



## Countdown to the Grand (re)Opening!

We're putting the final touches on our remodeling, finishing exhibits, creating signage, and organizing displays. We can't wait for you to see YOUR stories at the Grand re-opening on **September 14th!**

Right: Chris Goulet positions one of the many faces of Princeton's history.



Did you see our float in the 4th of July parade? We handed out lots of announcements about the upcoming grand opening in September.

Thank you to the parade organizers!

Pictured here: Mike Goulet, Historical Society President, and his son-in-law Jake Stumpf.



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**Could you help us by keeping our museum doors open to the public on any Saturday this fall from about 10am-3pm? We'd love to train you to be a "docent!"**

DOCENT stands for Dedicated Outstanding Champions, Educating, Nurturing, and Teaching!  
**Call us at 920-295-9008.**





## Honored Guests: Local History Talks

On June 16<sup>th</sup>, Pat Grahn gave an excellent talk on her aunt, Ella Mills, a beloved circus "fat lady."



On July 21<sup>st</sup>, retired teacher Paul Doro wowed the audience with a presentation on Princeton's school. He named "team members" (not just teachers) who worked together over the past several decades to make our school a great place to be. Mr. Doro quizzed the audience, distributed candy, and brought a student-created quilt for show-and-tell.



**Did you miss these wonderful talks?  
Watch the video recordings online at  
[princetonwihistoricalsociety.org](http://princetonwihistoricalsociety.org)**

Below: Future local history presenters?  
Volunteers Elizabeth Isensee, Michael Camp  
and Jaxan Wright scan in copies of The Fox  
River Patriot, a tabloid published here in the 80s.



Thank you to everyone who has been attending our local speaker series, and an even bigger thank you to our speakers!

**Join us every 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Monday at 6pm  
for more meetings  
and speakers!**





## Fundraising Successes

**On August 2nd and 9th, we sold delicious lunches at the flea market food booth. We made a total of \$4,014.75 gross (before expenses).**



**Thank you to everyone who volunteered to cook, serve, and sell raffle tickets!**

From left to right: Jim Frasier, Vickie Wielgosh, Chris Frasier, Mike Spakowicz, Susan Gorr, Carla Konen, Mike Goulet, Chris Goulet, Barb Bednarek, Mary Swed, Mimi Hayashi, Dave Golz.  
Not pictured: John Hayashi, Carol Siddall, Paul Doro, Sandy Arendt

## Museum Facelifts

**We've been putting the finishing touches on the Folkllore Museum expansion, but also giving our good old Stone House a little TLC. Thank you to Nick Sina (Sina Painting) for power washing the Stone House's top!**



**Thank you also to Alex Zobel for plastering a wall for us in the Folkllore Museum, Mike and Jim Frasier for tree trimming and powerwashing, Jim and Chris Frasier for sidewalk maintenance, Carla Konen and Susan Gorr for their painting expertise, and bunches more thank-yous to many, many more dedicated volunteers. We are so close to our grand (re)opening, and we couldn't do it without you!**



# PHS in the News



Some excellent articles just came out about the upcoming grand (re)opening of our Folklore Museum!

Check out the July editions of the Green Laker and the Fox Cities magazine (Worth the Drive issue).

The Fox Cities magazine can be read online at:

[foxcitiesmagazine.com/blog/issues/july-2025/](http://foxcitiesmagazine.com/blog/issues/july-2025/)



## Website Upgrade



Historical Society Board Member Laura Skaltzky recently upgraded our website.

The new site includes more pictures, a frequently updated list of upcoming events, recent news, past newsletters, links to local history videos, Princeton's historic newspapers, our secure online donation portal, and more.

[princetonwihistoricalociety.org](http://princetonwihistoricalociety.org)





## Grants & Donations Gratefully Received

Chris Goulet recently obtained a matching grant from the WI Historical Society for \$700 towards archival supplies, \$5,000 from the Oberreich Foundation for a mural on the outside of our building, and \$7,500 from the National Exchange Bank for the mural and beautification of our museum and grounds! The Princeton Art Collective will match the donation for the mural, and we are getting close to signing a contract with an artist.

Recent donations included a Blackstone griddle from Ripon's Ace Hardware for our upcoming meat raffle fundraiser, \$250 from Keith and Elizabeth Barzyk (owners of the Ice Bowl), clamming equipment from the Montello Historical Society, a historic county map from Chris and Jim Frasier, a shirt from Ken "Sorehead" Soda, antique fishing equipment from Greg Wielgosh, a rifle and skis from Norb Wiaknecki, a Native American stone axe found on the Hrabie bird effigy mound donated by Dan Gibbons, plumbing help from Luke Ladwig, yarn and textile expertise from Connie & John Willett, military paraphernalia from Will Gorr, a \$50 gift card from Costco, a train whistle from Bob Bremer and Diane Watson (owners of The Amish Store), historic Water Street photos from Alex & Ann Zabel, a "fire gun" from Harold Konen, numerous items from Joel Zamzow including World War I memorabilia, and a framed commendation given to Princeton's first librarian, Olive Doyle donated by the Princeton Library Board. We are also very grateful to the Capitol Scale LLC for help in fixing the penny scale that was once a fixture in Breity's drugstore.

## Become or Remain a Historical Society Member

**Cut out this form and send in your membership today!**

**Check  
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- ☐ \$2 Annual Student Membership (high school and lower grades)
- ☐ \$10 Annual Individual Membership
- ☐ \$15 Annual Family Membership (parents + children under age 18)
- ☐ \$100 Lifetime Individual Membership
- ☐ \$250 Lifetime Family Membership
- ☐ \$500 Charter Membership
- ☐ \$1,000 Donor Membership
- ☐ \$5,000 Patron Membership
- ☐ \$10,000 Founder Membership

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### Volunteers Wanted! WE NEED YOU

Please call 920-295-9008 for info on volunteering to do research, plan exhibits, staff our museums, help with fundraisers, and more!

**Make checks payable to the Princeton, WI Historical Society, and send them to PO Box 71, Princeton, WI 54968. All donations are tax deductible. Thank you!**



# Upcoming Events: **Save the Dates!**

## Membership Meetings

Join us at **6pm on the 3rd Monday of each month.**

For now, we will continue to meet at the Princeton Public Library, 424 W. Water St.

Local history presentations continue after meetings!

**August 18, 6pm** – Pastor John Dolan will present the early history of St. John's Lutheran Church

**September 15, 6pm** – Local author Karl Stewart presents his book on the Green Berets, "The Green Light"

## FOLKLORE MUSEUM GRAND RE-OPENING

We have been working so hard- and the end is finally in sight! Our museum is doubling in size, with a dozen brand new exhibits, and we can't wait for you to see it.

You are invited to the **grand re-opening of the Folklore Museum on Sunday Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> 11am-4pm** at 630 West Water Street, Princeton.

There will be a private reception for donors the day before, **Sat. Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>**. Invitations are going out in the mail now.



A little sneak peek!

## HalloWINE Walk

**Sat. Oct. 11th 3-6pm**

Stop by for BOOze!  
Contact the Princeton Chamber for tickets.

## Trick or Treat on Water Street

**Fri. Oct. 24th 3:30-5pm**

We'll have games, candy, and lots of fun for families. Volunteers wanted!

## Meat Raffle at BeerBelly's Bar

Come out for a great time on **Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 1pm** at BeerBelly's, 512 W Water St.

Have a good meal and get some great deals on top quality meats.

There will also be raffle baskets and a Blackstone griddle! Donated items for this fundraiser are gratefully accepted.

