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2016 Annual Meeting & Program Sunday April 30

The 2016 Annual Meeting Dinner and Program will be held at the United Methodist Church in Hennepin at 6:00 p.m. Saturday April 30, 2016.

Brian “Fox” Ellis is the first-person story-teller and Riverlorian for the modern paddlewheeler Spirit of Peoria. He is well known for his programs with wildlife organizations as John James Audubon and with Civil War re-enactors as General Black Jack Logan. He will present **The River is a Time Machine** for us. In this program “Fox” will take us from the first French explorers on the Illinois River through the time of Black Hawk (when Native Americans were forced west of the Mississippi River and Putnam County was created) and on through the period when steamboats spurred development of the Illinois valley and Putnam County.



Mark your calenders and plan to attend.

Tickets are \$15; available from any Board Member (Dick Ashdown, Karen Bailey, Gary Boggio, Sue Bruch, Sue Campbell, Teresa Clausen, Darlene Cofoid, Will Duke, Sheila Haage, Kevin Kunkel, Lonna Nauman, Sid Whitaker) and at Putnam County banks, or phone 815-303-5104.

Everyone is invited.

Pulsifer House Reopens For Year

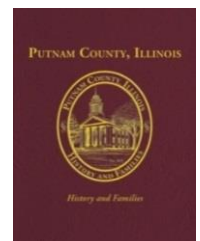
Pulsifer House reopened for the year on Wednesday March 16 when the normal hours of Wednesdays and Fridays between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm resumed.

Putnam County History & Families

Copies of the new Putnam County history book are still available from the Putnam County Historical Society.

Orders at \$55.00 for pick-up or \$61.50 for mail delivery can be submitted by mail to:
Putnam County Historical Society, P.O. Box 74, Hennepin, IL 61327-0074.

Questions should be sent by email to: sidneywhitaker25@gmail.com or phone to: 815-303-5104.



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In Memoriam

We mourn the loss of the following Putnam County Historical Society members and friends. Over the years all have supported the Society's goals and programs. All will be sadly missed.

Mildred Anderson (Life)
Betty Barnard
Ray Barnes
Margaret Bonucchi (Life)
Gladys George

Barbara Griffith (Life)
Harold Kaiser
Irene Kuhne
Marion Kuhne
Fannie Loveland (Life)

Shirley Miller
Elaine Ploch
Jacquelyn Kays Smith
Leonard Trovero (Life)

Memorials & Tributes

The following Memorials honor the lives of members and friends of the Society:

Ray Barnes – Luke Holly.

Billie Jessen – Lyla & John Striet.

Fannie Loveland – Sidney Whitaker.

Betty Marshall – Sharon Clausen, Nancy & Phil Hopkins, Ronald Marshall & Cynthia Carr.

Jim Whitaker – Susan Campbell, Sharon Clausen, Helen Marie Engelbrecht, Sidney Whitaker.

Year-end Fund Drive

The Putnam County Historical Society thanks all those who have given so far during the year-end Fund Drive. We depend on the generosity of our members and friends during fund drives to cover the annual cost of maintaining Pulsifer House and the Agricultural Museum and carrying on our mission of keeping the history of Putnam County alive through education, restoration and genealogy.

Paul & Karen Bailey	Dysart Cofoid Funeral Home	Margaret Hundertmark	Mary Jane Pratt
William & Brenda Bickerman	Janice Edgerley	Kathryn Irvin	Don & Verna Reed
Lois Boyle	Philip & Mary Edgerley	Terry & Barb Judd	Robert Rehn
Marilyn Brown	Kenji & Janice Farinelli	Dennis & Debra Kimme	Tony & Gretchen Rigazio
Bruch Farms	Charlene Fassino	Gladys & James King	Charles Robinson Jr.
Kenneth & Barbara Bruch	First State Bank	Ronald Kinkade	Howard Schrowang
Doug & Betty Clinton	William & Joy Gage	Barbara Kirschner	Robert & Janice Schuster
Sharon Clausen	Laurie Glenn	Daniel & Lynn Kuhn	John & Lynn Shimkus
Louise Colby-Dean	Georgia Grant	Eugene & Joan Kunkel	Michael & Deborah Skowera
Amanda Condit	Granville National Bank	Beverly Lapuh	William & Kay Smart
Julia Ann Condit	Mary Gualandi	Eleanor Litherland	Robert Smith
Mark & Rhonda Cross	Guisti Electric	Joe Marchiori	Bruce Steele
David & Elaine Day	Sheila Haage	Nancy Maze	John & Lyla Striet
Judith Doe	Richard & Candace Haar	Carol McGee	Elaine Theisinger
Stephen & Diane Donini	Karl Helmer	Grayce Haworth Mesner	Gil & Diane Tonozzi
Thomas E Dore	Debra Holmes	Margaret Parlato	Louis & Carol Vaessen
Irene Downey	Phil & Nancy Hopkins	Edward & Barbara Paxson	Marge VanNess
Will & Carol Duke	Matt Hostetter	Gerald & Elinor Kay Peterson	Kenneth & Diana Williamson
Gilda Dysart	Wayne Hundley	David Piccioli	

Recent Donations

The Putnam County Historical Society thanks the following donors for gifts to the Society in recent months. The number of items is sufficiently large that they will be itemized in the next newsletter. In this issue we only list the names of donors and highlight three gifts of particular interest. Those who have given since the last newsletter are:

Gary Boggio, S. Lynn Brinkley, Jim & Jean Burger, Julia Ann Condit, Charles Doty, Will & Carol Duke, Arch & Judy Hopkins, Nancy & Phil Hopkins, the children of Fannie Maze Loveland, Beth Mabis, Matt Miller, Karen Richardson Estate, Bruce & Deborah Rogers, Loretta & Lloyd Schrowang, Charles & Phyllis Sims, Sheryl Lee West & Joan Marie Rowney.

Gary Boggio donated a large pine table made by Martin Bauman. Bauman was born in Prussia in 1819 and came to America in 1851. He settled in Hennepin in 1856 and carried on business as a carpenter and furniture maker.



The children of Fannie Maze Loveland donated a framed Corn Painting by Alfred Montgomery. Montgomery (1857-1922) was born in Illinois, taught art in Illinois and Kansas, lived in Bloomington from 1893 to 1905, moved to California where he died. He was known as “The Corn Artist” for his large number of paintings of corn, but he also painted sheep and other farm animals. While living in Bloomington he peddled his art throughout central and northern Illinois. Later he sold his art in Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma. This painting is believed to have been bought by Sidney and Martha Hopkins Whitaker in 1905 when Montgomery stopped at the A.W. Hopkins farm on his way to exhibit his art in Omaha, Nebraska.

Bruce and Deborah Rogers donated over 200 personal and business papers of the Pulsifer family (Edward, his siblings, his children, his ward, and his parents). Bruce is the great-great-grandson of Mary Frances Pulsifer, Edward Pulsifer’s daughter.

The Hennepin Cannon Has Its New Home

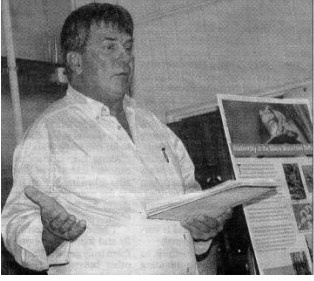
The Hennepin cannon has been refinished and remounted in a new Veterans Memorial in the Walter Durley Boyle Park in Hennepin.

The new Memorial was dedicated on November 7, 2015. Mayor Kevin Coleman, Commander Steve Malavolti, Speakers Chief Petty Officer Joleen Darrah Burton and Chief Warrant Officer II Matthew Bolin, and members of American Legion Post 1004 were present for the unveiling of the monument.

The original plaque for service in World Wars 1 and 2 was remounted and new monuments were engraved for additional names from WW1 and WW2 and for service in Korea, Vietnam, the Middle-east and inter-conflict periods.



Winter Program a Success



On February 28, the Winter Program of the Putnam County Historical Society was held at the Ag Museum in Hennepin with over 40 in attendance. The speaker was Rick Seibert, the Site Supervisor for Hennepin & Hopper Lakes of the Wetlands Initiative. In addition to anecdotes from his family's long involvement with duck clubs in the local Illinois River valley, Rick spoke on recent developments in the Hennepin & Hopper Lakes wetlands south of Hennepin, in particular the development of the 2.7 mile Marquis Oak Ridge Trail and the purchase of additional land (the Hickory Hollow tract) at the south end of the property.

Note New Date for Annual Agricultural Museum Open House

The Annual Agricultural Museum Open House this year will be held on Sunday August 14, 2016, the second Sunday of August. We have changed from the third Sunday of August in order to avoid conflicting with Magnolia Days. Mark the new date on your calendar and plan to attend.

Memberships

Memberships are the life-blood of the Society. Those listed in the Endowment Categories have upgraded their memberships, those in the Annual Categories have not been members previously. We treasure new members and are pleased to welcome the following:

Endowment Categories

Platinum:

Robert Cofoid
Gilda Dysart

Golden:

Karl Helmer
Diane Wilson

Life:

Donald Fulks
Jane Lenkaitis
Matt Miller
Quentin Pletsch
Judy Seraphin
Heidi Sobkowiak
Viola Strout
Daryle Wragge

Annual Categories

Business:

Condit's Ranch

Family:

Lisa Boughton
Michael Pulliam

Contributing:

Stephen & Diana Donini
James Spolar

Couple:

Burton & Susan Brooks
John & Cheryl Grasser
Marty & Carol Keller
Robert & Lorna Malavolti
Robert & Linda Morrison
Dave & Nancy Thompson

Ken & Karen Verda
Kent & Alda Walton

Individual:

Beth Acuncius
Thomas Day
Joseph Engelhaupt
Gaye Holtz
Carol Hood
Pattie Ong
Judi Roberts
Howard Schrowang
Ilene Shaw
Robert Smith
Jean Zeleski
