The Coloma Area Historical Society had found that one of the challenges of its success was to run out of room for more donated historical items for the Spalding General Store Museum. It wasn't long after the old 1878 General Store and Post Office was rescued, moved and refurbished in 2008 that donated items filled the shelves of the museum and the historical society's limited storage area to overflowing. Many wonderful old items had to be turned down for lack of room.



Phase One of the Carriage House construction will begin this fall when the foundation of the building is laid. Meanwhile, fundraising began in full swing when CAHS volunteer and seasoned raffle ticket seller Shirley Glenzer turned on the charm.

On Thursday, Aug. 1 during the Clauson Family Music Show in the Coloma Park, the community was able to view and take chances on beautiful, locally handcrafted raffle items on display.

First prize is a 'Chain-link pattern' quilt, popular in the 1930s, pieced and quilted by Charleen Reilly of Coloma. Second prize is an Afghan crafted by Agnes Brietzman of the River House B&B in Richford using an intricate Swedish weaving technique. Third and fourth prizes are two hand-woven totes of recycled material by local Coloma weaver, Sue Semrow. The final prize to the lucky winner is \$50 cash.

The raffle winners will be announced on Oct. 5 during Coloma Fall Fest. The raffle items will be on display at the National Exchange Bank in Coloma and tickets may be purchased at that location.

CAHS volunteer and seasoned fundraiser Shirley Glenzer of Coloma (pictured) manages to sell

a lot of raffle tickets with good humor and a smile. The money collected will go toward construction of a new Carriage House to be built on the side-lot just north of the Spalding General Store Museum in the Coloma Community Park.

For more information about the Carriage House Building Campaign you may call CAHS building committee member Wally King at 715-228-4753. To be part of this exciting new project you may send your tax-deductible donation to CAHS, P.O. Box 245, Coloma, WI 54930.