



## 2018 Newsletter

As we begin our 47<sup>th</sup> year it's time to review the past year of the Marble Rock Historical Society. Thank you to all who participated in our events and toured our many exhibits in five buildings.

The first event of 2018 was the second Cemetery Walk at Hillside Cemetery. Twenty veterans of the Civil War, WWI, WWII, Korea and Vietnam were highlighted in a booklet. Personnel were stationed at ten of the gravesites to relate additional information and insight.



In June we transformed the old Bopp Drug Store building into a chapel setting and displayed wedding attire, pictures and other articles from the 1880's to 1980's. Our own collection was supplemented by loaned items from local people. Wedding history and traditions were also included and visitors enjoyed wedding cake and punch. The Park Board provided pianist, Harrison Sheckler, who performed in the gazebo across the street.

In an effort to inform more people about what we have to offer, we manned a booth at the Floyd County Fair in July. A sampling of a variety of historical items were displayed along with a scale model of the Beelar Cabin made by Clayton Black. It was a worthwhile activity which we plan to repeat next summer.

Another successful Fun Days occurred in August. We hosted many visitors and participated in the parade with an entry promoting the Beelar Cabin and our Pioneer Activities event. Also in August we provided school memorabilia for the Annual Alumni Picnic at the Walter F. Bohl Community Center.



Marvin and Rana Wilson set up a display at the Cedar Valley Engine Show over Labor Day weekend to promote our Historical Society. Attendance took a hit due to unrelenting rainfall but we plan to participate again in 2019.



Rope making



Corn husk dolls and spinning



Rug braiding

Another successful Pioneer Activities Day occurred on September 16 at the Beelar Cabin. Visitors were able to observe and/or participate in rope making, corn shelling, churning butter, making rag rugs, washing clothes with a washboard, making corn husk dolls and spinning. Pitzenberger's cider press returned, providing fresh apple cider to go along with freshly baked biscuits topped with churned butter and homemade jam.

The year's activities ended with our second Prairie Christmas. The threat of a winter storm led to a week postponement of the activities. Area church members presented a program along with the Live Nativity in the gazebo. The Memorial Tree was lit after ornaments were hung on the tree and the names of community members who passed away in the last year were read. The Christmas Carol sing-a-long was enjoyed, along with refreshments, in the warm, beautifully decorated Beelar Cabin.

Morgan Krull was the recipient of a \$500 scholarship offered to RRMR seniors. We thank her for the volunteer hours she gave to us over the past few years.

We are planning more activities and events for 2019 as well as making a difficult decision concerning the future of the "Pioneer Kitchen" building. The contents have been relocated to other buildings and we were hoping the foundation could be repaired or replaced. However, the building has twisted due to the sinking foundation and we are gathering professional advice to help us make a decision on its future.

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