



2013 Bureau County Visitors' Guide

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Arlington – Buda – Bureau Junction – Cherry – Dalzell – DePue
Dover – Hollowayville – Ladd – LaMoille – Malden – Manlius
Mineral – Neponset – New Bedford – Ohio – Princeton – Seatonville
Sheffield – Spring Valley – Tiskilwa – Walnut – Wyanet

Bureau County Map – Pg 30 & 31

Welcome to beautiful Bureau County, Illinois. If you are thinking about visiting, we are situated in North Central Illinois where Bureau County straddles Interstate 80. Bureau County has 869 square miles of fertile farm land, beautiful rural countryside and many unique villages and towns with many great restaurants and shopping experiences.

Bureau County is located 2 hours west of Chicago, 1 hour east of the Quad Cities and 1 hour north of Peoria. You can also easily reach us by taking Amtrak. The historic Princeton Amtrak station services over 34,000 visitors a year with plans for more trains stopping here in the future. Eastbound trains go to Chicago's Union Station daily. Or hop on the California Zephyr Westbound train from Princeton to travel to Colorado and on to California.

Whether you are hunting for outdoor activities for the whole family to enjoy or hunting for family history at the Genealogy society we hope this guide will help you find what you need. Before you visit check our website "Visit Bureau County" at www.bureaucounty-il.com or check out our Facebook page for up to the minute activity updates as dates may have changed from this printing. It's a good idea to double check before you leave. We know you will find many activities in Bureau County that are fun for the whole family.

Our Calendar of Events is full of activities – from the plays and musicals performed by the amazing actors of Festival 56, museums, outstanding musical entertainment, running races, to summer festivals in many of the villages. Families and friends reunite every year at the 42nd annual Homestead Festival which is held in September and the 158th annual Bureau County Fair in August.

Many of Bureau County's restaurants are well known for their terrific food. Each community has their own restaurants with their own specialties including steaks, chicken and homestyle cooking that are sure to please all of their customers. One of the most well known, Rip's in Ladd, has been serving delicious fried chicken for over 80 years. The ultimate bed and breakfast for foodies, the Chestnut Street Inn in Sheffield, IL is an award winning bed and breakfast which features gourmet Mediterranean cuisine using locally grown foods.

Plan an overnight stay while you take in all of the special activities we have to offer. Travel down our back roads to find the "Simple Pleasures & Hidden Treasures" that we cherish in our area. Thanks for coming to visit us in Bureau County and bring along a friend or two on your next visit!



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The colorful Illinois River Road National Scenic Byway kiosk located on Route 26 near the Princeton Public Library is one of six kiosks constructed in the Byway gateway communities of Princeton, Ottawa, Peoria, Pekin, Canton and Havana, for the purpose of orienting visitors (and residents) on the Scenic Byway.

Kiosk interpretive panels contain information about the Byway region, the Illinois River, Byway communities and natural attractions that can be explored nearby. The purpose of the kiosks is to convey to visitors that the community they are visiting is an important part of a larger experience, encouraging them to explore even more of this beautiful region, as well as dining, shopping and lodging in our Byway communities

These kiosks are but one way utilized to attract and educate visitors and residents alike about the natural assets of this magnificent region. In



conjunction with illinoisriverroad.org, high definition videos showcasing byway communities, comprehensive interpretive and marketing materials and programs, and feature articles in publications such as Midwest Living Magazine – the kiosks serve to connect visitors to the byway experience.

The kiosk in Princeton focuses on nineteen public and privately owned Byway sites in and around Bureau County including the Red Covered bridge and the Love-

joy Homestead in Princeton, Donnelly Depue State Fish and Wildlife Area, Hornbakers Gardens, Barto Landing in Spring Valley, Hennepin & Hopper Lakes and the Hennepin Canal.

The Illinois River Road is one in a collection of 150 federally designated roadways called America's Byways®. The U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration's National Scenic Byways Program recognizes roads having outstanding archaeological, cultural, historic, natural, recreational and scenic qualities. The Illinois River Road, which traverses both east and west sides of the Illinois River between Ottawa and Havana, was designated in 2005 for its outstanding natural intrinsic qualities.

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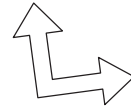
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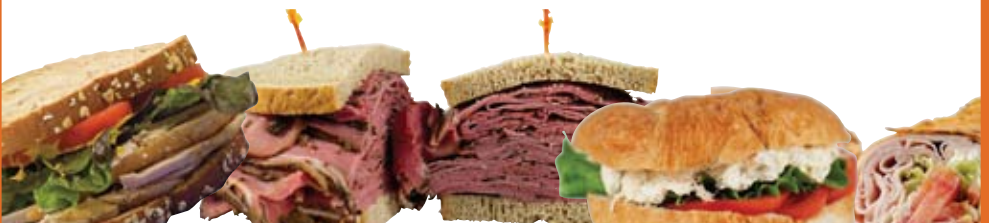


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Start early in the morning because you will find sales lining the route and of course you have to stop at each one to find that special item you are looking for. You will find sales in yards, parks and in parking lots along the route. Watch for signs because many of the communities host town-wide sales, so you will have to drive around the village to locate addi-



tional sales. Bureau County Fairgrounds has a large indoor and outdoor, two day Flea Market on Friday and Saturday with doors opening at 8 a.m.

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Some vendors open on Thursday afternoon and some are still open on Sunday so be sure to plan to stay overnight and get some rest before you head out for another day of bargain hunting. Bureau County is a great half-way point along the route to stay before heading out for a second day of shopping. There are a lot of great restaurants along the route and food vendors in many of the communities too.

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- OHIO
- PRINCETON
- SEATONVILLE
- SHEFFIELD
- SPRING VALLEY
- TISKILWA
- WALNUT
- WYANET



Other Populated Places in Bureau County

(Neighborhoods, Subdivisions & Settlements)

- | | |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Burnett | Marquette |
| Churchill | Milo |
| Clarion | Normandy |
| Coal Hollow | Ottville |
| Greenoak | Providence |
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Watching

Welcome to the wonderful world of birding! You can watch birds in your backyard or travel to different parts of Bureau County to see many different kinds of birds. Here are some tips for beginning bird watchers.

Pick up a field guide and use it to identify the birds. Peterson's Field Guides are an excellent reference to use. Also get a good pair of binoculars so you can identify a bird that may be some distance away from you. Find a bird checklist on line or make one up for yourself as you start to be able to identify the different species of birds. Keep a list of when and where you have seen the birds, plus what time of year it is.

Study what kind of habitat the birds like. Do they like timber or grasslands, or they may pre-



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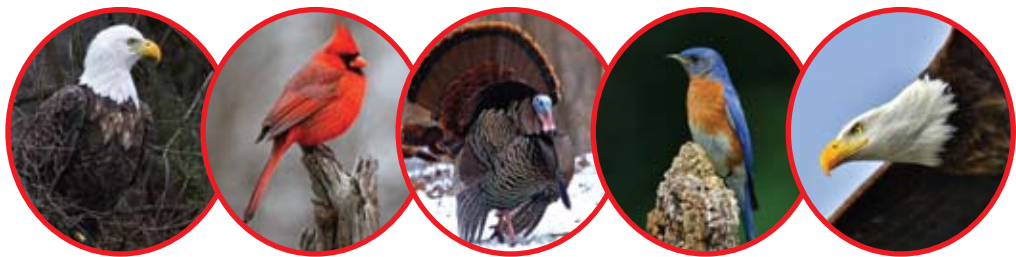
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fer to be along a stream or pond. Learn bird songs to help identify them and spot them as they hide. Find a group of birders and join them as they go on their treks. When you go out birding, wear neutral colored clothing, not white. Find out what kind of flowers you can plant in your own yard to attract hummingbirds. You can attract birds to your feeder with just the right kind of feed. Build a birdhouse and find out where to locate it so the particular breed of bird will utilize it. Bring your family along, this is something that people of all ages will enjoy.

Some of the birds that are seen in the

Bureau County area include; pelicans, swans, geese, ducks, vultures, hawks, falcons, pheasants, wild turkeys, sandhill cranes, sandpipers, plovers, gulls, eagles, mourning doves, owls, hummingbirds, chimney swifts, woodpeckers, flickers, flycatchers, swallows, martins, blue jays, crows, chickadees, tufted titmouse, nuthatches, brown creepers, wrens, bluebirds, catbirds, thrush, robin, mockingbird, cedar waxwing, shrike, starlings, vireos, warblers, tangers, cardinals, indigo bunting, rose-breasted grosbeak, juncos, sparrows, meadowlarks, blackbirds, orioles, finches, blue heron, and egrets.

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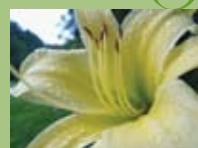
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The Heiress

by Ruth & Augustus Goetz

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Treasure Island

by Robert Louis Stevenson,

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The Full Monty

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same name, six unemployed Buffalo steelworkers, low on cash and prospects, decide to present a strip act at a local club after seeing their wives' enthusiasm for a touring company of Chippendales. As they prepare for the show, they face their inner demons and find strength in their camaraderie. Six average guys have to ask themselves one big question: When the time comes for the show, will they or won't they go...the Fully Monty?

"Hometown"—Anonymous

August 2-3 and September 13-15
(Homestead Festival) Venue TBA

To commemorate our tenth season, Festival 56 has commissioned a new play based on stories submitted by residents in the community. By honoring the struggles and triumphs of everyday life, the festival seeks to provide a humorous and entertaining glimpse into small town living.

Last of the Red Hot Lovers

by Neil Simon

November 22-30 in the Grace
Performing Arts Center

A rather dull, middle-aged restaurateur tries to get hip to the free love vibe of the late 1960's by arranging a series of affairs...at his mother's apartment. This is Neil Simon at his comic best!



Still Dreaming of a White Christmas

by Laura Brigham

December 6-21

in the Grace Performing Arts Center

The next chapter in the story of the beloved holiday classic, this music-filled, family holiday treat will put you in the mood for Christmas, dancing and good cheer!

The Agony and the Ecstasy of Steve Jobs

by Mike Daisey

December 13-19 in the Grace
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February

9 – Critter Show – Bureau County Fairgrounds – contact Marcia Ahrens for more information at 815-545-3016.
10 – Second Sunday Flea Market – Bureau County Fairgrounds, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., call Nancy at 815-303-2905 to reserve your space
23 - Princeton Coffeehouse shows are located at Open Prairie UCC Church, 25 E. Marion St. Admission is \$12.00 at the door. Doors open @ 7:00 PM. Show time is 7:30.

March

2- Spring Valley Fire Department's 1st Annual Smoker. 6 p.m. at the Spring Valley Boat Club. Tickets \$10 per person. Includes food, soda, beer and entertainment. \$250 Door Prize. Gun Raffle provided by Mean Metal Guns.
9 & 10 – Huge Winter Garage Sale – Bureau County Fairgrounds, Princeton
13- Chamber of Commerce and Hall of Fame Banquet 6:00 p.m. at Konz's Restaurant and Lounge, Walnut



16 & 17 -Covered Bridge Quilters Guild show & sale – Bureau County Fairgrounds
22 – 24 – Time On The Waters Outdoors and Big Buck Achery Indoor 3D Weekend 515 S. Spaulding St., Spring Valley

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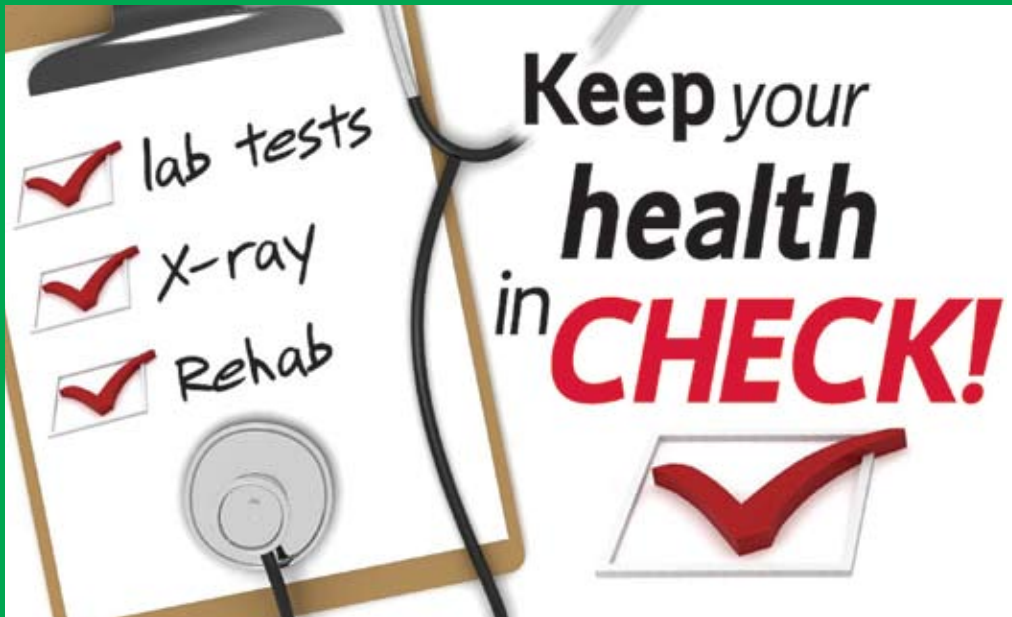
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23 – Easter Egg Search, Spring Valley Mini Park 10 a.m.

23 & 24 – Sauk Trail Gun Show and Sale – Bureau County Fairgrounds

23 – Walleye Run 5K Race. Contact Bill Guerrini, 815.663.6141. www.spring-valley-walleye.org

23 – 24 – Cabela’s MWC Fishing Tournament, Barto Landing on the IL River, Spring Valley. Contact Bill Guerrini, 815.663.6141. www.spring-valley-walleye.org

23 – Princeton Coffeehouse shows at Open Prairie UCC Church, 25 E. Marion St. with Jan Krist & Jim Bizer.

TBA – Easter Egg Hunt – Wyanet, Buda, Princeton, Sheffield, Tiskilwa

30 – Easter Egg Hunt, Bureau County Fairgrounds

April

1 – April 27: Princeton Public Library Annual Art Show: “The Architecture of Art” Princeton Public Library www.theprincetonlibrary.org or call 815-875-1331 for additional information.

2 – Princeton Public Library’s Edible Book Festival, starting at 6:30 p.m.



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- 5 – Princeton Public Library “The Architecture of Art” – opening reception 6:30 – 9 p.m.
- 6 – Tiger Baseball Trivia Night – Bureau County Fairgrounds, Princeton
- 13 – Critter Show – Bureau County Fairgrounds
- 13 – St. Margaret’s Health 1st Annual 10k Race And Fun Run – Habit For Health, @ 9:00 a.m. Race day registration from 7-8:30 a.m. Race begins at 415 E. 2nd Street, Spring Valley, IL. On-line registration & details are available at www.runrace.net.
- 14 – Second Sunday Flea Market – Bureau County Fairgrounds 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- 20 – Rumble for the Kids Wrestling Event to benefit PES Plays to

buy new playground equipment – Doors open 4 p.m., Logan School, Princeton.

- 27 – Princeton Coffeehouse shows Open Prairie UCC Church, Garnet Rogers --
- 27 – Bureau County Park Districts 2nd annual Half Marathon – Zearing Park
- 27 – Sheffield, IL Town-wide Garage Sales

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August 23

39th annual country show at this year's Bureau County Fair

Tickets On Sale June 8, 9 a.m.



Mark Your Calendars for these Events at the Bureau County Fairgrounds

Winter Special Olympics

Jan 5, (Sat)

Critter Show

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Feb 9, (Sat)

April 13, (Sat)

May 11, (Sat)

Jun 8, (Sat)

Jul 13, (Sat)

Sep 14, (Sat)

Oct 12, (Sat)

Dec 14, (Sat)

Events will be held in Building 3 on the fairgrounds. Admission is \$3.00 Contact Marcia Ahrens for more information at 815-545-3016.

Sauk Trail Gun Show

Jan 26, (Sat)-Jan 27, (Sun)

Mar 23rd, (Sat)-Mar 24, (Sun)

Oct 26, (Sat)-Oct 27, (Sun)

Nov 23rd, (Sat)-Nov 24, (Sun)

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8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Feb 10, (Sun)

Apr 14, (Sun)

May 12, (Sun)

Sep 15, (Sun)

Oct 20, (Sun)

*2nd Sunday Flea Market will open to vendors at 7:00 am. Admission is \$1. The Flea Market will open to the public from 8:00am - 2:00pm. The flea market will have collectibles, something old & something new for everyone. Click here for more information, or contact Nancy at 815-303-2905 to reserve your space

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Feb 23, (Sat)

Mar 9, (Sat)-Mar 10, (Sun)

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Mar 16, (Sat)-Mar 17, (Sun)

Covered Bridge Quilt Show

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Jun 2nd, (Sun)

Starved Rock Radio Swap Meet

June 14 (Fri)-June 15, (Sat)

More On 34

July 13

Goat Show

July 24 - 28

4-H Show

Aug 21st, (Wed) through Aug 25, (Sun)

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October 28
Oktoberfest

Nightmare on Fairgrounds Road

Oct 4, (Fri)-Oct 5, (Sat)

Oct 11, (Fri)-Oct 12, (Sat)

Oct 18, (Fri)-Oct 19, (Sat)

Oct 25, (Fri)-Oct 26, (Sat)

Nov 2, (Sat)

Pigeon Show

Nov 9, (Sat)-Nov 10, (Sun)

Winter Garage Sale

Nov 16, (Sat)

Toy & Train Show

Nov 27, (Wed)

Angus Show

Dec 21, (Sat)

WZOE Farm Event

Calendar of Events 2013

May

- 4 – Convoy Against Cancer Big Truck Show, Ladd 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- 10 & 11 – Walnut Town-wide Garage sales
- 11 – Critter Show – Bureau County Fairgrounds
- 18 – Old Wheels Antique Car Show – First Lutheran Church, 116 N Pleasant, Princeton. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call Dick 815-875-1545 for info.
- 25 – Princeton Coffeehouse shows at Open Prairie UCC Church, 25 E. Marion St. Amelia Curran
- 25 – Get your Rear in Gear – 5K Race – Ladd, IL The Get Your Rear in Gear events focus on raising awareness about colon

cancer in communities across the country.

- 27 – Spring Valley Memorial Day Observance at 2 p.m., Valley Memorial Park.

- May 31 – June 2 – Spring Valley Boat Club's Shipwrecked Weekend. Friday Night – Chicken Fry, Live Band, Beer Gardens, Saturday – Bags Tournament, DJ (outdoors) Saturday Night – Food Vendors, Games, Beer Gardens, Live Band, Sunday – Annual Breakfast (Boat in / Drive in) 815.664.2609 or www.svboatclub.com.

June

- 1 – Tiskilwa Canal Day – Free fishing for all ages.



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- 1 – Living Works Suicide Prevention Walk, Princeton
- 1 – Ladd Town-wide Garage Sales
- 2 – Starved Rock Radio Swap Meet – Bureau County Fairgrounds, Princeton. Ham Radio, and computer equipment for sale or trade.
- 7,8,9 – Hornbaker Gardens open house & Hosta Walk

- 8 – Critter Show – Bureau County Fairgrounds
- 7, 8, 9 – LaMoille Buffalo Days – live bands, beer/food tents, Parade, Firemen’s water-fights, Tractor Show, Lil Baby Buff contest, auction on Sunday, Buffalo Burgers! Carnival, petting zoo

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8 – Buffalo Stamped 5K Fun Walk / Run – 7:00 – 7:30 a.m.
Registration LaMoille High School parking lot 8:00 a.m.
5K Walk / Run -out and back course. www.buffalodays.org for registration forms. Rick Becker 488-8240 (Rick)

8 – Neponset Picnic Day in downtown Neponset and in nearby Scott Park. The event will include a 5K run, community breakfast, parade, tractor show, kids' games in the park, flea market in the park, community supper, and bands performing downtown in the evening. Everyone is welcome to attend all events. For information on

more events of the day, please contact Karen Ingels at Neponset Village Hall at (309) 594-2201.



TBA – Tiskilwa Strawberry festival & Town-wide garage sales

TBA – Farm Bureau Tractor Drive

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21 – 29 – Festival 56 – Completely
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27 – 30 – Spring Valley Boat Club's
Miss Riverbottom; Friday
Night – Chicken Fry, Live
Band, Beer Gardens;
Saturday – Bags Tournament,
DJ (outdoors) Saturday
Night – Miss Riverbottom
Competition, Food
Vendors, Beer Gardens, Live
Band, Sunday – Breakfast;
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28 – Farm Bureau Foundation golf out-
ing at Hunters Ridge

July

3 – Fireworks, beginning at Dusk,
Hall High School Football
Stadium, Spring Valley

TBA - Mineral Fireworks

4-7 – Hometown Celebration with huge
fireworks display, Walnut,

4 – Princeton Jaycees Fireworks,
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11,12,13 – Wyanet Summer Festival



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13 – Nancy Jo Olds-Bohm 5K Fun Run/
Walk 1-Mile Memory Walk
& Kid's Fun Run Wyanet
Memorial Park Wyanet,
Illinois

13 – Critter Show – Bureau County
Fairgrounds

12 – 13 – Ladd Summerfest

19 – 20 – Beef & Ag Days, Princeton

20 – 3rd Annual Z Tour Bike Ride

20 – 21 – Bureau Valley Antique Club
36th annual Ol' Fashion
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20 – Music On Main – Sheffield, IL

25 – 6 – 27 & 28 – Bureau County

4H Fair – Bureau County
Fairgrounds, Princeton, IL

26 – 27 – 28 – Lake DePue's National
Championship Boat Races,
Depue, IL

26 – 28 – Spring Valley Boat Club's
1st Annual Steak Fry,
Friday Night – Chicken
Fry, Entertainment, Saturday
Night – Steak Fry 5:00-
9:00 Live Band, Sunday –
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31 – 3rd Annual Drum Corps
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July 1 – August 1 Festival 56 – Macbeth by William Shakespeare Free Admission; Wednesday and Sunday evenings in Soldiers and Sailors Park.

July 2 – 9 – Festival 56 – Tally’s Folly by Lanford Wilson Grace Performing Arts Center, Princeton.

July 5 – 15th – Festival 56 – Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat by Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber PHS Council Auditorium

July 16 – 20 – Festival 56 – The Heiress by Ruth & Augustus Goetz Grace Performing Arts Center

July 20 - 26 – Festival 56 – Treasure Island by Robert Louis

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July 27 – August 4 – Festival 56 – The Full Monty by Terrance McNally & David Yazbek Grace Performing Arts Center

August

1-2-3 – Pow Wow Days, Tiskilwa, IL Friday: Lil’ Spurs rodeo & Beer Garden with Snapshot at 9p.m.– Saturday: parade 10 a.m., inflatable rides 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Beer Garden with DJ 9 p.m.

3 – Pow Wow Days 5k Race

2 & 3 – Bureau County Relay for Life, Hall High School, Spring Valley

3 – The 2013 Moose Autorama, Princeton Moose Lodge, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the 1339 N. Euclid Ave. in Princeton. All cars, trucks, tractors and motorcycles are welcome. The event includes a DJ, 50/50 drawing, raffles, door prizes, garage sale, food and awards. \$10 entry fee, with proceeds going to Mooseheart and Moose charities. Call the lodge or 815-878-5880 or 815-643-2040.



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6 – National Night Out, Kirby Park, Spring Valley. Promoting neighborhood spirit and Community-Police relationships. 815.663.2351.

10 – Ice Cream Social & Auction at First Presbyterian Church, Princeton. Corner of Park Ave E. & S. Euclid Ave.

19 – Hundred Acres Orchard opens for the season – pick your own apples, gift shop & bakery. The Cider Mill – Banquet Facility is opened year round – Call Annette at 815-303-1045 to set up an appointment

TBA – Fun Day – Manlius, IL

TBA – Fun Day, Mineral, IL



21 – 25th – 158th annual Bureau County Fair, Princeton. Huge Carnival, Talent Show, Tractor Pulls, Demo Derby, Justin Moore concert Friday

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September

TBA - Illinois Valley Symphony Orchestra, Princeton



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14 – Critter Show – Bureau County Fairgrounds

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26 – Oktoberfest German Dinner &
Music – Bureau County
Fairgrounds

28 – Princeton Coffeehouse shows at
Open Prairie UCC Church, 25
E. Marion St. The Cantrells.

28 – Sheffield Town-wide garage sales

October

4,5,11,12,18,19,25,26 – Nightmare on
Fairgrounds Road Haunted
Attraction – Bureau County
Fairgrounds, Princeton, IL
[www.nightmareonfairground-
sroad.com](http://www.nightmareonfairground-
sroad.com)

11 - Girls Night Out - Princeton
Chamber, shopping fun

13 – Critter Show – Bureau County
Fairgrounds

13 & 14 – Shadows of the Blue & Gray
– Civil War reenactment.
City-County Park, Princeton.



14- Christmas Craft Show and Flea
Market – Bureau County
Fairgrounds, Princeton, IL

25 & 26 – Sauk Trail Gun Show and
Sale – Bureau County
Fairgrounds

25 & 26 – Terror of Trails – Echo Bluff
Park – Spring Valley

26 – Moonlight Madness shopping,
Princeton



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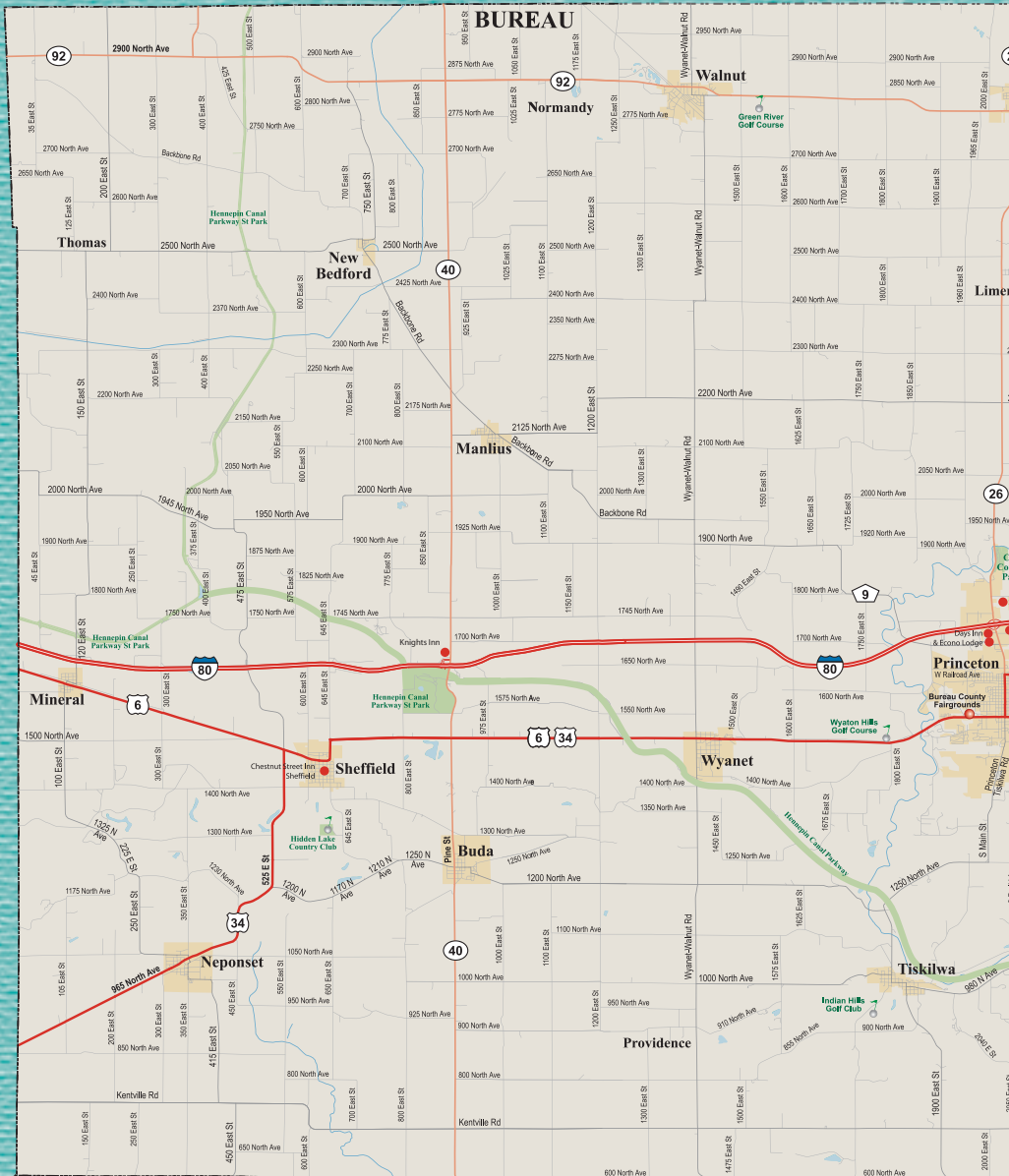
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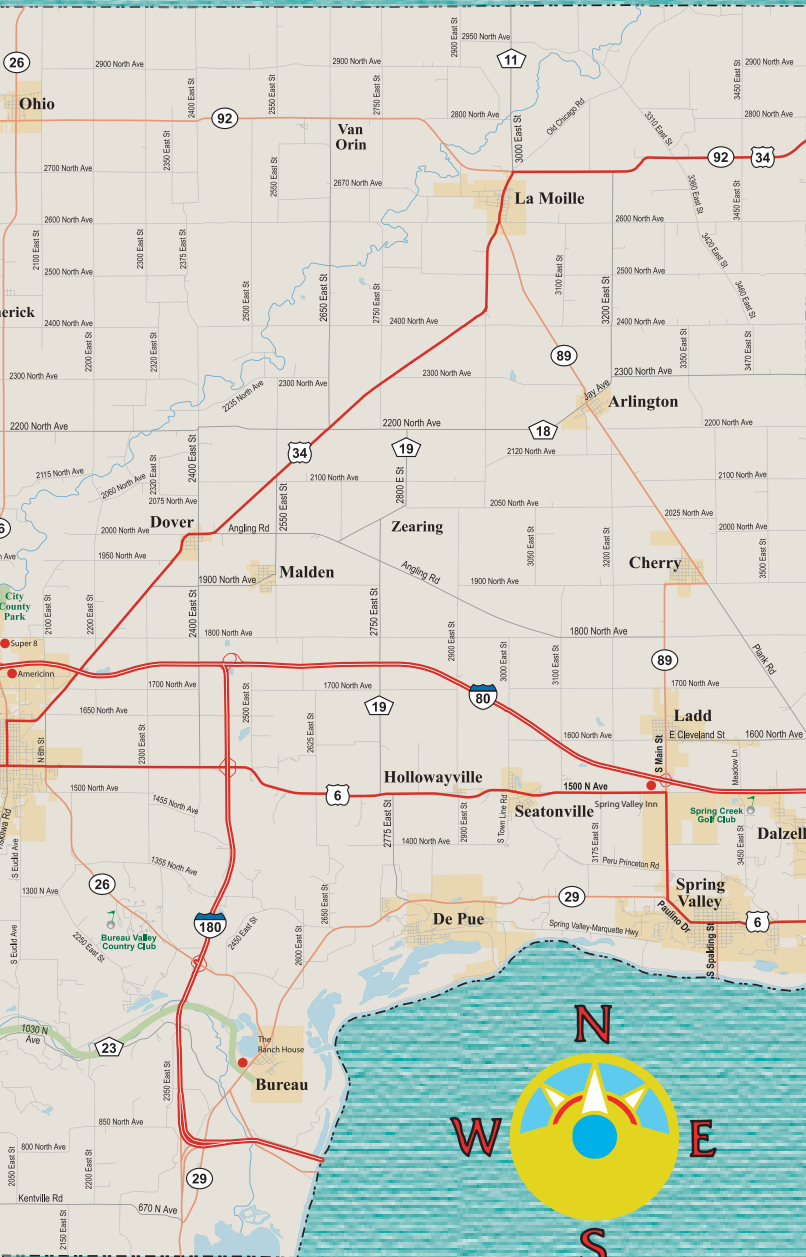
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- 26 – Princeton Coffeehouse shows at Open Prairie UCC Church, 25 E. Marion St. Sally Spring.
- 26 – 4th annual Helicopter Candy Drop – Hundred Acres Orchard, Princeton
- 26 – 2nd annual Pumpkin Race – downtown Princeton, noon to 3 p.m. with the races beginning on Marion Street at the South Main Street intersection. The race is a simple concept. Take a pumpkin, decorate it and insert two independent axles through the pumpkin and attach any size wheels.

November

- 2 – Pigeon Show, Bureau County Fairgrounds, Princeton
- 9 & 10 – Huge Winter Garage Sale, Bureau County Fairgrounds, Princeton
- 9 -Christmas in the Valley, Spring Valley, shopping specials, crafts, bake sales & family activities. www.spring-valley.il.us or 815.303.4327.
- 16 & 17 – Christmas Open House, Princeton
- 16 – 6th annual Northern IL Model Train Fair and Farm Toy Show, Bureau County Fairgrounds, Princeton

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- 23 & 24 – Huge Winter Garage Sale,
Bureau County Fairgrounds,
Princeton
- 27 – Angus Show & Sale, Bureau
County Fairgrounds,
Princeton
- 30- Princeton Coffeehouse shows at
Open Prairie UCC Church,
25 E. Marion St. Sam Baker.



December

- 1 – Breakfast with Santa, Princeton
- 1 – Lions Club Christmas Parade,
Princeton
- 7- Critter Show – Bureau County
Fairgrounds
- 7 – Lighted Santa Parade, Downtown
Spring Valley. Parade, visit
with Santa & refreshments.
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- 7 & 8 -3rd annual Christmas Craft and
Vendor Show – Hundred
Acres Orchard, Princeton
- 8 – Second Sunday Flea Market,
Bureau County Fairgrounds
- 15 – Danish Church Christmas Service,
Sheffield
- TBA – Walk Tiskilwa, Tiskilwa
- 21 – WZOE Farm show, Bureau County
Fairgrounds

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July 14.....	D-17 Motocross
July 20.....	Racer-X Vet Series
Aug 25.....	D-17 Motocross
Sept 28.....	D-17 Motocross
Sept 29.....	D-17 MX/Pro-Am
Oct 5.....	D-17 Motocross
Oct 6.....	D-17 Motocross
Oct 20.....	D-17 Motocross



*St. Margaret's Health 1st Annual 10k
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Saturday, April 13 – Habit For Health,
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Street, Spring Valley, IL. On-line regis-
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runrace.net](http://www.runrace.net).

2nd annual Conquer The Hill

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*Get Your Rear in Gear –
Ladd 5K Run/Walk*

Saturday, May 25
Registration: 9:00 a.m.
5K Fun Run/Walk: 10:00 a.m.
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Buffalo Days 5K Race

Saturday, June 8, 7:00-7:30 a.m. in
LaMoille. Buffalo Stampede 5K Run/Walk
registration- high school practice field
8:00 a.m. 5K Race/Walk steps off.
Call Rick Becker 815-488-8240.



Walnut 5K Run/Walk For ALS

Saturday, June 29 – Walnut 5K Race/Walk starts @ 8:00 a.m. Starting line is in front of Bureau Valley North Jr. High. Check in at park tent by shelter south of the school. Walkers are welcome!! All proceeds will be donated to ALS research (Lou Gehrig's Disease).

Race features 3.1 miles, accurately measured. For details 815-379-2269 or email: cjvonh@frontier.com

Fifth Annual Nancy Jo Olds-Bohm 5K run/walk

Saturday, July 13. As in previous years, the race will start and end at the Wyanet Memorial Park. The course loops through the streets and is fast with mostly flat terrain and only a few gentle hills. The race is electronically timed and features water stations, splits at the first and second mile markers and refreshments after the race. The kids fun run will be held immediately following the 5K and consists of a half block run that is electronically timed. For more information to participate or to become a sponsor, contact Karen Russell at 815-699-2474 or Margaret DeVenney at 815-454-9602.

Tiskilwa Pow Wow Days 5K Race

Saturday, August 3

6:45 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. check in race at 8 a.m., 5K (3.1 miles)

Starts and Ends at East Park in Tiskilwa (flat course)

Splits 1st and 2nd mile water stations on course entry form on Facebook page, Tiskilwa Pow Wow Days 5k or jproffitt56@gmail.com

Underground Railroad 5K Run/Walk

September 14

7:00 a.m. Bureau County Metro Center Registration begins at 7:00 a.m. at the Bureau County Metro Center, 837 Park Avenue West in Princeton with a race time of 8:00 a.m.

COURSE: 5K (3.1 miles) ~ The race begins and ends at the Bureau County Metro Center. Course includes 3 water stations with Splits at miles 1 and 2.

Princeton Arts Academy Color Splash Dash

Saturday, October 5

Race begins at 5, after party on the Academy lawn 6-9. Early registration before Sept 15: 20\$ individual, 55 for team of 3-6 runners. After Sept 15: 30\$ per individual, 65\$ for teams. Registration will be by mail, or on the website. It will be the messiest, most fun 5k ever! Runners will be given a white t-shirt at registration, and at each Kilometer marking we will splash them with a separate color, so by the end of the race they are covered in color. Using that color, at the end we will have everyone roll on a huge piece of canvas to create a large art installation to be displayed at the Academy. Followed by a BBQ, Games for Kids, and music. It's for the whole family, adults can run, kids can ride their bikes or run along side.

Third Annual Z-Tour Bike Ride

The Z-Tour Bike Ride enters its 3rd annual fund-raiser on July 20, 2013. This event helps to sponsor the local Zearing Child Enrichment Center in Princeton Illinois. This children's day care offers supervision and educational programs for a wide range of children from infants to 6th grade.

Z-Tour offers some of the most beautiful scenery and safe biking areas that

the Midwest has to offer. Low traffic areas, the historical Red Covered Bridge, and winding country roads, give variety for all levels of riders. The rolling hills along streams and fields showcase this biking haven. Courses of varying distances and levels of difficulty range from 10, 25, 50, 62.5 and the 100-mile route. This ride's beauty, exceptional organization, and hospitality have lead to rapid



Z-TOUR.ORG



growth of more than 300 + riders in only two years. Z-Tour has been used for training for the well-known Ragbrai Ride across Iowa, and by Ironmen tri-athletes preparing for their next hilly event. High end riders are extremely satisfied, but beginning riders and families are not forgotten! They feel comfortable with the flatter terrain that is offered on the lower distance routes.

The ride starts and ends at the impressive Zearing Park in Princeton, IL, and travels through many of the Bureau County Townships. Past Z-Tour riders have remarked that it is one of the "Best" marked routes they have ever ridden on. The maps supplied are seldom used and all levels of riders feel confident as they navigate the route. Another level of security is offered by the local police with involvement at major intersections to slow and control traffic. Another full service Z-Tour aspect is Mike's Bike Shop. It is located at the registration area for minor repairs and tire changes when checking in at Zearing Park. Showers available following the ride, also allow everyone to go out and shop in the unique stores and restaurants in Princeton.

One sponsor of a major biking group has been quoted as calling Z-tour a major "Event", not just your usual "Ride". Theme-based SAG areas are spaced along the routes to supply water, fruit, snacks and energy drinks. These SAG's offer 50's, Buffet, patriotic and fun biking decorations and music to bring this bicycling experience to a whole new level for bikers of all ages and skills. The Z-Tour committee members have experienced alternate rides across the United States and are gearing this to be one of the best "Events" to add to your bicycling adventures.

For more information on Z-Tour, please check out our fantastic website, Z-TOUR.ORG, for an overview of routes, photos, and rider comments. Help us to promote good health through cycling, while supporting and riding for the "kids" at the Zearing Child Enrichment Day Care in Princeton, Illinois. Make this a family weekend and join the Z-Tour excitement and adventure !!

We look forward to riding with you!

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Hidden Lake Country Club

12985 645 East St., Sheffield
845-454-2660

A parkland eighteen-hole course, with tree lined fairways and a number of water features. The golf course is surrounded by Mautino State Fish and Wildlife Area. The eighteen small lakes and wooded areas lend to the peaceful, relaxing atmosphere of the golf course. Cart rental, restaurant, full bar and snack bar are available.

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Indian Hills Golf Course

9468 1725 East St., Tiskilwa
815-646-4856

Gently rolling fairways lined with numerous trees makes this nine-hole course a favorite. An accurate shot to the green is key. Cart rental, full bar and snack bar are available.

Green River Country Club

15212 IL Hwy. 92, Walnut
815-379-2227

This nine-hole course has numerous trees lining its fairways. The terrain is rolling and a creek comes into play several times. Cart rental, restaurant, full bar and snack bar are available.

Mendota Golf Course

35666 Route 34 West, Mendota
815-538-7241

The 18-hole "Mendota" course at the Mendota Golf Club facility in Mendota, Illinois features 6,176 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 70. The course rating is 69.5 and it has a slope rating of 117 on Blue grass.




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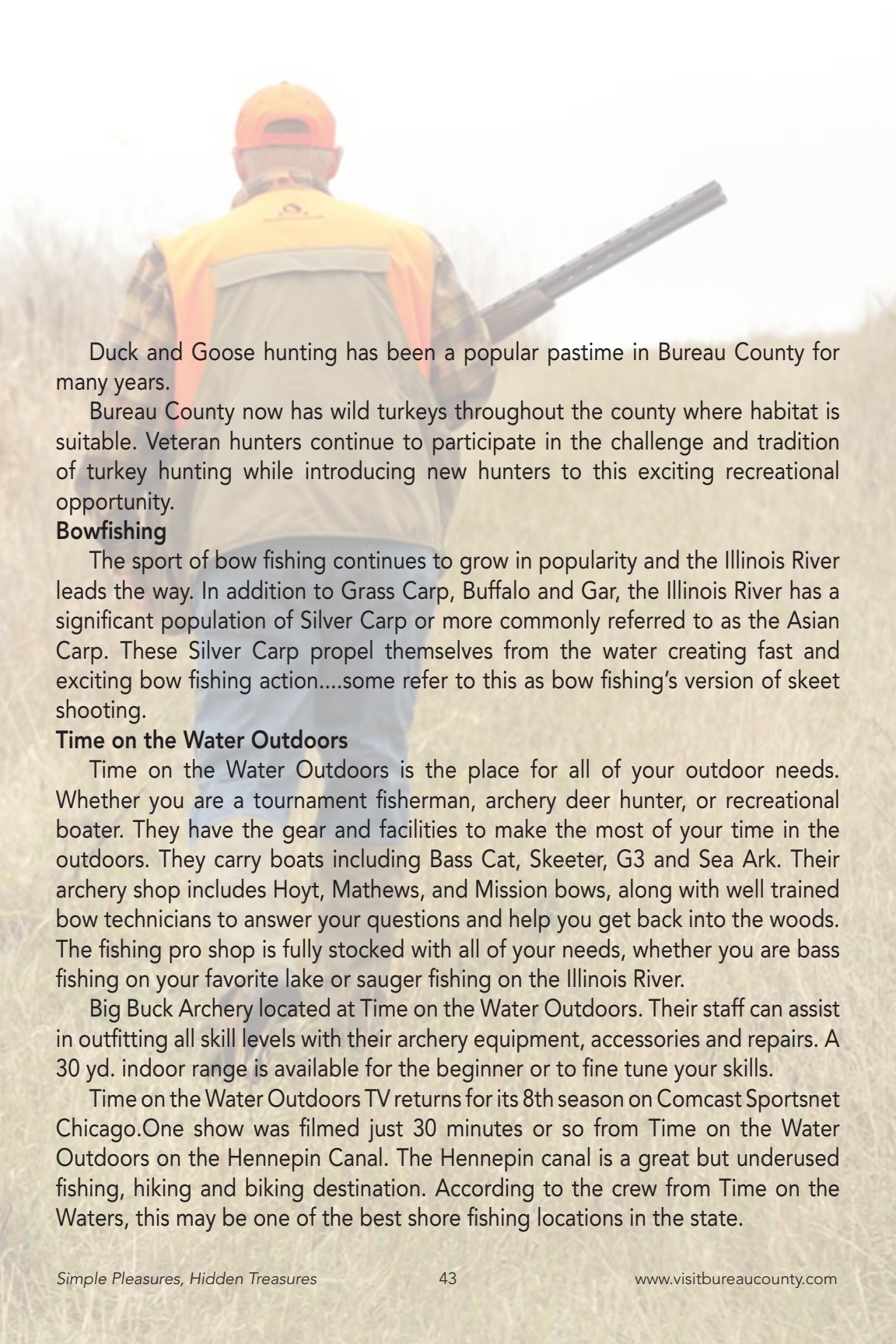
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HUNTING IN BUREAU COUNTY

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Regardless of who owns the gun, anyone who has a firearm, including muzzleloaders, or firearm ammunition in their possession must have in their possession a valid Firearm Owners I.D. (F.O.I.D.) Card unless he or she is: a) A licensed out-of-state-sportsman hunting in Illinois, or b) Under the age of 21 and under the immediate control of a parent, guardian, or responsible adult who has in their possession a valid F.O.I.D. Card. F.O.I.D. Card Information 217-782-7980. For hunters just getting started, finding and taking a hunter safety course is required by law for persons born after January 1, 1980. Hunters will learn about safety, ethics and many of the skills to become a successful hunter. After taking the course, a person should learn how to use their hunting weapon and practice with it often until they are proficient in using it.

The **Sauk Trail Gun Collectors Show and Sale** is held four times a year at the Bureau County Fairgrounds. They meet there the last full weekend of January, March, October and November. There you can find new and used guns of all kinds, ammunition, historical items and many other items related to hunting sports.



Duck and Goose hunting has been a popular pastime in Bureau County for many years.

Bureau County now has wild turkeys throughout the county where habitat is suitable. Veteran hunters continue to participate in the challenge and tradition of turkey hunting while introducing new hunters to this exciting recreational opportunity.

Bowfishing

The sport of bow fishing continues to grow in popularity and the Illinois River leads the way. In addition to Grass Carp, Buffalo and Gar, the Illinois River has a significant population of Silver Carp or more commonly referred to as the Asian Carp. These Silver Carp propel themselves from the water creating fast and exciting bow fishing action....some refer to this as bow fishing's version of skeet shooting.

Time on the Water Outdoors

Time on the Water Outdoors is the place for all of your outdoor needs. Whether you are a tournament fisherman, archery deer hunter, or recreational boater. They have the gear and facilities to make the most of your time in the outdoors. They carry boats including Bass Cat, Skeeter, G3 and Sea Ark. Their archery shop includes Hoyt, Mathews, and Mission bows, along with well trained bow technicians to answer your questions and help you get back into the woods. The fishing pro shop is fully stocked with all of your needs, whether you are bass fishing on your favorite lake or sauger fishing on the Illinois River.

Big Buck Archery located at Time on the Water Outdoors. Their staff can assist in outfitting all skill levels with their archery equipment, accessories and repairs. A 30 yd. indoor range is available for the beginner or to fine tune your skills.

Time on the Water Outdoors TV returns for its 8th season on Comcast Sportsnet Chicago. One show was filmed just 30 minutes or so from Time on the Water Outdoors on the Hennepin Canal. The Hennepin canal is a great but underused fishing, hiking and biking destination. According to the crew from Time on the Waters, this may be one of the best shore fishing locations in the state.

MUSEUMS

Bureau County Genealogical Society

629 South Main, Princeton
815-879-3133

The Society is devoted to the preservation of historical and genealogical records for Bureau County.

Hunting for your family history? 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 to assist as desired Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., and the first Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Meetings with programs, open to the public, are at 7:00 p.m. the fourth Thurs. of each month except for the combined Nov/Dec meeting. Call (815) 879-3133 to arrange for off-hour visits or ask for further information.

Owen Lovejoy Homestead

Rt. 6 East & Rt. 26
815-875-2616 or 815-879-9151

A Former Station on the Underground Railroad, the Lovejoy Homestead is located at the eastern edge of Princeton, Illinois, and was the home of the Denham and Lovejoy families for nearly 100 years.

Also located on the Lovejoy Homestead property is the one room Colton Schoolhouse. It was moved from its original location 2.5 miles east to the Homestead in 1971.

Bureau County Historical Society & Museum

109 Park Ave West, Princeton
815-875-2184

Four floors featuring local history, genealogy, pioneers, agriculture, Civil War, library, and natural history. Cherry Coal Mine Disaster Display. Open March through December, Wednesday-Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Groups by appointment. Donation requested.

Mineral Pride Historical Society Museum

115 Main Street, Mineral
Open First Saturday of Every Month
Noon to 4:00 p.m.

Devoted to the preservation of the memories and history of those who were raised or spent a part of their lifetime in Mineral, Illinois. www.illinoishsglorydays.com/mineralhistoricalsociety

Henry Thomas Museum

North King St., Wyanet

Henry Thomas was the first permanent settler in Bureau County. Born in Virginia; he settled in 1828 in Bureau Township. He was man of many firsts. Among the firsts in Bureau County, Thomas 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. View a wonderful museum of Bureau County Township and Thomas Family memorabilia. By appointment only.

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Wyandot Historical Society

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815-699-2559 or 815-699-2419
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Neponset Township Historical Society

PO Box 262, Neponset
309-594-2197
Genealogical information and displays. By appointment only.

Sheffield Historical Society

125 Washington St., Sheffield
815-454-2850
Historic Danish church built in 1880 and museum with 10 exhibit areas and a research and reference room for local history of ten towns and genealogy. Admission is \$1 per person. Research fees may apply. Hours are Thursday-Saturday 11a.m.-4p.m.

Manlius Historical Society

815-646-4369, 815-445-4102
or 815-454-2532
April 1 - December 1 - Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday, 9:00-2:00
The 1915 First State Building was designed by Parker Noble Berry, a Prairie School architect, who was chief designer for Louis H. Sullivan. Building is listed in the National Register of Historic Buildings and Sites in the United States.

Berry died at a young age, so there are few visible examples, of his work.

Spring Valley Historical Society

201 West St. Paul
815-664-4288
Open Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. or by appointment. 815.830.4303.

Tiskilwa Historical Society Museum

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Tiskilwa Historical Society offers six galleries of hands-on experience with Tiskilwa's colorful past: Native American artifacts, village, military and school memorabilia, Hennepin Canal construction photos, old farm implements, early domestic items and more. Visit anytime online at tiskilwahistoricalsociety.org or in person on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Handicapped accessible.

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Bureau County Parks

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.

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 cardio-vascular room; and elevated walking track. For receptions, banquets or meetings, the center has a generous sized multi-purpose area. Admission.

Alexander Park and Pool

Anderson St.

Twelve acre Alexander Park has a skate park, six tennis courts which are also used as a multi-sport court, outdoor pool, horseshoe pits, barbecue and picnic areas, shelter, restrooms, playground and sand volleyball and fishing. Pool Admission.

Zearing Park

South Euclid St.

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 on site is sand volleyball, horseshoe pits, playground and concession stand. Check out the new walking trail and lake.

Joe Meyers Park

North of Dover

30 Acres of preserved natural woods.

Westside Park

Randolph & Marion St.

3 Acres of ball fields with restrooms and concession stand.

Simple Pleasures, Hidden Treasures

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.

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.

Kirby Park

Devlin and Strong

Three shelters, baseball diamond, playground, tennis courts, horseshoe pits picnic areas and the Coveny-Veterans' Memorial swimming pool.

Coal Miners' Park

East St. Paul St.

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

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.





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 or swimming enjoyment.

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Walnut Park District

403 Sunset Ave

815-379-2213

Outdoor swimming pool, ball diamonds, community shelter, playground, tennis courts and restrooms.

**Ladd
Veteran's Park**

South Main and Cleveland St.s

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.



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Bureau County Parks

Kennedy Park

East Locust St.

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

Bureau Children's Memorial Park

Upper level playground area of Hormel Ponds offers a basketball court, shelter and picnic facilities. 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 a 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.

DePue Donnelley/DePue State Fish and Wildlife Area

1001 W. 4th St. 815-447-2353

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

Lake Front Park

First St.

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

Mineral McCune Sand Prairie

150 East Street

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 was once pasture, but due excessive grazing, the soil became especially sandy, making it too well drained and dry for many native Illinois plants. Today, there are more than 200 acres to explore with native grasses, shrubs, trees, and prickly pear cacti. This is not a good place to wear sandals, as some of the prickly pear are rather small and hidden in the grass. From on top of the hills there are some scenic views of the farmland off to the west.

The Witness Tree

County Road 10 and County Road 1300
The Witness Tree is a more than 250-year-old giant burr oak tree at the junction of County Road 10 and County Road 1300 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.



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.

MONTHLY OR SEASONAL EVENTS

3rd Friday of each Month

Bluegrass Jam

March 15, April 19, May 17, June 21, July 19, Aug. 16, Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 20
First Lutheran Church, Princeton
6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Dates: June – October

Bureau County Farmers' Market

1023 N. Main St.
Princeton's Darius Miller Park
Princeton, IL 61356
Local specialties, fruits, vegetables, crafts and organic food
Times: Every Saturday, 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Every Tuesday, 3:30 p.m.–6:30 p.m.

May 24th- September 20th

Friday Lunch in the Park!

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Soldier & Sailors Park – Princeton

June – July – August TBA
September (weather permitting)

Spring Valley Farmers' Market

(Starting date will depend on seasonal crop availability)
Home Grown & Home Made Food & Products
Heartland Bank & Trust parking lot – Dakota Street. Wednesdays, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m..
To participate call: 815.303.4327

Friends of the Hennepin Canal

Canal Hikes are held on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

There is no fee for the hikes. We ask that you dress weather appropriately and bring a water bottle. Information: Ed Herrmann at: hikes@friends-hennepin-canal.org (email), 815-664-2403 (home)

May – October

Sunset Ridge Moto-Cross Racing

www.sunsetridgemx.com

The Princeton Community Band's

2013 performance schedule is as follows: June 2, 16, 30, 14, July 21, 28 at Soldiers' and Sailors' Park and all begin at 6 p.m.

Hornbaker Gardens

Open House and Hosta Walk, June 7-8-9

Saturday workshops April 20 through June 8 at 10 a.m.

First three weeks of July – daylily fields in bloom

Bocce Ball tournament and outdoor games, August 17

Princeton Coffeehouse shows are located at Open Prairie UCC Church, 25 E. Marion St. Admission is \$12.00 at the door. Doors open @ 7:00 PM. Show time is 7:30. See calendar for artist.




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Adventure is Calling: The Hennepin Canal Parkway State Park

The Hennepin Canal Parkway State Park, a 104-mile linear park, is a rustic, historic, educational, and recreational jewel spanning the counties of Bureau, Henry, Lee, Whiteside, and Rock Island counties. It offers an up-close look at a fascinating piece of transportation history.

The canal is popular with bicyclists who ride from town to town exploring the history, dining, lodging, and entertainment possibilities as they travel. Federal funding paid for the conversion of the adjacent towpath into a multi-purpose recreational trail. Today, the trail connects with the Grand Illinois



Trail, a 535 mile loop through northern Illinois, but also is part of the American Discovery Trail, a 6,800 mile coast-to-coast trail devoted to non-motorized use.

The tree-lined park is a refuge with

prairie restorations and wetlands slicing through corn and soybean farmland. Home to diverse flora and fauna, it has become a favorite for bird watchers and prairie enthusiasts. It offers numerous year-round opportunities to boat, hike, bike, fish, ride horseback, snowmobile, ice skate, and cross-country ski.

Restrooms, drinking water, primitive



camping, picnic tables, and grills have been added at many of the lock sites.

Bob

Groene, Quad City Dispatch outdoor writer, recently wrote,

““The Canal” as I’ll call her, is a perfect picture of longevity and tranquility. She offers a host of high-quality outdoor recreational amenities. She’s a 105-year-old local and national treasure that connects the Illinois, Mississippi, and Rock Rivers and a number of adjacent communities across northwestern Illinois. Withstanding a few bumps and bruises along the way, she has survived the toughest test of all —the test of time.”

Interesting Historic Facts

- 🍀 Planning started in 1834.
- 🍀 Construction included first-time use of Portland cement (in lieu of cut stone) for locks, and for utility poles, and fence posts (in lieu of wood) — much of which still exists today.
- 🍀 Workers were paid 75-cents per day.
- 🍀 Construction progressed from east to west.
- 🍀 Capt. Marshall (Corps of Engineers), who was in charge of construction, designed a new lock system powered by water that carries his name — The Marshall Gate
- 🍀 The canal was constructed to be 80-feet wide and seven-foot deep
- 🍀 Upon completion, lock tenders were provided a house and were paid \$90 per month
- 🍀 In 1978, the Canal was placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

A Historic and Engineering Landmark

The economic potential for a man-made water shortcut from the Illinois River to the Mississippi River was conceived by a former Erie Canal superintendent, Joseph Gales, in 1834. It wasn't until the passage of the River and Harbor Act of 1890 authorized \$500,000 for canal construction. Spanning over 100 miles, the canal continues to exist in its original banks with water for its entire length. The canal has 32 of its original 33 locks. The canal crossed creeks and rivers via nine aqueducts, six of which remain. In November of 1907, seventeen years after authorization by Congress, the steamship Marion made the first official voyage the full length of the canal. The final cost was \$7.4 million. Rail competition and outdated locks prevented the dream of commercial success, but the canal has always been a recreational success. The U.S. Corp of Engineers closed the canal to boat travel in 1951. After years of decline, the State of Illinois purchased the canal in 1970 and began needed repairs, and the canal was then named the Hennepin Canal Parkway State Park.

The Friends of the Hennepin Canal group was formed in 1998 with the goal of providing leadership to organize and direct activities to preserve, promote and protect the Hennepin Canal for



15 years. They serve the communities along the canal, and the many visitors the Hennepin Canal draws for its cultural and recreational opportunities.

Ready for a Renaissance

Renaissance Hennepin was announced in the fall of 2010 with the ambitious goal of preserving and rehabilitating a 50-mile stretch beginning at the guard lock in Rock Falls and continuing on the 29 mile feeder canal to the summit basin in rural Sheffield. The proposed course then turns west and continues on through lock 22 in rural Sheffield/Mineral, 23 in Atkinson, and 24 in Geneseo. Rehabilitation will create a continuous navigable waterway with the capability for canoes, kayaks, and fishing boats to lock through as the elevation drops through each canal lock.

“The inspiration behind the Renaissance Hennepin Canal project is a result of the outpouring of support for the canal during the 2007 centennial celebration and the threat of 2008 state park closures,” said Gary Wagle, president of the Friends of the Hennepin Canal. Canal cruising is a successful idea in both Europe and Canada where it is a valuable tourist pursuit.

The Friends goal is to create canal cruising to allow a new recreational venue that will produce a significant tourist industry and new opportunities for entrepreneurs. As a result, commerce will prosper throughout the region. Canal cruising on the historic Hennepin Canal will set the stage for the Hennepin Canal Parkway State Park to become an extraordinary recreational and cultural destination for visitors from across the region, nation, and perhaps the world. Retired state senator, Todd Sieben, a member of the Renaissance Hennepin Canal Steering committee said, “The canal rehabilitation, with the ability to



cruise the canal and lock through, will preserve and enhance the canal for future generations to enjoy.” The canal rehabilitation and preservation will be funded through private funds generated by the Friends of the Hennepin Canal. Currently, no state funds are being used for this effort.

Gary Wagle said, “The Hennepin Canal is one of the best kept secrets in the United States. It offers history, beauty, recreation, and even romance. Build it and they will come.” The Friends have the vision and to Wagle, the restoration of the locks will save the canal. “This is a jewel. There aren’t many watered canals in the U.S. and as a founder of The Friends, the rehabilitation and repurpose will save this canal,” he said.



Owen Lovejoy Home

National Register of Historic Places in 1997

Another historic site in Bureau County is the Lovejoy Homestead in Princeton. This was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1997.

This two-story frame structure was the home of abolitionist Owen Lovejoy, who was born in Maine in 1811. This house was one of the stations in the Underground Railroad movement in Illinois. Runaway slaves were harbored by the Lovejoy family until arrangements could be made for them to travel to the next station on their way to Canada.

The Underground Railroad was maintained in the northern states to aid Negro slaves in their attempt to reach Canada and freedom. The Princeton station was probably the most important in Illinois because of the powerful personality of its conductor, Owen Lovejoy.

Runaway slaves came up the Mississippi River and stopped at many stations between



Quincy and Galesburg before reaching Princeton. Each stop was usually about ten miles apart. The trip to Canada could possibly take a year.

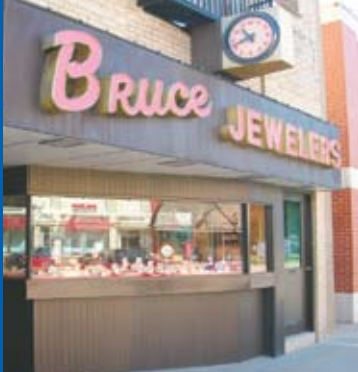
Lovejoy moved into the house in 1838, when he became a Congregationalist minister. He was leader in the formation of the Republican Party in Illinois, and he served as a representative in the state legislature, 1855-1857, and in the United States Congress from 1857 until his death in 1864. Located at the eastern edge of Princeton, IL on East Peru Street (Route 6) on the right when traveling west, 1 mile from downtown. The Owen Lovejoy Home now belongs to the City of Princeton and was opened as a museum in 1972.

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Historic Bridges of Bureau County

Captain Swift Bridge

Location: West of Princeton
(Directions) From North Main St. in Princeton, turn west on Backbone Road at (Beck's Gas Station) to Epperson Road and turn left. Go 1 mile and road will fork. Take the right fork and the Bridge will be around the curve. You can also take W. Railroad Ave in Princeton to Epperson Road and turn left.

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, the Captain Swift Timber Covered 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, stronger than solid timber and fabricate-able 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, installed and linked to the sheriff's department and fire station.

While the initial cost of the timber covered bridge surpasses that for 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.

WHA was presented with a Special Achievement Award by the American Council of Engineering Companies of Illinois, and received the Juror's Favorite Award as part of the Excellence in Structural Engineering Awards from the Structural Engineers Association of Illinois and was honored with an Engineering Award from WoodWorks North-Central.

Red Covered Bridge

The second covered bridge in Bureau County is called the Red Covered Bridge. To go to the bridge travel 1 mile north on Main Street (Rt. 26) from Princeton. Cross over I-80 and turn left on 1990 East Street (just past Midwest Bus Co.) The bridge is 1 mile from the intersection.

You are still able to drive through the unique bridge but take it slow since it is only one lane. Watch for oncoming vehicles before you proceed into the bridge. Be sure to stop in the picnic area on the north side. As you walk through the unique wooden structure that was

built in 1863 you will see a plaque in the bridge 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."*

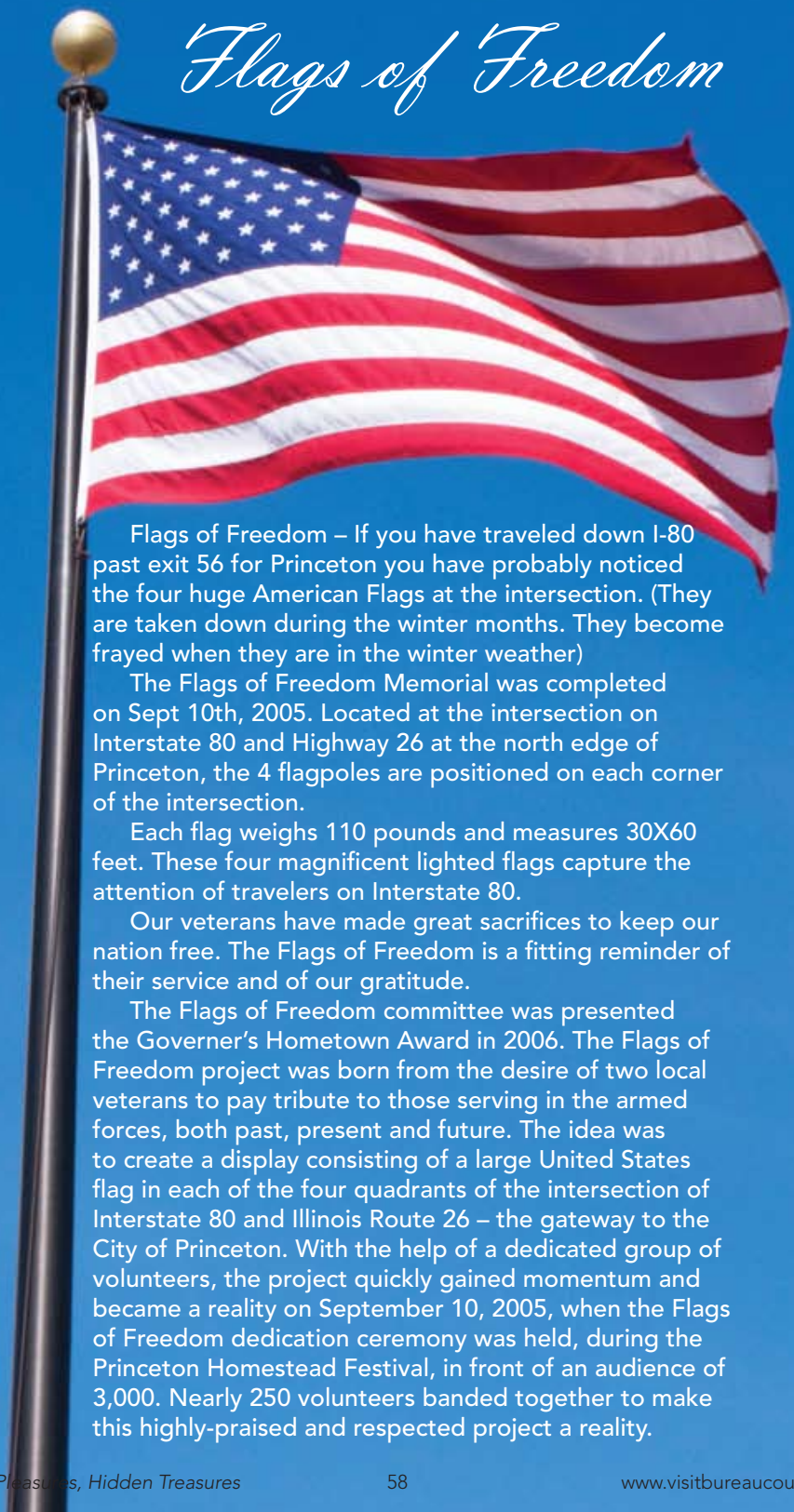
In tribute, to the building committee and to the other citizens of Bureau County who, with foresight and faith, planned and builded well, this memorial tablet is today dedicated – September 5th, 1938."

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 this bridge."*

The photogenic bridge is enjoyed by photographers during all the seasons of the year. Please watch for "no trespassing" signs and respect them. When the bridge was originally built in 1863, it cost \$3,148.57. The 149-foot (45 m) span is one of six remaining covered bridges in Illinois, and it is still open to traffic. It was once part of the Peoria-Galena Trail.

The bridge was added to the U.S. National Register of Historic Places on April 23, 1975.

Flags of Freedom



Flags of Freedom – If you have traveled down I-80 past exit 56 for Princeton you have probably noticed the four huge American Flags at the intersection. (They are taken down during the winter months. They become frayed when they are in the winter weather)

The Flags of Freedom Memorial was completed on Sept 10th, 2005. Located at the intersection on Interstate 80 and Highway 26 at the north edge of Princeton, the 4 flagpoles are positioned on each corner of the intersection.

Each flag weighs 110 pounds and measures 30X60 feet. These four magnificent lighted flags capture the attention of travelers on Interstate 80.

Our veterans have made great sacrifices to keep our nation free. The Flags of Freedom is a fitting reminder of their service and of our gratitude.

The Flags of Freedom committee was presented the Governor's Hometown Award in 2006. The Flags of Freedom project was born from the desire of two local veterans to pay tribute to those serving in the armed forces, both past, present and future. The idea was to create a display consisting of a large United States flag in each of the four quadrants of the intersection of Interstate 80 and Illinois Route 26 – the gateway to the City of Princeton. With the help of a dedicated group of volunteers, the project quickly gained momentum and became a reality on September 10, 2005, when the Flags of Freedom dedication ceremony was held, during the Princeton Homestead Festival, in front of an audience of 3,000. Nearly 250 volunteers banded together to make this highly-praised and respected project a reality.



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