

THE WINNER



"The Winner" - Patented Nov. 24, 1874 - #157,124

*Newsletter of the Joseph F. Glidden Homestead
& Historical Center – June-July 2013*



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New Glidden Homestead sign unveiled



Sign designer and builder Lucio Bortolin (on lift above) directs Glidden Homestead board members and volunteers as they place the beautiful, but heavy, sign on the museum's front lawn. It remained covered until its unveiling May 18. (see story page 2)



Many of the Glidden Homestead board members were on hand May 18 to celebrate the unveiling of the new sign. From left are: Richard Glidden, Steve "Kepp" Johnson, board president Svetlana Henrikson, Jim Morel, Lucio Bortolin [sign designer and builder] and Marcia Wilson, executive director of the museum. (See story on page 2)



Railroads played a key role in shaping the future of many Illinois communities, including DeKalb.

To commemorate Joseph F. Glidden's part in bringing the railroad through DeKalb in 1853, the Glidden Homestead & Historical Center, dedicated to preserving Glidden's legacy, will offer special programming June 9 and 23, July 14 and 28.

The programs are among others that will be held throughout the year to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Glidden's birth.

Railroad enthusiasts, Bill Cummings of DeKalb, and Rich DeMink of Downers Grove, are featured presenters during the Glidden Railroad Days programming.

The schedule of activities includes:

♦ A display of an early 1900's HO model steam train (both months).

♦ **June 9, July 14 and 28:** at 1 and 2:30 p.m., a 30-minute video "Song of the Pioneer" will be shown. It covers the founding of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad and its early development building westward from Chicago. The video was produced for the centennial of the CNW in 1948.

♦ **June 23:** at 1 p.m., Cummings will present "19th Century Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Development in DeKalb."

Starting with a Lionel O gauge model train when he was very young, Cummings has been a rail fan most of his life. His love of the Chicago and Northwestern stems from having been born in a CNW town (Neenah, WI) and having lived in three other CNW towns: Evanston, Mt. Prospect, and DeKalb. He is collector of CNW memorabilia and CNW HO model trains. He is a member of the Chicago and Northwestern Historical Society, the Illinois Railway Museum,

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Blacksmiths create new Glidden Homestead sign

A beautiful new sign designed and crafted by blacksmiths at the Joseph F. Glidden Homestead & Historical Center was unveiled May 18, at the museum located at 921 W. Lincoln Hwy., DeKalb.

The ornate hand-forged iron sign frame was designed by Lucio Bortolin, who is a working blacksmith and member of the Glidden Homestead's board of directors. For more than a year, Bortolin donated time and space in the workshop of his business, F2 Industries, Sycamore, where blacksmiths created the sign frame. 3D Designs of Sycamore produced the sign insert at or near wholesale, as another of the Homestead's sponsors. JJ Marshall Landscape Creations donated equipment and time to install the sign.

At the unveiling ceremony May 18, Svetlana Henrikson, board president, thanked everyone for their support of the Glidden Homestead and for making the new signage possible. A reception followed the unveiling. Attending were DeKalb Mayor John Rey, City Council members Dave Baker and Robert Snow, and Anita Zurbrugg, from the DeKalb County Community Foundation. A grant from DCCF helped make the new signage possible.

"This event has great historical significance for our community. The sign will not only improve the Homestead's visibility, drawing many more people to our museum to learn about barbed wire, but also will help us preserve this site for future generations as Joseph Glidden's legacy," she said.

"The frame for the sign was masterfully crafted by our local blacksmiths who showcased artisan skills that carry the great traditions of the craft dating back to Joseph Glidden's time. It was Glidden's good friend the blacksmith Phineas Vaughan, who helped him construct machinery to produce the barbed wire. Today, our local blacksmiths carry on that tradition and spent many long hours creating this beautiful sign. Their work displays tangible proof that this skill still exists," Henrikson said.

The new sign is located in the front yard at the Glidden Homestead, located between Copy Service and Burger King. Additional signage will be placed near the museum's historic brick barn (seen from the Burger King drive-through), as well as at the Homestead's driveway entrance.

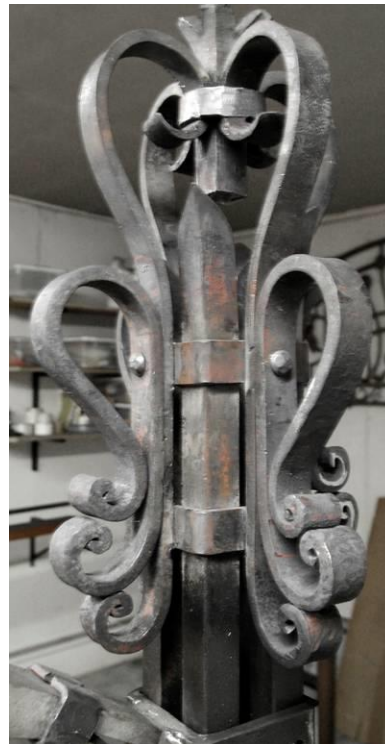
The Homestead is the site where Joseph Glidden invented and manufactured "The Winner" barbed wire, for which he received a patent on Nov. 24, 1874. The house and barn built in the 1860s still stand on their original site. Both are listed on the National Register of Historic Sites.

Everyone is encouraged to visit the Glidden Homestead this season to see the new sign and many new exhibits within the museum. The Homestead is open for tours on Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., also the second and fourth Sundays, noon-4 p.m., each month through October, with special events in November.

For more information, call (815) 756-7904 or visit www.gliddenhomestead.org.



Attending the Glidden Homestead sign unveiling May 18, from left, are: Anita Zurbrugg, DeKalb County Community Foundation; Dave Baker and Bob Snow, DeKalb City Council; Svetlana Henrikson, Glidden board President; and John Rey, DeKalb Mayor.



The details of the new sign are spectacular, as seen at left. The ornate hand-forged iron sign frame was designed by Lucio Bortolin, who is a working blacksmith and member of the Glidden Homestead's board of directors. For more than a year, Bortolin donated time and space in the workshop of his business, F2 Industries, Sycamore, where blacksmiths created the sign frame (middle photo above).



Antique Car Club visits

Nearly 40 members of the Silver Springs Chapter of the Illinois Region Antique Automobile Club of America visited the Glidden Homestead & Historical Center May 17.

Above, some of their prized antique autos are displayed on the Homestead's front lawn. Below, Glidden Homestead executive director, Marcia Wilson, gives them a brief historic overview prior to tours of the home and grounds, including the working blacksmith shop.



All-aboard for railroad programs at Homestead!

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and the Blackhawk Model Railroad Club in Oregon, IL.

DeMink was employed in the freight rail industry for 27 years and the passenger rail industry (Amtrak) for five years. His career was in the costing and budgeting area and he retired in 2001 from Amtrak. Since then, he has enjoyed volunteering in the NPS/Amtrak Trails to Rails Program where as a volunteer docent he rode Amtrak trains such as the Empire Builder in the summer months. He gave interpretive programs in the lounge car of that train. Currently, he is involved with the set up of another program on Amtrak's SouthWest Chief. DeMink's wife, Sarah Glidden DeMink, is the great-grand-niece of Joseph F. Glidden and a member of the museum's board of directors.

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Admission is \$4 for ages 14 and older; under age 14, free. Members are admitted free, with a variety of membership levels available. Memberships play a key role in the not-for-profit organization's preservation efforts.

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Homestead Calendar

During the regular season, Homestead is normally open the 2nd and 4th Sundays each month, with additional tour hours Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.



Sundays, June 9 and 23: noon- 4p.m., Tours and blacksmith demonstrations. Special railroad programming and displays honoring Joseph Glidden's part in bringing the railroad through DeKalb in 1853; as part of the season-long 200th birthday celebration of Joseph Glidden. On June 23, at 1 p.m., "19th Century Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Development in DeKalb." See story on page 1 for more details.

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Sundays, Aug. 11, Sept. 8 & 22, Oct. 13 & 27: noon- 4p.m., Tours and blacksmith demonstrations. Oct. 13 & 27 "True Grit" Community Big Read event TBA.

Sunday, Nov. 3: noon-4 p.m., Patent Day Celebration with tours and blacksmith demonstrations, as well as Barb Wire Sites Bus Tours at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Reservations required; cost TBA.

Sunday, Nov. 17: noon-4 p.m., Holiday Open House. Tours, blacksmith demonstrations, refreshments.

Divas Dish for Glidden Homestead April 20, 2013

“Celebrity” chefs shared their favorite recipes with about 300 attendees at the 5th annual fund-raising event for the Glidden Homestead, held at NIU’s Barsema Alumni & Visitors Center.

Delicious food, raffles and a silent auction all helped raise about \$10,000 for restoration efforts at the Glidden Homestead.

*Save the date:
Next year’s Divas Dish
is Saturday, April 26!*



Welcoming attendees to Divas Dish were Glidden Homestead board president, Svetlana Henrikson, and Kathy Siebrasse, past president and chair of the Divas Dish event.



NIU’s Barsema Alumni & Visitors Center was filled with enthusiastic participants for Divas Dish!



Amy Polzin converted many doubters with her Brussels Sprouts Casserole!



Lindsey Engelsman delighted this year with Aunt Joni’s Party Pasta Salad.



Patricia White brought an assortment of delicious treats.



Fran Osenberg’s Red Bean Jambalaya was a huge hit!



Lynne Morel received help from son, Alex, serving her delicious Vineyard Meatballs.



Jennifer Groce took a break from dishing up her "ooey-gooney mojo de ajo mac & cheese" to visit with State Rep. Bob Pritchard, who was helping his wife, Mary, serve her crowd-pleasing Mandarin orange cake.

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*Thank you to our chefs, sponsors and supporters
for the success of Divas Dish 2013!*

If you'd like to get involved in Divas Dish for Glidden Homestead 2014 (April 26),
call us at (815) 756-7904 or email: info@gliddenhomestead.org

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