

THE WINNER



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

*Newsletter of the Joseph F. Glidden Homestead
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Glidden sites only on barbed wire sites tour; barn open



Historian Steve Bigolin will describe sites along the Glidden Homestead's Barbed Wire Sites Bus Tours planned Sunday, Nov. 3. Reservations are being taken for the 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. tours.



Fairview Park Cemetery on South First Street is part of the Glidden Homestead's Barbed Wire Sites Bus Tours Sunday, Nov. 3. The Glidden Family Mausoleum is located at the cemetery. This year's tours will feature only sites of significance to Glidden.

Continuing the commemoration programming of 200 years since Joseph F. Glidden's birth, only sites significant in the life or story of Glidden will be featured on the annual Barbed Wire Historic Sites Bus Tours. The tours are part of the Glidden Homestead's Patent Day celebration Sunday, Nov. 3. Anyone interested is urged to sign up now, as seating is limited. Tours begin at 11 a.m., and also at 2 p.m., and last for approximately 2 hours.

In addition to the bus tours, the Glidden barn will be open Nov. 3, with historic preservationist Roger Keys on hand to talk about its construction and history. The working Blacksmith Shop will be open, with special displays and Homestead tours available noon-4 p.m.

Many sites around DeKalb played an important role in Joseph F. Glidden's invention and manufacture of "The Winner" barbed wire, for which he received a U.S. patent on Nov. 24, 1874. The Patent Day event Nov. 3, celebrates the 139th anniversary of the date Joseph F. Glidden received his patent for "The Winner."

Some sites on the bus tour include: Founders Memorial Library at NIU; the Ellwood House Visitors' Center to see Glidden memorabilia; the old DeKalb Public Hospital; a drive through the NIU campus and downtown DeKalb, as well as Fairview Park and Evergreen cemeteries.

The Barbed Wire Bus Tours depart the Glidden Homestead and will be led by local historian, Steve Bigolin, with additional insight from Glidden board member, Jeff Marshall.

Cost for the approximately two-hour tour of DeKalb's historically-significant barbed wire sites is \$15 (or \$12 for Glidden Homestead members), with limited seating on a TransVAC bus. Bus tour price includes access to the Homestead and barn between noon-4 p.m.

For reservations, call the Homestead at (815) 756-7904; or email info@gliddenhomestead.org. Be sure to indicate which tour time you prefer, and include your name, the number of people in your party and a phone number. Payment by check can be mailed in advance to 921 W. Lincoln Hwy., DeKalb. First-come, first-served, with paid reservations given priority. Credit card orders may be placed by phone.

For more information, visit www.gliddenhomestead.org.

Save the date for 2014 Divas Dish!

Our chefs are already warming up for the 2014 Divas Dish for Glidden Homestead – the important major fund-raising event for the museum. Each year, community members serve delicious samples of family recipes to about 300 appreciative attendees. New chefs are always welcome! Call (815) 756-7904. SAVE THE DATE for the 2014 event: Saturday, April 26, 5:30-8 p.m., at NIU Barsema Alumni & Visitor Center.

Order your holiday pies...

The Glidden Homestead is again joining Sycamore's Pay-It-Forward House in the annual sale of delicious Market Day holiday pies and desserts.

As in the past, this year's sale is timed to get these delicious pies and desserts into supporters' freezer just in time for your Thanksgiving and holiday gatherings.

This year, Glidden Homestead supporters have the option of picking up your pre-ordered pies from the Homestead, 921 W. Lincoln Hwy., DeKalb, on Friday, Nov. 22, from 5-6 p.m.; OR you may pick up your pies that day from 5-6 p.m., at Kindred Hospital, 225 Edward St., Sycamore.

Use the handy order form included as an insert to this newsletter for easy ordering!

Once you've ordered your pies, use this handy pick-up reminder for your refrigerator!

PIE PICK-UP REMINDER:

Pick up: Friday, Nov. 22, 5-6 p.m.

I chose: [] Sycamore: Kindred Hospital Cafeteria, 225 Edward St.

[] DeKalb: Glidden Homestead 921 W. Lincoln Hwy.

Thank you for supporting Glidden Homestead!



Homestead Happenings...



Antique press demonstration

Former weekly newspaper publisher Barry Schrader, proprietor of his private press which he named the Barb'd Wire Press, demonstrated use of his Official Golding No. 4 hand press Aug. 11. Schrader produced letterpress souvenir postcards for attendees. (Photo by Kathy Siebrasse)



Press moved for future use

Barry Schrader has donated a 1904 Chandler & Price handplaten letterpress to the Glidden Homestead for future exhibit at the museum. Board member Jeff J. Marshall donated equipment to move the heavy press from Schrader's home to Blackhawk Moving Co. in Sycamore, where it will be stored temporarily. (Photo by Barry Schrader)



Archives workshop

An Archives Workshop in September showcased the work done at Glidden Homestead, along with some of its treasures. It also gave participants practical advice about labeling and preserving their own family heirlooms. Participants learned how archives differ from a museum and how an archives collects, preserves and makes historical records available for research. At left, Cindy Ditzler, Glidden board member, talks to participants. Ditzler has a BA and MA in History from Western Illinois University. Ditzler joined the Glidden Homestead board of directors in 2012. For the past two seasons, she has lent expertise to the Exhibit Committee in helping redesign and re-interpret exhibitions. Other presenters at the workshop were Sally DeFauw and Maureen Kelley, volunteer archivists at the Homestead. (Photo by Marcia Wilson)

Homestead Happenings...



Railroad music featured

The audience tapped their feet and clapped along as “Mike and the 3Ds” performed July 28, in the Glidden Homestead’s back yard. Featuring Dave Kolars (guitar), Dale Ludewig (mandolin), Derek Gray (fiddle) and Mike Warfel (bass), the performance was part of Railroad Days at the Homestead.



Railroad Days at Glidden Homestead

Rich DeMink set up his model train July 28, and spoke to visitors about Joseph Glidden’s part in bringing the railroad through DeKalb. 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. Now 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. (Photos by Kathy Siebrasse)

Homestead Calendar

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

Oct. 13: Noon-4 p.m., “Blacksmithing for Kids” as part of The Big Read. **See below for more details.**

Oct. 27: Noon-4 p.m., “The Blacksmith Trade” as part of The Big Read. **See below for more details.**

Nov. 3: Patent Day Celebration, noon-4 p.m., with Barbed Wire Sites Bus Tours available (fee charged). [Story p. 1]

Nov. 17: Glidden Homestead’s Annual Holiday Open House, noon-4 p.m., 921 W. Lincoln Hwy., DeKalb, **with special programming to be announced.**

April 26, 2014: Divas Dish, 5:30-8 p.m., NIU Barsema Alumni & Visitor Center.



Blacksmithing featured

The Glidden Homestead will hold two Blacksmithing events as part of the annual Big Read celebration, with free admission Oct. 13 and 27, sponsored by DeKalb Public Library. DKPL is once again part of the nationwide program called The Big Read held in October. This year’s book is *True Grit*. Pictured above from left, are blacksmiths Jeff Hammes and Lucio Bortolin. On Oct. 13, noon-4 p.m., children can try their skill at blacksmithing, using clay and a wooden mallet on a wooden anvil. There will be games and activities: horseshoes, drop the clothespin in the bottle, mini-golf. At 1 p.m., Bortolin will give a 15-minute presentation entitled “What is a Blacksmith?” Oct. 27 will feature The Blacksmith Trade from noon-4 p.m., with a presentation from 1-1:45 p.m., by Bortolin entitled “The Blacksmith Trade Yesterday and Today.” On both dates, there will be demonstrations in the Phineas Vaughan Blacksmith Shop, as well as tours of the Homestead. Blacksmith Bortolin is serving his first term on the board, having joined in 2013. He is a charter member of the Glidden Homestead Blacksmith Club. A talented metalworker, he designed the Homestead’s scrolled, iron sign frame and lead the team that crafted it. Lucio is owner of f2 Industries, Inc. in Sycamore, a manufacturer of architectural and ornamental metal works as well as metal restorations. He has lived in the States since 1991 and in Sycamore since 2000 after having lived in Italy, Argentina, and Brazil. Besides his active participation in the Homestead’s Blacksmith Club, he is a member of the Sycamore Library Photo Club.

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Thank you for your support of the Glidden Homestead. **If your address label has an expiration date, you are a member in good standing – thank you!** Your membership is critical to the Homestead and helps preserve one of DeKalb's most important historical landmarks. Membership entitles you to free tours of the Homestead and the chance to participate in interesting, worthwhile activities there. **Thank you!**

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- _____ \$15 Student (ages 18-22)
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