



Preston Historical Society

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Sheila Craig, President

Salute to Marc Sather! He has served as Treasurer of the Preston Historical Society for 20 years, since the inception and also was an original charter member. He has worked tirelessly not only with all the Treasurer's duties but also serving as chief grant writer for the organization. Marc has chosen to step down from his position as treasurer. The finance committee is working to fill this position.

On tap for this fall is the 3rd annual Tractor Ride on September 19 & 20 and the 2nd annual opening of the caboose during the Taste of the Trail also on September 19. Note there are many opportunities to volunteer during this weekend as well as throughout the year. If you would email us your availability to help with any of these needs it would be greatly appreciated.

Our thanks go out to Andy & Anita Bisek for the donated storage space they have given to PHS for at least the past 5 years. They need the space for another venture and PHS is now looking for new storage space and perhaps a place to display some of our artifacts. We hope something will be available soon.

Special thanks to Kari Odenbrett for a teacher's desk chair that she has given for the O'Hara school.

See articles in this issue about the successful raffle and fair week opening of the O'Hara School.

O'HARA SCHOOL AND THE 2015 COUNTY FAIR

Norma Vogt

The O'Hara School was open for the Fillmore County Fair with the original wood floor getting a facelift. Tienter Construction, Preston stripped and linseed oiled the floor to preserve the old look. Thanks to the O'Hara alumni for providing funds to get this big job done.



Linda Wolfe serving as the school teacher and her grandchildren as the students.

The school bell was ringing a lot during the fair. By giving a donation of \$1.00 to the school fund you could pull the rope to ring the bell.

Having the school open every day takes a lot of volunteers a big thank you to Dick Petsch, Mike Schmidt, Ann Ott, Father Francis Galles, Joyce Hellickson, Nancy Gartner, Norma Vogt, Bob & Elaine Maust, Muriel Hanson, Carole Bond, Sam Halverson, Donna Dreier, Jeanette Schmidt and Sheila Craig all enjoyed the record number visiting the school and quite a few from foreign countries.

TRACTOR RIDE

Saturday September 19 & Sunday September 20

Following are some of the times where we need help during the Tractor Ride weekend. Also listed are the food donation items that are needed. At this point we have approximately 55 participants. Please respond via e-mail to Sheila at smeercraig@gmail.com which needs you could fill. THANKS

Saturday morning – September 19.

- Take beverage items from Preston to the Cherry Grove United Methodist Church for the morning break: 2 people needed

Saturday noon – September 19

- Food needed: 7 cakes (bring to O'Hara School by 9:00 a.m.)
- 2 workers needed to assist with lunch at the Lime Springs Community Center

Saturday afternoon – September 19

- Take food and beverages to Florenceville Park: 2 people needed
- Food needed: 5 pans of bars cut into 2" squares

Sunday morning breakfast at Fair Grounds, Preston– September 20

- 4 food servers needed
- 2 workers needed for clean-up

Sunday morning – September 20

- 2 workers needed to take beverages and bananas for break at Sylvan Park, Lanesboro

Sunday afternoon – September 20

- 2 workers needed to take food and beverage items from Preston to ball diamond in Fountain
- Food needed: 10 dozen cookies

2015 TRACTOR RIDE

Elaine Maust

September is here and the 19th and 20th are the big days for our tractor ride. We have many out-of-state and local drivers registered and are looking forward to more to join in this month. On Saturday we will serve them lunch in Lime Springs and dinner at the Fair Grounds, Preston. On Sunday breakfast will be at the Fair Grounds with lunch in Pilot Mound. We hope for nice fall weather.

There will be many opportunities for all members to help with the many aspects of the Tractor Ride.



VOLUNTEER THANK YOU

Jeanette Schmidt

A big thank you to our members who have done so much to help with the efforts of the Preston Historical Society. You have helped to keep Preston's history alive.

Also a big thank you to those who have joined recently. The time you have spent on the PHS's projects has been great. You have worked on many projects to promote and preserve the "History for Preston".

Thank you again!

RAFFLE WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Sheila Craig

The Preston Historical Society conducted the drawing for the winners of the recent raffle fundraiser at the August meeting. Proceeds from the raffle will be used for Historical Society projects.

The Society would again like to thank F & M Community Bank for providing matching funds of \$1000 (a dollar for each ticket sold). Preston businesses and individuals, listed below were also gracious to provide the many prizes.

- 3-night downtown St. Paul lodging in Historical House Apartment - John & Helen Buche (\$375 value) Bill Collett, Chatfield.
- Handmade Pieced Quilt – Quip & Sew Quilters (\$300 value) Jill Fishbaugher, Harmony
- 1-Night Lodging at the Jailhouse Historic Inn – Innkeepers Jeanne & Marc Sather (\$160 value) Brandon Berg, Stewartville
- 2 Commonweal Theater Tickets - KFIL (\$70 value) Sandy Marzolf, Preston
- 2 Gift Certificates - Preston Motor Mart, Rich Irish (value \$50 each) Darrel Ray, Preston and Deb Jordan, Oregon WI
- Holiday Table Runner – Ann Sparks (\$50 value) Janice Flood, Preston
- Gift Certificate – Branding Iron (\$50 value) Jenna Blumer, Fountain
- Gift Certificate – NAPA & Root River Hardware (\$50 value) Sarah Monroe, Decorah, IA
- Gift Certificate – Sweet Stop & Sandwich Shoppe (\$50 value) Anna Marie Roche, Preston
- Box Titleist Golf Balls - Greg & Bonnie Davids (\$45 value) Gary Feine, Preston

- Grapevine Wreath – Greg Dornink (\$35 value) Carol Boyle, Plainview
- Afghan - Ila Olstad (\$35 value) Adrienne Britson, Rushford
- Garden Hod – John Carlin (\$30 value) Carol Throckmorton, Wykoff
- 2 Boxes of Nike Golf Balls – Greg & Bonnie Davides (\$25 value) Vonnie Aug, Preston; Vonnie Haugstad, Preston
- Cash – Flora Grabau (\$25 value) Don Hegland, Rushford
- Pork Gift Certificate good at Harmony, Preston or Rushford Foods– Gulbranson Farms (\$25 value), Jeanette Schmidt, Preston
- Nike Golf Cap – Greg & Bonnie Davids (\$25 value) Bruce Dornink, Preston
- Gift Certificate –The Club, Preston (\$25 value) Neil Bremseth, Preston

RECOGNIZING LIFETIME BUSINESS MEMBERS

Sather-Barre Design
Root River Appliances & Floor Coverings
Thauwald Funeral Home
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American Family Insurance
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Root River Vet Clinic
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James & Kay Maust
Roger Burgess
Joel & Barb Mielke
Joe & Carol Gosi
Don & Dorrie Besse

BIRD HOUSES

Sheila Craig

Bird Houses continue to be a popular item. We have currently sold over 125! If you would like to purchase one for yourself or a gift, please contact Sheila at 507.273.1481

DONATION RECEIVED

A \$300 plaque donation has been received from Jerry & Nancy Gartner. THANKS

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