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- Tammy Sexton for preparing her special program on the Prosser Family during the Old Village Cemetery Headstone Dedication Project where the rebuild of the Prosser headstone was featured. This part was of the OVC Spring Restoration Project.
- Dan Thomas, Bob Knight, Joe Collins and Jim Vichich for the preparation and installation work of the Prosser headstone at OVC. Special thanks to Don for his special talents in making the repair and fabrication for new parts for this headstone.
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"WHEN A ROSE IS NOT A ROSE"
BY JUDITH COEBLY
SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2013
1:00pm—2:30 pm

In the photos above, Frances Clayton, a female from Missouri, wanted to fight in the Civil War. She impersonated a male, and became known as Jack Williams and joined the Missouri Artillery and Cavalry Unit. Learn how she and other females passed the "rigorous" male enlistment standards of the day.

Miss Judith Coebly a retired public educator in the Dearborn Schools for 39 years presents the unknown stories of the many women who impersonated men to fight in the Civil War. Her love of American History drove her to study about the women who behaved outside the cultural norms and thus were absent in history books. Not many people know or will believe that almost 900 women served as soldiers in the Civil War. The Union and Confederate armies would not allow women to serve in their ranks. When their true identities were discovered, these patriots in disguise were sometimes punished, always removed, and told to return home. Most reenlisted in other units—sometimes seven or eight times. They fought like demons and would not quit. This must see PowerPoint presentation includes vignettes of their experiences, photographs and etchings. Their stories must be told and included in the history of our nation.

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