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BUREAU COUNTY

Simple Pleasures and Hidden Treasures

gorgeous spot to live and visit, Bureau County is full of friendly people who love the simple pleasures and hidden treasures the county has to offer. This guide barely skims the surface of the many events, small and large, that take place throughout the county each year.

Located in North Central Illinois, Bureau County sits 100 miles west of Chicago, one hour east of the Quad Cities, and one hour north of Peoria. Princeton, the county seat of Bureau County, is an Amtrak community with a depot that services thousands of people each year. Eastbound trains go to Chicago's Union Station daily, or you can hop on the California Zephyr to head west.

Interstate 80 runs right through the middle of the county, making it easily accessible to visitors. As you travel down Interstate 80, watch for the four majestic Flags of Freedom that honor our veterans and are located at Exit 56 in Princeton.

With 869 square miles of fertile farmland, beautiful rural countrysides, and unique villages and towns, Bureau County is full of history and growth. We hope you'll visit the many communities in our county. Each one has something special to offer, including historical sites, antique shops, recreational

areas, festivals, museums, and great shopping experiences.

Watch our Facebook page for information about community festivals, Festival 56 theater performances, 5K races, and much more. This guide also features each of our area museums, parks, and golf courses and information about the 101 colorful barn quilts at 88 locations within the county.

If you're a fan of nature or quieter activities, spend an idyllic day fishing or walking along the Hennepin Canal. Along its historic and tranquil banks, you'll find areas for camping, fishing, bicycling, and more. When you visit the county, make sure to stop by the tantalizing restaurants that specialize in delicious fried chicken and other homestyle specialties. The Chestnut Street Inn in Sheffield is an award-winning bed and breakfast that features gourmet Mediterranean cuisine made with locally grown food. A relaxing night's stay there will recharge and refresh you.

As you plan your visit, we hope you'll plan an overnight stay to fully experience all the charm of Bureau County. With something for everyone in the family to enjoy, you'll want to come back again and again to experience all of the simple pleasures and hidden treasures awaiting you.



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WHERE IS BUREAU COUNTY?





WHERE EXACTLY IS BUREAU COUNTY?

We are located in North Central Illinois, just about halfway between Chicago and the Quad Cities and 50 miles north of Peoria.

If you have traveled across Illinois on Interstate 80, you probably passed right through Bureau County and might not have even known it. In the summer, you may have noticed the four Flags of Freedom located right next to the interstate at Exit 56. The huge American flags were placed in the four locations next to the interstate in September 2005. They each weigh 100 pounds and measure 30 by 60 feet. They are taken down in the winter months because the wet weather causes them to fray. The Flags of Freedom are an excellent reason for you to come to Bureau County and enjoy the many unique activities and locations we have to offer.

If you turn and go one mile north on Route 26, you will come to a sign for the Red Covered Bridge. There you will have a lovely view of the bridge, and you can hear the Big Bureau Creek as it meanders across the county. Bridges were built with covers to help preserve the wood frames in the old days. It also helped teams of horses cross the water because the wooden sides kept them from looking down onto the water far below and being spooked. In the winter, snow was actually shoveled onto the bridge so that the horse-pulled sleighs had a place for their runners.

Just a little further up Route 26 from the Red Covered Bridge is the City-County Park. There you will find a log cabin where you can have a picnic, complete with a fire in the huge stone fireplace. The park has many picnic areas, swings, and slides for the kids and a lot of open spaces. The annual "Shadows of the Blue and Gray" Civil War reenactment is held here in the fall. As the soldiers come out of the trees and join the battle, you can imagine how it looked 150 years ago.

The soldiers have their encampments in the shady park. Peek into their tents, and you will see the items necessary for life in the 1800s. You can probably find President Abraham Lincoln there talking to the people enjoying the event. Come out in the evening and join the dancing to period music. This year's Shadows of the Blue and Gray will be held Oct. 7, 8, and 9, 2022. Come to the park and enjoy watching the living history unfold in front of you.

You may have entered Bureau County on Amtrak. The train depot in Princeton was built in the early 1900s and has seen millions of travelers cross its doorways over the years. Many people from central Illinois use the Princeton Depot to travel to Chicago or as far as the west coast.

Crain's Chicago Business newspaper recently printed a feature story on Princeton residents who use Amtrak to travel to the city to work each day. Many of them came to Princeton as visitors and returned to buy a home and stay as a part of the community. A trip to Princeton from



Chicago on the train is a bargain. Riding the train through the countryside allows you to relax and enjoy the scenery without having to battle the traffic and the weather.

We hope that when you come to visit Bureau County you will stay in one of our hotels or beds and breakfasts and spend a weekend here. We have so many unique places to see and fun things to do that one day just won't be enough time.



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- Diarrhea
- Earaches
- Fever
- Minor Cuts (That May Need a Few Stitches)
- Minor Injuries

- Mild Vomiting/Flu Symptoms
- Physicals
- Rashes (Poison Ivy, etc.)
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- Sore Throat (Strep Testing Available)
- And More

Two Convenient Walk-In Care Locations:

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Center for Family Health (815) 915-8748 1916 North Main Street | Princeton

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- Shortness of Breath
- Other Signs May Include
 Breaking Out in a Cold Sweat, Nausea, or Lightheadedness

Symptoms of a Stroke:

- Drooping or Numbness of One Side of the Face
- Weakness in One Arm
- Speech Difficulty or Slurred Speech

Other Urgent Symptoms:

- Severe/Sudden Onset of Headache
- Severe Abdominal Pain
- Difficulty Walking
- Head, Neck, or Back Injury
- Fracture
- Deep or Large Wound

- Large Burn
- Poisoning
- Pregnancy-Related Problem
- Convulsions or Seizure
- Coughing Up or Vomiting Blood
- Sudden or Unexplained Loss or Altered State of Consciousness
- High Fever with Stiff Neck, Mental Confusion, or Difficulty Breathing
- Infants Under 8 Weeks with a Fever



Please DO NOT visit the ER to be tested for COVID

unless you are ill and need to be seen by a provider. You will be charged for the COVID test and an ED visit.

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FLAGS of Freedom

A Patriotic Display

The Flags of Freedom Memorial has attracted a lot of attention to Bureau County and shows this county's commitment to this country's military members – both past and present. The Flags of Freedom display, which was completed on Sept. 10, 2005, features four flagpoles at the intersection of Exit 56 from Interstate 80 and Route 26 at the north edge of Princeton.

With the flagpoles positioned on each corner of the intersection, the Flags of Freedom stand in tribute to the men and women who have served, are currently serving, or will serve our country in the future. They are a reminder to future generations of the sacrifices made to keep our nation free and secure.

These flags dwarf the standard 3-by-5-foot size of a typical flag. Each flag weighs 100 pounds and measures 30 by 60 feet. The flag poles are a staggering 135 feet tall. Their sheer size is why these four magnificent lighted flags capture the attention of travelers on Interstate 80.

The Flags of Freedom committee, a non-profit organization, was re-established in July of 2016 to financially support the four large flags. The committee works to raise funds to ensure that these flags remain flying high and inspiring patriotism. While these flags are lowered or taken down completely when there is inclement weather in the hopes of preventing tears, the weather is harsh on the flags.

The flags are expensive – each costs \$1,500. Each year, 12 to 15 flags are needed. The current committee consists of approximately 15 members who diligently work to get donations to keep the flags flying. They have purchased a sewing machine and do their own repairs when the flags get tattered. The flags are rotated approximately every six weeks to be repaired. Repaired flags that are too short to be used are sold as repurposed to anyone who wants to use them in parades or special events.

Any donations to the fund are greatly appreciated. To learn more or to donate to the cause, you can visit their Facebook page, which is called Flags of Freedom I-80, or visit their website at www.flagsoffreedomi80.org.





HOTEL/MOTEL

Americinn Lodge & Suites of Princeton

Americinn is located at 2120 Claude Bailey Parkway, Princeton. It can be reached by calling 815-872-5000, and the webpage can be accessed at www.americinn.com.

Days Inn Princeton

Days Inn is located at 2238 N. Main St., Princeton. It can be reached at 815-875-3371, and its webpage is www.wyndhamhotels.com.

Econo Lodge

Econo Lodge is located at 2200 N. Main St., Princeton. It can be reached at 815-872-3300, and the webpage is at www.choicehotels.com.

Super 8 Princeton

The Super 8 Princeton is located at 2929 N. Main St., Princeton. It can be reached at 815-872-8888, and its webpage is www.wyndhamhotels.com.

Spring Valley Inn

The Spring Valley Inn is located at 32871 US Hwy. 6 in Spring Valley. It can be reached at 815-894-2226 Ext. 0 and info@springvalleymotel.com.

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Chestnut Street Inn

Chestnut Street Inn is located at 301 E. Chestnut St., Sheffield. It can be reached by calling 800-537-1304 or 815-454-2419 or emailing monikaandjeff@chestnut-inn.com.

Sugar Maple Inn

Sugar Maple Inn is located in Tiskilwa, and can be contacted by calling 815-875-2600 or through its Facebook page at www.fb.com/Sugar-Maple-Inn-Tiskilwa-IL-101426199022451.

CAMPING

Bureau County Fairgrounds Campground

This campground is located at 811 W. Peru St., Princeton, and can be reached at 815-303-2905.

Hennepin Canal Campgrounds

The Hennepin Canal Campgrounds is located at 16006 875 East. St., Sheffield, and can be reached at 815-454-2328. There is primitive camping at several locks along the Canal.

Hickory Grove Campground

This campground is located at 7478 1745 N. Ave., Sheffield. It can be reached at 815-343-1214 or 815-454-2600, and you can visit its website at hickorygrovecamp.com.





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Upcoming EVENTS

Mark your calendar for these 2022 events happening in Bureau County



MAY

Ongoing: The Princeton Farmers' Market is open Saturdays in May from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Soldiers and Sailors Park at 23-55 Park Avenue E., Princeton.

May 21: Back the Blue, a parade from Tinley Park, Joliet and Ottawa to Psycho Silo Saloon where a ceremony to honor a special officer will be held at 3 p.m. All vehicles welcome.

May 27 – 30: Memorial Day Weekend celebration with music at Psycho Silo Saloon, Langley. AC-DC Tribute/ Electric Shock on May 28. May 28 and 29: Sunset Ridge Motorcross Track, 815-379-9534, located at 24558 1100 E. Street, Walnut. ATV Nationals, Quads Only.

May 30: Beginning at 11 a.m. in the East Park, U.S. Navy veteran Jennifer Fisher will host Tiskilwa's annual ceremony. An honor guard, a noteworthy speaker, and other patriotic events will be part of the program. Following the ceremony, the Tiskilwa Historical Society is planning a special event at its Gallery on Galena, the former American Legion Hall.

JUNE

Ongoing: The Princeton Farmers' Market is open Saturdays in June from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Soldiers and Sailors Park at 23-55 Park Avenue E., Princeton.

TBA: Grand opening of Princeton Heritage Meadows Alpaca and Railroad Ranch, LLC, at 22206 IL Hwy 26, Princeton. It's a small alpaca farm near Princeton that sells alpaca products, Bachmann model trains, private farm tours, public days and train rides with our 7 1/2" & 12" gauge coal fired steam locomotives taking visitors on a tour of our farm. For more information, visit princetonalpacas.com or call 815-915-1130.

June 3: Princeton Art District will have its First Friday Market at Rotary Park, North Main St. A variety of artisans and food trucks will be set up from 4 to 8 p.m.

June 4: Psycho Silo Saloon will have a Truck Show & Hairbangers Ball.

June 4: Shrimpfest & Brew Hullabaloo, Princeton Rotary Club presents a fun-filled day for all ages. Enjoy live music, great food, and tasty beverages at Princeton Rotary Park, 13593 Bicentennial Drive. There will also be kids' activities such as face painting, play areas, and more.

June 5 and 19: Princeton Community Band Concerts will be at Soldiers and Sailors Park at 6 p.m. Bring a lawn chair. Refreshments will be available

June 10, 11, and 12:

LaMoille Buffalo Days located in LaMoille Park between Railroad and Gurney Streets. Inflatable rides, pageant, parade, adult water fights, bags tournament, beer gardens, bands, and more. To learn more, visit www.lamoillebuffalodays.org.

June 10, 11 and 12:

Hornbaker Gardens will have its annual Open House and Hosta Walk. This event offers items with special pricing, including a long list of hostas, as well as refreshments and door prizes.

June 10: Hornbaker Gardens will have Friday Night Sip & Stroll from 5 to 7 p.m. Open House specials and you can stroll the beautiful display gardens.

June 11: Neponset Picnic Day and Truck N-Tractor Show & Parts Swap. Community breakfast and music downtown in Neponset. Cruise-In Friday night.

June 11: Summer Fest is being planned in Spring Valley. Watch for more details.

June 12: Sunday Market
Day in Tiskilwa from 10 a.m.
to 2 p.m. on the west lawn
of Museum on Main. It will
feature local produce, baked
goods, craft specialties, and
more. The Museum will host
an open house for visitors to
check out a special display
of items from Chicago's 1933
Century of Progress, as well as
historical exhibits throughout
the galleries. Check the
website for details: www.
tiskilwahistoricalsociety.org.

June 13: The Village of Ladd Farmer's Market will run Mondays beginning June 13 thru September (if produce is available), from 4-6 p.m. at War Memorial Park.



June 17: Princeton's Main Street Concert Series will be from 6 to 10 p.m. This show features Jake Maurer, playing country music. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy free music. Food and beverages available.

June 17 and 18: "More in Bureau County" will feature county-wide garage sales (formerly More on 34). Along Rt. 34 and into other villages including Ladd and Sheffield. See the Bureau County Tourism Facebook page for a sale map. 2-day garage sale at Bureau County Fairgrounds.

June 18: Beef & Ag Festival at Soldiers & Sailors Park, S Main St. Cattlemen serving food all day from noon to 9 p.m. Princeton Lions serving fried mushrooms. Pies in the Park, Cow Pie Bingo, bags tournament, pedal pull, and barnyard discoveries.

June 18: Z Tour Bike Ride across Bureau County is an event where you can enjoy some of the best bike roads that northwest Illinois has to offer, beginning and ending at Princeton's Zearing Park. Routes from 5 miles to 100 miles long.



June 18: Old Wheels Car & Tractor Show – First Lutheran Church, Princeton

June 24 through July 2: Festival 56 at the Grace Theater, 316 S. Main St., Princeton will feature "Elephant & Piggie's: We Are in a Play" show.

June 25: Bureau County Tourism Garden Walk, locations TBA.

June 25: Princeton's Summer Solstice shopping event with live music.

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Ongoing: The Princeton Farmers' Market is open Saturdays in July from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Soldiers and Sailors Park at 23-55 Park Avenue E., Princeton. **July 1:** Princeton Art District will have its First Friday Market at Rotary Park, North Main St. A variety of artisans and food trucks will be set up from 4 to 8 p.m.

July 1: Princeton's Main Street Concert Series will be from 6 to 10 p.m. This show features American English, a Beatles tribute band. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy free music. Food and beverages available.

July 1-3: 150th Walnut
Days Celebration in Walnut.
Area's largest fireworks
display on Sunday. Kicking
off our Friday night for
Walnut Days Celebration
2022 is the band, Brushville,
from 8 p.m. to midnight.
Parade on Saturday July 2.

There are activities for the whole family to enjoy.
Visit www.walnutdays.com/ events.html for more info.

July 2: Fireworks at Psycho Silo Saloon.

July 2: Walnut 5K Run/Walk for ALS Saturday at 8 a.m. 323 S. Main St. Starting line is in front of Bureau Valley Elementary Walnut Campus. Check in at park tent south of the school. All proceeds will be donated to ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) research. Refreshments and T-Shirts. Check-in and race day registration at 6:45-7:45 a.m., south of school at tent by park shelter.

July 3, 10, 24, 31: Princeton Community Band Concerts will be at Soldiers and Sailors Park at 6 p.m. Bring a lawn chair. Refreshments will be available

July 3 – July 27: Festival 56 will present "The Merry Wives of Windsor" by William Shakespeare, Soldiers & Sailors Park in Princeton. Free admission. Sunday and Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

July 4: Princeton Fireworks in Zearing Park.





July 8-16: Festival 56 will present Roald Dahls' "Matilda The Musical" at the Grace Theater, 316 S. Main, Princeton.

July 8-9: Bureau County Fairgrounds will have a Fainting Goat Show.

July 9: Sheffield's sixth annual Tractor Pull.

July 7, 8, and 9: Wyanet Festival with a parade at 1 p.m. Saturday. Food stands, nightly entertainment, queen pageant, beer garden, and craft and vendor show.

July 10: Jimmy D Golf Tournament at Spring Creek Golf Course and Deer Park Golf Club.

July 10: A tour of Princeton's Lovejoy Homestead will be the destination of Tiskilwa Historical Society's annual road trip. www. tiskilwahistoricalsociety.org.

July 14-16: Bureau County 4H Fair at Bureau County Fairgrounds, Princeton.

July 15: Princeton's Main Street Concert Series will be from 6 to 10 p.m. This show features Kevin Purcell and the Nightburners, blues music. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy free music. Food and beverages available. **July 16:** Convoy Against Cancer Big Truck Show from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Main Avenue in Ladd.

July 16: Annual Car Cruise In & Open House at 9 a.m. at A&B Garage in Ladd.

July 16: Sunset Ridge Motorcross Track, Walnut – RacerX/Vintage (Bikes Only).

July 16 and 17: Indian Valley Antique Tractor Show, 20504 1180 North Ave. (South Euclid Avenue), Princeton. Antique machinery display with breakfast both days, kids' activities, and ice cream eating contest for all ages.

July 17: Sunset Ridge Motorcross Track, Walnut – D-17 Motorcross (Bikes & Quads) Power Series.

July 22 – July 30: Festival 56 will present "A Gentleman's Guide to Love & Murder" at the Grace Theater, 316 S. Main in Princeton.

July 23: Car Show and Brushville Concert at Psycho Silo Saloon, Langley.

July 29 -31: Ohio Days Celebration 2022 in Ohio.

July 26 -31: Lake DePue National Championship Boat Races – American Power Boat Association, NBRA, US Title Series. Great racing on the lake, plus food and music daily. Learn more at www.depue22.com.

AUGUST

Ongoing: The Princeton Farmers' Market is open Saturdays in May from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Soldiers and Sailors Park at 23-55 Park Avenue E., Princeton

August 4: Aaron Lewis & the Stateliners country concert at Psycho Silo Saloon.

August 5-7: Tiskilwa Pow Wow Days' Friday evening events include a TCA beer garden, dinner in the park, kids' tractor pull, ice cream contest, draw down, and local band Wild Card will play. Saturday will kick off with the parade followed by Colonel Klink's inflatables, bean bag tournament, water fights, beer garden, lunch in the park will be served. Tiskilwa Alumni Banquet (held at Hundred Acre Orchard), and Second Chance Revival band featuring THS alumni Marty Smith will play. Visit the Museum on Main for exhibits as well as special activities on the west lawn.





August 5: Princeton Art District will have its First Friday Market at Rotary Park, North Main St. A variety of artisans and food trucks will be set up from 4 to 8 p.m.

August 6: Manlius Fun Day with a parade at 11 a.m. Sportsman's Club fish fry, Historical Society tours, Rolle Bolle Tournament, DJ, street dance and fireworks.

August 12: Princeton's Main Street Concert Series will be from 6 to 10 p.m. This show features The Pork Tornadoes, Midwest's Premier Party Band. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy free music. Food and beverages available.

August 24-28: The 167th annual Bureau County Fair features Salute to Veterans Aug. 24; Justin Moore Aug. 25; Truck & Tractor Pull Aug. 26; Demo Derby Aug. 27; Figure 8 Demo Aug 28. Livestock shows, a carnival, food, and music. Learn more at www. bureaucountyfair.com.

August 27: Photo Fest with models at Psycho Silo Saloon.

SEPTEMBER

Ongoing: The Princeton Farmers' Market is open Saturdays in September from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Soldiers and Sailors Park at 23-55 Park Avenue E., Princeton. September 2: Princeton Art District will have its First Friday Market at Rotary Park, North Main St. A variety of artisans and food trucks will be set up from 4 to 8 p.m.

September 3: Bulls at the Bar Bull Riding at Psycho Silo Saloon.

September 8: Princeton's Main Street Concert Series will be from 6 to 10 p.m. This show features Dancing Queen, an ABBA salute band. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy free music. Food and beverages available.

September 8-11: The 51st annual Homestead Festival in Princeton will feature a huge parade, food. and street concerts. Visit www.homesteadfestival.com to see the schedule. which includes tours. great food, performances, horse-drawn wagon rides, a 5k race, children's activities, pie-baking contest, arts and craft show, a bags tournament, outdoor movie night, a car show, historic home and cemetery trolley tours, 50/50 raffle, and so much more.





September 11: The Tiskilwa Historical Society is planning a Sunday afternoon musical event on the west lawn of Museum on Main. Check website for details at www. tiskilwahistoricalsociety.org.

September 16: Music in the Park from 6 to 9 p.m. featuring The Lorenzi Brothers, food, fun and entertainment at the Village of Ladd.

September 17: Hornbaker Gardens' ninth annual Artisan Market. The event will feature 30+ fine artists, craft beer, delicious home baked items, live music, wine tasting, freshpicked local produce, local lunch fare, ice cream and more. Free admission.

September 18: Sunset Ridge Motorcross Track in Walnut, D17 Motorcross/ Pro-Am (Bikes Only) Power Series.

OCTOBER

Ongoing: The Princeton Farmers' Market is open Saturdays in September from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Soldiers and Sailors Park at 23-55 Park Avenue E., Princeton.

October 1–29: Nightmare Haunted Attraction, Bureau County Fairgrounds in Princeton, Friday and Saturday nights. Come out and get spooked.

October 1: The Hennepin Hundred is Illinois' only point-to-point, all-trail 100-mile ultramarathon from Sterling to Lock 17 of the Hennepin Canal by Wyanet and back. Runners will come to Lock 17, the 50-mile mark, turn around and run back up the canal path for another 50 miles.

October 1: Fall Fest on Main in Walnut will feature a craft show, kids' games, food and music.

October 1: Paloma German band, Oktoberfest at Rotary Park in Princeton from 6 to 10 p.m.

October 7: Witches
Night Out from 4 to 9
p.m. in Princeton features
outstanding shopping, treats,
and sales. Participating
businesses in Princeton will
be open extended hours to
ensure maximum shopping

time and offer treats and beverages to its shoppers.

October 7, 8 and 9: The 27th Shadows of the Blue and Gray Civil War re-enactment at City County Park, north of Princeton past the Red Covered Bridge. It will run from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

October 8: Princeton's 3rd annual Halloween Parade will be at 5:30 p.m. on Main St.

October 9: Sunset Ridge Motorcross Track, Walnut, D17 Motorcross (Bikes & Quads) Power Series, Nick Hoffman Memorial Race.

October 10: Tiskilwa
Historical Society invites
the community to join Sara
Phalen, owner of the Stevens
House, 140 East, to hear
about the historic preservation
project that has restored much
of this landmark structure.





October 16: Bureau County Fairgrounds Flea Market in Princeton.

October 16: Original Illinois Valley Toy Run from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The largest annual charity car show in Bureau County starts at Soldiers & Sailors Park and includes a 40-mile round trip tour through scenic Bureau County.

October 22: Scarecrow Festival – Princeton. Kids Costume Parade and Contest. Pumpkin Races. Mutt Strut. Cake Walk. Trick or Treating on Main. Face painting and balloon artists. Fall treat vendors and a real coal train rides for kids of all ages!

October 29 and 30: Sauk Trail Gun Collectors Show & Sale at Bureau County Fairgrounds in Princeton. The doors open at 8:30 a.m.

NOVEMBER

Princeton's Christmas Open House: Trolley rides, carolers, carriage rides, shopping and more.

November 12: Bureau County Fairgrounds' huge winter garage sale

November 13: Bureau County Fairgrounds' Walneck's Motorcycle Swap Meet.

November 14: At 7 p.m., Tiskilwa Historical Society and Tiskilwa Public Library will co-host the annual Salute to Veterans at the Museum on Main, followed by a program. Tiskilwa native Ron Dickerson will share details concerning the German POW camps throughout Illinois during World War II. **November 19:** Model Train Fair & Farm Toy Show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Bureau County Fairgrounds in Princeton.

November 19: Christkindl Market, Open Prairie United Church of Christ, 25 E. Marion St. in Princeton, behind Apollo Theater. The market will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. German Christmas market, international cookie bazaar, holiday arts and crafts, German Brathaus serving lunch, traditional German Lebkuchen, stollen, strudel, hot pretzels, and free children's gingerbread house making.

November 25-December 25: Home for the Holidays Christmas Light Drive Thru at Bureau County Fairgrounds. The drive thru will be open



Friday and Saturday nights 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

November 26 and 27: Sauk Trail Gun Collectors show and sale at Bureau County Fairgrounds, Princeton. Doors open 8:30 a.m.

November 26: Small Business Saturday – shop locally.

DECEMBER

December 2: Princeton Lighting of the Christmas Tree with Santa at Veterans Park and the Candy Cane Hunt at Soldiers and Sailors Park.

December 3: Lions Club Christmas Parade on Main Street in Princeton, plus kids' games to follow. **December 3:** Princeton – Breakfast with Santa.

December 10: Ladd's Christmas Walk from 2-5 p.m., with a Lighted Snowman Parade at 5 p.m. on Ladd's Main Avenue.

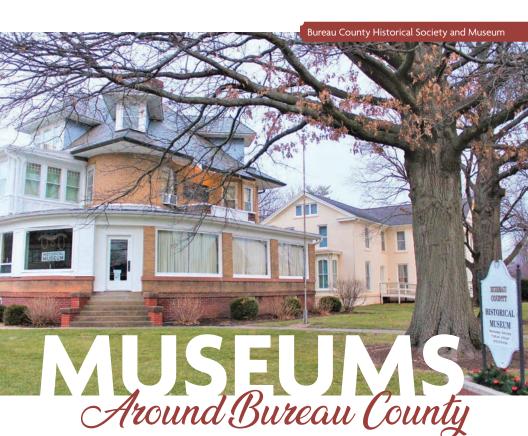
December 10: From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., non-profit organizations and businesses along Main Street participate in the Tiskilwa Historical Society's "Walk Tiskilwa" to usher in the holiday season.

December 10: Bureau County Fairgrounds Home for the Holidays Craft & Vendor Show & Flea Market.

December TBA: The Walnut Bible Church Live Nativity on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 6-8 p.m.







BUREAU COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

629 S. Main St., Princeton 815-879-3133 or 815-303-7386 bureaucounty@gmail.com

The Bureau County Genealogical Society is devoted to the preservation of historical and genealogical records for Bureau County. Are you hunting for your family history? This is a free library specializing in local genealogical research records consisting of obituaries, burial locations, church histories, marriage records, historical plat maps, county and town historical records, county newspapers on microfilm, family history books, and national and international research sources including internet searches. Trained volunteers are there to assist as needed on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call to arrange for off-hour visits or to ask for more information.

BUREAU COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

109 Park Ave. West, Princeton 815-875-2184

The Bureau County Historical Society operates two museum buildings – the Clark-Norris House and the Newell-Bryant House that's located on the courthouse square in Princeton. Guided tours offer visitors a chance to explore both homes, which contain artifacts from the county's history. Information in the BCHS research library includes birth/death, wedding, anniversary files, family histories, local history books, and photography archives. The Bureau County Historical Society is open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, and its website is bureaucountyhistoricalsociety.com.

CHERRY MUSEUM AND LIBRARY 100 S. Main St., Cherry 815-894-2977

See the history of the Cherry Mine Disaster from November 1909, when 259 men and boys died in the mine. Cherry Museum is open Wednesdays 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m. or by appointment at 815-894-2977.

COLTON SCHOOLHOUSE

The Colton Schoolhouse is located on the property of the Owen Lovejoy Homestead on the east side of Princeton. It was moved to that site in 1970 when the Lovejoy home was restored and opened to the public as a museum. Today, after careful restoration, the schoolhouse features the original wood floors and the teacher's desk from the early 1900s, along with all the other items found in a one-room school.

HENRY THOMAS MUSEUM North King Street, Wyanet

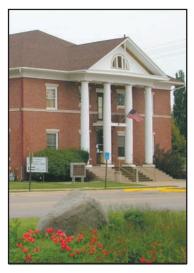
Henry Thomas was the first permanent settler in Bureau County. Born in Virginia, he settled in 1828 in Bureau Township. He was a man of many firsts in Bureau County. He was responsible for the first furrow plowed; his daughter, Mary, was the first settler child born; and the first post office was located at his Bureau County Township home. The museum is open by appointment only by calling the Wyanet Village at 815-699-2631.

MANLIUS HISTORICAL SOCIETY 815-445-4102 or 815-454-2532 www.Manliushistoricalsociety.org

The 1915 First State Building was designed by Parker Noble Berry, a Prairie School architect who was the chief designer for Louis H. Sullivan. The building is listed in the National Register of Historic Buildings and Sites in the United States. Along with the bank's old memorabilia inside the building, the historical society has included memorabilia of all things Manlius. The bank is open for the public to see and tour by appointment or during its hours of 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday and Saturday from May to November.



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MINERAL PRIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

115 Main St., Mineral

This museum is devoted to the preservation of the memories and history of those who were raised or spent a part of their lifetime in Mineral. It's open from noon to 4 p.m. the first Saturday of every month, and you can learn more about it at www.illinoishsglorydays.com/mineralhistoricalsociety.

NEPONSET TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

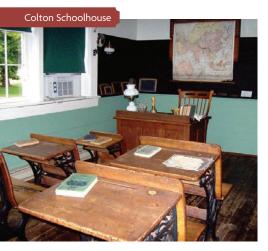
P.O. Box 105, Neponset, IL 61345 309-594-2197

The Neponset Historical Society is located on Commercial (Main Street) in the former Bertelsen's Manufacturing Co. building in downtown Neponset just across from the post office. To visit, schedule an appointment by calling or by emailing mainst5@mchsi.com. Stop in to see genealogical information, WW II history, a farm room complete with a focus on the Neponset elevator, with an assortment of artifacts, documents, and photos.

OWEN LOVEJOY HOMESTEAD US 6 East and Route 26

815-875-2616 or 815-879-9151

A former station on the Underground Railroad, the Owen Lovejoy Homestead is located at the eastern edge of Princeton. It was the home of the Denham and Lovejoy families for nearly 100 years.





SHEFFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

325 Washington St., Sheffield 815-454-2850

This historic Danish church was built in 1880, and the museum has 10 exhibit areas and a research and reference room for local history of 10 towns and genealogy. Admission is \$1 per person. Research fees may apply. The hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday through Saturday.

SPRING VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

201 West St. Paul • 815-664-4288

The historical society features items related to John Mitchell, coal mining, area businesses, and schools. It's open by appointment by calling 815-830-4303 and from 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday.

TISKILWA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

110 E. Main St. (former Methodist Church building) 815-646-4016

Our collection includes more than 10,000 artifacts, displayed to preserve and interpret local history. Our handicapped-accessible museum is housed in an 1855 Illinois Historic Landmark building. The Museum on Main Street is open every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Gallery on Galena, which is located in the former Legion Hall, 550 N. Galena, will be open every first Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission is free, and our volunteers will show you around. For private or group tours, call Ed Waca at 815-646-4016.

WYANET HISTORICAL SOCIETY

320 E. Second St., Wyanet 815-699-2565 or 815-878-3553

This historical society features the history of the town, including its schools, genealogy, obituaries, veterans, uniforms, Civil War diaries, Hennepin Canal, railroads, and various memorabilia. It's open from 1 to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday from April through October. Donations are welcome.

Experience what Spring Valley Has to Offer

Spring Creek Golf Course

Public 18-hole golf course, Voted IL Valley's 1st Choice Golf Course for 14 years.

Conveniently located south of Interstate 80 at Exit 70. http://www.springcreek-golfcourse.com/ https://www.facebook.com/SpringCreekGC

Echo Bluff Park and Recreational Area

The area's finest family nature and recreation park located in beautiful and historic Hall Township, off Route 29 between Spring Valley and DePue, Illinois. Over 7,000 yards of trails, disc golf, paintball courses, a picnic shelter & fire pits, premiere ice skating rink, high ropes and zip line challenge courses. Children's winter and summer camps. http://www.echobluff.org/ https://www.facebook.com/echo.bluff.3

Barto Boat Landing

Excellent boating, fishing and water sport opportunities. Its deep lagoon for launching from the ramps is the only calm-water public access to the Illinois River for forty miles.

Located on the northwest side of the Spring Valley Bridge, adjacent to Route 89 https://spring-vallev.il.us/eat-shop-play

Seven City Parks

The parks offer a variety of amenities for outdoor recreation and relaxation including picnic areas. playgrounds, sporting fields and courts for organized and individual play, an outdoor pool, a band stage for summer municipal band concerts and special musical events, a stocked fishing pond and more. https://spring-vallev.il.us/eat-shop-play

Annual Events

We know how to have fun.

Races, Fishing tournaments, car shows, music, garages sales, farmers markets, vendors shows, shop local events, youth camps, parades and more. Visit Spring Valley's Calendar of Events at to see what's in store for this year!

https://spring-valley.il.us

https://www.facebook.com/Citv-of-Spring-Vallev-IL





pring Valley's calendar is filled with fun events and activities for the whole family to enjoy, including races, fishing tournaments, car shows, music, garage sales, farmers' markets, shopping, vendor shows, youth camps, parades, and more.

Visit Spring Valley's Calendar of Events spring-valley.il.us/ or their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ City-of-Spring-Valley-IL to see what's in store for this year and stay up to date on any schedule changes.

Here are some of the places you may want to check out when you visit Spring Valley.

SPRING CREEK GOLF COURSE

Located at 286 Golf Course Road south of Interstate 80 at Exit 70, the Spring Creek Golf Course can be reached at 815-894-2137, and you can visit its website at www.springcreek-golfcourse.com/ and its Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/SpringCreekGC. It's a public 18-hole golf course and has been voted Illinois Valley's 1st Choice Golf Course for numerous years. The clubhouse provides golfers with a basic pro-shop, lounge, snack bar, and a large air-conditioned, newly-updated dining facility for golf banquets, tournament central, or meetings.

ECHO BLUFF PARK AND RECREATIONAL AREA

Echo Bluff is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, or by special appointment. It can be reached at 815-447-2115, and you can learn more about it at www.echobluff.org or www.facebook.com/Echo.bluff.3. Echo Bluff Park and Recreational Area is a popular nature and recreation park in the Illinois Valley. It's located in beautiful and historic Hall Township, off Route 29 between Spring Valley and DePue.









It provides many opportunities for the young and old alike. You can take a walk on over 7,000 yards of trails, practice your throwing skills on our newly-configured disc golf course, play a game of paintball in a wooded field, or picnic in our newly-restored shelter or our premier ice skating rink. Bring a group to participate in our high ropes or zipline challenge courses or roast marshmallows over one of our two fire pits.

BARTO BOAT LANDING

Barto Boat Landing lies on the northwest side of the Spring Valley Bridge, adjacent to Route 89. It offers a deep lagoon for launching from the ramps and is the only calm water public access to the Illinois River for 40 miles.

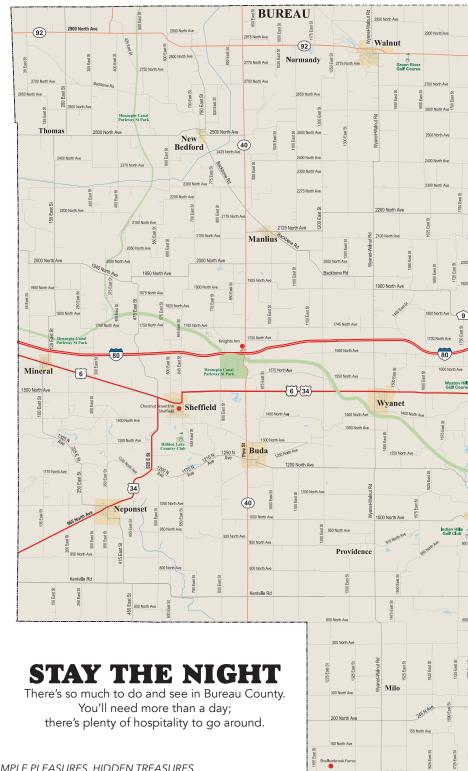
The Illinois River is also home to many recreational advantages and is enjoyed by area visitors and Spring Valley citizens alike. For more than 30 years, it has been the first stop on the Cabela's MWC tournament schedule, the biggest walleye competition in the state, drawing fishermen from all over the United States. ESPN reporters covering the tournament dubbed our stretch of the river, the "Sauger Capital of the World." In addition to the MWC, several other fishing

tournaments are held here annually. The landing also offers excellent boating, fishing, and water sport opportunities.

RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Spring Valley is home to seven city parks. The parks offer a variety of amenities for outdoor recreation and relaxation, including picnic areas, playgrounds, sporting fields and courts for organized and individual play, an outdoor pool, a band stage for summer municipal band concerts and special musical events, a stocked fishing pond, and more. Visit Spring Valley's website to learn more at spring-valley.il.us/eat-shop-play.







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PARKS in Bureau County





BUREAU

Children's Memorial Park

The upper-level playground area of Hormel Ponds offers a basketball court, shelter, and picnic facilities. It is cared for and developed by the Bureau United Men's Society and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

Hormel Ponds

The ponds are nestled in a secluded basin surrounded by wooded bluffs, marshland, the Hennepin Canal, and bottomland woods that beavers have flooded. The setting is relaxing and invites one to explore its diversity and offers a pleasant location for family outings. A state fish-stocking program supplements the ponds' natural restocking that results whenever the Illinois River exceeds its banks.

Miller-Anderson Woods

Along Route 29, the Bureau-Putnam County border, wooded bluffs rise above the broad Illinois River valley to create Miller-Anderson Woods Nature Preserve. The preserve protects the old-growth upland forest, ravines, valley forest, and a floating bog.

A narrow, ribbon-marked, moderately difficult trail guides one through the woodland variety which displays endangered plants and Ohio buckeye in its most northern range. Once on top and near the bluff's edge, one is treated to a panoramic view of some of the Illinois River valley's richest wetlands. Very often seen riding the air currents are turkey vultures and, occasionally, bald eagles.

DFPUF

Donnelley/DePue State Fish and Wildlife Area 1001 W. 4th St. • 815-447-2353

The Donnelley/DePue State Fish and Wildlife Area's complex is managed primarily for migratory waterfowl. Since the areas border the Illinois River, boating and fishing are also popular.

Lake Front Park

First Street

A scenic park stretching along Lake DePue with playground equipment, picnic areas, and restrooms.

Oak Grove Park

Route 29

Oak Grove Park has a shaded picnic area with a shelter and restrooms and a view of the Illinois River valley. For info call Mark 815-343-1445.

LADD

Veteran's Park

South Main Street and Cleveland Street Located at the south entrance to the village, Veteran's Park has tennis courts, a playground, a large picnic shelter, smaller individual shelters, and restrooms. The park is also the site of the World War I Monument, the Veteran's Memorial Monument, and a World War II Army tank.

Kennedy Park

East Locust Street

The park contains two ball diamonds, a large picnic shelter, a playground, and restrooms and is home to the Ladd Youth Baseball-Softball League.

MINERAL

McCune Sand Prairie

150 East St.

Rural Mineral offers two truly unique features, an Illinois desert with cacti, and a more than 200-year-old oak tree that was already rather large when Native Americans crossed the Illinois prairies on the Sauk Trail. North of Mineral about five miles on county 150 East Street is the McCune Sand Prairie where native Illinois cacti, the prickly pear, grow in abundance. This is not a good place to wear sandals, as some of the prickly pear are rather small and hidden in the grass.

The Witness Tree

County Road 10 and County Road 1300N
The Witness Tree is a more than 250-yearold giant burr oak tree at the junction of
County Road 10 and County Road 1300N
three miles south of Mineral. This large
oak tree along the trail was supposedly a
meeting place for Chief Shabbona and the
Sauk and Fox tribes. Later on, when the
railroad was being built south of Mineral,
surveyors used this tree as a "witness" or
reference point for their line, from which it
now gets its name.

PRINCETON PARK DISTRICT

Princeton Park District maintains over 192 acres of parks, and its mission is to maintain and develop a creative, effective, and responsive park, recreation, and nature resource system for residents and visitors to enjoy quality leisure opportunities. The Princeton Park District opened a nine-hole disc golf course located at the Bureau County Metro Center and the adjacent Alexander Park in the fall of 2006. The object of the sport is very similar to that of golf, except that flying discs (also known as Frisbees) are used in place of clubs and balls.

Alexander Park and Pool

Anderson Street

Twelve acre Alexander Park has pickleball courts and a nine-hole disc golf course, six tennis courts that are also used as a multisport court, an outdoor pool, horseshoe pits, barbecue and picnic areas, shelter, restrooms, playground and sand volleyball, and fishing. The pool charges admission.

Bureau County Metro Center

837 Park Avenue West • 815-872-0840

The Metro Center is an impressive 52,000-square-foot complete recreational facility. Featured are a full-sized gymnasium for basketball and volleyball; a 25-yard indoor swimming pool with lap lanes, wading pool and observation balcony; racquetball courts; weight room; locker rooms; sauna; a cardiovascular room; and elevated walking track. For receptions, banquets or meetings, the center has a generous-sized multi-purpose area. Call for admission fees. A daily admission includes the use of the pool, sauna/jacuzzi, gym, cardio room, track,

and weight room. Children 7 and under are free when they accompany a paying adult. Resident membership fees are available on their website at www.princetonparkdistrict.org.

City-County Park

Highway 26 North

City-County Park is a 65-acre shady setting with trails, barbecue areas, log cabin shelter, playground, ball field, and restrooms.

Joe Myer Woods

Located on 2200 North, north of Dover This site encompasses 30 acres of preserved natural woods.

Joe Myer Park

16700 2625 E St., seven miles east of Princeton This is a nice picnic area with timber.

Rotary Park

This park is adjacent to the Amtrak station in Princeton.

Westside Park

Randolph & Marion St.

This site has three acres of ball fields with restrooms and a concession stand.

Zearing Park

South Euclid Ave.

A 72-acre park located in the southeast corner of Princeton offers the finest ball and soccer fields, shelters, and picnic and barbeque areas. Also available onsite are sand volleyball, horseshoe pits, a playground, and a concession stand. Check out the new walking trail and lake. Trails are great for cross-country skiing.

SHEFFIELD

Mautino State Fish and Wildlife Area 16006-875 E. St. • 815-454-2328

Mautino State Fish and Wildlife Area was dedicated in 1991 and covers more than 900 acres. This park offers 15 lakes that have been stocked with a healthy population of fish. Park guests use the lakes for boating (electric boat troll motors only), fishing, and canoeing. Other park activities include hiking, hunting, picnicking (bring your own blanket), and wildlife observation. Access is limited.

SPRING VALLEY

Residents and visitors can enjoy outdoor sports and recreation at any one of the city's seven parks that include ball diamonds, soccer fields, tennis courts, playground equipment, an outdoor swimming pool, and a handicap-accessible obstacle course.

Coal Miner's Park

East St. Paul St.

This park is a sensory delight, offering spectacular views over the Illinois River with a variety of trees, fishing ponds, beauty, and serenity close to shopping.

Echo Bluff Park

This park is located in beautiful and historic Hall Township, off Route 29 between Spring Valley and DePue. Private parties are available, and high ropes/ziplines are by appointment. Trails, paintball, ice skating rink, nine-hole disc golf, high ropes, and zip lines are some of the activities you find here. For more information, call 815-447-2115. Contact us at echobluffproject@comcast.net or learn more at www.echobluff.org.



Illinois River-Barto Landing

West side of Route 89

Barto Landing offers a lagoon for launching from three ramps and is the only calm-water public access to the Illinois River for forty miles of boating, water skiing, fishing, and enjoyment. For more than 20 years, it has been the first stop on the Cabela's MWC Tournament Schedule, the biggest walleye competition in the state, drawing fishermen from all over the United States. ESPN reporters covering the tournament dubbed our stretch of the river the "Sauger Capital of the World." In addition, the MWC, several other fishing tournaments are held here annually. The landing also offers excellent boating, fishing, and watersport opportunities.

Kirby Park

Devlin and Strong

This park has three shelters, a baseball diamond, playground, tennis courts, horseshoe pits, picnic areas, and the Coveny-Veterans' Memorial swimming pool.

Spring Valley Mini Park

This park is the heart of the downtown shopping district and host to many events throughout the year. Every summer, the park comes alive with music during the Friday evening Municipal Band Concerts.

WAI NUT

Walnut Park District

403 Sunset Ave. • 815-379-2213
This park district has an outdoor swimming pool, ball diamonds, community shelter, playground, tennis courts, and restrooms.



LOOKING FOR A SPOT TO GOLF?

Try one of these golf courses in Bureau County.

Chapel Hill Golf Course

815-879-6531

12927 Illinois Highway 26, Princeton

Green River Country Club

315-379-2227

15212 Illinois Highway 92, Walnut

Hidden Lake Country Club

845-454-2660

12985 645 East St., Sheffield

Spring Creek Golf Course

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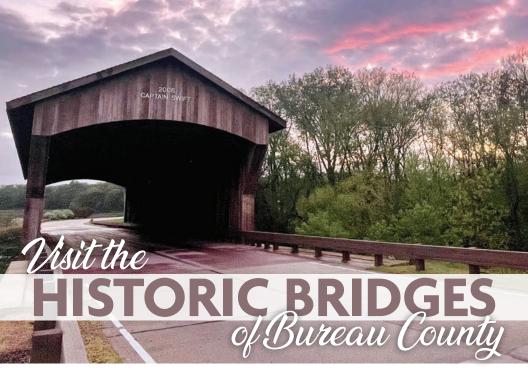
286 Golf Course Road, Spring Valley

Wyaton Hills Golf Course

815-872-264

17879 1500 North Ave., Princeton





Bureau County is fortunate to be home to two historic and highly photographed covered bridges – Captain Swift Bridge and the Red Covered Bridge.

CAPTAIN SWIFT BRIDGE

When the 90-year-old steel bridge over Big Bureau Creek in Princeton Township needed replacement, the township envisioned a timber-covered bridge that would complement the picturesque rural landscape of the area. An innovative design from Willett, Hofmann & Associates, Inc. made the bridge economical by requiring the minimum amount of wood possible.

Built entirely out of wood using 1800's concepts, Captain Swift Bridge offers two traffic lanes, a 16'-3" vertical clearance, a 28-foot minimum roadway width, and bragging rights as the only two-lane, all-timber covered bridge in Illinois. The bridge was completed in 2006. Though it has the look and feel of a 19th century covered bridge, the Captain Swift Bridge was designed to 21st century safety and traffic standards through a unique meld of modern materials, historical accuracy, and innovative design. What may appear as an old-fashioned timber

bridge is truly a modern engineering marvel.

The bridge uses a burr arch in combination with an inverted kingpost truss. The burr arch was patented in 1804, and the kingpost truss was the most common truss used in the 19th century for timber-covered bridges.

Rather than using timber solids, glulam (glue-laminated wood, which is stronger than solid timber and able to be fabricated in any length) was used for the main load-carrying components. An all-wood structure raised concerns about fire protection, so spray-on fire retardants were used, and heat detectors were installed and linked to the sheriff's department and fire station.

While the initial cost of the timber-covered bridge surpassed what would have been spent on an equitable steel structure, the wood will not deteriorate from winter salt, and the roof will protect the structure and extend its life. The Captain Swift Bridge may last 150 years or more.



RED COVERED BRIDGE

This unique wooden structure was built in 1863 and features a plaque that says, "For three quarters of a century this bridge, defying storms and floods, has carried the traveler across Bureau Creek. It well represents the unyielding character of those who erected it."

There is a sign on the end of the bridge that states, "Five dollars fine for driving more than twelve horses, mules or cattle at one time or for leading any beast faster than a walk on or across the bridge."

Visitors can drive through the Red Covered Bridge, but they should take it slow since it is only one lane. For safety, they should watch for oncoming vehicles before proceeding into the bridge. If they have time to stop, there is a nice picnic area on the north side. Photographers enjoy this photogenic bridge during all seasons of the year, but please watch for no trespassing signs and respect them.

Since the bridge was once damaged by an oversized truck, please pay special attention to the posted sign that reminds drivers not to enter the bridge if they're in an oversized truck.

Captain Swift Bridge: The Captain Swift Bridge is located west of Princeton. To get there from North Main St. in Princeton, turn west on Backbone Road to Epperson Road and turn left. Go for one mile until you come to the fork in the road. Go right at the fork, and the bridge will be around the curve. Alternatively, you can take W. Railroad Ave. in Princeton to Epperson Road and turn left.

Red Covered Bridge: To find the Red Covered Bridge, travel one mile north on Main Street (Route 26) from Princeton. Cross over I-80 and turn left on 1990 East St. The bridge is one mile from the intersection.

When the bridge was originally built in 1863, it cost \$3,148.57. The 149-foot span, which was once part of the Peoria-Galena Trail, is one of six remaining covered bridges in Illinois. It was added to the U.S. National Register of Historic Places on April 23, 1975.



he Hennepin Canal State Trail is an ideal destination for a relaxing day of picnicking, hiking, biking, fishing, and old-fashioned family fun. There are plenty of picnic tables along the 104.5-mile linear park spanning five Illinois counties (Rock Island, Bureau, Henry, Lee, and Whiteside).

Constructed from 1892 to 1907, the Hennepin Canal played an important role in U.S. history and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It was the first American canal built of concrete without stone-cut facings. Although the Hennepin Canal enjoyed limited success as a commercial and industrial waterway, its construction involved a number of engineering innovations, and its waterway, locks, aqueducts, and adjoining towpath continue to provide a beautiful recreational resource.

The towpath provides 155 miles of hiking, biking, and E-biking fun from the Illinois River to the Rock River, with the feeder canal path to Rock Falls. Segments of the trails are open to horseback riding and snowmobiling in season. The canal is open to boating and canoeing (locks are no longer operational and must be portaged). Campgrounds and day-use areas are located all along the canal, with the overnight camping rate set at \$8 per family. An officer

will come around to collect – no reservations are needed or accepted. Vehicular (RV, pop-up) camping is allowed and is the same rate as tent camping. There are no dumping/pump-out stations located at the park.

There are nine designated camping locations at Hennepin Canal State Park. Camping is allowed only at these designated areas: Locks 6, 11, 17, 21, 22, 23 and 26, and at Bridges 14 and 23. Equestrian camping is allowed at Lock 21. Showers and electricity are not available; primitive camping only. Camping is on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations are not accepted. Camping fees are collected by the site security officer when he makes his rounds to each camp site.

Fishing along the Hennepin Canal is well worth the trip whether you're angling for bluegill, crappie, walleye, or bass. The canal is open from April 15 to October 31 annually for horseback riding. Bring your own horse and prepare to enjoy 48 miles along the main canal and over 25 miles along the feeder.

Before exploring the wonders of the Hennepin Canal, stop in at the Visitor Center near Sheffield. Several displays illustrate the canal's past, including tools used to build and operate it, as well as the canal corridor's natural features.



The Hennepin Canal Parkway will be the home of the annual Hennepin 100 Ultra Marathon on Oct. 1 and 2, 2022. Runners can choose different length events, including the 100-mile run, 50-mile, 50k, or a 100-mile relay from Sterling/Rock Falls, Illinois to Colona, Illinois on the Hennepin Canal State Trail. Running the Hennepin Hundred benefits Trails for Illinois, the tiny non-profit that works to improve the Hennepin Canal State Trail and other non-motorized trails statewide.

The Hennepin Canal is part of the American Discovery Trail. The trail stretches across more than 6,800 miles and 15 states. It is the only coast-to-coast, non-motorized recreational trail. Linking communities, cities, parks, and wilderness, the ADT allows people to hike, bike, or ride horses for an afternoon or a cross-country adventure.

The multi-use ADT trail stretches from Cape Henlopen State Park, Delaware, to Pt. Reyes National Seashore, California. The ADT provides trail users the opportunity to journey into the heart of all that is uniquely American – its culture, heritage, landscape, and spirit. The Quad Cities Convention & Visitor's Bureau is the new ADT headquarters for trail promotion, maps, and information. In Northern Illinois, the

trail follows the I&M Canal Trail from Park Forest to the Hennepin Canal Parkway near DePue and Tiskilwa in Bureau County and continues on to Rock Island on the Great River Trail.

One of the popular special activities offered at the Hennepin Canal is the Hike the Canal with the Friends of the Canal walk. These monthly walks along the Hennepin Canal are every third Sunday, starting at 1:30 p.m. You don't need to be a member to join the walks, and there is no fee for walking. For more information, call Ed Herrmann at 815-664-2403.

DIRECTIONS TO THE VISITOR CENTER

The Hennepin Canal Parkway basically parallels I-80 in Bureau and Henry counties in west central Illinois. The Parkway's Visitor Center, which can be reached by calling 815-454-2328, is one mile south of I-80, just west of Route 40. East or westbound travelers on I-80 should take Exit 45, and turn right (south) on Route 40. They almost immediately cross the canal, and in about one mile, they'll see a brown sign directing them to the Parkway Visitors Center. Turn right (west) and proceed to the center at 16006 875 E. Street, Sheffield. The Visitor Center is open from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.



HIGHWAYS, TRAILS AND RIVER ROADS

he Illinois River Road National Scenic Byway unites more than 100 nature-based destinations throughout the Illinois River Valley, beginning in Ottawa and ending 140 miles south in Havana. The byway showcases great places where visitors and residents alike can go to discover and experience the nature of the region. From hunting, fishing, hiking, biking, canoeing, wetlands, gardens, birding, and watching wildlife, the possibilities for adventure are endless. To learn more, visit www.illinoisriverroad.org.

Princeton is the place to start your trip through Illinois River Road National Scenic Byway. Experience the many natural and

historical waypoints throughout the Princeton Gateway. Visit the Lovejoy Homestead, an important site on the Underground Railroad network to freedom and a National Historic Landmark. You can also cross two of Illinois' unique covered bridges, explore the Bureau County Historical Museum, venture in any direction to enjoy nature, or

visit the unique shops and stately homes that line Princeton's brick streets.

Princeton has numerous festivals, including the month-long Festival 56 Summer Theater. Visitors can explore one of Illinois' first wind farms or the state's first wind-powered high school in nearby Manlius. About ten miles southeast of Princeton, the Illinois River dives southward, slipping into the wide north-south valley originally carved by an ancient Pleistocene version of the Mississippi River. The associated natural habitats are mostly open grassland types, dotted with closed-canopy woodlands such as those at Warnecke Woods, Hennepin Canal Parkway

State Park, Miller-Anderson Woods Nature Preserve, and Condit's Ranch Campgrounds. Prairies dominate the remainder of this loop.

The McCune Sand Prairie sits on super-porous glacial moraine soils, resulting in a unique assemblage of dry-country grasses, wildflowers, and small trees, including a number



of species more common to regions much further west. Visit the Hennepin & Hopper Lakes Restoration Project to view how the Illinois River floodplain is being reclaimed and restored.

GALENA TRAIL AND COACH ROAD

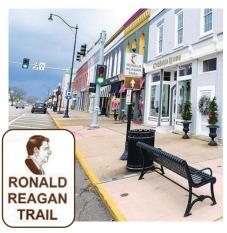
You can also explore and discover beautiful Bureau County along the Galena Trail and Coach Roads, scenic country roads that follow the Indian and pioneer trails that brought settlers, miners, Lincoln, and Lovejoy to Bureau County, and the lead mines and prairies of northern Illinois. The Galena Trail and Coach Roads lead you over the Red Covered Bridge, through groves and fields, along blacktop county roads and dusty tracks lined with wildflowers for a rare and exciting country adventure.

RONALD REAGAN TRAIL

Ronald Reagan was born in Tampico and grew up in Dixon, where he played football, delivered newspapers, and was a lifeguard. He attended Eureka College, where he was active in theatre and involved in student government. Reagan went on to be a sportscaster, an actor, a governor, and 40th president of the United States.

Today, Reagan's Illinois heritage is celebrated throughout Northern Illinois in several communities that make up the Ronald Reagan Trail. Designated by the Illinois General Assembly on May 21, 1999, the trail tells the story of Reagan's life from his birth in 1911 to his graduation from college in 1932. Communities along the trail offer Reagan historic sites and walking tours, Reagan-themed events, and other historical and fun attractions. Visitors can learn about Illinois history, play a game of golf, visit a gambling boat, see a theater production, or sit back and relax on the Rock River, where Reagan served as a lifeguard.

There are many activities and lodging experiences to choose from in our communities. For additional information on the trail or to learn more about traveling the trail, visit www.ronaldreagantrail.net.





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Home for the HOLIDAYS

reat things happen when people work together, and Home for the Holidays is proof of that. Bureau County Fairgrounds and Princeton Chamber of Commerce teamed up in 2021 to create the first Home for the Holidays drive-thru event, and with its success, another one is being planned for 2022.

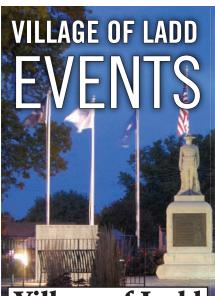
This event is sure to put you in the holiday spirit because it features many stunning lighted Christmas displays sponsored by area businesses and local families. Great for all ages, this year's spectacular Christmas light drive-thru will be open at 5 to 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, beginning on Nov. 25, and at 5 to 8 p.m. Sundays. The display will be open through Christmas night.

Admission is by donation, and to sponsor a display, contact Jenica Cole at the Princeton Chamber office at 815-875-2616. She has a book of available designs. Watch the Chamber of Commerce website or the Home for the Holidays Facebook page to learn about



special activities during the event. You never know when the Grinch may pop out to see you.

Home for the Holidays is just one of many festive events planned for December in Princeton. With the annual parade, a Christmas tree lighting, breakfast with Santa, excellent shopping at all of the stores, and a vendor and craft show at the fairgrounds, you'll find many reasons to feel and show your holiday spirit.



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MONDAYS, JUNE 13TH THRU SEPTEMBER:

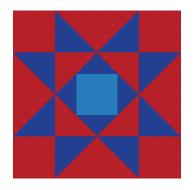
Farmer's Market 4:00pm - 6:00pm in War Memorial Park A variety of items available, no vendor fee to participate. Molly @ (815) 541-8116

11TH DAY OF EACH MONTH: Taps

11:00am at Veteran's Monuments in War Memorial Park Taps is played over the Main Street speakers as a reminder to all citizens of the sacrifices made by our service men and women.

MUSIC IN THE PARK! We will host a musical act in War Memorial Park in May, June, Sept, and October. Food is available for purchase. Bring your cooler. Watch the Village of Ladd Facebook page for the other Music in the Park dates and other entertainment including the Lorenzi Brothers on Sept. 16!





BARN QUILTS of Bureau County

A SPLASH OF COLOR AROUND FVFRY CORNER

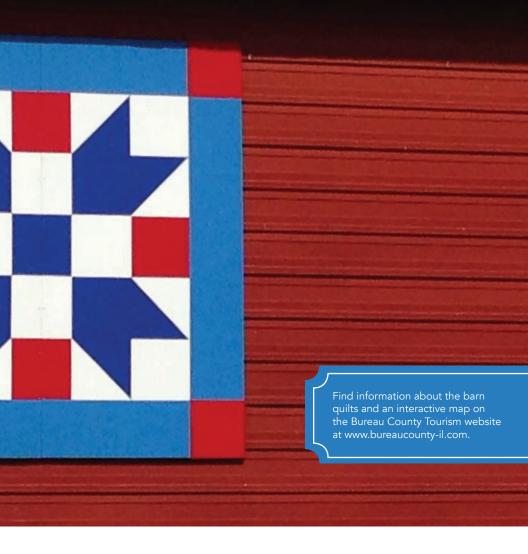
art of the fun of visiting Bureau County is slowing down to explore the backroads. When you're meandering along these country roads, you'll notice flashes of color as you drive past various barns. You should pay close attention to the farms you're passing because you don't want to miss one of the over 101 barn quilts that have been placed on farm buildings in 88 locations all over the county.

For those who have never seen these unique works of art, a barn quilt is a quilt block design painted on a special type of plywood called MDO board. The blocks usually measure 4x4 feet or 8x8 feet. No fabric is



used in the design – the color all comes from exterior paint. Each displays a colorful quilt block chosen from a traditional quilt design or something personal to that farm owner.

This nationwide phenomenon was born in 2001 in Adams County, Ohio, when Donna Sue Groves promised her mother to paint her a quilt block. Her mother was an accomplished quilter, and she thought this would brighten up their colorless, gray barn. The barn quilt that was painted for her mother sparked the barn quilt movement throughout the United States and Canada. The book "Barn Quilts and the American Quilt Trail Movement" by Suzi Parron with



Donna Sue Groves tells the story of one of the fastest-growing grassroots public art movements.

To help bring this movement to Bureau County, a small group of women who love quilts came together to start the group, The Barn Quilts of Bureau County. The group began in 2014 with

just five quilts. The committee's goal is to have barn quilts in all 25 townships in the county. Several of the townships have multiple quilts hanging already.

The Quilt Trail was designed to celebrate our rich agricultural heritage, showcase our rural

areas and promote agri-tourism, the arts, and a sense of community pride in Bureau County. A barn quilt lends a homey feeling to a farm and is another way our community honors its ag roots.

The barn quilts in the county have wildly varied designs and colors. Some designs are chosen by the name of the quilt design or by a favorite hobby or tradition. For example, The Ohio Star hangs on a barn outside of Ohio, Illinois. One farm has a pinwheel design painted in green and yellow. It shows the colors of the family's favorite football team and tractor style along with the windmill design too.

Family heritage shows on some of the quilts that have a Swedish-styled flag or Swedish Dala horse designs. Livestock on the farms show up on some of the quilts with horses, cattle, and sheep designs. Some of the quilt names are really unique, such as Farmer's Daughter; Corn & Beans; Mariner's Compass; Loyal Daughter; Double Wedding Ring; Gentleman's Fancy; Honey Bee; Carpenter's Wheel; and Flying Geese. Designs are found in quilt books, on quilts handed down through the family, and also on Pinterest.

You can see four examples of barn quilt designs on the red building inside the main gate of the Bureau County Fairgrounds, at 811 W. Peru St. in Princeton. There are maps available at the Prouty Building in Princeton for the quilt trail around Bureau County. You can do a self-guided tour of the barn quilts at any time during any season. The map in the guide is for informational purposes. Please use the addresses for the best help in locating the farms. The quilts will be visible from the road, and if there is no safe place



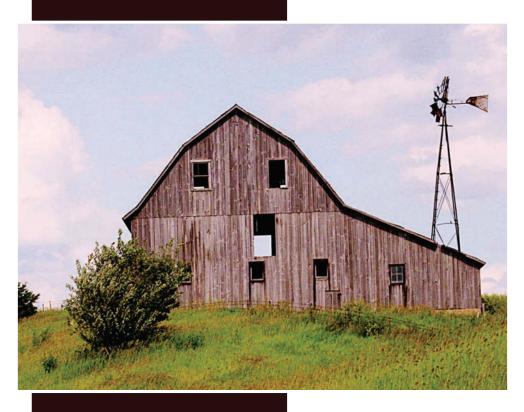


to pull off the road to view them, you may pull into driveways. Please remember to check for traffic as you slow down to view a quilt. We are indebted to our barn hosts for their hospitality.

Barn quilts on the Bureau County trail must be on an agricultural building. You may see other quilts in your travels in towns or on homes and garages. Painting the designs just takes a ruler, special paint masking tape, multiple colors of exterior paint, and a good imagination. The barn quilt committee can make arrangements to paint one for your farm building if you don't feel artistic.

For more information, call Valerie Jensen at 815-303-4608 or call Sandy Carpenter at 779-239-9239, or send an email to them at barnquiltofbureaucounty@gmail.com, or see their Facebook page, Barn Quilts of Bureau County. Information about the barn quilts a nd an interactive map can also be found on the Bureau County Tourism web page at www.bureaucounty-il.com.

We hope you'll slow down, take a few backroads, enjoy the ride, take in the lovely landscapes, farms, and villages that make up Bureau County, and check out the barn quilt trail.



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STORM DESTROYS LOCAL LANDMARK

ureau County found itself in the path of a derecho on Aug. 10, 2020. The derecho started in Nebraska and swept through Iowa, Illinois, and Indiana, leaving a trail of destruction. It flattened crops, took down trees, and destroyed buildings. Here in Bureau County, we were not spared the storm's wrath as trees, crops, and buildings sustained damage, and our 911 dispatch tower was taken down. It also destroyed a landmark - the barn that stood on the hill at Mile Marker 47 on the eastbound side of I-80. The remnants of the barn have been cleared away, but the structure will remain in our memories and pictures.



The Lovejoy



HOMESTEAD

HOME TO ILLINOIS'
MOST FAMOUS
UNDERGROUND RAILROAD
OPERATOR, THE SITE
MARKS A DOUBLE
ANNIVERSARY YEAR

Written by Charles Stanley | Photos by Shaw Media







heart-stirring, thoughtprovoking experience awaits visitors to the Lovejoy Homestead in Princeton.

Before the Civil War, the home was a station on the Underground Railroad, the often perilous path to freedom for enslaved people.

Princeton was on the Underground Railroad route in Illinois that ran from Quincy on the Mississippi River northeast to Chicago and then on to Canada. Other stops near Princeton included La Moille, La Salle, Ottawa, Paw Paw, Peru and Somonauk.

There's a lot to see at the homestead, but visitors will get a jolt on the second floor when a docent slides a wooden bureau to the side to expose a hidden door. The doorway leads into a storage area where runaway enslaved people would be hidden, in addition in the basement and barn.

It's a double anniversary year for the homestead. After a long restoration effort, 50 years ago in 1972 the Illinois State Historical Society recognized the homestead with a state historical marker. Then, 25 years ago in 1997, it was designated as a National Historic Landmark by the National Park Service. Most recently, in 2001 the homestead was listed as a site on the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom program.





The house also has the double distinction of having been the home of Owen Lovejoy, a clergyman, abolitionist, politician and friend of Abraham Lincoln.

"I would say that Owen Lovejoy was the most famous Underground Railroad operator in the state of Illinois," says Owen Muelder, author of "The Underground Railroad in Western Illinois" and director of the Galesburg Colony Underground Railroad Freedom Center at Knox College in Galesburg. "If a person wants to visit an actual Underground Railroad site — not only in Illinois but anywhere in the United States — the opportunity to visit the Lovejoy Homestead on the east side of Princeton is a real attraction."

That's not taking anything away from the other prairie state abolitionists and towns that supported the Underground Railroad, Muelder says. "But Lovejoy is unique in that his fame rests not only on his abolitionist activism and the number of slaves he helped escape, but also in his career as a congressman in the then-new Republican Party and a friend of Abraham Lincoln."

Born in Maine in 1811, Lovejoy moved to Alton, Illinois. In 1837 he was present when his older brother, newspaper editor Elijah Lovejoy, was killed by a mob angry with his antislavery activities. The following year he became pastor of Princeton's Hampshire Colony Congregational Church, where he served for 17 years. In 1854 Lovejoy was elected to the Illinois legislature and in 1856 he was elected to Congress, where he served until his death. In Princeton, Lovejoy boarded with the family of Butler and Eunice Denham, who also were abolitionists. After Butler died, Lovejoy married Eunice; they raised six children of their own and three born to Eunice and Butler.

Lovejoy was open about his involvement in the Underground Railroad, even advertising his home as a refuge for runaway enslaved people.

Sometimes there was excitement.

"Owen is said to have helped a slave dressed as a women get out of town," says Lois Peterson, a homestead docent for 10 years and, like three of the other eight docents, a former teacher.

On that occasion in 1849, a young man from Missouri named John Buckner was apprehended by two slave catchers. According to an 1872 account by early Princeton historian Nehemiah Matson, both slave catchers pointed pistols at Buckner's head. Then they tied his hands behind him and "led him like a dog through the streets of the town."

Buckner and the slave catchers, who were arrested for kidnapping, were taken to court.

Buckner was freed, placed on a horse and told to ride to the Lovejoy home.

The excited crowd followed, surrounding the Lovejoy home. When a figure on a horse was seen riding out of the Lovejoy barn, the slave catchers gave chase. But the man they caught up with turned out to be a white man with a black veil on his face. Back at the Lovejoy home, the slave catchers tried to force their way in but were stopped by Lovejoy, who demanded to see a search warrant. In the meantime, Buckner, garbed in a dress, was hidden in a wagon and got away.

Lovejoy died in 1864 while Lincoln was president.

"When Lincoln was informed of his death, he said Lovejoy was his best friend in Congress," Muelder says. "So that gives you an idea of his fame and reputation at that time and the extent to which the president of the United States thought of him as a genuine ally."

Tours of the homestead include the parlor, kitchen, dining room, bedrooms and other

The Lovejoy Homestead, located at 905 E. Peru St. in Princeton, is open May through September from 1 to 4 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
For details on tours, visit www.owenlovejoyhomestead.com or call 815-879-9151.

areas, which are furnished with furniture and artifacts from the era.

"Adults who visit often comment on how big the house is," docent Peterson says. People taking the tour are usually placed in small groups of six to eight and on busy days started from different points in the house.

Peterson says visitors are discouraged from taking photos because they become distracted from the narrative about the home's historic significance.

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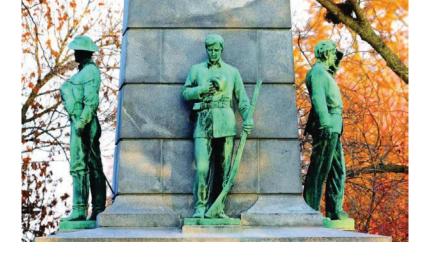
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Soldiers & Sailors MONUMENT

If you have attended any of the Princeton Community Band concerts, you have sat in the park next to the Soldiers & Sailors monument. While listening to the patriotic music, have you ever looked up at the Civil War soldiers and winged victory on the monument and wondered about the history of the structure?

The Soldiers & Sailors Monument is located on S. Main Street, across from the Bureau County courthouse in Princeton. The monument is constructed of marble, granite, and bronze. It is 50 feet tall, and the architect was Frederick C. Hubbard, a Chicago sculptor. On June 12, 1913, it was dedicated to the Bureau County veterans who enlisted in the Civil War. It is one of the largest winged monuments in the country.

An article from the June 17, 1913, Bureau County Republican edition gives the following details:

The grey granite was quarried in Hardwick, Vermont and the marble which lines the interior is from the quarries in Rotland, Vermont. The Bronze work is from the American Bronze foundry in Chicago. The foundation under the monument proper is solid concrete eight feet deep. The base is 24 feet square.

At the top is the heroic bronze figure of "Victory," represented by a winged goddess standing upon a globe and bearing in one hand a sword with its point to earth and in the other hand an upraised torch, signifying that the battle is over and victory is won.

Upon the ledge at each side of the monument is a bronze statue, representing the branches of the service. The Infantry on the west side, Cavalry on the north, the Artillery on the south, and the Navy on the east side. Eight bronze tablets, two on each side of the monument, contain the names of all of the volunteers who enlisted from Bureau County, resided in the county since the Civil War and were living here in 1910.

The bronze figure of "Victory" is 15 feet high and weighs approximately 3,000 pounds. The other statues weigh about 900 pounds each. There are two tons of marble in the monument, and the granite is estimated to weigh 180 tons.

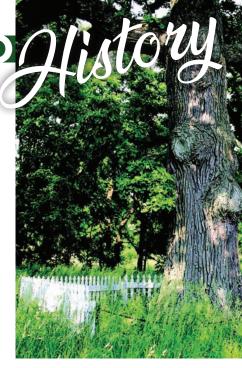
The cost to construct the monument was \$25,000. The dedication ceremony was held on June 12, 1913, and about 3,500 people attended. One hundred Civil War veterans were seated on the speakers platform.

A WITNESS TO

hen you drive on Route 6 in western Bureau County, you'll notice the village of Mineral has a special landmark if you look hard enough to spot it. By turning south on County Road 10 (1300 N Ave.), and following the road for 3.5 miles, you'll spot the Witness Tree. At least 250 years old, this magnificent Burr Oak tree has stood as a witness to everything that has happened for the past two and a half centuries.

This special tree sits on what was once the old Sauk Fox trail, a native American trail which ran from Rock Island on the Mississippi through the Detroit and into Canada. Allegedly the meeting place for Chief Shabbona and the Sauk and Fox tribes, this tree holds an important role in local history.

It was called the Witness Tree because it was used as a reference point when the railroad was being built near Mineral. The GPS coordinates for finding this tree are n 41.33507; w 89.81862. Turn south on US 34/CR 550E for 1.9 miles, then turn west (right) on CR 1300N for 3.3 miles. It's located at the junction of CR 1300N with CR 10/CR 100E.





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