

ArkyFacts

Monthly Newsletter of the
SOUTH SUBURBAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Lecture meetings are at 7:30 p.m. at
The Marie Irwin Community Center
18120 S. Highland Avenue, Homewood

JULY - 2021

Saturday, MEMBERS EXCURSION
July 17 Historic Cemeteries of Central Illinois
with Ms. Holly Labisky (IAAA)

Monday, Officers' Meeting ~ 6:00 PM
August 2 Mama & Me Pizzeria, Homewood

Deadline for material to be included in the next
ArkyFacts is two weeks before the monthly meeting.

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Saturday, July 17

SSAS Members' Excursion to Historic Cemeteries of Central Illinois

Let's get out and about for a day trip! SSAS invites all members and their guests to join us on **Saturday, July 17** for an OPEN AIR adventure, as Ms. Holly Labisky of the IAAA takes us on a tour of significant central Illinois cemeteries.

Gather between 9:30 and 10:00 AM at the Walmart Supercenter in Lincoln, Illinois (825 Malerich Drive), just east of Exit 126 on I-55 (see insert page.) This will give everyone a chance to make a "pit stop" if needed.

We will proceed according to the itinerary and general directions below. All times are approximate. Holly will lead our caravan to all locations. No one will need to find their own way or navigate on their own.



At 10:00 AM we will hop on I-55 for a short drive south to Elkhart, Illinois (Exit 115 on I-55) and the Latham-Thompson Cemetery just east of town. After a brief look at the Latham Cemetery, we will travel south to the Elkhart Cemetery on Chapel Road. This is a significant cemetery on the historic Edwards Trace, which ran between Cahokia and Peoria, and was important in the early settlement of Illinois by Euro-Americans. Holly will provide both a tour and activities for self-guided exploration.

Between 11:30 and 12:00, we will break for lunch at the Wild Hare Café in Elkhart (intersection of S. Latham Street & Gov. Oglesby Street). **NOTE:** We are requesting that each participant pay in cash for his/her own lunch. Please be sure to add in tax and tip. Will Kelley will collect all monies and pay our group's bill (no separate checks). If you would like to peruse the Wild Hare menu selections, visit <http://www.wildharecafe-elk-il.com/>

After lunch we will head north to the Old Bethel Church and Cemetery, on County Highway 20, just three miles east of Emden, Illinois. This tour also includes an activity, and could last between 30 to 45 minutes. Time and weather conditions permitting, we may also take in another cemetery on the Edwards Trace, about eight miles northeast of Bethel Church - the old cemetery near Armington, Illinois.

Our excursion should conclude by 3:30-4:00 PM, at the latest. Please wear comfortable walking shoes and weather-appropriate clothing. Facemasks are not required for our tour but may be requested by the restaurant. Holly will have water available for our group.

This excursion is open to all 2021 SSAS members and their guests. Please confirm your attendance, make your lunch reservation and arrange for carpooling if needed by *Sunday, July 11*. Contact Will Kelley.

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Directions to Walmart Supercenter in Lincoln, Illinois

From Homewood, we would normally recommend taking I-80 to I-55 and exiting at the Lincoln/Mason City IL Exit 126. However, due to extensive construction on the stretch of I-80 that runs through Joliet, you may want to consider the following alternative:

1. Take I-57 south to the Wilmington Road exit and go west to US 53.
2. Go south (left) on US 53 until you reach W. Coal City Road.
3. Go west (right) on Coal City Road until you reach I-55.
4. Go south on I-55.
5. Take Exit 126 (IL 10/121-Lincoln/Mason City).
6. Turn left (east). Walmart Supercenter is 1.31 miles on the right.
7. Facing the front of the store, look for Holly's green Ford Windstar van in the right-hand area of the lot.
8. **For questions or assistance, call Will Kelley.**

A big "Thank You!" to Dr. Dale Simpson (College of DuPage) for his wonderful June presentation on the migrations and interactions of human populations in the Pacific islands from the Pleistocene through the Holocene eras. We hope to have Dale back in 2022 to continue the saga!

Business Meeting..... Our next business meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 2 - 6:00 PM at Mama & Me Pizzeria, Homewood.

August Excursion-Mark your Calendars!



On Sunday, August 22 (with a backup date of August 29), pending confirmation from the National Park Service, we have tentatively scheduled a tour of the Bailly Homestead & Cemetery and Chellburg House, both located near the Indiana Dunes National Park.



Bailly Homestead



Chellburg House

Watch for additional details on our August trip, coming soon on our SSAS website and in your August *ArkyFacts* newsletter!

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