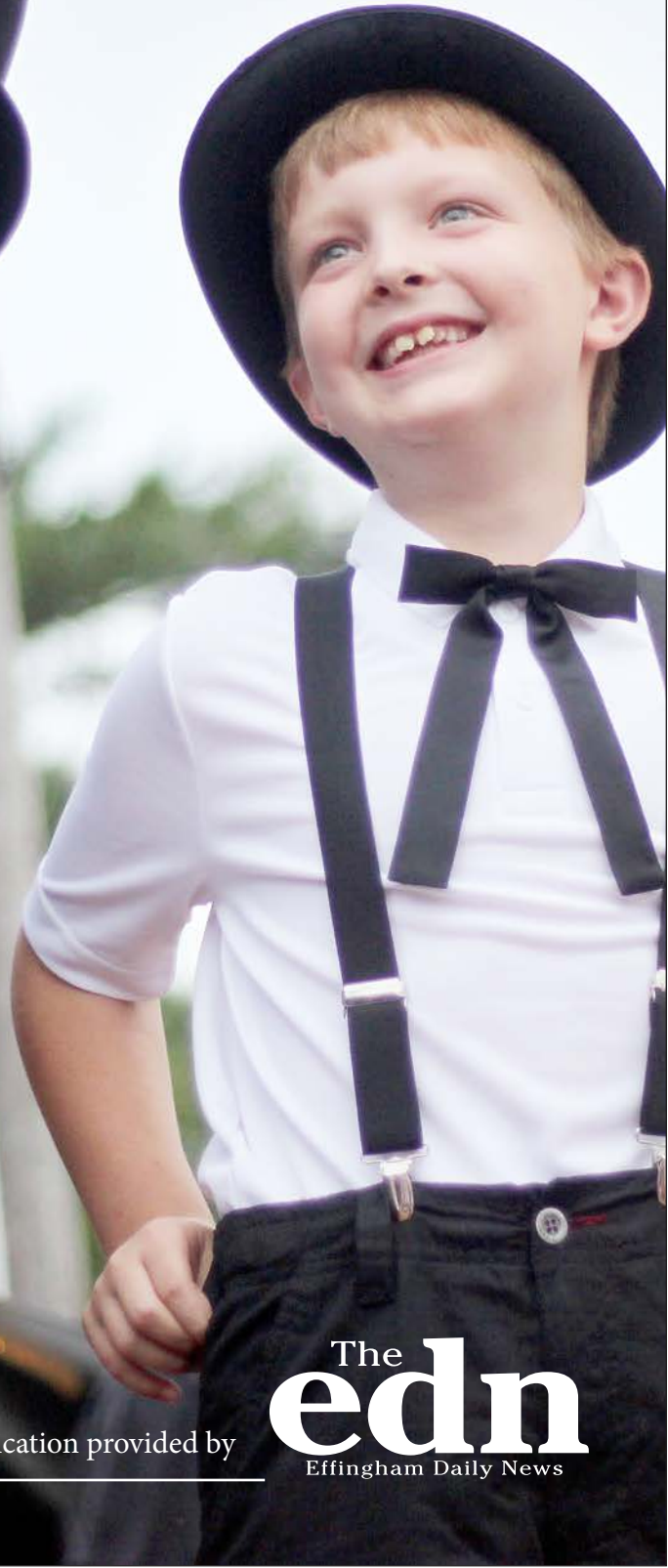


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A photograph of a woman with blonde braids, wearing a white t-shirt and a floral skirt, smiling and holding a large, yellow wooden shoe. In the background, there is a sign that says "Gene's" and "PPPOO".

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Teutopolis celebrates a birthday

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Gina Runde holds a wooden shoe at the Kangaroo Court



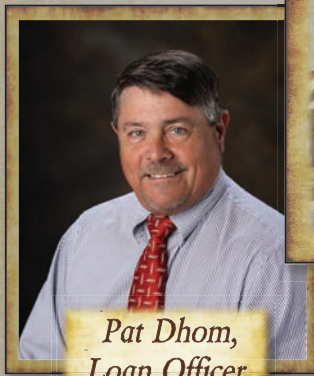
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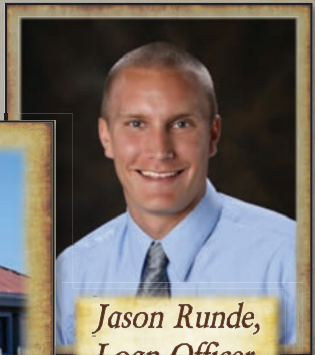


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175 Years & Growing

By Tony Huffman
Effingham Daily News

This summer marks the 175th year since a group of five well-armed German immigrants walked from Cincinnati, Ohio, with \$16,000 and a dream of founding a community

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of their own that would become the village of Teutopolis.

To mark the occasion, the village is hosting a variety of German-related activities, as well as a kangaroo court, car show, outdoor Mass and historical homes/building tour, not to mention the Terquasquicentennial Play.

"It is a historical play of this community," said Kevin Niernerg, who is producing the show. "It will be a random shot of how Teutopolis was founded and settled."

Written and directed by Teutopolis native Shannon Hinkle, Niernerg said they are keeping the details of the play under wraps until curtain.

"We are excited about it," said Niernerg. "We were overly surprised with

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Top: Rich Probst presides over the Kangaroo Court in Teutopolis on July 12.

Bottom: Keystone Kops hold a group of those being charged with various crimes against the Village of Teutopolis at Kangaroo Court.

Photos by Tony Huffman



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Top: Dr. Charles Runde and Dr. Ruben Boyajian prepare to perform a medical exam on Bob Zerrusen at the Teutopolis Kangaroo Court. **Page 9 left:** Gabe Rauch is placed in a barrel and forced to drink beer throughout the first session of Kangaroo Court. He was charged with making his own special brew. **Right:** Gina Runde is wrestled into Gene Zerrusen's "Gene Pppppool" after being convicted by the Kangaroo Court for marrying someone from Effingham. She was convicted for tainting the Teutopolis gene pool.
Photos by Tony Huffman and Katie Smith

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the amount of ladies and kids that auditioned for the play.” Like so many events planned for the celebration, set to run from July 26 through Aug. 3, the coming week will focus on preparation.

“This is a huge undertaking,” said Niemerg. “There is a lot of work that is going into this show.”

The finished product will be on display for a three-night run, beginning on July 28 at 8 p.m. at the Society Hall Ball Diamond. The outdoor show will be performed on a large stage, with seating for 1,200 people.

“I think people are going to really enjoy the show,” said Niemerg, adding 45 to 90 people will act in the play.

The celebration kicks off on Saturday, July 26, at an outdoor Mass with Bishop Thomas John Paprocki at the Society Hall Ball Diamond at 4 p.m. The service will be followed by a dinner and dance called Glory Days, with music from the 1960s, ‘70s and ‘80s, along with the crowning of the Teutopolis First Lady at the Knights of Columbus Hall Banquet Room. The dance runs from 6 p.m. to midnight.

Other events that night include two outside bands at the Knights of Columbus Hall Grounds.

Sunday’s events are highlighted by a car show at the KC Hall grounds and a Kids’ Wiffle Ball Tournament at the KC Ball Diamond. Events, such as the play, Monastery Museum tours and various bands are planned for the week, with the follow-

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ing weekend jam packed with activities.

Saturday, Aug. 2, starts off early with a 5K Run/Walk at 7 a.m. behind Teutopolis Grade School. A Wooden Shoe demonstration by Rick Klompmaker is planned from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., also located behind the grade school. Other activities on Saturday include mud volleyball, a threshing demonstration, homemade ice cream made by an antique engine and a tug-of-war competition.

Sunday begins with a Grand Finale Celebration parade at noon, followed by more German activities and displays. At 6 p.m., a beard and dress judging contest will be held behind the grade school. Teutopolis natives have been growing their beards all summer for the competition. The event ends with a fireworks display at dusk behind the grade school.



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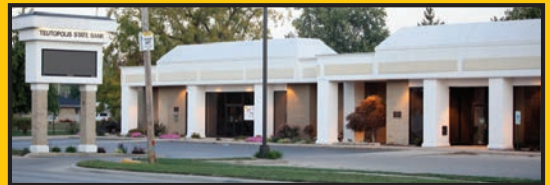
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Top: Teutopolis 1938-39 team. (Left to right) Coach J.H. Griffin, Linus Pottebaum, Clarence "Tater" Brumleve, Herman Runde, Toby Althoff, John Ordner, Jim Kenter, Paul Engle, Red Roy, Ralph Fulle. Bottom: Teutopolis High School's 1932-33 team. Coach J.H. Griffin is seated at far right on the front row.

Wooden Shoe basketball steeped in history

By Katie Smith
Effingham Daily News

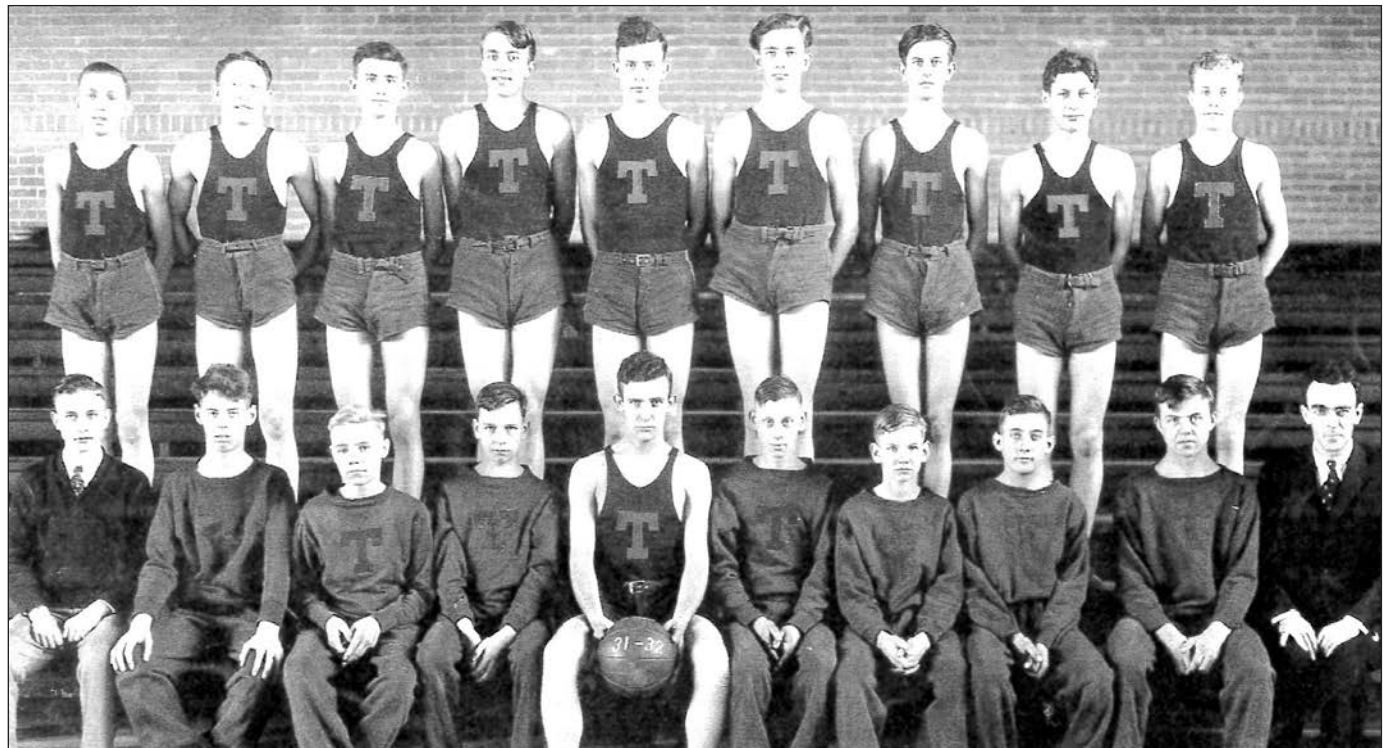
From the time coach J.H. Griffin set the standards for Teutopolis High School boys basketball program in the mid 20th century, the Wooden Shoes have built on those standards with a mix of tradition and character-building. The team's practice begins from the time their eyes open in the morning until their heads meet the pillow again. The players know they are expected to first and foremost lead respectful and responsible lives before they can expect to win.

In the past 57 years, the team has only had three coaches, all with a similar philosophy on how to lead the Wooden Shoes to success.

Andy Fehrenbacher, head varsity boys basketball coach, said the longevity of the coaches' careers is a major driving force behind the legacy of the team.

"When you don't have a turnover in coaches, like every two years a new coach is coming in, the overall philosophy of the program stays the same and the kids know what they're getting into," he said.

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The Wooden Shoes philosophy is based on what former coach Lawrence Carie calls the Triple A System. The system begins with helping the players develop, No. 1, strong academics and, No. 2, a positive attitude.

"I think if you have the first two, you can almost always develop the last one and that's ability," Carie said.

In the program's early years, the team entered the court wearing warm-up robes and were greeted by rambunctious fans and long-skirted cheerleaders, all of whom wore wooden shoes to the games.

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Lawrence Carie, former head varsity boys basketball coach at Teutopolis High School, stands in front of his Wooden Shoes trophies, ribbons, photos, flags and gifts. Carie coached at Teutopolis for 23 years and assumed the role of athletic director, coached baseball, track and girls volleyball, as well as ethics, world history, drivers education and physical education.

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From 1981 to 2007 under the leadership of Ken Crawford, the team compiled a 612-150 record. Carie believes the success rate is because of the dedicated training the team has always received, starting with Griffin.

“He would like to teach character in kids and if you teach character in kids, they will win for you and they will work hard for you,” he said. “That was his philosophy, and I tried to carry that on, too.”

Carie knows, however, that coaching is based on a system of give and take and in order to build character, instruction cannot be sugar-coated.

“Griffin told me, ‘Always tell the truth, you’ll never have to cover your tracks,’” he said. “Another thing he told me was ‘Always be honest with your players. Now it might hurt some of the players some of the time,

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but if you’re honest with your players, they’ll accept it.’ And you go on from there.”

Carie feels confident in his coaching methods, having posted a 443-173 record in 23 seasons.

Regardless of the team’s winning streaks, Carie and Fehrenbacher agree the pattern of long-tenured coaches can be attributed to Teutopolis’ overall camaraderie and community atmosphere.

“The people are pretty good about just letting the coaches do their jobs and the kids work really hard and have good attitudes,” Fehrenbacher said. “They’re highly competitive kids. There’s no doubt about that. They take a lot of pride in what they do.”

Fehrenbacher added that, for the most part, Teutopolis students deliver strong academics, showmanship and responsibility.

“Now as our coach, I tell our players it’s a responsibility when you wear the Wooden Shoes uniform that a lot of people are going to play one of their best games of the year against you because they want to beat you.”

The program has earned three state trophies, 10 Elite Eight titles, 11 sectional championships, 28 regional championships, and three district championships. Forty former Wooden Shoes players have gone on to play college basketball, and so far, Fehrenbacher has won 174 games in seven seasons. The most rewarding part for the head coach, however, is seeing the lit-up faces of young fans.

“When you go to our games, there’s an awful lot of young boys sitting in the crowd and you can just see in their eyes that they want to be out there on the floor and that maybe someday they’ll get to wear the Wooden Shoes uniform,” he said.

Top: Coach Ken Crawford, Athletic Director Lawrence Carie and Superintendent Jerry Griffin accepted the plaque when Teutopolis High School was inducted into the Hall of Fame after topping 1,000 wins in the School’s rich history. **Middle:** The 1950-51 cheerleading squad. (Left to right) Jeannette (Zerrusen) Westendorf, Janice (Niemerg) Muhlbaehler, Peggy (Brumleve) Smith, Anita Lutchefeld, Diana (Smith) Doedtman. **Bottom:** Teutopolis High School’s first basketball team was the 1924-25 squad. Front row (left to right) are Joe Siemer, Albert Hotze, Clarence Busse (captain), Cletus Brumleve, William Hess. Back row are Ralph Koelsch, Franklin Platz, Coach Henry Fagan, Ferd Weis, Clem Uptmor.



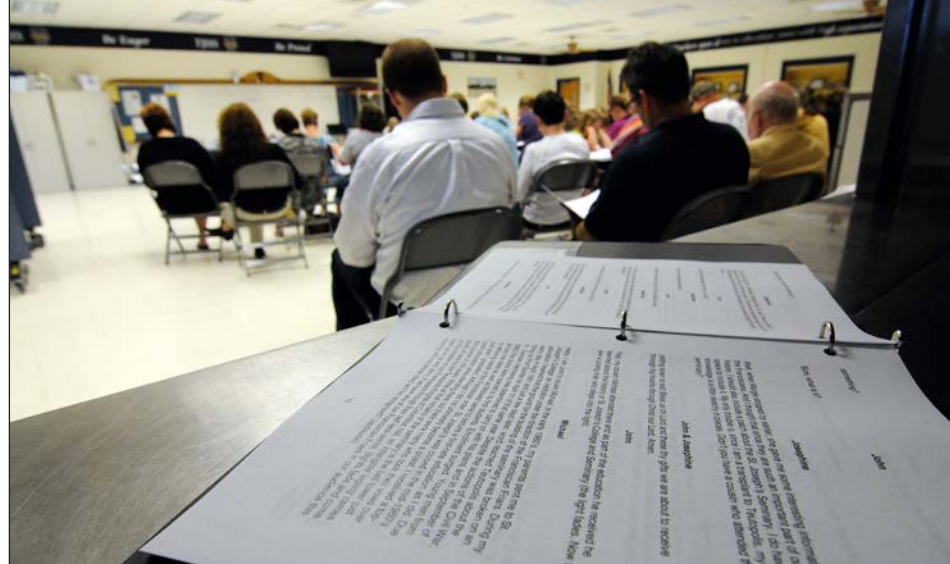


Top: Karen Brumleve, Patti Ruholl and Janet Dhom share a moment of laughter recounting Ruholl's choice of jewelry over a television as a reward for her participation in being a "First Lady" ambassador in selling fundraising tickets and generating interest in Teutopolis during the town's sesquicentennial celebration. Ruholl's husband wanted the television, but she chose the jewelry. Brumleve was next and chose the television. Ruholl said the rings have been on her hand these 25 years, while Brumleve said the television still works just fine. Former First Ladies were introduced at the Oktoberfest event which kicked off Teutopolis' 175th celebration activities last year at the Teutopolis Knights of Columbus Hall.

Right: Teutopolis Mayor Greg Hess adjusts his glasses during his speech. Bottom: Erica Runde of Teutopolis assembles stacks of tokens at the Oktoberfest. The tokens, which are helpful in pronouncing the terquasquicentennial anniversary, were used throughout the yearlong celebration of the town's birth.

Left bottom: A play book lies open during line reading for the play of the village's history at the Teutopolis Junior High School.

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7:30 p.m. - Jr Miss

Sunday, August 3

8:30 a.m. - Church Service in 4-H Arena
12-10 p.m - Tonn of Fun Inflatables
1:00 p.m. - Big Ten Harness Racing
5:30 p.m. - Twilight Parade
6:30 p.m. - Master Showmanship 4-H Show area
7:30 p.m. - Ash Brothers

Monday, August 4

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6:00 p.m.-Midnight — *Dinner/Dance - Glory Days (60's, 70's & 80's Hits), KC Hall Banquet Room; Crowning of the Teutopolis First Lady

6:30 -8:30 p.m. — Outside Band, Flight Fifty (Classic Rock), KC Hall Grounds

9 pm - midnight — Outside Band, Friction (80's & 90's favorites), KC Hall Grounds

Sunday, July 27

9 a.m.-3 p.m. — Car Show, KC Hall Grounds; Registration at 9 a.m.; Judging at 2:30 p.m.

1 p.m. — Kids' Wiffle Ball Tournament, KC Ball Diamond; Grades 3-4; 5-6; 7-8

6 – 9 p.m. — Band, Kidd Kadillac (50's & 60's Music), KC Hall Grounds

Monday, July 28

8 p.m. — *Terquasquicentennial Play, Society Hall Ball Diamond; Gates open at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, July 29

8 p.m. — *Terquasquicentennial Play, Society Hall Ball Diamond; Gates open at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, July 30

6 – 8 p.m. — Kids' Games, Mini Park, Ages 6-12 years. Check-in at 5:30 p.m.

8 to 11 p.m. — Band, Thunder Road (Country), Behind Grade School

8 p.m. — Terquasquicentennial Play, Society Hall Ball Diamond, Gates open at 7 p.m.

Thursday, July 31

2 to 4 p.m. — **Teutopolis Monastery Museum Tours, Teutopolis Monastery Museum

6 to 7 p.m. — Slide Show of Teutopolis History, Grade School Auditorium

6 to 8 p.m. — Kids' Games, ages 6-12 years, Mini Park. Check-in at 5:30 p.m.

6:30 – 8:30 p.m. — Band, Tress & The Mixer's (Old/New Country, 60's & Classic Rock), Behind Grade School

9 – 11 p.m. — Band, Scott Wattles Blue Suede Crew (Elvis Entertainer sings 50's hits), Behind Grade School

Friday, Aug. 1

8:30 – 5:30 p.m. — Antique Threshing & Equipment Display, KC Hall Grounds, 9 a.m. equipment set-up

1 – 2:30 p.m. — Old Fashioned Youth Games, Behind Grade School

1 – 3 p.m. — Petting Zoo, East of Grade School

2 -4 p.m. — Teutopolis Monastery Museum Tours, Teutopolis Monastery Museum

4 – 5 p.m. — Slide Show of Teutopolis History, Grade School Auditorium

5 – 5:45 p.m. — Bed Show, Habing Furniture Parking Lot, (Viewing & People's Choice Voting)

5:30 p.m. — Antique Threshing, KC Hall Grounds

5:30 – 7:30 p.m. — Homemade Ice Cream, Made by an Antique Engine, KC Hall Grounds

Friday, Aug. 1 continued

6 p.m. — Bed Races, US Route 40

7 to 10 p.m. — ****Inflatables PLUS!** (by Incredible Events) Behind Grade School
for all ages

8 p.m. - midnight — Band, Lyle Jansen (Blues / Rock) Behind Grade School

Dusk — Steam Engine Spark Show (Prior to fireworks) KC Hall Grounds

Dusk — Fireworks, Behind Grade School

Saturday, August 2

7 a.m. — 5K Run/Walk, Behind Grade School, Registration at 7 a.m.

7 – 10 a.m. — Biscuits and Gravy Breakfast, Grade School Auditorium

8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. — Rick Klompmaker, Wooden Shoe Demonstration, Behind Grade School

9 a.m. — Mud Volleyball, Behind Grade School, Registration at 9 a.m.

10:30 a.m. — Threshing Demonstration, KC Hall Grounds

11 a.m. — Model T Breakdown, KC Hall Grounds

11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. — ****Homemade Ice Cream, Made by an Antique Engine, KC Hall Grounds**

11 a.m. — Tot-Rod Pedal Tractor Pull, Behind Grade School, Registration at 11 a.m.

Noon – 7 p.m. — Collection Displays, Grade School Classroom

Noon – 9 p.m. — **Inflatables PLUS!** (by Incredible Events) Behind Grade School
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1 p.m. — Tug of War Competition, Behind Grade School. Teams register on day of event

2 p.m. — Model T Breakdown, KC Hall Grounds

2 – 4 p.m. — ****Teutopolis Monastery Museum Tours, Teutopolis Monastery Museum**

3 – 4 p.m. — Slide Show of Teutopolis History, Grade School Auditorium

3 p.m. — Threshing Demonstration, KC Hall Grounds

4 – 4:30 p.m. — Band, Ein Prosit Alphonrgruppe (Traditional German Music), Behind Grade School

4:30 – 5 p.m. — Band, Ein Prosit Bells & Bellows (Traditional German Music), Behind Grade School

7 – 9 p.m. — Band, Matt Poss & the Wild Bunch (Country and Bluegrass), Behind Grade School

Dusk — Steam Engine Spark Show (Prior to fireworks), KC Hall Grounds

Dusk — Fireworks

9 p.m. - midnight — Band, Feudin' Hillbillies (Hits from the '80s, '90s & today), Behind Grade School

Sunday, Aug. 3

Noon — Grand Finale Celebration Parade

After parade – 5 p.m. — Antique Threshing & Equipment Display, KC Hall Grounds

2 – 5 p.m. — Rick Klompmaker, Wooden Shoe Demonstration, Behind Grade School

2 – 5 p.m. — Collection Displays, Grade School Classrooms

2 – 6 p.m. — ****Inflatables PLUS!** (by Incredible Events) Behind Grade School
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3 – 6 p.m. — Band, Ein Prosit (Traditional German Music), Behind Grade School

6 p.m. — Beard & Dress Judging/Beard Cutting, Behind Grade School

7 to 9 p.m. — Band, Freestyle Acoustic (Acoustic Cover Music), Behind Grade School

8 p.m. — Jeep Raffle Drawing, Behind Grade School

Dusk — Fireworks Finale, Behind Grade School.

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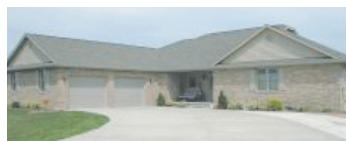


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Centenarian remembers T-Town past

By Seth Schroeder
Effingham Daily News

Florence Koester helped celebrate Teutopolis' 75th anniversary 100 years ago in 1914. She was 2 years old at the time.

"I don't remember that for some reason," she said while laughing. "My memory is usually pretty good."

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Teutopolis resident Florence Koester laughs while playing cards with friends July 2 at her daughter's house. At 102, Koester is one of the oldest living residents of Teutopolis.



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Top and bottom: Florence Koester and her first husband Bernard Hardiek stand with friends during their wedding day.

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However, Koester does remember the town's 100th anniversary in 1939. She said the celebration lasted three to four nights and included events, such as performing acrobats, community picnics and a pageant telling the origin of Teutopolis.

Koester played a pioneer in the pageant and part of her performance included pretending to throw water on a character who fainted as part of the story. During the final night of the pageant, Koester said she threw actual water on him, receiving laughter and applause from the audience.

Now, at 102, Koester is preparing to celebrate the town's 175th anniversary by running for Teutopolis' First Lady, although it is not something she thought about entering. One of Koester's grandsons entered her name in the competition. Each candidate for First Lady can earn points in the competition by selling event and raffle tickets.

Despite her age, Koester said she has passed additional driving tests required by the Illinois Secretary of State's office and drives nearly every day. She claims the secret to living a long life is to take things one day at a time.

"I try not to worry about things," she said. "Don't sweat the little things."

Koester still feels this way after she has lost several loved ones during her long life. Her first husband, Bernard Hardiek, died when he was 28. Koester later lost one of her sons in a car accident when he was 17 and lost a daughter in 2005 from cancer.

After Hardiek's death, Koester sold the livestock, tractor and farmland she and her husband had owned and moved back with her parents.

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She said her parents helped raise her children while she worked at the old glove factory in Effingham.

After her remaining children had grown up and started families of their own, Koester married Herman Koester, who died in 1980.

"Life's hard sometimes," Koester said. "But life is for the living. There's no need to dwell on it. You don't forget it, but you learn to live with it."

Koester looks forward to life ahead with 11 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren. She enjoys gathering with her large family, noting the last gathering had 39 people wall-to-wall within her home. To feed them all, Koester served bowls of chicken soup, chilli and sauerkraut. Normally, she doesn't cook too often but instead spends her time playing cards, going out to eat, volunteering and attending St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, where she has been a longtime member. Koester drives to church every day and only misses a service if she is sick or oversleeps. Koester said that doesn't happen very often.

Both Koester and her son, Ken Hardiek, said Teutopolis' strong religious ties help make the town successful and a good place to live. They too said Teutopolis continues to grow in part because of its school system, as well as the community's work ethic and neighborly attitude.

"It's a good town to live in," Koester said. "It's very helpful. There are always people there to help you."

As part of her own volunteering work, Koester visits Evergreen Nursing and Rehabilitation Center every Wednesday. While there, she helps with the center's Mass by passing out books and organizing the altar.

Hardiek likes to tease Koester that she ought to retire from volunteering.

"She said, 'Somebody has to help those old people out,'" Hardiek said. "I think that keeps her young at heart."



Florence Koester and her second husband Herman Koester stand on the left with friends, Agnes & Ed Deters, during the 1964 Teutopolis 125th Anniversary.

MY, HOW TEUTOPOLIS HAS CHANGED!

Here is a list, compiled by Teutopolis High School graduates who are now employed at the Effingham Daily News, of changes that have occurred in Teutopolis since the last birthday celebration of the town in 1989. Please forgive us if we have omitted anything or made an error in memory, as we are all 25 years older and our memories are not as sharp as they were in 1989!

- #1. A new stand alone Junior High building is constructed in 1998 on the west end of town.
- #2. Teutopolis High School builds an addition on the west end of the building in 2001 and a new building was added to Teutopolis Grade School in 2007.
- #3. A Veterans Memorial is erected on West Main Street.
- #4. Daddy Rabbit's bar (the former Dew Drop Inn) is torn down and replaced by a new state-of-the-art Siemer Milling Company office.
- #5. A new custard stand, Teutopolis Treats, is now across the street from Ping's Tavern. Dutch Treat was the former custard stand on the west end of town.
- #6. Ping's Tavern and The Kountry Kitchen get new owners

- #7. Ping's Tavern and Kenter's Tavern undergo new interior renovations.
- #8. Brumleve Canvas moves in 1997 from downtown to just west of Teutopolis
- #9. The Crystal Club closes as a Dance and Reception Hall.
- #10. The Green Lantern closes
- #11. Catholic Charities takes up new residence in the former Keller Appliance location
- #12. The town's first 4 way flashing light is installed in the center of Teutopolis.
- #13. The Brickbat Bar opens in the former Brownie's Tavern in 1989
- #14. Shorty's Liquor Depot closes
- #15. Teutopolis Community Park opens on the west end of town
- #16. Dollar General and Subway Restaurant open
- #17. Heuerman TV closes
- #18. A new water line is built from Newton to Teutopolis
- #19. Graduates of Teutopolis High School classes of 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 were just a gleam in daddy's eye in 1989

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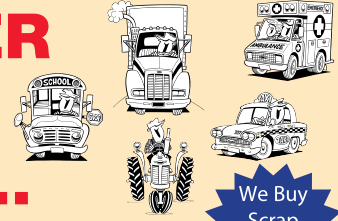


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Restoring a family legacy

By Katie Smith
Effingham Daily News

Marion Burford's office bears a striking resemblance to a library's genealogy section. Red and white binders labeled "Uptmor" adorn walls, and faded photographs and old tin-types remind Burford of her quest to dig deep into the identity that was seldom talked about in her childhood home.

A decade ago, Burford and her third cousin, Adele Krueger, were horrified when they visited the burial site of the town's founder and Burford's great-grandfather, Clemens Uptmor, and saw the condition of their family's plots. From the cracked and moss-ridden headstones, to the dirt that was dry from weed-killer, the women felt an overwhelming sense of disrespect for both the town and their family. In addition to the unkempt condition, scattered around their highly esteemed ancestor's grave were used fireworks that had been launched off the Uptmor headstones.

It was this sight, along with a genealogy project started by a middle school class that explored the Uptmor lineage, that lit a fire within Burford to learn more about her German heritage and her ties to the founding of Teutopolis.

Since their visit, Burford and Krueger have renovated the site, having power-washed the headstones, built a gate around the site, and planted a garden of bushes and flowers to commemorate the lives of one of Teutopolis' earliest families.

From there, Burford dug through history books, scoured websites, and compiled detailed family trees and historical narratives of Clemens Uptmor and his legacy.

Leaving Germany in 1834, Uptmor

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and a group of German settlers emigrated from Westphalia in pursuit of new, but familiar land. The group found the temperamental soil and large bodies of water in the Chicago area unsuitable for their traditional, German lifestyle. It was Teutopolis' hilly terrain and rich planting soil that attracted the men, and encouraged them to purchase the land and relocate their families.

A carpenter, Uptmor aided in the founding of the German Land Company to generate the funds needed to purchase what would become Teutopolis.

Burford knows from research that times were hard for the first settlers, though her family rarely spoke of the early days of Teutopolis.

Unlike her outspoken mother who was not Catholic and not a native of Teutopolis, Burford yearned to have a tighter connection to her father's ancestry and the town's history.

"I really became interested in finding out about my identity," Burford said.

Conversely, Krueger can recall much talk about the early days and the developing German-American traditions. However, much of it was spoken in German, a language Krueger could never speak or understand fluently.

"I do remember Grandpa Uptmor (Jr.) is the only one who wore red wooden shoes to church," she said of stories she had heard from family members. "I'll never forget that."

It was not until 1881 that the first pair of leather shoes was made in Teutopolis. Before that time, Krueger remembers stories of women walking to school in the winter, wearing only wooden shoes on their feet, and upon their arrival, stuffing their wet clogs with hot coals to dry the wood and warm the soles.

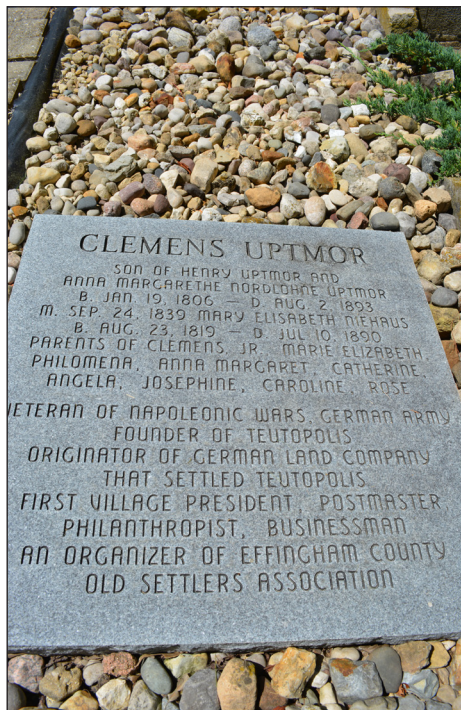
Though Burford and Krueger, who currently reside in Effingham, take a great deal of pride in being former Teutopolis residents, their satisfaction comes primarily from preserving the history of the early families who founded a town that thrives 175 years later. They consider Clemens Uptmor's grave in particular a historical landmark.

"I think with the (terquasqui) centennial starting, people are becoming more interested," Krueger said. "I think they will want to visit it, and they will want to see something of the founders'."

Above and on page 29, the grave of Teutopolis founder Clemens Uptmor and his family reside on the edge of a wooded area near Teutopolis cemetery. Descendants of the founder have taken it upon themselves to care for the gravesites.

At right a plaque near the gravestones gives a brief biography of Clemens Uptmor, shown in tin-type photo.

(Page 31) A memorial stone marks the family plot.





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Since Uptmor's burial site has been renovated and washed, a clear inscription of a J. Harrison Mills poem can be read:

**BUILD YET, THE END IS NOT. BUILD ON.
 NOT. BUILD ON.
 BUILD FOR THE AGES UNAFRAID.
 UNAFRAID.
 THE PAST IS BUT A BASE WHEREON
 WHEREON
 THESE ASHLARS WELL HEWN MAY BE LAID.
 HEWN MAY BE LAID.
 LO I DECLARE I DEEM HIM BLEST
 HIM BLEST
 WHOSE FOOT HERE PASSING FINDETH REST!**

On top of Uptmor's grave marker is a sundial with a matching inscription, paying homage to the bravery and hardships of the town's settlers and the ongoing search for a sense of clarity in the pages of Teutopolis' history. Burford's not done.

"All you've got to do is get Marion worked up, and then BINGO, everything fell into place," Krueger said. "She has stamina."

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(Left page) Top left, Bob Kremer acts as Judge I.B. Unfair during the first session of Kangaroo Court June 27. Below, Gus Siemer does the YMCA on stage. Bottom left, Mike and Catherine Tipton hold signs that read, "Free Crystal Tipton" and "Free the Canadian Now!" pleading for their daughter-in-law, who was arrested for hanging a Canadian flag. Bottom right, a group of children place their right hands over their hearts as Crystal Tipton sings the U.S. National Anthem.

At top, Crystal Tipton is escorted to the stage to defend herself. Above, T.J. Dittamore plays with his sons at the end of court. Above right, Thad Bergfeld is bombarded by children with eggs and silly string while above right, Crystal Tipton shows the audience her "green card."

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Clemens Uptmor came to the United States from what is now Germany in 1834 along with brother Herman and a few neighbors. Like many other German Catholics, the Uptmors and friends settled in Cincinnati, Ohio. Three years after his arrival, Clemens and others formed a land company in an effort to buy government land further west.

Uptmor, John F. Waschefort and Gerard H. Bergfeld were sent by the land company to scout potential locations for a German settlement. The trio walked all the way to Missouri, but they apparently liked what they saw in the eastern corner of the newly founded Effingham County.

Unlike Missouri, Illinois was a free state in these antebellum times. German settlers had a well-known antipathy to slavery. Moreover, the Germans did not like what they saw in the swampy black soil of north-central Illinois. That eastern corner of Effingham County, on the other hand, had woodlands, well-drained uplands and

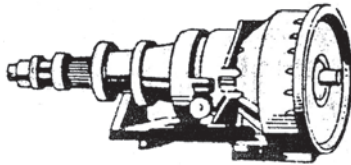
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Once Uptmor returned to Cincinnati, they reported their findings to the other members of the Deutsch Land-Compagnie Oder Ansiedlungsgesellschaft. Shortly thereafter, Gerhardt Meyer and Heinrich Roennebaum accompanied the original trio to Illinois for a more detailed survey of the site.

A second look by the initial trio and two sets of fresh eyes convinced the group to buy 10,000 acres on behalf of the land

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company — at a cost of \$1.25 per acre. An additional 80 acres was bought for \$5 per acre. Waschefort claimed the land for homestead purposes at the then-state capitol of Vandalia in the summer of 1839. A copy of that original deed can be viewed at the Teutopolis Monastery Museum.

William J. Hankins platted the town site in a manner similar to the original

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Photos on this page and on pages 35, 36 and 40 show scenes from the 1964 Teutopolis Quasquicentennial Celebration. The photo on page 36 shows Peggy (Niemeyer) Uthell being crowned Quasquicentennial queen by F.L. Weber.

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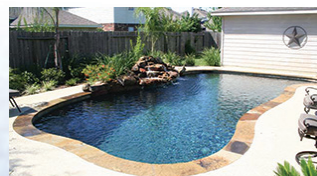


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plat of Cincinnati. The land was allotted at a Cincinnati firehouse. For \$50, each member received an in-lot and out-lot (or garden lot) in town, as well as some farmland for a total of 40 acres.

The town grew from these humble beginnings into the thriving community. Unlike many communities of its size, Teutopolis has maintained itself with a number of large industries, as well as a vibrant retail sector.

In addition, Teutopolis students routinely post the highest standardized test scores in the area. Moreover, at least one Teutopolis team on the high school or junior high level qualify for state athletic tournaments almost every year.



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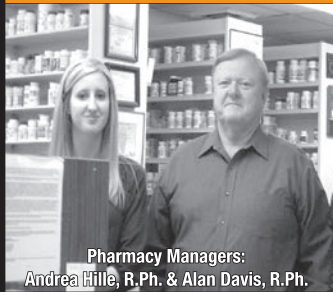


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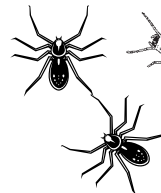
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Generations call Teutopolis home

By Seth Schroeder
Effingham Daily News

Families which have been a part of Teutopolis for generations credit the town's prosperous growth to the community's school system, strong religious ties and work ethic.

Teutopolis resident Mary Lou Deters said the close-knit town has a nearly perfect school system. Her husband, Joe Deters, agrees. He pointed out Teutopolis has had many families that, like the school system, have become well established.

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Joe and Mary Lou Deters



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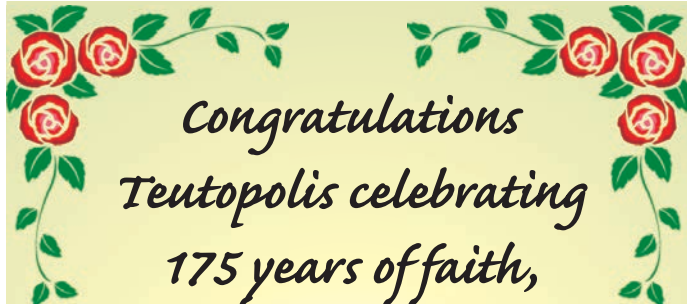
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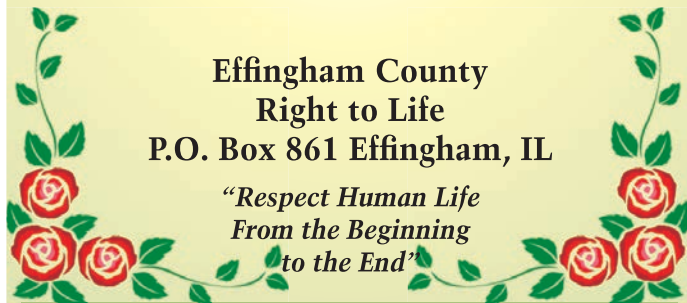
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Mary Lou Deters is a descendant of Arnold Joseph Bussmann, one of the original members of the German Land Company and one of the first settlers of Teutopolis. Bussmann bought 71 acres and several lots from the German Land Company, starting the family's farming tradition in Teutopolis.

"Farming was their desire, and they loved it here," Mary Lou Deters said.

Her son, Brad Deters, now continues to farm the family land. Though he had left the Teutopolis area for awhile, Brad Deters is glad he returned to his roots. He said the town is clean, has a lot of community involvement and businesses in the area continue to expand.

"It's not one of those towns that looks like it's fading backwards," he said. "They are making progress even for a small town."

Rich Runde, a Teutopolis resident and Effingham attorney, said the small town offers a lifestyle that is less busy than living in a city.

"You get to know your neighbors real well," Runde said. "When bad things happen, they step in."

It is one of the reasons the family has stayed in the area since the 1850s. The first Runde in Teutopolis, John Runde, was a tailor. One of John Runde's sons, Rich Runde's grandfather, was the first teller at the Teutopolis State Bank when it opened in 1913. Since then, Rich Runde said his family has been highly involved with the bank.

Like the Deters', Rich Runde said the school system is an important part of what makes the community successful. However, it is St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church at the center of the community that pulls it together. While most of the town is Catholic, Rich Runde said residents are willing to ac-

“They had things in common and had a commitment to each other from the very start. That attitude has been preserved over the last 175 years.”

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Rick Siemer, of Siemer Milling Company, attributes Teutopolis' religious ties for helping residents make it through any disagreements that may arise. He noted Teutopolis did not start because the location was next to a river, a major road or a mine, but rather because early settlers wanted to form a community together.

"They had things in common and had a commitment to each other from the very start," he said. "That attitude has been preserved over the last 175 years."

Siemer said the town has financial success because of its prudent and frugal nature, and residents help each other when they need it.

"Every community has good people," Siemer said. "We encourage each other."

Joe Deters agrees.

"You talk about wonderful people, we've got them," he said.

Both he and Mary Lou Deters have no doubts about the continued growth and success of the town. They said Teutopolis has several self-starting individuals and entrepreneurs who are developing the town.

"It's going to grow," Mary Lou Deters said. "There are so many people who are interested in this town."



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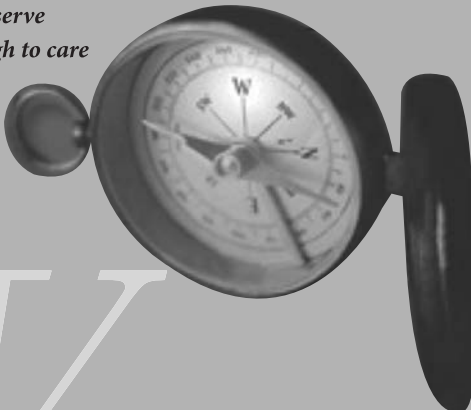
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By Bill Grimes
Effingham Daily News

TEUTOPOLIS — It has been 175 years since the first group of German immigrants founded the village of Teutopolis.

To commemorate the event, a group of village residents formed a corporation to oversee the terquasquicentennial celebration set for July 26 through Aug. 3. The corporation officers

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include President Chuck Deters, Vice President Hank Niebrugge, Secretary Jerry Runde and Treasurer Jason Runde.

Niebrugge said he, Deters and Village President Greg Hess first met last November in a brainstorming session.

"We were just getting ideas together," Niebrugge said. "We were also determining whether we could pull it off."

After the decision was made to go ahead with the celebration, the core group of organizers began drawing other village residents into the organization process last spring. By the end of that process, several dozen village residents were involved in anything from decorations to publicity to events – just a few aspects of such an ambitious celebration.

Hess said from the beginning the planning process

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seemed to be on track.

"I think it's going very well," he said. "We have a lot of things in place and a lot of people involved."

The executive committee met on a regular basis, sometimes receiving reports from committee chairs on their progress.

One of the major projects in conjunction with the celebration was the development of a 175th commemorative book. Individuals, families and businesses were encouraged to buy space that will enable them to provide information, photographs, descriptions, histories, stories and anecdotes about themselves, extended families, businesses and ancestors who may have lived and worked in Teutopolis over the years. Each submitter will receive a complimentary copy of the book.

Photo shown here and on pages 44 and 45 show scenes from 1964.



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Bill Heuerman, third from left, shares a story with former baseball teammates, from left, Paul Runde, Leroy Thoele, Art Brumleve, Gene Runde, Jim Burford, and Paul Goldstein.

A lifetime connection

Teutopolis baseball battery reunites

Slightly less than 61 feet separate the pitchers mound from home plate in baseball. Yet, the 50-plus years that separated Bill Heuerman and Jim Burford from seeing each other pales in comparison.

The former pitching and catching duo recently reunited to celebrate Heuerman's 90th birthday.

"When I walked in, I didn't even sign the guestbook - I was so surprised! I hadn't seen Bill for 50 to 60 years until I walked in and saw him at his birthday party," Burford said. "I'll be glad to say 'That guy looks good for being 90 years old! I bet he could pitch today!'"

Burford and Heuerman grew up in Teutopolis a few years apart in age and weren't able to play together until after high school. Heuerman was a star pitcher.

"Bill pitched for us, that's when I caught him," said Burford. Burford was his catcher on that fateful day in the late 1940s that would change Heuerman's life.

Heuerman played basketball and baseball. In those days, only basketball was a high school sport, Burford said. It took someone with a great desire to succeed in playing both.

"He had a desire to be a good athlete," Burford said. "Basketball was a big thing back when he was in school. Basketball practice would get over at 6 when it was dark. He had to walk six miles to get home."

Following high school, Heuerman played catch with his brother and was a high fastball pitcher.

"He had a desire to be a good athlete," Burford said. "Basketball was a big thing back when he was in school. Basketball practice would get over at 6 when it was dark. He had to walk six miles to get home."

"He loved to play," said Burford. "I mean it (the pitched baseball) would've just moved."

Even Heuerman couldn't deny he was good.

"My fastball was in the low to mid 90s. I just didn't have anything to check it (the ball speed) though."

When World War II started, Burford said local baseball stopped, even though they continued to play softball. Heuerman went into the U.S. Navy in 1944. A radarman 3rd Class, Heuerman was stationed aboard the USS Mount Olympus for almost three years.

"I was one of the first radar operators," he said. "They stripped us of all paper and pencils," Heuerman said. "It was all in our heads."

Discharged in March of 1946, Heuerman came home and began playing baseball again for a Teutopolis semipro team

until that fateful day two years later that would bring his dreams of becoming a national league player to an abrupt end.

"Bill was pitching that afternoon, I believe it was 1948," Burford said. "I never got to warm up Bill, he always had his brother (do it). I don't remember what inning it was, but he came overhanded, and I heard the pop... the ball went to third instead of coming home."

Heurman had broken his right pitching arm.

With that, the Pittsburgh Pirates lost interest in the fast baller and decided not to sign him to a contract.

Dr. Henry Runde set his arm.

"It healed. At that time, we didn't have insurance you know, we didn't have any benefits for Bill. He did it all himself...his therapy, paid all his bills. No complaints. You know how it was in those days," said Burford.

Heurman went to see the first sports doctor in the National League near St. Louis.

Burford recalled the doctor saying, "It won't ever break in the same place."

Heurman's pitching career was over but he still played in the in-field. He never pitched again.

"The doctors said I broke it because of those years on a ship that I didn't get any milk. I think I had enough to get to triple-A," Heurman said of his

ability to reach the majors.

Heurman used the GI Bill and pursued an education at Bradley University. He now lives in Collinsville where he retired as a claims adjuster.

"He's a great guy. He had a lot of desire, and I think he'd have made the majors if he hadn't broke his arm," Burford said. "If Bill would've been in high school now with all this coaching, he'd be in the majors."



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Siemer home reflects town's rich tradition

By Bill Grimes
Effingham Daily News

TEUTOPOLIS — Rick Siemer had a tough decision to make.

The home that had been built for Siemer's great-grandparents — Joseph and Angela Uptmor Siemer — in the 1880s had fallen into disrepair.

"The condition of the home was such that it either had to be completely renovated or torn down," he said. "It had come to the end of its

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At top, Angela Sheehan, principal at Teutopolis Grade School, is arrested by the Keystone Kops during student recess at the end of the school year. Sheehan was given a fictional ticket and released with two charges of not having long enough recess and not wearing a 175th Teutopolis Anniversary pin. One of Sheehan's students who tried to prevent the Keystone Kops from arresting the principal whispered to Sheehan through the prison bars, "I tried my best," Sheehan said. Above left is Keystone Kops Bob Zerrusen and below him is Greg Addis. Above right, Sheehan talks to teachers after being released from jail.

Photos by Katie Smith

time as a low-rent apartment building.”

The landmark home at the intersection of Main and Pearl Streets — the only four-way stop in downtown Teutopolis — had been operated as a duplex since the late 1940s.

Siemer admitted he had his doubts about renovation.

“At the time, I was disappointed it was structurally sound,” he said.

But the decision was eventually made to convert the home into the Siemer Heritage House, billed as “a place to gather and celebrate life.”

Siemer said he finally made the decision to renovate because the home had so much value within his family.

“I’m a pretty nostalgic person, and this house was owned by the family for many years,” he said. “It’s right here in the middle of town, and we’re really glad we were able to restore it and make it a part of the community again.”

The Siemer family hosted an open house to display what had been done to the old home. Dozens of local and area residents stopped by to admire the results of the project.

The first floor of the home honors its

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Rick Siemer at Siemer Heritage House.

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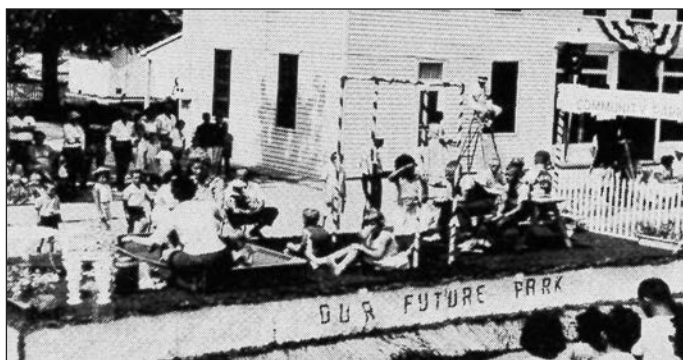
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Even though the home wasn't built until the 1880s, its roots extend back to the earliest days of Teutopolis. Clemens Uptmor Sr., who led the original group of settlers who developed the village in 1839, built the home for daughter Angela and son-in-law Joseph Siemer.

Joe Siemer had recently gone into business with Clemens Uptmor Sr. and Jr. Hope Mills. Uptmor & Siemer proprietors, eventually morphed into the present Siemer Milling enterprise. Rick Siemer is the fourth generation of Siemers to operate the mill.

Siemer said everything in the home has been modernized. Well, almost everything.

"The only original piece of woodwork left is the stairway at the entrance to the home," he said.

That stairway brought back fond memories for at least one visitor at the open house.

"I had a friend who lived here, and I slid down this bannister as a girl," said Kate Schmidt.

Schmidt is pleased with how the home now looks.

"It's very nice," she said. "It's

amazing what they could do."

Schmidt wasn't the only one with childhood memories of the old house. Bob Schultz, who grew up around the corner from the old home, praised Siemer and wife Diane for how the project turned out.

"Rick and Diane have done an incredible job of restoring an important structure in our community," he said. "I am deeply appreciative that they have taken the time and resources to restore this home.

"It's a neat reminder that people in Teutopolis value their heritage," Schultz added.

Teutopolis Village Trustee John Mette is glad the Siemers decided to restore the home.

"I think it's important that something like this has been restored," Mette said. "It adds to our downtown, and it shows what can be accomplished in the community."

Rick Siemer said the home can be used for a variety of purposes, such as meetings, dinner parties, and showers, to name a few. But he agrees with Mette that the project is something that adds to the downtown ambiance.

"It really dresses up the center of town," he said.



Diane Siemer, right, visits with Mabel Norris of Effingham alongside the original exterior of the Siemer Heritage House.

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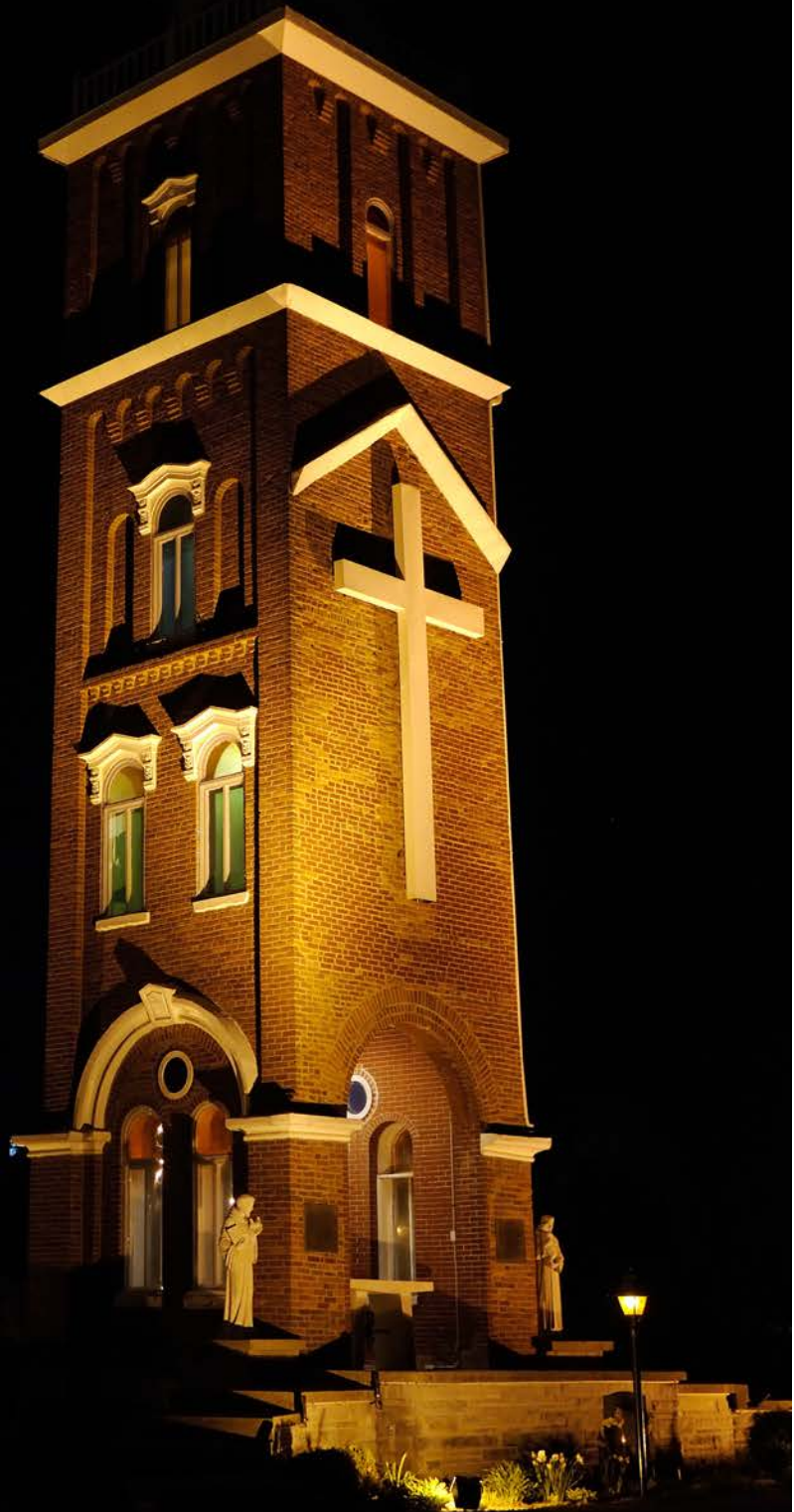
The Teutopolis Monastery Museum is such a celebration. But the museum, occupying the site of an old Franciscan novitiate, is so much more.

The 40-room museum provides a look into secular life from both the 19th and 20th centuries, as well as a look at how young men lived as they prepared life as a Franciscan friar or brother.

“I think it’s our history,” said museum volunteer Joyce Vahling.

“It’s about history and dedication of the people willing to preserve our past,” added volunteer Nadine Brumleve.

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The scope of the collection surprises many visitors, Brumleve said.

"People think they will go through it in about a half-hour," she said. "But we turn people away if they come a half-hour before closing, because there is just too much to see."

The museum is housed in a building that was built for Teutopolis' growing Franciscan community. The cornerstone for that building was laid on June 10, 1867. By the end of that year, the friars had moved into their new home.

The Franciscans first established a presence in Teutopolis after local residents, nearly all of whom spoke the Low German dialect, wanted a priest who spoke their brand of German. The bishop at that time contacted a group of German Franciscans. Three priests and six brothers accepted the call to Teutopolis and took over what had been St. Peter's parish on Oct. 2, 1858. The Franciscans changed the name of the parish in honor of the order's founder, St. Francis of Assisi.

By 1861, there were 25 Franciscans in Teutopolis and the original friary was much too small — even for men who had taken a vow of poverty. Consequently, a new monastery was planned.

The monastery was expanded several times between 1867 and 1904. Through the first two-thirds of the 20th century, hundreds of young men lived there as they prepared for a religious life.

Teutopolis also hosted a seminary just across the railroad tracks from the church and monastery complex. But the seminary closed in 1967 and with it, went the friars, brothers and novices.

The monastery site lay vacant for several years until the

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Teutopolis Area Bicentennial Commission founded a museum on what had been the south wing of the old monastery. That museum was opened in October 1975.

The museum is divided into many small rooms corresponding to what had been sleeping and dining areas for the novices. A visitor to one of the rooms will notice Bibles in languages, including Latin, Greek, French and German, while another room replicates an old infirmary, including vintage hospital beds and wheelchairs donated by the late Dr. Henry Runde.

Yet another room features items buried in the cornerstone of the old seminary, with several jars filled from 1860s-vintage newspaper clippings.

Several rooms in the museum, however, are devoted to the secular history, not only of Teutopolis, but of the surrounding area. One room devoted to Teutopolis history includes pictures of old buildings, and a display of wooden shoes with the years in which Teutopolis High School sports teams won a state championship.

Visitors passing between rooms can pause to see the original deeds for what became the village of Teutopolis, signed by founding father John Waschefort.

Upon further exploration one might notice a bedroom with furnishings from the second decade of the 20th century, while

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another room will have a 19th-century sewing machine. Several rooms include books with histories of prominent Teutopolis families as well.

Some rooms also feature items that would have been a part of the everyday lives of residents past.

There's a dining room with vintage tables and chairs, ironstone china and assorted kitchen utensils that might have been used by ancestors of those living today. Across the hall, there's a parlor with a cane rocking chair and a vintage Edison phonograph that played records several times thicker than the 45s and LPs many of a certain age might recall.

Visitors can also enjoy the grocery store room, with a cash register that only counted up to a dollar and wooden shipping crates. Other rooms feature vintage toys and baby items.

But museum organizers haven't forgotten their roots. One room is designed to show how a typical novice lived, with a bed, standup desk and wash basin.

One of the most eye-catching devices displayed at the museum is a cord machine invented by Brother Ignatius Zwiesler in 1929. The machine, which dominates the room in which it is located, feeds yarn from 62 spools into a loom. The finished products are cords worn around the waist by the friars.

Language buffs will enjoy a language and history room that features Egyptian hieroglyphics, Hebrew, Arabic and more than 50 years of Der Katholik, in German of course.

The museum also gives a nod to the present St. Rose of Lima church in Montrose and the old St. Patrick's church in Trowbridge. A replica of the latter church made by John Luedke of Charleston is displayed in one room.

A hodge podge of other museum artifacts celebrates soldiers from the area, a model of the Temple of Jerusalem burned by the Romans in 70 AD, as well as the museum's largest room that includes hundreds of items, including tools from the 19th century and appliances from the mid 20th-century.

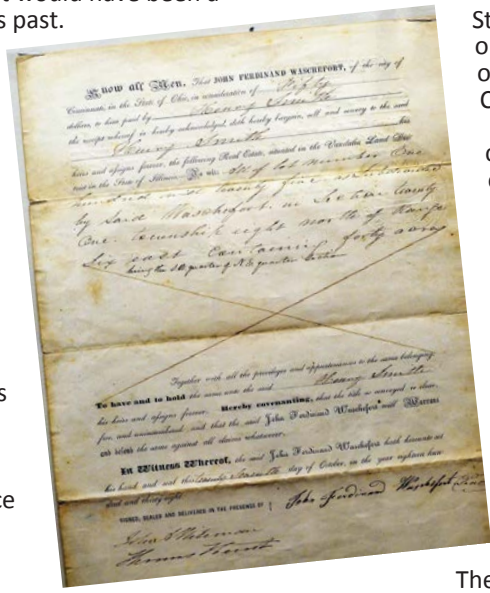
Vahling said museum curators haven't forgotten about the Franciscan heritage of Teutopolis, despite all the secular items on display.

"This is where the Franciscans started in Illinois," she said. "We have such a rich heritage."

"The town was here 20 years before the Franciscans came, but the Franciscans wrote all the early history."

The museum is open from 12:30 to 4 p.m. on the first Sunday of every month from April to November. Group tours, however, are available by appointment. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1 for children 14 and under.

More information about the museum can be found at www.stfrancischurch.com, or www.teutopolis.com.



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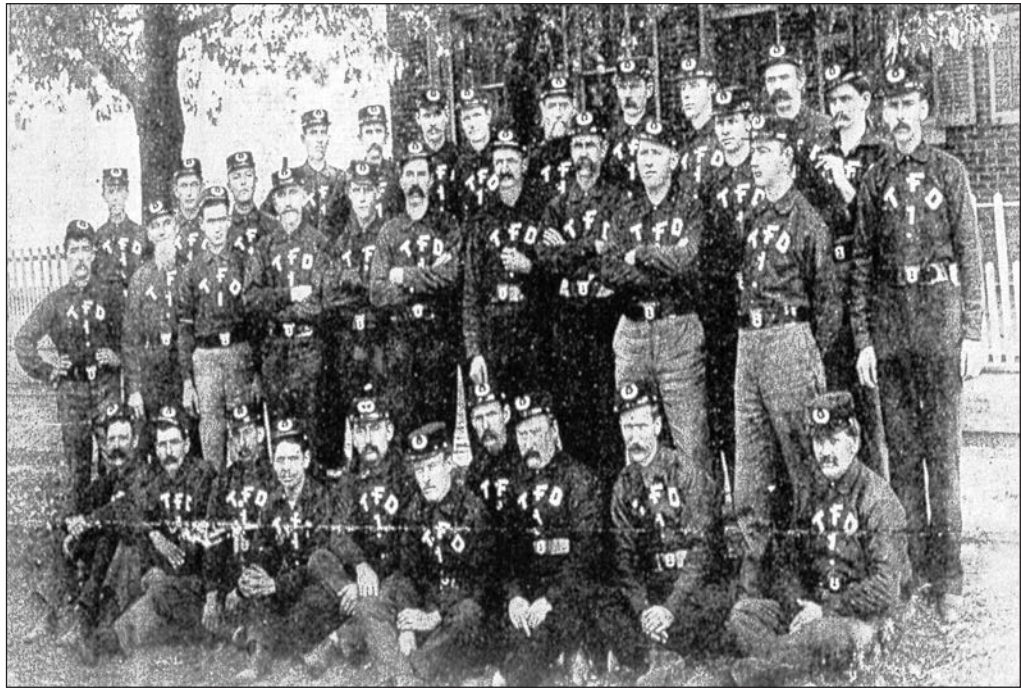


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Above right is the Teutopolis Fire Department in 1901. Below left is front view of St. Joseph's College in Teutopolis. Below right are the top three contestants for queen of the Teutopolis centennial.



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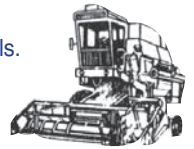
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Rauner's trip south a learning experience

Candidate wants to address whole state, 'not just one part'

BIL GRIMES
Daily News

Republican gubernatorial candidate Bruce Rauner may not be a household name in Illinois politics. But the venture capitalist from suburban Chicago points out that several other Midwestern governors, including Scott Walker of Wisconsin and Rick Snyder of Michigan, came to their respective state capitals with no experience in elective office.

During a recent visit to Effingham sponsored by the local Young Professionals for Rauner group, the candidate

said he would like to replicate the success he says Walker and Snyder have enjoyed. He puts Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels in that group, as well, even though Daniels is a longtime GOP political operative.

"If we don't have a strong economy, nothing else matters," he said. "I want to do what Mitch Daniels has done in Indiana. Scott Walker in Wisconsin and Rick Snyder in Michigan."

Rauner is one of four GOP candidates in the March 18 primary. He is joined in the race by 2010 GOP candidate Bill Brady, a state senator from Bloomington, state Sen.



Gubernatorial candidate Bruce Rauner speaks to a group at Heartland Dental Care recently.
Kirk Dillard, and State Treasurer Dan Rutherford, Incumbent Gov. Pat Quinn

faces what is generally considered to be taken opposition in the Democratic primary from anti-violence activist Tim Hardiman. Quinn scored a razor thin win over Brady in the 2010 election.

Rauner said during his recent campaign stop at Heartland Dental Care in Effingham that his trip through downstate has been a learning experience.

"I'm learning that people are frustrated and fed up," he said. "Downstate people are feeling neglected."

Chicago-area politicians have long dominated the statewide electoral scene. Rauner said that has led to a disproportionate amount of state resources being fun-

neled to the state's largest metropolitan area.

"I want to be a governor for the entire state, not just one part," Rauner said.

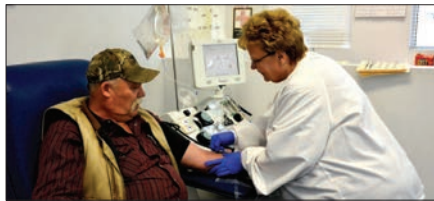
Rauner, who tries to avoid slamming his primary opponents, said Quinn has a leadership deficit that has affected how the state is being run.

"The current governor isn't a leader, isn't a manager," he said. "I don't attack my Republican opponents, I attack Quinn."

At the time of his Effingham visit, Rauner was weathering controversy over comments he had alluded to made about lowering the minimum wage in Illinois.

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Joann Heurman, right, of the Red Cross, preps Bill Kreke of Edgewood to give blood at the Red Cross blood drive.

Walking map to reveal local history

BIL GRIMES
Daily News

TEUTOPOLIS — A group of local residents is trying to raise awareness of Teutopolis history by developing a list of old buildings.

Village Trustee Roger Henderson told fellow village board members Wednesday that his group ultimately hopes to prepare a list of all buildings within the village that are more than 100 years old. Henderson said the group plans to publish a walking map that would enable history buffs to find those buildings within the village.

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Above right, Teutopolis Knights of Columbus 4th Degree march during the 1926 Diamond Jubilee marking the laying of the corner stone of St. Francis of Assisi Church. Below left, the Old Krieg Brewery located on Salt Creek northwest of Teutopolis. Mathias Krieg was owner. Brewery didn't last long after it was discovered the water was not the kind needed. Right, The Society Hall built in 1907 used as a parish hall no longer exists.



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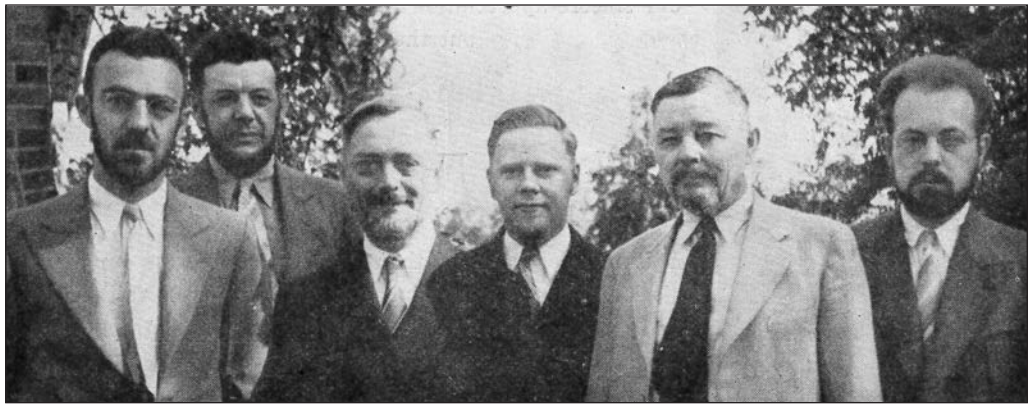


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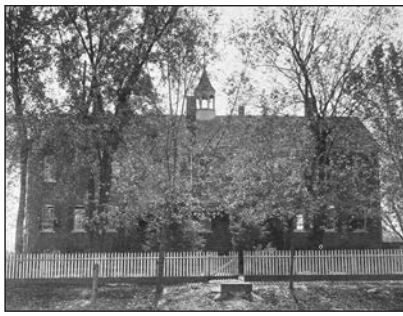
Top: Executive board Teutopolis Centennial Committee from left to right: J. Harold Griffin, Wm. Gabel, John H. Probst, Dr. H. Runde, Ben Weber, Financial Chairman; Jos. B. Siemer, General Chairman. (pg. 1 1939 centennial book)

Middle: Teutopolis High School - May, 1926

Bottom: A bird's eye view of Teutopolis during the 1939 centennial



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Top: Old girl's school and sister's residence
Bottom: Old boy's school



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