

# McLean County Museum of History



## On the Museum Square

June - July - August 2019

### Cogs and Corsets: A Steampunk Happening

Prepare yourself for splendor this June when the Museum will participate in the third annual **Cogs & Corsets: A Steampunk Happening** festival, taking place throughout Downtown Bloomington on the weekend of June 7-9.

Join us first on Friday, when the Museum will kick off the weekend with an evening of fun-loving dueling of various sorts from 5:30-7:30 p.m. as part of the DBA's monthly F1rst Fr1day festivities. Whether you choose to settle your grievances over a cuppa and a biscuit or through Nerf dart combat, make it a point to stroll by the Museum for proper contests of patience and strategy. Our Tiffin Master will educate you in the ways of tea dueling etiquette (remember, avoid a splatter, splodge, or splash to get that nom!) and our friends from Chicagoland Steampunk Society will school you in all things Nerf Dueling.

And in case you don't get your fill of tea and biscuits on Friday, on Saturday and Sunday the Museum's historic Governor Fifer Courtroom will be transformed into the steamiest tearoom in



town. Allow Lady Erika Jarden to treat you to a reprieve (in the form of a snack of tea and cookies) from the jam packed schedule of activities and presentations. Sponsored by Beezer Family Honey, \$5 tickets to the tea room can be purchased online prior to the festival or onsite the day of.

Speaking of a jam packed schedule, you would be remiss to leave the Museum without sitting in on one or more of the lectures and workshops we have lined up to entice any range of curiosities in Steampunk and beyond. The Museum is excited to host such topics

as, "Humbug! Hoaxes, Charlatans, and Pseudoscience of the 19th Century," "Anachronistic Makeup & Color Selection," "The History and Future of Steampunk," and more. For a full list of presentations, visit [www.cogsandcorsetsil.com/activities/workshops/](http://www.cogsandcorsetsil.com/activities/workshops/)

And lest we forget that Steampunk fandom knows no age. On Saturday, be sure to take full advantage of family-friendly, STEAM-inspired activities, presented in partnership with the Children's Discovery Museum. Not to mention, the Museum Square will be bustling with vendors, Splendid Tea Pot Races, a morning promenade, a costume contest, Makers' Faire entries, contra dancing, performances by ArcAttack and Joshua Kane, and more! Don't run out of steam before Sunday, when you can "Dine with the Dead" at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery. Do as the Victorians did and lunch on the lawn of the cemetery while learning about late 19th century burial practices from Director of Education Candace Summers.

The festival is free to attend and open to the public. Some fees apply for specific activities and performances. For more information on activities and tickets, visit [www.cogsandcorsetsil.com/](http://www.cogsandcorsetsil.com/) and like *Cogs and Corsets: A Steampunk Happening* on Facebook.

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# On the Museum Square

## Quarterly Newsletter

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*Cruisin' with Lincoln on 66*  
Visitors Center



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Located on the corner of Main (Rt. 66)  
and Washington streets,  
the Visitors Center and Museum entrance  
is located on Washington Street on the  
south side of the Museum Square

### HOURS

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday,  
Friday, Saturday

9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Tuesday (Free)

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sunday (May-September)

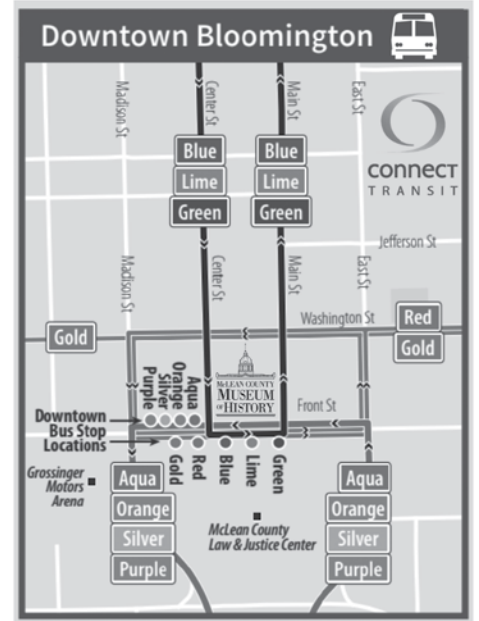
**All programs are  
located in the  
Governor Fifer  
Courtroom on the  
2nd floor unless  
otherwise noted.**



**Contact the Education Department at [education@mchistory.org](mailto:education@mchistory.org) or  
309-827-0428 for more information on any program, unless otherwise noted.**

Whether east (Red) or west (Lime), north and south (Green), or in the neighborhood (Blue and Gold), Connect Transit has a bus route that will take you anywhere you want to go—including the Museum! So hitch a ride today. Or, rent your own set of wheels and ride yourself down to the Museum on any of the Zagster bikes available through Bloomington-Normal's Bike Share 309 program. Either way, you won't have to worry about parking!

Free 90-minute street parking is available Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., unless otherwise noted. Downtown patrons are only allowed to park on the same block once per day. It is free to park on the street after 6 p.m. and on weekends. Free 4-hour daytime parking is available in the Market Street and Pepsi Ice Center garages. Paid daytime parking (\$1 per hour) is available in the Lincoln Parking Deck on Front Street, one block south of the Museum.



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# Movies under the Dome: Cars

Race to the McLean County Museum of History for a special weekend matinee of *Cars* (2006) on Saturday, August 3. Pre-movie activities will rev up at 1:15 p.m., with the film to follow at 2:15 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

Before the film, we'll work together to create a one-of-a-kind viewing experience. Using fun materials, your imagination, and a little bit of elbow grease, we will transform a cardboard box into a car of your own design. Once the transformation is complete, we'll take our new rides upstairs to fashion our-



selves a cardboard box drive-in theater. Please bring your own box for this activity. Additional seating will be available during the film.

At 2:15 p.m. we'll settle in to watch *Cars*, the story of a hot-shot racecar named Lightning McQueen, who becomes stranded in Radiator Springs, meets the locals, and ultimately discovers the true meaning of friendship. Before you speed off, examine rarely-seen, movie-themed objects from the Museum's collection.

Those in attendance will be eligible to win prizes.

Bring in new school supplies for the Back 2 School Alliance supply drive and receive a free bag of popcorn. See the ad below or check the Alliance's website for a list of approved items: <https://bit.ly/2l3s7fv>. *Cars* has a run time of 1 hour 57 minutes and is rated G. Drinks, treats, and popcorn will be available for purchase.

This event is presented in conjunction with the Museum's temporary exhibit, *Pedal Power!*, which features dozens of pedal-powered vehicles from the Bruce Callis Pedal Car Collection. *Pedal Power!* is sponsored by State Farm.

BACK TO  
SCHOOL

## Supply Drive

- Backpack (13-18" tall)
- Zippered Binder (1.5-2")
- 3-Ring Binder (1.5")
- Divider Tabs (5 count)
- Loose Leaf Paper (wide rule)
- Spiral Notebook (wide rule, 70 count)
- 2-Pocket Folders
- #2 Pencils (12 count)
- Black or Blue Pens (10-12 count)
- Ruler (standard/metric, 12")
- Markers (washable, thick, classic colors)
- Crayons (24 count)

July 6

to August 9

Donate new school supplies  
& get FREE admission  
to the Museum

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SUPPORTING STUDENTS

- Colored Pencils (12 count)
- Glue Sticks (washable)
- Fiskar Brand Scissors (blunt and pointed tip)
- Highlighters
- Index Cards (3x5" lined)
- Pink Erasers

# Lincoln's Festival on Route 66

It's time once again for the annual **Lincoln's Festival on Route 66**, this year being held on July 19, 20, and 21. Activities during the festival weekend include: living history performances, period crafts and family-friendly activities on the Museum's lawn, a car enthusiast cruise-in around the Museum Square, walking tours, a vintage bicycle display, reenactment Civil War skirmishes and a cavalry encampment, 1800s-rules baseball games, as well as presentations and performances sharing stories of the route from prairie paths, to steel rails, and on to the Mother Road.

## Saturday, July 20

► 11:00 a.m. Museum Executive Director Emeritus Greg Koos, will lead the highly popular walking tour of **Lincoln Sites in Downtown Bloomington**. Participants will gain unique insight into Lincoln, his friends and associates in Bloomington, and the town where he spent more time than any other place outside of Springfield. Those interested in joining this tour must meet inside the Museum's *Cruisin' with Lincoln on 66* Visitors Center (entrance on Washington Street), located on the ground floor of the Museum. The tour lasts approximately 45 minutes.

► 1:30 p.m. in the second floor Governor Fifer Courtroom, retired historian for the National Park Service, Frank Norris, will present **Courageous Motorists: African American Pioneers on Route 66**. Driving on Route 66 suggests the freedom of the open road, the chance to discover America behind the wheel, and the fascination of heading out west. But as the recent motion picture *The Green Book* suggests, African Americans during the Jim Crow era could not drive on either Route 66 or other American roads without navigating an often hostile world in which most motels, restaurants, and other roadside services refused service to them. Norris' presentation will show what it was like for African Americans to drive west on Route 66, and how that experience

changed over the years as the west developed and racial attitudes evolved.

► 7:00 p.m. The theatrical production **Mr. Lincoln**, by Herbert Mitgang will be performed by John O'Connor. At times comic, at other times poignant, *Mr. Lincoln* is a one-man play that hits the high points of Lincoln's personal

sights, sounds, and ideas that echoed throughout the nation. This year's feature characters will include hackney driver Ab Hawkins and former Vice President of the United States Adlai E. Stevenson II; land developer William Flagg and his daughter Sarah; fellow ISNU educators Ange Milner and June



and political life. Actor and political writer for the Associated Press in Springfield, John O'Connor, portrays Lincoln with questioning, resolve, struggle, warmth, humor, and just about every other adjective you can imagine as the audience is taken on a two-act journey into the struggles and triumphs of our sixteenth President. Tickets will be \$12 for the general public and \$10 for members of the Museum. Tickets will go on sale June 3 and will be available for purchase at the Museum or online at [www.mchistory.org](http://www.mchistory.org).

## Sunday, July 21

From 10:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. in the Governor Fifer Courtroom, **Encounters with Lincoln's Legacy**, featuring members of the Historic Acting Troupe, will portray the stories of McLean County men and women whose experiences provide a travelogue spanning the generations and the miles, highlighting

Rose Colby; Lura Eyestone, who spent 38-years training future teachers at ISNU; and John and Mary Wickizer, whose marriage was rocked by scandal.

## All Weekend

The highly popular **So You Think You Know Lincoln** and **Kicking It on Route 66** trivia games will be back again, as well as thematic crafts and games for children of all ages.

Keep an eye out too for Mr. Lincoln, who will be visiting the Museum during the festival. He will be available to meet visitors, and even take a photo or two. Check our July monthly mailer for more details about his visit.

For more information about **Lincoln's Festival on Route 66** and a complete list of activities at all participating locations, please visit [www.lincolnsfestival.net/](http://www.lincolnsfestival.net/).

# HISTORY *Makers*

Wednesday,  
**June 19**

## 8th Annual History Makers Gala

Proceeds from the History Makers Gala support the Museum's free educational programs that annually serve approximately 5,000 students and 1,300 older adults.

**Tickets on sale now**



The Museum's History Makers Gala is an annual event that honors individuals who have devoted much of their lives to making McLean County a better community in which to live. This year's honorees are:



Henry Gay



Jana Edge



Richard and Judy Buchanan

### History Reads Book Club



Bloomington Public Library  
Bloomington, IL

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## Tuesday, Aug. 6 7:00 p.m.



**Escape Betwixt  
Two Suns**  
A True Tale of the  
Underground Railroad  
in Illinois  
(2000)

By Carol Pirtle

This free public program is presented in partnership with Bloomington Public Library. Books are available for checkout at BPL or through Interlibrary Loan. Discussion will last approximately 1 hour.

Contact the Education Department, or Karen Moon at BPL at [reference@bloomingtonlibrary.org](mailto:reference@bloomingtonlibrary.org) with questions.

## Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia

Because the month of June is Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month, the Museum is pleased to host a program by the Alzheimer's Association of Bloomington-Normal. Alzheimer's disease is not a natural part of aging. It is a devastating disease of the brain that causes problems with memory, thinking, and behavior.

Join us on Tuesday, June 4 at 7:00 p.m. as we welcome Jami King, a Community Educator with the Alzheimer's Association, who will discuss the differences between Alzheimer's and Dementia and the impact these two diseases can have on all of us. This free, public program will explore the stages and risk factors of Alzheimer's disease, discuss current research and treatment options that exist to address some symptoms, and share information on resources available to program participants.

In addition to being a volunteer community educator with the Alzheimer's Association, King is

a family care partner, with two parents living with Alzheimer's/Dementia. She is passionate about helping others learn about and advocate for people impacted by dementia.

Information about the Museum's **Senior Reminiscence** outreach program will also be available. Since 2005, the Museum has regularly presented *Senior Reminiscence* programs at senior care facilities throughout Central Illinois. This program brings museum educators directly into senior care facilities at no cost to them. Using authentic objects, photographs, and inquiry-based facilitation, we encourage older adults to recall and share memories, feelings, and stories of past life experiences by handling familiar artifacts and photographs, and connecting with other program participants.

For more information about King's presentation or the *Senior Reminiscence* program, please contact the Museum's Education Department at [education@mchistory.org](mailto:education@mchistory.org) or 309-827-0428.



# Meandering McLean County and Its Agricultural History Bus Trip



Back by popular demand, we invite you to join Don Meyer, ag historian and guest curator for the Museum's *Farming in the Great Corn Belt* exhibit, and Museum Librarian and local historian Bill Kemp, for another rural history bus trip—this time exploring the nooks and crannies of eastern McLean County on Saturday, August 31.



## Pedal Power! Story Time

June 4 | July 2 | August 6  
10:00 - 10:45 a.m.

Each session will include a car-inspired story read-aloud, a hands-on activity, and time for play! These programs will take place at the Museum and are intended for children ages 2 to 5.



## Museum at the Market!

June 1 & July 6  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Join us at the DBA's Farmers' Market, where we'll once again bring creative activities to the Kids' Zone.

These free programs are presented in conjunction with the Museum's exhibit, *Pedal Power!*, featuring dozens of pedal-powered vehicles from the Bruce Callis Pedal Car Collection. *Pedal Power!* is sponsored by State Farm.

Come time travel with us as we drive through eastern McLean County one of the nation's major corn and soy-bean areas. Roadside discussion stops will take us through Bentown; the Twin Grove Wind Farm; Cooksville; Potosi; Cropsey; Bellflower (where participants will lunch in the community center); the Grand Village of the Kickapoo; LeRoy; and Stumptown, all without leaving McLean County!

The cost per person is \$45 for members of the Museum and \$55 for the general public. The trip includes transportation by Peoria Charter Coach to all sites, a boxed lunch, and bottled water. The trip will leave the McLean County Museum of History promptly at 8:30 a.m. (please park in the Lincoln Parking Deck, located one block south of the Museum on Front Street), and arrive back at the Museum at approximately 5:00 p.m. Boxed lunch sandwich choices are either Ham and Swiss, Turkey and Cheddar, or Veggie Delight. Lunches also include chips, a cookie, and whole fruit. Seating is limited to 50 passengers, with a minimum of 28 people required to secure the motor coach. Registration is due by August 16 at 5:00 p.m. Registration can be made by calling the Museum at 309-827-0428 or emailing the Education Department at [education@mchistory.org](mailto:education@mchistory.org). Payment can be made via all major credit cards, or by cash or check (payable to MCMH). Phone orders by credit card are accepted as well. Payment must be made at the time of registration.

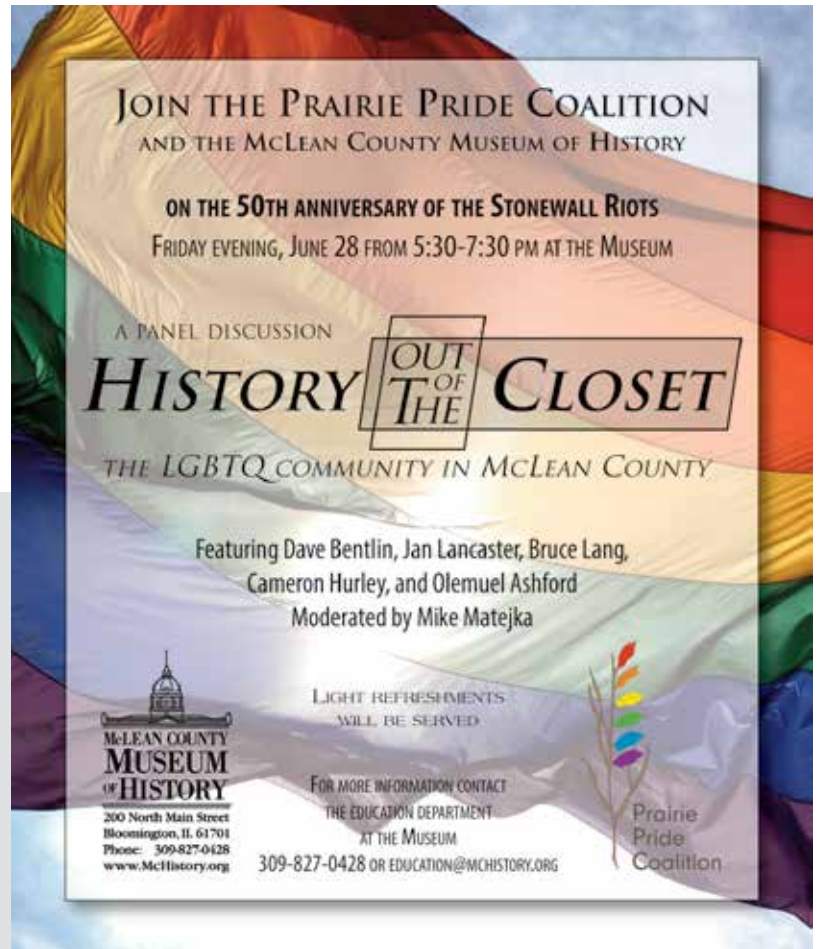
For more information about this tour or to register to participate, please contact the Education Department at 309-827-0428 or [education@mchistory.org](mailto:education@mchistory.org).

We hope that you will join us for another excursion exploring our farming heritage!

# Program to Explore and Preserve LGBTQ+ History in McLean County

The Museum is pleased to announce the formation of a partnership with the Prairie Pride Coalition to present two special programs and to expand the Museum's collection of materials associated with the LGBTQ+ community. Coinciding with the 50th Anniversary of the Stonewall Riots in New York City, on Friday, June 28 at 5:30 p.m. a panel of local individuals will present **History Out of the Closet** — a discussion the of experiences of members of LGBTQ+ community in McLean County. The following day, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., the Museum will host a preservation day for members of the LGBTQ+ community who wish to preserve their memories, artifacts, and archival materials.

The Stonewall Riots were a key event in the history of the modern LGBTQ+ movement. "In the early morning of June 28, 1969, New York City police officers raided the Stonewall Inn, a gay bar located in the Greenwich Village neighborhood of New York City. The response of the bar patrons that night was far from common. Several patrons resisted arrest and physically assaulted the police officers. The ruckus grew in magnitude until the city's riot control unit was called to the scene and managed to disperse the crowd. The 'riots' continued intermittently for another five nights. In its aftermath, numerous groups formed to advocate for better treatment of homosexuals." [*Becoming Visible*, McGarry and Wasserman, 1998]



McLean County's LGBTQ+ community is an integral part of McLean County's rich history. But little has been recorded or gathered regarding the experiences of its members because of cultural biases and prejudices. The June 28 *History Out of the Closet* program will feature community members Dave Bentlin, Jan Lancaster, Bruce Lang, Cameron Hurley, and Olemuel Ashford. These individuals will discuss their personal experiences in order to bring to light the many challenges and risks the LGBTQ+ community faced prior to the establishment of laws that granted them equal rights and protections in McLean County. Topics will include navigating work and social situations within an unaccepting community, efforts made to change cultural views and attain equal rights, struggles and successes throughout the AIDS

epidemic, and stories of everyday life both in and out of the closet. The panel discussion will be moderated by Mike Matejka.

An initiative to preserve materials relating to McLean County's LGBTQ+ community will begin the following day during the Museum's **History Out of the Closet Preservation Day**. On Saturday, June 29 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. members of the LGBTQ+ community are invited share their stories relating to home and public life, both positive and negative; clothing and personal items; business related items; and art and music. Museum staff and volunteers will video record, photograph, and scan these materials as a way to document them for the future. Members of the LGBTQ+ community, if they choose to, can donate these materials at this

time, or they can take them with them along with a flash/thumb drive complete with the videos, photographs and scans of their materials. The Museum's copies will serve as resources for future exhibits, publications, education, outreach, and special programs developed by the Museum in partnership with the Prairie Pride Coalition and members of the LGBTQ+ community. They will also be made available to those wishing to research the history of McLean County's LGBTQ+ community.

To learn more about this initiative visit the our website [www.mchistory.org](http://www.mchistory.org) or the Prairie Pride Coalition's Facebook page. If you have questions, or wish to schedule a specific timeslot during this event (or on another date), contact Museum Curator Susan Hartzold at [skhartzold@mchistory.org](mailto:skhartzold@mchistory.org).

# 25th Annual Evergreen Cemetery Walk



Twenty-five years ago, the Museum, Evergreen Memorial Cemetery, and Illinois Voices Theatre—Echoes came together to solve a growing problem in our community—cemetery vandalism. Leaders at these entities realized that there was a great need in our community to educate the public, especially students, about the importance of preserving and respecting cemeteries as part of our collective history. Cemetery vandalism was a major problem, particularly in Evergreen Memorial Cemetery—Bloomington's oldest cemetery. Thus began the **Evergreen Cemetery Walk** with its mission of preventing further vandalism and disrespect by teaching members of the community about the historical importance of cemeteries through the voices of the very people buried there. To date, the *Walk* has featured 179 distinct individuals from all walks of life—all of whom have helped shape our local history in their own way.

Patrons of this year's *Evergreen Cemetery Walk* can look forward to hearing stories from such persons as: Charles Kirkpatrick (longtime Bloomington businessman, civic leader, organizer; weekend only); Annie May Christian (an independent, single woman who was a capable, intelligent, and enthusiastic leader of the local Amateur Musical Club); Ebenezer Wright (head of the western agency for the New York Juvenile Asylum, an institution that sent children west on the "Orphan Train"); Napoleon and Louise Calimese (superintendent and matron, respectively, of the McLean County Home for Colored Children, who spent nearly 30 years investing in the lives of their charges); Florence Kaywood (spent 16 years caring for female prisoners and their children while serving as the police

matron for the City of Bloomington); and Oliver Munsell (helped revive a shuttered Illinois Wesleyan University in his time as president, though his tenure was tarnished by scandal).

Annually, the *Evergreen Cemetery Walk* event serves about 3,500 people (mostly students) over the course of eight days of performances. We are excited to again announce that all students participating in the School Tours of the 2019 *Evergreen Cemetery Walk* will attend for free due to the continued sponsorship of Evergreen Memorial Cemetery, with additional support from the Illinois Prairie community Foundation and support from Museum members.

For those interested in attending the *Evergreen Cemetery Walk*, mark your calendars for October 5, 6, 12, and 13. Performances each day will begin at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Tickets will be available for purchase starting on

September 3. Tickets can be purchased by visiting the Museum or Evergreen Memorial Cemetery, and will also be available to purchase online. Look for more information about online ticket sales coming soon to the Museum's website.

Attendants of the *Walk* should be prepared to walk approximately one mile, and to stand for six performances lasting five to seven minutes each. Each tour lasts 90 minutes to two hours. A limited number of wheelchairs and seat canes will be available to borrow free of charge, but patrons who have their own are encouraged to bring them.

For more information on the *Walk* and each of this year's featured characters, please visit [www.mchistory.org/learn/programs/cemwalk.php](http://www.mchistory.org/learn/programs/cemwalk.php). For more specific questions, please contact the Education Department at 309-827-0428 or [education@mchistory.org](mailto:education@mchistory.org). We look forward to seeing you in October!

## McLean County Home for Colored Children, 1935



Established in 1918, the Colored Children's Home (later renamed the Booker T. Washington Home) was located on the 1200 block of West Moulton Street (now MacArthur Avenue). From 1927 to the mid-1950s, husband and wife Napoleon (seated far left) and Louise (standing) Calimese served as the home's superintendent and matron.

# Revisiting your will

The importance of having a will cannot be overemphasized. It's not simply the way that you direct the distribution of your financial and personal assets. Your will also enables you to designate an executor (or personal representative) who will act in your stead to meet your obligations and steer your assets through the probate process. If you have minor children, your will allows you to name a guardian who will see to their upbringing if you and your spouse should die with the task unfinished.

Of course, no will is final until its author dies, or is otherwise unable to change it. As circumstances change, provisions of an existing will can become hopelessly out-of-date. In any case, it is wise to review your will from time to time to see whether adjustments may be in order. Nevertheless, certain categories of family and financial changes make a prompt will review a top priority.

## Personal status

Naturally, when you marry, divorce or remarry, changes in the provisions of your will are called for. At the same time, you'll want to review beneficiary designations in retirement plans and life insurance policies as well.

A move to a new state, or simply acquiring assets in a different state, means that at least some of your property will be subject to a different set of laws from those under which your will was drafted originally. Thus, it should be reviewed and revised by an advisor versed in the workings of the new state's inheritance laws.

When you have named specific assets in your will, such as a block of XYZ Corp. stock or a vacation home, you'll need to make revisions when you dispose of the named property. You also may wish to make adjustments when a given asset changes substantially in value.

Retirement, a time of sharp change in your sources of support, is also a time for will review to ensure that it is based on your current resources.

## Your financial status

If your net worth has increased significantly since you wrote your current will, revisions undoubtedly will be in order. Your larger estate gives you more opportunities to provide for family, friends and favored charitable causes. So you'll want to be certain that assets are managed and distributed as you think best.

Estates that grow in value naturally grow in complexity as well. As a result, you may need to add special instructions for dealing with a business interest, an art collection, copyrights or other not-so-simple assets.

Also, as your wealth expands, so does your exposure to gift and estate taxes. A simple everything-to-my-spouse will can bring on hundreds of thousands of dollars of needless estate taxes.

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## New to Library/Archives

Various items relating to University High and Illinois State University, including U-High student/parent directory, 2003-2004, Pioneer alumni newsletter, Fall 2018; donated by Robert Neuleib

Wide-ranging collection of items relating to the Crumbaugh Spiritualist Church, LeRoy, and spiritualism in general; donated by Joan M. Travis

Large collection of recipe cards accumulated over the years by Josephine Stubblefield Kelly; donated by Roger and Judy Augspurger

Letters associated with the loss and recovery of Wilma Ilene Runge Forrest's wedding purse; donated by the children of Wilma and "Pat" Forrest, care of Janice Metz

Three scrapbooks compiled by Ruby Vogel detailing her husband Joe's many connections to local baseball teams and leagues; donated by Dennis Vogel

Additions to the Edgar and Rachael Lundeen Collection relating to Lyle Snavelly (1897-1995); donated by Edgar Lundeen, Jr.

Several items relating to Games Designer Workshop, including the history of company, 1973-1996; donated by Marc Miller

World War II rationing items held by Theodore L. Hammer when he was farming in Bellflower Township; donated by Donald Hammer

Additions to the Robert N. Knight Collection; and Hall's Tog Shop gift certificate and envelope; donated by Catharine Knight

Several manuscripts on World War I authored/compiled by James Hoppe; donated by James Hoppe

September 22, 1950 issue of McLean County Courier newspaper; donated by William P. LaBounty

Various items relating to First Presbyterian Church, Normal, and its sesquicentennial, 1868-2018; donated by Sandra Harmon

Biographical material relating to Walter Clark, including family history (Clark was a justice of the peace when he returned home after the Civil War); day journal of Oliver Helmick, 1899-1901; and other items; donated by Virginia Harmon

WJBC AM 1230 materials, including a collection of "Forums," 1988-2002; donated by Ruth Cobb

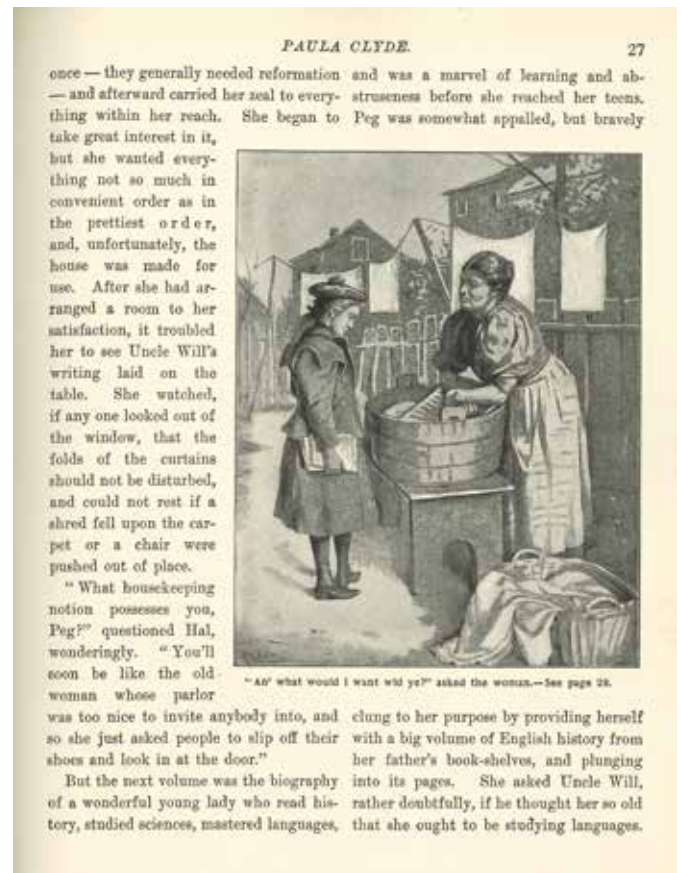
Register of electors, Dry Grove district, McLean County, 1920; donated by Ron Ropp

February 10, 1900 issue of *The Arrousmith News*; donated by Vann Perry

Large collection of items pertaining to *The Pantagraph* and Perry J. LaBounty; donated by William P. LaBounty

## Library/Archives Collections Spotlight

Donation of 1907 children's book written by local author Kate W. Hamilton



Richard Stribling of Elbert, Colorado was kind enough to donate the children's book *Paula Clyde*, or *How the Buttoned Boots Marched*, published in 1907 and written by longtime Twin City resident Kate Waterman Hamilton. Born in 1841 in Schenectady, New York, Hamilton spent most of her adult life in Bloomington-Normal, serving 40 some years as the superintendent of Second Presbyterian Church's primary department. Best known locally for her poems and short stories, she was also a published children's author. Hamilton passed away in 1934 and was laid to rest at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery.

The Museum collects novels, short story compilations, poetry collections, and all kinds of writings—published and unpublished—from authors with connections to McLean County. What's gathering dust on your bookshelf?

# Donations to Collections

## Books / Periodicals / Publications

*Trinitas* (Trinity High School yearbook), 1945 and 1946; donated by Michael and Maria O'Donnell, through the family of Rose Schenk, a Trinity graduate

*A Baby Boomer's Book of Poems* (2018); donated by Jim Tosh, the collection's author

Selection of recipe books collected by Josephine Stubblefield Kelly; donated by Roger and Judy Augspurger

Collection of books, including *Autobiography of Silas Thompson Trowbridge M.D.* (SIU Press, 2004), *A Long Way from Normal: A Memoir* (2018) by Adrian Vance; and others; donated by Greg Koos

Grogard: *Ruminations on 40 Years in Gaming* (Far Future Enterprises, 2017) by Loren K. Wiseman; donated by Marc Miller

Illinois State University phone directories, 2010-11 and 2011-12 (the last two published ISU phonebooks!); donated by William P. LaBounty

*The Renault FT Light Tank* (Osprey Pub., 1988); donated by James Hoppe

*125 Years: History of Shirley Christian Church and Shirley, Illinois* (1984); donated by Linda Shirk

Danvers Community High School yearbook, 1947; and volumes 1 and 3 of the *National History of the War for the Union*; donated by Diane Hawk in memory of Mary Sheehan

Several titles, including *Farm Plat Book and Business Guide, McLean County*, 1947; donated by Carl Behr

*Downstream, Claudia and the Science Club, Book 1* (2018) by Kathryn Foster (author with local connections); donated by Billy Burden

Paula Clyde, or *How the Buttoned Boots Marched* (1907) by Kate W. Hamilton (local author); donated by Richard Stribling

*The One Hundredth Anniversary of the Birth of Abraham Lincoln* (State of Illinois publication, 1908); donated by Mark Gibson

*Your Friend Forever, A. Lincoln* (Columbia University, 2016) by Charles B. Strozier; donated by Guy Fraker

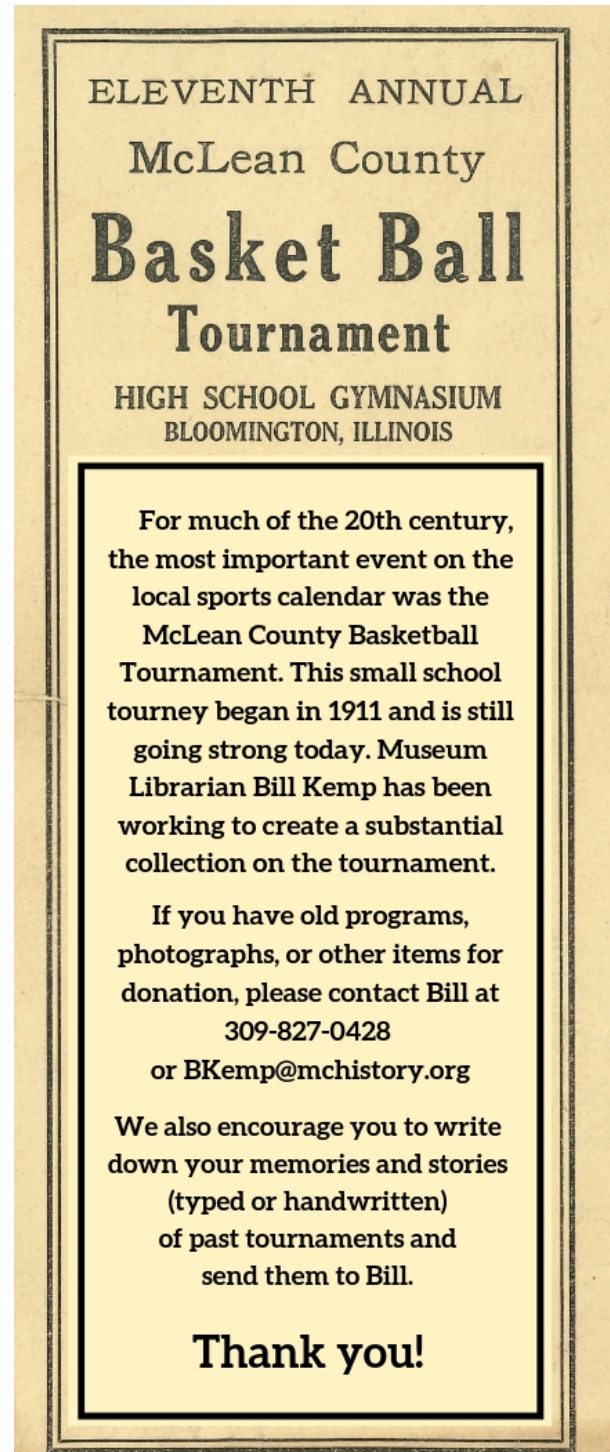
## Photographs / Images

Two photos of Wilma Ilene Runge and John C. Francis Forrest wedding, October 3, 1947, and other photos;

donated by the children of Wilma and "Pat" Forrest, care of Janice Metz

Several photographs relating to Lyle Snively and the American Legion; donated by Edgar Lundeen, Jr.

Several photos, including photo assemblage, 13x11, featuring McLean County Supervisors (predecessor to County Board) with view of the county courthouse; donated by Holli Will



# Donations to Collections

## New to Collections

Price Jones' crosscut saw, c. 1880; donated by Jim Brokaw

Original Artwork depicting "The Attack on Reverend Spencer's Home" and "The Whisky Rebellion," 2018; by Sean Thornton

Roy Will's crib and highchair, c. 1923; donated by Holli Will

Bloomington Knockers uniform, helmet, football, and baseball cap c.1985 – 2007; Paul Segobiano nametag from Great Plains LIFE Foundation, c. 2000; Paul Segobiano nametag from McLean County Board, c. 2000; McLean County Board 25 Years of Service pin, 1998; McLean County Board 35 Years of Service pin, 2008; McLean County Board 40 Years of Service pin, 2013; donated by Paul Segobiano

Shayna Watchinski Democrat for McLean County Board District 8 button, 2018; donated by Mike Matejka

Poster print featuring Frederic Goudy, 2018; created and donated by Rex Parker

David M. Pippin's Purple Heart, 1968; donated by Purple Hearts Reunited

Refine 309 shopping bag, 2018; donated by Carol Straka

#NoICEDwight button, 2019; donated by Torii Moré

Bloomington High School track and field uniform, 2017; donated by Gus Jumonville

William McKinley presidential campaign parade cane, 1896; donated by Pete Meiss

Indian Princess vest and headband, c. 1984; Homemade Halloween cat costume, c. 1978; Knitted cape, c. 1978; bikini, c. 1978; Bloomington High School drum major jacket, c. 1994; Wooden bassinet, c. 1949; donated by Paula Leifel

Voice for Choice t-shirt, c. 1990; West Bloomington Revitalization Project Book Bike t-shirt, c. 2010; Sarah Davis Garden t-shirt, c. 2009; donated by Karen Schmidt



## Collections Spotlight Featured Artifact

### Helmet — donated by Paul Segobiano

The Museum recently received a collection of objects from Paul Segobiano that reflect his work with the McLean County Board and his time with the Bloomington "Knockers," a west side youth football team. The donation included this helmet worn by players on the team, which Paul and his wife started in 1957 to provide Bloomington youth with a football program. The team was named the "Knockers" after Knock County, Ireland, where Paul's mother Mae was from. Segobiano is a lifelong resident of Bloomington. He was on the McLean County Board for over 40 years and also served as the Director of Development at Great Plains LIFE Foundation.

## McLean County Museum of History Welcomes Our New Members!

Jean M. Conley

Jim and Bev Hornickel

Pat Huth

John and Mary Jeckel

Larry and Sue Kramer

Stu Marty

Linda Mohar

Josh Rohscheib

Marcia Shank

Kellie Williams

Museum membership is an act of philanthropy that supports local history, preservation, and education for the entire community. Each membership also offers direct benefits to you and your family with free admission to the Museum and Library/Archives, discounts in the gift shop, special member price for event tickets, and free and discounted admission to hundreds of sites across the U.S. through the Time Travelers program.

**Join today at [www.mchistory.org](http://www.mchistory.org)!**

# Calendar of Events

## Museum at the Market!

### Saturdays through October 26

The Museum opens at 8:30 a.m. to all visitors with FREE admission until noon! Tour the Museum's latest exhibits and shop at the surrounding Farmers' Market.

### Now through September 29

The *Cruisin' with Lincoln on 66* Visitors Center and Museum will be open again on Sundays during the summer of 2019. Through the end of September, the Visitors Center and Museum exhibits will be open from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The Stevenson Ives Library will remain closed on Sundays.

June 1 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

## Museum at the Market Kids' Zone!

Join us at the DBA's Farmers' Market Kids' Zone for free, creative activities.

June 4 10:00 a.m.

## Pedal Power! Story Time

For more information on this free program, see page 6.

June 4 7:00 p.m.

## Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia

For more information about this program, see page 5 of this newsletter.

June 5, 12, 19, and 26  
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

## Bloomington Parks and Rec Lunchtime Concerts

Bloomington Parks & Recreation has a long tradition of offering free, quality musical entertainment during the lunch hour in Downtown Bloomington. Different artists will be featured each Wednesday during June on the mobile stage located on the north side of the Museum on Jefferson Street.

June 7 through 9

## Cogs and Corsets: A Central Illinois Steampunk Happening

For more information about this program, see page 1.

June 17 through 21 and July 8 through 12

## Futures in History Camp

*Futures in History Camp* is open to any area students entering 4th, 5th, and 6th grades who are keen on exploring the many futures a career in history can offer. From law, to archaeology, to architecture, to museum studies, and environmental science, there is a future for everyone at *Futures in History Camp*! This 5-day summer camp is presented in partnership with the David Davis Mansion State Historic Site and Sugar Grove Nature Center. Registration ends June 1. Email Hannah Johnson at [hjohnson@mchistory.org](mailto:hjohnson@mchistory.org) with any questions.

June 19 Doors open at 5:30 p.m.,  
program begins 6:15 p.m.

## 8th Annual History Makers Gala

Join the Museum as we celebrate four individuals who have dedicated their lives to making our community a better place to live. The eighth annual *History Makers Gala* will be presented in connection with the Museum's annual meeting. 2019 honorees are: Richard and Judy Buchanan, Jana Edge, and Henry Gay, whose outstanding, lifelong contributions of time and talents have helped to make McLean County the thriving community it is today. The Gala dinner will feature live theatrical dramatizations to recognize the honorees' lives of service. Tickets are available for purchase at the Museum or online at [www.mchistory.org](http://www.mchistory.org).

June 22 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## Juneteenth Celebration

You are invited to join in a Juneteenth celebration at Miller Park sponsored by the Bloomington-Normal Black History Project. Commemorate the emancipation of enslaved African Americans throughout the former Confederate States of America with music, information, and family-friendly activities. This event is free and open to the public.

June 25

7:15 p.m.

## The Once and Future Greatness of Downtown Bloomington

Museum Librarian Bill Kemp will take us through an illustrated tour of Downtown Bloomington—emphasizing its political, economic, and social history, and all of the ebbs and flows of the past 188 years. In doing so, Kemp will demonstrate how the vibrancy and growth of the Twin Cities and the wider region are dependent on the revitalization of Bloomington's historic downtown.

June 27

6:15 p.m.

## Social Justice History Walking Tour

Back by popular demand, Museum board member and labor historian Mike Matejka and Museum Librarian Bill Kemp will again present their *Social Justice History Walking Tour* of Downtown Bloomington and the adjacent warehouse district. Participants will learn about the history of neighborhoods and human rights efforts in Bloomington. Participants should meet outside the Museum's main entrance on Washington Street for the start of the tour. The tour will last approximately two hours and cover approximately 2.5 miles. Bottled water and comfortable shoes are highly encouraged. Participation is limited to the first 40 individuals to sign up. To register for the tour, please contact the Education Department at 309-827-0428 or [education@mchistory.org](mailto:education@mchistory.org). The deadline to register is Wednesday, June 26 by 5:00 p.m.

June 28

5:30 p.m.

## History Out of the Closet panel discussion

For more information about this program, see page 7 of this newsletter.

July 2

10:00 a.m.

## Pedal Power! Story Time

For more information on this program, see page 6.

July 4

**Museum CLOSED  
for Fourth of July holiday**

July 6 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

## **How-To Festival at Bloomington Public Library**

Do you want to learn how to swing dance? Communicate using sign language? Play in a drum circle? These are just a few of the things you can learn in this interactive community education event at Bloomington Public Library. This free, family-friendly event will feature community experts sharing their skills and know-how. Museum Educators will be onsite demonstrating how to make butter! Other participating organizations include The Music Shoppe, Next Step Dance, Ecology Action Center, U of I Extension, and many others! A full schedule will be posted at a later date. For more information, email [katieg@bloomingtonlibrary.org](mailto:katieg@bloomingtonlibrary.org). The festival will take place in the Library's Community Room and on the patio.

July 6 through August 9

## **Back 2 School Supply Drive**

The Museum will be helping the Back 2 School Alliance collect school supplies for local students in need for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year. The Back 2 School Supply Drive, sponsored jointly by District 87 and Unit 5, will help ensure that all students have a great start back to school on day one. The supplies collected will be distributed to students who participate in the Back 2 School Party on August 13 at the Grossinger Motors Arena and throughout Unit 5 and District 87. For a list of supplies, please see page 3 of this newsletter.

July 6 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

## **Museum at the Market Kids' Zone!**

Join us at the DBA's Farmers' Market Kids' Zone for free, creative activities.

July 19 through 21

## **Lincoln's Festival on Route 66**

For more information about this program, see page 4 of this newsletter.

August 3 Event begins at 1:15 p.m.

## **Movies Under the Dome: Cars**

For more information about this program, see page 3 of this newsletter.

August 6 10:00 a.m.

## **Pedal Power! Story Time**

For more information on this program, see page 6.

August 6 7:00 p.m.

## **History Reads Book Club: Escape Betwixt Two Suns: A True Tale of the Underground Railroad in Illinois**

For more information about this program offered in partnership with the Bloomington Public Library, please see page 5 of this newsletter.

August 10 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

## **Knit In at Green Top Grocery**

This quarter's featured knitting/crocheting charities are the Promise Council and Ronald McDonald House in Peoria. We will be making hats, scarves, gloves, and mittens for our local Promise Council, who will then distribute those items to students in need this coming winter. We will also be making baby blankets and hats for families who will stay at Ronald McDonald House in Peoria (which is tentatively scheduled to open Fall 2019). Registration is required for this free program as space is limited. Contact the Education Department at 309-827-0428 or [education@mchistory.org](mailto:education@mchistory.org) to register. Bring a snack, or pick one up at Green Top. Beverages will be provided. Knitters and crocheters are welcome to create an item for the featured charities or to work on their own project.

August 10 and 17 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## **Museum at the Illinois State Fair**

What's better than cattle shows, corn dogs, giant slides, and cows made completely out of butter? All of those things plus fun and games with Museum staff! Join the Museum for the third year at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield. Find the Museum's table stationed outside the Illinois Building in the Looking for Lincoln area (plus indoor bathrooms in close proximity)! Test your knowledge of Route 66 and Abraham Lincoln by taking a spin on the Museum's trivia wheels, and prove yourself an expert to collect a prize! Bribes of deep-fried candy bars will be regrettably declined. Can't wait to see you there!

August 29 7:00 p.m.

## **A History of the Evergreen Cemetery Walk**

Join Director of Education Candace Summers for a program on the Museum's longest running and most successful outreach program, the *Evergreen Cemetery Walk*. This program will explore the roots of this event and how it began as a call to action against vandalism at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery. Audience members will also be introduced to the individuals who will be featured this year during the 25th Anniversary Cemetery Walk. This program will be held in the Community Room at Bloomington Public Library and is free and open to the public.

August 31 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## **Meandering McLean County and Its Agricultural History**

Back by popular demand after a sold out bus trip last fall, join Don Meyer, ag historian and guest curator of the Museum's *Farming in the Great Corn Belt* exhibit, and Museum Librarian Bill Kemp, for a bus trip touring the agricultural nooks and crannies of eastern McLean County. See page 6 of this newsletter for more details.

September 2

**Museum CLOSED  
for Labor Day holiday**

September 3

## **Evergreen Cemetery Walk: Tickets on Sale Today**

Tickets for the *25th Evergreen Cemetery Walk*, October 5-6 & 12-13, go on sale. Tickets cost \$17.00 for non-members, \$15.00 for Museum members, and \$5.00 for students with ID and children. Buy them at least 24 hours in advance and save \$2.00 each on each adult ticket! (There is no discount on student tickets.) Tickets can be purchased at the Museum and Evergreen Memorial Cemetery in Bloomington, and will be available for purchase online through the Museum's website. For more information, please contact the Museum's Education Department at 309-827-0428 or [education@mchistory.org](mailto:education@mchistory.org). For more information, please see page 8 of this newsletter.

# It's a great time to be a member of McLean County Museum of History!

*Our members are some of our biggest supporters and have done so in many ways. Now it's our turn to give back to you. We are increasing our member benefits to include promotions at local businesses, invitations to exclusive member events, and much more!*

Benefits now include special offers from many of our Bloomington-Normal business partners. Take a look below at what they have to offer!

## **Beyond Normal**

20% off one regular-priced item

## **Butter Twice and Again**

10% off purchase (exclusions apply)

## **Common Ground Grocery**

Ask the cashier about their rotating special

## **Cracked Up Pottery**

\$5 off pottery experience

## **Crossroads**

\$5 off \$25 purchase

## **The Garlic Press**

Ask the cashier about their rotating special

## **Ivy Lane Bakery**

10% off purchase

## **Medici**

10% off food purchase

(please notify server before ordering)

## **Meltdown Creative Works**

10% discount on any service or retail apparel

## **OhmFit Activewear**

\$10 off \$25 purchase

## **Red Raccoon Games**

Ask the cashier about their rotating special

## **The Rock**

10% off purchase

## **Uptown Gifts and Accessories**

\$5 off \$25 purchase

## **Vera and Buck**

10% off purchase

## **Von Champs Boutique**

Ask the cashier about their rotating special

## **Windy City Wieners**

10% off purchase

## **Whimsy Fancy Goods**

10% off purchase

## MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

| Primary | Davis | Fifer-Bohrer | Stevenson | Lincoln | McLean |                                                                     |
|---------|-------|--------------|-----------|---------|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ●       | ●     | ●            | ●         | ●       | ●      | Free Museum admission                                               |
| ●       | ●     | ●            | ●         | ●       | ●      | 10% discount at Museum Gift Shop                                    |
| ●       | ●     | ●            | ●         | ●       | ●      | Discounts at select local businesses                                |
| ●       | ●     | ●            | ●         | ●       | ●      | Free or Discounted admission to over 385 Museums and Historic Sites |
| ●       | ●     | ●            | ●         | ●       | ●      | Member price tickets to Museum events                               |
| ●       | ●     | ●            | ●         | ●       | ●      | Access to a Member-Appreciation Open House                          |
| ●       | ●     | ●            | ●         | ●       | ●      | Quarterly On the Square newsletter                                  |
| ●       | ●     | ●            | ●         | ●       | ●      | 10% discount on new gift memberships                                |
| ●       | ●     | ●            | ●         | ●       | ●      | Help fund a Senior Reminiscence program in the community            |
| ●       | ●     | ●            | ●         | ●       | ●      | Invitation to an exclusive Member Event                             |
| ●       | ●     | ●            | ●         | ●       | ●      | Help fund a hands-on education loan kit to a local classroom        |
| ●       | ●     | ●            | ●         | ●       | ●      | Invitation to Premium Member Events                                 |
| ●       | ●     | ●            | ●         | ●       | ●      | Fund a full week of services in the Stevenson-Ives Library          |
| ●       | ●     | ●            | ●         | ●       | ●      | Additional guest tickets to all Member Events                       |
| ●       | ●     | ●            | ●         | ●       | ●      | Provides a Primary Membership to one local family in need           |
| ●       | ●     | ●            | ●         | ●       | ●      | Provides a Primary Membership to two local families in need         |
| ●       | ●     | ●            | ●         | ●       | ●      | Provides a Primary Membership to five local families in need        |
| ●       | ●     | ●            | ●         | ●       | ●      | Fund a day of Museum operations, exhibits, & education programs     |
| ●       | ●     | ●            | ●         | ●       | ●      | Recognition as "Sponsor of the Day" at the Museum and online        |

*\*Your membership card will be required as proof to receive promotions.*



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## MYSTERY HISTORY



Last issue's mystery photo was difficult for sure, though a few of you knew the answer. The black-and-white photo from April 1975 was taken from East Grove Street on the edge of Downtown Bloomington and showed the steel framework of an under-construction Law and Justice Center.

Those who got it right included Roger and Carol Elliott, Dave Park, Andy Streenz, and Bob Wills. Andy spotted the Beck Memorial Home sign on the left, and another one for the former Clay Dooley building. Bob, a retired firefighter, was a Bloomington fire inspector during construction.

Okay, for this issue, we can see that these young lads are having a good time at an area pool. It's sometime in the late 1930s. Our question is simple: Where was this pool located? And remember, you only get one guess! If you know—or think you know—the answer, contact Librarian Bill Kemp by email at [library@mchistory.org](mailto:library@mchistory.org), or by phone at 309-827-0428. And as always, good luck!