

Fennimore, Wisconsin Home Page

Located at the crossroads of U.S. Highways 18 and 61 in
Grant County, Wisconsin
"The City on the Move"

Two of the most notable landmarks in Fennimore are The "DINKY" which sits at the top of Lincoln Ave (Hwy 61) next to the Fennimore Railroad Historical Society Museum, and "IGOR" our *celebrity* mouse that resides in front of Fennimore Cheese on the southern edge of town on Lincoln Ave. (Hwy 61).

In addition, Fennimore is Home to the following:

- Dwight T. Parker Public Library
 - Fennimore Doll and Toy Museum
 - Good Samaritan Center
 - Hickory Grove Golf Course
 - Many fine Restaurants, Supperclubs
 - Bed and Breakfast, Hotel, Motels
 - Many fine Retail Shops, Stores and Service Businesses
 - Places of Worship
 - Rayovac, Inc
 - Southwest Wisconsin Library System
 - Southwest Wisconsin Technical College
 - And more . . .
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IGOR



IGOR has been the welcoming children of all ages to Fennimore Cheese since 1971!

To see more of IGOR and find out more about Cheese visit the [FENNIMORE CHEESE](#) Home page or stop in at 1675 Lincoln Ave., Fennimore, Wisconsin.

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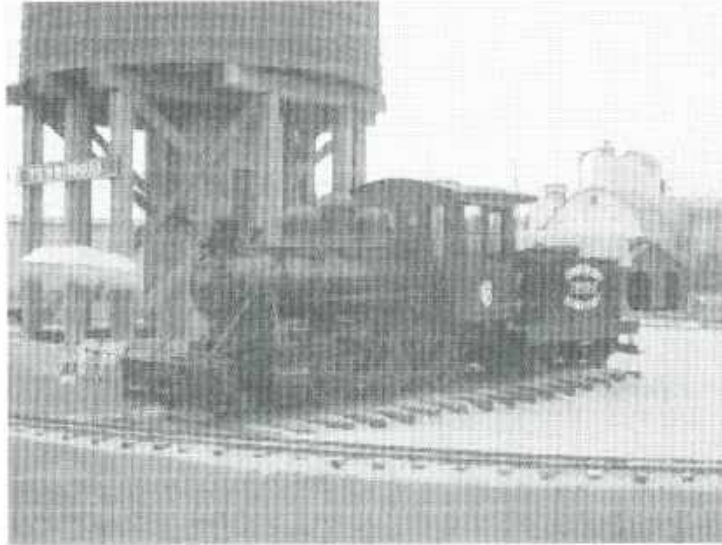
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The DINKY



From the
Wisconsin State Historical Society Historical Marker



Fennimore's narrow gauge train, affectionately known as the *Dinky*, operated from 1878 to 1926, far longer than most 3-foot gauge lines in Wisconsin. At a nearby depot, standard and narrow gauge trains exchanged their passengers and freight. Trains ran daily between Fennimore and Woodman by way of Werley, Anderson Mills and Conley Cut, meandering 16 miles through the Green River Valley and serving as a key link to other railroads. The line was famous for a horseshoe curve that made it possible to climb the steep slope from the valley to the ridge west of Fennimore.

The *Dinky* was noted for its versatility, carrying farmers, fishermen, salesmen and school children, as well as the U.S. mail, milk, livestock and other freight. The narrow gauge line was a remnant of a larger, 92-mile system in southwestern Wisconsin purchased by the Chicago and Northwestern in 1880. All except the Fennimore-Woodman line were converted in 1882 to standard (4-feet 8 1/2-inches) gauge.

Narrow gauge tracks once were scattered across the country, as railroad builders looked for economy in construction and equipment costs to reach remote areas. At the peak of narrow gauge operations, the state had 150 miles, some used in logging operations in northern Wisconsin, now all abandoned.

Fennimore Railroad Historical Society Museum

The museum is located at 610 Lincoln Avenue, in the former city power house and utility building. The building has been remodeled inside and out to resemble a depot of the turn-of-the-century. The replica loading platform is laid with brick from the original depot using just sand and brick --- the way it was originally built.

The original *Dinky* is owned by the city of Pioche, Nevada, and is on display in a park there. Similar in general appearance and size to the original *Dinky* a 1907 Davenport 2-6-0 locomotive was obtained through the efforts of the members of the Fennimore Railroad Historical Society. The dinky and tender now reside on the museum grounds.

Another feature of the museum complex is an exact replica of the original water tank witch serviced both broad and narrow gauge trains near the Fennimore depot.

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