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Above: The Silver Lake Garden Club's annual festival offers plenty of warm-weather activities. Below: A float follows the route in the Cuyahoga Falls Memorial Day Parade.



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ciation, a committee of 15 was asked to organize a chamber of commerce. The first meeting took place at City Hall on Nov. 24, 1926, and a membership campaign followed in January 1927.

But let's let the people tell the story.

A rich history

Nestled on Cook Street, among the single-family homes and apartments, sits the Cuyahoga Falls Historical Society. Stories about the schools, military, businesses and entertainment decorate display cases, hang on the walls and fill books. There are happy stories mixed with sad.

Pieces of history are scattered throughout the museum. Pictures show Front Street with horses and buggies, and later street cars, automobiles and motorcycles.

Employees from Vaughn Machinery Co. stare out of a 1915 photograph — overalls mixed in with suits, some lounging on the ground, others standing, arms crossed. Vaughn, which supplied the wire drawing machinery industry, was once the city's largest manufacturing plant.

Other exhibits recognize the Honadle Candy store on State Road and Lawsons.

Around the corner in the museum, slide into a booth at "Laconi's Pizza" and order a large cheese and tomato pizza for \$6. Not in the mood for pizza? Check out menus from other restaurants like Hungry "i"s.

Looking for some entertainment? Cuyahoga Falls residents were busy in the 1930s.

Tickets from "Adam & Eva," "Broken Dishes," and "The Butter & Egg Man" by the Falls Players Club sit next to children smiling out of a picture from the Charles Boyd School of Dance.

Charles Boyd, who supported the local historical society, donated several items. Boyd's golden costume, commemorating the dance school's 50th anniversary, can be found in the Charles Boyd reading room.

And while mostly happy fourth-grade faces smile out of the Broad School class picture in 1931, Falls history would not be complete without mentioning the sad stories, like the propeller blade propped up near the military display. The blade survived a 1944 crash of a fighter plane on the eastern edge of the city.

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