

Breckenridge/Wheeler Area Historical Society Newsletter

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Even though we are in the middle of winter, things continue to be accomplished at the BWAHS. Here is a short summary of the happenings at your historical society.

Accessioning – *We are continuing to work on items that have been donated to the museum. Each item in the museum needs to be cataloged and numbered and given a location. We are attempting to accession each donation as it arrives to avoid adding to the backlog in the basement. We are making progress, but the progress is slow.*

Joel Colbry – *One of our Board of Trustees members is being honored as the Breckenridge Distinguished Citizen of 2019. Joel Colbry, who has been a Trustee for a very long time, is receiving that honor at a ceremony sponsored by the Gratiot Area Chamber of Commerce on January 24, at the Doig Chapel at Masonic Pathways. Congratulations, Joel!*

New Security System – *A new security system was installed at the Plank Road Museum by Mid-Michigan Security Systems. Our old system that was installed by Jim Gillis and served us well for many years, was not functioning well, so the new system, which was purchased with funds from the Jim Briggs Memorial fund, was installed.*

Piano Repair – *The player piano at the Drake House was in need of further repair. David Snyder from Charlotte has volunteered to do the necessary work at no expense to us. David and his wife Patricia, toured our museum with a group last year and graciously volunteered to help restore the piano to good working order.*

GCCF Fund – *We are hoping that donations will come in this year that will put our Breckenridge/Wheeler Area Historical Society Fund held at the Gratiot County Community Foundation into a “fully funded” status. We opened that fund with a \$5,000 deposit last year and received \$3,100 in donations by year’s end. That leaves a \$1,900 amount that needs to be added to make the fund fully funded and available to use as an income stream to help fund the Society budget. We are receiving interest on the fund, but cannot draw any of that until we reach the \$10,000 minimum. If you would like to help contribute to the fund, send your donation to the BWAHS at Box 52, in Breckenridge and we will see that it gets to the GCCF.*

Membership – *Attached to this newsletter is the 2019 membership form. Please take time to renew your membership and possibly make that donation to the GCCF fund at the same time. We as a Society are doing well with corporate sponsorships and fund raisers, but memberships are another important income source to our Society. Please renew yours today, or if you are a lifetime member, consider making a donation to help keep our organization solvent. Thank you for your past support and please continue to support the Society.*

David Briggs, President BWAHS