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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY TO HOST HISTORY FAIR

CHARLESTON -- Eastern Illinois University will host the 34th Annual Regional Illinois History Fair on Saturday, March 30.

The program will open at 10:15 a.m. in the Doudna Fine Arts Center Auditorium with welcoming remarks by Pete Harbison, assistant director, Educational Services, Illinois Historic Preservation Agency; David Jorns, president, EIU; and Ron Gholson, professor, Secondary Education and Foundations, and coordinator of local arrangements. This is the eighth year Eastern has hosted the fair.

At approximately 10:30 a.m. in the Doudna Auditorium, a concert featuring Professor Johnny Lane and the EIU Percussion Ensemble will be presented to student and teacher/parent participants. The hour-long concert is free and open to the public.

Between 12:45 and 1:45 p.m., history fair projects (including models, exhibits, media and miscellaneous entries) will be reviewed by the public in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

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FAIR

At 2 p.m., blue ribbon student winners will be recognized in the University Union (old ballroom). Rep. Mike Weaver will present awards to student winners.

Approximately 450 persons have registered for the 1996 fair. Participating schools are New Hebron Christian School, Robinson; Tri-Valley Middle School, Downs; Oakwood High School, Fithian; Prairie Central Junior High, Forrest; East Prairie Junior High and Tuscola High School; Tower Hill Junior High; Palestine Grade School; Holy Family School, Decatur; Hutsonville Elementary; Lexington High School; and Oblong Elementary School.