

Music on the Porch draws crowds

"Cymbal" performs Aug. 17



Bring your lawn chairs, shade umbrella and picnic lunch to enjoy the women's quartet "Cymbal" on Sunday, Aug. 17, as part of the "Music on the Porch" series at the Joseph F. Glidden Homestead & Historical Center. The musical portion is 1:30-2:30 p.m. The Homestead will be open for tours from noon-1:30 and 2:30-4 p.m. "Cymbal" has been making music together since 2001. Members are Dr. Diane Johns, Rev. Linda Slabon, Dr. Toni Tollerud, and Dr. Lynn Fisher McCanne.

(Photos by Kathy Vance Siebrasse)



Little, Harris featured
Jeff Little (left), with special guest Zachary Harris (below), were the featured performers at the Glidden Homestead July 20. Little describes himself as a "self-employed entertainer." He has appeared in hundreds of productions on stage, in television and films.



Harris has performed this summer as featured vocalist with the DeKalb Municipal Band at a Concert in the Park at Hopkins Park. He also has performed at The House Cafe, Stage Coach Players, Just Make it Happen concerts, Kishwaukee College Theatre, and with the Shanigans.

J.A. Switzer's photographs



The view from NIU's first building, Altgeld Hall, looking east.



The Glidden sisters—Cora, Bertha and Annie.

Jean and Tim Cochrane from Grand Marais, MN, have shared treasured copies of historic photographs taken by Jean's grandfather, John Albert Switzer, whose first wife was Cora Glidden, sister of Annie and Bertha Glidden. They lived in DeKalb in the late 1890s-1903, until Cora died in childbirth with their second son, Glidden Switzer. Jean's grandfather was a somewhat prolific amateur photographer and Jean has donated prints and a disk of photographs related to DeKalb and the Glidden Homestead and family.

Watch future issues of "The Winner" for more photographs from the collection.



Cora Glidden and infant son, Donald.

SPOTLIGHT on the Glidden Gift Shop



Candles with barbed wire accent \$15 includes tax

Rattan candle holders are topped by a 3-inch candle decorated with Glidden's barbed wire "The Winner."

For more details about this and other Glidden Gift Shop items, see www.gliddenhomestead.org or visit the Gift Shop at the Homestead!



When the flags are flying out front, it's a sure sign the Homestead is open for an event or tours!

Homestead Calendar

Aug. 17: Glidden Homestead open for tours, noon-4 p.m., with "Music on the Porch" at 1:30 p.m.

Sept. 7: Glidden Homestead open for tours, noon-4 p.m.

Sept. 21: Glidden Homestead open for tours, noon-4 p.m., with last "Music on the Porch" for season at 1:30 p.m.

Oct. 5: Glidden Homestead open for tours, noon-4 p.m.

Oct. 19: Glidden Homestead open for tours, noon-4 p.m.

Nov. 13: Annual Patent Day Dinner
Dec. 7: Annual Holiday Open House & Antique Toy & Doll Show.

****NEEDED: Musicians interested in playing for Sunday events in 2009. Please call Gayle, (815) 899-3237.**

National Events

Aug. 15-16: Hawkeye Barbed Wire Collectors Assoc., Red Oak, IA

Sept. 19-20: Colorado Wire Collectors Assoc., Walsenburg, CO

Oct. 2-4: The Symposium, LaCrosse, KS
[For more information, visit www.antiquebarbedwiresociety.com]

Save the date for Patent Day Dinner

Each fall, members of the Joseph F. Glidden Homestead & Historical Center celebrate "The Winner." That's the name given to the barbed wire for which Glidden received a patent Nov. 24, 1874.

Glidden's invention is celebrated with a special Patent Day Dinner that is the organization's primary fund-raiser. This year's event is Thursday, Nov. 13, at Hopkins Park Community Center. Social time begins at 5:30 p.m., with dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Displays, entertainment and an annual report about the Homestead are all part of the evening's festivities.

Tickets for the Patent Day Dinner are \$50, and include a delicious dinner. Supporters also have the chance to win \$500 in a special raffle. Tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10, and you do not need to be present to win. All board members will be selling tickets and they will be included with invitations.

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

Homestead receives state Tourism grant

The Glidden Homestead received recent word that its \$16,000 grant application to the Illinois Department of Tourism was successful.

"This grant will go a long way toward helping us create a working Blacksmith Shop in the former Mill House behind the Glidden house," said Jim Morel, board past president and project coordinator. "We appreciate the grant very much."

Work on the Mill House has been underway all summer.



DeKalb firm donates to Homestead

DeKalb's Tegrant-Alloyd Brands Corporation recently donated \$500 to support the capital campaign and restoration efforts at the Joseph F. Glidden Homestead and Historical Center.

Board president, Kathy Vance Siebrasse, accepted the donation from Tegrant vice president-HR, Phil Amberg. She thanked the company for its support of this important historical site, where Glidden invented the most commonly used type of barbed wire called "The Winner," patented Nov. 24, 1874.

The Homestead is in the midst of a fund-raising campaign to help it purchase an adjacent property and develop the site as an education/innovation center and living history museum.