

Princeville Developments

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Village of Princeville

Spring 2004

Princeville Aquatic Center Opens May 29!

Rich Knapp, Pool Chairman

The 2004 Princeville swim season has arrived. The pool plans to open Saturday, May 29, weather permitting, and it will run until the end of August. For the children who want swim lessons, please pick-up registration forms at the Village Hall after June 1 and return them as soon as possible. Lessons are scheduled to begin June 21 and will be held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Student's skill level will determine the time of his or her class.

Ticket prices, passes, lessons, pool parties and night specials are printed in both the Advertiser and the Prairie Shopper.

This year, on Monday through Thursday nights, we are planning group swims, so if you're a member of APA, the Fire Department, Lions Club, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, local business owners or employees, church

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Princeville Heritage Days Coming Up in June!

Thom Ellis Headliner for Saturday Night

Yes siree, it's that time of year for Princeville Heritage Days. The Princeville Civic Association is short on members, but because of a lot of good people and great organizations – Heritage Days will be happening again this year. The PCA is especially excited about the Saturday night entertainment. With the extra effort of President Chris Delbridge, direct from Nashville, **Thom Ellis**, an upcoming country singer will be performing. The handsome Ellis has released his latest album "Every Single Day". The music business is buzzing about the single from the album "Hasta La Vista". The video single played on the GAC (Great American Cable) network and made hot pick of the month. Thom lives in Nashville with his wife and four kids. He has over 3000 members in his fan club. Don't miss this show.

Under the food tent, the **Princeville Lions Club** will again be grilling up some very tasty sandwiches. They will also be flipping pancakes on both Saturday and Sunday mornings. The **Princeville Masons** will be making up their unforgettable onion rings, french fries and lemon shakeups. Of course, the **local churches** will be selling mouth-watering homemade pies.

Big M Amusements will be providing the carnival rides and games. It is best to purchase ride tickets in advance. They are available at various locations in the Village, and the price is \$15.00 for ten tickets. Purchase these by June 16. Big M also brings along some carnival food: corn dogs, funnel cakes, elephant ears, etc. YUM!

Ethel Dallinger and her helpers are working on the **Art Show**. The show is for grade and high schoolers, adult amateurs, semi-professionals and professional artists. It will be judged, and is open for public viewing all during Heritage Days. Call Ethel at 385-4944 for

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With wisdom, people can create success out of failure.

Mirik Konewa

PRINCEVILLE'S HERITAGE CENTER

Linda Fairfield, HAP President

The Townhouse School is now at its new home adjacent to the museum. Also our windmill is up in front of the museum, so stop and see the new things. Below is a list of our upcoming events. Saturday, July 17 will be our 5th Annual Threshing Day. It is a very learning and fun experience. There are threshing demonstrations, good food and interesting things for not only men, but for ladies and children.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR HAP

SATURDAY, JUNE 5

AUCTION AND PORK DINNER FOR TOWNHOUSE SCHOOL

VIEW AT 8 AM AND AUCTION AT 10 AM

SATURDAY, JUNE 12

HAP MEETING: PROGRAM BY CHUCK & KATHY GERMAN ON

THAILAND AT 4:00 PM

SATURDAY, JUNE 19

CLASS OF 1964 40TH CLASS REUNION

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

HAP PICNIC AT 4:00 PM

SATURDAY, JULY 10

HAP MEETING: SHORT FILM "JUST A FEW WORDS MR. LINCOLN" AT 4:00 PM

SATURDAY, JULY 17

5TH ANNUAL THRESHING DAY AT 10:00 AM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

HAP MEETING: PROGRAM BY TERI RANSOM ON "UNDERGROUND RAILROAD" AT 4:00 PM ♦

Easy Snack!

Spread one 8 oz. package of cream cheese on a microwavable pie plate. Cover with one cup salsa. Sprinkle one cup shredded cheese (any type – taco cheese is good) over salsa. Microwave for 2 to 3 minutes. Serve with tortilla chips.

information. The show will again be at the former Heartland Chevrolet building on Santa Fe.

The **Beer Tent** will be happening each day, but at a new location. The former Heartland Chevrolet car lot at Spring St and Santa Fe Ave. is the spot. The PCA is sponsoring the beer tent this year.

On Thursday from 6 to 7 pm, there will be a "**Football Auction**". The Princeville football team will be auctioning off their services to provide labor for jobs of your choice whether it be raking the yard, cleaning the garage, etc. From 7 to 9 pm **Sugar Creek Karaoke** will be on stage. All you amateur singers get your vocal cords in tune...for karaoke!

On Friday starting at 7 pm is the fun and exciting **Talent Show**. The lovely ladies Butler, Cordis, Jackson, and Kraft and the dashing Delbridge are working up another incredible Talent Show. The Bible School kids will be the opening act. This show is also judged with monetary prizes. Call Judy at 385-2137 to sign up.

Saturday starts off early. Ron Sulaski has been working hard planning the **Pancake & Sausage 5K Run/Walk**. The race starts at 7:00 am and entry forms are at Ron's True Value and the Village Hall. Free breakfast for the participants plus a T-shirt.

The **Heritage Days Parade** is at 2:30 pm on Saturday. The Masons along with the Akron-Princeville Fire Department sponsor the parade, which originates at the United Methodist Church on Woertz Rd. and travels through the uptown area and ends at the firehouse. Call Bill Stoecker at 385-2284 to get on list. A **Kiddie Tractor Pull** will be immediately following the Parade at Stevens Square.

Saturday evening's show will begin with two opening acts. **Dave Conover** will perform at 5:30 pm, and Princeville's hometown boy **Chris Delbridge** will sing at 6:00 pm. They will warm up the crowd for **Thom Ellis** starting at 7:00 pm. Watch the Advertiser for details of Heritage Days and take the time to enjoy all the fun!

A special thank you to these people who have contributed their time to PCA this year: Andrew Black, Ethel & Cecil Dallinger, Chris Delbridge, Bill & Kay German, Sue Hofer, Milt & Janet Rasmussen, Finch Stowell and Audrey & Jeff Troutman. ♦

Community Planning Committee Update

Ann Cordis, Member

A subcommittee of the Long-Range Community Planning Committee met on Tuesday, May 4 to discuss communications within the Princeville community. The mission of the communications committee will be to create a network or a central location where Princeville area residents and other interested parties can go to learn about what is going on in the community, when upcoming events are taking place, etc. The site will also provide information about what businesses, churches, clubs, organizations and other resources are available in the area.

The committee envisions making this information available through both a centralized website, and also in hard copy form (a "newsletter") for individuals who do not have internet access. The committee is in the beginning stages of planning and organizing and would welcome input from anyone who would be interested in the area of communication.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 1 at 6:00 pm in the Lillie M. Evans Library's meeting room. ♦

Library Update *Gladys Franzen*

"EXPLORE THE READING TRAIL", the Summer Reading Program at the Lillie M. Evans Library District, begins June 9 and continues through July 16, 2004. This free educational, exciting, six week program, is available to pre-school children through eighth grade, and there's even an adult program!

Interesting programs and activities are scheduled, and prizes are awarded for completing the reading requirements. Pre-school children, aged 3, 4, or 5 years old and not in Kindergarten, may enroll in the Story Time class held on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 10:00 am. A special reading program is also available for children just finishing Kindergarten. Pick up your calendar, description of activities and rules for reading and recording books at Registration Day, June 2, 2004 from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. Join the fun! See you at the library!! ♦

Are You Ready for Some Football!

Matt Price

Sign-ups are now being held by mail-in. Forms went home with all PGS students from 2nd thru 7th grades. You can also pick up a form at Phil's Supermarket, Ron's True Value or the Village Hall. Forms are to be postmarked by May 31. The registration fee is \$60. \$70 if postmarked June 1 or later. No money is due until August 9.

The Princeville Junior Football Program is a member of the Junior Football League of Central Illinois. There are 24 areas of which we are one with about 150 teams. It's open to boys **and** girls from ages 8 to 14. Birthday cutoff is August 1.

Within each area, the players are divided into four age/weight groups so players are competing against teams their own age and weight. Don't worry Mom, your 8 year old won't be playing against a 150 lb. eighth grader. There are 8 games during the season, starting the weekend after Labor Day. The two younger groups play on Saturday with the older groups playing Sunday afternoons.

JFL supplies the helmet, shoulder pads, mouth guard, game jersey, game pants, practice pants, pads and the desire to teach you the game of football. You must bring a practice jersey, athletic supporter with cup, cleats and a desire to learn with a positive attitude. Also remember to bring a water bottle.

The first two weeks of practice will be with helmet, mouth guard and cleats only. Practice starts August 9 at 6:00 pm. Practices are from 6:00 to 7:30 pm, Monday thru Friday until the start of the high school football season. The practice schedule will then be determined by each head coach.

If you would like to know more about the program, you can log onto www.jfloci.com or call either Matt Price – 385-4942 or Clark Oltman – 385-111 or 243-5299. ♦

Remember those we have loved and lost – Memorial Day, Monday, May 31, 2004.

Watchful Eye on Business

Ron Sulaski, Business Owner

Spring season for us at Ron's True Value has always provided increased sales. It has to be the desire to begin the outside work. Lawn care, gardening, general repairs painting are among the efforts that will probably involve a trip to our type of business. This year there are other positives in motion that have increased our sales. First, we are seeing new faces now in our community on a regular basis. The price of gas has also been instrumental in the decision to shop locally. Most important is the fact that long time residents of Princeville have made a genuine effort to give more support to local business. We are always pleased when an out of town customer offers a compliment. Our favorite is the wish that our type of store were in their town.

We also have our share of mandated demands. In March we were visited by a Department of Agriculture representative. It was time for our annual inspection of our large scale used to weigh hardware items. Such items include bulk nails, bulk nuts and bulk washers. The cost for the inspection is \$18.00. The cost to taxpayers is much greater. The purpose is to insure that we are honestly providing what is shown on the scale. In April we were visited by the Environmental Protection Agency. This annual visit has the purpose of certification of our chemicals sold for use in, on and around the home. Even though the products are purchased from large companies such as Ortho, Spectrum and Scotts, and certification occurs at point of manufacture, it is apparently necessary to re-check at retail point of sale. During years past when we sold bulk garden seed, we were also required to be properly licensed. Consumer protection was again the goal of the Illinois Agency.

The point is this. Over the years we have seen growth of government involved in business activities. Taxpayers of course, carry the burden of government activities. I believe the most effective and efficient method to influence the market place is possessed by the consumer. Either he or she decides to patronize or withhold. It is that simple.

I am always perplexed when the health department

publishes the results of their inspection. Are we to believe that the food is safely prepared because of their inspection? I think the food is safely prepared because the business wants customers to return. Apparently wisdom has decided that potluck dinners are unsafe unless given the blessing of the health department. I wonder how long before the health department will be required to visit our kitchen before we entertain neighbors. ♦

Punkin' Patch Still Here After All These Years!

Punkin' Patch Board

Almost thirty years ago, the Princeville United Methodist Church noticed a need in the community. This was the need of a preschool and Punkin' Patch Preschool was established in the fall of 1976. Punkin' Patch Preschool's mission is to ensure that children have a successful start to a fulfilling school career.

Gone are the days when parents would stand in line at 6:00 am to register their child, but preschool is still very important. At three years old, the main emphasis is social skills: sharing, following directions, playing with others and being with someone other than the child's parents. The four-year-old students spend their year preparing for kindergarten. They are busy learning letters, numbers, their addresses and phone numbers, writing their names and self-help skills such as buttoning, zipping, and tying shoes. Miss Raene and Miss Marta were very pleased with the high scores the children received at the kindergarten screening this spring. The four-year-old class is ready for kindergarten!

Be sure to look for parent volunteers at Heritage Days, selling water and necklaces and cleaning tables at the food tent. Also, Punkin' Patch has a spazana dinner every fall, and everyone is invited.

In the end, Punkin' Patch Preschool's goal is to give a child the gift of confidence, self-worth, and the basic skills to reach his or her full potential. ♦

10 Tips for Saving Money on Gasoline!

By Fisher Swanson from www.thriftyfun.com

1. Keep your car tuned up. Cars in poor running condition use more gasoline.
2. Plan trips well to avoid unnecessary driving.
3. When you run your air conditioning you get lower miles per hour. Use air conditioning sparingly.
4. Check your tire pressure weekly. Over-inflated or under-inflated tires can actually reduce your fuel efficiency.
5. Take unneeded items out of the car. Extra weight reduces fuel efficiency.
6. If possible, change your work start time to avoid gridlock.
7. Use a quality brand of gasoline. Ask a mechanic which kind he/she suggests.
8. Drive steady and try to keep a constant speed. The more your speed fluctuates the more gas you will use.
9. If possible buy gas when the temperature is cool (early morning or evening). The gasoline is denser when cool and you get more bang for your buck.
10. Keep your windows closed when traveling at high speeds. Open windows cause additional drag.

Another Local Author

Michael Leighton has authored a book called "Law & Disorder". The book is a collection of short stories and anecdotes about police work. After he lost a friend in the "line of duty", he decided to put together a collection of stories provided by himself and others. The book is sold at Flowers Potpourri. It sells for \$20.00, and part of the proceeds go to the Police and Benevolent Fund. Mike, his wife Keri and son Chase live in Princeville. He works for the Stark County Sheriff's Department. It's interesting and sometimes very funny reading. ♦

Princeville Medical Center Has New Doctor

Dr. Jim Barnett has joined the staff at the Princeville Medical Center. He comes from the Peoria area where he has lived and worked for the past fourteen years. Dr. Barnett has a wife, Bev and three children and previously worked at Friendship House and Carver Center in Peoria. He grew up in Africa. Missionary work and helping people are very important to him. Dr. Barnett has joined Dick Hofer, a full-time PA-C, and a very capable & caring staff. He will be working at the center on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays. Welcome to Princeville, Dr. Barnett. ♦

More Volunteers

A recent survey by the bureau of Labor Statistics of the US Department Of Labor shows significantly more Americans participated in volunteer services in the past year. The Bureau found that about 63.8 million people did volunteer work at some point between September 2002 and September 2003. This number is up from the 59.8 million Americans who volunteered during the 12-month period ending September 2002.

The percentage of the American Population who volunteered increased to 28.8 percent, up from 27.4 percent the previous year. Teenagers showed the greatest increase in volunteer service. These findings are from the volunteer service indicator, an annual national measurement of volunteer behavior.

Taken from Serve Illinois Newsletter April 2004

It's Tornado Season!

What is a tornado? A tornado is defined as a violent windstorm characterized by a twisting, funnel-shaped cloud or a violently rotating column of air extending from a thunderstorm to the ground. Tornado season is generally March through August, but can occur at any time of the year, and tend to occur in the afternoons and evening.

Shapes & Sizes:

Weak Tornadoes:

69% of all tornadoes – Less than 5% of tornado deaths – Lifetime is 1-10+ minutes – Winds less than 110 mph

Strong Tornadoes:

29% of all tornadoes – 30% of tornado deaths – Lifetime is 20 minutes or longer – Winds 110-205 mph

Violent Tornadoes:

2% of all tornadoes – 70% of tornado deaths – Lifetime exceeds one hour – Winds greater than 205 mph

When conditions are favorable for severe weather to develop, the NOAA Weather Radio issues a severe thunderstorm or tornado warning. These warnings are then passed to local radio and television serving the warned areas. These warnings are also relayed to local emergency management and public safety officials who can activate local warning systems. ♦

Taken from IRWA Publication

SENIOR CITIZENS: If you are turning 65 this year and own your own home, don't forget to file for the Homestead Exemption. It is a \$2000 exemption and only needs to be filed once. Also if your income is \$45,000 or less, the Senior Freeze is an exemption that freezes you rate and needs to be filed yearly. See your assessor or call the Supervisor of Assessments office. The deadline to file is September 1.

New To the Area!

Princeville Tap

Tim and Wendy Begner have recently reopened the bar at 129 E. Main Street. They have spent many hours cleaning and painting. Eventually they want to add a stage and serve food. They have been having karaoke every other weekend. They are open every day from 11:00 am to 2:00 am except Sunday when they open at Noon.

Employee Benefit Plan Specialists, Inc.

John Matts has recently set up business at 118 E. Main Street. John works in commercial insurance as a consultant and broker of employee benefit plans. He usually deals with small to medium employers. He has been in the business since 1980. He and his family currently live in Metamora and plan to move to Oak Run soon.

Best Wishes to these new businesses!

Which are the busiest muscles in the body? Eye muscles—they flex more than 100,000 times a day!

Princeville's 6th
Annual Garage Sale

Saturday, June 5, 2004

8:00 am till ??

Maps Available at Phil's
Supermarket & Garage Sale
Locations

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Princeville Developments – A Community Newsletter

Townhouse School Auction

Saturday, June 5, 2004

Princeville Heritage Center

325 N. Ostrom Ave. Princeville

Open at 8:00 a.m. for viewing

Auction at 10:00 a.m.

Lunch served by Lion's Club: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

1925 Ford Model T Speedster – Mort Green watercolor – Night in Galena at bed & breakfast – Round of golf for 4 at Weaver Ridge – New windows – Candlelight dinner for 6 at Gazebo – Antiques – Donations of services – Gift certificates – Dinner for 2 with night's stay & \$100 in chips at Paradise Casino – Flower arrangements – Eye exam – Whitening dental treatment – Quilts – Jewelry - \$100 in landscaping – Framed pictures – Longaberger baskets – Welcome rocks – Yard statues – Other items too numerous to mention!♦

Princeville Heritage Days

Thursday, June 17

6:00 pm – Football Auction on stage

7:00 pm – Sugar Creek Karaoke on stage

5:00 to 9:00 pm – Art Show at Heartland Building

8:00 to Midnight – Beer Tent at Spring/Santa Fe

Friday, June 18

6:30 pm – Bible School & Daycare Kids on stage

7:00 pm – Talent Show

8:00 to Midnight – Beer Tent

Saturday, June 19

7:00 am – Pancake/Sausage Breakfast/5K Run/Walk

9:00 am to 9 pm – Art Show

2:30 pm – Heritage Days Parade

Kiddie Tractor Pull Follows Parade

4:00 pm to 1:00 am – Beer Tent

5:30 pm – Dave Conover on stage

6:00 pm – Chris Delbridge on stage

7:00 pm – Thom Ellis on stage

Sunday, June 20

8:00 am – Lions Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

10:30 am – Community Worship Service at Square

During Heritage Days:

Carnival Rides & Games – Food Tent – Informative Booths

Knights of Columbus - Small Motorcycle Raffle

VFW Post 1255 - \$100 Bill Raffle

