History Matters!
Newsletter of the Effingham County Cultural Center and Museum
Effingham, Illinois
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Staying Informed about the Events and Services at ECCCMA

President Delaine Donaldson recently initiated a new feature on the Museum's web site. Log on to www.effinghamcountymuseum.org for his monthly President's Page, in which Delaine shares the latest news about our group.

You can also visit Delaine in person in his office on the second floor of the Old Courthouse Museum.

The renovated second floor is available for rent for showers, small weddings, and anniversary celebrations, among many possibilities. Delaine can review the amenities with you. Or if you just want to "talk history", you are welcome. The Museum's phone number is 217-540-8655. Leave a message if there is no immediate response.
ECCMA MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the Museum is to establish, maintain, and operate a museum for the general public, and to collect, research, care for and interpret materials and artifacts of cultural and historical interest to the residents of, and visitors to, Effingham County, Illinois. Our vision is that the 1872 Effingham County Courthouse remains as an architectural gem that instills a sense of community pride and provides a venue to educate and showcase the history, art, and transportation of Effingham County. The Museum is a 501(c) 3 organization. Donations are tax deductible.

Hours

Usual hours March-December: Tuesday & Saturday: 10 AM - 2 PM
Other hours by special arrangement
Closed to the general public January-February, except for special programming or by appointment

Accessibility

The museum is wheelchair accessible from the east side entrance just off the parking lot. Toilet facilities that are wheelchair accessible can be found in the west exhibit room.

Collection Building

The scope of the Museum’s collection is directed by its Mission Statement. Donations are accepted of objects that relate directly to the Museum’s mission of collecting materials and artifacts of cultural and/or historical interest.

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ECCCMA Membership Application

Please print clearly.
Detach and mail to:  ECCCMA, P. O. Box 324, Effingham, IL 62401

Name__________________________________________________________

Mailing address__________________________________________________

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email address: __________________________________________________

Check # _______ enclosed for one year membership:

$25.00 individual    ______$ 50.00 family

Membership can also be obtained via PayPal by visiting the ECCCMA website:

www.effinghamcountymuseum.org

The COHIHO Foundation presented ECCCMA with a $25,000 gift. The Foundation was established by Joe and Suzette Brumleve almost 20 years ago. It is based on three guiding principles, philanthropy, service and stewardship. Frank and Ann Kabbes made the presentation.

[L to R]: ECCCMA Board members Jerry Katz, LoElla Baker, Allen Westendorf, Linda Ruholl, Jane Ries & Dean Manuel; COHIHO Foundation representatives Frank & Anne Kabbes; ECCCMA President Delaine Donaldson.
Recent Event
Friday, August 4, 2017
"70 Years of Positive Public Policy" Event
The Maternity Home Delivery Service

Linda Ruholl, RN, PhD, shared her research about the Home Delivery Service, which was provided by the Effingham County Health Department from April 5, 1949 through February 2, 1954. Following the April 4-5, 1949 St. Anthony Hospital fire, the women of Effingham County had no access to in-patient maternity services for many years. It was a time with a high birth rate in this county, as well as in the state of Illinois and the country as a whole, at least as compared to 2017.

The driving forces behind the home delivery service were Fred Tonney, MD, the ECHD’s first Medical Director, and Marjorie Scaife, RN, PHN, the first Supervisory Nurse. They recognized the perils faced by pregnant women nearing their due date, and acted quickly to bridge the gap.

The Home Delivery Service was originally projected to last 18 months. In reality, the Service was needed continuously for almost five years. The opening of St. Anthony’s ended Memorial Hospital made the service redundant, and it ended quickly. A total of five nurses worked in the service. Two of them, Frances Pitchford, RN and Agnes Schmitz, RN, stayed in the program for its entire duration.

The Home Delivery Service met its goal: to provide safe and effective maternity care to area families in the absence of in-patient care at a hospital. Over the life of the service, grant funding made it an obvious and wise choice for families with limited resources. The Home Delivery Nurses assisted with the 934 births. There were no maternal deaths (100% survival rate). Of the 937 babies, there were nineteen deaths (mostly stillborns, for a 98% survival rate).

Forty-five individuals attended this program, which was a continuation of the Effingham County Health Department’s celebration of 70 years of service to the people of the County. Twenty percent of the attendees were tied in some way to the Home Delivery Service, as they indicated that they, or a member of their family, had been delivered at home sometime between 1949 and 1954.
Recent Event  
Tuesday, August 29, 2017  
"70 Years of Positive Public Policy" Event  
Celebrating 30 Years of ADN Education at Lake Land College

Honoring Former Faculty:

Rebecca Merten, RN, MS, APN  
Renee Kidd-Marshall, RN, EdD  
Mitzi (Alice) Cottet, RN, BA  
Marilyn Fuqua Thompson, RN, MS  
Janice Russell, RN, BSN  
Judy Lidy, RN, MS, APN

A dozen current ADN Lake Land ADN faculty and seven former AD faculty gathered at a reception at the Kluthe Center to celebrate 30 years of Program history.

To the left are six of the current faculty members who are also former LLC ADN students.

Recent Event
September 23, 2017

OLD SETTLERS' REUNION
ECCCMA Vice President Jane Ries coordinated this event. Kudos to Jane!!

The Caledonia, 1949 Hospital-Fire Fighting Truck

Dan Koester and his mule team provided wagon rides around the area

ECCCMA volunteers LoElla Baker and Jerry Katz

ECCCMA MEMBERSHIPS - MUMS AS PRIZES

Becky DeWeese used her artistic skills

FACE PAINTING
**ECCCMA Volunteers Mark Ries & Amy Gillespie**

**OLD SETTLER REGISTRATION**

**Effingham Convention and Visitors Bureau**

**FREE PHOTOS for VISITORS**

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**St. John’s Lutheran**

**County Line**

**Louisville, Illinois**

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An exhibit

**CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF WORSHIP and FELLOWSHIP**

(L to R): Sharon Dahnke, Sherry Miller, Verna Mellendorf

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**The Kingery Brothers and the Smokehouse Band played in the Gazebo from 1-3 PM.**

Band members:

Ron Kingery (standing, guitar)

Seated from left:

Kenny Walls, steel guitar; Mike Kingery, banjo; Robby Ruholl, lead guitar (absent at time of photo); Ed Wright, rhythm guitar; Larry Koester, mandolin; John Lohman, washtub bass.
Cub Scouts Exhibit
SCOUTS’ POPCORN

HONORING OUR COUNTRY’S FLAG  Legion Post 120
& ECCCMA President Delaine Donaldson
“T’m Proud to Be an American,” “Pledge of Allegiance,”
“Star Spangled Banner”

Alice Conlin (left) & her group sample molasses cookies

ECCCMA Volunteer Sue Hoelscher displayed
her needle work skills

Some of the Old Mill Road Thresherman relax after bringing in their display of antique tractors
Four generations of the Kirby family enjoy the shade, the music and each other's company.

Nurse Historian Linda Ruholl & Eleanor Bounds at the Medical Display/Historic Bedpan Contest.

ECCMMA Volunteer Amy Gillespie in period costume.

The DAR and their display, with service and membership information.
Historic Bedpan Contest Results

Sixty-four contestants entered the contest; 45 women (73%) and 17 men (27%).
22 people answered all three questions correctly (35%)
28 people got 2 out of 3 correct (45%)
11 people answered 1 of 3 correctly (18%)
1 person answered every question wrong (1%)

Question #1 (Which makes the most noise at night if dropped?) 60% responded correctly
Question #2 (Which one is "the duck"?) 87% answered correctly
Question #3 (Which one is the oldest?) was answered correctly by 69%

Dan Dasenbrock, the contest winner, answered all three questions correctly.
Celebrate With Us

1872 Celebration & Civil War Era
GRAND BALL
Saturday, October 14, 2017

Newly renovated 2nd floor
Old Courthouse Museum
110 East Jefferson, Effingham

All proceeds benefit the Museum

October 14, 2017 EVENTS OF THE DAY

10:00 AM Museum opens
10:30-11:30 AM Lecture by Historian Phil Lewis:
"Hiram Ulysses Grant & the Second Empire Architectural Style" (1st floor-no charge)
1:00-1:45 PM Walk Through Time—Godey's Magazine display (2nd floor-no charge)
3:00-4:00 PM Concert by Singer-Songwriter CHRIS VALLILLO-2nd floor-$15/ticket
4:15-5:15 PM General Logan Impersonation by Brian Ellis (1st floor-no charge)

EVENING ACTIVITIES—$30/ticket
6:15 PM Doors open to Second Floor Restored Courtroom
Mr. Dean Manuel, Master of Ceremonies
6:30-7:00 PM MUSIC by the FACE ORCHESTRA
7:00-7:05 PM Vocal solo "Hail Columbia," Mr. Larry Lappin, accompanied by FACE
7:05-7:15 PM President U. S. Grant—Remarks Suitable for the Occasion
7:30-10:00 PM Costumed GRAND BALL with MUSIC by the SALT CREEK STRING BAND
Combination Vallillo Concert/Grand Ball—$40/ticket

Upcoming Event -- OCTOBER 14th

Questions?
Call 217-540-8655
Leave message

Reserve your tickets now. Mail to ECCMA Treasurer, Box 324, Effingham, IL 62401

___ Combination VALLILLO CONCERT/GRAND BALL tickets at $40 = $

___ VALLILLO only tickets at $15 = $

___ GRAND BALL only tickets @ $30 = $

Check # _____ for $_________ enclosed

Name ____________________________ Cell #________________________

Street ____________________________

Town/state/zip______________________
Upcoming Event -- OCTOBER 15th

ADA KEPLEY MUSIC SERIES

Sunday—October 15, 2017
Old Courthouse Museum
110 East Jefferson
7:00 PM

Tickets $20
Available at Fresh Digs
210 North Banker
or billposa@yahoo.com

Ada Kepley — pioneer Illinois female attorney
Ada Kepley promoted alcohol-free living as the family-friendly choice for Effingham County residents.

Barefoot Movement

CMT says this Nashville group is “one of the most promising bands on the Blue Grass scene.”

Brought to you by Poss Music Works, a NFP organization, and the Suzett Brumleve Memorial Effingham Public Library

Sponsorships:
The Wellness Loft
Band accommodations courtesy of the Holiday Inn of Effingham
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SAVE THE DATE!

Christmas Open House @ the Museum

Friday, December 1st ~ 6 to 8 PM
Sunday, December 3rd ~ 2 to 4 PM

Come see the Museum's Progress over the last year
and
Enjoy the Museum Christmas Decor

Refreshments will be served