesday, Dec. 13 th	WHS Board Meeting	7:30 pm
	At Town Hall	
Wednesday, Dec.. 20 th	Town Board Mtg.	7:00pm
Thursday, Dec. 21 st	Village Board Mtg.	7:30pm
	Winter Solstice	
Sunday, Dec. 25 th	Christmas Day	
Saturday, Dec. 31 st	New Year's Day	

In Memoriam

Robert C. Hedrich of the Town of Wilson, husband of the late Beverly Pastor, entered into rest on October 3rd, 2006. Robert worked as an electrician for over thirty years at Durez Plastic Co. He enjoyed reading and antique cars. He was an avid collector of antique furniture, coins and glassware, and his greatest hobby was constructing and shooting Black Power Guns. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery in the Town of Wilson.

Stewart H. Sharts of Wilson, husband of Dorothy, entered into rest on October 17th, 2006. Stewart worked at Harrison Radiator for 42 years. He was the past president of the Newfane Lions Club and a member of the Lockport Lodge #73 F & AM.

Robert G. Jacobs Jr. died October 16th, 2006. He was a 1977 graduate of Wilson High School. He served in the US Army with the rank of SP4. For the past 21 years he has been employed by Mawhiney Trucking Co. of Wilson. He was married to Georgia Ellner. He was a member of the Shawnee Snow Chiefs Snowmobile Club and involved in Stock Car Racing

Edward F. "Sonny" Snyder Jr. of Wilson Died at home on October 28th, 2006. He was a member of the Zion Masonic Lodge 514 in Orchard Park, the Ontario Lodge in Wilson, the Wilson Conservation Club, the Wilson Golden Agers and a lifetime member of the DAV. He enjoyed fishing, camping and gardening. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Doreen, and their five children.

Excerpts from Minutes of WHS Board of Directors Meeting

October 11, 2006

Due to the absence of President Wall Goodman, Dan King presided over the meeting. He called the meeting to order at 7:30 P. M. with the pledge to allegiance. The following were present: Judy King, Diane Muscoreil, Don and Wanda Burrows, Mickey Hunter, Gary Fitch. Lois Barnum, Kyle Andrews, Floyd Clark, Charles Horton, Sandy Holden, Dorothy Maxfield.

It was noted that quite a few memberships have been renewed but there are still quite a few to come in yet,

No report on progress of the Barnum Building.

Dan again asked if anyone knew of someone who did grant writing as there are grants to be applied for.

Dan asked for suggestions for a program for the Oct. 23rd meeting, Hearing none he stated that he has a video on Adirondack Logging which is very interesting so I guess that will be the program. Wanda reported that the program at the last meeting on antique trucks was very good.

The water leak was located in the sink in the bathroom. The water was shut off until the leak could be repaired.

Suggestions were asked for the Christmas meeting to be held on Dec. 4th.

There were some questions as to whether or not there would be a Halloween party this. Nothing has been heard so the consensus is that there will not be a party.

A letter was received from the Newfane Intermediate Fourth Grade thanking the Society for the use of the schoolhouse for ½ day of school and also thanking Ms. Andritz for her help. This is the highlight of the students' school year. A donation in the amount of \$250.00 was received. The Thomas Marks fourth grade will be attending the schoolhouse on Friday under the instruction of Ms. Andritz. Don Burrows will open the doors for them.

Diane and Charles are working on a new booklet about the cobblestone houses as the old one needs to be updated.

Gary Fitch reported that a young couple, who just bought a house on Lake Street, visited the museum on Sunday afternoon. The gentleman does engraving work and he wondered if the Society had need of an engraver. He gave Gary his business card which was given to Dan. Gary also had a call from the Fort Niagara Association concerning the German prisoners of war held there during World War 11. They will be having a meeting on this subject and Gary said he would try to attend the meeting. Don Burrows and Floyd Clark told some interesting stories about these prisoners as they were transported to work on the farms in the surrounding communities.

Ray Forsyth's son, Stewart, would like to place a box on the grounds and invite people to place items in the box. It was suggested that Mr. Forsyth be invited to a meeting to explain his request.

Don Burrows requested help to work on the Barnum Building. The Sheriff's Dept. work crew will be assisting in the renovation work.

Respectfully submitted, Marilyn R. Allgeier Recording Secretary



The History of Santa Claus

The original Santa Claus, St. Nicholas, was born in Turkey in the 4th century. He was very pious from an early age, devoting his life to Christianity. He became widely known for his generosity to the poor, but the Romans held him in contempt. He was imprisoned and tortured. When Constantine became emperor of Rome, he allowed Nicholas to go free. Constantine became a Christian and convened the Council of Nicaea in 325. Nicholas was a delegate to the council. He is especially noted for his love of children and for his generosity. He is the patron saint of sailors, Sicily, Greece, and Russia. He is also, of course, the patron saint of children. The Dutch kept the legend of St. Nicholas alive. In 16th century Holland, Dutch children would place their wooden shoes by the hearth in hopes that they would be filled with a treat. The Dutch spelled St. Nicholas as Sint Nikolaas, which became corrupted to Sinterklaas, and finally, in Anglican, to Santa Claus. In 1822, Clement C. Moore composed his famous poem, "A Visit from St. Nick," which was later published as "The Night Before Christmas." Moore is credited with creating the modern image of Santa Claus as a jolly fat man in a red suit.

FULL MOON LORE FOR DECEMBER: The Full Cold Moon will appear on December 4th, 2006. During this month the winter cold fastens its grip, and nights are at their longest and darkest. It is also sometimes called the Moon before Yule. The term Long Night Moon is a doubly appropriate name because the midwinter night is indeed long, and because the Moon is above the horizon for a long time. The midwinter full Moon has a high trajectory across the sky because it is opposite a low Sun.

History of Wilson, New York (Continued)

The settlements in the town were considerably increased in 1810. It was in that year that Reuben Wilson, John Eastman and Gilbert Purdy left the Canadian shore near Toronto in April, the two former accompanied by their families, with household and farm utensils They rowed around the head of Lake Ontario in open bateaux, camping on the shores at night, and in the early part of June they arrived at the mouth of Twelve-mile Creek. A mile and a half east of there they landed, unloaded their effects, and by the aid of the boats turned bottom up and enclosed at the sides with bark, made a temporary abiding place. They lived thus three months, during which time Wilson and Eastman had each completed a substantial log house. John Eastman had in 1809 taken an article for 100 acres on lot 82, and there resided until 1818, when he exchanged places with James Cole and removed into the eastern part of Hartland.

Reuben Wilson gave the following among other reminiscences to Turner:

When I came in (1819), there was scarcely an acre of ground cleared in what is now Wilson. There was no road up and down the lake. In the fall of 1811 there was a road opened from Fort Niagara to Somerset; it was generally along the lake shore. though deviating at the streams; at its termination, a foot path continued on to Johnson's creek on the Ridge road. The first year after I came in I had my provisions to procure from Canada; the second year, I raised my own: at the end of two years, I had fifteen acres of improvements. When I first began to raise grain I had to go across to Port Hope and Hamilton for my grinding. Even after mills were built upon the Purchase, it was easier to go across the lake, than to travel the new roads. . . . Previous to the war myself and neighbors did our trading at Niagara. Dr. Alvord and Dr. Smith, of Lewiston, were our early physicians. We had no meetings or schools previous to the war; after it. and up to 1820, we had but occasional preaching in the neighborhood by missionaries. We organized a school in 1815, built a log school house; Dr. Warner was our first teacher. He was both teacher and physician. Our school commenced with only 12 or 15 scholars. A saw mill was built in 1815 at the mouth of Twelve-mile Creek, by Daniel Sheldon and Joshua Williams. I purchased the property in 1816, and built a grist mill in 1825.

Reuben Wilson was a native of Massachusetts, migrated to Otsego county, N. Y., in 1805 and went thence to Coburg, Canada, in 1807. After his arrival in Wilson he took up 170 acres of land on lot 82 for which he paid \$2.50 per acre. Besides erecting his buildings he cleared ten acres the first year and in the second raised a crop of wheat which more than supplied his family, which then consisted of seven persons. To get his grain ground he had to cross the lake to Port Hope or Hamilton. Niagara was the nearest trading point. In 1816 Mr. Wilson purchased a saw mill which had been built the previous year, probably by Joshua Williams and Daniel Sheldon; it was situated on Twelve-mile Creek, and his son Luther took charge of the mill. He erected a dwelling near this mill into which he moved in 1818. In 1825 he associated his son Luther with himself in business and in the same year completed the first grist mill in the town; it stood near the saw mill, and was a great convenience to the settlers. Prior to that time and in 1817, or thereabouts, a great oak stump had been hollowed out and a spring pole and pestle attached, to which the people brought corn to pound into course meal from a wide district; this primitive mill was on the Lake road, and was the only means of grinding until the Wilson mill was completed. The Wilsons also opened a store in 1825, and the family took a leading part in all town affairs. Reuben Wilson's son Owen was the first white child born in the town. The first marriage was that of Luther Wilson to Sarah Stephens, and the first death was that of Stephen Sheldon.



This photo is of the U. S. Army with teams of mules pulling wagons down Young Street in the Village of Wilson during the era of the First World War. These wagon along with a group of soldiers that are shown in another photo are heading toward Fort Niagara. Fort Niagara was an active army base for both World Wars and was finally shut down in the 1960's. Along with this photo is a list of veteran that served during this era, if any of you can add to this list I would appreciate it. Charles F. Horton—Town of Wilson Historian

WORLD WAR I VETERANS

Abel, Carl F.	Hamblin, Andrew V.	Rhode, Henry
Anderson, George W.	Hanna, Charles	Ridley, Earl F.
Armstrong, N. Earl	Hardison, Duane	Rignell, Ralph
Bardoll, Wilson N.	Hardy, Mike	Rietzel, Titus B.
Beatty, Frank S.	Harvey, Sibley	Robinson, Marjorie
Beatty, Scott	Hausman, Carl	Rohring, Elwood J.
Bendt, Arthur	Hausman, Lewis F.	Rohring, Walter M.
Benner, Clayton	Hausman, William A.	Ryan, Walter L.
Benzene, Walter	Hecht, William J.	Salisbury, Everett
Bickford, Glenn E.	Hillman, Charles	Sands, Edward D.
Biggins, Harry H.	Hoffman, George	Sank, Joseph
Biggins, Ralph H.	Housel, Arthur W.	Sattleburg, George
Borden, Bruce	Howell, Earl T.	Scheffler, William
Boyd, Leslie	Jeffery, Robert	Schrader, Zelma
Bradley, Merritt S.	Jeffery, R. Durne	Schorb, Lewis
Bradley, Willis N.	Jennings, Martin F.	Schuster, J. L.
Bristol, J. B.	Johnson, Albert W.	Seefeldt, George F.
Burns, John A.	Johnson, Homer H.	Seeley, Donald S.
Bury, William	Johnson, Putty	Sherman, Floyd D.
Campbell, Etta B.	Karsten, Frank W.	Sherman, Stanley E.
Clare, Leo P.	Kayner, Howard	Sieck, Rudolph
Clark, Ray E.	Kirchoff, William	Simon, Mark E.
Cleveley, Thomas	Kruger, Albert	Singer, Delbert
Coe, Clare	Latzer, Leo B.	Singer, Harold T.
Colton, Leo H.	Leber, George	Smith, Herman
Costello, James	Leetch, William G.	Stockwell, Clayton E.
Coulter, Leward	Leetch, Victoria	Stone, John
Crowie, Millicent	Mark, Leslie F.	Sweeney, George
Dailey, Harlos H.	Martin, Charles	Swick, Merritt H.
Daunce, William	Martin, Frank J. Jr.	Taylor, George
Davies, Henry R.	Martin, James	Teague, Harold L.
DeNeau, Ellen	McClellan, Morton H.	Thiemke, Henry C.
DeNeau, Roy E.	McCormick, Earl J.	Tillotson, Frank M.
Desso, Ernest	McGee, Clarence A.	Tower, David E.
Diebold, Edward	McIntyre, Arthur T.	Vana, Joseph W.
Donner, Walter A.	McQuillan, Elmer E.	Veen, Charles H.
Drake, Melvin	McQuillan, Elsworth	Waldren, Barney
Einstein, Hyman	Middaugh, Joseph B.	Walter, Charles M.
Eldridge, George J.	Middleton, Paul	Walker, Robert J.
Erhardt, Eugene W.	Mills, Charles L.	Ward, Lee O.
Estony, Albert J.	Monahan, Edward J.	Weaver, Herbert D.
Farewell, Clarence	Moore, Albert D.	Wheeler, Louis S.
Flicker, George F.	Moore, Edwin K.	Whitcher, Hiram
Frederick, Albert F.	Moore, John	Wilcox, Raymond J.
Freitag, Fred	Myers, Albert I.	Wilson, Walter T.
Gale, Ashley H.	Myers, Donald I.	Worden, Harold R.
Gale, Chester, O.	Nelson, Clyde	Yingling, Vincent L.
Gale, Burton L.	Nieth, Edward A.	Young, Fred W.
Giles, Henry	Oates, James A.	Young, Harry L.
Giles, Ralph K.	Peterson, Walter A.	Zastrow, Fred W.
Giles, Stanley	Pratt, Glenn	Zastrow, Walter W.
Golde, Herman	Pratt, Louis G.	
Goodman, Glenn D.	Ransom, Charles	
Goodman, Walter	Reese, E. E.	

A good laugh and a long sleep
Are the best cures in the doctor's book.