

2024 Annual Meeting & Program Saturday April 13

The Annual Meeting and Program will be Saturday April 13 at the Meeting House, 403 Old Hwy 26, in Hennepin at 7:00 pm. There will not be a dinner again this year. Following a short meeting to elect four directors to the Society Board, Mark Dvorak will perform.

Mark is celebrated as a folk singer, teacher, and composer. His concerts are a mix of the familiar and the new, traditional folk and standards from the American song book. He plays authentic country blues guitar and picks great old-time banjo.



Mark your calendars and plan to attend. Everyone is welcome to this free program. The Meeting House is handicapped accessible and there are displays in the display area for your enjoyment.

Pulsifer House Reopens For the Year

Pulsifer House reopened for the year on Friday March 15 when the normal hours of Wednesdays and Fridays between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm resumed. We regret that Pulsifer House is not handicapped accessible.

Ag Museum Open First Saturday of Month

The Agricultural Museum will be open the first Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. again this year. The ground floor of the Ag Museum is handicapped accessible but not the upper level balcony.

In Memoriam

We mourn the loss of the following Putnam County Historical Society members and friends. Over the years they and their families have supported the Society's goals and programs. All will be sadly missed.

RuthAnn Brizgis

Joseph Ellena

Patricia Balestri Fivek (Life)

Harold Maulfair Jr

Paul Miskowiec

Jeanne Naumann (Life)

Robert Newhalfen

Gloria Jean Shafer

Darlene Siegman

Mary 'Becky' Siegman

David Thompson

Albert 'Ab' Urnikis

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Memorials & Tributes

The following Memorials honor the lives of members and friends of the Society:

Darrell & Jeanne Alleman – Debra & Dennis Kimme.

Florance Paxson Welcome Nordstrom – Janice Fenske.

Noelle Sauter – Richard & Candice Haar.

Gloria Jean Shafer – Terry & Barbara Judd.

Recent Donations

We thank the following donors for recent gifts and loans to the Historical Society:

Alice Bohlen – A number of corn memorabilia (to be itemized in a later newsletter).

Lisa Boughton – Six pairs of ladies gloves.

Pam Boussein – 1967 GMC tow truck used by Mike Boussein at his service station (on display at the Ag Museum).

Lindsay Cattani – Small rocking chair with needlepoint seat owned by Olive Studevyn.

Darlene Cofoid – An assortment of ladies accessories (on display at the Meeting House).



Betty Dean – Several dolls and a variety of doll clothes (on display at the Meeting House).

Joe Krakovsky – Two medicine bottles (Lydia Pinkham & Quality Purity), a horse tree, and a wood bracket for a horse collar.

Kevin Kunkel – A china set given to Adam & Josephine Kunkel for their wedding in 1914 (on display at the Meeting House).

Fred Lippincott – Sign for Lippincott Spotted Poland China hogs (on display at the Ag Museum).



Magnolia Grange – Grange banner and four display cases.

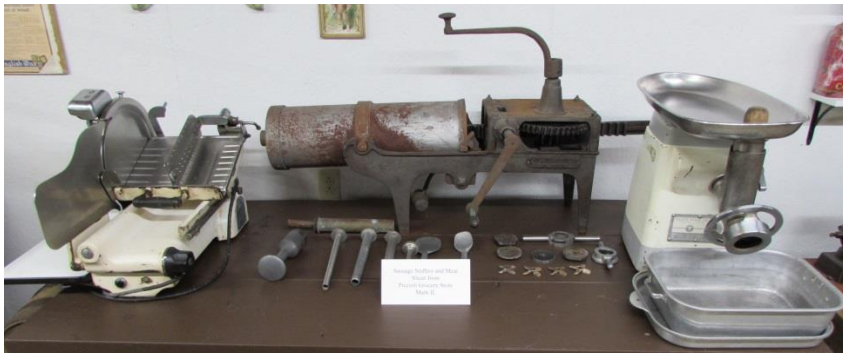
Larry Magnuson – American Bee Journal (Feb 1934 tribute to A.L. Kildow on retirement, Feb 1943 obituary Mrs. A.L. Kildow, July 1946 obituary A.L. Kildow), IL State Beekeepers' Assoc. Annual Reports



1930 & 1931, and A.L. Kildow's badge as Chief State Inspector of Apiaries (on display in the Ag Museum).
Jack & Karen Ossola - Door handle from the rear door of the courthouse when it was replaced by Buster Simpson.



Piccioli Family – Desk and sign from the Mark Post Office; display shelves, meat slicer and two sausage stuffers from the Piccioli Store in Mark (on display in the Ag Museum).



John Shimkus – Papers and artifacts from the J&L Steel Mill that he displayed at the Hennepin Branch of the Putnam County Library.

2023 Year-end Fund Drive

The Putnam County Historical Society is a 501(c) non-profit charitable organization. We depend on donations to help cover the annual cost of maintaining Pulsifer House, the Agricultural Museum, our new Meeting House and carrying on our mission of keeping the history of Putnam County alive through education, restoration and genealogy.

Sandra Aeschliman	Dennis & Debra Kimme	Mike Schaab
Jay & Linda Allen	James & Gladys King	Robert & Janice Schuster
Sherrylee & Albert Brady Jr	Ronald Kinkade	Judy Seraphin
Philip & Sherrie Carlson	Norm & Jane Langill	John & Lynn Shimkus
Louise Colby-Dean	Nathaniel McCauley	Michael & Deborah Skowera
Nancy Dauber	Jovanna Mear	Jerry Spolar
Judith K Doe	Cheryl Mennie	Robert & Cynthia Steele
Thomas E Dore	Michael Miglio	John & Lyla Striet
Philip & Mary Edgerley Jr	Margaret Morine	Dave & Nancy Thompson
First State Bank	Matt Miller	Joe Tonelli
Georgianne Grant	Norma Miller	Marge Van Ness
Kendall Griffith	Robert & Linda Morrison	Elinor Schrowang Vaughn
Richard & Candace Haar	Robert & Jackie Naumann	Ken & Karen Verda
John Heider	Darlisa Neubaum	Village of Granville
Karl Helmer	O'Brien Farm - Johnson Brothers	Village of Hennepin
Luke & Megan Holly	Jack & Karen Ossola	Village of McNabb
John & Diane Holmbeck	Lyman & Merideth Porter	Faye P Whitaker
Debra Holmes	Mary Jane Pratt	Sidney H Whitaker
Carol Hood	Ona Rehn	Joe & Kathryn Whitely
Kitty Nelson Irvin	Katherine & Colin Richmond	Diane Wilson
Terry & Barb Judd	Sandra Rippon	Reed & Sydney Wilson
Randell & Lane Keller	Charles Robinson Jr	Kenneth & Diana Williamson
Joyce Ann Kemp	Alex & Carole Rolando	

The Putnam County Historical Society thanks all those who have given so far during the year-end Fund Drive.

