

UNIQUE TREATS

Frozen Custard

Everyone in the Lafayette area knows that a trip to Columbian Park means a trip to the Frozen Custard. Over the years, a wide variety of frozen delights have been developed throughout the world, but there just isn't anything as good as the ice cream from the Kirkhoff secret family recipe. In 1932, Charles Kirkhoff decided to open his own ice cream business. He took all the information he had gained during his years in the field and developed the best vanilla, chocolate and strawberry custard possible. The stand was first known as the *Frozen Custard Igloo* and had sparkly icicles that hung down from the building. However, the icicles caused too many people to bump their heads so it was remodeled in 1948. This business is now Indiana's oldest family owned and operated drive-in plus there are several other new locations around town. Another generation of the family now has the responsibility for the secret recipe! But the custard is still as outstanding as ever.

Knickerbocker Tavern

Another *oldest* in the State of Indiana is in Lafayette...the Knickerbocker is thought to be the oldest bar in its original location and can trace its roots back to 1835 when it received Indiana's first liquor license. This bar is located in the historic Lahr Hotel building and while there has been lodging on the corner of 5th and Main since about 1831, the building as it stands today seems to date from about 1880-1885. Ulysses S. Grant and Mark Twain visited the Lahr and John Purdue made it his home. The beautiful cherry bar in the tavern was installed in 1887. Live music and jazz are featured here, along with the unique history and fine drinks.



McCord's Candies

Many think that the days of the chocolate malt, the cherry coke, and the lemon soda are gone for good. But this is not true in Lafayette! At McCord's, the soda fountain is the first thing you see as you walk in the door and everything is in great working order. Mr. Glatz opened his ice cream store in 1912 and it has been in business ever since. Ivey McCord was employed in 1917 as a candy maker and purchased the store in 1947. His family ran the store for about 35 years and their name is still associated with the business. Handmade candies continue to be made in the third floor candy kitchen. At Christmas, thousands of candy canes are hand-rolled on the

marble slabs and shipped throughout the world. And the fountain still makes all favorites...a wonderful way to savor the past!

Triple XXX

This restaurant is thought to be the first drive-in in the State of Indiana and has been a favorite gathering spot from the beginning. It opened for business in 1929 as a root beer stand and has been at the same location on State Street Hill in West Lafayette ever since. Originally there was only seating for five to ten people and of course, room for those new-fangled automobiles to park. In the early 1930s the business expanded to include a full kitchen and additional seating and but you could still count on outside curb service. Since that time, it has continued to evolve and is now a unique place to enjoy anything from a double steak burger with cheese to a breakfast of biscuits and sausage gravy.



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