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- A permanent home for the Highwood Historical Society
- 28 Miles North by Marvyn Wittell—the first book about Highwood history
- Highwood Photos and Memorabilia

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Summer 2012

Highwood Historical Society has a Sweet New Home for the Summer!

Celebrate Highwood's History at 122 North Avenue

Thanks to our Patron Saint "Al Pierantoni" and family's kind donation of the office space at 122 North Avenue, this summer the Highwood Historical Society has a home. With the wonderful history of the space, we are hoping this site will again be home to "children" of all ages.

The Highwood Historical Society invites one and all to step back in time with us in celebration of over 125 years of Highwood History. We have a fabulous photo display and other historical artifacts. We hope you will stop by, tell a good story, drop off whatever photos and artifacts you may have, and enjoy the company.

We will be open 4 to 9 every Wednesday for Farmer's Market and Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 to 12am. Come in for coffee!

Of course as soon as we opened the doors, people have been telling us stories about Mike's Store. The building, 122 North Avenue, is owned by the Pierantoni family and has commanding views of Evert's Park. Mike's store was owned and operated by Mike Anguili, a confirmed bachelor who lived behind the store. He ran his grocery store, with its lunchmeats, fruit and fine Italian breads and rolls with pride.

But he lived for the kids that would frequent his penny candy counter, which resided on an island in the middle of the store.

Patti Biondi, who worked there in 1960, remembers that stealing penny candy was a favorite pastime of neighborhood kids. "Even the kids headed home from St. James School would steal" said Patti. "But Mike loved the kids so he would let them get away with murder." O n Sunday mornings, those same kids, along with their parents formed the Sunday morning rush, when all the locals would stop at Mike's Store to pick up the Sunday paper and visit.

Diane "Cookie" LoPresti remembers stopping at Mike's store both on her way to church and on her way home. Cookie was not one of the candy thieves!

Mike Anguili closed the store in the 1970's and it became a beauty salon and then the insurance agency that we all remember so well. Mike and his store remain favorite memories for many Highwood residents. Stories about him abound and the store has a special place in the History of Highwood. He is remembered

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Carol Confesses

Upon hearing discussions about Mike's store Carol Ugolini, longtime Highwood Historical Society board member, confessed she had been one of the delinquents that had absconded with candy from Mike's Store. She skipped the penny candy and went straight to her favorite chocolate section. Carol remembered "he always seemed crabby, but we would go there everyday." We are betting Mike's demeanor was probably directly proportional to the amount of purloined penny candy. For Carol's part, she was always careful not to get caught—she feared her mother and her mother's broom!

Celebrating the Anniversary of the Incorporation of Highwood and the Creation of Camp Highwood

Excerpts from Original Documents from 1886, 1887 and 1888 that were pivotal steps in creating The Village of Highwood and Camp Highwood.

State of Illinois,

Lake County

Proceedings before the Honorable Francis E. Clarke Judge of the County Court in and for the County of Lake in the State aforesaid, at a term thereof began and held in the City of Waukegan in said County and State aforesaid, on Monday the Fifteenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and Eighty Six.

Present the Honorable Francis E. Clarke Judge as aforesaid. Attest Leon (sic) A. Dorseth Clerk.

Be it Remembered that heretofore to wit: Thursday the Second day of **December A.D 1886** (the Same being one of the days of November Term A.D 1886 of said Court) the following among other proceedings were had and entered of Record in Said Court in words and figures following that is to say:

In the matter of the Petition to Incorporate the Village of Highwood.

Now comes E. Woodruff, William F. Hogan and James McDonough the judges heretofore appointed by the Court to reside at Election heretofore ordered herein to be held **November 27 A.D 1886** due notice of the same having been given as required by law and present to this court both call to its assistance O.H. Heath and R.K. Colls, Justices of the Peace in and for Lake County State of Illinois to canvas said returns, and it appearing that each every and all of the requirements of the Statutes in such case made and provided have been compiled with and that at said election, there were cast twenty nine (29) votes, all of which said votes were for village organization under the general law.

It is therefore ordered and considered by the court and the court doth so find, that the east half of section fifteen (15) township forty-three (43) Range twelve (12) East of the third (3) P.M. in said Lake County State of Illinois is duly organized as a Village under the Statutes in such case made and provided by the Name and Style of the "Village of Highwood."

The Court doth further order that on Monday December Twenty-seventh (27th) A.D. 1886, between the hours of Eight (8) AM and Seven (7) PM at the Depot within its limits of the said organized Village of Highwood, Lake County Ill, that an election be held for the purpose of Electing six (6) trustees.

The court doth hereby appoint E. Woodruff and F. Hogan, the judges of said election, and James F. McDonough and John P. Strand Clerks of Said Election pursuant to the statutes in such case made and provided with full authority to act in the premises.

Headquarters Army of United States
Washington, D.C, February 17, 1888

Sir: I have the honor to ask your consideration of the matter proposed post near Chicago, Ill. The ground for the purpose having been purchased by individuals in that city, been presented to the United States, and its acceptance authorized by Congress (in the joint resolution approved March 3, 1887, 24 Statues, page 646), it last fall, upon the action of the Secretary, passed into the possession of the Government, and two companies of troops have been stationed there this winter in temporary quarters. No appropriations has yet been made for the construction of the post, and I would recommend that the matter be presented for Congressional action and a request for an appropriation this year of $300,000 be made. This sum will not be quite sufficient probably, to complete the post for the completed garrison—four troops of cavalry and six companies of infantry—but would be all that could be profitably expending during the coming fiscal year.

Very respectfully , your obedient servant,

P.H. Sheridan Lieutenant –General

The Secretary of War

Chicago Ill. **March 23d, 88**

Hon. Henry D. Dement

Sec'y of State

Springfield, Ill

Dear Sir—

It is proposed by the citizens and authorities of the Village of Highwood, Lake County Illinois, that the corporate name of the said, The Village of Highwood be changed to, and that the name "The Village of Fort Sheridan" be given to said Village of Highwood: as provided by law.

Kindly send certificate pursuant to the statute; will remit any costs.

Yours truly E.K. Smith

To see the actual documents and other documents from this time period visit our website at
www.highwoodhistoricalsociety.com

Become A Member of the Highwood Historical Society Today.

No matter where you end up in life, you always remember your hometown in a special way.

Spending time with friends and family, learning to laugh, scraping a leg, making a home run or doing a special dance at a recital, all those are memories we keep stored in our home town collection.

At the Highwood Historical Society, we collect those special memories and create an opportunity for you to celebrate your history and the many ways we were. Just as you have warm memories of holiday parties at the Labor Temple or the fun you had at "Charlie fix em up" Park, imagine, for today's young children, the fond memories they will have of Jack O' Lantern filled evenings and hot summer afternoons at the park.

The Historical Society's goal is to collect and protect elements of those special moments of our lives. Whether it's a photograph, a business sign or a poster announcing an event.

Help us to safeguard our collection of over 146 years of Highwood history. You are a part of it!

Your membership provides the means to produce the newsletter, present events that showcase our history, preserve and maintain the artifacts, photographs and documents that tell the story of our community.

Memberships are now available for June 1, 2012 through May 31, 2013.

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If you live in Highwood or have ever lived in Highwood we want you to be a part of our "Plat Project" (see page 7).

When you return your membership dues please include a note to tell us your address or addresses in Highwood and the approximate dates when you lived there. Or, e-mail us at **highwoodhistory@aol.com** or come in to our summer office at 122 North Avenue to locate your homes on our master Plat.

Extra Special Thanks

The following people and businesses helped us to create the comfortable environment we wanted for those that visit us at 122 North Avenue this summer. We extend MANY THANKS to:

Roxanne Smith from **RCS Picture Framing** for the beautifully framed items.

Anna's Mostly Mahogany for the huge carpet for the store front and expressed her love for her home in Highwood.

Alderman Kathy Murphy-Pieri who donated a lovely dining room table and chairs so that our guests are comfortable.

Peter at Signs Now—we had a window sign in an hour! You can't beat that!

The Pierantoni family for their incredible donation of a storefront for three months. Thank-you!

Paul Diambri of the law offices of Diambri and Caravello for the assistance that he has always provided to our organization.

Pat Galli of Pastificio for everything

Shelley Lurie of **Milestone Realty** for the assistance and support they have consistently provided to our organization.

Dominic Ugolini (Becks Heating) and **Sam Greco** (Greco Electrics) for their amazing efforts.

Bravo Highwood!

Remembering Bill Christensen

Bill Christensen formerly of Highwood passed away in Mexico, Missouri on July 3. Bill and his wife Norma were very active members of the Highwood community and were instrumental in the creation of the Highwood Historical Society and Our Town Highwood.

Mr. Christensen also served his country in the United States Navy during World War II. He was a Flight Deck Officer on the USS Essex.

To cool you down during the summer heat—Highwood during a snowstorm. Be sure to visit our website at www. highwoodhistorical society.com to view more photographs of fabulous Highwood.

Celebrating the Anniversary of the Incorporation of Highwood and the Creation of Camp Highwood

This year we celebrate the anniversary of the incorporation of Highwood and the creation of Fort Sheridan. Before Highwood was incorporated it existed by plats and by local opinion. Areas that were considered Highwood before incorporation included Bloom Street, Walker to the lakefront, Chicago Avenue and most certainly, the area on the West Side of Western Avenue that was Maggi's field. Early newspaper articles tout Highwood as the most exciting place to live on the growing north shore, discuss fundraisers for the first Highwood Library, visiting Senators and the social goings on of our early residents.

The documents on the facing page are excerpts from documents dating from 1886, 1887 and 1888 that were the pivotal steps creating The Village of Highwood and Camp Highwood. Visit our website to see the actual documents and other documents from this time period.

A Special Thank-You!

A Special Thank You must go to State Senator Susan Garrett and her staff who helped to secure Highwood's incorporation documents from State of Illinois files and to Rodney Ross, from the National Archives and Records Administration in Washington D.C who located the Congressional records for the Military Affairs Committee regarding Fort Sheridan.

A Warm Welcome to our Summer Administrative Coordinators

Cynthia Krol descends from a long line of self-promoting genealogists. Whenever her grandfather, Albert (Waddy) Pigati, checked into a hotel when traveling, he always pulled out the local phonebook and looked for any distant relatives. Cynthia acquired a passion for history and investigating from Waddy. Her passion ran so deep that she majored in history at the University of Wisconsin and recently received a Masters Degree in Teaching Arts from National Louis University. She often tells her students that the study of history begins with getting to know your next door neighbor.

Joining Cynthia will be Sarah Shelley. Sarah has been a Highwood resident for the past ten years. During that time she has always enjoyed being involved in the Highwood community, most notably at the library. Sarah grew up in England and her passion for History comes from her father, a published historian and her step-mother, an archivist. Sarah studied Library and Information Technology at Loughborough University and worked extensively for Cheshire Museums before enjoying a career in Marketing and Communications with 3M both in the UK and St. Paul , MN.

Welcome Cynthia and Sarah!

Dance Class Recital at the Highwood Recreation Center

Visit our website at www.highwoodhistoricalsociety.com for more photographs from the Highwood Historical Society Photo Library.

Really Far Back!

By Leonora Cervac

I go really far back! All the way back to a time when you went to church you got all dressed up and wore a hat. When, on Easter Sunday, your mom and dad took you to Aldo's Corner Restaurant (now Tap House Grill) to buy a goodie-filled Easter Basket; a time when the Highwood Community Center was a hub of entertainment and activity attracting crowds of upwards of 2000 for various events. At the center, there were outdoor movies, an indoor stage that was the site of plays and performances by local children and local adults performed musical extravaganzas. Weddings and dances were held by local organizations and "yes," they played basketball too!

My parents owned a grocery store in Highwood, there were several others as well. The store was in the building that is now the site of Home Raters, right next door to Poetas'. They owned the store from the time of the depression in the 1930's through the 2nd World War. Because of the war, food rationing was in effect.

A well-known doctor (who shall remain anonymous) once invited my father to visit his farm and beautiful home. The invitation was really an attempt o sell my father black market meat. My father politely shortened the visit and drove home!

During the depression, hoboes would stop at the store and ask to work for food. We would give them food and thank them for their offer of work and wish them well.

A regular occurrence during the war were the troop trains that stopped in front of my father's store to change tracks enabling the train of up to 15 cars to enter Fort Sheridan.

The stop would last 20 minutes. The train's passengers were hundreds of US Army service men returning home from war. As soon as the trains would stop soldiers poured out of the doors and into my parent's store. They purchased items that they hadn't tasted on the battlefields: candy, Coca-Cola, apples, oranges, bananas and salami. They emptied out the store. They were so happy to be home. When the engineer blew the train whistle, they all ran out of the store and boarded the train for their short trip to Fort Sheridan. We all stood outside and waved and blew kisses and wished them much happiness.

The Contri brothers worked for my parents store and when my dad retired they bought the store. The Poetas worked for the Contris. When they retired the Poetas purchased it. So in a way, under various names, Parentis' Grocery has been in continuous business since 1930.

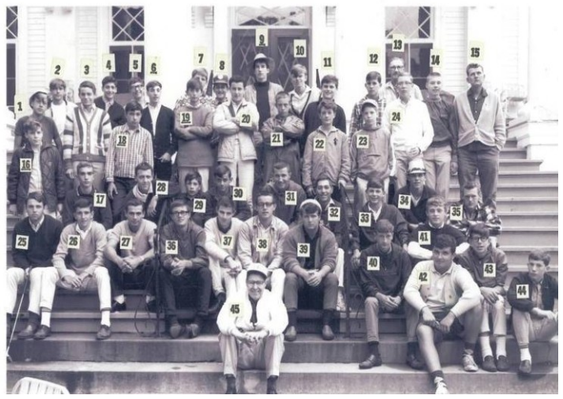
Random Thoughts by Cookie LoPresti

The first theater in Highwood was called The Bartlett Theater. Danny Bartlett owned the building and one side was the theater and the other the Bartlett Cabs.

Later , the Quarta brothers from Lake Forest ran the theater and called it The Highwood Theater. After graduating from high school Isabelle (Acello) Sanders used to sell tickets for the movies. The price for admission was 25 cents. On Tuesdays and Wednesdays the price was 10 cents. You never knew what you were going to see. It was called mystery night and they showed B movies on those nights.

Sometimes they ran promotions and offered dishes to patrons. Of course it took a couple of months before they had the whole set!

(In the 1970's Mayor Fidel Ghini had the theatre shut down for showing X-rated movies)



Exmoor Caddies

Western Avenue Under Construction !

With the city beginning a summer long project to repair Western Avenue we thought we would include a newspaper article about another time the road was fixed.
Note the date!

Recession Now On In Highwood Project

The Highland Park Press
Thursday, December 30, 1937

With 32 men selected from needy families to work on the WPA sewer project in Highwood, Mayor Charles Portilla of Highwood is still awaiting government funds promised on Nov. 17, to complete the project started some time ago.

Over a month ago, the Mayor received a wire from Senator James Hamilton Lewis, stating that a $26,000 grant to complete the sewer project on Western Avenue had been approved by the WPA authorities. Later word came that the money would be available within three weeks.

Anxious to get the work completed as soon as possible Mayor Portilla with the aid of Supervisor Steele made preparations in order that construction could begin immediately.

Ten days ago an engineer was secured to make the final survey.

Last week the Mayor and Supervisor visited the regional WPA administration in Chicago, where it was learned that they knew very little about the project and did not know when the money, if any, would be forthcoming.

And so, as many things go these days, a recession has set in on the sewer project for Highwood.

The Birth of Fort Sheridan For Fifteen Dollars!

It has been 125 years since the incorporation of Highwood and the creation of Fort Sheridan. In that time both the City and the Fort have been through many changes. Today Fort Sheridan, like the rest of Highwood, is a jewel of the North Shore with its lake front beaches, open spaces and walking paths.

When the Commercial Club of Chicago originally petitioned the Secretary of War for a military post in the area and offered to provide the tract of land on which the post would be located several areas were considered. After visits to all of the sites by a board of army officers the recommendation was made that the Highwood tract should be accepted due to its natural beauty and the richness of resources.

The three original principal donors of the land represented in the Highwood Tract were Aldolphus C. Bartlett, Charles L. Hutchinson and John L. Janes. They were acting as agents for the Commercial Club of Chicago and received a token payment for the deeds to the land of just $15.

Still Makes Music at 90

A portion of the article written by Ruth Bohan, staff writer, Life Newspapers, June 8th, 1978

Dante Bonetti estimates that in his lifetime, he has given 52,000 violin and mandolin lessons. He has been giving them since he was 13 years old and living with his family in Modena Italy, where he played with the symphony orchestra—the only one in the orchestra who didn't use notation.

Bonetti considers his ability to play music correctly after only hearing it a few times "a gift from God." "When I hear music two or three times, it just stays in my mind says Bonetti, who was 7 when his musician father handed him his first violin.

Now he is nearly 90, living in Highwood, still playing, and repairing instruments as well. He might still be entertaining the citizens of Modena, if one of his students—and best friend– hadn't suddenly announced he was going to the United States. "I felt so bad that I said if he went, I would go too," related Bonetti. "In 15 days I had my passport." Bonetti joined his friends in Highland Park and had no trouble getting jobs. But his hands had another talent, painting, and he became a mural artist working in the Ravinia area and the old Moraine Hotel.One of Bonetti's most memorable moments came when he was working on the ceiling there, looking down at guest John Philip Sousa playing the piano in the lobby. He later learned that at that moment Sousa had been composing "Stars and Stripes Forever."

Bonetti worked in five different churches in Chicago, as well as one in Walton, IL. His work there is intriguing as well as beautiful. Old paintings, alter decorations and window frames were removed and Bonetti created paintings right on the wall, with three dimensional frames done so realistically that upon first seeing them, the viewer is convinced they are actually framed pictures. "But when you come up them and run your hands over the wall, you can see they are completely flat" he says with pride.

It took Bonetti 10 years to get his mother, father and two sisters to the United States. In 1925, the whole family moved to the house on Grove, where he still lives. Bonetti still repairs mandolins and violins but he is not as busy as he used to be. He finds time to sit and play in the front room of his house and marvel at the changes on his block. His was the only house there when it was built. It was a gravel road until two years ago and Bonetti says that now that it has been paved , he can count 50 cars in an hour. He still enjoys playing his favorite tunes especially those of Victor Herbert. He has several violins, his favorite is a 44-year old copy of a Stradivarius made in Germany. "My Violin is my best company," he says.

(see photo of Mr. Bonetti's home below)

316 Grove Street, Highwood.
Former home of Mr. Dante Bonetti
(see article above).

The Lady Elgin Graves

Part II. The Newspaper Article

By: Tom Scopelliti

(If you missed the first chapter of this fascinating story check our website www.Highwoodhistoricalsociety.com)

In the last edition of the Highwood Historical Society News we talked about the possibility that some of the victims of the Lady Elgin disaster might have been buried in what would later become Highwood. This information came from a Chicago Tribune article written in 1899, nearly 40 years after the tragic sinking in Lake Michigan. Although the article stated rather emphatically that the gravesites were in a "remote corner of the Village of Highwood" and the dead buried in a "desolate pasture and refuse patch," no specific location was cited.

Compounding the problem of this lack of specificity was the statement that the lighthouse, a major reference point to the location of the graves, was in Highwood. The fact that the Port Clinton Lighthouse was in Highland Park suggests that the writer might not have really know the boundaries of Highwood. Nevertheless the author gives several clues which may help in determining the locations of the actual gravesites.

The lighthouse is said to be within one half mile of the gravesites and "due east as the crow flies." That suggests that the gravesites were in the vicinity of the train viaduct at Bloom Street since the Port Clinton Lighthouse was located between Bloom Street and Broadway Ave. In fact the article states that the graves were just beyond the viaduct, but again there is no specific description of which way. The writer also states that the gravesites are within a "stone's throw" of the railroad tracks and within a "hand's touch" of the passengers. It is clear that the graves were somewhere near the railroad tracks.

The writer was taken to the gravesites by a neighborhood boy who provided very little revealing information except for the name of an individual who had lived in the area from nearly 50 years and had first hand knowledge of the shipwreck and burial site.

In the 1850 census the Mowers family lived in Vernon (Half Day). Henry's father, Peter Mowers , is referenced by Marvyn Wittelle in her book as well as other publications concerning early Highland Park History. He was a homeopathic doctor and was known to have treated the sick people of Port Clinton. The 1860 census and those ensuing show that the Mowers family lived in the area. In fact the grandchildren of Peter Mowers founded the Reliable Laundry in Highland Park.

After many attempts, the newspaper writer found Henry Mowers. He described the dreadful event, having witnessed much of it near the lighthouse with Owen Monaghan, its keeper. He told the writer that he was a carpenter and had built coffins for some of those washed ashore from the Lady Elgin accident.

Particularly interesting was his tale of a beautiful woman dressed in black silk who had washed ashore at the lighthouse. A coroner's report corroborated this account. Henry Mowers could and did verify the gravesites. The Henry Mowers found in the census was also a carpenter suggesting that they were the same person. Hank Mowers provided the most important clue of the article: he lived at the edge of a wooded area just to the south of a clump of trees which rose above the graves. If we could find where he actually lived, we would find the gravesites.

That's it for this time. Stay tuned for the next installment, when we will discuss the Henry Mowers story and other clues in the next edition of the Highwood Historical Society News.

Remembering Oak Terrace School

By: Teta Minuzzo, Oak Terrace Teacher 1960—1995

As a long time teacher at Oak Terrace , I have many fond memories of the special people that I worked with during my early years at Oak Terrace. First, of course, was Mr. Wayne Thomas. He hired me in 1960 and I had the privilege of knowing him for two years. Mr. Thomas became the principal of Oak Terrace in 1922 and remained in that position until 1957 when he was named superintendent of School District 111.

What was most special about him was his caring attitude towards his staff and students. He always delivered our monthly paychecks to us personally with a word of thanks for our service and dedication to the children of our classrooms. My special mentors during my first years of primary teaching were Margaret Sweeney, Donna Nelson, Dorothy Thomas, Jane Fioriani, and Ruth Trever.

Margaret Sweeney taught first grade for 40 years at Oak Terrace. She was always soft spoken, considerate, and a most loving and remarkable teacher for all who were in her classroom. She often told stories of her family who were among Highwood's early settlers. Part of the Fort Sheridan land was once her family's property.

Dorothy Thomas was Mr. Thomas' wife. She taught second grade and was an excellent teacher, mother and special friend. Many parties were held at the Thomas home on Burtis Avenue. Her son and daughter still live in the area.

Donna Nelson, Jane Fioriani and Ruth Trever were also long time teachers at Oak Terrace. I'm sure many Highwood families remember being in their classes. It is teachers like these that will always be remembered. They reflected pride in Oak Terrace and pride in their students' accomplishments.

Highwood Historical Society donated the frame for Aldo Piacenza picture at the Highwood Library.

Seen here is Teta Minuzzo, Historic Society Treasurer with Former Highwood Library Director Tony Molaro.

Random Thoughts
by Bob Pasquesi

Baseball

Each neighborhood had a ball team that played each other. We played hard and rough. More like boxing or football. Also had Semi-Pro Teams from Highwood: the Boosters and the Highwood Indians. Some of the players' nicknames were: Gabby, Scabby, Duke, Wiggles, Timer, Bum, Coo Coo, Goo Goo, Punchy, and Ears. Great fun and Great Town!

Mr. Pasquesi started that little hot dog stand in downtown Lake Forest's Market Square but he still thinks of High- wood as home!

Terrific Tomato Contest

Who's got The Most Terrific Tomato in town?

While individuals collect the genealogical history of their families, the Highwood Historical Society is collecting the genealogical history of Highwood homes. Who built your house? What is their story? Many of Highwood's homes were built in the early part of the 20th Century, meaning we have many homes close to 100 years old!

That's 100 years of families, friends and for us fascination.

Several years back we began the Terrific Tomato Contest. Our REAL goal was to discover something about the houses in Highwood. Houses have always had names. The Terrific Tomato Contest is an excellent way to say how do you do and to get a feel for the magic our residents have created in their own back yards.

Get involved with this fabulous event. It really is a celebration of ALL that makes Highwood special. And it is SO easy.

Email us at **highwoodhistory@aol.com** or come and see us at the farmer's market. Of course you can also stop by our new summer home at 122 North Avenue and sign-up for the Terrific Tomato Contest.

The competition will be held on August 15th at the Highwood Farmer's Market. This is the same evening as the Garlic Fest—nothing like a little garlic with your tomato!

We are hoping we will have more than the 75 entries that we enjoyed last year. Will YOUR tomato be the most terrific in town?

The Plat Project

The Highwood Historical Society is working hard to collect the histories of every home in Highwood. Whether your family has lived on the same street for 100 years or you moved to Highwood last week we want to hear from you . We would also like to hear from people who lived in Highwood growing up but have moved away.

Please stop by our office at 122 North Avenue and sign the plat of survey for your home so we can build up a picture of Highwood through the last 125 years.

On page 8 there is a fascinating article about long-time Highwood resident Dante Bonetti.

Mr. Bonetti lived at 316 Grove Street in Highwood (see photograph accompanying article). We think that this story, even though it was originally published in 1978 explains perfectly why we want to capture the genealogy of all of Highwood's homes.

Highwood's Flavin Continues A Long History of Sporting Excellence

Highwood has a long and proud history of sporting excellence. The Historical Society congratulates 16 year old Highwood resident Patrick Flavin on his third-place finish at the Mid-America Junior Golf Tour tourney held at Purdue's Kampen Course.

If your child is a Highwood History maker please let us know. We would love to be able to include their story. E-mail us at **Highwoodhistory@aol.com**