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Devereux Heights Finding Its Place in Local History Thanks to Writer/Researcher With a Story to Tell

The winds of change can sometimes blow a village off the map. Jobs vanish as industries depart, super-slabs and shopping centers rip across pastures, groves and farm fields. Families move on.

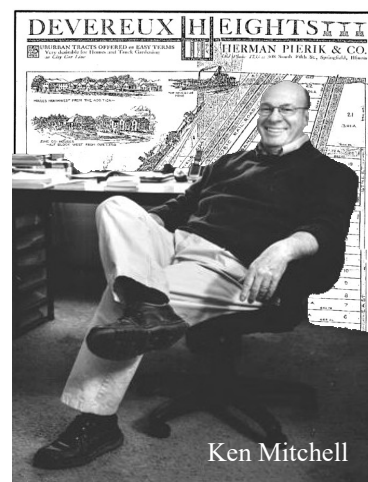
Except for Devereux Heights, a feisty 106-year-old hamlet on the northern-most end of Springfield that has defied fading away. On Tuesday, September 17, you'll learn more about this close-knit neighborhood with deep roots to Sangamon County's past, when author Ken Mitchell shares what he's learned about the area and put into a new book, *"The Little Village That Could: The Untold Story of Devereux Heights."*

His presentation, kicking off the Society's

2019-2020 program series, begins at 5:30 p.m. in Carnegie Room North in the City of Springfield's Lincoln Library and is free and open to the public.

Author and raconteur Mitchell is no stranger to Springfield's north end. Among the 15 books and several shorter pieces he's written about the people and places that shaped his life there are *"North End Pride, The History of Lanphier High School"* and *"Growing Up in Rabbit Row,"* a look at the colorful north side neighborhood in and around Reservoir Street from Ninth to 15th Streets in which his father grew up. At its core was sprawling

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Ken Mitchell

Annual Oak Ridge Cemetery Walk Set for October 6

The Sangamon County Historical Society's annual Echoes of Yesteryear Oak Ridge Cemetery Walk will be held on Sunday, October 6 and if past years are any measure, it will attract a substantial turnout, says committee chair Mary Alice Davis.

"The annual walk continues to grow and we expect that this year it could well set a

record, The event has drawn several thousand participants in its 18-year history, many coming from out of the area to take advantage of this opportunity to tour Oak Ridge in a unique way," she adds.

Oak Ridge is the second most visited national cemetery in the Nation, surpassed only by Arlington in Washington D.C.

Every year the Society's Oak Ridge

cemetery walk focuses on seven people whose lives had an impact on Sangamon history, with period-garbed actors portraying each figure.

Last year, as an official Illinois State Bicentennial Event, participants stopped at the grave sites of individuals who played a prominent role in the state's 200 year his-

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Jumping Feet First Into a New Program Season

As the photo on the bottom of page 1 illustrates, we're about to step into fall after a summer of heat, rain, and everything in between. It's okay. We needed that respite to catch up on the things we never seem to have time to do during the rest of the year.

At least that's what the Society has been doing during the two-month hiatus we usually take in July and August.

In early June, your board spent some time in mini focus groups, coming up with ideas in three key areas of our operations: finances, membership, and leadership. Out of that came a report we think will help shape the Society in the years ahead.

Don't be surprised if you're asked to be on one of a handful of short-term committees that will be formed this year to study and provide advice on an equal number of ideas advanced in the focus session. While we're a working board, it doesn't mean at the exclusion of our membership. If you have the time and the interest, we'd love to have you be part of one of those committees as we take the Society in new directions.

Speaking of which, we hope you'll take a look at our revised website. For the back-story on how and why we have a new look, check out page 3. In any event, we are delighted with the new look and the ability to develop new sections that were not possible in the past.

One of the most significant of these is our move to put as many of the Society's books and booklets online and downloadable for free. It's not an easy task, but will certainly be valuable to researchers and others for whom the information in these publications can be found nowhere else. We're delighted that where copyrights exist, the authors we've contacted have enthusiastically agreed to have their work put on line and be

made available at no charge. It's something we've wanted to do for a long time, but the new website provided the impetus for us to move ahead. Not everything is on line...yet. Keep checking back.

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As you can see from this issue, our fall season will keep us busy, opening with a look at one of the best kept secrets of Springfield's history, the community of Devereux Heights, whose founder, Harry Devereux, was the step-grandson of one of Sangamon County's earliest movers-and-shakers: Nicholas H. Ridgely. Ridgely was a Maryland native who moved to Sangamon County in 1835 and later founded Ridgely National Bank, serving as its president until 1888. (Ridgely is among those who will be profiled in the Society's Echoes of the Past Oak Ridge Cemetery walk on October 6). Like his mother, Devereux also married a Ridgely. On September 17, you'll learn more about how these family ties helped shape Springfield from author Ken Mitchell who has taken both the time and effort to dig deep and come up with fascinating insights into the people who spawned Springfield's early growth.

And there's more to come in the way of programs in October and November, our annual holiday party in December, and then another string of offerings through late winter and into the spring, already in place. We've even locked in the date and location for our annual Trivia Night (March 21, 2020), just in case you want to spend the next few months honing your skills.

It is going to be an exciting year, with a broad spectrum of programs about local history. That's what we're here for. We look forward to sharing that knowledge with you.

Vicky Whitaker



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Vicky Whitaker, *Historico* Editor, Photos by Kathy Dehen, Larry Stone

SCHS Website Gets a Major Makeover With a Fresh New Look, New Features

What's old is new, in this case very new.

Over the summer, the Sangamon County Historical Society redesigned its website, *sangamonhistory.org*, making significant changes in its content and in doing so, eliminated escalating annual fees paid to an external membership management firm for services it does not use and from which it could not opt out.

In doing so, the Society also removed all personal membership information from its website as a security measure in light of the rash of security breaches widely reported in the media.

"We had been moving in this direction for several months, after being advised by the membership management company that our annual fee for them to process on-line membership and host our website would exceed more than \$1,000 starting in August and that it would add an additional surcharge to on-line membership payments run through PayPal if we refused to use its new internal payment system. In recent years, the fees had started to creep up in line with the company's expansion into seminars and other services we felt we did not require but from which we could not opt out," explained Society president Vicky Whitaker.

"The new fees and the surcharge sealed our decision" which was approved by the board earlier this year as we approached renewal of what had been a multi-year contract."

Since the Society owns its domain name and operates two other sites hosted locally including one for *SangamonLink.org*, our on-line and searchable encyclopedia of Sangamon County history, it was relatively easy to redirect *sangamonhistory.org* to our local hosting operation. But first we moved all our membership information to off-line, with access only on a need-to-know basis limited to key officers and the treasurer. That was a complicated and long process because of the vast amount of information that had to



NEW FACE: Our new website is colorful, in the green and white colors of the Society, accented by the photo of a bright red cardinal, the state bird, snapped by our late photographer and board member Donna Catlin.

be individually transferred. None of the detailed membership information is posted on-line.

"The new site was designed in-house at no cost and includes a broad range of information about the Society, its history, officers, quick links to *SangamonLink.org* and *Historico*, and, for the first time, many of our own publications, which can be downloaded free. We expect this section to continue to expand as we convert our previously printed works into a downloadable PDF format that will make them widely available to all. The site continues to be a work in progress, but we hope you enjoy viewing it," Whitaker said,



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SEPTEMBER 2019 MEMBERSHIP REPORT:



The Society is pleased to welcome new members Holly Whisler and Tammy Riddle.

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End of the Year Wrap-Up

Society Elects Officers for 2019-2020, Fills Board Seats

At its annual meeting on Tuesday, June 18, members of the Sangamon County Historical Society elected officers to lead the Society in 2019-2020.

The Society operates on a fiscal year beginning June 1 and ending on May 31.

Incumbent Vicky Whitaker was re-elected to a second one-year term as president. Whitaker previously served as vice-president and is editor of the Society's newsletter.

Stephanie Martin, who previously served on the board and chaired the Society's membership committee, was elected vice-president.

Mary Mucciante, who also served as a director of the Soci-

ety, was elected secretary. Incumbent Jerry Smith was re-elected treasurer.

The Society's 15 board of

were Jennie Battles, Kathy Dehen, Mary Schaefer, Larry Stone, Angela Weiss. Elected to fill a one-year vacancy on

Society's annual dinner held at the Pleasant Plains Historical Society's Clayville Historic Site in Pleasant Plains, 15 miles west of Springfield.

The evening began with a pre-dinner gathering in the new covered outdoor pavilion adjoining the air-conditioned Cunningham Barn which housed the business and dinner portion of the meeting.

Historian and past president David Scott was

the keynote speaker whose talk focused on the forces that shaped Illinois.

Following the meeting, attendees were given a tour of the site,



ON BOARD: Continuing and elected board members and officers gather for a post-election portrait at the annual dinner. See page 3 for a list of the 2019-2020 board.

directors serve staggered three-year terms. When board vacancies arise, candidates can seek to fill the remainder of the term. Elected to the board for a three year term ending in 2022

the board ending in 2020 was Elaine Hoff.

For a full list of the 2019-2020 officers, board and committees see page 3,

The election was held at the

Five Community Groups Win Society's Special Projects Grants

Winners of the Sangamon County Historical Society's Special Projects Grants were announced June 18 at the Society's Annual Dinner, held this year at the Clayville Historic Site in Pleasant Plains.

Using a PowerPoint display that illustrated each proposal, Elaine Hoff, chair of the Society's Special Projects Grants committee, revealed the names of each recipient and introduced representatives of the organizations who attended the event as guests of the Society. They, in turn, provided dinner goers with details of their projects.

The 2019 recipients are:

Central 3 Community First Project Inc., \$1,000.

Project: Signage for first black firehouse in Springfield describing its history and role in the 1908 race riot. An architectural drawing of the new façade will be added following completion of restoration.

Springfield And Central Illinois African American History Museum, \$1,000.

Project: Exhibit on the national Negro League players from Springfield and Central Illinois and their impact on area baseball.

Pleasant Plains Historical Society, \$500. (Catlin Memorial Award),

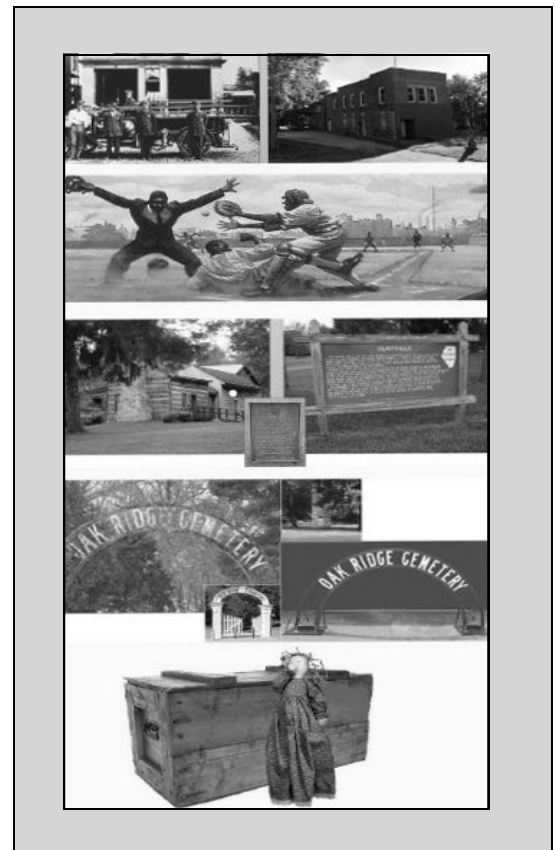
Project: Refine and rebuild wheel chair ramps to three historic buildings at its Clayville Historic Site. One award each year is designated the Donna Catlin Memorial Award in memory of the Society's late photographer, Donna Catlin who was widely known for her photographs of historic sites, among them Clayville.

Oak Ridge National Cemetery, \$500

Project: Create an interpretive marker with historical information about the former third street entrance sign (circa 1900), now restored and ready for display at the cemetery bell tower.

Springfield Art Association/Historic Edwards Place, \$500.

Project: Traveling history trunk program to bring history into the classroom.



Historian to Separate Myth From Fact in Lincoln's Assassination

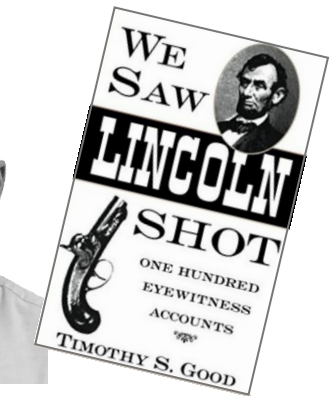
Historian Timothy S. Good will take a myth-busting look at Lincoln's assassination when he speaks to the Society on Tuesday, October 22.

The date is a week later than the Society's normal monthly program schedule, but will be held as usual in Carnegie Room North, at the City of Springfield's Lincoln Library starting at 5:30 p.m. The session is free and open to the public.

Good, whose first book, *"We Saw Lincoln Shot: One Hundred Eye Witness Accounts"* will be the basis of his presentation at the October 22 meeting, has also written three other books, *"American Privateers in the War of 1812: The Vessels and Their Prizes as Recorded in Niles' Weekly Register," "Lincoln for President: An Underdog's Path to the 1860 Republican Nomination"* and *"The Lincoln-Douglas Debates and the Making of a President,"* all areas of interest to the 28-year veteran of the National Park Service who was appointed Superintendent of the Lincoln Home National Historic Site in Springfield in 2018.

Good began his career with the NPS in Washington D.C. at the Ford's Theater National Historic Site. He has held several national and regional leadership posts, most recently as site superintendent for the Ulysses S. Grant site in Missouri before being named to supervise the Lincoln Home National Historic Site. He worked at the site from 1996 to 2001. For his book about Lincoln's assassination, Good drew

on 100 accounts of eyewitnesses, reconstructing from their statements an overview of events and an analysis of the sometimes contradictory statements that suggest conclusions that differ from accepted theories.



Hidden In Plain Sight, Historic Community Getting Its Story Told

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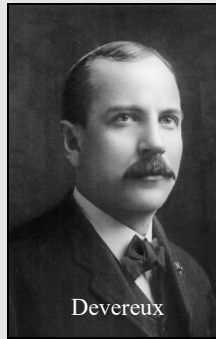
Reservoir Park, once one of the city's most popular and beautiful family recreation areas that was plowed under in the early 1930s to make way for the construction of Lanphier High School.

While doing research for *North End Pride*, Mitchell's curiosity about other small North End neighborhoods was piqued, although information was sparse. He made a mental note to pursue that route once he finished other writing projects. That moment came four years ago in conversation with a former Devereux Heights resident who offered to share his memories and contacts. It spurred some interviews but, noted Mitchell, not enough for a book. Three other writing projects took precedence until earlier this year, when Mitchell was able to pursue the Devereux Heights story, a unique "company coal town" whose residents benefitted from an unusual real estate deal that allowed them to avoid the fate of their counterparts when the coal ran out.

Mitchell, who holds degrees from Millikin University in history and political science and from the University of Illinois, Springfield, in biology and education, has had a varied 40-year business career spread across real estate, farming, horse breeding, insurance, sales and marketing.

Looking at the Legacy of Harry H. Devereux

Harry H. Devereux (1866-1926), whose name is forever linked to Devereux Heights, was a savvy businessman and popular political leader who served two terms as mayor of Springfield (1901-1904).



Devereux

His mother, Marie L. Devereux, believed to be a widow, moved to Springfield in 1871 from Detroit, Michigan, with six-year old Harry in tow. In 1880, she married one of the city's most eligible bachelors, widower Redick M. Ridgley, one of 13 sons of Springfield banker, businessman, landowner, and railroad tycoon Nicholas H. Ridgley (*one of seven prominent citizens associated with education in Sangamon County who will be featured in the Sangamon County Historical Society's 2019 Echoes of Yesteryear Oak Ridge Cemetery Walk*). Redick M. Ridgley had four children from his first marriage: Alice, Janey, Redick Jr. and John and two more children with Marie: a son, William and a daughter, Mabel.

Harry Devereux began his business career with an entry level job at Ridgley National Bank but, as Mitchell notes in his new book, "his curiosity and natural business acumen propelled the young man to succeed at all costs," his set of promotions "aided by his step grandfather, the family patriarch, who was president of the bank until his death in 1888."

And, says Mitchell, "through love or expediency, or both, the Ridgely connection continued in Harry's life." At age 30, in 1895, Devereux married his step-sister, Alice Ridgely. She died three years later in childbirth, leaving him with a son, also named Harry. In 1915, he married Nell Selby. They had no children. Devereux died in 1926, preceded by his wife who died in 1918. He was survived by his son and a grandson. Devereux's main accomplishment, beyond his other business, civic, and political activities and family responsibilities, was the founding of the Chicago-Springfield Coal Company that, says Mitchell, was successful on several levels, not the least of which is "the development of a little village on the north end of Springfield that bears his name and ensures a lasting legacy."

Echoes of Yesteryear Oak Ridge Cemetery Walk Will Underscore Historic Links to Local Education

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tory: Lincoln's first law partner, John Todd Stuart; civic leader Martha Hicklin, board member and treasurer of the Lincoln Colored Home; Catharine Bergen Jones who cast her first ballot in 1914 at age 97, the first time women in Illinois were allowed to vote in municipal elections; John Kelly, the first settler of Springfield; Carrie Post for whom the King's Daughters Home in Springfield was named; Catharine Frazee Lindsay, mother of poet Vachel Lindsay; and Moses Broadwell, Clayville founder.

This year, tour takers will learn about the lives of six community leaders whose names are associated with Sangamon County schools: James H. Matheny, Elijah Iles, Jesse Dubois, Jacob Bunn, William Butler, Nicholas H. Ridgley, seventh stop at the grave site of the first woman elected to the Springfield school board, Majorie Logan Morrison.

The two-hour tour will run from Noon to 4 p.m. (the last group will start at 3:15 p.m.). Tour takers will be bused from the starting point at the Oak Ridge Bell Tower to the first

gravesite, then will walk to other sites (a distance totaling about a half mile) before boarding the bus to return down the hill to the starting point.

Free parking will be available. The tour is free but a free-will offering will be accepted.

Planning Starts Early

Detailed planning for the 2019 walk began in the spring and moved into full gear this summer with a committee led by Davis that also included Jerry Smith, Jennie Battles, Linda Schneider, Ruth Slottag, Susan Helm, Mike Kienzler, Ernie

Slottag, Curtis Mann, Larry Stone, Pete Harbison and Mike Lelys, executive director of Oak Ridge.

"Oak Ridge covers some 365 acres of flat ground, wooded areas, and rolling hills, and we have to take into consideration walking distance and timing. As I've

North First Street on the east in Springfield, is the largest municipal cemetery in Illinois.

At the walk, attendees will be able to purchase both publications from the Society and snacks and water from the Springfield and Central Illinois African American



noted in the past, you can't just pick and choose where the stops will be by looking at a map. Members of the committee actually walk the sites as part of the planning process.

"While bus transportation is provided to the first stop on the tour, there is a some walking in between, so we think carefully about both the route and distance visitors will have to travel to see everything from start to finish," Davis notes.

The 365-acre Oak Ridge Cemetery, bordered on the west by North J. David Jones Parkway (North Walnut Street) and

History Museum.

They also will be able to view the reproduction of Lincoln's funeral hearse from the P.J. Staab Family Funeral Home that was created for the Lincoln Funeral Reenactment in May 2015 on the 150th anniversary of the President's funeral. (The original was destroyed by fire in 1887).

The cemetery walk, co-sponsored by the Society and Oak Ridge Cemetery, was held annually for 13 years beginning in 1996 and ending in 2008.

It was brought back five years ago by popular demand.

CALENDAR OF AREA HISTORY EVENTS

◆ **Wednesday, September 11: *Elijah Iles House Fall Porch Chats:*** John Eck talks about growing up in Springfield; 5:30 p.m. Elijah Iles House, 628 South Seventh Street, Springfield. Free. For information call 217-492-5929 or see www.ileshouse.org.

◆ **Tuesday, September 17: "The Little Village That Could: The Untold Story of Devereux Heights;"** 5:30 p.m., Carnegie Room North, City of Springfield Lincoln Library, 326 North Seventh Street, Springfield. Author Ken Mitchell talks about the origin, character and current life in this 106 year-old hamlet in his continuing effort to learn and share the unique history of Springfield's north end. Free. For information, see www.sangamonhistory.org.

◆ **Wednesday, September 18: *Elijah Iles House Fall Porch Chats:*** Allan Woodson talks about growing up in Springfield; 5:30 p.m. Elijah Iles House, 628 South Seventh Street, Springfield. Free. For more information call 217-492-5929 or see www.ileshouse.org.

◆ **Friday, September 13 through Sunday, September 15: *Rochester Sesquicentennial Celebration.*** From 5 p.m. Friday, from 7 a.m. on Saturday and from 1 p.m. on Sunday. Civil War regiment encampment, carnival, 5/10k walk and run. Live music and fireworks on Saturday. Rochester Community Park and Historical Park, Wild Rose Lane, Rochester. For a complete schedule, go to www.rochester150.com, Rochester or call 498-7891.



◆ **Sunday, September 22: *Standing on Her Shoulders - The Ripple.*** 2 p.m. Free. Re-enactors and contemporary women will recall their own experiences of gaining the right to vote and the road to full equality. The "Standing on Her Shoulders" special speaker series is presented by the Academy of Lifelong Learning at Lincoln Land Community College and the Illinois State Museum and is sponsored in part by Illinois Humanities, in recognition of the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage. Illinois State Museum, 502 S. Spring Street, Springfield. For more information go to Illinoisstatemuseum.org or call 217-782-0979.

◆ **Wednesday, September 25 *Elijah Iles House Fall Porch Chats:*** Robert Cohen talks about on growing up in Springfield. 5:30 p.m. Free. Elijah Iles House, 628 South Seventh Street, Springfield. Free. For more information call 217-492-5929 or see www.ileshouse.org.

◆ **Tuesday, October 1: *Springfield's Washington Street in the 1800s.*** Historian and author Richard Hart, shares information about Washington Street in downtown Springfield and its growth as a site of commerce in the 1800s. 6:30 p.m. Books on the Square Springfield, 427 E. Washington Street. Free. For more information, see www.booksonthesquare.com. or call 217-965-5443.

◆ **Tuesday, October 1 -Thursday October 3: *2019 Illinois State Historical Society Illinois Ozark Fall Tour.*** Southern Illinois is nature's wonderland and in the fall it is magical! Tour takers, led by historians and archaeologists, will explore the southeastern most corner of the state including Shawnee National Forest, historic and prehistoric landmarks, Garden of Gods, and sites associated with early industry, the Civil War, and the Underground Railroad. Lodging will be at the San Damiano on the cliffs above the Ohio River. The Tour begins at San Damiano (participants arrange their own travel). All other tour travel from San Damiano by luxury motorcoach. Wednesday and Thursday meals included in package. Lodging is booked separately through ISHS (rates depend on room preference). Cost of the tour for ISHS members is \$250 per person, plus lodging, \$310 per person for non-members, plus lodging. For details, see www.historyillinois.org or call 217-535-2781.



◆ **Sunday, October 6: *Echoes of Yesteryear Oak Ridge Cemetery Walk.*** A walking tour featuring seven actors dressed in period costumes portraying namesakes of local schools. Participants will be bused to the

area of the tour from the Oak Ridge Bell Tower. Noon to 4 p.m. (Last tour starts at 3 p.m.). Oak Ridge Cemetery. 1441 Monument Avenue, Springfield. Free parking and free admission (donations accepted). For more information go to www.sangamonhistory.org or call 217-525-1961.

◆ **Tuesday, October 8: *Lunch and Learn: Footprints of Sangamon.*** Historian and author Richard Hart will talk about "Strawbridge-Shepherd House: The First Footprint of Sangamon State University" followed by Dr. Judith Everson who will speak on "The Early Days of Sangamon State University." 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$25 and includes lunch. UIS Student Union Ballroom, 2251 Richard Wright Drive, Springfield. For information call 217-206-6058.

◆ **Thursday, October 10: *8th AAHM Fundraising Gala.*** The Springfield and Central Illinois African-American History Museum will honor the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Illinois, the Frontiers International Springfield Club, the Lincoln Home Historic Site and Union Baptist Church in this major fundraiser that this year will be honoring organizations that support and empower the Black community by paying it forward. A reception and silent auction starts at 6 p.m. followed by dinner and program at 7 p.m. at the Crown Plaza, 3000 South Dirksen Parkway. Tickets are \$60 adults, \$30 for children up to age 18. For information, see www.spiaahm.org or call 217-391-6323.



◆ **Saturday, October 12 and Sunday, October 13: "Curse of the Edwards Place Mummy" Fall Murder Mystery at Historic Edwards Place.** Edwards place steps into the Halloween season with a fundraiser centering around the mock filming of a horror B-movie, "Curse of the Edwards Place Mummy." Halloween costumed dinner guests are "extras" in a scene where the director is killed in grisly fashion! Guests will need to put their detective skills to the test to discover which of the six suspects is the murderer. Tickets for dinner, drinks, and the original show, at \$50 per person, go on sale to the public on Friday, September 13. The show, at Edwards Place, 700 North 4th Street, Springfield, will be repeated the following weekend, Friday, October 18 and Saturday, October 19. For ticket information, call 523-2631 or go to www.edwardsplace.org.

◆ **Tuesday, October 22: *Myth Busting Lincoln's Assassination.*** Historian Thomas S. Good, author of "We Saw Lincoln Shot: Onr Hundred Eyewitness Accounts" shares his research and conclusions with the Sangamon County Historical Society on the mythology surrounding Lincoln's death. 5:30 p.m., Carnegie room North, City of Springfield's Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh Street, Springfield. Free and open to the public. (Note: The Society's programs are normally on the third Tuesday of each month. This is an exception. The regular schedule will resume in November).



◆ **Thursday, November 14; *Helen's 200th Birthday Bash.*** Historic Edwards place celebrates the 200th birthday of Helen Edwards, hostess, wife and mother. A re-enactor will be on hand to talk about birthdays in the 19th century. You'll hear excerpts of her many letters throughout the home, and have a piece of birthday cake. 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Free and open to the public. Edwards Place, 700 North 4th Street, Springfield. For more information, see www.edwardsplace.org.

◆ **Tuesday, November 19: *Veterans Remember.*** Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Oral History Program director Mark DePue talks about the efforts to reach out and record the memories of Illinois military veterans. 5:30 p.m., Carnegie Room North, City of Springfield Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh Street, Springfield. Free and open to the public. For information see www.sangamonhistory.org.

◆ **Saturday, November 23 - Sunday, December 1: *SCHS at Memorial's Festival of Trees.*** Stop by and check out the Sangamon County Historical Society's tree entry in this year's Festival of Trees in the Orr Building, Illinois State Fair Grounds, Springfield. For ticket information, see www.memorialmedical.com/memorial-medical-center-foundation/events/festival-of-trees.

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Sangamon County Historical Society MEMBERSHIP/MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL Form

Mail this form with your check to the Sangamon County Historical Society, Box 9744, Springfield, IL 62791-9744. You may also join or renew on line by going to sangamonhistory.org. Our membership year runs from June 1 to May 31. All memberships — except Business/Corporate and college/university students — cover adults and children 16 and over at the same address. Be sure to include their names.

Name(s) _____

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2019-2020 GIFT of Membership from:

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2019-2020 Membership Levels

Except for business and college/university student membership, all levels listed below cover adults and children 16 and over *living at the same address*. **Please list their names in the space below.**

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