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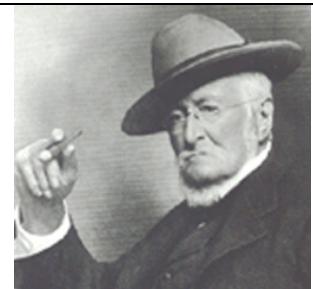
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Students pay enthusiastic visit to Homestead

Second graders from Wright Elementary School visited the Glidden Homestead Tuesday, May 20, as part of a local history field trip.

Teachers and parents accompanied the 46 students as they toured the house and grounds, led by Sarah Glidden DeMink, Jim Morel and Kathy Vance Siebrasse. Teacher, Danielle Bell, arranged the tour. Wright Elementary is located in Malta, and is part of the DeKalb School District. It is a partnership school with Northern Illinois University.

Students in the group acted as newspaper reporters as they listened to stories about life in the mid-1800s. They learned how Joseph Glidden invented The Winner barbed wire with the aid of his blacksmith friend, Phineas Vaughan, by adapting a coffee mill into a barb-making machine.

The students were especially interested in the creative process and problem solving involved in Joseph's invention. They said they thought the barbed wire fence was a pretty "neat" way of keeping Brindle the cow out of the Glidden's flower garden.

The students were impressed with the size of the historic Glidden barn and were excited to learn the Mill



Students enjoy the displays in the Homestead's exhibition hall.



Students experiment with solving the problem of keeping Brindle the cow from invading the flower garden. An example of a coffee mill sits nearby. (Photos by Kathy Vance Siebrasse)



Jim Morel reviews the tour.



Anthony Alfano

Pianist entertains on Father's Day at Glidden Homestead

Anthony Alfano will be the featured performer on Father's Day Sunday, June 15, as part of the Homestead's "Music on the Porch" series. Bring your fathers and grandfathers to enjoy a relaxing day at one of DeKalb's most historically significant sites.

An accomplished pianist, he will perform classical, jazz, blues and ragtime music. Area residents may be familiar with Alfano, as he currently plays at the Newman Catholic Center in DeKalb, and also accompanies at NIU Music Department recitals. He is completing his graduate studies in biology at NIU, with plans to attend medical school.

Alfano will perform from about 1:30-2:15 p.m., although the Homestead is open for tours that day from noon-4 p.m. Bring your lunch and a blanket to enjoy the performance (it will be inside if inclement weather). Suggested admission is \$2 for adults, and \$1 for children.

Open House, Open Barn draws large crowd



Janet Glidden leads a tour of about 25 people through the Glidden Homestead at the May 18 Open House, Open Barn event. More than 100 people visited the Homestead that day. Here, Glidden explains how the East Parlor of the home was used as a sitting room for Joseph, just outside of his bedroom.



Above, "Mike and Friends" performed the first Music on the Porch for the season as part of the Open House event. The local group entertained with Celtic music.

At right, historic preservationist Roger Keys demonstrates the post and beam method used in the barn.



Volunteers help at Glidden Homestead work days this spring



Kishwaukee Kiwanis members help with restoration work on the Mill House, the future working Blacksmith Shop.



Jim Morel speaks to NIU students prior to their work as part of NIU Cares Day on April 19.



Years of debris is cleared out of the barn.



Students clean out the gutters.

Cochrane donate old Glidden family photographs



Jean and Tim Cochrane review photos with Richard Glidden.



Glidden / Switzer family outing



Cora Glidden Switzer and John Albert Switzer



Annie Glidden

Key Club helps Glidden membership drive



Members of the DeKalb High School Key Club worked for several nights this Spring conducting a membership drive for the Glidden Homestead.

The community service project resulted in new and renewed memberships for the Homestead. A portion of the proceeds was donated back to the Key Club for their hard work and dedication. A local business donated workspace and phones for the membership drive.

The membership drive was coordinated by Jennie Marshall Cummings, Glidden Homestead membership chair, who met with Key Club volunteers several times providing guidance and training, with assistance from Jim Morel, past president.

The Glidden Homestead currently has about 200 members. More supporters are always welcome to help continue restoration efforts for this historic site and museum; see the back page for a membership form.

SPOTLIGHT on the Glidden Gift Shop



Blacksmith items
Handmade knives, dinner
bells, boot scrapers, plant
hooks and much more!

For details about this and other
Glidden Gift Shop items, see:
www.gliddenhomestead.org

Homestead Events

June 15: Glidden Homestead open for tours, noon-4 p.m., with "Music on the Porch" at 1:30 p.m.

July 6: Glidden Homestead open for tours, noon-4 p.m. Special children's activities for Passport to Adventure.

July 20: Glidden Homestead open for tours, noon-4 p.m., with "Music on the Porch" at 1:30 p.m.

Aug. 3: Glidden Homestead open for tours, noon-4 p.m. Special children's activities for Passport to Adventure.

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 2008.
Please call Gayle, (815) 899-3237.

National Events

June 13-14: Northern Rocky Mountain Barbed Wire Collectors, Inc., Buffalo, WY

July 19-20: Nebraska Barbed Wire Collectors Assoc., Waverly, NE

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]