

# *Tom Sapp*



Springfield, IL

Tom Sapp moved to Sangamon County at the age of five with his family. As a young boy, tom worked side by side with his father on the family farm. He was with his father when he rented teams of horses and equipment for mowing and maintaining the race track. Tom has a love for life AND agriculture, animals and the Illinois State Fair; all of which he has passed on to his next generation.....and isn't that what it's all about. Thank you Tom!

# *Denene Wilmeth*



Decatur, IL

Denene has been with the Decatur Area Convention and Visitors Bureau since 1981 and serves as associate Director. Denene serves on numerous charity Events and councils; involved with the Decatur Public School District; she is involved with the Farm Progress Show; and has secured countless events for the Decatur community. She is tirelessly working to improve her community and better the lives of people. Thank you for the community work you do. Thank you Denene.

# *Thomas Shinn*



Newton, IL

Tom is a retired school teacher and is an owner and breeder of standardbreds. As a historian, he keeps track of various records and other information about Illinois harness racing. Tom willingly shares his love of standardbreds with all generations... and Tom....Thank you!



# ***Charles Klinefelter***

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DePue, IL

Sunday

August 16, 2009



# *Bill*

# *Vandergraph*

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Alto Pass, IL

Bill has been greatly responsible for ensuring that an Illinois prominent landmark and tourist attractions would be saved and restored for all people. Bald Knob Cross (a 50-year Illinois historical icon) is a majestic 111-foot high Cross on Bald Knob Mountain in Shawnee National Forest. Pastor Vandergraph and his board members will ensure the Cross is restored so that people of all denominations and beliefs can worship without being hampered by denominational rules. Thank you retired Pastor Bill Vandergraph.

# Mike Black



Westville, IL

Mike Black is somebody that you want to know as a friend. He has all the qualities of integrity, dependability, sense of shared community and a strong work ethic. He is a proud Illinois Farmer who keeps the Black Family Farm which was Homestead in 1853 and still in operation. His crops are corn and soy beans. He has served on many boards and remains active in community events. Mike always his two daughters' grade school, high school and college events. Family is important to Mike. And Mike.... Thank you.

# *Arthur Kane*



**Arthur KaneMedia, IL** Art was raised and still resides on the family farm near Media, IL. He has been active in many, many community events and serves on numerous boards. A cancer survivor himself he assists in local Relay For Life events. Art loves Illinois and is an avid history buff with a major interest in Abraham Lincoln. He enjoys taking family members all over our state showing20off all the historic sites. He is also active with the American Legion. Thank you Art!

# *John Slayton*



Springfield, IL

John personifies the great Illinois values you seek when surrounding yourself with friends. He has served on Boards and is active in numerous charitable events. John feels his community service is a way to give back for the opportunities he had as a livestock exhibitor as a youth. He remains active in helping current youth livestock exhibitors have long lasting positive experience. Thank you John.



# *Christine Brooks*



Frankfort, IL

Christine Brooks has been a Museum Curator for 10 years. Her emphasis is always on the children. She has volunteered countless hours on the history of the city of Worth. She mentors others and teaches them the love of history, genealogy, and preservation of society. Thank you Christine.

# *Dr. Ted Flickinger*



Dr. Ted Flickinger has served in various capacities for many professional organization such as National Recreation and park Association and the American Park and Recreation Society. Dr. Flickinger has almost 50 years of experience in working with boards and community groups. He is an author, leader, and promoter of parks, recreation and conservation to the citizens of Illinois. Thank you Dr. Ted Flickinger.

# *Dr. Karl Luthin*



Dr. Luthin entered his first Illinois State Fair fifty one years ago. He has shown Arabian horses, English, hunter, western and in the native costume class. He is always helping riders, both young and old. He has helped many young riders get started in the show ring, including his own two daughters. Dr. Luthin is willing to teach anyone about horses and to share his love of the sport. Thank you Dr. Luthin.