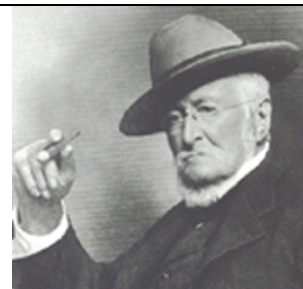


THE WINNER



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These women can cook ... see you April 9!



Lynne Morel, Janet Glidden and Sarah Glidden DeMink are just 3 of the "celebrity" chefs returning for the 2011 event.

Featured chefs:

Megan Acardo	German Potato Salad
Linda Anderson	Aunt Evelyn's Rice Pudding
Kristin Anderson & Jen Clawson	Decorated Cake
Debbie Armstrong & Stacie Haugk	Black and White Bars
MaryAnn Cassidy	Larded Potatoes
Fran Clucas & Mary Lou Erickson	Cake
Sarah Glidden DeMink	Irma's Chicken Curry Cranberry Log/ Oatmeal Choc. Chip Crunchies
Jill Doherty	Canned Bread & Butter Pickles
Sharon Downen	Tabouli (salad)
Lindsey Engelsman	Grandma Schramm's Hot Fudge Sauce w/ice cream
Karen Federici	Nana's Italian Sausage Soup
Katherine Gannon	Peanut Brittle
Janet Glidden	Pork and Sauerkraut
Jennifer Groce	Date Nut Pinwheels
Jayne Higgins	Trio of Chilis
Susan Johnson	Barbecued Beef
Christine Johnson	TBA
Monica Klemm & Kristi Veltkamp	Live Chocolate Mousse
Christine Kyler & Cheryl Kalina	Old-fashioned Oatmeal Cookies & Ginger Snaps
Terri Mann-Lamb	TBA
Janann Marshall	Aunt Nan's Chicken Salad
Lynne Morel	Southwestern Bread Salad
Dale Osterle	New England Salmon Mousse
Amy Polzin	Bourbon Balls
Mary Pritchard	Poppy Seed Coffee Cake
Jea Nae Remala	Apple Pie Cake
Natalia Vinokur	Green Bean Salad
Laurie Walker	Cherished Memories Cut-Out Cookies
Deanna Watkins	TBA

Divas Dish for Glidden Homestead

Saturday, April 9, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

NIU's Barsema Alumni & Visitors' Center

**A fund-raising and taste-testing event to benefit
the J.F. Glidden Homestead & Historical Center,
featuring tried and true recipes
prepared by "celebrity" women.**

SILENT AUCTION INCLUDES:

**Dining / Shopping Certificates; Gift Baskets
& the chance to bid on individual
Chef's specialties!**

**ALSO FEATURING: Bake Sale, Divas Dish
Cookbook CD, Gift Shop, Raffle and lots of fun!**

THANK YOU SPONSORS:

Uncle Joe's Club—DeKalb Daily Chronicle
Winner's Circle—Premier Meals
Superior Club—Castle Bank; Dr. Patricia Kirkemo and Dr. Dan Monaghan, Chiropractors; H&R Block; Midwest Orthopaedic Institute; National Bank & Trust Company
Barbed Wire Club—American National Bank of DeKalb County, Creative Therapeutics, Illini Security Systems, Inc., Integra Business Systems, Studio One Salon & Spa

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

\$30 in advance

[\$21 is tax-deductible];

\$40 at the door; Cash bar.

Tickets available at

**Glidden Homestead, Castle Bank,
from chefs & Glidden Board
members.**

**For tickets, call (815) 756-7904 or
email gliddenhomestead@juno.com**

Visit: www.gliddenhomestead.org

Homestead Highlights...

Furnishings Committee works on Homestead's interior

Even though the Homestead technically closes for the winter except by appointment, committees continue their work on many projects. The Furnishings Committee has planned expanded interpretation of the house.



Gayle Wuori and Jean Bjorn (top) hang artwork in the west parlor.

One additional bedroom upstairs is being renovated and furnished to depict the 1910-1940's era of Glidden families. Artifacts and artwork from the 1860-1910 era have been added to the west parlor, and plans are in place to furnish and interpret the office and east parlor when the opening of the new Welcome Center allows those room to be freed up from business use.

A challenge of the committee is furnishing an entire house with a somewhat limited collection of Glidden family artifacts. They are looking for a few specific items to help better furnish rooms and create displays.

If you have items from the list below that you would consider donating to Glidden Homestead, please contact Marcia Wilson at the Homestead, (815) 756-7904.

- Dressmaker form to display clothing
- Early 1900's table-top radio (working or not)
- Early 1900's children's toys
- Turn of the century-era silverware, glassware
- Turn of the century fireplace screen, tools optional
- Piano scarf, 1860-1910 era
- One twin bed headboard, 1910-1940 era

Archives Committee preserves important Glidden artifacts

Bright and early every Saturday morning at eight o'clock you can find the Archives Committee digging, probing, examining, questioning, organizing and filing under the leadership of Sally DeFauw.

This small dedicated group continues the work of cataloging and organizing the documents and photographs in the Homestead collection. Shown at right, Maureen Kelley (left) unravels the mystery of a box of unidentified pictures, while Estelle Von Zellen sorts the papers of John Glidden (1868-1941).



**Miss our Annual Meeting in February?
Visit www.gliddenhomestead.org for a copy of the
2010 Annual Report and photos from the meeting.**

**The website also has the latest Homestead calendar,
membership forms and Gift Shop information!**

New Blacksmith Club

A few members of the Glidden Homestead's new Blacksmith Club held a hammer-in recently at the shop of Lucio Bortolin, a club member from Sycamore. Anyone interested in joining the club, learning the trade, and becoming a volunteer blacksmith at Glidden Homestead, should contact the Homestead at (815) 756-7904, or email: gliddenhomestead@juno.com.



Barbed wire inspiration began with Rose exhibit at DeKalb fairgrounds



This photo taken Aug. 4, 1894, shows the crowd at a bicycle race at the fairgrounds. Photo is looking east with the Kishwaukee River in the distance. Notice the building located center left with tower on top (possibly a bell tower). Photo obtained and used with permission from the Joiner History Room-Sycamore, IL.

(Editor's note: This is the first in a series of articles about the DeKalb County Agricultural and Mechanical Society, compiled by Glidden board member, Jeff J. Marshall.)

According to *Portrait & Biographical Album of DeKalb County, Illinois*, in March 1861, a society was formed for the purpose of the advancement of agriculture and mechanics, referred to as "The DeKalb County Agricultural and Mechanical Society." It was started with joint capital stock of \$2,500. The first society president was Joseph F. Glidden, along with N. Saum, Vice President; Joel W. Smull, Secretary; and Harvey Thompson, Treasurer. A motion was made to purchase a portion of Glidden's farm for the purpose of holding annual fairs. This society, according to government records, only received state aid amounting to \$100 annually. The first fair was purported to be very successful and the grounds were well appointed with several structures.

The 1871 plat book of DeKalb County shows a well marked outline of the grounds located in the then rural portion of Section 22, DeKalb Township. It was near the site of the future "castle" – Altgeld Hall. According to the *Department of Agriculture of the State of Illinois* in 1871, *The DeKalb County Agriculture and Mechanical Society* held its 11th annual fair Tuesday, Sept. 26-Friday, Sept. 29. In that year they had 3,000 fair exhibit entries and paid out \$1,250 in prize money referred to as premiums.

The fair officers were: E. Noble, President; Thomas Smith, Vice President; D.C. Needham, Secretary; and James S. Russell, Treasurer. According to the *DeKalb Chronicle* Wednesday, Sept. 27, 1871, that year's events included Prof. DeOrville performing his famous daring rope walking feats, mule races and a Friday horse trot with top prize of \$200.

The 12th annual fair, according to an extensive article published a week later on Wednesday, Oct. 2, 1872, in the *DeKalb Chronicle*, listed in great detail most if not all the prize-winning fruits, vegetables and livestock of the local area. It also included many unusual entries such as best cook stove and windmill. There also were many other exhibits offered for the entertainment of visitors including farm machinery, a balloon ascension, imported geese from I.L. Ellwood and the music of the DeKalb Silver Cornet Band.

The 13th annual DeKalb fair in 1873 offered an exhibit of barbed fencing, which would spark a virtual flood of patent ideas. Unfortunately, this year is missing from the *DeKalb Chronicle* collection of the Haish Public Library (DeKalb Public). This exhibit showcased a patent recently secured by Henry Martin Rose, of Waterman Station, Illinois (now known as Waterman). Mr. Rose applied for his patent on Dec. 31, 1872, and was then granted Patent #138,763 on May 13, 1873.

Rose's patent was actually more of an attachment to a person's existing smooth wire fence than the more recognizable barbed wire. Rose's patent describes a strip of wood 1.0" x 1.0" square x 16.0' long sections with 2.0" wire barbs spaced 8.0" apart and on each side of the strip. This wood strip armed with sharp barbs was then to be secured either by nailing the wood strip to the fence posts or hung from a smooth wire fence.

As the story goes, Isaac Ellwood, Joseph Glidden and Jacob Haish all happened to take time to visit Rose's exhibit. Each of the three quickly began to independently ponder a better or more practical solution to fencing. It seems likely Rose did not realize immediately just how much of a far-reaching impact his fair exhibit would make.

[To be continued in the next issue of The Winner]

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Homestead garage/Welcome Center project continues



Work continues to repurpose the garage attached to the historic Glidden Homestead into a Welcome & Education Center.

A new cement floor was poured in March (pictured at left) as part of the project. Heating/air conditioning, plumbing and roofing work have been completed.

The repurposed garage will become the central entrance to the museum. It will house the Homestead office and Gift Shop, as well as meeting space that will be available to members and the public.

Unveiling of the new space is planned May 21-22, with a special “Members Only” event on May 21, and also at the May 22 Open House/Open Barn. Watch your mailbox for your special invitation—now is the perfect time to join the Homestead or renew your membership! Visit www.gliddenhomestead.org or call (815) 756-7904 for details.