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**Our 2009 "Calendar": (New viewers can request a print copy
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About Southwestern Illinois! For the fun of it!



You might know we had some fun getting this together! This "cast" in fact wanted to wear the costumes all day! What a sight that would have been on a downtown street, or at the title company!

We do hope you enjoy the product.

As we stated, this is not intended as a definitive history of SW Illinois; that's not possible. It is intended to touch on some high spots, or even, to pull out some of the unexpected features, but in all, relating it to southwest Illinois!

And it's intended to mesh with more information on this web site. This section will have a month by month elaboration of each month's story, along with some links to more information.

Errata: Unfortunately, there will be errors. I, (Merrill) found the first one when I first opened the printed product, (with great anticipation, I might add.) And this first one is a "doozer!" It actually is a typo, but sadly, I was the only one that might recognize it, so none of our family editors were likely to even have known it was wrong.

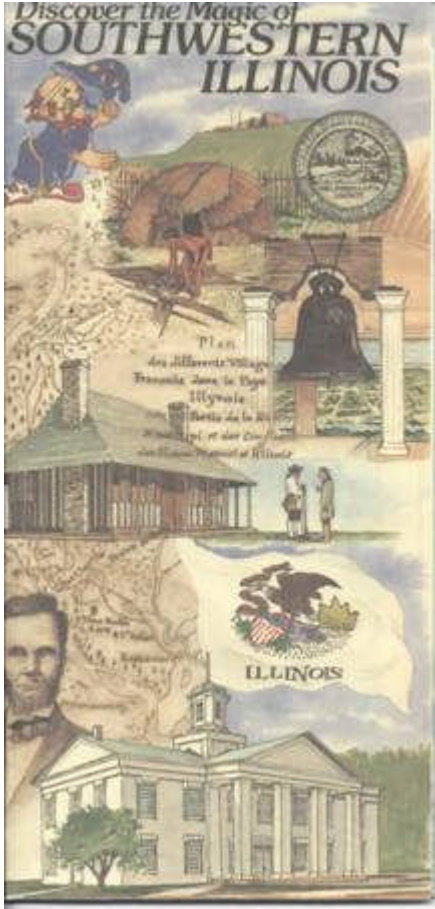
Robert Wadlow (December) was not 9' 10" tall. He was 8' 10" tall. Now that's still tall, and it was good enough to be a Guinness world's record and still is, but it's not correct!

And there's another fact that many will question...even our "family editors" did. The fact is that when Lewis and Clark (June) staged their expedition in the winter of 1803, the "Governor" of St. Louis was indeed **still Spanish and not French**. It seems that after France had purchased the territory from Spain in 1800, they didn't bother to replace many local officials, the Governor of the whole territory, based in St. Louis among them. These local officials in those days often "lived on the land" anyway...not receiving much if any compensation from their government, they developed local ways of supporting themselves, often including taxes. At least, it still was a Spanish Governor, not French! No error here...but there will be others!

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“On the day I was born, said my father said he, I’ve an elegant legacy waiting for thee.”(Over the Rainbow in Finian’s Rainbow.)

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This is a special place! In the beginnings of Illinois, ALL of the activity was here in SW Illinois, and our places and our people played prominent historic roles.

Even before that, it was appreciated by Native Americans with colorful names.

We think it merits our attention, simply because it adds to the fun of living here.

Who lived here before? What significant things did they do? Why did they do it? What factors brought them here and contributed? What do we have today that they left to us?

What is their “Elegant Legacy”, still enhancing our lives today?

Our families have collected these tidbits of the history, events and people that have gone before, and we believe this “home-made” calendar might be a good way to share them with present and future citizens.

Indeed, many of the factors that made our area attractive to Native Americans and to pioneers are still inherent, supporting our present idyllic living environment.

But it’s also intended as a statement of appreciation for those who have

passed before, thinking of them as we enjoy life here, contributing to our own to this day.

We’ve often noted that newcomers look for these “new roots”, too, and a greater understanding of the land on which they live. It makes it more fun! Truly significant things have happened in SW Illinois, and it is a special place, with a setting for good living hard to match anywhere.

But even if you’ve lived here for a lifetime, we hope to surprise you with at least something new on each page! We hope all of you enjoy it

Credits: Coming Soon!

