

Footprints

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New Jersey Teens Volunteer at Farmhouse, research Old Overhill Lane Camp

In July, five teenagers and their group leader spent three days working at the Farmhouse Museum, painting the office and hallway, and moving furniture. The teens were here with "Alive in Me," a National Catholic Volunteer group that brought about 400 teens to Cincinnati.

The group also traveled to Overhill Lane off of Foley Road to try to help uncover the names of campers who attended the Camp Sherwood, which operated there for 25 years from the 1940s to 60s.

Camp Sherwood was also known as Camp Kindschy, for its founder and director Alan Kindschy. Mr. Kindschy was a coach and athletic director at Hughes High School from 1926 to 1966, but he and his wife Erylyene took great pride in the camp for boys ages 6-13 on 28 acres on their property.

A former camper and later a camp counselor, Dr. Mar-



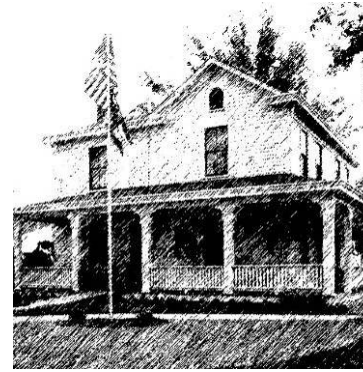
High School students from New Jersey try to identify names on pavers found on Overhill Lane.

tin Brueggeman, stopped by the historical society a few months ago with a paver with his footprints he had made at the camp in the 1950s. He mentioned there were about 100 more pavers on the property, which is now owned by a woman who was more than willing to let the students try to decipher the names.

The historical society is looking for anyone who might have attended the camp or has information about it. Dr. Kindschy and his wife both died in the early 70s and were childless, so a lot of the information has been lost. If you attended the camp or know anything about it, please contact delhi.history@fuse.net or leave a message at the historical society, 513-451-4313.

We hope to have an update in the next newsletter with a list of names

on 85 pavers that have been identified so far.



Upcoming Dates

- **Sept. 10: Tour of Cincinnati Police Museum, 760 Freeman Ave. 7pm**
- **Sept 13: Historic Twilight Walk. Cleves Presbyterian Church 6 p.m.**
- **October 5: Greenhouse Garage Sale, DHS greenhouse, 9am-1pm (Best of Delhi Raffle drawn at noon)**
- **October 14 - History of Cincinnati Chili (Goldstar Chili truck will offer chili); Delhi Park Lodge, 7pm**

The Delhi Historical Society Farmhouse Museum is open March-October from 12-3 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday & Sunday.

Twilight Walk Features Live History of Cleves

Please join the Sayler Park Historical Society for a journey through the history of Cleves, told through live interpreters, along a trail of the Village's historical highlights.

The evening begins at 6 p.m. at the Cleves Presbyterian Church with Ruth the rescued slave.

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Upcoming Tour of the Police Museum, Sept. 10

Learn more about the history of our police department and others in Greater Cincinnati as we tour the Greater Cincinnati Police Museum on Monday, September 10, at 7 pm. The museum is located just 10 minutes from the Historical Society at 760 Freeman Avenue. Take Delhi Pike to River Road to the Freeman Avenue exit. Go one block north – the museum is on the right. If you need a ride that evening, please call the historical society, 513-451-4313, to arrange a carpool.



Delhi Special Deputies around 1960

For more than 125 years, Delhi operated with a police force of one – the township constable. But by the 1920s and 30s the Hamilton County Sheriff was covering the township. After World War II, special deputies – mostly volunteers – helped the

sheriff and the constable by patrolling the rural township roads. A uniform from one of Delhi's deputies is among the items on loan to the Police Museum from the Delhi Historical Society collection.

Society hosts a Greenhouse Garage Sale, Oct. 5

A historical society is, naturally, guilty of hoarding on occasion. This summer, volunteers began to dig through office supplies, decorative items from long-ago auctions and events, and accumulated clutter that has been collecting dust for

years. None of the items are part of the farmhouse's historical and accessioned collection, just things that were handy to the daily operation of the house at one time and aren't now.

DHS will sell off these items at its first garage sale, located in the greenhouse behind the DHS farmhouse on October 5 from 9am-1pm. (No early birds!) The winning ticket for The Best of Delhi Raffle will be drawn at noon at the sale.

Collectibles

In addition to the everyday items like office supplies and party decorations, several board members have donated some valuable collectibles like enamelware and antique furniture to sell at the garage sale. Look for a list of items in upcoming advertisements and announcements around town.

Don't forget to send in your "Best of Delhi" raffle tickets

The drawing will take place at the Greenhouse Garage Sale on Oct. 5 at high noon!

There would be no raffle without the support and encouragement of these local businesses: Robben Florists, Frisch's, Maloney's Pub, Delhi Skyline, McCabes Do-It Center, and the College of Mount Saint Joseph. Thank you!

From the Archives: Back to School...in the Old Days

Even though it is still August, most children in Delhi are already back in the classroom. More than 8,000 students attend Oak Hills schools with another 1,000 in private or denominational schools in the Delhi area. That's a far cry from the 1800s when little one-room schoolhouses dotted the township.

Public schools in Ohio were organized by law in 1825, but attendance wasn't mandatory until 1921. Schools were funded not only by property taxes, but also through the leasing of land in the "school section" (section 16 of each township). People who purchased these lands didn't actually own them but, instead, were given perpetual leases. Money paid on the leases was then used to maintain schools.

The people of Delhi between 1825 and 1830 organized schools about two miles apart, making it possible for students to only have to walk about a mile to school. These schools were not named, just called District Schools. I could not find any information on District 1 school, but it was likely on Delhi's east side near the River. The other schools and their locations were:

- District 2 School at what is now Mt. Alverno and Greenwell on land donated by George Cullom in 1830 – later called Cullom or Mt. Alverno School,
- District 3 at Neeb and Delhi roads on land donated by John Moore in 1833, later called Myers School in honor of school board member Cornelius Myers,
- District 4 at Rapid Run and Hillside on land donated by Peter Lee in 1833,
- District 5 at Rapid Run and Neeb from Henry Applegate's land in 1833,
- District 6 at Rapid Run between Covedale and Overlook from Alexander Davison's land in 1828 – later called Hazard School after teacher Ebenezer Hazard.

During this time, there were concerns that the public school curriculum was too Protestant, since it taught from the King James Bible, so in 1834 Catholics in Delhi built a small school and church on Rapid Run between Neeb and Ebenezer roads and called it St. Stephen.

In the early 1850s, more schools were added at Rapid Run and Ebenezer (District 8) – the Runk Schoolhouse and Rapid Run and Anderson Ferry, called Allen School as

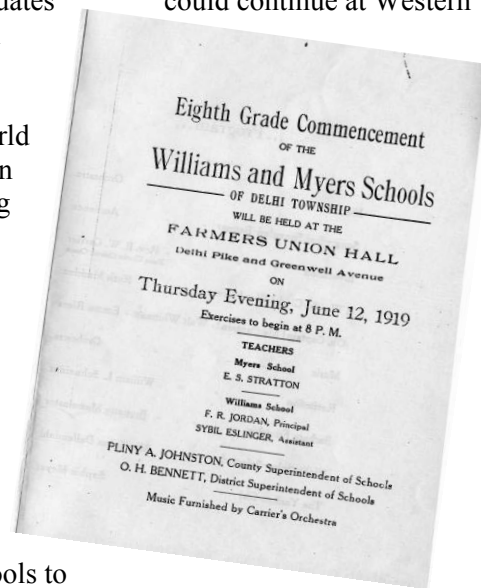
that intersection was known as Allen's Corner. Then around 1890, the 8 small district schools consolidated into four main district schools in new brick buildings, two of which had multiple classrooms...the four-room Williams School at Plum and Delhi, the two-room Northwestern School on Cleves Warsaw near Ebenezer, and new one-room Myers, and Allen schools.. Still, the restrooms were outside, they were



heated with coal stoves.

Finally with the event of the automobile, bus service became available for students; it was decided to consolidate into one modern building at a central location in the township. In 1926 the new Delhi Consolidated School opened at Anderson Ferry and Rapid Run. This building offered eight classrooms, a cafeteria and a gymnasium/auditorium, with plumbing and electricity. 8th grade graduates could continue at Western Hills or Hughes High School in the city.

After the Second World War, the population in Delhi soared as young families fled to the suburbs. Even with additions in the 1930s, 40s and 50s, Delhi School was overcrowded. In 1956, the Delhi School board voted to merge with the Green Township and Bridgetown Schools to form Oak Hills. A school levy passed later that year to build a new high school and, later, several elementary schools.



Back to School...continued



Northwestern School on Cleves Warsaw

Some interesting notes: Williams School, designed by noted architect Samuel Hannaford, was largely destroyed in a tornado in 1915. The Myers School today is at Heritage Village, a living history museum in Sharon Woods, serving as a good example of a one-room schoolhouse. The Sisters of Charity donated the school, and it was moved in 2009. Northwestern School was razed for development in the mid 2000s, but Ted Roberts purchased one of the school's coal heating stoves, which he recently donated to the historical society.

Peg Schmidt

Tasty "History of Cincinnati Chili" Oct. 14

Don't miss this program about our regional love-affair with chili. We'll meet at the Delhi Park Lodge at 7pm and the Goldstar truck will be offering tasty treats, so come with an appetite for knowledge AND chili!

Farmhouse News

Our Bright and Beautiful House

Dear Friends of the Delhi Historical Society,

Our trip to the Police Museum will kick the 2013 member meeting season into gear. We hope to see **you** at this meeting, 7pm, Monday, September 9.

October 5 is the Greenhouse Garage sale. Come browse through many interesting, useful items which will be available. Also, you can see the improvements to the Farmhouse made the past year. The "Best of Delhi" raffle will occur at 12 noon during the Greenhouse Garage Sale. Buy raffle chances from any board members, at the Police Museum Member Meeting and at the Greenhouse Garage Sale." Or contact the Historical Society for more chances.: 451-4313 or delhi.history@fuse.net.

A special gift to the old Farmhouse was having some young people from "Alive In Me," a national Catholic youth program, painting the office and upstairs hall in July. (See story, back page.) These rooms are all nice and bright and shiny!

As always, thank you for supporting the Delhi Historical Society.

Mary Finn, president

Special Thanks

Crystal Leuker has been painstakingly translating the St. Martin Church Book records from Old German into English. (That's a bit like translating Old English into today's English, only harder!) What a help to us and to future researchers...thank you!

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