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What's New

The following people have been elected to the Board of Directors of the St. Francis Historical Society:

Bill Drehfal, President
Lois Neubauer, Vice President
Carol Wojtecki, Treasurer
Anna Passante, Secretary
Mary Drehfal
Terry Duffey

Jim Goodwin
Richard Raatz
Kathy Matthew
Stephanie Maxwell
Sr. Ceil Struck, OSF
Barbara Janiszewski

The seed sale was concluded in April. The society is considering starting earlier next year and taking presale orders.

We will be participating in the St. Francis 4th of July parade this year. We will have a table at Vretenar Park and will hold a meet-and-greet there after the parade. We will be displaying pictures and are asking for help in identifying some of the pictures. The 4th of July Committee is also asking if anyone has past 4th of July photos which they can make copies of and display. You can drop them off at the library.

On May 28, the Board of Directors had a meeting with the architects of the new St. Francis Civic Center. Topics of discussion included the area that has been set aside for us and display cases for our permanent collection. Our office space will be 300 square feet and the storage area for our collection will be 150 square feet.

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**Do you remember?** By Barbara Janiszewski

- Tiny's Garage
- The haunted house on Norwich Avenue
- The train trestle over KK
- Ice skating at Greene Park and the winter rec room
- The fire at Willow Glen School

- Nana's Pizza
- When Faircrest School was St. Francis Heights and how in Kindergarten, Mrs. Drews made the girls pin handkerchiefs to their dresses
- Papa's Grocery Store (they delivered)
- Surma's Frozen Custard stand, where they made the best raspberry shakes
- Fish fry Fridays at the old Sacred Heart Hall on St. Francis Avenue
- When St. Thomas More High School was Pio Nono
- Notes being pinned to the kids' clothes at Thompson School to ensure that parents would see them
- Picking out your favorite soda at Black Bear
- Jerry's Pheasant Bar
- The old bridge over Norwich Avenue
- The beer depot on Packard Avenue. First it was Mitch's and then it became John's.
- Ola's Grocery Store
- The ship that ran aground after a big storm on Lake Michigan
- An unobstructed view of the lake

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#### **4-Year-Old Logic**

Melanie asked her granny how old she was. Granny replied she was so old she didn't remember any more. Melanie said, "If you don't remember, you must look in the back of your panties. Mine says four to six."

Brittany, age four, had an earache and wanted a painkiller. She tried in vain to take the lid off the bottle. Seeing her frustration, her mom explained it was a child-proof cap and she would have to open it for her. Eyes wide with wonder, the little girl asked: "How does it know it's me?"

DJ stepped onto the bathroom scale and asked, "How much do I cost?"

Clinton was in his bedroom looking worried. When his mom asked what was troubling him, he replied, "I don't know what will happen with this bed when I get married. How will my wife fit in?"

Mark was engrossed in a young couple that were hugging and kissing in a restaurant. Without taking his eyes off them, he asked his dad, "Why is he whispering in her mouth?"