

Wayside

The hamlet of Wayside had its beginning in approximately 1869 when Charles Krueger operated a store near map position 1 - the current location of the bowling alleys. This is the first record of a business establishment in Wayside.

The first businesses in Wayside were much like those in Morrison. There were general stores, saloons, shops for wagons, blacksmithing and harness-making, a brewery and hotel, a sheet metal shop and hardware store and even a theatre.

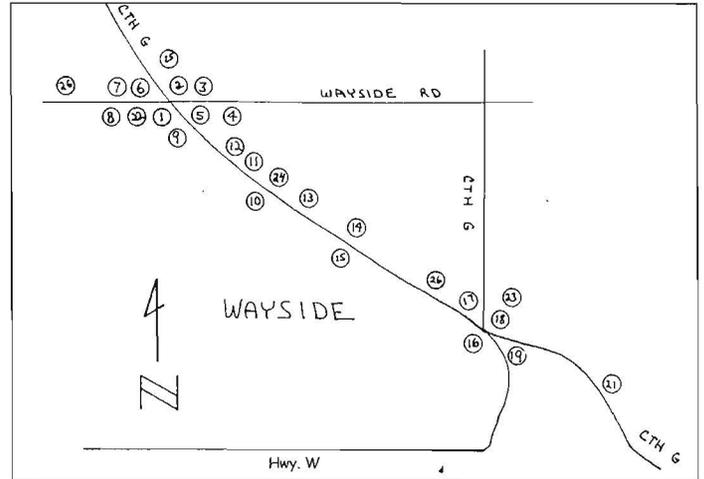
Krueger's General Store

Wayside Lanes

The first recorded business in Wayside, Charles Krueger operated what can be assumed to be a general store at or near map position 1, the current location of the bowling alley, Wayside Lanes. Mr. Krueger was appointed Wayside's first postmaster on August 21, 1869.

The store was later sold to Peter Axen and then to Peter Frosch in 1876. Mr. Frosch developed a thriving business and in 1892 went into partnership with his brother George and the business became known as Frosch Brothers.

In 1902 Frosch Brothers sold their business to Maurice Brennan, who later set up his son Den in the tavern business there.



In 1916 Frank Pfeffer purchased the "saloon", as it was known, and in 1934 it was taken over by his son Joseph.

Joseph Pfeffer greatly enlarged and improved the building and installed 4 bowling alleys. In 1954 Pfeffer sold to Gordon Strenn, who rented the business to Riney Kocian before selling to John Kocken in 1970.

Kocken Lanes operated until 1985 until its sale to Ray & Eunice Krueger who ran the business until 1999 and then sold to the current owners, Wayne & Cindy Krueger. The business is thriving still today as Wayside Lanes and are the only bowling alleys in the township.



Wayside businessmen gathered early in the 1900's for an imposing picture. The distinguished men are: Back row left to right - Otto Nebman, Frank Birkholz, Tom Monaban, Emil Hill, Goerge Schmidt, Albert Borchardt, Ferdinand Vergiel, Mr. Knutson and Tim Burke; Front row left to right - Philip Schatz, Fred Nohr, Otto Hill, Frank Rank, Frank Frosch, Michael Natzke, William Vergiels and Fred Pingel.