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To Discover the Future

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## Hiawatha Hall of Fame



Sunday, February 9, 2025 at 2 p.m.

Hiawatha's inaugural Hall of Fame is the subject for our February 9, 2025 meeting. Connie Worden will highlight the five honored at a ceremonial banquet September 5 and then recognized on the sixth at halftime of the first home football game. Inductees include Logan Damiani and Eugene Michael Henry, both engineers nominated for their personal achievement. In the category of extracurriculars, Gene Lamont and Burdette Jerome Thurlby were inducted. The 1964-65 Hiawatha football team was inducted under teamwork which led them to be undefeated Little 8 Conference football champions.

Connie will explain the program and the nominating process so you can easily nominate your own hometown favorites for the Hall of Fame's second year.



### Volunteers Needed

Workshop every Monday from  
1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the building,  
309 South Fifth Street

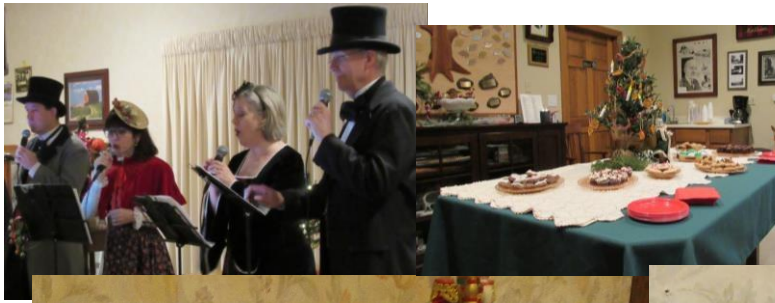
Join us!



FIRST ROW: Jerry Rempfer, John Blako, Pat Haseman, Ruel Vowles, Tom Fowell, John Olson, John Rempfer.  
SECOND ROW: Bill Swanson, Ron Taylor, Jim Heggemeier, Brad Downey, Mike Laepke, Gene Lamont, Craig Thurlby. THIRD ROW: Richard Dubeck, coach; Uwe Kowitzke, LeRoy Myers, Larry Worden, Phil Wilson, Terry Nelson, Rodney Thurlby, George Moore, Martin Condes, Coach.

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Also visit us on Facebook at Kirkland Historical Society

## KHS Open House – December 14, 2024



## Memories of Kirkland

Gliddy's . . .

The store on Main Street, next to Sparkies Tavern. The store with the white tile floors, the soda fountain, and the pharmacy in the rear, plays an enduring part in my childhood memories. Who can ever forget the sign in the window saying, "Have your baby now. We have a complete new line of baby goods".

L. B. Gliddon was my father's best friend and my brother's Godfather. He was part indigenous American; which I especially remember because of his straight black hair, always subject to rearranging by us children when they came to our house. He was a generous patron of the likes of Zip Williams and Swede John, but this was not known until after Gliddy died. Above all, he was a very funny man. I remember Mavis shrieking with laughter at his antics. As I grew up, this became to me the sign of a great marriage.

I remember the Chef Boyardee lunches in the back of the store when I was very small – spaghetti cooked on a hot plate, all of us perched on cardboard boxes. Gliddy made it a party.

I did all of my Christmas shopping there for many years and I was familiar with the inventory as Glid would hire a few adolescents for the yearly count – six bars of Ivory soap, seven bars of Lifebuoy. Evening in Paris, always a safe bet for my mom.

But the best gift of all was Leroy Gliddon himself . . . and we haven't seen the likes of him since ♥

Submitted by Judy Kavanaugh

*If you have memories of Kirkland that you would like to share, please send them to us at [Kirklandhs309@gmail.com](mailto:Kirklandhs309@gmail.com)*



### Visitors Enjoy Touring

Last month Jennifer Hadick (Kirkland, IL) toured our facility with her sisters Gail Plater (Indianapolis, IN) and Ginger Weiss (Ramona, CA). They were impressed with how complete we have covered our town's history. Gail, who has been working on her families' genealogy for years, who has visited many historical societies in the United States and Canada, feels Kirkland is one of the best she has ever been to. If you want to tour and can't make it for the Monday workshop time from 1-3, call to make an appointment. These ladies were glad they did.

**Always things to do on Mondays between 1 and 3. If you can help out, we'll appreciate it.**

- Help with exhibits
- Preserve newspaper articles
- Preserve collections and photographs
- Help with housekeeping
- Help with fundraising
- Help with keeping the grounds neat and weed free
- Proofreading the obituary information, family history and marriage information

### Wonderful New Acquisitions



This sleigh is from the Ascel Byers family. It had been previously donated to the Genoa Heritage Society, before we were established. This year they asked if we would like it in Kirkland. Carol Byers has many memories of her family sleigh.



Remington Shotgun – Series #76634

This shotgun belonged to Theodore Driscoll Byers. It was purchased in 1935-36 to hunt for food for his family.

Manufactured in 1925 and restored years later by Cecil and Merikay Fletchall (daughter of TD Byers, it is believed to be one of four in existence.



Madge & TD Byers



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### 2025 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

Dues help pay for events and supplies  
needed to preserve the past

- Individual .....\$15
- Family .....\$20
- Life (husband and wife) .....\$300
- Organizations.....\$30
- Business.....\$30

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Help preserve Kirkland's past by donating your  
time and/or sharing: Kirkland historic items,  
photos, stories, articles, family trees, maps,  
abstracts, newspapers, etc.

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Watch for more  
information on  
GIVE DeKalb  
County this Spring

### Leave A Legacy

Please consider naming the Kirkland Historical Society in your will, trust, or as the beneficiary of an insurance Policy. The Kirkland Historical Society is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization. When you include a gift to the Kirkland Historical Society in your estate plan, you ensure your support will help the Society to continue its work to benefit our community in the future. Kirkland Historical Society also has two DeKalb County Community Foundation endowment funds that support our work.



Mark Your  
Calendar

2025

- Jan 8 Board of Trustees Meeting
- Feb 9 2 pm General Meeting –  
Hiawatha Hall of Fame
- Mar 12 Board of Trustees Meeting
- Apr 13 2 pm General Meeting –  
The Race to Save the Titanic
- May 14 Board of Trustees Meeting
- June 11 Board of Trustees Meeting
- July 9 Board of Trustees Meeting
- July 26 Fundraiser
- Aug 13 Board of Trustees Meeting
- Sept 14 1 pm General Meeting  
Denny Rehn's Corn Crib Museum/  
Guest Speaker – Carolyn Law
- Oct 8 Board of Trustees Meeting
- Nov 9 2 pm Annual Meeting --  
Native American Women  
in Illinois History
- Dec 10 Board of Trustees Meeting