

THE PRAIRIE TIMES

Prairie Village & Museum Newsletter

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GAS STATION GRAND OPENING

On September 12th, the Prairie Village & Museum opened the newly created Gas Station exhibit building to the public. Dave Bednarz provided hot dogs and chips for those who attended the opening. Soda in glass bottles was sold for 15¢ to mimic the time period. Speaker for the opening was Steve Fritel. Thank you to the Museum Board members and community members for the time put into making this exhibit come to life.



RHS HOMECOMING PARADE

MUSEUM & EXHIBIT UPDATES

- The Gas Station is ready for viewing! Come see the new structure featuring authentic historical items.
 - Fun Fact: The bricks in front of the Gas Station came from the Rugby Train Station. We are thrilled to give a nod to this historic site that has been so important to Rugby.
- Moving and shifting has been done in the Almquist Exhibit Hall to give it a fresh look and highlight rotated exhibits!
- "Rugby Room" is coming soon!
 - Featuring staples from the community including RHS, Village Arts, Strand Studio, Pierce County Fair, and Rugby Ice Hawks.
- More new exhibits to come!



CHANGES IN THE ALMQUIST

The Almquist exhibit hall (named for Hannah Almquist) has been undergoing many changes and rotations of exhibits to bring these stories and artifacts to light. Nursing, appliances, trains (Palmer Stadium collection), military, and more! The Almquist is loved by many for its plethora of historical items. A huge thank you to Kenny Blessum for heading up the organization of the Almquist exhibit hall.