OLD SETTLERS' REUNION 2019

ECCMCA President Delaine Donaldson, Vice President Jane Ries, and a member of Boy Scout Troop # 242 stand at attention as members of Effingham's American Legion Post # 120 present the colors at the official opening of the Old Settlers' Reunion on September 28, 2019 (more about the 2019 reunion on pages 9-10).
MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Effingham County Museum is to preserve our Historic Register structure, to collect artifacts from county history, and to use them to educate our local and external communities, while immersed in the broader context of American history. 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 parent organization for the Effingham County Museum is the Effingham County Cultural Center and Museum Association, Inc, which 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 Gallery 1 of the first level and in the Northeast corner of Level 2.

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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THIRD QUARTER EVENTS
Strategic Plan 2019-2022
Graphic summary of plan adopted at the July 2019 Board Meeting
THIRD QUARTER EVENTS (continued)

Ladies Tea ~ July 20, 2019

The tea was coordinated by Sue Hoelscher. She also created the hand-stamped decor and crocheted the lovely place favors. Sandi Wernsing prepared the refreshments. The entertainment consisted of portrayals of five local women who made history during their lifetimes and who lived in Effingham County.

Mary Ellen Eversman as Alice M. Eversman
Susan Temple as Mary Newcomb
Jo Thomas as Ada Kepley

Nancy Liss as Kate Clutter
Linda Ruholl as Marjorie Scaife
Other scenes from the 2019 Ladies Tea

Some of the other volunteers who helped Sue & Sandi at the tea included Jane Ries, Katy Maddox, Mark Ries, Chuck Hoelscher, Allen Westendorf, and Shannon & Cailey Dasenbrock.
THIRD QUARTER EVENTS Continued

Stop-the-Bleed Training

August 21, 2010

As part of the Human Safety component of the Effingham County Museum’s developing Emergency Operations Plan, the ECM Board and several guests took part in a training session designed to teach use of a combat tourniquet (CAT™) in an emergency situation associated with a gunshot wound or other trauma to an extremity. The Emergency Operations Committee is co-chaired by Phil Lewis and Linda Ruholl.

Linda was the trainer for the event. All trainees were successful in learning to apply and activate a CAT™, and all were issued American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma STB certificates at the conclusion of the session.

Combat tourniquets were first used by our American conventional military forces in 2005. Prior to that time, too many soldiers died of “bleeding out” from a wound in the leg or arm. These individuals did not have other lethal wounds; hemorrhage was the cause of death. Many of their wounds were due to improvised explosive devices (IEDs). The annual death rate due to this rapid and profuse bleeding was 23.3 deaths per every 1000 survivable wounds annually. After the full implementation of CATs, the “bleeding out” death rate dropped to 3.5 deaths per year. That is an 85% decrease in mortality. In 2005, the CAT was selected as one of the Army’s top ten greatest inventions.

In 2013, after the active shooter killings at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newton, CT, the American College of Surgeons convened a collaborative meeting with the military, the National Security Council, the FBI and other government agencies.

One of their recommendations to improve survivability was to turn bystanders into immediate responders before First Responders got to the scene. This is highly relevant because 50% of the gunshot wounds brought into ERs in this country are leg or arm wounds.

Stop-the-Bleed gained wider recognition in 2015, when a broad initiative was launched from the White House. From that point on, the effort has been ongoing to train civilians to save lives by taking a Stop-the-Bleed class. The class is free, and geared to a non-medical audience.

The training begins with a formal presentation and includes hands-on practice with pressure application, and positioning and activating a CAT. Lake Land College at the Kluthe Center cooperated with the Museum’s class by supplying arm models. Recent trauma research demonstrates that individuals who practice with an actual CAT are much more effective in using it.

For more information about STB training, go to www.bleedingcontrol.org
THIRD QUARTER EVENTS Continued

Freedom 68:
A Salute to Veterans
September 21, 2019
Effingham Performance Center Parking Lot

Jane Ries and Linda Ruholl represented the Museum at this event. Veterans of all ages came with their families for music, food and conversation. Freedom 68 is a non-profit group with a mission to sponsor retreats for local veterans. Jane and Linda encouraged visitors to add their military profiles to the Museum’s binder collections.

Joe Vonderheide discovered a portrait of one of his Civil War ancestors in the Museum’s Visitors’ Guide.

Justin Ruholl is a Major in the US Army, and is currently serving in South Korea.

AREA VETERAN WHO HAVEN'T DONE A PROFILE CAN USE THE GUIDELINES ON PG 8.
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TO CREATE YOUR INDIVIDUAL VETERAN PROFILE @ the MUSEUM

To be interviewed by Jane Ries, contact her @ 217-821-2427 or janeries55@gmail.com

Things to include in your veteran profile

Photograph* in uniform
Photograph* at site(s) of service
*photos will be scanned & returned

Branch(es) of military--Years of service
<Your DD214>
Tours of duty - where, duration
Specific engagements while on tour
Any concerns associated with tours

Basic training
Advanced training
Honors/medals

Personal information:
Hometown / connections to Effingham County
Names of parents, grandparents, siblings, children
Service history of current family and/or ancestors
Anything else about your service you would like to share
THIRD QUARTER EVENTS Continued

Old Settlers' Reunion September 29, 2019

This year's statistics
GERT HARRIS - oldest FEMALE Old Settler @ 94 years
  JOHN KIRBY - oldest MALE Old Settler @ 95 years
  CHARLIE & GERT HARRIS - longest married @ 74 years
  LISA HUSTON - youngest FEMALE Old Settler @ 30 years
  JIM MAYHOOD - youngest MALE Old Settler @ 56 years

BERTHA WALLS - Winner of "WHOSE HAT IS THAT CONTEST"
Question: Which nursing cap is from a Chicago School of Nursing?
  Prize = $50 Niemerg's gift card
  47 entered the contest
  13% guessed correctly - Chicago's Mercy Hospital
  51% guessed it was the Decatur SON cap
  19% guessed it was the Lakeview SON cap
  15% guessed it was the St. Anthony (Terre Haute) SON cap
More from the Old Settlers' Reunion

Corn for the squirrels, courtesy of the Mill Road Threshermen

Larry Koester and the Chuck Wagon Gang played

Linda's medical display and the "Whose Hat is That?" contest

Cailey Dasenbrock received a face painted version of "Ruby" on her cheek - a family pet.
Upcoming 4th Quarter Events

Annual 1872 Courthouse Celebration
Saturday October 19, 2019
2:00 PM

1858 Lincoln-Douglas Debate Performance

George Buss will portray Lincoln
Tim Connors will portray Douglas

No admission fee - $5.00 donation suggested to cover expenses
Upcoming 4th QUARTER EVENTS

Honoring the Service of Veterans from the 1960s-1970s Era

Sunday, November 10, 2019

2-4 PM

6-8 PM

First hour - tour 1st floor

Second hour - program 2nd floor

Special exhibits and veteran profile books on display

Event coordinated by Jane Ries
Upcoming 4TH QUARTER AND 2020 Events

2019 - 2020
HISTORIC LECTURE SERIES
Coordinated by LoElla Baker

All lectures are scheduled for 7:00 PM on the second Thursday of the Month

Second level of the Museum
Doors open at 6:30 PM

Lecture 1: November 14, 2019
TOPIC: St. Paul (Blue Point) Lutheran Church-150 Years
Speaker: Linda Schmidt

Lecture 2: December 12, 2019
TOPIC: A History of Horse Racing in Effingham County
Speakers: Kurt & Carl Becker

Lecture 3: January 9, 2020
TOPIC: Montrose-150 Years
Speaker: Kelly Thoele

Lecture 4: February 13, 2020
TOPIC: Austin College
Speaker: Delaine Donaldson

Lecture 5: March 12, 2020
TOPIC: The Old St. Anthony’s - Before the Fire
Speaker: Linda Ruholl
Effingham County Museum
Annual Christmas
Open House

Enjoy the Museum decorated for the holiday season.
Share refreshments with friends old and new.

Friday, Nov 29 - 6 to 8 PM
(Bring your Thanksgiving House Guests!)

Sunday, Dec 1 - 2 to 4 PM