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1860's Lifestyle Exposition at Gray-Campbell Farmstead

Life on the Ozarks frontier is showcased this weekend at the 21st annual 1860's Lifestyle Exposition at Gray-Campbell Farmstead at Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park, 2400 S. Scenic, Springfield.

The event takes place at the Gray-Campbell Farmstead, which includes the oldest house in Springfield, built 1856 and once owned by Springfield founding father, John Polk Campbell. The house was relocated to the park in 1984 and contains many artifacts from the era it was built. The farmstead also includes an exterior log kitchen, a two-crib barn and a log granary.

Activities include:

- Saturday and Sunday: Volunteers in period dress, rope making, lye soap demonstrations, blacksmith at work, hearth cooking, fiber arts demonstrations, woodcarving, papermaking, music, dancing, storytelling and more.
- Saturday only : 11 a.m. Old Time fiddle and music jam, horseshoe contest, seed spitting contest
- Sunday only: 11 a.m. Old-fashioned brush arbor meeting, 3 p.m. Apple Pie Contest

The 1860's Lifestyle Expo is Saturday, Sept. 15, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 4:30 p.m. (Brush arbor meeting is at 11 a.m. Sunday.) Admission is free but donations to Friends of the Gray-Campbell Farmstead are accepted.

For more information, visit www.graycampbellfarmstead.org; call Michelle Atkinson, President of the Friends of the Gray-Campbell Farmstead, at 417-725-4921; or email atkinsonplace@sbcglobal.net. For media inquiries, call Jenny Fillmer Edwards, Public Information Administrator for the Springfield-Greene County Park Board, at 417-874-2176 or 417-224-5510.