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## United States Trivia:

- \* July 1776 approximately 2.5 million people populated the new nation.
- \* August 1895 the first professional football game was played at Latrobe, PA.
- \* September 1939 WW II starts when Hitler's armies invade Poland.

## COMING EVENTS

### Annual Meeting

Saturday Dec. 6, 2014  
1:00 PM

St Mary's Hall  
209 Mulberry St.  
Tipton

A program will be followed by the election of officers and refreshments.

### Old Fashioned Christmas

Sunday Dec 7, 2014, 2:00 PM

South Bethel Church, Prairie Village, CCHS, 1094 Hwy 38, Tipton

Experience an Old Fashioned Christmas featuring various local performers and concluding with a sing a long. Refreshments to follow.

### Tipton 175th Anniversary Celebration

July 2-5, 2015

Events to be announced.



## NEWSLETTER

## IN MEMORIAM

*Edith Ford*

Lovers of Cedar County history lost a good friend and tireless worker on September 17. Edith Ford died peacefully in Cedar Manor, Tipton. Edie was an

Assistant Librarian for 25 years retiring in 1988. Edie Ford was also an active and energetic member of the Cedar County Historical Society Board of Directors from 1979-2000, coming back to serve as Membership Secretary in 2003 and 2004. Her attitude was positive, her integrity impeccable, and her love of history infectious. We will miss this wonderful citizen and friend of the Society.

# A Day on the Prairie 2014

Music Enjoyed By All



Souvenirs for Home



Candle Dipping



Corn Husk Dolls



A Game of Marbles



Barn Flag

The barn flag was won by Annette Flora who gave it to her mother Charline Thumm







Story Time



Story Time with a Modern Twist



Life in the Cabin

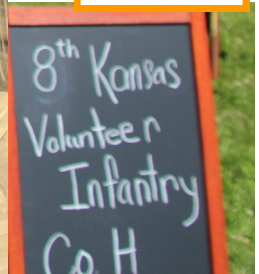
Busy in the Blacksmith Shop

School Days





# Life During the Civil War



## Thank You Prairie Day Supporters

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William Norton, Lowden

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Threshing sure works up an  
appetite.





## 2014 Spelling Bee

The 2014 Spelling Bee took place September 13, 2014 as part of the "Day on the Prairie at the Prairie Village". It was held in South Bethel Church at 11:00 a.m. Cedar County students were divided into two divisions: 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grades and 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades.

First place in the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> division was Keith Urmie from Bennett Elementary School, and he received an award of \$50.00. Second place went to Reagan Borland, West Branch Hoover School with an award of \$25.00. In third place with an award of \$10.00 was Sabra Rogers of Tipton Middle School. Other students in this division were Abby Long, Kelly Lieser, Jaci Samuels, and Autumn Puffer, all of Tipton. Each student received a dictionary.

Three students were in the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade division. First place went to Artica Dykstra, Tipton Christian Academy, who won for the second straight year. Her award was \$50.00. In second place was Jesse Lieser, Tipton Middle School, who won \$25.00. Third place went to Aubrey Vitense, Tipton Middle School, who won \$10.00. Each student also received a dictionary.

### Thank you to our sponsors for making the Spelling Bee possible.

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### New Members

Branden Bender  
Andy Crawford  
Dan Dawson  
Diane Eaton  
Daniel Clark  
Ron Skoronski  
Robert Steger  
Harley Steinke  
Penny McAfee-Hamby

### Memorials Received

*Edith Ford*  
*Vi DeWulf*  
*Freda Chambliss*

### School Visits to Museum and Prairie Village

October 20, 2014 - Two Mechanicsville Elementary School classes visited the museum and village. The Frasier log cabin was hosted by museum volunteer Sharon Stif; the black smith shop was hosted by Mike Rocca, resident black smith and society board member; and the Bed Bug School was hosted by Phyllis Lenschow, society board member.

**NEWSLETTER  
JUL. AUG. SEPT.  
2014**

**HISTORICAL  
MUSEUM  
and Prairie Village  
1094 Hwy 38 N.**

**Mailing address:  
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TIPTON, IA 52772**

**AGRICULTURAL  
MUSEUM, west of  
Tipton at the Cedar  
County Fair Grounds**

**Open  
Tuesday and Thursday  
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
Saturday  
10:00 AM to 2:00PM**

Telephone:  
563-886-2899  
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To join the Cedar County  
Historical Society annual  
dues are \$22.00, plus  
\$3.00 if you want the An-  
nual Review mailed to your  
address.

Dues may be paid at the  
Historical Museum, 1094  
Highway 38 N., Tipton.

Or be mailed to:  
Attn: Charline Thumm,  
CCHS Membership P.O.  
Box 254, Tipton, IA 52772



**Bickett - Rate Homestead Committee Report**

October 23, 2014

The connection for the Ustream Web Cam is being shut down this week. The Chimney Swifts have left the tower for their summer home in Peru. The Sherman group has been through the tower making sure it is ready for the winter season.

Permission was given to the renter to go ahead with his approach needed in the lane area to access the crops with his grain trailer. Barbara Boyle visited the farm on Monday October 20 and moved if necessary the steel stakes that are supporting the netting around the plantings.

When the web cam connection is turned off, Sharon will contact Scott Holmes of ITP security to get the camera's installed and working.

Plans are still in place to continue the house restoration well into the winter.

Submitted by

Sharon Lynch-Voparil

Committee Chair

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