



# Manhattan Township Historical Society

# NEWSLETTER

Fall 2021 Edition

## Calendar of Events

September 30, 2021

Museum Open 3 pm-6 pm

October 9, 2021

Museum Open 10 am-2 pm

October 21, 2021

Museum Open 3 pm-6 pm

November 6, 2021

Museum Open 10 am-2 pm

November 18, 2021

Museum Open 3 pm-6 pm

December 4, 2021

Museum Open 10 am-2 pm

December 16, 2021

Museum Open 3 pm-6 pm



For the health and safety of our staff and visitors, we continue to adhere to current CDC guidelines regarding Covid-19

Our Museum is located at  
255 S. State St.  
P. O. Box 269  
Manhattan, IL 60442  
ManhattanHistorical@yahoo.com  
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## Beautiful Day For A Parade

MTHS presented Cypress Company as their entry in the annual Labor Day Parade held September 6th. The Union infantry thrilled the crowd as they periodically stopped and fired their muskets along the parade route. One young spectator was so excited to see the soldiers shoot, before the commanding officer could give the command – the young fellow yelled fire! Obedient soldiers as they are, those nearest the boy fired while others fired on the “second” command. The boy, and the crowd were entertained.

Cypress Company is a group of Civil War reenactors from various units who come together for living history and other presentations in the South Will County Area.

MTHS and Cypress Company would like to thank Tom Doyle who obtained funds from local business and individuals to cover the costs of supplies and travel for the reenactors.

A big Thank You to the following event donors who made it possible for Cypress Company to march in the Labor Day Parade:

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## What's Happening

### MTHS at The Threshermen's Show

July 17th & 18th Manhattan Township Historical Society participated at the Will County Threshermen's Association (WCTA) Show at Spiess Farm in Wilton Township. MTHS manned a booth presenting information regarding the society's activities. MTHS also presented the Cypress Company Civil War Reenacting group, of which five participants are also members of MTHS. It was a great turnout for both WCTA and MTHS.

### Cypress Company presents again...

A Living History was held on July 31st outside the MTHS Museum, again presenting Cypress Company. It was a wonderful well attended event – weather not too hot – with the public enjoying the Civil War Reenactors and visiting the museum. A surprise shooting of the cannon was well received. The troupe marched the streets of Manhattan, and displayed a military salute at the Veterans Memorial. Traffic stopped and saluted the group as they stood for pictures in front of the museum.



### Membership Renewal – Starts Soon

October starts the annual Membership Drive & Renewal for 2022. Being a member of MTHS you will have the quarterly Newsletter mailed directly to your home. Also with your membership you will be kept up to date on the MTHS Board activities by receiving the Board Minutes sent via email.

Be part of our society– you're always the right age to join – our oldest members are 92 and the youngest 17. Renewals are due March 1, 2022.