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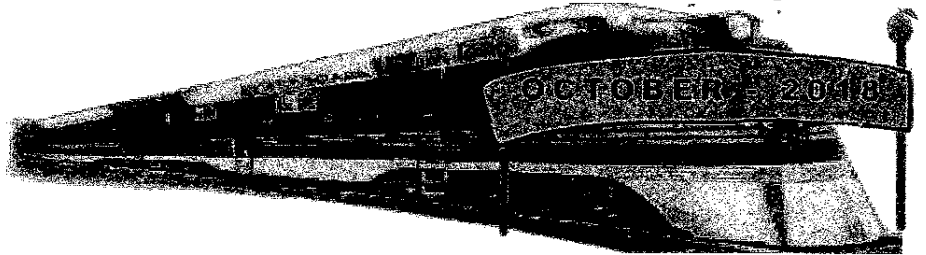
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Newsletter

A Member Publication of the
EUSTIS HISTORICAL MUSEUM
A 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization



MUSEUM HOURS

Our museum is open every Friday & Saturday
Of the month, 1:00pm – 5:00pm

You are invited to visit our website
<http://www.eustishistoricalmuseum.org>

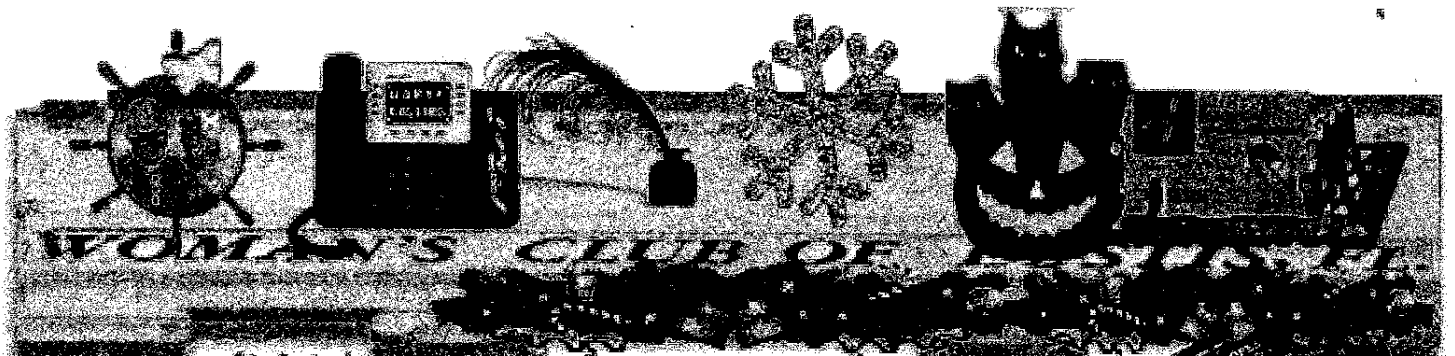
October 25
EHM Business Meeting

NOVEMBER 9
Eustis High School
Special Education Class

- CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING WEEKEND -

December 1
Cookies with Santa
(an Annual Event since 1947)

December 14
Christmas Concert
(Third Annual Event)



From the Desk of **Report from the First Vice President**
Karen Marshall **September 17, 2018**
First Vice President

As program chairman, it is always a pleasure to be involved with many of the special tours at the museum.

Since our last newsletter, we have welcomed here different groups and given them tours of the museum. First was THE EOL (East Orlando Ladies) Meet Up Group. There were 22 ladies who joined us, and our curator welcomed them. The groups were divided in two after Gary had given them an overview of the history. Then he introduced me to the group, and I was portraying Unity Bell Clifford. All of the ladies enjoyed the tour and many hope to return again.

We also gave tours to two different home schoolers, and all the young people as well as the chaperones were interested and excited to see the museum.

Thanks to all who are working on our upcoming Antique Appraisal Clinic, which will be held on October 21st. Ethel Ryan chairs the committee and has been working tirelessly to prepare. It will be an great event, and I was able to assist in getting two new wonderful appraisers for the event.

We have the December events approaching, which will be great events for the museum. The first is Cookies With Santa on December 1st. Byron Faudie will be taking pictures again, sponsored by Dr. Winker. Our 3rd annual Christmas Concert will be held on December 14th, and tickets will go on sale very soon.

Lastly, we're very excited about the numerous items that were just donated to the museum by the daughter of James Simpson. He did advertising for over 90% of all citrus in Florida from the 1950's to the 1980's. This will certainly enhance the museum and what it has to offer about the rich history of the area.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Marshall



We Need Your E-Mail Address



Crazy Gator's Restaurant (c. 1928)

Originally the Eustis Feed, Seed, and Supply Co.

MENU!

From the desk of
Melanie Blankenship,
2nd Vice President,
Membership Chairman

From the Membership Desk

As we "enjoy" a typical Florida summer with daily thunderstorms and humidity I hope that you have taken a moment to visit your local historical museum.

Since our last newsletter, we are proud to welcome some new members, Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Pyle, Susan Mason and Dr. Wade Winker, who, by the way, has been sponsoring our annual "Cookies with Santa" event in December. All of the children (and parents) visiting Santa will be provided, courtesy of Dr. Winker, with a complimentary photo. Speaking of "Cookies with Santa". The ladies from Unit 41 of the American Legion Auxiliary have again volunteered to provide the cookies for our December 2018 event.

Final renewal notices were mailed to all members the 1st of September. When you renew, if you happen to feel extra generous, a donation is always appreciated. As you know, the Museum is a not for profit organization. All dues and tax deductible donations we receive are used to continue providing our patrons with the quality museum exhibits, tours, events and experience they expect when they visit.

If you, or someone you know is planning an upcoming event, party or wedding, please do not hesitate to recommend or consider the Eustis Historical museum for the event. The grounds are spacious, lovely and our Unity Bell Pavilion is available year round. Just give us a call. We will be happy to provide you with all the details and available dates to provide your guests with a unique and memorable experience.

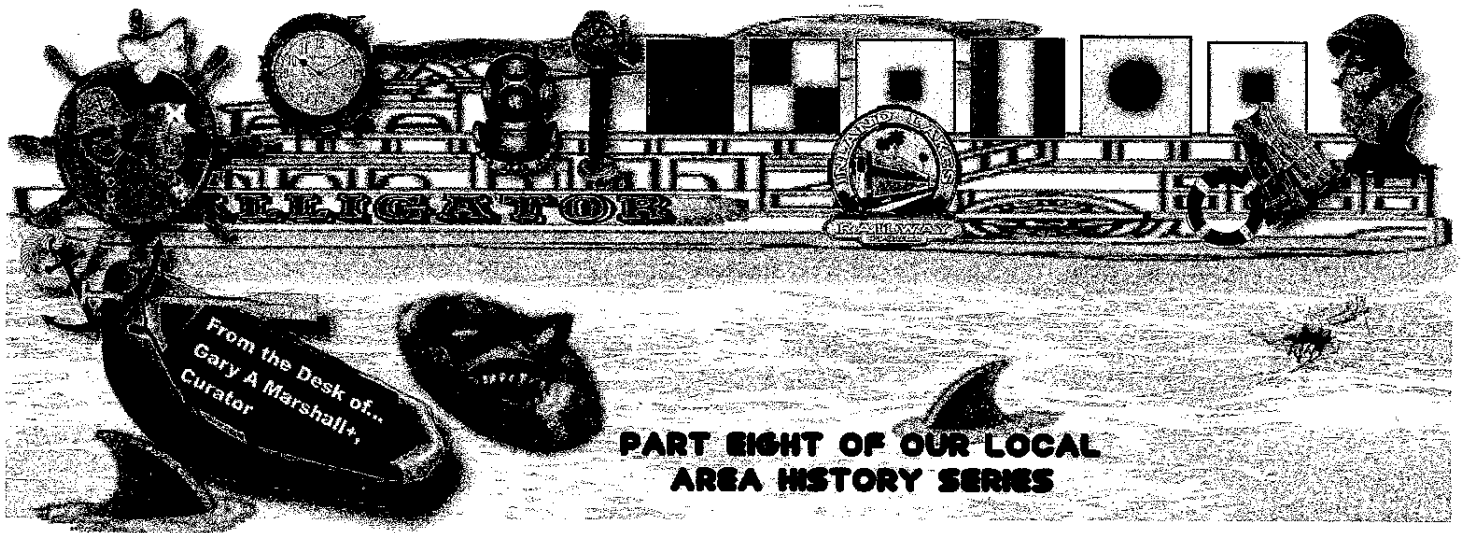
As we enter our new year, we plan to not only continue holding our time honored events such as the semi-annual Eustis Road Show, Cookies with Santa and Christmas Concert, but add new and exciting programs, events and displays.

If you haven't stopped by lately, please do. The Museum is open every Friday and Saturday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. We are very proud of The Clifford House and are eager to show it off at every opportunity to our community and visitors alike.

*Sincerely,
Melanie Blankenship, 2nd Vice President, Membership Chairman*

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR "LIFE MEMBERS":

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| Vera Arborio | Christin Brewer | Bob & Louise Carter |
| William Church | Frank Driggers | James (Jim) Gillis |
| Billie Joe Green | Sybyl Green | Gerald Jacobs |
| Earl E. (Gene) & Cordella LaRoe | Ethel Ryan | Ethel Ryan |
| Merry Jewelers | Ethel Ryan | John Retej |
| Anne Huffstetler | Rou Keith & Pat Shamrock | |



**PART EIGHT OF OUR LOCAL
AREA HISTORY SERIES**

Continuing in 1877, A.S. Pendry became the first Post Master. He ran a boarding house where travelers could find food and lodging. His place was later known as the Ocklawaha House.

It was in 1878 that the first telegraph line was put through the town, connecting Eustis with Sanford and Leesburg.

By 1879 a regular boat service was serving Eustis coming by way of St. Johns and Ocklawaha rivers and Lake Eustis. At this time the first regular mail service started.

In 1881, when a railroad was completed from Astor to Fort Mason, and a survey made to continue the road along the shore of Lake Eustis and to Lake Harris, there was reason to believe that the development of a town be at Lake Eustis. G.D. Clifford built a store at the lake side by the railroad survey. Also, he built a large wharf and warehouse out over the lake. Much shipping came to his place to be hauled by teams to places south and east of the board and railroad lines. Fertilizer for the young groves was a big item, also hay and grain for the horses and mules used for heavy work.

From mid-summer 1881, Clifford's general store grew as the population grew. Groceries, clothing, furniture, hardware, builders' supplies, lumber, brick and lime were stocked. Potatoes came from Maine and groceries, dry goods and other items from New York markets, with sweetened cond. Milk (Gail Borden) and "tub" butter arrived from the East. These items were shipped by boat from New York to Jacksonville, and it took another week to reach Lake Eustis. Due to failing health, Clifford sold the store in 1910 to D.J. Caldwell.

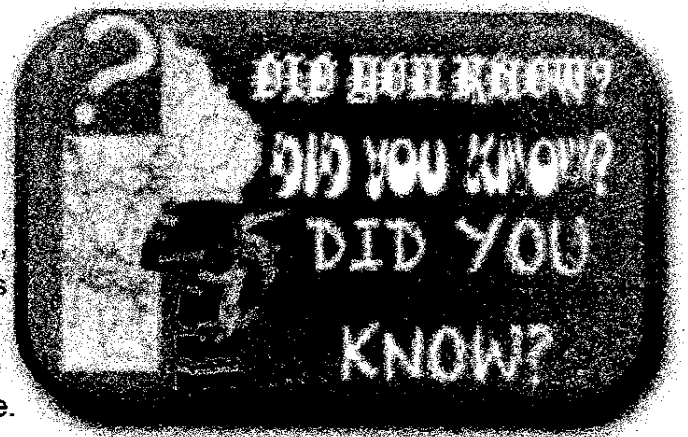
George Stevens built a large house on Dewey Street and Orange Avenue in 1881 where he had housekeeping apartments for rent. Across Dewey St he had a large wagon factory and blacksmith shop.

The town continued to grow rapidly in 1882. John A. MacDonald built three (3) stores on the west side of Bay Street, which was then a wagon road through very deep soft sand. Dr. Guy Hutchings, a druggist moved into one of these stores, and later owned and occupied two of them. A.M. Dewitt became owner of the third store, where he had hardware, furniture, and a funeral parlor.





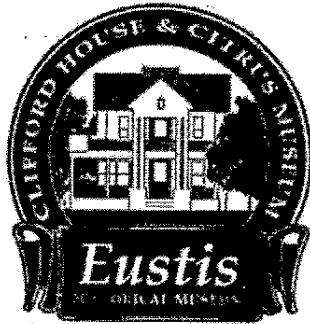
LAKE COUNTY FLORIDA



• Lake, the 43rd county, was established May 27, 1887, from parts of Orange and Sumter counties. Lake was named for the large number of lakes within its boundaries. When lakes were counted in 1969 by the state, Lake County had 505 lakes of 10 acres or more.

- Nearly one-fifth of Lake County is comprised of inland lakes, rivers and swamps.
- The eighth largest natural fresh water lake in the state is Lake Harris in Lake County, at 27 square miles. Also on the list in 12th place is Lake Griffin, at 14 square miles. And with 10 square miles, Lake Eustis comes in at 16th place.
- Not until the year 2044 will Florida have belonged to the United States for as long as it belonged to Spain.
- We had them first: There were at least two dozen cattle ranches – and thus, cowboys – in Florida in the late 17th century, long before the American West was ever explored or settled.
- During the Civil War, almost 1,300 Floridians fought for the Union Army.
- Although the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote became a law in 1920, it wasn't ratified by the Florida Legislature until 1969.
- The Florida aquifer – the underground source that supplies most of the water used for drinking and irrigation in the state – contains about the same amount of water as the Great Lakes.
- On a typical day, Florida loses 110 billion gallons of water through evaporation.
- Until 1952, the town in the Florida Keys was known as Rock Harbor. That was the year Lauren Bacall and Humphrey Bogart starred in the film "Key Largo". Eager to take advantage of the publicity, developers changed the town's name to match the film.
- Speaking of Key West, it is a longer drive from Key West to Pensacola than from Pensacola to Chicago.
- The oldest place name in North America is Florida. The second oldest is Cape Canaveral.
- And to all you Floridians – what color is our local alligators? If you said "black", you are correct. They are black with a cream colored belly. Not green.....
- Anybody know what Thlathlathlakuphka means?

Tid Bits courtesy of Gary Marshall, Curator



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Business \$55. _____ Life Member \$500. _____ Other Donation _____

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Membership Renewals are due June 30th. Mail completed form and your check to the above address. Thank you.

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Tours for large groups are made by appointment only.**