

**259 MINERS PERISH IN FIRE
DISASTER STRIKES CHERRY MINE**

Cherry Mine Centennial Commemoration

Nov. 14-15 Cherry, Illinois
monument dedication • seminars • tours
genealogy • concert

On November 13, 1909, a fire broke out in the Cherry, Illinois coal mine. 259 lives were lost, one of the worst accidents in American industrial history. In response to Cherry, new safety laws were passed. A century later, the town will dedicate a new monument. Please come join this celebration of life and commemoration of these miners. Cherry is on Rt. 89, five miles north of I-80, in Bureau County.

Schedule of events

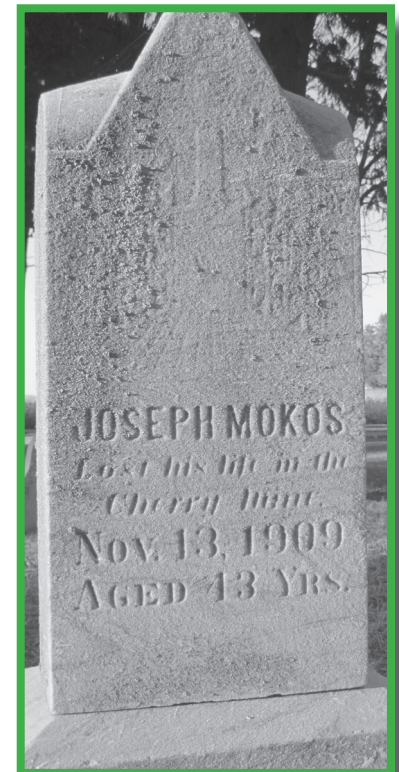
Saturday, November 14

- 8 a.m. Library and Museum opens
- 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Trolley and walking tours of mine site & memorial cemetery
- 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Film on the Cherry mine (continuous), Cherry Fire Station
- 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Displays, book tables, history fair projects
- 11 a.m. & 2 p.m. Genealogy workshops, Cherry Grade School
- 12:15 p.m. Coal mining music, featuring Bucky Halker
- 1 p.m. Dedication of new monument: Congresswoman Debbie Halvorson; State Senator Gary Dahl; State Rep. Frank Mautino, Illinois AFL-CIO President Michael Carrigan; United Mine Workers Vice-President Steve Earl and other invited speakers
- 2 & 3 p.m. Mother Jones film, Village Hall
- Food & refreshment all day at Bruno's, Cherry Supper Club and J.T.'s.

Sunday, November 15

- 8 a.m. Cherry Library and Museum opens
- 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Trolley and walking tours
- Film on the Cherry Mine, Cherry Fire Station
- 12:45 p.m. Procession from the Cherry Grade School to the Miners' Cemetery
- 1 p.m. Memorial Service at the Cemetery, Alessandro Motta, Italian Consul General, Charles Bernardini and Silvia Bartolini.

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