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Upcoming Cemetery Walks

Volunteer of the Month

Sue Ann Suchek Olson

Sue Ann Suchek Olson was born and raised in St. Johns, Michigan. She grew up on a farm in Clinton County with her parents and three siblings. She attended St. Johns High School, graduating with the class of 1977. She earned a bachelor's degree in business management from Columbia College in Missouri.



Sue Ann is married to Dan, and they have one daughter, Renee. She has lived in Jacksonville, FL., Algonquin, IL., and most recently Franklin, TN.

Sue Ann spent her career in banking and education, then retired after 15 years working for the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Following a 32-year absence from Michigan, she and her husband moved back to the area to be close to family. Sue Ann has volunteered in the past for the Meals on Wheels programs in Michigan and Florida. She enjoys bike riding and morning walks in her neighborhood. She takes pleasure in spending time in Florida and Arizona. She currently volunteers one day a week for the CCHS Archives in DeWitt Township.

DeWitt History Walk

Wayne Summers will be conducting DeWitt history walks on September 23rd at 10 am and 6:30 pm. The walks will mainly focus on historical homes and the people who lived in them. You can register on the [DeWitt District Library](#) site under events. If full, add your name to the waitlist as additional times might be added.

The Westphalia Historical Society's cemetery walk will be held at St. Mary's Cemetery on September 20th at 2pm with a rain date of September 27th.

Those whose life stories will be told are:

- Dora (Rademacher) Pohl who was a farmer's wife and drug store owner.

- Joseph Platte who was a farmer, investor in the Electric Park, President of the St. Joseph Society, and band trumpeter.

- Stanley Wieber who ran the Westphalia Oil Company.

- Leo Theis who died of the Spanish Flu while serving in World War I.

Alice Murphy will be conducting another of her popular walks at Mt. Rest Cemetery on October 11th at 2pm with a rain date of October 18th. Details will be published in the October Newsletter.

Society Notes

- The **CCHS Museum** at 106 Maple Street, St. Johns, will be open for tours on Saturdays from 10 am to 1 pm and the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays from 2 pm to 5 pm.

- The **CCHS Archives** at 16101 Brook Road, Lansing, is open on Mondays and Tuesdays from 10 am to 4 pm.



The Archives has begun a project to digitize the school census collection. The collection contains census sheets from 1902-1925 for all Clinton County rural and town schools with the exception of St. Johns.

The school census was conducted annually and listed all children aged 5-19 living in the district (not just those enrolled in the school), their parents/guardians, teacher(s), and statistical information.

This project is made possible due to a new large format camera recently donated to the Archives.