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## A THANK YOU FROM 2020 SCHOLARSHIP WINNER ALEXANDER RHODES...

"I am writing to thank you and the members of the Wyoming Historical Society for the scholarship and gifts. My family and I are in the throes of the college search and application process and it has been a great help. I am looking forward to enriching my knowledge of history in the next four-year chapter of my life."

## OUR SYMPATHY...

In the last several months, we have lost two special friends. Buzz Guckenberger, author of *Wyoming: A Retropective*, passed away in May and, in July, we lost former board member and ardent reenactor Donna Dinkelaker. We will miss these people who each in their own way contributed to preserving the history of Wyoming.

## THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR BUSINESS MEMBERS!

## WHERE IN THE WORLD IS WALDO, WILLIS WALDO?

We are always appreciative of people who donate old photos of Wyoming. In this case, former board member Todd Williams gave us Willis Waldo (1883-1976). Willis graduated from Wyoming in 1901, then Purdue and worked as an Engineer.

Here is Waldo in 1898 in his driveway at 735 Springfield Pike.



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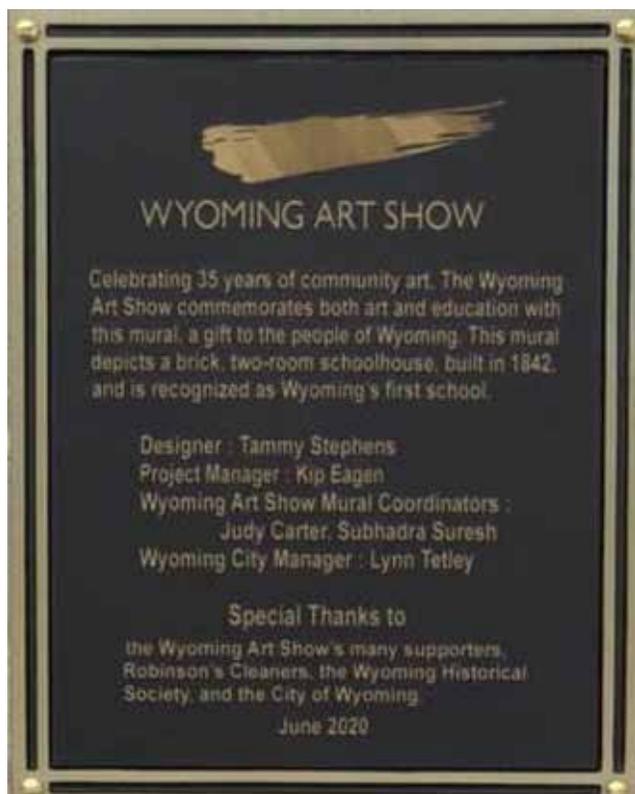
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## SCHOOL TIME MURAL...



Driving west of Wyoming Avenue, you can't miss the great new mural that has been painted on the side of Robinson's Cleaners. This mural, a gift from the Wyoming Art Show, has helped brighten our quarantine time and to celebrate the history of Wyoming's early schools.

Your Wyoming Historical Society helped sponsor this mural as they did the 'window' murals on the side of Sight at the corner of Wyoming and Oak Avenues.

The Wyoming Art Show will be back next year for all to enjoy.

## QUARANTINE WITH WYOMING-OPOLY...

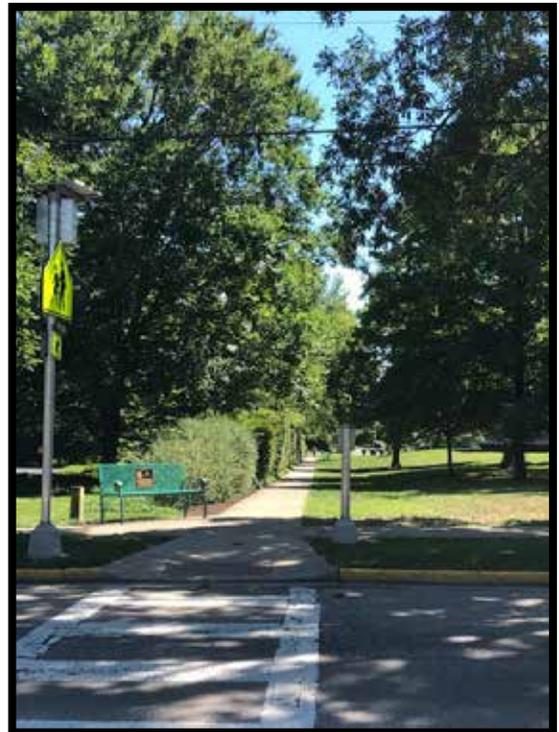


Yes, Wyoming-Opoly is still around, available and a great way to keep busy during this “shelter in place” time. Stephanie Denton sent this picture of her daughter, Marshall Abouamara, doing just that.....playing “opoly”.

The games are available at your historical Society when we are open (Tuesday’s 10:30-3), at the city offices (usually 8-5 M-F), and at the Wyoming Pastry Shop during their hours. Just remember, you can only do so many puzzles making this a great alternative! The cost is \$30.

## SCHOOL WAY...

An early Wyoming school sat approximately at the corner of Wyoming Avenue and the Boulevard that goes from Wyoming Avenue to Worthington Avenue. It runs along the property line of the two houses that ‘side’ it. The house number of the one facing Wyoming Avenue is 129. The one that faces Worthington is 200 Worthington and was owned by the Costello’s way way back. The Wyoming Avenue home was actually built by George Sullivan Stearns for Alfred Compton of Compton Road fame!! Around 1880, both Stearns and Costello gave 10 feet of their property to the school for what was originally called the School Way. The rest of that Boulevard, from Wyoming to Wentworth Avenues was probably just an extension of the School Way. There are several other walking “Boulevards” in Wyoming. What ones do you know?



Wyoming Avenue looking south down School Way to Worthington

## MEMBERSHIP

Our membership year is January-December with our membership drive happening late each fall. However, we gladly welcome new members at anytime of the year. For a year dues are: Family \$20, Contributing \$50, Business \$25. New members joining after August will be credited through December of the following year. New members please send your check, name, address, phone and email to us and we will handle the rest. 800 Oak Avenue, Wyoming, OH 45215. Thank you.

## MAYORS FROM WYOMING PAST...By Sherry Sheffield

2 June 1941 – 2 June 1941

Ralph Bond was a councilman for 20 years but had the shortest stint as Mayor of anyone. His occupation was salesman. He raised his family at 115 Burns Avenue. His five children were graduates of Wyoming High School between 1925 and 1935. You may recognize the names: Nelson Bond, Marion Bond Evans, Doris Bond Voorhis, Ernest "Bud" Bond, and Frances Bond Brasington.

So, why was his term as Mayor only 15 minutes long? In 1941, Procter & Gamble transferred Mayor Pruden to Tennessee forcing him to resign as mayor. According to Wyoming's Charter, a member of council would be named the next mayor replacing Mayor Pruden.

For reasons we may never know...Council wanted former Councilman Ralph Foster to be Mayor. Foster had recently returned to Wyoming. What we do know is on June 2, Mayor Pruden resigned and Councilman Bond was sworn in as mayor.

Ralph Foster then was sworn in as a Councilman. Mayor Bond promptly resigned and Foster was immediately sworn in to replace him as mayor!!!

Bond was then convinced to return to his seat on council which he did. So we had 3 mayors in about 15 minutes. And even though his term was short...he was officially sworn in and deserves to be counted.



Mayor Ralph Bond

### DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS T-SHIRT????



This t-shirt was donated to the society but the person giving it does not remember the reason the shirts were made or the year.

Maybe you or your child had one? What is the reason for the Wyoming landmarks? Can you help?

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*Stay well and we will see you  
when the time is right!*

## **PRESIDENT'S LETTER...Mary Killen**

Greetings Members,

As the pandemic continues, your Historical Society, like so many other organizations, is putting gatherings "on hold" until we can safely meet in-person again. Just know, we are still here and will continue to work to preserve and appreciate Wyoming's history. Our education goal, however, may have a new look as we continue to explore creative ways to present information. If you are like me, I miss our gatherings, the excellent speakers and the variety of program topics we have offered to the entire community. However, these will occur again and we will all be celebrating our love of history.

At this time, I ask if you have any suggestions about programs once we meet again or ideas about areas you would like us to include in future newsletters, please send your thoughts to our email at [History@wyomingohio.gov](mailto:History@wyomingohio.gov).

To quote author and historian David McCullough..."History is a guide to navigation in perilous times. History is who we are and why we are the way we are." Again, thank you for your membership and support for our Historical Society needs to remain a vital organization and to play an important role for our whole community.

Honoring Wyoming's Past,  
Mary Killen, President

