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TOWNSHIP CEMETERY WILL COUNTY

Dear Friends of the Wheatland Township Cemetery,

This letter highlights the 2017 items of interest to our valued owners and visitors.

- 1). Please visit our "Cemetery Committee" web page on the Township site: WheatlandTownship.Com for updates of our projects, short videos and our rules in the Township **Ordinance #15-01-0** (Cemetery Rules and Regulations). *We appreciate your cooperation in keeping the Cemetery a serene, respectful, and dignified final resting place for all concerned. Thank you!*
- 2). We installed **bronze name-plaques** onto 5 old and unreadable monuments to insure we do not forget those who were interred there many, many years ago. Ten more will be marked in 2018.
- 3). We increased our **weed** applications to 3 times per year to better combat an invasion of violets and the prolific growth of dandelions around us.
- 4). To our website we posted **short videos** of our name plates on illegible monuments, our new Information Board by the flag pole and the installation of a government marker for our War of 1812 patriot, John H. Davis.
- 5). In 2017 to date, we have conducted 14 burials. Typically, the cemetery averages about 11 per year, which includes both traditional and cremation burials. There are now over 760 buried in the Wheatland Township Cemetery. Additional graves are available and our **service fees** are now posted on our web site and in the new Information Board.
- 6). The Wheatland Township **Road District** staff continues to provide excellent support with weekly mowing and trash removal.
Parking on the grass is permitted between the entrance gates and North side of the Center Tree. Please do not drive nor park off the designated roads.
- 7). We lost another Red Cedar tree to a lightning strike.
- 8). Please contact us for a **tour, a presentation** to your civic group or personal **questions** about the cemetery operation or burial costs.
- 9). To receive quarterly email **updates** on cemetery projects, subscribe to the Wheatland Township Newsletter at www.WheatlandTownship.com . If you know anyone who'd like to receive either a paper or email copy of the Cemetery's Annual Letter, contact the Cemetery Trustees at cemetery@wheatlandtownship.com. This letter is also posted on our web page.

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10). We began a grave **reclamation project** to recover the Right to Inter graves that meet Illinois Statute ILCS 760, Sec. 10, which defines recovery process of 'abandoned graves'. We have conducted a thorough survey and reconciliation of the Old and New sections, with comparison to our Book records in order to identify potential graves meeting the State's requirement. Potentially, over 200 graves qualify. A list of the Owners of Record will be publically published with instructions to contact us within one year by a potential descendent/heir who wishes to claim ownership of an abandoned grave.

Where possible, we have been proactive in contacting and re-establishing communication with the grave owner of Record. If you have any information or questions regarding this large and lengthy reclamation project, please contact Ben Peterson, Manager, or any one of the Cemetery Trustees.

11). As November came to a close, the Township Road District was able to construct our long awaited **Spur Road** to the East side of the North section with the generous donation of 300 tons of Grade-A rock material from John Boughton's quarry. The gravel road extension will greatly enhance traffic flow of funerals and access to future burials in the East side of the North section. A short video of the project is on our web site. Our hope is that within a couple of years our funds will support the paving of this extension and re-paving of the existing access roads that were constructed in 1975. Donations to the project are welcomed.

While **visiting** the cemetery, should you see anything needing attention, please contact any one of our Trustees, Rich Grommon, Jim Hofman, or Ben Peterson (the elected "Collector" and Cemetery Board Chair). Contact information is on our Cemetery web page:
www.WheatlandTownship/Cemetery.Com.

Thank you for your interest and support.

Sincerely,



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Rich Grommon, and Jim Hofman

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