Bureau County Homestead Festival

43rd Annual Bureau County Homestead Festival

September 12th – 14th | Princeton, IL

www.homesteadfestival.com
Our 2014 Theme
‘Back in the Day’

This year, our theme is ‘Back in the Day’. What does it mean? Well, it means whatever you want it to mean. To some, it may mean 100 years ago; to others it may mean 10 years ago.

As an example, our Lawn Social focused on the 1950’s. During the weekend, you may see floats and window displays representing the early 1900’s and others that represent something from the 1980’s.

‘Back in the Day’ is a commonly used phrase that simply sends a person back to a time when things were different than they are now. In other words, a fond memory of a time gone by...

So...everyone is invited to go ‘Back in the Day’ with us during the 2014 Bureau County Homestead Festival!

Our 2014 Grand Marshal

Julie McCutchan was born in Chicago, attended elementary school in Palos Park and graduated from Lyons Township High School in 1954. She received her Bachelors of Science degree in Home Economics from Iowa State University in 1958.

From 1958 until 1962 Mrs. McCutchan taught Home Economics at Princeton High School. Julie is the spouse of the late Dr. Harold McCutchan and the mother of five children; Ron, Jon, David, Thomas and DeAnna.

As a member of the First United Methodist Church here in Princeton, she has been part of United Methodist Women, the choir, finance committee, the media team and is a former Sunday school teacher.

Julie has been a Prairie Arts Council member and board member. Mrs. McCutchan is a Festival 56 Patron and host family. Julie was awarded the 2014 Patron of the Arts. She has been involved with the GFWC Women’s Club and District 16 American Veterinary Medical Association Auxiliary. Julie has volunteered countless hours at the Closet and served on their board of directors.

During her free time, Julie enjoys cooking, traveling, and gardening. Julie is grandmother to 9 grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Our 2014 Grand Marshal – Julie McCutchan.
Homestead Festival Steering Committee

We would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your continued support of our Bureau County Homestead Festival! What a fantastic weekend celebration this has become. Enjoy this year as we go...‘Back in the Day’!

Steering Committee
Michael & Debbie Vrana
Bill & Dorothy Nelson
Jeff & Joni Hunt

Our Bureau County Homestead Festival began in 1972. It was a celebration to honor Owen Lovejoy and his contributions to our nation’s history. Please join us by saying ‘Thank You’ to everyone that supports this spectacular weekend!

Homestead Festival Managers

The Homestead Steering Committee and Lawn Social Committee would like to offer their sincere appreciation to our 2014 Homestead Festival Managers.

Festival Managers
Rick Clary
Tracy Makransky

It takes energy, dedication and organization to make our Homestead Festival a success. ‘Thank you’ to both Rick and Tracy for providing both the time and the talent to help make this event happen!

2014 Homestead Brochure Presented By

‘Back in the Day’ (1949), a Chicago based company made the decision to move to Princeton and build door closers. 65 years later, we’re still doing exactly that!

Come visit the unique and historical town of Princeton. Whether you’re visiting for a day, a weekend or a lifetime, Princeton welcomes you! Enjoy the 2014 Homestead Festival.

Princeton ILLINOIS
www.visitprinceton-il.com
Over the last several years, the Homestead Festival has showcased the talent of many local individuals. This year, during August, Bill & Dorothy Nelson, Marcel & Diane Vandenborre and Randy & Patricia Grant made that happen again.

Performers
Charles Gebeck
Phil Kauffman
Jennifer Reckamp
Morgan Reckamp
Gwen Roseberg
Ann Field Williams

Bureau County talent past and present will perform on Saturday, August 9th (7:30p) and Sunday, August 10th (2:00p) at the Prairie Arts Center. Support our 2014 Homestead Festival and don’t miss this event!

This year, the Lawn Social went ‘Back in the Day’ with a 1950’s theme. The Homestead Steering Committee says ‘Thank You’ for a successful kick-off to the 2014 Homestead Weekend!
Community Support

Corporate Sponsors ($1,000+)

- Heartland Bank and Trust
- LCN Closers / Allegion
- Princeton Jaycees
- Princeton Park District
- WZOE Radio
- Princeton Illinois Tourism and Visitors Bureau

Festival Sponsors ($500 - $999)

- Bureau County Metro Center
- Princeton Illinois Tourism and Visitors Bureau
- Princeton Park District
- WZOE Radio

Festival Patrons ($100 - $499)

- Kramer’s Kitchen
- Mr. & Mrs. Mike Judge
- Mr. & Mrs. Richard Nelson
- Michlig Grain
- Kathy O’Malley
- Perry Memorial Hospital
- Poor Boys Catering
- Princeton Animal Care Clinic
- Princeton Family Physicians
- Princeton Redi-Mix, Inc.
- Princeton Rotary Club
- Princeton Prompt Care
- Mr. & Mrs. Joel Quiram
- Sullivan’s Foods
- Michael & Debbie Vrana
- Dr. & Mrs. Mark Williams

Friends of the Festival ($25 - $99)

- Jay & Jennifer Alter
- Mr. & Mrs. Jack Best
- Ms. Gina Bassetti
- Frank Bettasso
- Mr. & Mrs. Steve Bonucci
- Dr. Paul Bonucci & Robyn Washer
- Mr. & Mrs. Steve Bouslog
- Aric & Tania Bowen
- Ms. Kay Browning
- Mr. & Mrs. Keith Cain
- Cliff & Kathy Cartwright
- Brian & Julie Church
- Bob & Ann Click
- Bea & Gary Coates
- Abigail Cochran
- Ms. Julie Bassetti & Ms. Whitney Pace
- Mr. & Mrs. Shawn Cooper
- Dr. Ted Doran
- Richard & Mary Dorsch
- Terry Elberg
- Don & Gloria Eklund
- Dr. Rich Everett & Dr. Barb Swalve
- Dr. Dennis Farrell
- Sam Fisher
- Al & Mary Forristall
- Robert & Maria Gold
- Dave & Ann Hartz
- Jan Heaton
- Lorita Hellman
- Dr. & Mrs. Gary Hoelle
- Keith & Amy Johnson
- Richard & Susan Johnson
- Mr. & Mrs. Tim Kunkel
- Barbara LaVelle
- Mr. & Mrs. Matt May
- DeAnna McCutchan
- Jon McCutchan
- Julia McCutchan
- Mr. & Mrs. Martin Makransky
- Robert & Jennifer Merth
- Dr. Robert & Cecelia Mestan
- Jan Milles
- Tony Morrow & Stephanie VanOrstrand
- Gary Morton
- Trent & Michelle Munson
- Bill & Dorothy Nelson
- Mr. & Mrs. Richard Nelson
- Mr. & Mrs. Steve Nelson
- Barb Van Orstrand
- David & Mary Phillips
- Mr. & Mrs. Warren Reinhardt
- Ralph Rod
- Mr. Robert Russell
- Mike & Katie Sayler
- Lara & Jay Schneider
- Jim & Susan Scruggs
- Mr. & Mrs. Caleb Sturges
- Roger & Joanne Swan
- Ray & Cheri Swanson
- Mr. Gary Swanson
- Mr. & Mrs. Gene Vincent
- Mr. & Mrs. Charles Waca
- Lou & Teri Zearing

We regret any omissions from this page.
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Friday Festival Events

Bureau County Historical Society Tours –
Tour the Clark-Norris Home (built in 1899) and the Newell-Bryant House (built in 1853). Princeton history! 109 Park Avenue West. 1:00p to 5:00p.

Window Displays –
Take a stroll down our Historic Main Street to view our themed window displays. Our business districts, both north and south will take you ‘Back in the Day’. Contest winners will be announced during the Friday Festival announcements.

Princeton Junior Women’s Club –
Bring your appetite, the Princeton Junior Women’s Club will be serving pulled pork barbecue dinners and hosting the annual ice cream social. You’ll find them under the tent at Soldiers and Sailors Park. Get there before they sell out! 5:00p to 9:00p.

Princeton Community Band –
Bring your lawn chair, sit back and relax to the upbeat sounds of the Princeton Community Band. Soldiers and Sailors Park. 5:30p to 6:15p.

Homestead Festival Announcements –

Twilight Horse Drawn Wagon Rides –
Maybe a stroll down our Historic Main Street is too much work. If so, stop by Soldiers and Sailors Park and hop on our horse powered wagon. Arrivals and departures from 6:00p to 9:00p. Sponsor - Pioneer Production Plant.

The Generics –
Rock it out on Main Street with the Generics and their ‘Black Top Hop’. Also appearing, ‘Those Funny Little People’. Soldiers and Sailors Park. 7:00p to 9:00p

Richard Widmark – The Apollo Theater
The Apollo Theater presents Princeton's own Richard Widmark in the 1959 movie, 'The Trap'. Widmark grew up in Princeton and starred in over 60 films. 2014 marks the 100th anniversary of his birth. Apollo Theater. One show only. Doors open at 8:00p. Movie runs from 9:00p to 10:30p.

Princeton Jaycees Beer Garden / Snapshot –
Snapshot. Live at Darius Miller Park. Beer Garden will be open. Don’t miss out! Gates open at 8:00p. Music from 8:30p to 12:30a. Darius Miller Park.
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Friday Festival Favorites

Owen Lovejoy
Homestead Tours
East Peru Street
Tours Run 1:00p to 5:00p
See Princeton History!

PJWC Ice Cream Social &
PJWC Pulled Pork BBQ
Soldiers and Sailors Park
5:00p to 9:00p
Pulled Pork Sandwiches too!

Grand Marshal &
Festival Announcements
East Soldiers and Sailors Park
6:15p to 7:00p
Grand Marshal Julie McCutchan!

The Generics Band &
‘Those Funny Little People’
Soldiers and Sailors Park
7:00p to 9:00p
A Princeton Tradition!

‘Snapshot’
Presented by Princeton Jaycees
Darius Miller Park
Gates Open at 8:00p
Music from 8:30p to 12:30a

Richard Widmark
Stars in ‘The Trap’
Apollo Theater
Doors Open at 8:00p
Movie at 9:00p
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Saturday Festival Events

Underground Railroad 5K Race/Walk –
Our 22nd annual 5K Race/Walk. The race begins and ends at the Bureau County Metro Center. Registration at 7:00a and race starts at 8:00a. 837 Park Avenue West. Lace ‘em up! Sponsor - Princeton Park District and WZOE Radio.

Window Displays –
Take a stroll down our Historic Main Street to view our themed window displays. Our business districts, both north and south will take you ‘Back in the Day’. Contest winners will be announced during the Friday Festival announcements.

Children’s Fun Fair –
Get the kids off the couch, skip the Saturday morning cartoons and come out for the fun. Games, prizes, laughter and most of all a great time. 606 South Main Street (Pleasant Street Parking Lot). 9:00a to 11:00a. Sponsor – Heartland Bank and Trust Co.

Princeton High School Tours –
Hey Tiger fans and Tiger alumni, here is your chance to take a peek into today’s PHS. Tours available from 9:00a to 11:00a. Sponsor – Princeton Public Schools Foundation. Go Big Blue!

Owen Lovejoy Homestead Tours –
Tours of the Owen Lovejoy Homestead continue on Saturday. Built in 1837 and designated a National Landmark in 1997, you will be fascinated with the history that this piece of our community provides. The Lovejoy Homestead served as an Underground Railway Station in the 1850’s. Owen Lovejoy was an invited guest of Abraham Lincoln to witness the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation. The Lovejoy Homestead is the reason for our Festival. Tours available 10:00a to 12:00p and again from 3:00p to 5:00p.

Beta Sigma Phi Arts & Crafts Show –
Discover beautiful, one-of-a-kind creations from a variety of vendors at our craft show. Show runs both Saturday and Sunday, Bureau County Courthouse Lawn. Saturday hours are 9:00a to 6:00p. Vendor information – Call Connie Lind at (815) 875-4330

Stamp Cancellation –
Homestead 2014. Don’t forget to get your special Homestead Festival postage stamp cancellation. Princeton Post Office. Stop in between 9:00a and 12:00p on Saturday.
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Saturday Festival Favorites

**Underground Railroad 5K Race/Walk**
Bureau Co Metro Center
Registration 7:00a
Race/Walk 8:00a

**Owen Lovejoy Homestead Tours**
East Peru Street
10:00a to 12:00p & 3:00p to 5:00p

**Children’s Fun Fair**
606 South Main Street
9:00a to 11:00a
Kids! Kids! Kids!

**Homestead Festival Helicopter Rides**
Sullivan’s Parking Lot
12:00p to Sunset
See Homestead Like Never Before!

**Beta Sigma Phi Arts & Crafts Show**
Courthouse Lawn
Saturday 9:00a to 6:00p
Over 70 Crafters!

**Bureau County Pork Producers BBQ**
Soldiers and Sailors Park
Saturday 10:30a to 5:30p
Tasty!
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Saturday Festival Events

James Armstrong Blues Concert –
New for 2014! Born in Los Angeles, California, Armstrong formed his first band in the seventh grade and by the age of 17 he was touring the country. Food, beverages and spirits provided by Princeton Park District. Get your ‘blues on’ from 4:30p to 6:30p. Sponsor – Heartland Bank and Trust Co.

Pie Baking Contest –
Showcase your skill. Bring your contest entry to Soldiers and Sailors Park by 9:00a. No entry fee. Bring some dough, the pie auction starts at noon! Lard not required. Sponsor – Bureau County Home and Community Education.

Helicopter Rides –
See the 2014 Homestead Festival from the sky! Lift off from Sullivan’s parking lot. $30 per person. It is a chance of a lifetime. Bring a friend! Departures from 12:00p to Sunset. Sponsor – Nelson Enterprises.

Bureau County Pork Producers BBQ –
For over 30 years the Bureau County Pork producers have served buttery pork chops for the Festival at Soldiers and Sailors Park. Saturday serving hours are 10:30a to 5:30p. Don’t miss out!

Homestead Festival Parade –
Several thousand people will once again line Princeton’s Historic Main Street for the signature event of the weekend! Over 120 entries are expected to make the 1 ½ mile trek from the north end to the south end of Princeton. Entries include the South Shore Drill Team, Those Funny Little People, The Jesse White Tumblers and of course, the Class of 1992. Parade starts at 1:30p but the lawn chairs start to appear on Friday!

Princeton Jaycees Bags Tournament –
Prove your skill! Cash prizes! Beer Garden will be open. Grab your partner and get to Darius Miller Park. Cash prizes! Bags fly at 6:30p.

Princeton Jaycees Beer Garden / Hairbanger’s Ball –
They’re back! Hairbanger’s Ball drew rave reviews last year...so we brought ‘em back for Homestead Festival 2014. The music you grew up with. 80’s and 90’s. Live at Darius Miller Park. Food, beverages and spirits will be available. Gates will open at 8:00p. Music from 8:30p to 12:30a.
**Satuday Festival Favorites**

**Pie Baking Contest**
*Bring Some Dough!*
*Soldiers and Sailors Park*
*Entries 9:00a*
*Auction 12:00p*

**43rd Annual Bureau County Homestead Festival Parade**
*Historic Main Street*
*Parade Steps off at 1:30p*
*Over 120 entries!*

**South Shore Drill Team**
*Post Parade Performance*
*Bureau County Sheriff’s Parking Lot*
*Approximately 3:30p*

**James Armstrong Blues Concert**
*Alexander Park*
*4:30p to 6:30p*
*Food and Spirits Available*

**Bags Tournament**
*Presented by Princeton Jaycees*
*Darius Miller Park*
*6:00p to 8:00p*
*Beer Garden Open!*

**‘Hairbanger’s Ball’**
*Presented by Princeton Jaycees*
*Darius Miller Park*
*Gates Open 8:00p*
*Music 8:30p to 12:30a*
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**Sunday Festival Events**

**Princeton Lions Club/Moose Pancake Breakfast** –
Start Sunday off right! Stop by the Princeton Moose Lodge for the Lions Club/Moose Pancake Breakfast. 1339 North Euclid Avenue. Pancakes flip from 7:00a until 12:00p.

**Homestead Flea Market** –
What treasures will you discover? Visit the Bureau County Fairgrounds and find out. Doors open at 8:00a and close at 2:00p. Admission is only $1.

**34th Homestead Festival Car Show** –
Trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd will be given for each class. Dash plaques to first 200 registered. Registration will be 8:00a to 12:00p with a fee of $15. Judging will take place from 12:00p to 1:30p with the presentation of awards at 3:00p.

**4th Annual BBQ Rib Cook-Off** –
Bring your grills to the Central Bank parking lot on Sunday and showcase your skills in our 4th annual BBQ Rib Cook-Off! Cash Prizes! $500 to the winner! Judging starts at 3:00p. Those interested can obtain more information from Rick Clary – (815) 875-3461.

**Beta Sigma Phi Arts & Crafts Show** –
Discover beautiful, one-of-a-kind creations from a variety of vendors at our craft show. Show runs both Saturday and Sunday. Bureau County Courthouse Lawn. Sunday hours are 10:00a to 4:00p.

**Bureau County Pork Producers BBQ** –
For over 30 years the Bureau County Pork producers have served tasty butterfly pork chops at the Festival. Soldiers and Sailors Park. Sunday serving hours are 10:30a to 3:00p. Don’t miss out!

**Children’s Tractor Pull** –
This event is for children ages 4 thru 12. Soldiers and Sailors Park. Registration begins at 12:00p. Pulls start at 12:30p and run until approximately 2:30p. Sponsor - Diller Rodand Bureau County Farm Bureau.

**Owen Lovejoy Homestead Tours** –
Free tours of the Owen Lovejoy Homestead continue on Sunday. Homestead History! Tours available 1:00p to 5:00p.

**Miller’s Petting Zoo** –
A zoo with a proverbial ark of creatures. Included in the zoo are goats, pot belly pigs, chickens, ducks, alpaca, donkeys and more. Free admission. Soldiers and Sailors Park. 12:00p to 3:00p. Sponsor- Perry Memorial Hospital.

**Homestead Festival 50/50 Raffle Drawing** –
Got your tickets? Across from the Apollo Theater. Approximately 3:30p.
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Sunday Festival Favorites

Pancake Breakfast
Presented by Princeton Lions/Moose Moose Lodge
7:00a to 12:00p
Start Sunday Right!

Homestead Festival Car Show
It’s Our 34th Year!
South Main Street
Registration 8:00a to 12:00p
Judging 12:00p to 1:30p

Beta Sigma Phi
Arts & Crafts Show
Courthouse Lawn
Sunday 10:00a to 4:00p
Don’t Miss It!

Bureau County Pork Producers BBQ
Soldiers and Sailors Park
Sunday 10:30a to 3:30p
Tasty!

Children’s Tractor Pull
Ages 4 thru 12
Soldiers and Sailors Park
Registration at 12:00p
Pulls Start at 12:30p

Homestead Festival 50/50 Drawing
Across from Apollo Theater
Last year we split $12,660!
Approximately 3:30p

Last year’s 50/50 winner was Letezia Vengelisti (Princeton) - $6,330
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Homestead Weekend Special Events

Richard Widmark Biography & Exhibit

Prairie Arts Council – The Prairie Arts Center will present a biography of Richard Widmark as seen on ‘Biography: Strength of Characters’. A moderator will be available to discuss the biography as well as the Widmark posters and memorabilia which will be available for viewing in the West Gallery. 24 Park Avenue West. Saturday and Sunday from 10:00a to 2:00p. Biography and exhibit are free!

Those Funny Little People - Look for ‘Those Funny Little People’ on Friday night at Soldiers and Sailors Park and again on Saturday in the Homestead Parade! You’ll go ‘Back in the Day’ with ‘Those Funny Little People! Bring the kids for pictures!

Jazz Worship Service with Jimmy Valentine

Jazz Worship Service – The entire community is invited to St. Matthews Lutheran Church for the mellow sounds of the Jimmy Valentine Jazz Quintet. 416 Dover Road. Sunday at 10:30a.

Animal Care Clinic - Dog Fest 2014

Tri County Humane Society – Fundraiser! Events include pet contests, chili cook-off, silent auction, Canine Good Citizenshio and Therapy Dog International Testing, agility and fly ball demo, vendor tables, tee shirt sales, Humane Society 50/50 raffle and much more. Princeton Animal Care Clinic. 1616 North Main. Sunday 11:00a to 3:00p.
Overnight Accommodations

Princeton

- AmericInn  (815) 872-5000
- Days Inn  (815) 875-3371
- Econo Lodge  (815) 872-3300
- Super 8 Motel  (815) 872-8888

Sheffield

- Chestnut Street Inn  (815) 454-2419

Utica

- Starved Rock Lodge  (815) 667-4211

Festival 56 (Event at the Grace Performing Arts Center, unless noted)

- ‘Sylvia’ / July 3-8
- ‘As You Like It’ / July 6-27 (Soldiers and Sailors Park)
- ‘Oliver’ / July 11-25 (PHS Council Auditorium)
- ‘Boeing, Boeing’ / July 15-19
- ‘Into the Woods’ / July 26 – August 3
- ‘Love, Loss and What I Wore’ / November 14-22
- ‘Rounding Third’ / November 28 – December 6
- ‘There’s A Christmas Tree in Terminal C’ / December 12-20

Z-Tour Bike Ride / July 19

Nightmare on Fairgrounds Road / Fridays & Saturdays in October

Shadows of the Blue and Gray / October 11-12

Princeton Annual Christmas Open House / November 21-23

WZOE Ag Expo / November 22

Small Business Saturday / November 29
Homestead Festival

One Night Only at the Apollo...
Homestead Friday Only!
Doors Open at 8:00p / Movie Starts at 9:00p