**2020 East Central Local History Classes**

The 16th year for the local history classes held at East Central College will be held for eight weeks beginning March 5. There will be two presentations given each night for nine weeks except for the week of March 26 which is spring break. The schedule and topics are shown here.

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| Mar 5 |  |  |  |
| 6:30- 7:30 | Walt Larson, Curator of the Washington Historical Board of Trustees and has a decades-long interest in history and the Civil War. |  | Describes the colorful life of Franklin Countian David Murphy who rose from the rank of Private to and Colonel during the Civil War. |
| 7:30-  8:30 | Leonard Butts, life-long resident of St. Clair area and student of geology and history |  | Presentation will describe the various mining and geology terminology relating to mines and furnaces operating during the 19th century in Franklin County. |
| Mar 12 |  |  |  |
| 6:30- 7:30 | John Stillman, author and Vietnam Vet and his daughter Lori |  | A behind the scenes description of writing the memoir Jumping from Helicopters as a team, and of what life was like for John after he returned from the war. |
| 7:30-  8:30 | Marc Houseman, Director of the Washington Historical Society |  | Discussion of Presidential trivia regarding their visits to this area either as President or candidate and also spotlight some of the things named for our past Presidents, from Washington through Obama. |
| Mar 19 |  |  |  |
| 6:30- 7:30 | Cathie Schoppenhorst, author and local historian and son Tim |  | Program on the Griswold Family who were quite prominent during the early decades of Franklin and Warren Counties including members who lived in Berger, New Haven and Griswold City, which was a ferry boat landing across from Pinckney. She will also be touching on some of the Griswold family slaves and their activities during the Civil War. |
| 7:30-  8:30 | Dave Bevoden, life-long Franklin Countian and grandson of Marvin Means, owner and editor of the Union newspaper |  | A narrative and videos taken by Mr. Means between 1952-1954 that include many Franklin County events such as Fireman Training, FFA Barn warming, Lake Construction and many other events. |
|  |  |  | Spring Break – Mar 26 |
| Apr 2 |  |  |  |
| 6:30- 7:30 | Suzanne Conley Pautler, Jeffriesburg native and local historian |  | Presentation using many photos of Franklin County residents from the 1800s and early 1900s to discuss early photography techniques, where and how loved ones were photographed, ways to date early photographs, and other historical topics related to photographing family members during this time period. |
| 7:30-  8:30 | Jack Powell, Prolific collector of Civil War memorabilia |  | Jack will exhibit and discuss items of historic significance and talk about veteran’s organizations that sprung up following the Civil War. Sue Blesi will exhibit record books from the Spring Bluff Chapter of the Grand Army of the Republic. |
| Apr 9 |  |  |  |
| 6:30- 7:30 | Sue Blesi, local historian, author of several historical books and the organizer of the local history classes. |  | Subject will share several interesting crimes, both solved and unsolved, that took place in the 1800s and early 1900s. |
| 7:30-  8:30 | Eric (Rick) Mansfield, storyteller, minister, author and retired educator |  | In costume, program relives the first documented exploration of the Ozarks by a white explorer, Henry Rowe Schoolcraft which began on Nov. 6, 1818, from Potosi in search of lead deposits near the James River in the southwest part of the territory ending near Springfield. Schoolcraft’s journal provided the earliest description of the wildlife, vegetation and landscape of the Ozarks by a skilled observer. |
| Apr 16 |  |  |  |
| 6:30- 7:30 | Steve Claggett, author and President of Four Rivers Genealogical Society |  | A discussion of the prehistoric Indian Paint Mine located near Leslie which was discovered on land owned by August Remmert and was the site of an old Indian village. Upon investigation by an expert from the Smithsonian over 1,200 primitive iron sledges and rock tools had been unearthed that at the time were judged to be more than 1,000 years old. When iron and pyrites were discovered in the same area the mine was developed and became known as the Leslie Mine. |
| 7:30-  8:30 | Bill Boland, Franklin Countian and retired Beaufort business owner |  | Bill will discuss the history of Beaufort beginning with Dr. Pierce Butler who named the community. His narrative will be augmented by many photographs. |
| Apr 23 |  |  |  |
| 6:30- 7:30 | Larry Hagedorn, St Clair resident and historian |  | An antique fire truck is used as a prop for discussing the history of the St. Clair Fire Department. |
| 7:30-  8:30 | DeWayne Landwehr, author of “Will That Be Regular or Ethyl” |  | Narrates the story of the author’s life growing up in a large family in a small Missouri town near Route 66 during the 1950s. The Landwehrs owned several chicken hatcheries |
| Apr 30 |  |  |  |
| 6:30- 7:30 | Gary Toelke, Retired Franklin County Sheriff |  | Gary will present and narrate a video on the history of the Franklin County Sherriff’s Office. |
| 7:30-  8:30 | Dan Buescher, Former Franklin County Prosecuting Attorney |  | Dan will discuss laws he had to write and get passed including the first peace officer’s training bill, the 1975 Missouri Criminal Law code, the first prosecutor’s training bill as well as the creation of the Missouri office of prosecution services to be paid for with an increase in traffic tickets. |

For information on registering for the classes contact:

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