

The Greene County Historical Society BULLETIN



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From Home to Over There: Greene County in the Great War Now at History Museum on the Square

From now to July 8, 2017, the museum is featuring an exhibit on WWI and Greene County's ties to the war. Visitors will have a chance to see rare moving footage from the time and learn the stories of many of the men (and some women) who left the Springfield area to go "over there." Take in the hundreds of photos on display, see artifacts from the museum's collections and those generously loaned by supporters, and get a sense of what it was like to be in a trench along the front lines.

Here's an excerpt from the exhibit:

World War One straddled two technological eras. The Industrial Revolution was beginning to peak and weapons of war included motorized vehicles, airplanes, and chemicals which were the first weapons of mass destruction. At the same time, the military was dependent upon older technologies such as horses, mules, and wagons. Before the United States entered the war, Springfield was a major market



for horses and Missouri mules. Foreign buyers were paying top dollar at the local stockyards. After the United States entered the war in 1917, the Springfield Wagon Company acquired government contracts to build military wagons to be sent to France. Herman Sanford Saddlery (above right) also procured government contracts to produce saddles for the military.

The exhibit is in the Historic Fox Theatre (157 Park Central Square) and is currently open Monday through Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children, and free for veterans with ID. To learn more, call the museum at 417-831-1976.

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*GCHS Spring Luncheon
scheduled for
Saturday, April 29th!*

*Plan to join us for
Bilyeus and BBQ!*

Save the date for our spring luncheon featuring Mark Bilyeu and Cindy Woolf (The Creek Rocks) discussing and singing Ozarks history. “Bilyeus and BBQ” will be at Christ Episcopal Church (corner of Walnut & Kimbrough) on April 29th and catered by City Butcher Barbecue.

The Creek Rocks latest album, “Wolf Hunter,” is a collection of traditional Ozarks folk songs, newly interpreted and arranged by Cindy Woolf and Mark Bilyeu. The songs were chosen from the collections of two notable folklorists: John Quincy Wolf of Batesville, Arkansas, where Cindy grew up, and Max Hunter of Springfield, Missouri, Mark’s hometown.

Reservations will be required.

Details will be sent the first week of April and will be available on the GCHS website.

**Until then, mark your calendars for Saturday, April 29th, beginning at 11 a.m.
You won’t want to miss this meeting!**

**Applications are being accepted for the
Greene County Historical Society
Student Fellowship Program...**

To follow our mission “to foster and maintain an interest in the history of Springfield and Greene County,” The Greene County Historical Society has created a fellowship fund for students, both graduate and undergraduate, to conduct research on the history, development, and/or care of the Missouri Ozarks, with preference given to projects on Greene County specifically.

This program has a rolling deadline. For application details, visit
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~gcmohs/>
or request information from grcomohs@yahoo.com

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