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Effingham Rehabilitation & Health Care Center is a 62-bed skilled center, certified for Medicaid and Medicare. ERHCC is located in a residential subdivision. It provides all ranges of services, from respite care to intensified subacute nursing care. ERHCC provides comprehensive therapy services that include: physical, occupational and speech therapies. ERHCC provides adult day care services seven days a week that has been approved by the Illinois Department of Public Health. ERHCC has a personal kitchen for the residents to use in regaining their independence. It offers private and semi-private rooms and encourages residents to bring whatever furnishings they want for a more home-like atmosphere. Social services offer support for assisting residents and families with financial difficulties, and answers Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance questions. It is located at 1610 N Lakewood Dr. For more information, call 217-347-7781.

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Community Park is located on East Temple Avenue in Effingham and is 35 acres in size. It has 5 ball diamonds, 2 outdoor basketball courts, an 18-hole disc golf course, 4 tennis courts, an outdoor skating rink, plus playground and picnic areas.

Hendelmeyer Park is located at 1906 S Fourth St. in Effingham. It is a 20-acre park that includes a recreation complex that houses two gyms, two meeting facilities, a kitchen, a facility for theatre production with stage area and the Park District offices. The park also includes three lighted softball diamonds, four lighted tennis courts, two playground/picnic areas and a skate park.

Evergreen Hollow is located at 1110 Pelican St. in Effingham. It has 42 acres. The public swimming pool is located there, as are four tennis courts, lighted baseball/softball diamonds, flag football and soccer fields, picnic areas, playground area and tree walk. Recreation programs for youth and adults are provided throughout the

year by the park district. Further information about the park district or the local parks can be obtained by calling 217-342-4415 and online at effinghamparkdistrict.org

Bliss Park is a cozy block-sized park located at 201 W. Clark Avenue in Effingham. It has a play area, shaded picnic area, two shelters and an outdoor basketball court.

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Lake Sara, located just five miles northwest of Effingham, is a 650-acre lake that provides 27 beautiful miles of shore line and one of the finest family recreation facilities in Central Illinois. Among the features are a public beach, cabins, 18-hole golf course next to Lake Sara and camping and picnic areas. The area also offers fisherman a great opportunity to "land the big one", noted for its black bass, white bass, crappie, bluegill and channel catfish. For more information, call 217-868-2964.

New to Lake Sara is a launch site for kayaks and canoes. It is located on the west end of the lake. There is also a fishing area for the handicapped. It is located at the east end of the lake. There are special unloading ramps down to the water with safety rails. There are also picnic benches in the area. Also new to Lake Sara are two playgrounds: one for ages 2-5 and another for ages 5-12 closer to the water with a pirate theme. New this year is a Bocce Ball Court just west of the playground near the Disc Golf Course.

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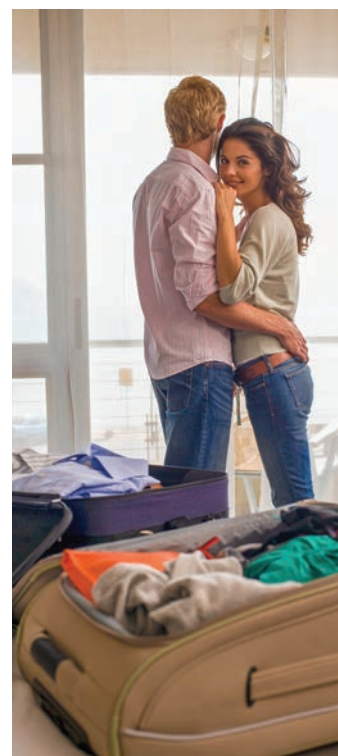
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Members of the Sunrise Rotary Club of Effingham stand in the Bocce Ball court they constructed across from the Pearson Building at Lake Sara Beach Park . Pictured from left, Sunrise Rotary President Cristina Ciorna, Michael Wall, Jeanine Heurman and Project Manager Gary Rogers.

Bocce ball court constructed at Lake Sara

BY CHARLES MILLS

There is a new addition to Lake Sara Beach Park this year thanks to an Effingham organization dedicated to serving the community.

A new bocce ball court was

constructed across from the Pearson Building at Lake Sara by members of the Effingham Sunrise Rotary Club.

Sunrise Rotary President Cristina Ciorna said the club members were looking for community projects.

"I was thinking how do we get our team reunited after the pandemic and serve the community at the same time," Ciorna said. "Our mission is service above self."

She was really impressed with a presentation made by Tom Ryan about a project he was spearheading at Lake Sara to revive the Lake Sara Beach recreation area. Ryan is chairman of the Effingham Water Authority Parks and Recreation committee and a trustee for the Lake Sara Forever Fund. Ryan and several volunteers finished Phase I of the project in July of last year including two playgrounds and a disc golf course.

"We connected right after that meeting," she said.

"We already had a history with the Sunshine Rotary Club," Ryan said. "Three years ago they had a project to put Red Bud and



Charles Mills photo

Bocce balls in the new Bocce Ball court constructed by the Sunrise Rotary Club at Lake Sara Beach Park across from the Pearson Building. The white ball is called the "pollino."



Charles Mills photo

A new Bocce Ball court constructed under the leadership of Sunrise Rotary President Cristina Ciorna. Project manager for the project is Sunshine Rotary Club member Gary Rogers.

Dogwood trees all along the Post Oaks shoreline."

He said the Sunshine Rotary Club has been an asset to Lake Sara.

"Sunrise Rotary has been a really great supporter and partner in developing and improvement of Lake Sara for the benefit of everybody in the entire Effingham community," said Ryan.

"Service above self is the motto of Rotary," Sunshine Rotary member Michael Wall said. "This project coming off of the heels of the pandemic really helped us to reengage."

Phase II of the Lake Sara Beach Park Master Plan would add an adult recreation area to the peninsula that would include a Pickle Ball court, construction of a parking area for the beach house and Pearson Building and a challenge course.

Ryan said a "friend of the park" donor from Florida sent a picture of a Bocce Ball court and suggested they think about adding a Bocce Ball court to the adult recreation area.

Ciorna said she, Ryan and Mike Dirks, lake superintendent of the Effingham Water Authority, and Gary Rogers, Bocce Ball court project

manager, began having meetings about the project last year.

"We started planning and figuring out how long it would take to build. Then we started learning about Bocce Ball. We didn't know anything about the game," she said. "We built the court to meet the professional standards and it is ADA accessible. Hopefully, this will put us on the map as a place to come and compete."

She said there aren't too many Bocce Ball courts in this area. Ciorna said there were a few courts in St. Louis and Chicago.

"I talked to a couple of people up north and they gave us some ideas about construction," she said. "We got the grant the end of last year from Rotary,"

She said they found Gary Rogers who understands and has a passion for construction to help them get their project off the ground.

"He was a good person to lead the effort of the project and was so hands-on," said Ciorna.

He trained members working on the project who had

no construction skills to get the project finished.

"He was good at delegating and getting everybody engaged," she said.

"It is a simple little project on paper, but it's very labor intensive," Rogers said. "It's a basic three layer course."

Rogers said they first put down a base material, an intermediate material, and crushed limestone on top. He said on average the court is 7 inches thick.

"The court is 90 feet long and 13 feet wide," he said. "This was made to the official U.S. Bocce rules. It's a little bit different overseas."

"This court is quality built," Wall said.

Ciorna credits Swinger Construction for donating time and equipment, Cheryl Habing for designing the court sign, two volunteers from a Boy Scout Troop of Marshall and Sunrise Rotary Club for making the project happen.

"The signage is consistent with the signage in the whole park," said Ryan.

"This was a team I didn't have to worry about. I knew

they were going to get it done," Ryan said.

Ciorna said the game is fairly simple and people of all ages can play.

"I like the fact Tom (Ryan) really insisted we make this ADA accessible," she said.

Wall said the location of the court in the park among several trees is a plus.

"It's well shaded," Wall said. "Especially, if you want to play during the summer."

Ryan said if Bocce grows in popularity they plan to construct another court. He said they would be making updates and modifications to the Lake Sara Beach Park master plan this summer.

"We have room for another if this becomes popular," he said.

The Lake Sara Forever group continues to raise funds for Phase II of the park master plan.

On June 10, Ciorna left Effingham for a new job position in Maryland.

"It's going to be a loss to this community, but a gain to wherever she's going," Ryan said.

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Rotary Club member and Project Manager Gary Rogers demonstrates how the ADA-accessible door works for the new Bocce Ball court at Lake Sara Beach Park.





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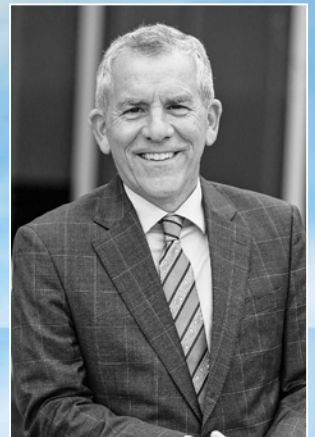
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Ron and Carolyn Peters portray Ruth and Griffin Tipword at a tombstone dedication in rural Beecher City in 2013. Griffin Tipword is noted historically as the first white settler of Effingham County.

Griffin Tipword

FIRST WHITE MAN TO CALL EFFINGHAM COUNTY HOME CO-EXISTED WITH INDIANS, FOUGHT IN REVOLUTIONARY WAR

BY CRYSTAL REED

Shelbyville resident Charla Fischbach told the Effingham Daily News in 2018 that she has a special connection to Effingham County. She is the descendant of the first white man to settle in the county, Griffin Tipword.

Griffin was a young boy when his parents undertook their journey from the Delaware/Maryland area to Rowan County, North Carolina. In 1779, Griffin at age 24 enlisted in the Revolutionary Army

in Rowan County, North Carolina, and by his own account was discharged by General George Washington on October 20, 1781

After his service to his country, he returned to the area where his grandparents lived in Queen Anne County, Maryland.

Fischbach said he was taxed as a single man in 1782 and 1783. A pension claim statement states that he traveled to Boonesborough, Kentucky, in 1783. It is possible that he may have explored

File photo

The alleged burial stone for Griffin Tipword sits in Tipword Cemetery.



a large area encompassing Kentucky, Tennessee and the Carolinas for five or six years from 1788-1789.

Boonesborough is where he met and married his wife, Ruth. Family lore has indicated Griffin as having an Indian wife. A book titled "Shawnee Heritage I" shows Ruth to be the daughter of a white James Abbott and an unnamed Chalakatha woman making Ruth half Chalakatha-Metis.

In 1789, Griffin moved to Greenbrier County, Virginia, which became Monroe County. His brother, Thomas, assigned him 83 acres located on the Headwaters of South Fork Creek of Dropping Lick Creek on April 18, 1789. He paid taxes on this land from 1789 through 1798. In 1815, the property was sold for non-payment of taxes for the years 1799 and 1800 for the amount of 64 cents.

Just before that, Griffin and his family had moved south around 50 miles to Russell County, Virginia, about 1797. He bought 150 acres lying on both sides of Laurel Creek in Russell County, Virginia, in April 25, 1798. Griffin paid taxes in Russell County, Virginia, from 1797 to 1802 and was paid a bounty on a wolf he killed.

Fischbach said that in reviewing the Census and tax records, it is apparent that Griffin traveled extensively. Griffin moved his family again to Ohio between 1802 and 1803. They bought 50 acres of land in Fayette County, Ohio, on Paint Creek in Jefferson Township on March 1, 1813. They sold the land less than 3 months later on May 22, 1813.

Fischbach said that by 1817, Griffin had moved his family from Ohio to Illinois by way of the Ohio River. In Griffin's Revolutionary War pension claim, he states his discharge papers were "sunk in the Ohio River." After coming to Illinois, he and his sons explored and hunted to the north and west

of Wacontoby Township. Griffin would often stay with the Kickapoo Indians who resided in the Effingham/Fayette/Shelby County areas of south-central Illinois. It is reported that he named the Big and Little Moccasin Creeks from all the moccasin tracks that he saw along the creek banks.

When he and his Indian friends went north to hunt in a larger creek area, they found it to be infested with wolves, so he called it Wolf Creek. He also named an Indian village "Boo Hoo" because of all the babies crying when he entered.

According to Fischbach, in 1821, Griffin and several other white families were living in the northwest part of Gallatin County, Illinois. They lived in close proximity to the Delaware Indians. The relationship between the two groups was good until one day two drunken Indians came to Griffin's home.

One went to sleep in the yard and the other went into the house and began to mistreat the youngest son, Thomas. Griffin tried to get the drunken Indian to leave but a fight ensued. The Indian was about to kill Griffin when his son Jonathan grabbed a rifle and shot the Indian dead. Griffin then went to the Indian village and told the chief that one Indian had killed the other. The chief did not believe Griffin. Several of the white settlers, through this, had created a serious problem and told Griffin that he and the family should move.

In the spring of 1821, Griffin and his family moved to the Effingham/Fayette County area. It was reported they did this in the dead of night. This is reportedly when they changed their last name from Soward to Tipword.

According to Fischbach, the family spent the winter of 1821-22 in Coles County with friends. The following spring they moved back to the

present day North Loudon Township area of Fayette County. In 1824, Griffin, Ruth and family settled in the Wolf Creek area of Fayette County, which later became part of Effingham County. The area is located a couple miles south of Beecher City. This was the place where Griffin and Ruth Tipsword finally ended their lifetime of wandering. It is generally believed that they had nine children.

Griffin Tipsword died in 1845 and was buried in the Tipsword Cemetery between Beecher City and Mocassin. The grave was originally marked with a piece of

sandstone. According to the Effingham Daily News, in October 2012, Fischbach raised money for Griffin and Ruth's gravestone.

In September 2013, a tombstone dedication was held. The headstone identifies Ruth, Griffin and their children and has an engraving on the back that signifies their trek across the country from the Appalachian Mountains that they crossed, to the Ohio River they floated down into Southern Illinois and the log cabin they built from Central Illinois timber upon settling the area.



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A new tombstone for the Tipsword family was honored by many in 2013, including Jim DeGroff of the Illinois Society Sons of the American Revolution. To the left of the new tombstone is the old sandstone headstone that identified Griffin and Ruth Tipsword's gravesite.

Effingham County and world history

1818 – Illinois officially became the 21st state admitted to the Union. The State Capital was located in Kaskaskia, Illinois

1819 – The State Capital moved from Kaskaskia to Vandalia.

1824 – Griffin Tipsword was the first white man to live in Effingham County.

1831 – February 15, 1831, Effingham County was officially established.

1832 – George Higgs was the second white child born in Effingham County.

1832 – Black Hawk War

1834 – Freemantion: First town to be plotted and surveyed in Effingham County

1839 – State Capital moved from Vandalia to Springfield

1839 – City of Teutopolis established

1853 – City of Broughton was surveyed and laid out on May 16.

1855 – Survey plat of Effingham was laid out on Sept. 12.

1861 – Abraham Lincoln inauguration in Washington, D.C., making him 16th President of the United States – March 4

1861 – Groundbreaking for St. Joseph's Seminary and Col-

lege, April 1861

1861 – Fall of Fort Sumter, Charleston, South Carolina, attacked by Confederates sparking the beginning of the Civil War on April 12

1861 – Cornerstone laid for new St. Joseph's Seminary and College in Teutopolis on July 2

1862 – Battle at Shiloh in Hardin County, Tennessee, April 6

1862 – Teutopolis two-day celebration for the opening of St. Joseph's Seminary and College, Sept. 14 and 15

1862 – First classes begin in Teutopolis at St. Joseph's Seminary and College, Sept. 16

1863 – Major General Ulysses S. Grant with the objective of seizing control of the Mississippi River attacks Confederate troops close to Vicksburg, Mississippi, May, June and July

1863 – Mother Frances Schervier starts her journey to Teutopolis in July

1864 – Battle of Atlanta, Georgia, July 22

1864 – Battle of Nashville, Tennessee, December

1865 – Abraham Lincoln assassinated at Ford's Theatre in Washington, D.C., by John Wilkes Booth, April 14

1865 – End of the Civil War in America, May 9

1866 – Attorney Benson Wood went into business for himself after his law partner moved away from the Effingham area.

1867 – The Springfield and South-Eastern Railroad was chartered.

1868 – Charles Heilgenstein built a steam-powered flouring mill.

1876 – Attorney Benson Wood was named by the Illinois Republican Convention one of the delegates to the National Republican Convention.

1884 – Grover Cleveland was elected for his second presidential term as 24th President of the United States. Cleveland was also the 22nd President of the United States.

1894 – Effingham Attorney Benson Wood becomes the Republican nominee of the 19th Congressional district.

1896 – Illinois Governor John Peter Altgeld, during his 1896 re-election campaign, stopped in Effingham to address a crowd from the steps of the Effingham County Courthouse.

1912 – Woodrow Wilson was elected President of the United States.

1914 – World War I begins

1915 – The Liberty Bell makes stops in Effingham and Altamont on a cross country tour to The Panama-Pacific International Exposition in San Francisco.

1916 – Woodrow Wilson is

re-elected as President of the United States.

1917 – Congress passes the Selective Service Act

1918 – Relatives of Lewis E. Brewster were informed of his death in France.

1918 – World War I ends in November

1938 – United States Congress names Nov. 11 Armistice Day a Federal holiday.

1939 – World War II begins

1940 – Heart Theater opens in downtown Effingham.

1945 – World War II ends

1949 – St. Anthony Hospital Fire

1954 – Vietnam War begins

1957 – Lake Sara Reservoir dedicated

1960 – Vice President Richard Nixon passes through Effingham via train

1971 – G.C. Murphy Company and Eisner's Supermarket open stores in the Village Square Mall

1975 – Vietnam War ends

1990 – Gulf War begins

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Indians first inhabitants of Effingham County

BY CHARLES MILLS

Documented in the 1883 publication "History of Effingham County, Illinois," Griffin Tipsword came to the Effingham County area in either 1814 or 1815, taking up residence with the Kickapoo Indians. The Kickapoo established a community in the area comprised of parts of what is now known as Fayette, Effingham and Shelby counties in an area close to the Kaskaskia River.

Living south of the Kickapoo Indians were the Winnebagos and Delaware tribes.

The Kickapoo Indians were described as a tribe from a central Algonquian group who formed a division with the Saux and Foxes, according to the "Handbook of American Indians North of Mexico" published in 1907. In 1817, the population of the Kickapoo tribe was 2,000.

Members of the Kickapoo nation lived in a structured village of bark houses in the summer and reed houses in the winter months. Kickapoos knew the value of horses and their tribe traveled as far south as Texas before the Civil War to steal horses and mules from the Comanche tribe.

In 1819, the Kickapoo tribe gave up their claims of land in Central Illinois and eventually moved on to Missouri.

According to "The Indians of Illinois," published in 1983 by Helen Cox Tregillis, a prisoner of the Kickapoo Indians, William Biggs, in 1788 described the tribe as "very white-skinned Indians." The Kickapoo tribe was described as "industrious, intelligent and had clean habits."

The "History of Effingham County, Illinois" described Griffin Tipsword as "a strange compound of white man by

birth and Indian by adoption. Tipsword lived, hunted, fished, spoke the language and danced the Kickapoo tribe dances."

Tipsword gave the Kickapoo his oldest son so he, too, would be fully educated in the Kickapoo culture. The oldest son is said to have lived with the Kickapoo tribe for several years.

John A. and Edith B. Wilson published an article in the Effingham Daily News on Aug. 6, 1986, about their research on Indians in Illinois. They were both members of the Effingham County Genealogical Society at the time:

About 50,000 years ago, an Asiatic people moved from Siberia out of the Kamchatka Peninsula to Alaska on dry land by the way of the Bering Straits. These were of the Mongolian race, and the white man is of Caucasian race. All peoples originated in Asia according to the Bible. No man originated in the three Americas, and there are no fossil remains in the Americas.

These first Indians were Paleo Indians or big game hunters, and it is estimated that it took them 25,000 years to reach South Chile. On the Alaska pipeline, 189 campsites were discovered.

Illinois Indians have been here about 10,000 years and lived on buffalo, deer, bear and elk and used some 559 plants for food, medicine and other uses. Buffalo provided most of the meat, teepees and clothing. They moved with the herds.

A book published in 1918, "Making of Illinois" by Mather, lists the tribes of Miami, Piankeshaw, Illini and possibly the Shawnee in this region of the state in 1765.

In the U.S. Army Corps of En-

gineers report of 1979 on the proposed Louisville reservoir, it says that the Paleo period was from 15000-8000 B.C. and 52 sites were found in the proposed area, and the Piankeshaw tribe, a member of the Miami tribe, occupied the area of Effingham and Clay counties.

They ceded their land to the United States in 1805 and all tribes were moved west of the Mississippi River by 1832-33 or at the time of the Black Hawk War. The Paleos were followed by the Archaic. Both used spears and stone hammers.

Archaic was followed by the first period of Woodland, 2500-500 B.C., who were makers of pottery, the second period, 1350-100 B.C., followed by the Hopewellian 500 B.C. to 500 A.D., who were growers of corn and potatoes, makers of pottery and builders of mounds.

The final Woodland period, 200-900 A.D., was populated by mound builders. Stone grave vault people of Missouri and Western Illinois were not of this area. The Chunkey stone game and crude flint arrows and bows were invented about 1100-1500 A.D.

Spear points found in Illinois are as follows: Hardin Barb and Thebes, Dalton and Meserva, Dovetail and Agate Basin. Most spear points are from the Achaic culture, a few are Folsom and Clovis points found in Illinois from the Paleo culture. Most points are flint, obsidian or chert.

The Upper Mississippian culture buried their dead in dome-shaped earthen mounds. They were plant growers, had bow and arrows rarely side notched, tomahawks, celts and pots. Twenty-seven mounds of this type were on the Little Wabash bluff in Blair Township, Clay County, Illinois. Some tribes cremated the dead or bleached the bones on racks. Both methods included burial of the bones afterward.

The Illini (1500-1833) meaning "men" were farmers and hunters. The horse was introduced by the white man. The men did the hunting and fighting.

Women did most of the camp chores and owned the possessions. Meat was dried and smoked, and vegetables were dried and stored in stone pits. They also used fire pits dug in the earth.

In religion, the Indian worshiped the sun, moon and stars and believed in many spirits and reincarnation. Medicine men were used, and corn and vessels were placed with the dead with all their apparent needs.

The tribes shared no common language and few common customs. Buffalo were sacred animals and the Indians prayed for successful hunts. The Sundance was the most important. We are indebted to the American Indian for corn, potatoes, tomatoes, beans, squash, pumpkins and superior cotton.

The Indians used hide, flint scrapers, arrow points, hammer stone for chipping, deer antlers for chipping spears and arrows and grinding stones, celts, Chunkey game stones, flint knives, tomahawks, ceremonial work and war, shell and stone hoes, pendants, flint drills, all types of pottery, stone pestles for grinding and grooved plummets.

Tribes that occupied Illinois that have not been stated are the Sauk and The Fox in the northwestern part of the state, Hopewell of the entire state, Cahokia, Ottawa, Osage, Iroquois, Cherokee, Kaskaskia, Morton and Baumer.

We owe a lot to the Indians for trails, plants and customs in the early history of our state. In the Census of 1980, Illinois had 222,134 Indians living in the state.



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Feuerborn Manufacturing Company as pictured in 1954 in the Effingham "Heart of the USA."

Effingham was a place of many firsts

BY DELAINE DONALDSON

The latter part of the 19th century witnessed great change in Effingham County's seat of government as it changed from the simple Pre-Civil War village to an up-and-coming commercial center in the middle of the United States. Fortunately, people from the time period of 1866-1930 often left descriptions of the eras of which they were a part. This article uses those descriptions to help the reader reflect on earlier times.

One of the county's most famous citizens ever, Benson Wood, wrote about his adopted hometown when recalling what Effingham was like in 1866. He wrote the following:

"It was then an incorporat-

ed town; not a city. The old Court House, fronting west, where Democrats held their meetings, and the frame building on the corner of Jefferson and Third Streets where the Republicans held theirs, were the only places where the public was accustomed to assemble. At the junction of Fifth Street and the old Brough (pronounced bruff) right of way (today's Washington Street), was an empty, one-story store building, before that time occupied by Caspar Nolte and then called "Concordia Hall."

Occasionally something was put on the boards in that almost forgotten place.

"On the night of Dec. 11, 1866, the elite of Effingham was there assembled to witness the second entertainment of the "Histrionic Society."

Three short plays were on the program: "Stage-Struck Yankee," "The Rough Diamond," and "Loan of a Lover." In the cast were W. Curson, W.W. Brown, E.J. Curson, Leo Frank, Miss Ada Miser, Miss E. Fleming, J.C. Eversman, William Austin, Miss M. Long, and Wm. McPherson. The Stage Manager and general director (was) Dr. L.W. Smith. ..."

Shortly after 1866, in The Effingham Register, a writer recorded a description of Effingham in 1869. That writer stated that Effingham is a "beautiful young city of about 2500" whose citizens are "far-seeing, shrewd and intelligent"; whose business men are "sharp, enterprising fellows, generous to a fault." Its ministers in that day ranked as "leaders of thought"; its editors as "men of brains and muscle." It

contained some of the "best men in the county and the handsomest women in the state."

The reporter went on to describe leading personalities in the town: He mentioned that Craddock & Habing were bankers; Henry Eversman, the manager of the J.F. Waschefort store which fronted the Illinois Central... Tom Brown sold hardware at Mrs. Loy's corner. Henry Kepley practiced law, and of him, the author said "rogues know what to fear when he pleads the case against them." The Wood Bros. and their partner, W.H. Barlow, were law partners.

In Jack Rankins' Photographic Gallery, the writer stated that "Art has her abode; in his rooms she nestles and luxuriates." Koester & Mussman (Barney) "kept everything in the furniture line, including every style of coffin." Little & Thompson were druggists. William Holdzkorn was the saddler. Dr. Groves advertised as a "Surgeon and Physician"; L.W. Smith, John L. McCoy, L.J. Willien, W.S. and W.L. Goodell, and Wesley Thompson had cards as physicians. R.B. Rutherford, Watson & Gilmore, Wood & Barlow, H.B. Kepley, D.N. Wood, H.C. Brumbock and J.N. Gavin were the lawyers in the growing city.

Due to the mode of transportation, many businesses were related to providing services related to horses. A.G. Hughes combined a real estate agency with horse shoeing. Harry Moore and also his brothers, A.S. and Samuel, represented the livery business.

There were numerous businesses in the town: George Screeton ran the "Gillenwater House." George Ewers carried on Merchant Tailoring on the north side of Court House Square. H.C. Bradsby edited the Democrat. There were fraternal

societies with Tom Brown as High Priest of the Chapter and W.D. Alexander, Worshipful Master, of the Masonic Lodge. Jonathan Arnold was Noble Grand of the Odd Fellows. They were the only such groups in town. J.L. Bachman had a "shaving and hair dressing saloon" on Jefferson Avenue between Front and Banker. Later he moved the business to Banker Street.

The Vandalia road was not then completed east of Effingham. The round house and machine shops were in process of erection. The existing passenger station, which is termed a "fine depot" had just been finished. Growth continued through the rest of the century and into the next.

A visitor to Effingham in 1926 would have found that it was an important railroad crossing hub with tracks radiating out in six directions. The main line of the Illinois Central intersected here the mainline of the Pennsylvania between St. Louis and the east.

Those who entered Effingham by train found a union station costing probably \$125,000, with red brick, wide walks, and a spot that in summer was green with a red heart in it, alongside an expanse of tracks which were wide, heavy and businesslike. The red heart had become Effingham's trademark — "The Heart of the U.S.A."

Effingham was a hub not only for railroads, but also for concrete roads. The Egyptian Trail crossed the National Trail at Effingham. Five strips of concrete radiated from the town in anticipation of a sixth. Effingham was the place where the concrete road movement started. The agitation for such began in the early 1900s.

Effingham was a pioneering

community in other ways besides highways. The Illinois College of Photography billed itself as the first and the only college of photography in the world giving a complete course in photography, in photo engraving, in airbrush work, and all the lines necessary to turn out a complete photographer or photo engraver.

Students came to the school from India, Armenia, Russia, China, Japan, Jaco Slovakia, Greece, Belgium, Congo, the Philippines, Honduras, Mexico, Brazil and Canada. One student entered at the age of 77, another at 82.

The familiar official photo of Calvin Coolidge used in his campaign, was taken by a war veteran, a graduate of the school.

Effingham also made powdered milk. A dairy company said to supply 70 percent of St. Louis milk, 100 miles away, got most of its milk from Effingham. Trucks brought the milk in, over the hard roads, from 40 to 50 miles in every direction. Every morning 30 to 40 trucks lined up at the plant.

The dairy industries, intensely organized in the community, brought a lot of wealth into Effingham County. Dairying put cash in the bank and richness into the soil.

An interesting story from the 1920s showed something of industrial genius in the area. In 1923, Mrs. Frank Cleaver, of Sigel, made a pair of cotton gloves on her sewing machine. They looked like good gloves to her. She began to experiment; more gloves were made and she sold them.

Out of that thought, a business grew — a string of glove-making plants. They were operated at Sigel, Neoga and Teutopolis. Three hundred people worked in those plants, so a

fourth was built at Effingham to employ 100 more. That business was finished by 1926.

Effingham was also the home of the Chester Knitting Mill making knitted hosiery.

In 1926, Effingham had the only plant in the world which made "shoulder machines." These machines made the shoulder, i.e. the dirt shoulder on each side of the concrete strip for concrete roads. Prior to the machine, work was done by hand.

C.J. Moritz was the inventor. He was a highway contractor and president of the Effingham Chamber of Commerce. After he built a

new 50-by-130-foot building to make the machines, orders came in from many states because one machine could take the place of many day laborers.

Effingham had a plant exclusively occupied in manufacturing of church furniture. Altars and pews were the chief output. They were shipped to all parts of the nation. This business, operated by the Feuerborn Mfg. Co., was established toward the end of the 1870s.

Conrad Boos started a business in 1887, which dramatically affected the way butcher blocks were made. Instead of using a cut section of a sycamore tree stump which often

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A sign greets visitors to the "The Heart of the USA" Effingham. The sign encouraged visitors to "Stop and Shop in Effingham" in the 1920s.



cracked, leaving a crevice where cut-meat could collect, leading to very unsanitary conditions. The Boos butcher blocks were made of rock maple. The blocks were constructed of many pieces, like the checkerboard, to have the grain of the various strips so turned that there could never be any cracking. By 1926, Boos Block was an old plant with the length of service of the average workmen being 18 years. Labor turnover was not like it was in large cities.

Another unique thing about Effingham was that the local newspaper, The Record, built a permanent demonstration home, consisting of 10 rooms at a cost of about \$25,000. Women's clubs from all over this part of the state were invited to hold meetings there. Byron LeCrone, manager of the newspaper, told a reporter:

"No merchandising will ever be carried on this

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Effingham in the 1920s could claim many "firsts" in history: Mrs. Ada H. Kepley was the first woman in Illinois and the world to be admitted to the practice of law. The Rev. J.H. Longenecker, missionary to the Belgian Congo Presbyterian Church, was the first man to take photo engraving into Africa. He developed his talent in Eff-



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A model at the Effingham County Museum depicts the Heart Theater, Greyhound station, and Benwood Hotel.

ingham. And Frank L. Wong, of Canton, China, another graduate of the Illinois College of Photography, was the first to take photo engraving skills into Asia.

By 1926, there was a very clear spirit and work ethic in Effingham. Because the town knew the value of organization and teamwork, it achieved goals quickly. For instance, when the town wanted a new railroad station, teamwork and countless visits to railroad officials got it done. When it wanted a new hotel, citizens bought stock. The committee raised in Effingham \$102,500. The hotel cost \$150,000, a mortgage taking care of the unpaid balance.

"Individually, we've got no vast wealth here," Fred Wenthe, one of Effingham's

most ardent workers, told a reporter. "But collectively, we do what only rich men can do all alone. Collectively we are achieving our ambition."

There was also spirit of pride in accomplishment evidenced to those who drove the concrete trails into Effingham when they saw the big sign boards with a red heart on each and the flaunting words — "Heart of the U.S.A."



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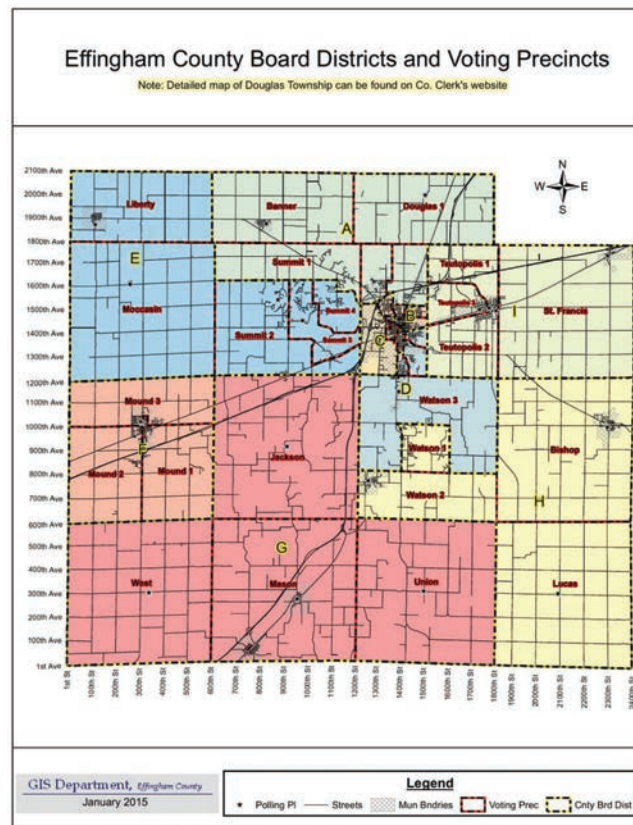
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Cross at the Crossroads

A symbol of spirit, faith and community

BY ZACH ROTH

The Cross at the Crossroads celebrated 20 years as a symbol of spirit, faith and community on Sept. 11, 2021, with a celebration complete with music, food, fun and prayer.

Dozens of people joined The Cross Foundation, the Rev. Roger Marshall and musicians Jordan Pride and Scott Wattles for an afternoon of fellowship alongside the massive, 198-foot-tall cross that is among the biggest and largest in the United States. Marshall, part of the organizing group that helped to secure funding for it, said as part of his opening remarks/benediction the message of the Cross remains as important now as it was 20 years ago, when it opened in the shadow of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"There is a verse in 1 Corinthians 15 where Paul writes, 'I delivered to you of first importance,'" Marshall said. "When Paul said in the Scripture 'I told you something that was more important than anything else I have ever told you,' that's worth remembering. In 1 Corinthians 15, he said, 'I delivered to you of first importance that Jesus Christ died on the cross for our sins,' according to the Scripture. He was buried and on the third day rose again according to the Scripture. That's the message of the Cross: forgiveness for sins."

Marshall thought back to the night the Cross was first dedicated the Sunday following 9/11. He remembered the large crowd of cars and people who showed up that night to see the cross lit up for the first time.

"It was as if individuals came to this place on a week when they and all of us were looking for some kind of hope, some kind of light in a dark week," Marshall said. "It was as if the entire community said, 'This is a place, this is a symbol that gives us hope, that gives us light, that gives us the possibility of something even beyond the darkest of moments.' That was a night that I think I will never forget."

Organizers of the event also saw the event as a way to remind people of the inspiration the Cross could provide, whether they were driving through on Interstates 57 and 70 or they pay a visit to the complex, which includes not just the Cross, but a visitors center and a growing series of statues depicting the life of Christ.

"The most important thing (to take) is the inspiration that each individual gets from it," said Jim Schultz, chairman of The Cross Foundation's board of directors. "Everybody gets a different inspiration from their visualization of the Cross. We've had many fabulous stories of people being inspired in their own ways. It's not about being a symbol for the city of Effingham or being a symbol of what somebody wants it to be. It's what the person that's accepting that symbol wants to treat that symbol as being to them."

Kayla Deters, chairman of the event's planning committee, added she saw the celebration as somewhere people could come, connect with their faith and enjoy time with family and friends.

"For me, it's just fellowship," Deters said.

"(It's) a place for people to come, connect and ultimately express their faith with the concert and being able to enjoy family."

The event also was a chance to show off how the facility has expanded in 20 years. At first, the massive cross was the only thing that stood on the grounds.

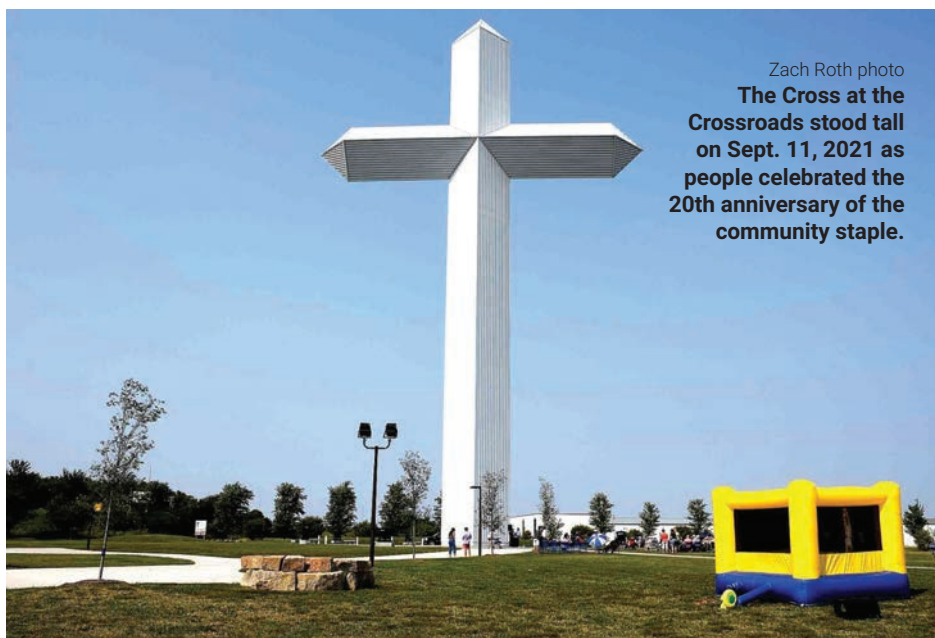
In 2005, the visitors center opened to the public, followed by public displays of the Ten Commandments that surround the cross and a growing set of sculptures. Those sculptures are scheduled to grow, with plans to build eight new statues depicting Jesus' life from beginning to end to resurrection.

With continued expansion comes a need for additional volunteers to join those like Malia Jackson, who came to the event with her friend, Shannon McClurg. Jackson wants to see more people volunteer, and she decided to come out largely because she didn't come to many of the events that happen at the Cross, despite her status as a volunteer. She also wanted to show off the pride that she has for the community she holds dear.

"In a way, I want to show off the community that I'm so proud of," Jackson said.

McClurg hopes people see the idea of hope that the Cross can provide to them, whether they're just driving by or stopping in.

"When you look into the Cross, you can find truth, light and hope," McClurg said. "To be on dark roads and to know that there's something more, that's what this is all about."



Zach Roth photo
The Cross at the Crossroads stood tall on Sept. 11, 2021 as people celebrated the 20th anniversary of the community staple.

Effingham City Elected Officials

The City of Effingham is a non-home rule unit which operates under a commission form of government. The City Council is comprised of a mayor and four commissioners who are elected for four-year terms.

An appointed city administrator who serves at the direction of the mayor and City Council assists the City Council with the development and implementation of policy and in the administration and oversight of the day-to-day operations of the City.

Effingham is a full-service City providing law enforcement services, fire fighting and fire prevention services, liquor control code enforcement, fire code enforcement services, economic development, tourism, library, and public works services that include streets, water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, building code, plumbing code, and electrical code.

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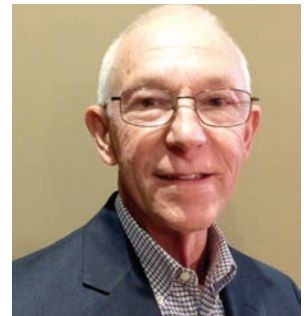
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