

# Metamora Association for Historic Preservation NEWSLETTER

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## What's New on the Website?

From the 1955 Herald letter from May Walden about the first bands in Metamora: "Many of the pleasantest recollections of my childhood clustered around the old bandstand. What good times we used to have on 4th of July, political rallies, and days of the County Fair. (The old Fair Grounds were located west of Prairie Street and included a race track. Circuses and medicine shows pitched their tents here until the 1890s.)

Read the rest of the story on the website, [www.historicmetamora.com](http://www.historicmetamora.com)



## Metamora's First Band 1871

Can you help identify any of the members?

## Metamora Passports Off to a Fast Start

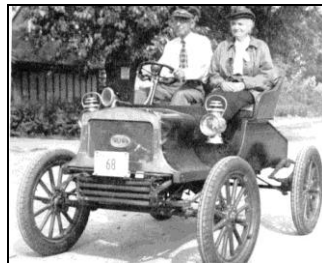
Old Settlers marked the kick-off to the **Metamora Passport** game. Prez Laure and Secretary Shirley brought the idea back from a visit in Pennsylvania as great way to make learning about Metamora's rich history a fun – and a little challenging - for kids.

For just \$4 (extra family passports are just a buck), the player receives a booklet with questions or tasks. After successfully completion, he/she receives a clue to the next stop. A total of 7 stops make the game both fun and educational. Passports are available each Sunday from 1-4 at the Stevenson House or at the Metamora Library.

## What's New at the Stevenson House?

Many thanks to an anonymous benefactor who donated an old **scrapbook** put together by Pearl Guth. The collection is of engagement and wedding photos of Metamora area people.

Another benefactor donated the old Cazenovia Co-op **legal stamp**. New things are added all the time. Be sure to stop in and see what's new...



Pictured at the left is S.M. Snyder in his reconditioned 1904 one cylinder Gale. It is believed to be one of the first 10 cars produced by the Galesburg auto manufacturer.

This picture was taken around 1949. Please let us know if you recognize who the passenger is.

The car originally cost \$500-\$650.

## Old Settlers Raffle Winner

Lucky **Ron Bachman** was the winner of the MAHP Old Settlers \$100 raffle. Players could buy one ticket for a dollar or buy an "arm's length" of tickets for \$5. (Inside tip... since starting the raffle, ALL the winners have bought their lucky ticket with the "arm" method.)

Despite a cloudy, cool Saturday, ticket and notebook sales exceeded last year's sales.

No word yet how Ron is going to spend his new money... An enthusiastic equestrian, he might just "horse" around...!

## Grade Schools Visit Special tours and meetings also available

The fourth grade class from St. Mary's and four third grade classes from Metamora Grade School enjoyed a tour of the Stevenson House just before school was out in May. They were fun and inquisitive. In all, 88 third graders and 12 fourth graders learned more about Metamora.

**Tours and Meetings Available.** If you have a club or group that is looking for an interesting outing, contact any of our group to arrange a special tour. The Stevenson House is also available for group meetings.

## Upcoming Projects

Funds are still being gathered for tuck-pointing the last remaining wall. In the meantime, the front door and windows and stoop are in the process of being renovated.

Many thanks to **Sue Baker** and neighbor/board member Don Harbers for all their work on the landscaping. Stop by and take a peek at their handy work... very nice job!

It appears the **highly anticipated outhouse** project is going to materialize soon. A suitable structure has been secured and all that awaits its move to the Stevenson House is pouring a pad and the recruitment of a moving crew. Quite a discussion ensued concerning informing visitors of its nonfunctioning nature.

## Contact Us Questions, ideas...

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