

*Breckenridge-Wheeler Area Historical Society
December 2016 Newsletter*

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all. We were unable to get a newsletter out in September, but that doesn't mean that we had no news to send out. It just means that we have been busy.

I am happy to report that the Plank Road Museum and the Drake Memorial House are all buttoned up and ready for the winter. The furnace filters have been replaced, the gutters have been cleaned out, and the pond in winterized. Thanks to our Maintenance Committee (Joel Colbry, Frank Gotts, and Dave Briggs) for taking care of these items.

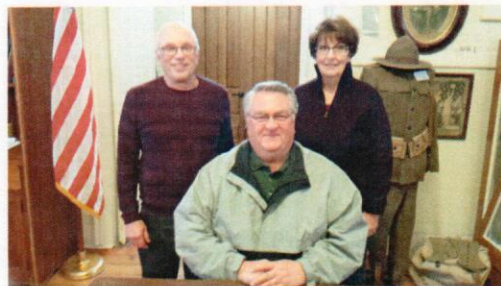
We just finished showing the Drake House for Christmas in the Village on Dec. 5. Between 50 and 75 people came through and toured the downstairs area as part of the Chamber's special night. Thanks to Linda Chapin, Karen Giles, Carrie Schaub, Sandy Humm, and Gail Cole for being in charge of the evening's proceedings and playing the player piano for the visitors.

During the winter months, we will be doing some accessioning and sending out letters to potential corporate sponsors and tours groups. We were very successful in getting corporate sponsors this year and we are hoping to expand our number of historical society supporters this year. Last year, our sponsors donated over \$6,000 to our budget. Again, we would like to thank those sponsors:

Breckenridge Insurance Agency, Wheeler Township, Isabella Bank, DTE Energy Foundation, the Plank Road Arbor of the Gleaners, Boland Tire, Lux Funeral Homes, Integrity Fabrication, and Drs. Seals and Tacia.

The Society held the general membership meeting in September this year. Elected to two year terms were President, Dave Briggs, Vice President, Dale Clingenpeel, Secretary Karen Giles and Treasurer, Glenda Bloomquist. Elected for three year terms as Trustees were Joel Colbry, Linda Chapin, James Gillis, and Frank Gotts.

BWAHS Officers: Dave Briggs, Karen Giles, Dale Clingenpeel



Thank you Nancy Letts

The Society would like to thank Nancy Letts for donating the time and material to make a new cushion for the Dr. Drake chaise that was used in the screen house. The old one had seen its better days and could no longer be used for display and Nancy was kind enough to volunteer to make one for the BWAHS.

BWAHS Budget

The Breckenridge-Wheeler Area Historical Society approved a budget of \$11,135 for the year 2017. For the first time in many years, we have been able to identify the areas where we will get the required income that are very realistic.

One of the areas that will be new this year are a couple of fundraisers that Linda Chapin has been able to secure for our Society. The first one is the Fourth of July Car Show. We have committed ourselves to furnishing the workers needed to run the annual car show. The other one is providing the food concessions at the Antique Folk Art Show. We did our first one in November and made over \$750 in profits. We also received over \$100 in donations to help with the purchase of food from our members which made the total income around \$850. We will be continuing this fund raiser in March with the next Antique Folk Art Show. If there are any of you that would like to help in March or at the 4th of July, please contact us.

The other area that has resulted in income has been the corporate sponsors that we have been fortunate to receive. We hope that these will continue to grow during the next year.

We have also been contacted about being a destination point for a senior tour. There is one scheduled in June and we are sending out letters in January to other potential groups.

The fourth area of income is the membership dues that our members pay. Speaking of that, the form for your 2017 memberships is attached to this newsletter. If you are a life time member, you do not need to send in yearly dues, but any additional donation would be appreciated.

Have a great Holiday Season and we hope to see you in 2017. Remember, we are always looking for volunteers to help with the various jobs needed to run a Historical Society. If you would like to help, just let us know!

David Briggs

The Breckenridge-Wheeler Area Historical Society, Inc.

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2017

Membership Form

Please accept my application for membership for the coming January-December year.

NAME _____

Phone Number _____ Cell _____

Street Address _____ P O Box _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

E-mail Address: _____

To receive the "Plank Road Dispatch" society newsletter and notices of special events

Type of membership desired: (Please check one)

_____ * Individual Membership \$20.00

_____ Family Membership \$30.00

_____ Lifetime Membership \$200.00

_____ Student membership \$10.00

Also, please accept my additional donation for society operating expenses

in the amount of \$ _____.

- *The membership fee entitles the member to one vote at the Annual Membership meeting.
- A family membership only has one vote at the Annual Membership Meeting, but all listed family members appear on the membership roster.

I am also interested in serving as a volunteer. _____ Yes _____ No

Please make your check out to **BWAHS, Inc.** and indicate membership or donation.

Please return the membership form with payment to:

BWAHS, Inc.

Attention: Membership

P O Box 52 - 404 E. Saginaw St.

Breckenridge Michigan, 48615

Thank you for your donation and membership for the perpetuation of the history of our area.