

Anita Perdiew, a long time volunteer in the office of The Depot railroad museum, has been named Volunteer of the Year by the Washington County Historical Society.

Anita normally volunteers at The Depot Wednesday afternoons, but is frequently there at other times, filling in if office manager Stephanie Vines is off or another volunteer has to miss their regular day.

Anita also is quick to sign up for any special events at The Depot, helping out during Old Settlers' Days, the Christmas open house and The Depot's anniversary open house every June.

"Anita has a pleasant disposition and enjoys meeting people. When visitors come into The Depot she makes them feel right at home," said Cecil J. Smith, volunteer stationmaster.

Smith presented Perdiew with a plaque.

The announcement of the Volunteer of the Year was made at the historical society's Volunteer Appreciation meeting Nov. 17 at the Stevens Memorial Museum.

Former historical society president Clara Marie Burns, who now serves as treasurer, was also recognized for her many years as an active volunteer.

She was presented a beautiful framed night time photograph of the public square.