



### **SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN**

Santa Claus is officially coming to our Village on Saturday, December 2nd, but he's already made his appearance at the Library in this year's HCHS Christmas window. Thanks to the creativity and hard work of **Katy Galewski** and **Mary**

**Javorek**, the Society's display features photos of local residents' childhood visits to Santa as well as figurines from Christmases past, above a snow covered village. Please stop by and view our display during the month of December.

### **BEN HUNT CABIN OPEN DURING VILLAGE TREE LIGHTING**

Come visit the Hunt Cabin on December 2nd from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. As usual, holiday music will be played by the Whitnall Middle School Band from 6 - 6:30 p.m., followed by the annual tree lighting and arrival of Santa.

### **TERRIFIC NEW ADDITIONS TO OUR COLLECTION!**

Over the past few months, our Society has been excited to receive a number of items relating to Hales Corners history. Many thanks to the donors for the following:

**SLIDES** — **Dale Haymann** donated a rotary slide tray containing 42 slides of the Hales Corners 4th of July Parade in 1979.

**GOOD MEDICINE DANCER ITEMS** — **Bob Schlytter**, a former Good Medicine Dancer in the 1960s, donated his costumes including beadwork and feathers, several Native American history books for children, and rare newsletters and correspondence from the Good Medicine Dancers, an organization that worked closely with Ben Hunt for authenticity.

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**BEN HUNT'S BANJO AND RELATED ITEMS** — The **Sandberg brothers, Larry and Frank**, long-time donors to our Society, provided a few more items to our collection. The most surprising item was Ben Hunt's banjo and case given by Ben to Frank when he was a boy in 1955. Ben's name is hand-lettered by Ben on the back side in a very distinct fashion. In addition, they donated carved bear claws, a neckerchief from the Order of

the Arrow - Mikano Lodge 231, three sashes embroidered with red arrows, and 21 patches from various scouting groups.

**KACHINA DOLL LAMP AND BEN'S ARTICLES** — **John and Jean Scorgie** were neighbors of Ben Hunt along with their other siblings, **Alan and Robert**. We just received from them a Kachina Table Lamp that was given by Ben to John in the 1950s. Along with the lamp they sent us 40

magazine articles that Ben wrote and illustrated for *Boys' Life* magazine. They are in great condition and **Bob Liebl** is currently scanning them for future use.



*Ben Hunt's Banjo and Case*



*Ben Hunt's Kachina Doll Lamp*

## **BOSCH PRESENTATION DRAWS A CROWD**

HCHS's final program of 2017 had the largest attendance of the year. The Bosch Tavern has been a local landmark since 1904, resulting in a number of owners and name changes. The program covered this history up to its recent move via the "Tavern Tug." Current owners **Rick and Tracy Putlitz** graciously attended and provided answers to questions from the audience. In addition, the original stage curtain from the Bosch dance hall (donated by the Putlitzes) was on display, much to the delight of photographers.

After the program, we received some information from **Mike Fischer** who researched some of the advertisers featured on the curtain. Mike dated the curtain to 1915-1918 based on the following findings: The John Graf Co. registered its trademark for the beverage "Lemon-Life" in 1915. The artist, Clarence Harris, who created the curtain artwork, first appeared in Milwaukee directories



*Al Strekow, Rick and Tracy Putlitz and the Bosch Curtain.*

as a painter in 1916. The Jno. Barth company, which sold Kentucky Bourbon, went out of business in 1918. Thanks, Mike, for your research!