

Puppets tell barbed wire story; antique toys & dolls displayed



Puppeteers from Sycamore's Salem Lutheran Church entertained at the Glidden Homestead on Nov. 21.

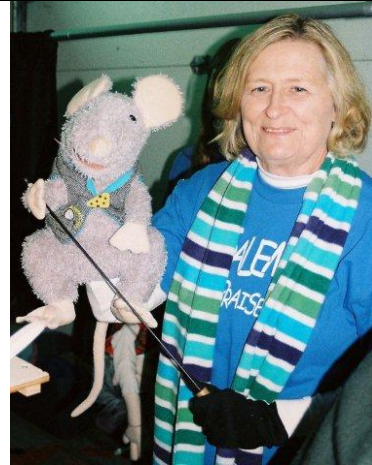


The story of Joseph Glidden's invention of "The Winner" barbed wire was told through a skit written by Carla Vanatta, director of the Puppet Praise Team.

Through the magic of puppets, the story of Joseph Glidden's invention of "The Winner" barbed wire was told at DeKalb's Glidden Homestead and Historical Center Nov. 21. The talented Salem Puppet Praise Team performed as part of the Homestead's annual Antique Toy and Doll Show. Puppet Praise is a team of 15 youth and adults from Salem Lutheran Church of Sycamore who prepare skits and songs of faith for people of all ages. Rod-arm puppets are manipulated from behind a curtained stage to illustrate a message with varied puppet personalities. The puppeteers employ both lip-sync and live microphone techniques in their presentations and shared their original skit along with pre-recorded songs.



The audience got a rare glimpse behind the curtain at the end of the show Nov. 21, at the Glidden Homestead.



Albert P. Worthington was the puppet narrating the Glidden skit, operated by Kathy Cain, a Salem Puppet Praise Team member.



A Toy/Doll Show was part of the day's activities. At left, antique dolls from Miriam Meyer's collection. At right, "Sweetheart" owned by Susan Johnson.



At left, toys from Miriam Meyer's collection; at right, former Glidden board member, Gayle Wuori, with her antique baby dolls.