



Ice Cream Social To Be Held Sunday, August 5

Pine Grove is being readied for the annual Ice Cream Social of the Oakland County Pioneer & Historical Society. It will be held on Sunday, August 5, from 1 to 4 p.m. at 405 Oakland Avenue in Pontiac.

Mary Rachwal is the chairman of this festival and a great day has been planned.

The Michigan Ban-Jos have performed before at Pine Grove and were so popular that Mary invited them back for this event. You won't want to miss hearing them.

Come and spend the afternoon on August 5. Stroll among the tents that will be scattered throughout the Pine Grove acres. Delicious ice cream and cake will be served up in one tent. In another will be found the Quilting Guild, busy on the 1979 Star Spangled Banner quilt.

Tickets for this quilt are now on sale at the Wisner House. They will be available at the Social and until the Victorian Open House when the drawing will be held.

The Attic Treasure booth will share a tent with the Book Nook. The Attic Treasures will have several items for closed bids as well as a wide assortment of jewels and junque. You can take home an armload of interesting books for just a small sum of money at the Book Nook.

Fred Gibson will have his model train and trolley display set up in the Carriage House. This has grown into one of our traditions here at Pine Grove. Boys and girls from eight to eighty watch in fascination at this display.

AND - tours at Pine Grove will go on all afternoon. Costumed guides will be in each room to interpret. Even if you have seen the place before, thee have been some changes and it is well worth viewing again.

Our spinners will share the tent with the quilters. These pioneer crafts seem to belong together.

PLEASE - bring your entire ticket with you on August 5. The ticket is needed for admission, refreshments, and entry into the buildings. The ticket will be punched at all these places. We find we must do this as a number of people have been coming to our festivities without purchasing a ticket.

Having enough cakes is essential to the success of our Social. Please donate at least one homemade cake. Any left over by 4 p.m. on August 5 will be sold.



How many generations of schoolchildren walked thru these entrances?

In restoring the old Drayton Plains schoolhouse that stands at Pine Grove, much preliminary studying was done. President Faye Donelson and Francis Lohff, our master carpenter, pored over the oldest pictures we have of the school. Letters were written asking questions of former schoolteachers and pupils.

From a picture dated about 1868, it was determined that the schoolhouse had steps across the front of the building. This is just discernible in the faded old photo.

The picture also showed two front doors and a center window. Sure enough, when Mr. Lohff removed some of the clapboards, there were the old door frames. Shorter and narrower than today's entrances, they became an important part of the restoration program.

There are a few things that were added to satisfy today's building codes, or to accommodate our tours.

There will be a railing around the porch and at the sides of the steps. A back door has been put in and will have a ramp to make the building barrier free.

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TICKETS

Enclosed with this Gazette, please find 5 tickets for you and your friends. Please return any money or unsold tickets to the Wisner House, 405 Oakland Avenue, Pontiac, Michigan 48058 before August 1. Make checks payable to Edna Bondurant, Treasurer.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL — Tear off and mail to Wisner House, 405 Oakland Avenue, Pontiac, Michigan 48058 in the enclosed envelope as soon as possible.

I will serve -	Tickets	12:45 to 2:00	2:00 to 3:00	3:00 to 4:15
	Attic Treasures	12:45 to 2:00	2:00 to 3:00	3:00 to 4:15
	Sales (Pot Pourri Shoppe)	12:45 to 2:00	2:00 to 3:00	3:00 to 4:15

I will bring cake(s) Sunday forenoon or Saturday between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Any questions, please call the office: 338-6732

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We Have a Photo Collection

The collection of photos here at Pine Grove is made up of daguerrotypes and ambrotypes, tintypes and the more recent studio photos as well as snapshots.

It is considered fortunate that our collection includes a number of interiors. Most of these were taken before the turn of the century by amateur photographers challenged by the new fangled cameras of that day.

Judges, farmers, children and housewives, all posed for posterity. Most of these photos, even the century old ones, show sharp detail.

However, there are few good amateur photos taken after the 1920's. People were either very careless about posing the subjects or it simply wasn't considered very important. In any event, little will ever be learned about life style of those times from the photos that survived.

Colored film makes great pictures for our scrapbooks. Costumes and decorations show up in beautiful detail.

BUT - the life of a colored snapshot is said to be about 50 years. **Today** is not being well preserved for our files.

We need someone whose camera is loaded with black and white film to take a few careful pictures of the interior and exterior of the Wisner House, our officers and some of our festivities.

There is a very strong feeling that the Society's slide presentations and publications should have first use of our photo collection. It is our effort and money that goes into the preservation of them.

To guarantee the proper usage of these pictures Charles Martinez has worked out the following photo loan procedure:

1. Client must use a photographer of our choice to do photo copy work.
2. \$25.00 usage fee required for each photo to be used for publications, or in any display other than that of the Society's.
3. Oakland County Pioneer & Historical Society receives the negative from any photo processing.
4. Photos used in any way must bear a credit line of our Society.

Keep in mind most museums are even more stringent with their rules. Rules for the media are a bit different since they give us publicity.

Media

1. Must give credit line.
2. Must give duplicate print or negative.
3. Return within two weeks.

You Must Have an Appointment

Researchers, 'rooties' or historians, all must have an appointment to come to the Pine Grove library. We lack the staff and the space to take care of more than a few at a time.

Until further notice, the following rules must be followed:

Library Usage

Researchers must have an appointment

Thursday - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

In addition to Thursdays, Tuesday mornings 10 a.m. to noon are available to members and media.

Assistance is required for book usage. The staff will remove and reshelve all books.

Books cannot be checked out.

Use pencil only for note taking.

If these rules seem a bit stringent, remember our library consists mainly of one of a kind books. Our manuscript files and our scrapbook collection are the result of hours of hard, sometimes tedious labor, and the use of expensive acid free materials.

Endowment Fund Grows

The endowment fund grows with each contribution. It forms a hedge against lean years, and helps insure the fiscal health of our Society. Contributions can be in the form of memorials, direct donations or life memberships.

Since April the following contributions have come in:

Memorial received from Mr. & Mrs. A. Glenn Wilson for Richard Wright

Direct Donation received from James Renfrew

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Future plans to be carried out this summer include re-finishing the floor and painting. It might be possible to have schoolhouse open in time for the Ice Cream Social. If not, take time to stroll around the outside of the old Drayton Plains school and look at the progress that has been made. Francis Lohff has done meticulous work and the building should be good for another hundred years.

Parking at the Ice Cream Social will be in the Wisner School lot next door. There is a gate in the fence near the old wagon at the back of the property. It will be open and people walk in here. There will also be parking at the Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church across the street.