



Hawks Inn Newsletter

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Dave Krueger and Lyn and Gerry Holton look over the silent auction baskets at the November progressive dinner.

First Progressive Dinner a Sell-Out

Considering all the positive comments received, our November Progressive Dinner was both a social and financial success. Starting the evening with Stone Fence cocktails in the Inn Tap Room, the group of 50+ walked across to Revere's for an Irish buffet, and then back to the History Center for traditional desserts made by Great Harvest. We are planning to repeat the dinner in 2016.

We are grateful to the following for their donations of such lovely gift baskets for the very successful silent auction:

Craig Berns Salon	Town Bank
Pat and Tom Pretz	Andrea Shrednick
Zin and Fishbones	Eagle Centre House

Old Photos Welcomed

If you run across any interesting photos or slides from the early to present days of Delafield ... buildings, businesses, events, we would be happy to add them to our albums and/or copied and returned.

It's Official - The Sign is Up

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Progressive Dinner Announcement

Hawks Inn Society President Mary Daniel used the Progressive Dinner event to formally announce that the Visitor Center had been renamed the Delafield History Center. The purpose is to emphasize to the public that our collections are not limited to those pertaining to Hawks Inn and the Hawks family, but include historical information for the entire Delafield area.

Our large and growing photo collection, Delafield, Then and Now, has photos from the 1870s to the present. New to the Center last summer was the presentation of a large painting of Alonzo Cushing by local artist Chuck Weber. It was presented to the city, but it was thought that our Center was a more appropriate place for it as we have so much historical information about the Cushings.

Archiving Progress

For the past year, volunteers have been working on categorizing and filing hundreds of newspaper clippings relating to the area. Recently the Town of Delafield donated assessment/tax roll books dating to the late 1800s. Newcomers may not know that the City of Delafield was not incorporated until 1959. Prior to that, it was part of the Town of Delafield.

In the lower level of the Center is a resource library of about 2,000 volumes. The collection focuses on the customs and cultural aspects of 19th century U. S. history, especially the Civil War era. The library is currently being cataloged and can be accessed when the Center is open.



Steve Blattner, woodcarver, shapes an ox yoke while a Cushing father and 4th graders look on during School Days in October.

Winter Music Series Continues



In partnership with SummerStage, the History Center is hosting its second year of a winter music series.

The January 31st program with the *Briarpickers* was a full house, so reserve your

tickets soon for the next two programs.

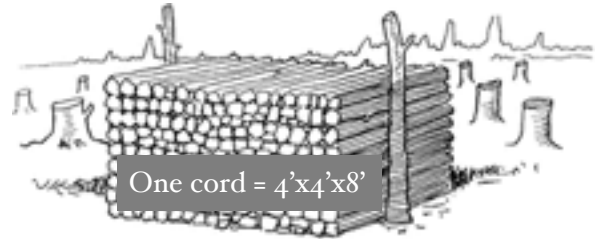
Sunday, February 21st from 4 - 6 p.m. - will have *What's His Name and the Other Guy* back for the second year.

Sunday, March 20th from 4-6 p.m. - *Peter Mulvey and Bill Camplin*, well known singer-song writers.

Find out more about these musicians and/or order advance tickets on the SummerStage website: summerstageofdelafield.org. Tickets are also sold at the door, but seating is limited to 90.

Hawks Inn Trivia¹...

In the winters of the 1850s and 60s, Nelson Hawks employed two men to cut 120 cords of wood to keep the two Franklin stoves and other smaller stoves and



the fireplace supplied with fuel. Men-of-all work were engaged for little more than board and shelter. Maids labored long hours for \$1.25 per week.

¹From the book *Stagecoach and Tavern Tales* by Harry Ellsworth Cole, former president of the State Historical Society.



L to r.: *Tori Kowal, David Powell, Claire Vock, Kiara Miller.*

Many families went home with photos of Father Christmas during the two days of Christmas at the Inn. A new and popular addition this year, David Powell played the role and joined the young women from KM Perform who assumed the part of Fanny Hawks while giving tours of the Inn. Fanny was the youngest daughter of the Hawks and was born in Delafield in 1844. She and her mother moved to California to join her brothers after the death of Nelson Hawks in 1863.



You may not know that you don't have to be a member of Facebook to look at the Hawks Inn Facebook page. We have over 200 photos from recent events such as the Progressive Dinner and Christmas at the Inn as well as a look at some Inn rooms. www.facebook.com/hawksinn/