

# Illiana News

October 2018

## History Day Makes History

Dave and I cannot begin to thank you all enough for the great job everyone did to pull off the best History Day yet. We had the biggest crowd of kids ever...the most stations ever...the best lunch...the happiest teachers...everything was just great! Of course, the new log cabin was wonderful. Boyd Crone, a log cabin builder, was there to tell stories; Dave and Doris kept him company. Kathy was on the porch spinning. The cabin looked so wonderful! Carolyn Swanson had done her usual great job of decorating.



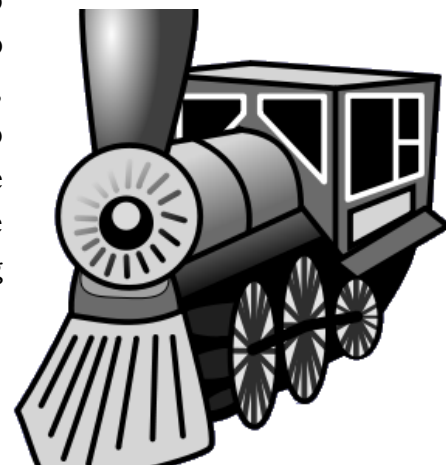
I was planning to go through each station and give some highlights, but this is a newsletter, not a news book! :) If you want to know details, just ask anyone who was there that day. We ALL went home tired, but happy.

Of course, there were a few things we would like to change for another year, and we would like to hear your suggestions for improving History Day. We will be meeting October 17 at 7:00 at the hall, to discuss History Day...the changes that need to be made...out-there ideas to think about, and maybe

try...where we should go in the future, etc. If you are interested...you are welcome!

Again, many thanks to those who worked so hard to make history on History Day! The Thursday crew, the grass mowers and trimmers, the guys who hauled tractors, those who cleaned and organized, the guys who moved stuff, those who performed tasks out of their comfort zone, those who helped pack bags and those who sewed them, those who talked themselves hoarse, those who manned the stations, those who cleaned up after the kids went home, those who filled in at the last minute...and the list goes on. You know what you did. A big "Thank You" to everyone!

**Note:** If you took pictures, we would love to see them. Email photos to Joan Fry at: [thejoefryfarm@gmail.com](mailto:thejoefryfarm@gmail.com)



# Illiana Quilters News

Submitted by: Kathy Kyle

Illiana Quilters are very busy getting ready for the 2nd Annual Fall Bazaar coming up on Saturday, Oct. 27 at 10:00 a.m. at the Pine Village Fire Station. Be sure to check out the announcement on the "Illiana Quilters" Facebook page and share it with all your friends and relatives.

At our Sept. meeting we learned how to make the jelly roll rugs as was taught by Angie Neu from the Effingham area. Just another fun project that has been shared by our quilting group.

Also discussed were some necessary improvements to be made to the cottage at Rainsville; it looks as though we need a new ceiling after the leak in the roof recently. The roof has been repaired thanks to Tom Swanson and his helpers. Thank you gentlemen!

Coming in November we will be having our meeting at the Assembly Hall on the power show grounds. Hard to believe, but it's time to start on the raffle quilt for the 2019 show season! There will be plenty of room to work on a quilt at the hall. We meet on the 4th Monday of the month, so come and join us beginning at 9:00 am until around 3 pm.

Thanks to all our volunteers who helped with History Day and made it another successful day for the 400+ students who attended. Some worked the day of the show and others worked frantically a few days before to finish making all the bags for the students to carry their "treasures." Starting in January of 2019, we will be making bags for the next History Day and will be inviting all members of the IAPA to join in sewing and readying the bags for next year..."many hands make light work!"

As our days become shorter in daylight hours, each day we are reminded that it's time to start thinking about our Christmas projects and to begin making plans for Christmas in the Village, which is our next big project after the Fall Bazaar.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Bazaar in Pine Village on the 27th of October! Happy Fall everyone and enjoy the last warm days of the season! ***Illiana Quilters***



## **Illiana Quilters Important Dates**

Mon., Oct. 22 - Meeting at PV Fire Station, 9:00 am—3:00 pm

Sat., Oct. 27 - Quilter's Fall Bazaar, Pine Village Fire Station, 10:00 am

Mon., Nov. 26 - Meeting @ Assembly Hall on Show Grounds, 9:00 am

December: Christmas in the Village (No regular meeting)





# A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

Tom Swanson

Hello to all,

You'd have to see it to believe it! That's my description of 400 plus kids running around our showgrounds.

What a day once again. All that energy and enthusiasm just waiting to be unleashed. All you many, many club members and volunteers outdid yourselves to put on and present our History Day for the kids. Thank you for your hard work. Thank you to Dave Sims and Joan Fry for coordinating this event once again and thank you to Bob and Kaaren Parsell for preparing lunch.

If you haven't heard the news by now, I reported at the September meeting that Illiana will be receiving a grant from Tippecanoe Arts Federation courtesy of North Central Health Services. I don't know all the details involved yet, but am certainly appreciative of their consideration of our request and was very happy to receive their letter.

See you at the October meeting.

*Tom*

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Swanson cabin



Packing bags for History Day.

## Next Meeting

**The next meeting of the Illiana Antique Power Association is scheduled for Monday, October 15, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the Assembly Hall. Bring a dish to pass for the carry-in dinner.**

# Rocky Forge Blacksmith News

Submitted by: Ted Stout

Fall is here and the leaves are falling everywhere. It's one of my favorite times of the year, flannel shirt weather. What follows may not be so joyful.



It's time for another "Rocky Forge Hammer-In." Today, the fourth, the weather gurus are predicting a high of 62, we will wait and see. They still get paid when they're wrong. If that prediction holds true, that will be ideal metal working weather.

The meeting is Saturday, October 13th, with coffee and doughnuts starting at 8:30 followed by a short business meeting. As usual there are several coal forges and 2 gas forges available. No problem if you want to bring your own forging set-up. I have metal available, just ask first so you don't use a piece I had plans to use.

Lunch will be hot dogs cooked over an open fire; you cook your own. Making a hot dog roasting stick might be a fun project before lunch. Carol asks that you bring something to go with hot dogs. We really appreciate it when you contribute to the meal. One other thing, Carol said that after nearly 16 years of feeding this group, she expects someone or two to volunteer preparing the main dish for the next meeting. You might want to attend this meeting because, if you're not here, you may get volunteered. Bring items for the iron-in-the-hat drawing.

The club still has several of the James Morre' books available. James was the lead blacksmith for the Fort Ouiatenon group for many years and he made a compilation over the years of his work. The book has several very pertinent, educational and well illustrated sections. The price is the cost of publication, \$15.00, and the family asks that no book be bought with the idea of resale.

Come on out on the 13th and have a good day of metal working. See you then.

*Ted and Carol*

Ted Stout (stout8525@tds.net, 765-491-2194 cell).

## Reminder:

Saturday, October 13:

Rocky Forge Hammer-In @ 8:30 am

@ Ted's shop





# History Day Rehash!!

Do you love History Day? Do you love the amazement in the kids' eyes when they see something they have never seen before or do something they never knew they could do? Do you love that the past is still alive at Illiana? Do you truly love what you do on History Day? If your answer was yes to any of the above questions, we need you to come to the Illiana



club grounds **Wednesday evening, October 17 at 7:00 pm.** I will bring brownies!!! We will discuss the complaints and compliments from this year as well as really discuss the future of History Day. It is just too big a discussion to have during the regular meeting. If you are unable to come, be sure to write down your thoughts and text me at 765-363-5406, or email them to me at (thejoe Fry farm@gmail.com). Do you have any really wild ideas? Send them along too!

See you then, **Joan**

## Pine Creek & Western R/R News

Submitted by: Charlie Lupinek

The Pine Creek & Western Railroaders again participated in transporting the visiting students in an exciting History Day at the Illiana show grounds. Don Bodine, Charlie Lupinek and Steve Dye brought locomotives and riding cars to transport the students. An enjoyable time was had by all.



## Club Member News

Our condolences to the family of Marvin Scott who passed away after suffering a heart attack. Please keep his wife Ruth in your prayers. She has the "Sew Long Ago" sewing shop at the grounds.

Also, prayers and well wishes to Jim Courtney, club member, who broke his leg. Jim is in Cumberland Pointe in West Lafayette.

# AED Certification

We need to have AED devices on our grounds!

- 1) WE are mostly old!
- 2) We have many visitors who are dealing with various kinds of health issues!
- 3) WE are a caring group!
- 4) We NEED them.

Illiana Antique Power Association has been approved for 2 AED devices to be placed in conspicuous places...one in the Blacksmith area and one in the Assembly Hall building. Now we need to get people certified to administer them, when and if the need arises. What do you need to do? Almost nothing...the instructions are printed plainly on the devices. BUT folks DO need to be certified to use them so we can get them for FREE. Joan dropped the ball last winter when she was sick and missed the deadline. What does she need to start over?

- 1.) Copies of the front and back of CPR and AED certification cards. Most anyone who works in the medical field or with the public, like a childcare worker, teacher, bus driver, etc. will have them already.
- 2.) For those who do not already have certification, we have vouchers to pay for the training and can even have a group instruction on our own grounds. Joan just needs to know how many folks to count on and set a date.

So now what? Let's get it done! Let Joan know...send her your info now...let's try to get the current certifications in before the next meeting so we can set a date for the remaining folks to get trained. Do it today!!! Thank you! It may be YOUR life hanging in the balance! (You can email your copies to Joan at [thejoefryfarm@gmail.com](mailto:thejoefryfarm@gmail.com) or bring them to the next meeting).



## What Is an AED?

(Automated External Defibrillator)

Defibrillators are devices that restore a normal heartbeat by sending an electric pulse or shock to the heart. They are used to prevent or correct an arrhythmia, a heartbeat that is uneven or that is too slow or too fast. Defibrillators can also restore the heart's beating if the heart suddenly stops.



# The Old Tractor Is Back In The Family

*by Ted Stout*

Carol has a birthday on Sunday, October 7th and today, October 5th, she has received the best gift she could ever expect.

For nearly 38 years we have chased the tractor her father used while farming, an E-3 CO-OP. As a little girl she would stand between her Dad's knees and ride along while he farmed and every Saturday she would help him grind feed with the tractor. She was definitely Daddy's little girl. They sold the farm in 1961 and ever since then Carol has wanted the old tractor. In the late 1970's we drove by the farm to

discover the old house was in ill repair and a woven wire fence with a gate had been installed. We climbed the gate and went into the barn. There it was, the tractor she so wanted, buried in the hay, manure and dirt clear to the axle. From there we tried on many occasions to buy the darn thing and he simply would not budge.

A few years later the house and barn were torn down and we figured the tractor went with them. Then a friend said he saw it in the new barn. Holy cow there was hope yet, but the old boy simply would not part with it. They went on to build a nice new house and we kept hounding him to sell the tractor. We even had a neighbor try to buy it, but to no avail. Well, as fate would have it the old man died and we thought the tractor would be out of reach.

About two months ago my cousin, who lives just down the road, called and reported that he saw Jeremy Edwards haul a bunch of machinery, including the tractor, past his house. I called Mr. Edwards and sure enough they had hauled the tractor off to Ted Everett's auction near Monrovia, Indiana. The auction was Friday and we were able to buy the tractor for \$400. Wow, what an emotional time!

Turns out Jeremy was the auctioneer and he knew the whole story. He stopped the auction to take a picture of Carol and me next to the tractor and told the story to the crowd. Afterward, many men came to Carol to shake her hand, hug her and offer their congratulations. They were all saying how difficult it is to get the old family tractor back to the family. A lady came to Carol and introduced herself as the daughter of the old man who had the tractor. They had a nice conversation about the whole incident and about the farm. She was happy Carol got the tractor. When I went to pay for the tractor, there were five girls cashiering. I told the story to the gal waiting on me and they all became very emotional; one of the gals actually cried. Then the cashier handed me an envelope with the original owner's manual. We had a very emotional day.

Our gratitude to my cousin Lee for the lead and to Clark Jones for hauling the tractor home. Now for the restoration...







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