

Celebrating 25 Years of Service to our Community
Breckenridge-Wheeler Area Historical Society
August Newsletter



The 4th of July Car Show fundraiser was a great success. The weather was great, we had a good crowd and the event raised about \$1600 for the Society. The lady with the 1963 Corvette was 90 years old and was the original owner. Thanks to Linda Chapin for working hard to get enough sponsors to cover the cost of the trophies and t-shirts, so that all the money raised on that day was profit. Thanks also go out to Angie Curtis, Glenda Bloomquist, Scott Katt, Dave Curtis, Sue Collins, and Dave Briggs for working at the show.

Come and Join Us on Aug. 11th

The BWAHS will be celebrating our 25 year anniversary on Sunday, Aug. 11, from 2 until 5 at the Plank Road Museum and the Drake Memorial House. Music from Ray Brown and the Broken Glass String Band will be featured along with free ice cream and tours of our buildings. This event is taking place after the All School Reunion at Anschutz Café. Come and enjoy!

Breckenridge Wheeler Area Historical Society Fund

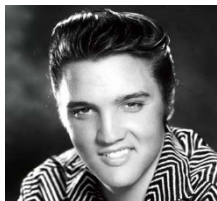
Last year, we started a fund at the Gratiot County Community Foundation to benefit the Society. Gene Wigglesworth sent out a \$500 challenge to Society members stating that he would match donations up to \$500 and on the same day that we received the challenge, we received a \$500 check from Nancy Shankel. Thank you to both of these members! We still need about \$1,200 to reach our goal of \$10,000 which will make this a fully funded account at the Foundation. It would be great if we could reach this goal on our 25th anniversary. If you would like to join Gene and Nancy in contributing, send your donations to BWAHS, Box 52, Breckenridge, MI 48615.

Visitors

The Summer School S.T.E.A.M. program visited the museum on July 24th. The students got a chance to learn about simple machines used in pioneer times and did some hands-on activities which they all seemed to enjoy. On July 29, an employee from the CMU IT department spent about 1 and a half hours at the museum. The interesting part of this story is that he came here from France. So now our Society has had another international visitor. First the German students from the high school and now a Frenchman, and we had a former Japanese exchange student visit two years ago. Therefore, we have become an international destination!

Elvis

Elvis is coming, again!!!!!!! On September 21, Elvis impersonator, Jake Slater will be presenting a show at the High School Cafeteria. We will be hosting "Elvis" and serving a dinner that night as a fund raiser. The menu features a stuffed chicken breast this year. Tickets are \$20/ person and can be purchased from Dave Briggs or Linda Chapin. We hope that this will be great fund raiser for us, so purchase your tickets before the show is sold out. To reserve tickets, call 842-3023 or 842-3843.



Upcoming BWAHS Schedule:

August 11 – 2-5 PM – 25th Anniversary Celebration
Music schedule – Broken Glass String Band 2:15 – 3:15
Ray Brown and Friends 3:30 – 4:30

September 21 – 5:30 - 9 PM - Elvis Presley Dinner Show
Featuring Jake Slater as Elvis
Dinner at 5:30 Show starts at 7:00
Tickets are \$20/person
Call Linda 989 842 3023 or Dave 989 842 3843 for tickets

September 25 – 10 AM – General Membership Meeting at the Plank Road Museum.

All BWAHS members are invited.
Election of officers and board members

(We still have some of the car show t-shirts available. They are on sale for the reduced price of \$12. Contact Linda Chapin if you would like one)

Sincerely,
David Briggs
BWAHS, President

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