



Steve Bigolin tells tour participants about the Glidden ancestors buried in Evergreen Cemetery, South Seventh Street in DeKalb.



Attendees on the Barbed Wire Tour visited the Glidden Mausoleum at Fairview Park Cemetery, South First Street in DeKalb.

Barbed Wire Bus Tour informs, educates

The Barbed Wire Bus Tour Nov. 7, as part of the Patent Day celebration at the Joseph F. Glidden Homestead and Historical Center attracted 22 participants. Patent Day 2010 celebrated the 136th anniversary of the date Glidden received his patent for “The Winner” barbed wire—Nov. 24, 1874. The Barbed Wire Bus Tour was led by local historian, Steve Bigolin, with additional insight from Glidden board member, Jeff Marshall. The Homestead plans to continue to offer the tours each year, varying the sites visited to keep the tour interesting and unique.



A fountain with barbed wire etchings that once graced the grounds of Jacob Haish’s mansion now sits in the backyard of the original Isaac Ellwood House on North Third Street.



Participants watch intently as Glidden board member Jeff Marshall demonstrates how a wire stretcher works as part of a special exhibit at the Barbed Wire Sites Bus Tour.



The Jacob Haish Memorial at Fairview Park Cemetery.



NIU TV reporter Ashley Michels interviews Steve Bigolin.