

Across the Greenfield

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“Knee-High by the Fourth of July”



Ed, Ken & Wendell Husk the Fresh Sweet Corn the Residents
Enjoyed for Lunch!!

SHUCKS, WE HAD A GOOD TIME!

Things got a little “corny” at Greenfield when a generous friend from our local community donated fresh sweet corn for our residents and staff to enjoy with lunch.

Before the corn could make its way to the kitchen it needed a little preparation. Several of the gentlemen gathered together to help shuck the corn

while sharing plenty of conversation and laughter, while they enjoyed a collection of corny jokes.

Why shouldn’t you tell secrets in a cornfield? Because the corn has ears! What did the baby corn say to the mama corn? “Where’s pop-corn?” The jokes may have been silly, but they made the work go quickly and kept

everyone smiling.

There is something special about sweet corn during the summertime—especially when it is shared with friends. The corn provided more than a delicious addition to our meal; it created an opportunity for our residents to work together, reminisce about farm life and summer meals, and share a few laughs along the way!

Sunshine Social Lemon Tasting

Some residents found our first fresh lemon from the tree sweet and others found it sour. But all enjoyed the Sunshine Social.



Everyone found the Red, White & Blue Trifle sweet & satisfying at the cooking demo!!

Across Lynn's Desk

When I was growing up, summer work meant walking the fields. I detasseled corn and walked beans, removing weeds, button plants, and volunteer corn. The mornings often began wet and cold, with our clothes soaked from the dew. By afternoon, we were hot, sticky, dirty, and exhausted. The rows could feel endless, but the expectation was simple: keep moving and do the job right. Our crew leader walked behind us to make sure we had not missed anything. I was proud that I could work quickly while still having zero errors. I was one of the fastest workers on the crew, and being praised for both speed and accuracy motivated me to work even harder.

Those experiences helped shape the way I approach work today. I learned that speed alone is not enough. Finishing quickly means little if someone must come behind you and correct it. Doing a job well

requires focus, accuracy, and personal responsibility—even when the work is tiring or uncomfortable.

Of course, as a kid, the paycheck was also a powerful motivator. I had always worn my cousins' hand-me-down clothes. There was nothing wrong with them, but they were clothes someone else had chosen and worn before me. After working in the fields all summer, I was able to go to the mall and buy a brand-new wardrobe for school with money I had earned myself.

I still remember how exciting that felt. For the first time, I could choose clothes that were completely mine. Walking into school in a new wardrobe I had purchased myself made me feel as though I had stepped into a whole new world. It was about more than clothes. It gave me a sense of pride, independence, and accomplishment. I understood the connection

between putting in the work and enjoying the reward. Today, the work may look different, but the lessons remain the same: work hard, pay attention to details, and take pride in the result. Recognition for a job well done can be a tremendous motivator, especially for a young person still learning what they are capable of accomplishing.

Those wet mornings and hot afternoons between the rows taught me that doing your best creates opportunities. They also taught me that few things feel as good as earning something for yourself—and knowing you earned it by doing the job right.

Lynn Olds



When Should You Start Plan on Moving to a Retirement Home

Many people think that they should wait to start looking for a retirement community after they have started to have some struggles at home. However, our aging population is growing and there is more need for assistance than there are facilities to provide care. For your own peace of mind, it is better to know your options before you need help and set up tours before an accident happens. We've made this suggestion to our own residents asking them in advance what their preference would be if they need skilled nursing care. It is easier and less stressful to make a decision when you are in good health than when it is an emergent situation.

At Greenfield, anyone that meets our criteria can be on our waiting list. There

is no cost to get on the waiting list and if you aren't ready when we call, you stay where you are on the list. You can also move between our levels of care for Supportive Living and Independent Living depending on your needs and availability. Many people may think that retirement communities are only for later in life, but most people that move in often say they wish they'd done it sooner. For some people, the move may be less about needing help and more about freedom from chores, driving, or managing a large home. People living in a retirement community often report feeling less socially isolated and with fewer responsibilities they have more opportunities to engage with others, participate in the community, or activities,

and feel that they have more of a say in their health with the backing of a clinical team. Those who receive better care tend to live longer and have fuller lives than those who have more risks and isolation living alone.

For most people we talk to, the biggest hurdle isn't financial, but emotional. Leaving a long-term home can feel like losing a part of yourself; it is the place where you find comfort and peace. However, many residents report that a retirement community feels like home when they get comfortable. Instead of managing a home alone and all the challenges that come with it, especially for those that live in the middle of a cornfield. Retirement homes, like Greenfield offer a sense of safety and predictability, more time for yourself, and family. Rather than giving something up, many discover they are gaining time, energy, and peace of mind.

Kate Webster, SSD



Traveling Through Princeton's Past

Greenfield residents recently enjoyed a Historical Hometown Tour through Princeton, Illinois. The outing was so popular that we offered two separate bus times, giving everyone who was interested an opportunity to travel through our community's rich and fascinating past.

Using our specially prepared tour map, we visited 14 historic destinations throughout Princeton. Our journey included the Hampshire Colony Congregational Church, built in 1831 by early pioneers, and Oakland Cemetery, established in 1836. We also stopped at the 1st Presbyterian Church, the Owen Lovejoy Homestead, the Bureau County Courthouse, and the

one-room Colton School.

Residents admired the Victorian charm of Greenwood Cottage and learned about the treasures housed inside the Newell-Bryant Museum. Other highlights included the Red Covered Bridge, the historic Apollo Theater, the Hennepin Canal, Soldiers and Sailors Park, the Knox Hotel, and Princeton's train station.

Along the way, we discovered many interesting facts. The Owen Lovejoy Homestead honors the well-known abolitionist who helped pave the way toward freedom and equality. The Red Covered Bridge, built in 1863, remains one of the few covered bridges still

standing in Illinois. We also learned that the Knox Hotel once welcomed travelers, performers, and dignitaries from near and far.

While our map provided plenty of historical information, some of the best stories came from our own residents. Several longtime native Princetonians shared personal memories, family connections, and details about the buildings and neighborhoods that we would never have found in a history book. Their recollections made every stop more meaningful and reminded us that history is not only found in dates and buildings—it lives in the people who experienced it.

Our Historical Hometown Tour was a wonderful celebration of memories, community, and the special stories that have shaped Princeton through the years.

Chris Thompson
Activity Director



Friends Across Facilities: Building Connections Together

Greenfield Retirement Home is excited to partner with Liberty Village of Princeton for **Friends Across Facilities**, a collaborative program designed to bring residents from both communities together to build new friendships, renew old ones, and enjoy meaningful experiences throughout the year. Each gathering will be hosted by either Greenfield or Liberty Village, giving residents an opportunity to visit a different community, meet new people, and participate in activities that may not typically be available within their own facility. The program offers a wonderful mix of recreation, creativity, conversation, and community service.

This month, Greenfield residents traveled to Liberty Village and enjoyed a

wonderful morning of fishing. Residents spent time outdoors, visited with one another, and enjoyed the peaceful surroundings. Whether they caught a fish or simply enjoyed the experience, the morning provided plenty of opportunities for conversation, laughter, and fellowship.

In September, Greenfield will welcome our friends from Liberty Village for a fun gathering on the patio. Residents will enjoy refreshments, games, reminiscing, and time to relax and visit with one another. Sharing stories and memories is a wonderful way to discover common interests and learn more about each other. We look forward to returning Liberty Village's hospitality and spending another enjoyable

day together.

The partnership also includes service projects that allow residents to make a difference in the Princeton community. Our bracelet-making project will support the Little Food Pantry at First Presbyterian Church. Residents will work together to select beads, create designs, and make inspirational bracelets. Proceeds from bracelet sales will benefit the pantry and help local individuals and families in need.

More than a schedule of activities, Friends Across Facilities is about connection, purpose, and belonging. We look forward to watching these friendships grow as Greenfield and Liberty Village come together for fun, fellowship, creativity, and service. After all, friendship has no facility boundaries!



Joyce Fishing



Pat P. Caught A Fish



Dee Ann Fishing



The "DOG DAYS OF SUMMER"

Ken, Betty, Dee Ann, Eunice & Edwin with DON Baylea and a PUPPY



Leroy at Activity



Bingo!!! Carol, Pat, Jean & Christy were 4th of July Bingo!!! Winners



Ed Watering



Betty & Ed Greeting at The Closet



Danny, Deb & Edwin at Culver's

🌽 Staying A-MAIZE-ing This Summer! 🌽

As summer winds down and the cornfields around us continue to grow tall, it's a great reminder that taking care of ourselves every day helps us stay healthy and strong.

One of the most important things you can do this time of year is **stay hydrated**. Even if you don't feel thirsty, your body still needs plenty of fluids, especially during warm weather. Drinking water throughout the day can help prevent dehydration, dizziness,

fatigue, and even falls.

Don't forget to keep moving! Whether it's joining an exercise class, taking a short walk, or simply stretching in your chair, every little bit of activity helps improve strength, balance, and overall well-being.

Be sure to wear comfortable, supportive shoes whenever possible. Proper footwear can make a big difference in preventing slips and falls.

And finally, enjoy the fresh

flavors of summer! Fruits and vegetables are packed with vitamins that help keep our bodies healthy and energized.

Here at Greenfield, we're always "all ears" when it comes to helping you stay healthy. If you ever have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to stop by the nursing office—we're always happy to help.

Until next month... stay safe, stay hydrated, and keep being absolutely A-MAIZE-ing!

Baylea Weston, DCN

Can You Find These CORNY Words In The Newsletter?

COBS	FARM	KERNELS	SHUCK	Hint—some words appear more than once
CORN	FOOD	MAIZE	SUMMER	
CORNFIELD	FRESH	POPCORN	SWEET	
EARS	HUSK	POPPING		

TRIVIA TIME WITH TANYA—POPCORN

1. The first commercial popcorn maker was made in Chicago, Illinois!!
2. Popcorn is the official snack of Illinois and we have annual "Popcorn Day".
3. Cracker Jack's debuted at the 1983 Chicago World's Fair
4. There are 333 farms in Illinois that grow popcorn on over 47,000 acres of land.

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HISTORICAL HOMETOWN TOUR

Princeton, Illinois
A JOURNEY THROUGH OUR PAST



OUR TOUR STOPS

- 1 Hampshire Colony
Congregational Church
604 South Church Street
1831
- 2 Soldiers & Sailors Park
14 Park Avenue East
1913
- 3 Bureau County Courthouse
700 South Main Street
1845
- 4 Newell-Bryant Museum
109 Park Avenue West
1856
- 5 Oakland Cemetery
1013 Park Avenue West
1836
- 6 John H. Bryant House
1518 South Main Street
1940s
- 7 1st Presbyterian Church
320 Park Avenue East
1837
- 8 Owen Lovejoy Homestead
905 East Peru Street
1839
- 9 Calton School
905 East Peru Street
1850
- 10 Greenwood Cottage
543 East Peru Street
1852
- 11 Red Covered Bridge
Route 26 North
1863
- 12 Amtrak Station
107 Bicentennial Drive
1911
- 13 Knox Hotel
956 N. Main Street
1858
- 14 Apollo Theatre
114 South Main Street
1882

THANK YOU FOR JOINING
OUR HISTORICAL ADVENTURE!
ENJOY THE RIDE!

Sit back, relax & enjoy
the sights and stories that
helped build our hometown
and the memories that
shape our community!

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Oakland Cemetery
Established 1836

1013 Park Avenue West

4

Newell-Bryant Museum
Built 1856

109 Park Avenue West

3

Bureau County Courthouse
Built 1845

700 South Main Street

2

Soldiers & Sailors Park
Built 1913

14 Park Avenue East

1

Hampshire Colony
Congregational Church
Built 1831

604 South Church Street

6

John H. Bryant House
Built 1940s

1518 South Main Street

7

1st Presbyterian Church
Built 1837

320 Park Avenue East

8

Owen Lovejoy Homestead
Built 1839

905 East Peru Street

9

Calton School
Built 1850

905 East Peru Street

10

Greenwood Cottage
Built 1852

543 East Peru Street

11

Red Covered Bridge
Built 1865

Route 26 North

12

Amtrak Station
Built 1911

107 Bicentennial Drive

13

Knox Hotel
Built 1858

956 N. Main Street

14

Apollo Theatre
Built 1882

114 South Main Street

MEMORIES • HISTORY • COMMUNITY
THEN, NOW & ALWAYS OUR HOME.

Every stop
has a story...
Let's make
some memories
together!

START HERE!
Our tour begins
right near
Greenfield
Retirement Home!





FUN FACTS

ABOUT OUR HISTORICAL STOPS



- 1 Hampshire Colony
Congregational Church
Built 1831



This beautiful Gothic Revival church was built by pioneers just a few years after they arrived in Greenfield!



- 2 Soldiers & Sailors Park
Built 1913



The monument honors local soldiers and sailors from the Civil War and other conflicts. It was a gift from grateful citizens.



- 3 Bureau County
Courthouse
Built 1845



The third courthouse built on this square! Its classic Greek Revival style has stood the test of time.



- 4 Newell Bryant Museum
Built 1856



Once a private home, now filled with treasures that tell the story of Bureau County's rich past.



- 5 Oakland Cemetery
Established 1836



One of the oldest rural cemeteries in Illinois—with beautiful trees and fascinating history.



- 6 John H. Bryant House
Built 1940s



This home was built for the Bryant family and reflects the style of homes popular in the mid 20th century.



- 7 1st Presbyterian Church
Built 1837



One of Princeton's oldest churches—faith has been at the heart of this community for nearly 200 years.



- 8 Owen Lovejoy Homestead
Built 1839



Home to abolitionist Owen Lovejoy, who helped pave the way to freedom and equality.



- 9 Colton School
Built 1850



One-room schools like this were once the heart of education in the area for local children.



- 10 Greenwood Cottage
Built 1852



With its "gingerbread" trim and charming style, this cottage is a true Victorian gem!



- 11 Red Covered Bridge
Built 1863



One of the few remaining covered bridges in Illinois. It's still standing strong after more than 160 years!



- 12 Amtrack Station
Built 1911



Princeton's trains have connected our town to the world for over a century!



- 13 Knox Hotel
Built 1858



A grand hotel of its day that welcomed travelers, performers, and dignitaries from near and far.



- 14 Apollo Theatre
Built 1882



Entertainment has always been a big deal here! The Apollo still shines on Main Street.



Every stop has
a story to tell...
Thanks for riding
along and keeping
our history alive!

DID YOU KNOW?

Princeton was once a bustling river town, a stop on the Underground Railroad, and a community built on hard work, kind hearts, and strong roots!



— OUR PAST MADE US. OUR COMMUNITY KEEPS US STRONG. —
★ **THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING LOCAL HISTORY!** ★

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
9:30 Sit & Fit 10:00 Sip N Social 10:00 Catholic Communion 11:00 Walk & Talk 1:30 Internet Church Service	WEEK 1: EASTERN MEMORIES 9:30 Exercise Balls 10:00 Bible Study 10:00 Sip N Social 11:00 Walk & Talk 1:30 Tea Time in the Courtyard – Boston Harbor to Atlantic Shore Trivia 6:15 Cards & Company	9:30 Weightlifting 10:00 Patio Time 11:00 Walk & Talk 2:00 Crafter's Cove: Cockatoo Collage	Walmart Online Shopping – Chris 9:30 Flex with Friends 10:00 Sip N Social 10:30 Virtual Tour of the Statue of Liberty 11:00 Walk & Talk 2:00 Accordions	Walmart Online Shopping – Kate 9:30 Flex with Friends 10:30 Slots @ Becks 12:00 Lunch @ Becks 2:00 Music by Jeff	Walmart Online Shopping – Kate 9:30 Flex with Friends 10:00 Sip N Social 10:30 Guy's Group with Pastor Colleen Lawrence from 1st Presbyterian Church 2:00 Music by Jack	Walmart Online Shopping – Kate 9:30 Flex with Friends 10:00 Sip N Social 10:30 Catholic Mass 11:00 Walk & Talk 2:00 Music by Alan
9:30 Sit & Fit 10:00 Sip N Social 10:00 Catholic Communion 11:00 Walk & Talk 1:30 Internet Church Service	WEEK 2: SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY 9:30 Exercise Balls 10:00 Sip N Social 10:00 Bible Study 11:00 Walk & Talk 1:30 Southern Movie: Fried Green Tomatoes 2:30 Popcorn 6:15 Cards & Company	Podiatrist Visit 11 9:30 Weightlifting 10:00 Patio Time 11:00 Walk & Talk 2:00 Cooking Club: Grilled Banana Split in the Courtyard	Walmart Online Shopping – Kate 9:30 Flex with Friends 10:30 Slots @ Becks 12:00 Lunch @ Becks 2:00 Music by Jeff	Walmart Online Shopping – Kate 9:30 Flex with Friends 10:30 Slots @ Becks 12:00 Lunch @ Becks 2:00 Music by Jeff	Walmart Online Shopping – Kate 9:30 Flex with Friends 10:30 Slots @ Becks 12:00 Lunch @ Becks 2:00 Music by Jeff	Walmart Online Shopping – Kate 9:30 Flex with Friends 10:30 Slots @ Becks 12:00 Lunch @ Becks 2:00 Music by Jeff
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