Mackinaw Area Historical Society eNewsletter
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From all of us at the Mackinaw Area Historical Society, we wish you a **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year**. We sent that message out loud and clear on December 5 when we opened Heritage Village for children's crafts, hayrides, singing of Christmas carols, Victorian decorations and Santa at McGulpin Point Lighthouse to celebrate "Christmas in Mackinaw".

Over 200 people joined us in spreading the holiday cheer. The festivities and good cheer expressed by our visitors built such a sense of community!

This was the last event of the year at Heritage Village and for the Historical Society. This is the time of year MAHS steps back and looks at all the varied programs we offered—Cabin Fever, the Plowing of the Fields, the Historic Festival, Fright Night, Christmas in Mackinaw, school visits, the Ghost Supper, our lecture series, our volunteer thank you reception and of course, our docent help over the summer. BUT, we could not have offered these without all the wonderful volunteers with which we have been blessed. We send a huge THANK YOU to all who have helped MAHS and Heritage Village evolve into where we are today. We look forward to working with you next year as well.

While we do not have events planned for the winter at the Village, it is still open to the public. Come out and snowshoe or cross country ski. Or, if we do not have snow, go for a walk or stroll. Just enjoy the peace and quiet.

During your holiday giving, remember MAHS and support us to be able to continue and grow in the future. Remember, memberships and donations sustain us! Thank you in advance for your support. It is only through the generous donations and volunteer hours that we are able to do all the things we do.

So we, at MAHS, say THANK YOU for being a supporter of our mission and we look forward to seeing and working with you next year. May the magic of the season be with you. MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Sincerely,

Susie Safford
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