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Emma Kunz House

Explore daily and domestic life in working class Belleville at the Emma Kunz House.

Named for Emma Kunz, the last resident of the house, the house recreates working class life in nineteenth century Belleville.



Gustav Koerner House

Gustav Koerner became a close Lincoln confidant, helped write the 1860 Republican Party platform, and helped manage Lincoln's drive to the presidential nomination at the party's convention.

Koerner was an ardent anti-slavery proponent and, as a German emigre, played a key role in allying western America's German population with the Union cause.

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Museum of Mid-Century Modern Architecture

Belleville architect Charles E. King designed the home for the Blaziers in 1952. The Belleville Historical Society is now renovating the home to restore many features to their original state.

The Lincoln Theatre

Opened on October 6, 1921 with four acts of vaudeville and a silent movie, "The Old Nest", the Lincoln Theatre in Belleville II, soon became the premier theatre in all of southern Illinois.

Today, First run Hollywood films are featured along with live performances from classic rock & country to artist and local favorites.



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Historic Garfield Street Saloon Museum

The structure, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, was built in 1894-95 by Adam Gintz. Gintz was then the president of the Western Brewing Company, which created Stag Beer and brewed it in Belleville until 1988.



Belleville Walk of Fame

The Walk of Fame honors people who have made significant contributions to the history or renown of the city of Belleville.

Selected honorees meet the established criteria of "having made significant contributions to our city, region, or nation or who have brought fame to Belleville."

Daphne Sumner History Discovery Center

Opened in 2024, the DSHDC serves the core of the St. Clair County Historical Society's mission: education, preservation, and community outreach.

