

# **History Matters!**

Newsletter of the Effingham County Cultural Center and Museum

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# Renewal of the Newcomb Family Marker at Oakridge Cemetery

Mr. Paul Field is currently working to restore the beauty and clarity of Mother Mary Newcomb's family monument. Mary Newcomb was an Effingham volunteer Civil War nurse who served with Grant's Army on the Western Front. All things tend toward entropy, and the passage of time has had a cumulative negative effect on the 19th century Newcomb monument. In addition, the recent rains promoted the rapid growth of mold. The restoration is incomplete, but considerable progress has been made. Mr. Field hopes to conclude his efforts later this year.



Before restoration, March 2018

Questions about this monument restoration?

Contact **Paul Field** at stonenbronze@gmail.com



Mr. Paul Field



Current state mid-2018

#### **ECCCMA 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.

#### **Board and Officers**

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# RECENT EVENT - 2nd QUARTER 2018 4th Annual Celebration of Lincoln and His Times - in collaboration with Lake Land College -

was held at the Museum on

Thursday, April 26, 2018





ECCCMA President **Delaine Donaldson** welcomed those attending and introduced the various participants. He emphasized the continued importance of Lincoln's heritage to our country, and in particular to the Effingham County community. The **Quintessential Quartet**, all members of the local FACE orchestra, played music typical of the mid-19th century. **Bev Marshall** conducted the performance. The group was set up on the judge's podium in the second floor remodeled courtroom.





Those attending enjoyed visiting while examining exhibits and a vintage "Lincoln Rocker". **Linda Ruholl** presented a lecture, "Medical Lincoln: The Health of Our 16th President." **Cecelia Annable**, a local home schooled student, gave a talk about her research into Lincoln's musical interests.



The annual Lincoln program was co-sponsored by Lake Land College. ECCCMA is very grateful for the assistance of **Karen Kull** is organizing and facilitating the evening's events. Lake Land's Allied Health Division Chair, **Karla Hardiek** (left), shared information about the Lake Land nursing programs. At the conclusion of the evening, one lucky attendee (right) won a copy of a Time-Life photo book about Gettysburg. The dedication of the cemetery at Gettysburg is the site where Abraham Lincoln first delivered the well known "Gettysburg Address."



# RECENT EVENT - 2nd QUARTER 2018 - An Event Coordinated by ECCCMA VP Jane Ries "The Greatest Generation" was held at the Museum on Sunday, April 29, 2018

The nine World War II Veterans Who Attended Are Shown Here.





Each veteran was introduced individually by Jane Ries.

The veterans pictured to the left are:

Top row, L to R: **GEORGE METTE HARRY RILEY FRED MOORE** Second row, L to R: **HERMAN WOLF BILL WENDLING JOHN KIRBY** 

Bottom row, L to R: PAUL RUNDE CHARLES HARRIS

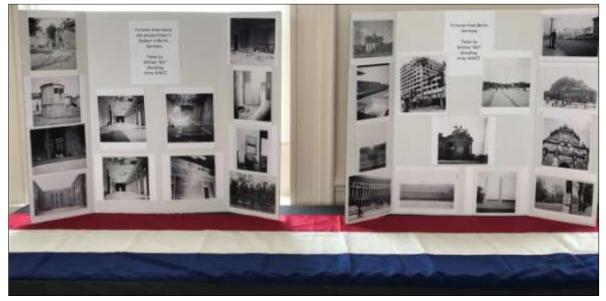
BILL DASENBOCK (with Patty Winn, AKA Rosie the Riveter)







Alex and Amy Gillespie presented parts of the program.



Bill Wendling's photos from Hitler's lair in Berlin were on display.

## More scenes from "The Greatest Generation" event April 29, 2018



Marilyn Zacha Heuerman with her father's Navy service memorabilia.



Florence Koester's family with the Norge Army gloves exhibit





LoElla Baker welcoming visitors, first floor



The crowd on the second floor

# Celebrate With Us

Questions? Call DEAN MANUEL 618-267-7914 3rd Annual 1872 Celebration & Civil War Era GRAND BALL Saturday, October 13,

> Effingham County Courthouse Museum 110 East Jefferson, Effingham

Proceeds benefit the Museum

Only 50 tickets to be sold!

# October 13, 2018 EVENTS OF THE DAY

10:00 AM Museum open
1:00-2:30PM Historic Presentation by Mr. Fred Johnson:

Battle Hymn of the Republic and
Period Music by the Annable Sisters
2nd level Courtroom (free & open to public)

**EVENING ACTIVITIES—\$30/ticket** 

6:15 PM Doors open to Second Floor Courtroom
6:30-7:00 PM MUSIC by the FACE ORCHESTRA
7:00-7:05 PM Vocal solo "Hail Columbia" 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

Period dress is welcome (1860–1872)-US Union or civilian attire appropriate.

Dancers in period costume will participate in several rounds.

Afterwards, spectators will be invited to join them.

Period Refreshments will be served.

Number of reservations	x \$30 = \$			
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Street				
Town/state/zip				

# Now Available for Sale at the Museum

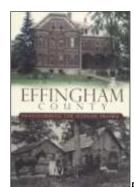
All items pictured to the right are available for sale when the museum is open for regular hours. Regular hours are 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM every Tuesday and Saturday from the beginning of March through the end of December.

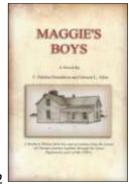
Items can also be ordered using the blank below.

Mail to:	Effingham County Courthouse Museum Box 324				
	Effingham, l	L 62467 ATTN: Delaine Donaldson			
Number	Price	Item			
	\$10 ea \$10 ea	Book 1: Delaine Donaldson <i>Effingham County</i> Book 2: Delaine Donaldson <i>Maggie's Boys</i>			
	\$10 ea \$10 ea \$10 ea \$10 ea	Ornament 1: Courthouse Museum Ornament 2: Railroad Depot Ornament 3: T.E.A.M Ornament 4: Bliss Park			
	\$10 ea \$10 ea \$10 ea	Book 3: Dorothy Brumleve, <i>A Family Abroad</i> Book 4: Dorothy Brumleve, <i>Teutopolis News</i> Book 5: Dorothy Brumleve, <i>Effingham News</i>			
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TOTAL Enclosed	\$	Check #			
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Street					
City/Town					
State					
ZIP code		Expect delivery within 2 weeks from receipt of order			

# All gift/souvenir items \$10.00 each!

## Books by local historian Delaine Donaldson





Book 1

Book 2

## Christmas Ornaments (individually gift boxed)









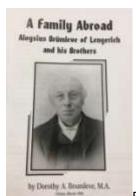
Ornament 1

Ornament 2

Ornament 3

Ornament 4

## **Books by Dorothy Brumleve**







Book 4



Book 5

# LADIES' TEA PARTY

Saturday, July 14, 2018 2:00 PM-4:00 PM

Effingham County Courthouse Museum
110 East Jefferson
Tickets \$20.00

All proceeds benefit the museum

Tickets available at Burkland's, and at the Museum during regular hours.



Local tweens and teens will model fashions from the 1940s-1950s-1960s-1970s eras.

