

# BEHIND THE TIMES

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**More Questions!**

- How many manikins are residing at the Museum?
- Where is the Women’s Auxiliary Display?
- Where is the antique washing machine at the Museum?
- What is the “tune” of the Museum door-bell?
- Where can you find a history of Mosling?

**Visit us at the Museum to discover the answers!**

## GILLETT FIRE DEPARTMENT REPRESENTED AT ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Young and “older than young” enjoyed home-made ice cream at the Annual Ice Cream Social held in July on a perfect summer day on the Museum grounds. Over 100 visitors were welcomed with ice cream and cake. A special display of Gillett Fire Department memorabilia, along with the 1925 fire truck on the front lawn, drew plenty of attention.



**Did I miss my mouth?**

Gillett Area Historical Society would like to thank all those that made the Ice Cream Social a success: The out of town visitors who saw our signs and stopped. The Gillett Area Historical Society would like to thank all those that made the Ice Cream Social a success: The out of town visitors who saw our signs and stopped. The Fire Department folks that helped in more ways than one. All of the volunteers who gave of their time and baking skills. All the folks that came from far and near to help us in our fundraising efforts. Again, we thank you all and look forward to next year!



**Taste Testing!  
And when I finish this I’ll try the cakes.**



**Taking a Test Drive!  
Where’s the fire?**

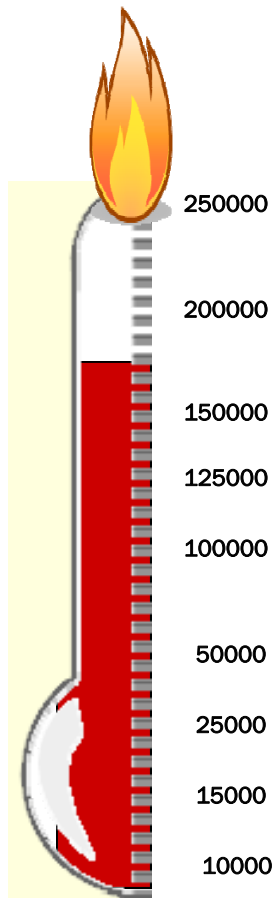
## FALL FESTIVAL PLANNED

GAHS Fall Festival & Decorating Contest is in the planning stage for late October. We hope to have a covered wagon ride throughout Gillett with

a narration of points of interest from the old days. Other ideas for the Festival are coming in, so look for news in the papers, on community calendars,

on web sites, flyers on store windows, and in business establishments. We hope to have a prize for the grand prize winner in the decorating contest.

**Please!  
Help Make Our  
Temperature Rise!**



**NEWS FLASH!**

Donations are now accepted by credit card at [www.gilletthistorical.com](http://www.gilletthistorical.com) Just click on the **Donate** Button on any page of the web site in the upper left corner and follow the instructions for credit card donations. Your donation automatically goes into the GAHS bank account. Thank You!

**~ OUR DONORS ~  
2009**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

<b>*Sustaining Benefactors*</b>	<b>IN KIND DONATIONS</b>	<b>ANNUAL MEETING</b>
2	4	October
Corporate/Business		
5	<b>WISH LIST</b>	Information not available at "Press Time".
Platinum ~ \$1000 +	Card stock for printer.	Check News on the web site for further information as it becomes available
2	Postage stamps.	
Gold~ \$501-\$1000	Repair of Museum Garage Floor.	
0	Back Yard Fountain Repair.	
Silver~ \$301-\$500	Window Film for windows to help prevent interior fading.	
0		
Bronze~ \$151-\$300		
1		
Patron~ \$50-\$150		
10		
Embers~ \$1-\$49		
7		

**CALENDAR**

<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>OCTOBER</b>	<b>NOVEMBER</b>
<b>22</b> GAHS Meeting 7PM 110 W Main St/Museum	<b>22</b> Annual Meeting (Tentative) <b>Open Date</b> Fall Festival & Decorating Contest	<b>26</b> Thanksgiving
<b>26</b> Fall Festival in conjunction with Gillett Public Library Cider Daze	<b>31</b> Halloween	

**THE LATEST ACQUISITIONS**

Sign in an Antique Shop: "Extra charge of \$1 if we have to listen to what your mother had"



Sessions Mantel Clock

# SUGGESTIONS FROM READERS

("LETTERS TO THE EDITOR" COLUMN RECEIVED NO RESPONSES!)

## From a Reader:

I would like to suggest that young people get more involved in the Historical Society and Museum, and their activities. One possibility might be to contact a school class and ask if they could, as a project, have the class prepare the newsletter "Behind the Times" for one of the newsletter's

quarterly editions, using previous editions of the newsletter as a guideline. It might involve having students attend a monthly meeting, taking pictures, contacting officers and board members for news items, touring the museum and the city and surrounding area to get ideas, etc. Possibly interviewing older residents

for news and views.

They could add a credit line such as Published by (name of class) Gillett High School.

Submitted by:  
Howard Smith  
Gillett WI

## Thank a Volunteer!

Don Pederson, GAHS  
"Local Historian" & his  
"traveling sawmill" took  
down a dead tree that had  
landed in a fir tree at the  
museum.

Thank you Don!

## THE GARAGE AT THE MUSEUM

An often missed area of the museum is the garage. On display are several items from area farms, businesses and home garages. Also items from the City of Gillett



Water Dept. It is hoped that the display can be improved upon by eventually having the items displayed on the walls in some manner, thereby freeing up floor space. Does anyone have an old Motel-T they'd like to donate?!!

"Only in America - do  
we leave cars worth  
thousands of dollars in  
the driveway and put our  
useless junk in the  
garage"

~Unknown

## A STORY OF LIFE IN WHAT IS NOW THE MUSEUM

### This Old House Story

As told by Walter J Smith (Butch) to his Great Nephew.

One summer, many years ago, they were burning some waste-paper in the fireplace and the draft pulled a sheet of burning paper up the chimney and out onto the roof, which had wooden shingles.

The kids were told to run to the fire department (which was at the corner of Main & McKenzie) to summon the fire department.

As the kids ran out the door shouting, one of the neighbors, a Mrs. Schmidt, yelled to them asking what the racket was all about.

When they told her, she turned, took a deep breath and shouted down the street, "Ring der fire bell! Schmidt's house is on fire!"

Soon, the fire bell was ringing. Since it was a volunteer department, that fire bell called the firefighters to the station house.

Since it was a summer's day, it also brought out a bunch of other people to help or just to see where the fire was.

This was in the days before pumper trucks, and the fire equipment consisted of a wagon, pulled by the firemen, holding a large roll of hose.

At the time, the water lines for the city fire hydrants were

normally left dry and were supplied by a pump which was located in a flour mill on Savage Lake.

When the fire bell was rung, the mill would divert the pump to the hydrant supply line and pump up the pressure. Once the pressure was up, they would blow the mill whistle as a signal.

So the bell was ringing, people were running, the kids were shouting, and the whistle was blowing...

While all this was going on, a couple of neighbors came over, got a bucket of water, climbed out an attic window and put out the fire.

So much history would be  
lost without museums  
providing a dedicated place  
for the public to think and  
reflect on the past.  
Museums add so much to  
our understanding of the  
world, but opening one can  
be a big venture

~eHow Contributing  
Writer

THE DAILY NORTHWESTERN  
THURSDAY EVENING APRIL  
25 1907

(Oshkosh)

**RECALLS DISBARMENT  
CASE**

**Mr. Goldberg Pleads Against  
Pending Bill at Capital**

**(Special to The  
Northwestern)**

**Madison, Wis, April 24**

Memories of the famous  
Goldberg disbarment case  
which caused such a sensation  
to Wisconsin some ten years  
ago were called to mind before  
the assembly committee on  
judiciary yesterday, when  
Benjamin Goldberg, who was  
disbarred after a long hearing  
in the courts, appeared before  
the committee in opposition to  
a bill prohibiting disbarred  
attorneys from forming  
partnerships with attorneys  
who have a right to practice, or  
of practicing in a justice court.  
Mr. Goldberg is now a resident  
of **Gillette Wis**, and he pleaded  
for the defeat of the bill on the  
ground that it would practically  
take away from him all  
opportunity of earning a  
livelihood.

# QUEEN ANNE VICTORIAN HOMES



Photo on left is the Benjamin Goldberg Mansion in Milwaukee. Mr. Goldberg was a prominent Wisconsin attorney who was disbarred from practicing law, and moved to Gillette. He bought the Rodney Gillette home, which later burned, in 1908, while Mr. Goldberg was in the home. (Details of the fire appear in the Fire Department History Book). He managed to escape the house which was totally destroyed, and the land was then sold by Mr. Goldberg to Walter W Smith., who built the house on right. Part of the original foundation still exists. The story of Benjamin Goldberg is at the Museum Library.

## CHANGES AT THE MUSEUM



Screen Porch Carpeting

### NEW ADDITIONS



TV/DVD Player for Slide Show

## OLD NEWS ARTICLES ~ PART III OF VI

### Gillette, One of the Most Prosperous Villages in the State of Wisconsin (Continued from Previous Issue)

**Press Gazette Thursday January 20th**

There are five churches in the village. Of the Methodist church, H.C. Spear is the pastor, of the Lutheran, E Kumpf, of the Catholic, R.S. Ahern, of the German Methodist, H.J. Brandt, and of the Baptist, W.A. Veckser.

One hundred twenty five pupils are registered in the village high school and three hundred pupils in the grades, The names of the high school teachers are Boyd Christopherson, Carl Eberlein, Ester Haien, Irene Joos, and A. Zetelman. The teachers

of the grades: Miss E. Luecke, Miss M. Hagerty, Mr. R. Mulvaney: fifth grade, Miss M. Fond; third and fourth grade, Miss V Peterson, second and third grades, Miss V. Bates, first grade, Miss L. Rooch and teacher of kindergarten, Miss V. Bocher. The superintendent of schools is George Baird and the names of members of the board of education are W. Smith, president; L.B. Stuelke, clerk and Mrs. A. Shier, treasurer. The public library board consists of R. J. Johnson, Flora Sack and Mrs. George Land. Librarian is Mrs. Stanley Korotev.

A man who never graduated from school might steal from a freight car.

But a man who attends college and graduates as a lawyer might steal the whole railroad.

**Theodore Roosevelt**  
Attempting to persuade his son to become a lawyer.

# THEN AND NOW REMEMBER WHEN .....

THEN



At one time a post office,  
at one time a restaurant,  
at one time a sandwich  
and sub place, at one time  
a print shop and now  
.....?????

Can you name  
this business?

NOW



“A bad review is like  
baking a cake with all  
the best ingredients and  
having someone sit on  
it”  
~Danielle Steele

## CAN YOU IDENTIFY THIS PHOTO?

Who Are These People?  
Are they at the “Lilac Club”?



## WHAT IS THIS PLACE AND WHERE IS IT?



February 26, 1931  
Harvey. J (Pat) Telford, Little  
River farmer, has been se-  
lected as the new superinten-  
dent of the \_\_\_\_\_  
(fill in the blanks!)  
It was announced by Hans  
Hanson, president of the  
board of trustees.

Poor farms were county or  
town-run residences where  
paupers (mainly elderly and  
disabled people) were supported  
at public expense. They were  
common in the United States  
beginning in the middle of the  
19th century and declined in  
use after the Social Security  
Act took effect in 1935 with  
most disappearing completely  
by about 1950. ~Wikipedia

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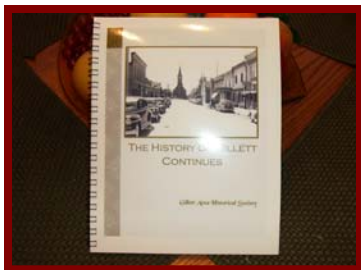
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MUSEUM GIFT SHOP

### Featured Item!



### "The History of Gillett Continues" Book

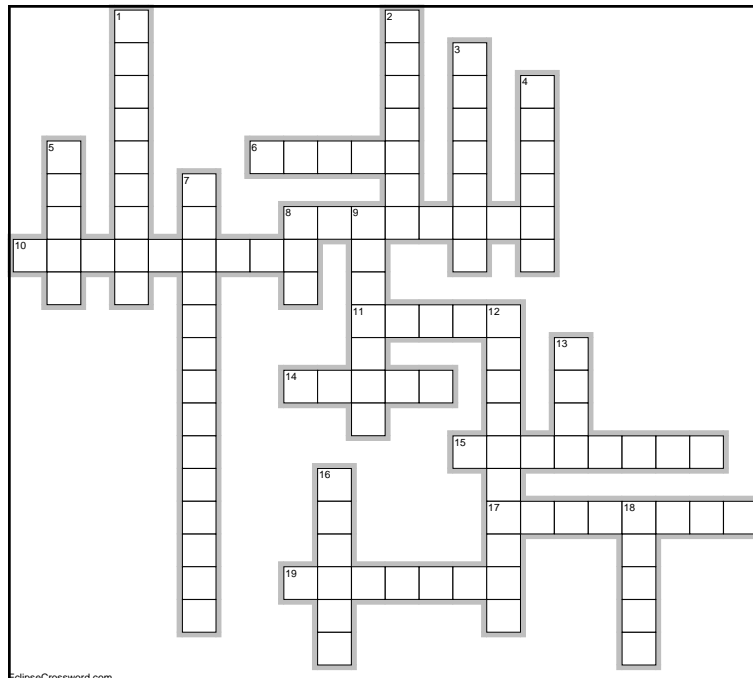
#### Excerpts:

".....Harvey opened a dairy store in the front of the Dairy where he sold dairy products and other food stuffs. This became known as the Dairy Bar ..."

"..... From the beginning the plant was equipped for peas, snap beans and beets. Beets were discontinued in 1933, corn was added in 1945, and mixed vegetables in 1946 ....."

Insert Mailing Label Here

## SEPTEMBER CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Answers to this puzzle are found at the museum, on the web site, in this newsletter, in the book *The History of Gillett Continues* or from any GAHS member!

#### Across

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|---|---|
| 6. Donor of Victorian chairs at Museum            | 4. Lake in Gillett                              |
| 8. Attorney whose house burned at 110 W Main      | 5. Sewing machine make at Museum                |
| 10. Name of 1940 dairy in Gillett                 | 7. Organization founded in 1905                 |
| 11. Who started Parkside Dairy                    | 8. Theater in Gillett                           |
| 14. First owner of Gillett Times                  | 9. Where local history books are kept at museum |
| 17. Early local author                            | 12. Name of Fire Chief in 1940s                 |
| 19. Container for making tea on display at Museum | 13. Museum Gift Shop item                       |

#### Down

- |                                   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| 1. 1925 Fire Department truck     | 16. Dinnerware on display at Museum         |
| 2. Name of plywood co. in Mosling | 18. Who first preached Methodism in Gillett |
| 3. Film made at Green Valley      |   |