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Fight for the Fort

“Fire on the Frontier” May 7th at Apple River Fort

Visitors can also join the “Spring Fling in Elizabeth.

ELIZABETH – Military life on the northwest Illinois frontier during the Black Hawk War will be re-enacted during “Fire on the Frontier,” to be held Saturday, May 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Apple River Fort State Historic Site. The event is free and open to the public.

Visitors may experience activity at the fort 175 years ago as the local militia prepares for the battle at Apple River Fort. Costumed interpreters will engage guests in activities and adventures in history. The militia will drill, fire, and recruit at scheduled times throughout the day as women and children demonstrate pioneer skills critical to frontier survival.

The Village of Elizabeth will be hosting the annual “Spring Fling” event with activities around the village. Included will be the crowning of a Daffodil Queen, garage sales, food booths, and even a 2-mile run in the morning.

The Apple River Fort State Historic Site, administered by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (www.Illinois-History.gov), is a reconstruction of the 1830s civilian fort that was the site of a battle between Black Hawk’s Sauk warriors and Apple River settlers during the Black Hawk War. It is located along U.S. Route 20 in Elizabeth, Illinois, and is open Wednesday through Sunday for free public tours.

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