



History Matters!

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

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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.

The President's Page

Delaine Donaldson, Effingham County
Cultural Center and Museum Association,
Inc. President



REFLECTIONS ABOUT THE MUSEUM



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.

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

President	Delaine Donaldson
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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 _____

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.



Fred Tonney MD



Marjorie Scaife, RN



Frances Pitchford, RN



Agnes Schmitz, RN

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 ADN 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.

(L to R): Kim Smithhenry, Nicole Jones, Shannon Hood, Nicole Zeller, Janet Waymoth, Erin Swinger.

**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**



**St. John's Lutheran
County Line
Louisville, Illinois**

**An exhibit
CELEBRATING 150 YEARS
OF WORSHIP and
FELLOWSHIP**

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



**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
"I'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 @ the Medical Display/Historic Bedpan Contest



ECCCMA Volunteer Amy Gillespie in period costume



The DAR and their display, with service and membership information.



Lorean Macklin-Oldest female @ 101



John Kirby-Oldest male @ 93



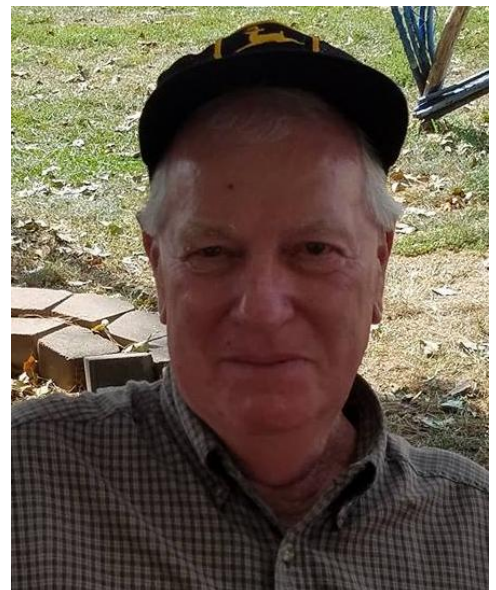
Gert & Charles Harris longest wed at 71 years



Jennifer DeWeese Youngest female



James Barton Youngest male



Dan Dasenbrock, Historic Bedpan Contest WINNER

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

Questions?
Call 217-540-8655
Leave message

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

Only 50 tickets to be sold!

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

Reserve your tickets now. Mail to **ECCCMA 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 _____

ADA KEPLEY MUSIC SERIES



Ada Kepley — pioneer Illinois
female attorney

Ada Kepley promoted alcohol-free living
as the family-friendly choice for Effingham
County residents.

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

Tickets
\$20

Available at
Fresh Digs
210 North Banker
or
billposse@yahoo.com



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

						October 2017
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Open 10-2
8	9	10 Open 10-2 Gen Meeting 6 Board 7:30	11	12	13 Chili Fest	14 1872 Celebration and Grand Ball 10AM - 10 PM
15 Ada Kepley Music Series #1 - 7PM	16	17 Open 10-2	18	19	20	21 Open 10-2
22	23	24 Open 10-2	25	26	27	28 Open 10-2 Downtown Trick or Treat
29	30	31 Open 10-2				

						November 2017
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Open 10-2
5	6	7 Open 10-2	8	9 Historic Lecture 7PM	10	11 Open 10-2
12	13	14 Open 10-2 Gen Meeting 6 Board 7:30	15	16	17 Lake Land ADN History Program Time TBA	18 Open 10-2 Ada Kepley Music Series #2 Time TBA
19	20	21 Open 10-2	22	23 Thanksgiving	24	25 Open 10-2 HOME TOWN CHRISTMAS
26	27	28 Open 10-2	29	30		

						December 2017
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Christmas OPEN HOUSE 6-8 PM	2 Open 10-2
3 Christmas OPEN HOUSE 2-4 PM	4	5 Open 10-2	6	7	8	9 Open 10-2
10	11	12 Open 10-2 Gen Meeting 6 Board 7:30	13	14 Historic Lecture 7PM	15	16 Open 10-2
17	18	19 Open 10-2	20	21	22	23 Open 10-2
24	25	26 Open 10-2	27	28	29	30 CLOSED FOR 2017

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

