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*"The mission of the Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation (CDHF) is to preserve the Colonel Davenport House and site, and foster knowledge of the history and development of the Quad Cities region through tours of the house, exhibits, and educational programming."*

## FIRST SPECIAL EVENT: PIONEER DAYS

History will come alive once again at the Colonel Davenport House for a weekend in the spirit and activity of 1833 during Pioneer Days on Saturday and Sunday, June 7th-8th from 12-4:00 pm each day. There will be hands-on activities, the Buckskinners will set up their camp and have ax throwing, plus food cooked by a local Boy Scout troop, local honey samples, and demonstrators including a loom weaver, blacksmith, quilter, basket maker, and more.

We look forward to seeing you at the house this summer, especially for one of our events!



## HOUSE IS A BLUE STAR MUSEUM

The Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation (CDHF) Board voted again to become a Blue Star Museum. This designation means that in 2025 from Armed Forces Day, May 17, to Labor Day, September 1, the house will provide free admission to active-duty personnel and their families (excluding special events). The CDHF has long-given free admission to active duty personnel. The Colonel Davenport House will be listed on the Blue Star Museum's website, interactive map, and other program materials.

*Cornucopia* is a publication for CDHF members and volunteers. To submit an item for publication, contact Jessica Waytenick at 309-737-4280 or [jessica.waytenick@gmail.com](mailto:jessica.waytenick@gmail.com)



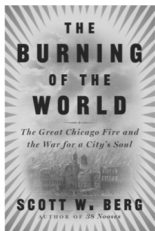
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## EAGLE SCOUT HELPS THE COLONEL DAVENPORT HOUSE

After attending the Scout Camporee on Arsenal Island in September 2023, Andrew Amacher wanted to complete his Eagle Scout project somewhere on the island. He decided to work with the CDHF and replace the ramp for the house. After getting Council's approval, Andrew got right to work in order to complete the project by his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday per Eagle Scout rules. Andrew scheduled work days in mid-September 2024 with the rest of Troop 258 and adult assistance. The new ramp is slightly wider than the previous one and better built with a secure foundation. There is a larger landing with benches added by the CDHF. Andrew had his Eagle Scout ceremony at the beginning of May. In the next newsletter, we'll share details on the other Eagle Scout project completed.



## SUMMER READ FOR THE HISTORY BOOK CLUB



Do you like books about Midwestern history? We have the book club for you.

Coming up on Tuesday, July 18, the next book is "The Burning of the World: The Great Chicago Fire and the War for a City's Soul" by Scott Berg. The discussion is at the Butterworth Center at 7:00 p.m. The book is about the Great Chicago Fire in 1871 and the rebuilding of the city afterwards.

## SUPPORT CDHF THROUGH BIRDIES FOR CHARITY

You are asked to make your pledges online or by using the form to the right. You can make your guess at the number of birdies during the tournament on July 2-6, but it will not be tied to your pledge amount. Just flat donations are accepted.

If you don't want to donate online, you can fill out the form on the right, cut it off, and mail it directly to the Birdies office in East Moline. It's a great way to support the Colonel Davenport House, especially when your donation **increases by 5% with no extra work!** Please consider making a donation to the CDHF this year.

- To donate online, go to [birdiesforcharity.com](https://birdiesforcharity.com), click "Make a Donation" and find the Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation #1372. Fill out your information and donate by credit card.
- Your guess for the numbers of birdies must be received by **JUNE 27**.
- Your pledge form or online donation must be received by **JULY 4**.

If you have any questions, contact Jessica Waytenick, CDHF Board, at 309-737-4280.



## Col Davenport Historical Foundation

CHARITY SOLICITED FOR

**1372**

BIRD NUMBER



### I PLEDGE TO DONATE:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the charity noted above.  
(one time, flat donation amount)

### GUESS THE BIRDIES TO WIN A TWO YEAR LEASE ON A 2025 LEXUS!

I guess that \_\_\_\_\_ birdies will be made.

*Only one grand prize will be awarded.*

*Void where prohibited by law. Guesses due by June 27.*

#### BIRDIES SCORED BY YEAR

1,982 (2016)	2,091 (2019)	2,041 (2022)
1,918 (2017)	N/A (2020)	1,929 (2023)
2,355 (2018)	1,905 (2021)	2,315 (2024)

### MAKE MORE MAGIC with the BONUS FUND

☐

YES, I would like to make an additional donation to the Birdies for Charity Bonus Fund in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, to help provide the minimum 5% match to all participating charities.

### PLEDGE & DONOR INFORMATION (please print)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE AND/OR EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Please include payment & make checks payable to:

**BIRDIES FOR CHARITY**

## WHY BIRDIES FOR CHARITY?

- Your charity receives every penny you donate to them!
- We will match your donation to that charity by a minimum of 5%, and up to 10% from our Bonus Fund!
- For tax purposes, we are a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization!
- By entering the contest, YOU have a chance to win!

Simply make a one-time flat donation and mail with payment to the Birdies for Charity office at:

**15623 Coaltown Road, East Moline, IL 61244**

OR



**BIRDIESFORCHARITY.COM/DONATE**

### KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

I pledged \$ \_\_\_\_\_ one-time donation.

I guessed \_\_\_\_\_ birdies would be made.

Payment was included with pledge

☐ YES \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ NO

☐ CASH ☐ CHECK NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to:

**BIRDIES FOR CHARITY**

15623 COALTOWN ROAD

EAST MOLINE, IL 61244

*Quad Cities Golf Classic Charitable Foundation is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization, EIN #93-1332421, doing business as John Deere Classic & Birdies for Charity.*

# Chip in for your chance to win!

When you chip in to support local charities, you could win big! But the real champs? Your beloved charities! They score 100% of every donation you make through this program, plus a sweet bonus from the Birdies for Charity Bonus Fund, which guarantees a 5% match. Talk about a win-win!

### HERE'S HOW IT WORKS

To enter the contest, guess the number of birdies that will actually be made by PGA TOUR Pros during the tournament, Wednesday through Sunday.



## GRAND PRIZE: 2 YEAR LEASE ON A 2025 LEXUS!

One lucky supporter of the

John Deere Classic's Birdies



**SMART LEXUS OF QUAD CITIES**

for Charity program will win a 2 year lease on a 2025 Lexus, courtesy of Smart Lexus of Quad Cities.

### CONTEST RULES

- Only 1 grand prize awarded. Ties determined by random drawing
- Open to all participants. 21 years or older & a U.S. licensed driver
- The grand prize shall only be delivered within or around the Quad Cities metropolitan area
- All guesses must be on an official pledge card & received at the tournament office by June 27
- No pledge or purchase required. Need not be present to win.
- Winner responsible for all sales taxes, registration fees, license plate fees, & income taxes on all prizes, including local, state, & federal taxes
- Full list of official rules & details found at [birdiesforcharity.com/about/contest](http://birdiesforcharity.com/about/contest)



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

June 7-8 – Pioneer Days at the House

June 15 – River Action's Ride the Island with 10 stops including the House

July 18 – Book Club discussing "The Burning of the World: The Great Chicago Fire and the War for a City's Soul" by Scott Berg at Butterworth Center

August 9-10 – Native American Culture Days

September 27 – Ghost Tales at the House

October 18 – QC Archives Fair at the Haunted Rock Island Roadhouse

October 25 – House closes for the season

## WE ARE LOOKING FOR MORE VOLUNTEERS

What better way to learn from the past than to become part of it? You could be a guide. You will receive a prepared script and train with a current guide until comfortable giving tours on your own. Contact Bill at 309-792-1769. Or sutlers are in charge of the gift shop while a volunteer guide gives tours of the house. We call our gift shop the Sutlery in honor of George's role as sutler for the Army. Contact Ginny at 309-236-0741. Feel free to pass this info on to the others!