



History Matters!

**Newsletter of the Effingham County Cultural Center
and Museum**

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Early Lake Land College ADN Program Nursing Faculty (above)

Celebrating Local Nursing History!

**The Lake Land College Associate Degree Program
is marking 30 years of nursing education in 2017.**

**ECCCMA and Lake Land College are collaborating to
commemorate this historic event.**

**You are invited to Lake Land's Kluthe Center @
1204 Network Center Drive
to view an exhibit
with highlights from the Nursing Program's History.
(More photographs on pages 7-8)**

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.

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ACCESSION WORKSHOP



ECCCMA Volunteer **Amy Gillespie** (above) conducted an accessions workshop for some of the Museum volunteers on January 11. The attending volunteers learned to use EVERNOTE™ software, which allows the organization to organize and track its artifacts. In this accession system, each individual artifact is catalogued with a unique number, for example 2016-045-005. Translated, this specific number means (1) the artifact was received in 2016 (2) it is part of collection #45, and (3) it is the 5th item in that collection.

ECCCMA Membership Application

Please print clearly.

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

Name _____

Mailing address _____

email address: _____

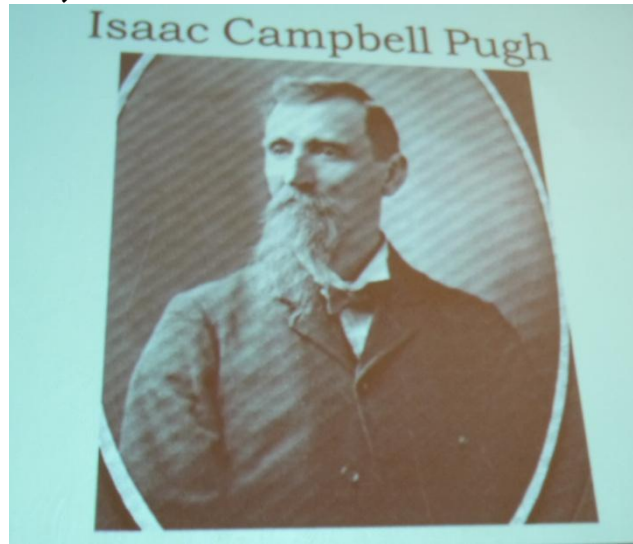
Check # _____ enclosed for one year membership:

_____ **\$25.00 individual** _____ **\$ 50.00 family**

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

www.effinghamcountymuseum.org

Recent Events
2016-2017 Historic Lecture Series Lecture # 3
January 12, 2017



Civil War Scholar and Historian Kip Johnson

presented

***The 41st Illinois Volunteer Infantry-
from Creation to Corinth***

ECCCMA was privileged to hear about the research conducted on this unit by Kip Johnson, a life long Civil War history enthusiast who has devoted over 30 years of his spare time to the topic of the 41st Illinois. Mr. Johnson is former student of Delaine Donaldson's and is currently a history teacher at Dieterich High School.

Mr. Johnson's presentation was based on archival materials, especially letters exchanged by members of the 41st Illinois. At this first talk, he placed a special emphasis on the correspondence of Issac Campbell Pugh. This kind of research is painstakingly detailed and requires locating resources from both official archives and non-official private sources. Mr. Pugh organized the 41st Illinois, but only after he had already served in the Army on several occasions. Kip also displayed some of the Civil War artifacts he collected from various battlefields over the years.

Kip's second talk continued the story of the 41st Illinois from Corinth onward. Much of the unit's work after Corinth involved chasing the rebels back and forth across a relatively small area near the border of the Mississippi River. Much of the February lecture content was derived from the letters of Duquesne Krone. Kip has obtained, read, and analyzed hundreds of items of this soldier's correspondence. Direct quotes revealed the strong emotions experienced by the "man in the field."

Kip's personal anecdotes introduced humor into a sober subject. For example, when he and two other Union reenactors ventured into a shopping mall in Vicksburg, they were "invited to leave" by a tiny southern woman who was very clear about her opinion of Yankees. The town of Vicksburg fell to the Union on July 4, 1863. Subsequently, the current city of Vicksburg did not officially celebrate the 4th of July until 1989.

**2016-2017 Historic Lecture Series Lecture # 4
February 9, 2017**

***The 41st Illinois Volunteer Infantry-
from Corinth Onward***



A portion of Kip Johnson's collection of Civil War battlefield artifacts.



The second floor courtroom is the perfect venue for historic lectures.

2016-2017 Historic Lecture Series Lecture # 5

March 9, 2017



President Delaine Donaldson presented his research on Benson Wood. Delaine noted that during his years in the high school classroom, he taught history, sociology and psychology. He has always made an attempt to integrate content across the three subjects

Mr. Wood was originally from Pennsylvania, and received his post-secondary education at Wyoming Seminary, a Methodist College in the Pocono Mountains. After graduation, he started teaching at a secondary school in Northern Illinois. At the start of the Civil War, he helped form the Rock River Rifles from Lee County. Many of the 16 to 18 year olds who signed up were his former students.

They became part of the 34th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and they went on to fight under Grant in the Western Theatre. The battle at Shiloh had an extremely negative effect on many of these men, and Benson Wood was no exception. He was promoted to Captain, but the experience left him with a condition similar to what is called PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder) today. He left the Army in order to go to his sister's home in Wisconsin to regain his health.

After his recovery, he went to Chicago and studied law at the University of Chicago. Upon graduation in 1864, he moved to Effingham and started a law practice. Soon after that, he married Miss Jennie Jewett, a former college classmate. They were married in Pennsylvania, and then set up housekeeping in Effingham.

He went on to be a successful business man and lawyer. Benson Wood served a term in the U. S. Congress, and he was a vocal advocate for Civil War veterans.

Benson Wood was a founding partner of the Effingham State Bank, which is the Midland States Bank of today. His portrait still hangs at the Taylor Law office, just across the street from the Old Courthouse Museum.

His wife was a major investor in the Benwood Hotel, which was later reincarnated as the county office building, just across Fourth Street from the Museum. Further afield, widow Jennie Jewett Wood funded the Benson Wood Library at McKendree College in Lebanon, Illinois. Benson Wood died in 1915 and he rests at Oakridge Cemetery.

KLUTHE EXHIBIT - Lake Land ADN Program Notes 30 Years: 1987 - 2017

The Lake Land College ADN Program was approved by the Illinois Department of Education and Registration in the fall of 1987. It replaced an earlier collaborative agreement with the Illinois Eastern College Consortium, based in Olney, Illinois.

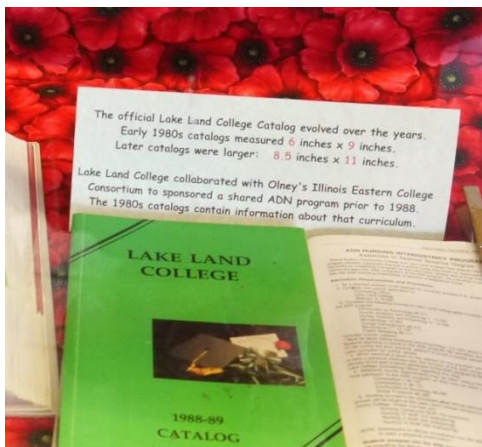
The earliest faculty members were Marilyn Fuqua Thompson, Kathleen Doehring, Kathryn Lindecker, Judy Lidy and Linda Ruholl. Judy Lidy left education to become a nurse practitioner, but the other four continued with the Nursing Program for many years.

The exhibit at Kluthe Center demonstrates that, although many things have changed over the years, the Mission of the Program remains the same - to prepare a sufficient number of skilled nurses to meet local health care needs, and to do it in a way that is cost-effective and accessible to commuter students in a very large community college district.

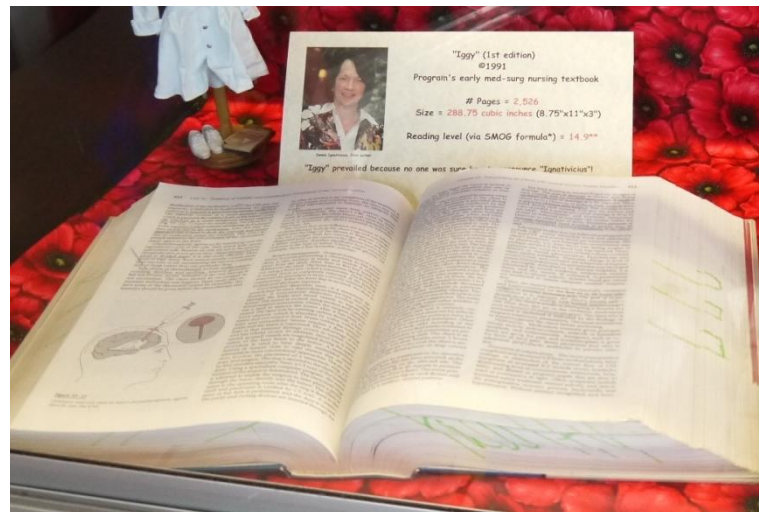
Additional activities to celebrate the 30 Year Anniversary will be carried out over the course of 2017.



1980s teaching tools



Catalog at Program's start



Early medical-surgical nursing textbook



1980s classroom technology at Lake Land College Nursing



1980s faculty office technology at Lake Land College Nursing



Museum Page Authors to Receive ISHS Award

The Illinois State Historical Society will conduct the 2017 Annual Awards dinner at Lincoln Land Community College on April 22, 2017. Five ECCCMA members will be honored for their work on the Museum Page in last year's *Effingham Daily News*. The columns that appeared by regularly scheduled authors in the 2016 series are noted below.

Delaine Donaldson	March 8	<i>A New Season at the County Museum</i>
	May 17	<i>Greetings: You Are Hereby Ordered for Induction</i>
	December 6	<i>Benson Wood: The Early Years</i>
Jerry Eident	February 23	<i>Local History Preserved in Old Letters</i>
	May 3	<i>When Coronet Bands Made the Music</i>
	September 13	<i>Final Spike Driven in Effingham County</i>
Phil Lewis	November 22	<i>Josias H. Robinson: Early Doctor, Civic Leader</i>
	January 26	<i>Harlan and Gilmore - Local Photographers</i>
	April 5	<i>A Survey of Old Hotels in the County</i>
Jane Ries	August 16	<i>An Afternoon in Watson, Illinois</i>
	October 25	<i>The Effingham Theatre Revisited</i>
	February 9	<i>Effingham County's Story Told Through Photographs</i>
Linda Ruholl	April 19	<i>Schools...Everywhere in Effingham County</i>
	July 5	<i>Effingham Honors Women of World War II</i>
	August 30	<i>A Look at High Schools of the Past</i>
	November 8	<i>From Armistice Day to Veterans Day</i>
	January 13	<i>The Civil War Pension Census of 1883</i>
	March 22	<i>Military Life at Camp Logan During the Great War</i>
	May 31	<i>Effingham County Residents and Practical Nursing 1957-1967</i>
	August 2	<i>Spanish Flu Hits Effingham County in 1918</i>
	October 11	<i>Dr. Stephen Hansen-60 Years in Medicine</i>
	December 20	<i>A Glimpse of Effingham County Nursing During the Great Depression</i>

3rd Annual Celebration of Lincoln and His Times *“Images of Lincoln”*



Thursday, April 27, 2017
7 p.m.

Effingham County Courthouse Museum

110 E. Jefferson Ave., Effingham

Doors open at 6 p.m. | Special music 6:45 p.m.

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