

DeKalb Township Historian Steve Bigolin will conduct a walking tour of historic Evergreen Cemetery on Sunday, October 11, at 1:00 P.M. The tour is expected to last an hour + a half, and in the event of rain will be rescheduled. Evergreen is located at the intersection of South 7th + Taylor Streets. On street parking is available in designated areas. Participants are advised to wear comfortable walking shoes. Donations will be accepted. For more information contact DeKalb Township at 815-758-8282.

Evergreen is DeKalb's oldest cemetery, dating from 1855. Local cemetery history from 1855-1953 will be discussed. The cemetery contains the last resting places of DeKalb's co-founder, Lewis Huntley; patriarch of the Gurler family, Benjamin Gurler; blacksmith/machinist Phineas Vaughan; early merchants John M. Goodell, Basil Ruby, Willard B. King, + Robert Newitt; farmer Elisha Foster, whose old brick house stands atop the hill on Annie Glidden Road south of Taylor Street; several children; the parents of barbed wire inventor Joseph F. Glidden; and scores of others.

Evergreen Cemetery is owned by DeKalb Township.