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Ag Museum Open House A Success

A large crowd turned out for the Annual Agricultural Museum Open House of the Putnam County Historical Society August 12, 2018. The major attraction was the dedication of the new Hennepin Steel Mill display and Mike Black's memories of working at the mill. Many former workers were present and visited with one another. Our display features a pair of work rolls from the steel mill supporting a plaque commemorating workers with 30 years of service and also a plaque in memory of deceased members of Local 7367.

Visitors also enjoyed the rearranged display area in the Ag Museum and the new labelling of the exhibits.



Dedication of Work Roll Monument commemorating the Hennepin Steel Mill.



Visitors viewing the Ag Museum during the Open House.

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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.

Carol Bachio	Gail Carr	Karl Erb	Julia Weiss
Vernon Beck	Erma Costello	Eleanor Litherland (Life)	Emma Zielinski
Nora Brandstatter	Theresa Dove	Richard Weddell Jr	

Memorials & Tributes

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

Gail Carr – Sharon Clausen

Eleanor Litherland – Karen & Paul Bailey, Maxine Bassi, Merry Bassi, Bernabei Family, Kristi & Brian Biagi, Sally Boyle, Ida Boyle-Bruch, Boyle Farms, Phyllis Brines, Betty & John Brokaw, Paul & Evelyn Bronkema, Ron & Sue Bruch, Bureau Valley District 340, John & Sandra Carpenter, Cyndy & Gail Carr, Gregg & Linda Carr, Sharon Clausen, Kevin & Jennifer Coleman, Dennis & Janice Dabler, Mike & Becky Dabler, Dan & Linda DeMattia, Charles & Ruth Ernat, James & Sally Fassino, Bernice Forney, Keith & Rita Gehm, Georgianne Grant, Terry & Jackie Hasbrook, Paul & Sheila Hawks, Emma Haywood, Hennepin Township, Tim & Robin Hewitt, Luke & Megan Holly, John & Diane Holmbeck, Debra Holmes, Craig & Amy Jessen, Carol & Marty Keller, Joyce Kemp, Jim & Gladys King, Chuck & Carol Kittilson, Shawn & Kristal Lurette, Julius & Peggy Maes, Steve & Mary Malavolti, Lois McClenning, Bill & Cindy Migliorini, Jack Mills, Laurie & Herb Rubinstein, Nancy Schoeph, Stanley Shevokas, Gene & Ruth Skutt, Marguerite Sons, Ron & Kathy Spratt, Robert & Cindy Steele, Gary & Betty Stocking, Lorraine & Michael Terando, Pat Terando, Sidney Whitaker, Jim & Theresa Wiesbrock, Dorothy Wilson, George & Nancy Yauch, Ken & Gloria Zimmerman.

Recent Donations

The Putnam County Historical Society thanks the following donors for recent gifts to the Society:

Merry Bassi – light from river boat.

Linda Bean – book from Durley School and program from 1926 play.

Thomas Dore – brass bed belonging to Jennie Simonton Dore.

Theresa Dove Estate – several history books.

Jeanne Naumann – barrel churn, advertising pens & pencils, 2 Illinois flags, 7 books by Ron Bluemer.

Quentin Pletsch – 2 boxes of genealogy files (mostly Allen & Gunn families), 4 boxes of local history (files, books, pamphlets, & other publications), 1 box of photos.

Emma Zielinski – Florid School records.

Agricultural Museum to be Open One Saturday a Month

We are pleased to announce that beginning in March 2019, the Agricultural Museum will be open the second Saturday of the month from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Now that the display area has been expanded with the addition of the lean-to and the materials that were previously in storage in the Ag Museum have been moved to the Annex, the Historical Society Board decided to increase the scheduled opportunities for the public to visit the Agricultural Museum. The Museum will still be available by appointment for tours.


