

# HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2020

## MUSEUMS ARE OPEN SATURDAYS

During the months of March, April, and May of 2020 the Fairfield Public Library and the museums have had limited availability due to Covid-19. The Wayne County Historical Society meetings have been suspended for the past few months due to social distancing. The decision was made to suspend the Historical Society Cemetery Tour until 2021.

On June 5<sup>th</sup> the Wayne County Historical Society held an executive meeting with four officers, two trustees and three museum curators in attendance. The meeting was held to plan for the reopening of both the Early History Museum and the Hanna House museum. Guidelines set by the City of Fairfield and the Public Health department will be implemented to ensure the safety and health of our patrons. We invite everyone to visit the museums.

Wayne County Historical Society  
Fairfield Public Library  
300 S.E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Fairfield, Illinois 62837

Early History Museum & Archives  
300 S.E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Fairfield  
Open Saturdays year-round  
10:30am – 1:30pm

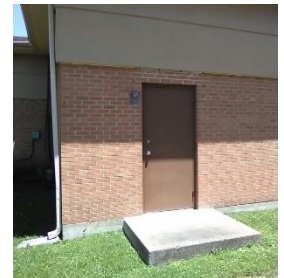
Hanna House Museum  
100 E. Center Street, Fairfield  
Open Saturdays April-October  
10:00am – 2:00pm

Olive Branch Schoolhouse  
Leo French Park, Fairfield  
Open various times  
and by appointment

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Early History Museum  
side door on the south  
side of the Library.

## Stay connected

Check out the Wayne County Historical Society *Facebook* page for news, photos and “History Mystery” articles. Watch for news about the Society and museums in the pages of the *Wayne County Press* and the monthly *Outlook* magazine.

## Membership

The Society offers Annual and Lifetime Memberships. Annual Memberships are \$15 and run from January through December. Lifetime membership is a one-time payment for permanent membership for \$300. We want to say thank you to all our lifetime and annual members for their support in 2020. At this time, there are over 70 lifetime members and over 90 annual members.

**Memorial:** Lifetime member; Leland Meeks Oct 19, 1927–May 10, 2020

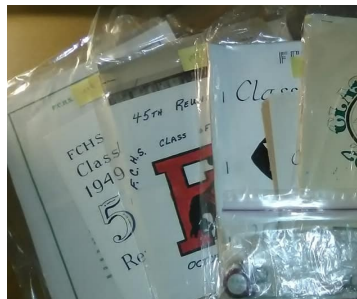


## EARLY HISTORY MUSEUM

The Wayne County Historical Society’s Early History Museum located adjacent to the Library will again be open on Saturdays. Saturday hours will be 10:30am to 1:30pm. Museum patrons are asked to use the ally entrance door located on the south side of the building. The museum does ask those who enter its doors to practice social distancing and to wear a face mask.



New items include a vintage suit donated by Otis and Carol Brach and a collection of old High School items donated by Wendy Caudle Werner.



The museum has new LED lighting in all display cases with updated displays so it will be a “new” experience even for those that have been there before.

Gina Bashore is the curator and can be reached by e-mail at [ginabashore@aol.com](mailto:ginabashore@aol.com)

## 2020 CENSUS

The United States Census is taken every ten years as mandated by the United States Constitution. For the first six censuses (1790–1840), enumerators recorded only the names of the heads of household and a general demographic accounting of the remaining members of the household. Beginning in 1850, all members of the household were named on the census.(Wikipedia.com)

The 2020 census has been impacted by Covid19 and completion dates have been extended. As of today, over 90 million households have responded to the 2020 Census, with over four in five households doing so online. People can still respond on their own online, over the phone or by mail. (2020census.gov)

The City of Fairfield had a 2020 Census response rate of approximately 66 percent as of June 4, 2020. Their final rates in the 2010 Census were closer to 75%. (wfiwradio.com) Wayne County census data is used to determine population trends, government funding and to determine congressional representation.

The U.S. government will not release personally identifiable information about an individual to any other individual or agency until 72 years after it was collected for the census. (census.gov) The Fairfield Public Library has a limited collection of past Wayne County census data in the genealogy area.

## HANNA HOUSE MUSEUM

The Hanna House Museum is located at 101 East Center Street in Fairfield, just a block from the library.

The Hanna House was able to reopen Saturday, June 13, 2020. Saturday hours will be 10am to 2pm. Museum patrons are asked to practice social distancing and to wear a face mask.

The large display case in the front room of the museum is currently dedicated to businesses of Wayne County. Many of the businesses represented are just memories from the past. Hopefully the display will serve as a reminder to appreciate all of the current businesses that are working to support our Wayne county communities.

Each room in the museum has been rearranged to allow some new exhibits to be on display.

The public is encouraged to check it out this summer.

Jami Roethe and Niki Roethe are the curators and can be reached at 618-842-3544.



### “DON’T LET LOCAL HISTORY BE A MYSTERY!”

*Is local history a bit of a mystery? The Wayne County Fairgrounds was very busy with activity in the summer of 1948, this was the year that construction had begun on the new grandstand. The new structure was 200 feet long and 42 feet wide, it contained hundreds of concrete blocks, and it could seat 2,000 people. The new grandstand was designed to include offices, modern restrooms and a concession area underneath.*

Listen to WFIW Radio in the mornings to catch the informative History Mystery stories. Currently, the stories are sponsored by Frontier Community College and read by David Land.

Historian and museum curator Gina Bashore researches and writes the items. They can also be found on the Wayne County Historical Society Facebook page. “Don’t let local history be a mystery!” Currently, the Wayne County Fair is planned for July.

Have a great summer!

## 2020 Wayne County Historical Society Membership

June 2020

We want to say thank you to all our lifetime(\*) and annual members for their support in 2020.

Aman, Doug Fairfield, IL	Gruner, Jeff Fairfield, IL	Mathews, Reta Fairfield, IL
Arthur, Bill Fairfield, IL	Gubbins, Mary Faye Banker *	Mayfield, Karen Fairfield, IL *
Arthur, Sharon Fairfield, IL	Gwaltney, Mary Lou Fairfield, IL *	Meeks, Reva Fairfield, IL *
Barbee, Pam Fairfield, IL	Hale, Gina Fairfield, IL	Miller, Ken Fairfield, IL
Bashore, Regina Fairfield, IL	Harper, Terry Albion, IL *	Miller, Helen Fairfield, IL
Bliss, Dave Barnhill, IL	Harris, Dale Fairfield, IL *	Miller, Shirley Fairfield, IL
Borah, Mickey Fairfield, IL*	Hawkins, Robert *	Miller, Jeff Fairfield, IL
Borah, Kay Fairfield, IL *	Hawkins, Marty *	Mitchell, Connie Fairfield, IL *
Borah, Ronald Fairfield, IL	Hedrick, Janis Rush City, MN	Monge, Dee Fairfield, IL
Brach, Otis Fairfield, IL *	Heflin, Ron Fairfield, IL *	Monge, Linda Fairfield, IL
Brach, Carol Fairfield, IL	Heflin, Marty Fairfield, IL *	Moore, Ruth Jacksonville, FL *
Brownson, Mariann Fairfield, IL	Hill, Daniel Fairfield, IL	Morris, David Fairfield, IL
Bryan, Sharon Champaign, IL	Hill, Arleda Fairfield, IL	Mossburger, Michael Fairfield, IL
*Bullard, Leona Fairfield, IL	Holler, Ivan Fairfield, IL	Murphy, Joe Cisne, IL
Bunting Pamela Mt. Erie, IL	Holler, Bonnie Fairfield, IL	Musgrave, Jarod Le Roy, IL
Burkett, Keith Kilgore, TX	Holman, Pam Fairfield, IL *	Musgraves, Richard Geff, IL *
Cable, Chris Fairfield, IL	Holmes, Cheryl Fairfield, IL *	Musgraves, Marsha Geff, IL *
Clausen, Bridget Champaign, IL *	Hubble, Carl Bellville, TX *	Nale, Ken Fairfield, IL
Conard, Michelle Fairfield, IL	Jones, Emily Fairfield, IL	O'Malley, Earl Indian Hd Oak, IL *
Coomer, Rusty Fairfield, IL *	Jones, Roberta Simpson Dexter, KY	O'Malley, Paula Indian Hd Oak, IL *
Corry, Ray Fairview Heights, IL	Joyce, Patricia Chicago, IL	Odum, Larry Fairfield, IL *
Curtner Brian Fairfield, IL	Kakac, Kevin Fairfield, IL *	Parker, Elaine Fairfield, IL
Dalton, Debbie Fairfield, IL	Kenshalo, Dave Fairfield, IL	Parker, Peggy Geff, IL *
Dewitt, Barbara Leesburg, FL	Kenshalo, Pat Fairfield, IL	Pelhank, Harold Harrisburg, IL
Doty, Evelyn Fairfield, IL *	King, Carol Sheridan, IL	Pollard, J.D. Fairfield, IL
Dove, Sharon Fairfield, IL	Konopasek, Tom Fairfield, IL *	Pollard, Pat Fairfield, IL
Dreith, Carol Fairfield, IL	Konopasek, Lisa Fairfield, IL *	Pollard, Jan Fairfield, IL *
Dunn, Derek Fairfield, IL	Konopasek, Hunter Fairfield, IL *	Pottorff, Mike Fairfield, IL *
Edgington, Shirley Fairfield, IL	Land, David Fairfield, IL *	Prince, Ed Fairfield, IL
Ehrhart, Judy Wayne City, IL *	Legg, Brad Wayne City *	Prizer, Stephen Fairfield, IL *
Elliott, Mark Fairfield, IL	Lemond's Chrysler Fairfield, IL	Prizer, Terry Fairfield, IL *
Ewing, Helen Fairfield, IL	Liston, Steve Fairfield, IL *	Puckett, Carolyn Geff, IL *
Falk, Eledith Austin, TX *	McDowell, Janie Fairfield, IL	Puckett, Jim Geff, IL *
Fansler, Lowell Fairfield, IL	McDuffee, Colin Fairfield, IL	Puckett, Judith Fairfield, IL *
Fansler, Irene Fairfield, IL	McDuffee, J.C. Fairfield, IL	Reed, Ramona Fairfield, IL *
Felix, Lisa Fairfield, IL *	McDuffee, Delanna Fairfield, IL *	Robinson, Robert Fairfield, IL
Fisher Beverly Fairfield, IL *	McDuffee, Elmer Fairfield, IL	Robinson, Teresa Fairfield, IL
Garrison, Donald Franklin, TN *	McDuffee, Hayden Fairfield, IL	Roethe, Jami Fairfield, IL
Griswold Chuck Fairfield, IL *	Mall, Margaret Roberts Denver, CO	Roethe, Niki Fairfield, IL
Griswold, Judy Fairfield, IL *	Markeson, Bonni Mt. Gilead, OH *	Sarks, Jody Fairfield, IL
Griswold, Dena Fairfield, IL	LD Matthews Fairfield, IL	Savage, David Fairfield, IL
Grogan, Dorothy Fairfield, IL	Mathews, Preston Fairfield, IL	Savage, Donna Fairfield, IL

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Sheraden, Donna Effingham, IL	Vaughan, Neil C Barnhill, IL	Wilson, Dana Fairfield, IL *
Smothers, Roche Burnt Prairie, IL *	Vaughn, Jared Fairfield, IL *	Wilson, Jo Pittsburgh PA *
Smothers, Linda Burnt Prairie, IL *	Vinson, Kent Newburgh, IN	Winter, Richard Fairfield, IL
Sons, Joan Fairfield, IL	Vinson, Linda Newburgh, IN	Wood, Don Fairfield, IL
Squire, Roger Fairfield, IL	Vogel, Anita Fairfield, IL *	Wood, Linda Fairfield, IL
Stanley, Sharon Fairfield, IL *	Walker, Barbara Fairfield, IL	Yates, Wilma Fairfield, IL *
Stewart, Bob Fairfield, IL *	Walker, John Fairfield, IL	Young, Norene Fairfield, IL
Talbert, Maxine Fairfield, IL *	Walker, Margaret Austin, TX *	Young, Patricia Richmond, VA *
Taylor, Kathleen Fairfield, IL	Warren, Opal Fairfield, IL	Youngblood, Merna Keenes, IL
Townsend, Walt Geff, IL	Weedon, June Fairfield, IL	Zimmerman, Karen Fairfield, IL
Vandever Steve Fairfield, IL *	Wilks, Phyllis Hilliard Mt. Vernon, IL*	
Vandever, Sandra Fairfield, IL *	Willard, George Newbert, VT *	

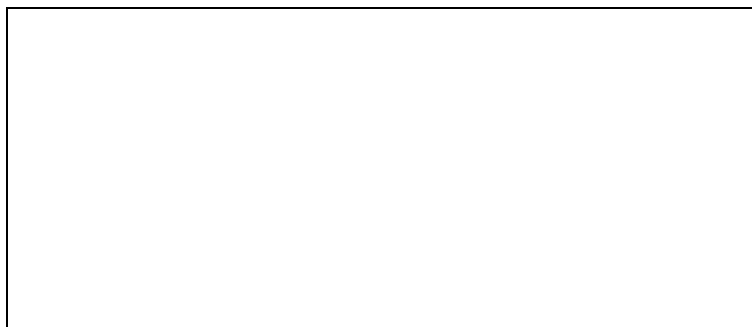
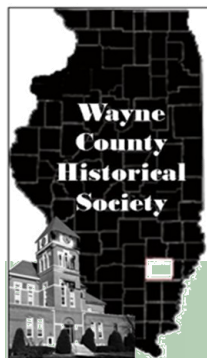
\* Lifetime member

## 2020 Business Supporters

We want to thank the following patrons who graciously purchased an ad for the Cemetery Tour booklet. Their ad will appear in the Cemetery Booklet in 2021.

A & D Auto Parts	Harris Insurance Group LTD	People's National Bank
Barbre's Woodworks, Inc	Hase Interiors Inc	Pizza Hut
Barnard Auctions	Hayes Plumbing/ HVAC	Precision Eye Center
Blacks Fashion Flowers	Hefley & Associates, P.C.	Save A Lot
B-Way Design & Decorating	Hosselton-Meridith Funeral Hm	SynEnergy Partners LLC
Carnaby Square	Hutchcraft Welding	The American Legion
Carolyn's Hair Design	Jim's Custom Automotive	Anthony Wayne Post 176
Carter Trucking	Joe's Body Shop	The Clothes Line
Conard Financial Group	John's Butcher Block	The Corner
Dan's Modern Auto & Towing	K & M Carpets Inc	The Victorian on Main
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Fairfield Banking Company	Legg Up Productions	Vaughan's Diesel Repair
Fairfield Chiropractic Clinic	Main Street Gym	VFW #4535
Fairfield National Bank	Mama Bear's 4 Seasons Crafts	Wayne County Abstract Co
Fairfield Redi Mix/ Garman Trucking;	McDowell, Kenshalo & Jesop	
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Farmer's Daughter	Mike Dreith-WFIW	John C Robinson Jr
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Otis Brach,

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Wayne County Historical Society Membership Form

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Option: \_\_\_\_\_ Annual \$15 \_\_\_\_\_ Lifetime \$300

Make checks payable to Wayne County Historical Society

Mail or drop off to:  
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c/o Fairfield Public Library  
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