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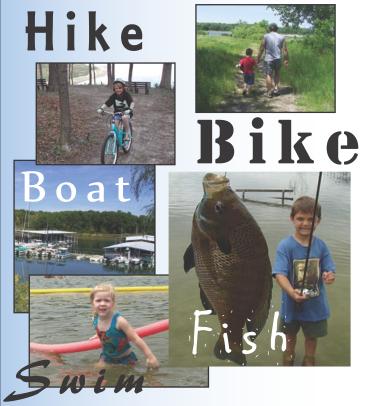






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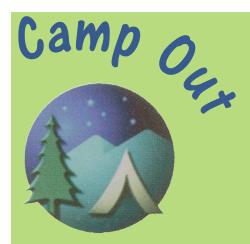
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1. by calling toll free 1-877-444-6777,

3. by going in person to the campground

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made online at reserveamerica.com

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2. by going to http://www.recreation.gov on the Internet, or

Site specific reservations must be made no later than four days in

advance to ensure a place. Without a reservation, campsites are

Many campsites are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. The National Recreation Reservation Service (NRRSTM) accepts reservations for individual sites at U.S. Army Corps of Engineers campgrounds. NRRSTM is a nationwide reservation system for the U.S. Army Corps of Corps and the Forest Service.

Reservations may be made one of three ways:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Lake Shelbyville Information Line.

Recorded information is available on fishing conditions, hunting seasons, weather conditions, camping, lake levels & lake weather forecasts. Information is updated daily & available anytime.

> Information line: 217-774-2020





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GROUP CAMPS

Group camps at Lone Point and Wilborn Creek open May 17-September 4. They can be reserved through NRRSTM. See reservation information on page 2. There are also group camps at Eagle Greek State Park and Wolf Creek State Park that are open year around.

A Golden Age/Golden Access passport may still be used for a 50% discount off the regular user fee, if every member has a card. There are now new passes called the America the Beautiful Passes. They are available at www.nps.gov/LIHO or call 217-492-4241 for more information.

The Okaw Group Camp is open April 6-November 25. This group camp contains two houses, which can accommodate a maximum of 34 people. Reservations may be made by calling 217-774-

3951 beginning the first Monday in December for the next year. Walk-in Reservations may be made starting the first Tuesday after the first Monday in December, at the Lake Shelbyville Project Office and Visitor Center.



PRIVATE CAMPING FACILITIES

Arrowhead Campground • 217-756-8884

One-half mile east of Lone Point. Offers 200 sites, electric, city water, showers, bait, playground, fishing pond and recreation room. Sewer hook-up or dump station.

Cardinal Campground • 217-774-5064

One mile east of Lithia Springs. Available are fifteen permanent sites with sewer and fifteen non-permanent sites. All water and electric. Tent camping, fishing, sand volleyball, bait, horseshoes and showers.

Coon Creek RV Park & Resort • 217-756-3147 Eighty-eight sites. Half mile from the Lake. Permanent Sites Only.

Kaskaskia River Camp • 217-774-4721

South of dam off Route 16. Tent camping. Limited electric and water. Canoe and boat rentals, bait and showers. On river bank.

Riverfront Campground • 217-774-4442

South of dam...follow signs off Rt.16. Over 100 sites, tent and RV. Two boat docks on Kaskaskia River. Permanent Sites Only.

Robin Hoods Woods • 217-774-4222

2.5 miles east of dam on Route 16, mostly wooded. Sites with water, electric and sewer. In-ground outdoor pool, pond, horseshoes, two playgrounds, game room, tent sites and showers. One-room cottages with bath, air, heat and two bedrooms.



Take a Hike or a Bike!!

Coon Creek Trail-0.7 miles

Located in Coon Creek Recreation Area, this .7 mile nature trail meanders through the woods giving you an opportunity to connect with nature throughout the year.

Camp Camfield-1.2 miles and 5 miles

These two trails offer picturesque views of the lake and mountain bike experiences for both beginners and experienced bike riders. A fishing pond is located along one of the trails and is within walking distance of the parking lot.

Okaw Bluff Trail- 1.2 miles

Located at the entrance of Okaw Bluff Group Camp, this trail winds along a bluff overlooking the lake and next to a 100-acre wetland. It includes two photography blinds and a wildlife viewing stand. The area along this trail is designated as a watchable wildlife viewing area and is a prime area to view migrating waterfowl and shorebirds during the winter and spring migrating seasons.



Chief Illini Trail -11 miles

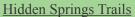
A National Recreation Trail, this trail is a scenic journey winding across rolling hills and prairies offering close-ups of the lake. This trail starts at Lone Point Campground and ends at Eagle Creek State Park. The first 2-mile section of this trail is the Little Illini Trail. A trail camping shelter is available for reservation and is only available to hikers while hiking the entire trail. For trail camping shelter reservations call 217-774-3951, Ext.2.

General Dacey Trail

A multipurpose trail that is designed for walkers, runners, and bicyclists. The trail runs behind the Scout Cabins in Forest Park to the Dam West Recreational Area. The trail is expanding every year. See page 12 for more information.

Eagle Creek Trails

Three marked nature trails for tranquil & refreshing sojourns in the forests, as well as access to the 11mile Chief Illini trail for the more adventurous hiker and a 3-mile cross-country ski trail for invigorating wintertime activity.

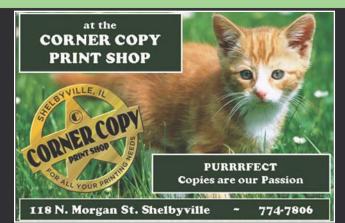


Opossum Hollow Nature Trail, 3/4 mile in length. The Big Tree Trail, 1 mile in length, features a sycamore 78 inches in diameter, one of the largest to be found in Illinois. Rocky Spring Trail is 3 miles in length. Seventeen miles of fire lanes also provide access to remote areas of the forest.

Wolf Creek Trails

For refreshing walks in the forests, Wolf Creek contains seven hiking trails. For invigorating wintertime activity there is a 16 1/2-mile snowmobile trail, and for the equestrian there is a scenic 15-mile trail.





Gone Fishing!!

Two national records (number of fish per angler and total number of fish caught were set during the Professional Muskie tournament Trail (PMTT) tournaments held at Lake Shelbyville. Matt Carmean landed the state record muskellunge in the Lake Shelbyville Tail waters; it measured 50 ³/₄" and weighed 38.8 pounds. Numerous muskellunge approaching this record have been caught and released both on the main lake and below the dam. Nine have been recorded over the 50" mark(The most of any lake). The largest released muskellunge in the Illinois Voluntary Muskie Creek survey was measured at 53", being the longest muskellunge ever reported in Illinois. Due to the lake's midstate location, it has a nearly year-long growing season. Along with the lake ample size of 11,100 water acres, abundant shad forage and varied structural elements help to produce true trophy sizes.

The largest recorded white bass weighed in at 4 pounds caught by Bruce Sanders and released back into the lake. Chuck Ditto caught the largest largemouth bass for the lake at 8.55 pounds in April 2009. For catfish in Lake Shelbyville, the largest weighed 62 pounds caught by Chris Rentfro. State record walleyes have also been collected by IDNR biologists with several exceeding 10 lbs. annually.



Lake Shelbyville was elected by Bass Master Magazine as one of the best bass lakes in Illinois. It has been a popular destination for largemouth bass, muskellunge and crappie tournament circuits due to the outstanding fishing success. In addition walleye, white bass and catfish are very popular among local fisherman and occasionally for tournaments. The fish population is maintained mostly through natural recruitment and annual input from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the Fin and Feathers Nursery Pond.

Fish populations do vary over time, but fishing quality on Lake Shelbyville is as good or better than anytime in its history. Numerous guides are available to those who are not familiar with the lake. They can be located by calling a concessionaire on the lake.

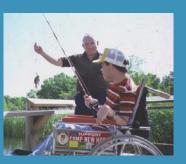
For 2012 Fishing Prospects, visit www.lakeshelbyville.com

A specially designed fishing pier is located in the Spillway Recreation Area provides individuals with disabilities with great fishing opportunity

Opossum Pond also has a reconstructed fishing pier for disabled individuals and children 12 and under. Use is not restricted to campers.







Public Use Recreation Facilities

Operating Agencies—CoE: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, IDNR: Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources, C: Concessionaire

GPS Coordinates	Public Use Recreation Facilities •= Facilities Available •=Barrier-free Accessibility	Boat Ramp	Boat Rental	Boat Storage	Gas & Oil	Marine Sanit. Pump	Camping	Electrical Hook-up	Sanitary Dump Stat.	Shower	Toilets	Water Supply	Playground Equip.	Picnic Shelters	Nature/Hiking Trails	Swimming Beach	Laundry Facilities	Fish Cleaning Station	Group Camp (Res.)	Equestrian Trail	Picnic Area	Full Hookup
39 24'21.89"N 88 46'18.69"W	Dam East Recreation Area (CoE)										••	••	•	•							•	
39 24'20.33"N 88 46'57.04"W	Spillway Recreation Area (CoE)										••	•	•	••				••			••	
39 24'57.85"N 88 47'3.93"W	Dam West Recreation Area (CoE)	••								••	••	••	••	••		••		••			••	
39 26'52.79"N 88 46'29.42"W	Opossum Creek** Recreation Area (CoE)	••					••	••	•	•	••	•	•					••				
39 27'12.20"N 88 45'27"W	Coon Creek*** Recreation Area (CoE)	••					••	••	•	••	••	•	•		•	•	•	•				•
39 27'20.14''N 88 44'18.24''W	Lone Point** Recreation Area (CoE)	••					••	••	•	•	••	•	•	••	•			•	•		•	
39 34'27.62''N 88 42'19.22''W	Wilborn Creek Recreation Area (CoE	••								••	•	••	•			•		•	•		•	
39 33'12.06''N 88 36'46.59''W	"Bo" Woods* Recreation Area (CoE)	••					••	••	•	•	••	••	••	•			••	••			••	•
39 32'17.79"N 88 37'38.72"W	Whitley Creek Recreation Area (CoE)	••									••							••			•	
39 26'2.53''N 88 45'37.32''W	Lithia Springs* Recreation Area (CoE)	••					••	••	•	••	••	••	•			•	•	•				•
39 31'53"N 88 36'21"W	Sullivan Beach Recreation Area (CoE)									••	••	••	••	••		•					•	
39 33'50.31''N 88 38'7.12W	Camp Camfield Environmental Study Area (CoE)													•	•						•	
39 31'52.45"N 88 36'25.93"W	Okaw Bluff Group Camp (CoE)									••	••	••			•				••			
39 30'33.68"N 88 43'4.92"W	Eagle Creek State Park (IDNR)	••					••	•	•	••	••	•	•	••	•			•	•		••	
39 29'14"N 88 40'43"W	Wolf Creek State Park (IDNR)	••					••	•	•	••	••	•	•	••	•	••		•	•	•	••	
39 37'55"N 88 43'29"W	West Okaw River Wildlife Area (IDNR)	•																				
39 33'14.04''N 88 34'43.83''W	Kaskaskia River Wildlife Area (IDNR)	•													•							
39 25'37.19"N 88 45'36.02"W	Lithia Springs Marina (C)	•	•	•	•	•					•	•		•							•	
39 32'17"N 88 36'29"W	Sullivan Marina (C)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				•					•
39 31'21.01''N 88 42'39.35''W	Findlay Marina (C)	•	•	•	•	•																

*Campground Opens April 19 & Closes Oct. 28, **Campground Opens May 17 & closes Sept. 4; *** Opens May 3 & Closes Oct. 8; Beaches are open May 26-Sept. 9



HAPPY HUNTING!

You can hunt almost anything in Shelby County. We have an abundance of wildlife both for the enthusiast who enjoys watching wildlife and the avid hunter who enjoys the thrill of the hunt. Best bets for the upcoming season include archery and gun deer hunting, rabbit and waterfowl hunting. The waterfowl opportunities are abundant in the subimpoundments for both walk-in hunters and those using boat blinds on the main lake. Other huntable wildlife species that you can expect to find on Lake Shelbyville lands in lesser numbers are: quail, pheasant, gray and fox squirrels, turkey, dove, woodcock, raccoon, fox and coyote.

Controlled dove hunting is conducted during the first two days of the dove hunting season in managed sunflower fields. These hunts limit the number of participants for quality and safety reasons where demand for the sport exceeds available hunting area.

The Annual Lake Shelbyville Deer Hunt for People with Disabilities, hosted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Wolf Creek State Park, takes place in November. This special three-day hunt proves to be an excellent deer-hunting experience for participating hunters. It provides a wonderful opportunity to those who would not normally be able to participate in this physically demanding sport. Handicap Archery is available at Whitley Creek, and you can reserve blinds for the archery season. To volunteer or reserve call 217-774-3951, Ext.4.

It is important to note that the management of these lands is shared between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, and thus regulations governing each of their respective lands may vary somewhat. Before engaging in any hunting activities at Lake Shelbyville, you should determine which agencies' land you intend to hunt on, and what rules and regulations are in effect on those particular lands.

The vast majority of huntable State lands (6,200 acres) are local ed in the upper reaches of the lake along the West Okaw and Ka kaskia Rivers with site permit. They also manage Eagle and We Creek State Parks. The Corps manages all other project lands. You must check with State personnel to see what species may be hunted, approved hunting methods, and effective dates before hunting in either State Park. Contact numbers: 217-756-8260 of 217-459-2831 or call IDNR Wildlife Area at 217-665-3112. For permits you can register online at dnr.state.il.us



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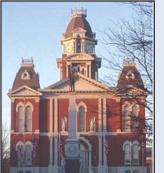
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Local Attractions



Shelby County Courthouse was built in 1879 and dedicated in 1883. The upper courtroom houses historic paintings including Robert Root's depiction of the Lincoln-Thornton Debate in Shelbyville that launched Lincoln's national political career. Newly installed Looking for Lincoln Wayside Exhibit and Lincoln and Thornton statues now grace the front of the courthouse. Courtrooms open for viewing when court is not in session. Hours: 8 am-4 pm, weekdays. Where: Main & Washington, Shelbyville Call: 217-774-4421



Shelbyville Public Library was dedicated in 1905. The library was built with a Carnegie Grant in a French Renaissance-style. It has computers, a video library, and has plenty of reading and learning experiences for children throughout the year. Hours: Open 9 am-7 pm, Mon.-Fri.; 9 am-1 pm, Sat. Where: 154 North Broadway, Shelbyville Call: 217-774-4432



Website: http://shelbyville.lib.il.us

The Pam and Bob Boarman Chevy BelAir Museum 217-774-4919

This museum opened in 2005 with Bob's private collection of Chevy's. The building is decorated in 50's sock-hop style with black and white checkered floors. The walls are lined with 50's memorabilia, Chevy clocks and neon signs. A jukebox takes you back to that popular time in history. The museum



has eight vintage cars as well as a 1993 Indy Pace Car with only 28 miles on it. The museum was built so the cars could be in a controlled environment. Mr. Boarman restored most of the cars himself and has been collecting cars for over 25 years, reminding him of his youth. The museum is located at 224 West Main Street in Shelbyville. It is open Monday through Friday 8-7 pm and Saturdays from 8-6 pm.

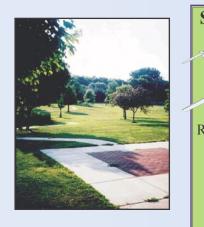


The Lincoln Public Square

& Eternal Flame houses the Soldiers & Sailors Monument, designed by local artist, Robert Marshall Root. The square was erected in 1907 in memory of the fighting men in the county. The square also has a plaque in honor of Abraham Lincoln who practiced law in Shelbyville. There is also a plaque for Horace Tallman, the inventor of the first mechanical pick-up hay baler. Flags are placed around the square during Memorial Day to Labor Day. On July 3, 2002, an eternal flame was dedicated to the men and women who have served in past wars. The black granite base of the flame contains etchings, one of them depicts General Douglas MacArthur wading ashore in the Phillipines in 1945. Alongside him is Shelbyville resident August West.

Moweagua Living Memorial Tree Park

is a beautiful park with native Illinois trees, prairie grasses and native wildflowers. Each year a new tree is planted in a person's honor, every tree has a plaque to commemorate that person and to list the scientific name of the tree. The park is open twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Call: 217-768-3036



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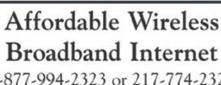
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The Moweagua Coal Mine Museum has displays and memorabilia from a bygone era in Midwestern prairie history. Most well-known for the December 24, 1932 disaster that killed 54 workers, the coal mine itself closed in 1935. The Moweagua Coal Mine Museum was dedicated on May 25, 1986. The museum has been

awarded a Certificate of Excellence for a special project by Congress of Illinois Historical Societies. Located at 129 South Main Street, Moweaqua. Open 1-4 pm on weekends from Nov.-March. Open 1-4 pm daily April-Oct. Donations are welcome.

Website: http://www.miningmoreinmoweaqua.com

Goat

Tower The Tower of Baa is the one and only goat tower in the U.S.. It is modeled after a tower that Dave and



Marcia Johnson saw in a wine magazine from S. Africa. The original goat tower was in Portugal. The Johnson's tower is 31 ft. tall and has 5000 bricks with 276 spiral steps that encompass the tower. Located on Wolf Creek Road. Lat. N39 30.2, Long. W88.40.61

Local Attractions

Forest Park is a municipal park with the Chautauqua Auditorium, Vietnam Memorial, Family Aquatic Center, picnic areas, pavilions, baseball & softball diamonds, fishing lagoon, skateboard park, and more. You can also start the General Dacey Trail in the back area of the park. Truly Family Friendly with soccer fields and a youth athletic center! Where: Northeast Ninth Street, Shelbyville



General Dacey Trail

Chautauqua Auditorium, built in 1903, is one of the few left in the state. Currently, a massive restoration effort has been launched. Please visit www.shelbyvillechautauqua.com for more information.

The bowled floor provided seating for 5,000 and above the stage are Grecian statues designed by Robert Root. The interior floor space of the building is 15,000 square feet and there are no posts inside the structure. The roof is supported by a unique series of beams and supports in the ceiling. It is the largest building of its kind anywhere in the world and is included on the National Register of Historic Places.

Famous speakers included William Jennings Bryan and Billy Sunday, and vibrant musicians and performers including the John Phillips Sousa Band, and the U.S. Air Force Hot Brass Band rocked the park with their performance.

Where: Forest Park, Northeast Ninth Street, Shelbyville Call: 217-774-5531 www.shelbyvillechautaqua.com

The General Dacey Trail is a multipurpose trail that is designed for walkers, runners, and bicyclists. This trail is a great place for the whole family to spend time together enjoying Mother Nature. Besides exercising, the trail is a great place for bird watching, geocaching, and photography. The trail offers users a fifteen station outdoor fitness area, located on the lower shelf by the Dam Overlook. The trail opened in 2006 and a total of four phases have been constructed with the 5th & 6th phases scheduled for 2012.

The trail heads are located at the Dam West recreation area, the Dam Overlook, or just behind the Scout Cabin in Forest Park. Trail users can explore the two of the one mile loop sections through the wooded area along Lake Shelbyville. A third phase connects Forest Park to the Dam West Recreation area and the fourth phase takes users to the Dam Overlook. Maps and information on the annual Tom Short 5k Trail Run in August and the candlelight walks in January and February can be found at www.daceytrail.org

Camp Camfield

Mountain Bikers can enjoy a single track at Camp Camfield. This site is the focus of local mountain bike activist efforts to expand single track at Lake Shelbyville. This trail challenges the

Stargazing at the Sunken intermediate skill level riders and rewards them with beautiful views of the lake. The Central Illinois Mountain Bike Association (CIMBA) works closely with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to promote development and additional trails at Camp Camfield. Information about the "Clash at the Camp" mountain bike race, held each July, can be found at www.cimba.org



Family Aquatic Center in Forest Park

217-774-4343

This attraction provides zero-depth entry for the young, old, and physically handicapped. It has a frog slide, a water slide, and a one-meter drop slide. It has a wet playground area, a sand playground area, a concession/food area, a shaded picnic area and a bathhouse. There are also lap lanes and a diving board. The Shelbyville Family Aquatic Center offers recreation for all ages. Opens Memorial Day Weekend Closes Labor Day Weekend.

Hours: Noon-8 pm Mon.-Fri. 12-6 pm on Saturday 1-6 pm on Sunday Hours Subject to Change.









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After 37 years without an indoor movie theater, Shelbyville again has a place for movie buffs. Boarman's Roxy Theatre is the brainchild of Shelbyville automobile dealer Bob Boarman who donated \$100,000 in the summer of 2003 to the Greater Shelbyville Area Chamber of Commerce if they would build a movie theater. Another generous donation was provided for the purchase of new seats, installed in October 2010.

The original Roxy closed on November 6, 1966 after showing the Disney film "Mary Poppins." The new Roxy is located in the same location in downtown Shelbyville after volunteers and members of the Roxy Theatre Management Committee, gutted the old theater building, that had been a photography studio, and rebuilt the Roxy from the brick walls out.

The theater shows current Hollywood releases, classic films, and children's films and provides other special programming. Prices are low at \$4 a person. The Roxy pays homage to the glory days with a vintage-looking theater marguee featuring neon lighting, and old style fabrics and curtains inside the building.

In addition to Boarman, other businesses have donated to the theater restoration and their names are featured on a plaque in the building's lobby. Civic groups, Boy Scouts and other volunteers contributed many hours to the restoration project. Online at http://www.boarmansroxytheatre.com. Call 217-774-ROXY for more info.

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VAHLING VINEYARDS first opened in 1997 by Brenda and Dennis Vahling and their children. They bottle and market their wine using varieties that are indigenous to the area. They have narrowed their selection to 5 superior varieties. Vahlings also carries non-alcoholic beverages. On October 1, 2002, the Vahling Vineyards was officially open to sell bottled wine to the public. Located near Stewardson, the vineyard is open all year including Mondays of holiday weekends. For more information visit: www.vahlingvineyards.com or call 217-682-5409.

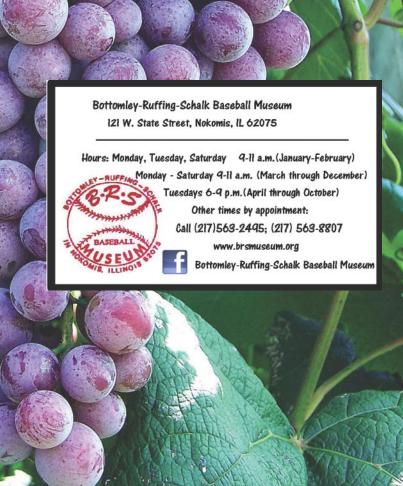
NIEMERG FAMILY WINERY opened their doors in the fall of 2007. This father son trio, Don, Bill & Dan offers a wide variety of wines with grapes imported throughout the U.S. including Illinois, Michigan & California. With the tasting room complete, reconditioning of the 100 yr old building will continue for the next couple years. Cheers! Located at 301 S. Main St. in downtown Findlay. For more information: (217) 756-5521

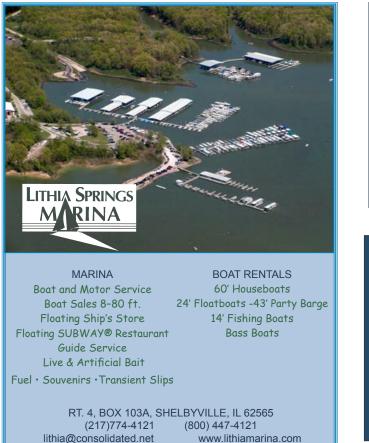
Thompson Mill Covered Bridge

was built in 1868 to span the Kaskaskia river. This 157 foot bridge is one of only five covered bridges remaining in Illinois. Although, traffic is no longer allowed on the bridge, you can still drive up to see how the bridge was built and admire the natural setting. Where: 4 miles east of Cowden. Watch for signs

on Rt. 128 in Cowden.













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Wildlife!

Lake Shelbyville is home to many wildlife species. Whitetail deer are abundant throughout the area with plenty of sightings available at Eagle and Wolf Creek. During the summer, the butterfly houses at Eagle Creek and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center delight all ages. There is also a Heron Rookery, The Guzy Prairie and Pothole Area, as well as a Coneflower Prairie. The Lake also has designated Wildlife areas at Wolf Creek and the Okaw Bluff Group Camp. West Okaw River and the Kaskaskia River are two Fish and Wildlife Management Areas. The lake is home to Bald Eagles, turkey, fox, Canadian Geese, several duck species, quail, pheasant, dove, raccoons and also opossum, osprey, and pelicans.



Try your hand at fishing below the dam at Lake Shelbyville. In addition to all the lake species, the tailwater also contains Smallmouth Bass, Sauger and Hybrid Striped Bass. Several records have been landed here.







Hike the 11-mile Chief Illini trail—named a National Recreation Trail in 1990. The trail connects Eagle Creek State Park, near Findlay, to the Lone Point Recreation Area.



Take a tour of the Lake Shelbyville Dam. You can actually go inside the dam. Memorial Day - Labor Day; Sat. 3 pm, Sun. 1 pm. Tours are approximately 1 hour and start at the Lake Shelbyville Visitor Center. Call 217-774-3951 for more information.

Take your little ones fishing at Forest Park Lagoon. Watch the ducks and geese while you're there.



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Main Office, Group Camps, Picnic Shelters & Okaw Bluff *Reservations:* 217-774-3951

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State Campgrounds: Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources State Campground reservations: reserveamerica.com

Eagle Creek State Park: 217-756-8260

Wolf Creek State Park: 217-459-2831

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Marinas:

Lithia Springs Marina: 1-800-447-4121 or 217-774-4121

Findlay Marina: 217-756-8595

Sullivan Marina: Toll Free 1-888-728-7338

> Fishing guides available through local resorts and marinas

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Finding Lincoln In Shelby County

The State of Illinois is renowned as the Land of Lincoln. In Shelby County, if you go looking for Lincoln, finding him is no problem. Springfield boasts the iconic sites, but visitors can uncover the hidden gems of Shelby County and visitors can start their quest in Shelby County for a bit more color.

While a circuit-riding attorney, Lincoln could be found in Shelbyville practicing his trade, mixing with friends, and eventually becoming the man who would become the 16th President! Some even say that his political beginnings as a Republican can be found here.

Visit the Shelby County Courthouse to see the painting of the Lincoln-Thornton Debate. While everyone may have heard of the Lincoln-Douglas Debate, this debate was earlier and was Lincoln's first public speaking engagement as a Republican and he also touches on some of the same anti-slavery notions that would become so important later on.

Shelby County has SEVEN wayside exhibits as part of the Looking for Lincoln Story Trail that help explain our part in the shared story of the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area. Moweaqua and Strasburg each have one in their park and Shelbyville has five spread throughout the city!

The Looking for Lincoln Story Trail helps each of us and our communities bring our unique Lincoln stories to life through wayside exhibits throughout the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area. They help us not only take a look at the life of Abraham Lincoln, but they help us develop a better understanding of the life he lived, the people he knew, the times he lived in and the communities with whom he shared so much of his life with.

For more information about Shelby County's Exhibits:

Shelby County Office of Tourism 315 East Main St. Shelbyville, IL 62565 www.lakeshelbyville.com



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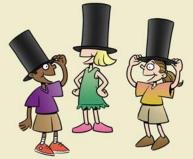


For more information on other exhibits Or to learn more about the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area:

The Looking for Lincoln Heritage Coalition #1 Old State Capitol Plaza Springfield, IL 62701 www.lookingforlincoln.com







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The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum

Located in Springfield, Illinois, the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum is just a short, gorgeous drive from Lake Shelbyville. The Springfield downtown is a mere 56 scenic miles away and the Library houses one of the largest collections of Lincoln material in the world and serves not only students and scholars researching Lincoln and Illinois history, but also genealogists from around the world. The Museum is a world-class institution in which visitors can journey through Lincoln's life in Illinois from his days in New Salem to his time as a candidate for president, and on through his presidency in Washington DC, wrestling with the Civil War and Slavery, and finally his untimely death at the hands of an assassin's bullet.



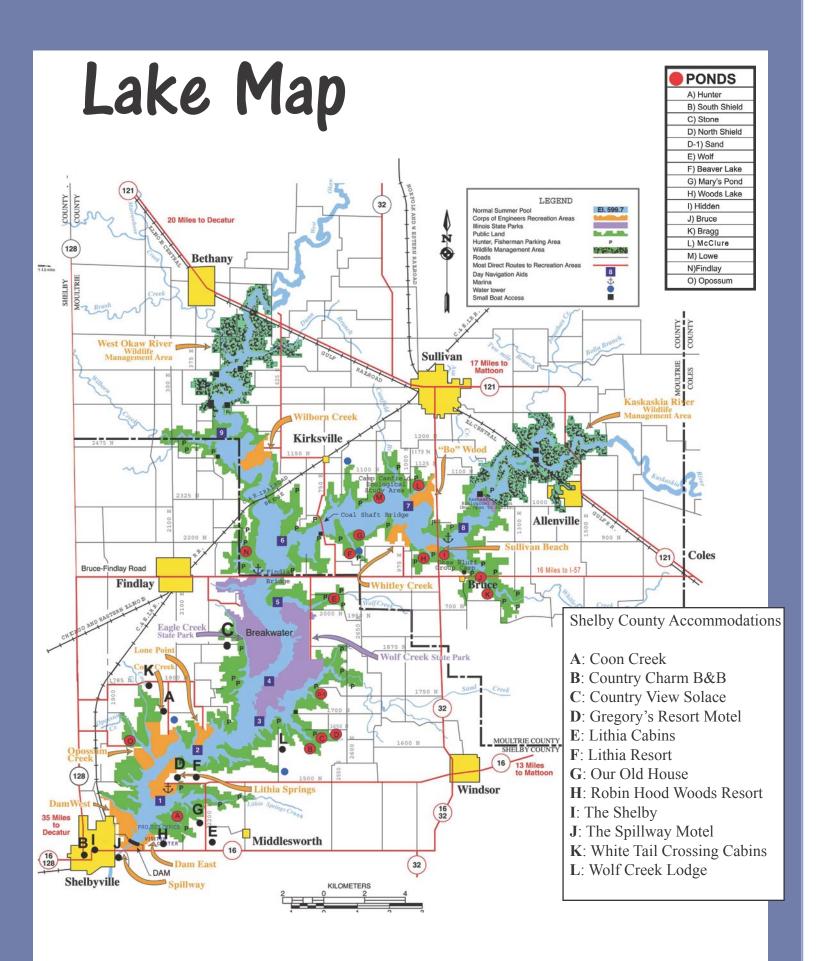


The Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area

The Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area, the only Heritage Area named for a president, is home to a very unique collection of American history surrounding America's most beloved president. It is most closely focused around the nearly 30 years Lincoln lived in Central Illinois, raising his family and pursuing his passion for the law and politics. During this time he was shaped into the man who would become the 16th President of the United States and would lead the nation through its most trying times full of unprecedented challenges with the Civil War, cleansing the scourge of slavery, and mending the nation's wounds. Join us as we discover the life of Lincoln in the Land of Lincoln. Welcome to the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area!







Lake Shelbyville Digital Photo Contest

The Shelby County Office of Tourism will be holding its 8th annual Digital Photo Contest starting May 7, 2012. This year's contest will be in cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Lake Shelbyville. The categories will be: The Lake, Recreation, Scenic, Wildlife and Places. We encourage everyone to enter. People under 18 need parental consent. The pictures will be put on the Lake Shelbyville website for everyone to view and vote for the winners. The contest will end on August 3rd. Online voting will be available from August 13th -23rd. The pictures must be taken in the Lake Shelbyville, Shelby County Area and be 5 mega pixels or higher. For specific contest rules visit www.lakeshelbyville.com.



venic Winner, "Dock Sunset"

Lake Winner, "The Dam'

Shelbyville has a variety of activities that adults and kids can enjoy together. In Forest Park, you'll find kids love the experience of fishing at the park lagoon or playing at the playground. The Family Aquatic Center in the park is full of fun for all ages, including water slides and a sand play area.

In town, the Roxy Theater offers popular new movies for kids. The theater offers a great small town movie experience without the crowds of a large multi-screen theater.

Camping is a great activity for the whole family, and Lake Shelbyville is a great location with campgrounds in many spots around the lake.

Of course, there's always a sunny day at the lake for the whole family to enjoy. Whether swimming, floating or building sand castles, there is always something to do at the beach.

The Lake Shelbyville Visitor Center is a great place to bring kids to enjoy hands on activities and to see live fish and reptiles. Programs are available upon request for school groups.



Kids can get a chance to reel in some Catfish at the annual Kids Fishing Tournament at Opossum Creek Pond. This children's Bicycle Rodeo: July 30 tournament offers a great summer Kids Fishing Tourney: May 12 experience for participants and the Aqua Fest Carnival: July whole family. Dog O'Rama: July 2

Call 217-774-3951 for more information.

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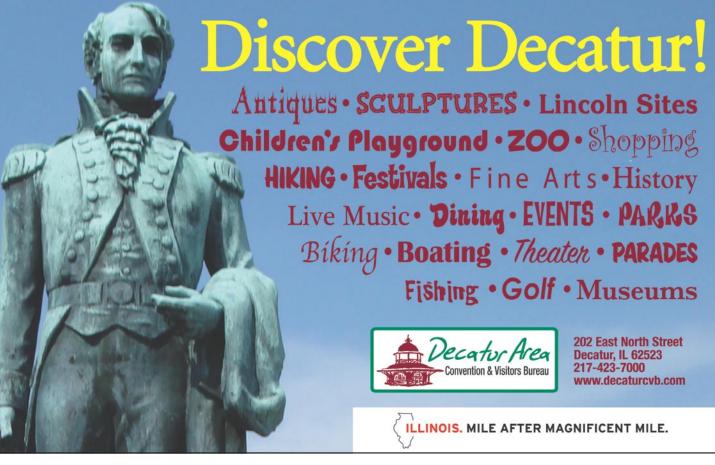
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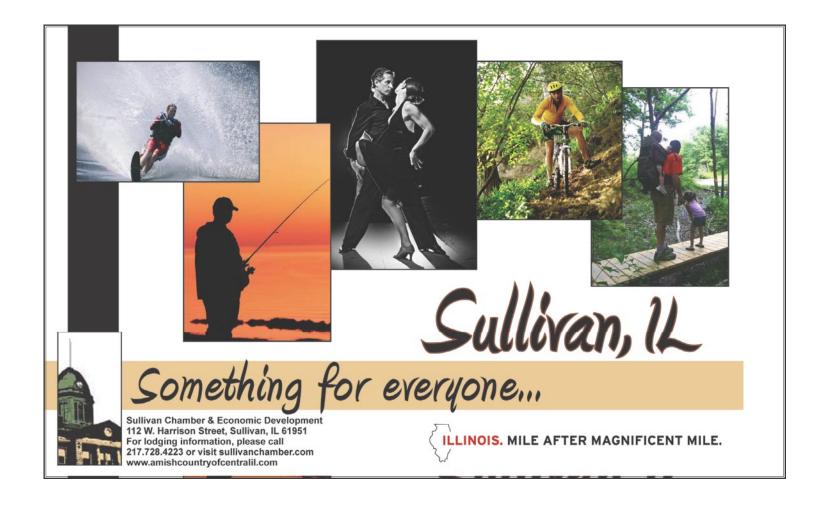
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2012 EVENTS



Fireworks Extravaganza July 4th-Forest Park, Shelbyville

Spring & Summer

Throughouti Shelby County Art Show: April 14-15 Links to the Future at Wolf Creek: May15th Strasburg Lions' Homecoming: July Herrick Lions' Club Celebration: July 4 4th of July Fireworks Shelby County 4-H & Junior Fair: July 16-19 Findlay Walleye Festival: July 27-28 Stewardson Lions' Homecoming: Aug. Windsor Harvest Picnic: Aug. 18-21 Cowden Pioneer Days: Aug. 26-28 Moweaqua Pow Wow Days: June 7-10 Pana Tri-County Fair: Aug. 29-Sept. 3

More Events

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Area Farmers Markets

Findlay: May 26-Sept.29 Community Center. Saturdays, 9-12

Shelbyville: Mid-May thru August

4H Fairarounds. Route 128. Tuesdavs. 4:30-6:30pm

Strasburg: July 7-Sept. Community Building. Thursdays, 4:30-6:30pm



SPORES A

April 20-21

JOIN US THIS SPRING FOR THE AREA'S 8TH ANUUAL MUSHROOM HUNT AND OUR **EVENT GEOCACHE!** Registration forms, event listings, and other

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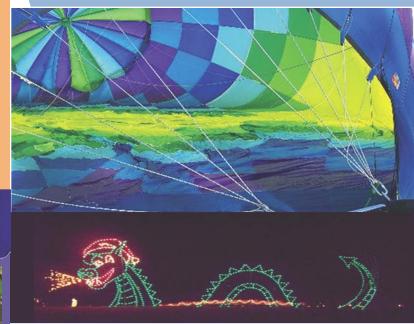
Join us this Spring for the area's annual Mushroom hunt! The two hour event will begin with a shotgun start, when pre-registered hunters will test their skill and/or luck in a secret location. The Lake Shelbyville Spores-N-More Mushroom Festival Champion will be the person who turns in the most morel mushrooms gathered in the allotted time.

The communities of Findlay, Shelbyville, Windsor and Sullivan—with the assistance of Heartland RC&D, will sponsor a weekend of fun activities for the whole family.

Touchstone Energy Balloon Fest at Lake Shelbyville

Come and enjoy colorful balloons as they launch from various locations in and around Lake Shelbyville and dot the sky with color. Come watch as pilots from all over the mid-west fly over targets to complete tasks and compete for prizes. There are flights Friday night, Saturday and Sunday mornings and a spectacular balloon glow and cookout with a DJ on Saturday night the weekend of Columbus Day. Shelby Electric Cooperative and several other Illinois Touchstone Cooperatives are the main sponsors. To sponsor a balloon, volunteer as crew or just want to learn more about the balloon fest held in Shelbyville, Illinois, please call Kevin Bernson at 217-774-3986.

Columbus Day Weekend!



SHELBYVILLE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS NOVEMBER 16-DECEMBER 30

Come Share with us the magic of the season in Shelbyville's Forest Park. The enchanting light displays will help brighten your holidays and fill you with the spirit of Christmas! The lights decorate all areas

of the park and include soldiers, elves, villagers, buildings, and animated displays including the historic Chautauqua building as a huge carousel.

Hours are Sun.-Thurs. 6 pm-9 pm and Fri.-Sat. 6 pm-10 pm. Come and see the work strictly done by volunteers that help make this display possible. New displays are added every year for a unique and enjoyable experience. Donations are accepted at the end of the tour and are always welcome!



Displays are moved every year and more are added for a unique and enjoyable experience. Be sure to visit Findlay, Cowden, Herrick, Moweaqua, Tower Hill & Windsor for more holiday events!

UPDATED TIMES, EVENTS AND MORE:

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Forest Park and downtown Shelbyville are full of activities for everyone to enjoy. You can Make It, Take It Scarecrows, play Bingo, and enjoy the many food and craft ven-Oct. 5-7 dors. There are plenty of kids games and entertainment! At 10 am Saturday enjoy the Annual Scarecrow Daze Parade, which delights the young and old alike. The annual Scarecrow Daze Car, Truck and Motorcycle show is held throughout the day as well. Several organizations will be selling food and crafts during the festival to help worthy causes. For more information please call the Greater Shelbyville Chamber of Commerce at (217) 774-2221

CARECROM

Fall & Winter

Clarksburg Festival: Sept. National Public Lands Day: Sept. 24 Shelby County Ultra-Light Fly-In Tower Hill Fall Festival: Sept. 21-23 Oconee Fall Festival Holiday in Herrick: Dec. 1 Moweaqua Christmas on Main: Dec. 1 Victorian Home Splendor: Dec. 1 Christmas in the Park (Cowden): Dec.



Holiday Movies at the Roxy!

Look for Free Holiday movies in December! 💊 Saturdays at 10 am. Downtown Shelbyville.

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Dishwasher Invented

Josephine Cochrane had ingenuity in her genes. Her greatgrandfather is credited with the steamboat and her father John Garis helped build the original city of Chicago. Josephine is reported to have said, "If nobody else is going to invent a dishwashing machine, I'll do it myself."

In 1886, Josephine Cochrane of Shelbyville, patented the first

dishwasher. She invented the machine in a woodshed adjoining her home, which still stands today on South Broadway. For several years, she privately promoted her company, the Cochrane's Crescent Washing Machine Company. In 1893, she unveiled her invention at the World's Fair and won the highest award. Years later, with the purchase of the original patent, her company became the now famous, KitchenAid® Company.

In 2007, Channel ARD from Germany filmed a documentary named Patents and Talents. They came to Shelbyville for several



days to film a re-enactment of Josephine and her dishwasher using local residents. While filming, the crew also visited other areas in Shelbyville and met German exchange students enrolled at Shelbyville High School.

The film crew was impressed with how many people in the area new about the dishwasher and other inventions significant to the area.

Horace Tallman Hay Baler

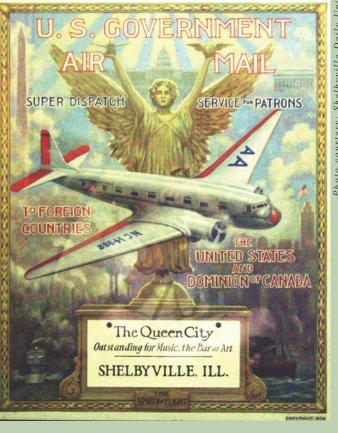
Horace M. Tallman was the inventor of the 1st successful mechanical Pick-up Hay Baler. Tallman was born in 1863 in Shelby County and later moved to Shelbyville. In 1905, he spent long

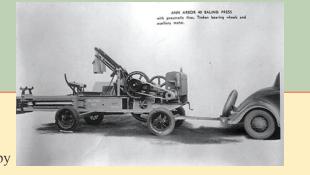
hours building small models of hay balers and sold his first invention to the Ann Arbor Machine Co. in 1915. He bought the company four years later when they went bankrupt. In 1922, he moved the company and equipment to Shelbyville. Mr. Tallman passed away April 17, 1929, and his sons continued the work. In 1930, a farmer bought and operated a brand new Ann Arbor pickup baler, setting a new record for getting such a radically new machine into production. By 1935, the family was operating in 19 countries. Oliver took over the company in 1943 and moved the operation in 1970. In 1980, the American Society of Agricultural Engineers dedicated a plaque in Shelbyville commemorating the importance of Tallman's hay balers to American agriculture.



Robert Root

Stop by the Shelby County Historical Society (SCHS) to learn more about the famous Shelbyville artist, Robert Root. A man prominent in the cultural life of Illinoishis most famous paintings include the Lincoln-Douglas Debate (which hangs in the Illinois State Capital Building) and the Lincoln Thornton debate (which hangs in the Shelby County Courthouse). Critics have declared that the artist's portraits of Lincoln as shown in these pictures are the best that have ever been painted. Literature on Root can be found at the SCHS or the Public Library.







Muralist

Stop by the Shelbyville Post Office to view a recently restored, beautiful painting, "Shelby County Fair Mural" by artist Sister Lucia Wiley. The mural was dedicated on June 13, 1941. It was painted using egg tempera, a paint that is made by combining egg whites with pigments and oil. The mural was funded through the Treasurey Department's Section of Fine Arts. Sister Wiley's art is displayed in many Post Offices around the nation. To see her other work, please visit www.muralist.org.

Sta-Rite

Since 1917 Sta-Rite has been manufacturing hair pins. Sta-Rite helped to develop the bobby pin and started manufacturing them in 1926. During World War II Sta-Rite shifted production to supply millions of metal safety clips and arming wires for bombs in support of the USA war effort. The Sta-Rite employees received an Army-Navy "E" (for Excellence) Award both in 1943 and 1944. Sta-Rite employed 1000 persons during World War II. Sta-Rite is owned and operated by Robert N. Bolinger and R Noel Bolinger II of Shelbyville.For more information visit the website at www.sta-riteginnielou.com.



Trick My Truck transformed Darrel Best's 1942 American La France Fire Truck into a mobile wedding chapel. The episode aired in 2009



after four months of renovation. The truck named "The Best Man" has been featured on ABC's World News Tonight with Charles Gibson and on the BBC in the

United Kingdom. September 2010, "The Best Man" made Ripley's Believe It or Not! It is now in the 2012 Guinness Book of World Records.

The truck features a video system and a 14 foot chapel. The Best Man



has hosted the weddings of couple from as far away as Florida and California. Picturesque Lake Shelbyville is one of the most popular spots for ceremonies. The Best Man is available from the first day of spring until Halloween.

For more information on this or Best Wedding Chapel, visit www.bestweddingchapel.com or call 774-7809.





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<u>Cowden</u>

Visitors can step back in time as they enjoy the old time festivities of Cowden Pioneer Days. The weekend is packed with fun, beginning with a parade and then moving on to park in Cowden. You will find a carnival, flea market, good food, arts & crafts, bingo, live music and a rodeo. The Pioneer Village features basket making, quilting and much more in the setting of authentic log cabins. It's fun for the whole family! Cowden Pioneer Days: 217-783-2121

Findlay

The village of Findlay is known as "THE HEART OF LAKE SHELBYVILLE" and has a lot to offer. The Findlay Marina is in the "Heart" of Lake Shelbyville and visitors can truly enjoy the lake atmosphere. Several cabin sites like Buoy's by the Lake or Whitetail Crossing are located near Findlay and can be rented. "The National at Eagle Creek Golf Course" at the Eagle Creek State Park is a premier public golf course with an 18-hole championship course.

The village is well known for their "Walleye Festival" that is held the last weekend in July. Many vendors and organizations help provide a weekend of music, games, booths, and food. Walleye is available all weekend and an ice cream social starts this event each year and is held at the community center. A farmer's market is open to the public each summer with fresh produce, crafts, food, and plants. The Spores N More Mushroom Festival is held in the spring and the community center has a country/bluegrass music jam that is open to the public the first Friday of each month.

Findlay has a variety of restaurants, a winery, and shopping from homemade items to antiques, as well as visitor services such as gas and groceries.

Children and adults enjoy the lovely small Findlay Park. Findlay gives you a lot to make your "Heart" enjoy this town. For further information on businesses and services, call the village hall at 217-756-8997.



<u>Herrick</u>

Another of Shelby Counties charming communities is Herrick; with events including the 3 day Herrick Celebration & parade commemorating the 4th of July holiday. The celebration offers craft shows, flea markets, food venders, and carnival rides. For those who like medium temperatures, this year, Herrick will have a "FRIGHT NIGHT" October 29, with Haunted House, costume contests and other exciting events, planning to make it an annual event. In April and October, you

> can enjoy an all day Extravaganza at the Community Center, featuring talented young musicians, who were once locals, coming home to entertain. Old friends gather for a day of visiting, great music and good food. Check for dates. If you prefer even cooler temperatures, check out the "HOLIDAY IN HERRICK" on the first Saturday in December, featuring light displays, Santa's arrival and parade, prizes, food stands and crafts. Beautifully decorated Christmas trees and table settings are also on display and judged.

Herrick has two parks, Carroll Memorial Park, near downtown, on Broadway Avenue, and Tom

Davis park with more of a country setting and spaces to rent for camping trailers. Also a large covered pavilion and kitchen area can be rented for reunions or other events. The first Friday of each month, enjoy live country music, by the Renegades, at the Herrick Community center, 7-10PM. Snack bar is available. The second Friday of each month the Country Music Show features the County Line Country Band and guests, 7-10PM. Free admission. Bring finger foods or a covered dish to share. Dates and times are subject to change. Call 618-428-5761 for more information.

Moweaqua

The Village of Moweaqua was founded by Mr. Michael Schneider and established in 1852. The name either means "muddy water" or "weeping woman". Nonetheless, Moweaqua is truly the "One and Only" as it's the only one in the World. Moweaqua is home to some wonderful businesses such as: cabinet & hardware, auction house, jewelry & gift, candy & bakery, automotive repair, restaurants, a bowling alley, antique and second hand shops, and a grocery store, just to name a few.

Moweaqua boasts three parks, North Park, Central Park, and the Memorial Tree Park. North Park is home to many soccer, baseball and volleyball games, as well as being host to the 4th of July outing with entertainment and fireworks. You will also find North Park tennis courts, basketball courts, playground equipment, and a 1-mile walking trail. Both parks can be enjoyed by all ages for sports and fitness activities. Pavilions can be reserved for parties and reunions. The Memorial Tree Park currently has 141 native Illinois trees Growing, feel free to visit the park to sit or stroll along its peaceful paths.

Golf is a favorite pastime of many residents and visitors. The 18-hole Moweaqua golf course sits amongst rolling hills in a country setting. The annual 4-day Pow Wow celebration is

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held in Central Park in June and includes many vendors and a variety of entertainment. Come join us for this family favorite, and it is sure to become a tradition for your family too. For further information call the Village Hall at 217-768-3036.

<u>Stewardson</u>

A community of 750 souls founded in 1874. Stewardson's featured events include Memorial Day services, on the Sunday prior to Memorial Day, at the cemetery. A day of



food, fun and activities on the Sunday before July 4th, the 2nd this year, which include fireworks at dusk. The Lion's Club Homecoming in August, a three-day event with a tractor pull, food, games, entertainment and carnival rides. The annual Chili Cook-off in November each year, featuring celebrity judges, a vote for People's Choice and all-you-can-eat chili. The Stewardson Historic Museum; to visit contact Gail Boldt at 682-3852 or Shary Vonderheide at 682-5409. A recent addition to the village is a new Community Center that is available for rent and can accommodate 300 plus persons, contact Candie Kessler at 682-3823.

<u>Strasburg</u>

Greetings or Guten Tag (Good Day)! from the Village of Strasburg. The village has several businesses, churches, and a park with a walking path, baseball field, tennis court, basketball court, and a Veterans' Memorial and is located in



an excellent school district. Strasburg is delighted that it is *Right! in the middle of everything* with lakes, state parks, theaters, and shopping all around. It is located near Hidden Springs State Forest, Lake Shelbyville, Lake Sara, Lake Mattoon, Lake Land College and Eastern Illinois University.

Strasburg is proud of its predominately German heritage and has selected the lovable little garden character, the gnome, as their trademark. They also celebrate Nikolausparade in November and December with the appearance of wooden Santa's placed at various businesses. The village and Lions Club hosts a wiener roast every fall, a spring clean up day and an annual town rummage sale/flea market on the first Saturday of June. A Halloween celebration is held in October. A Toy and Tool Sale the first Sundays in November and December, the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Saturday, and a Christmas Store on Saturdays following Thanksgiving. The Lions Club hosts a chicken fry the first Sunday in June and the Strasburg Homecoming the third Friday and Saturday. SCAN hosts a pancake and sausage breakfast along with 40+ vendors the second Saturday of November.

Strasburg is also a Looking for Lincoln Story Trail site with the Wayside exhibit entitled "Lincoln and Divorce". The Village has received two state-wide awards, the 21st Annual RCED Conference Innovation Project Award for the village newsletter "Strasburg Gnome News" and the 2009 Governor's Home Town Award, 1st Place in the Beautification Category. Come and visit us! Village of Strasburg 217-644-3007. You can also visit our Facebook page "I know where Strasburg, Illinois is" or www.strasburgil.com



<u>Shelbyville</u>

Located at the dam of Lake Shelbyville, the city provides attractive opportunities for residents and visitors alike. Shelbyville is also the County Seat and while on Abraham Lincoln's circuit, the city became host for many of his famous debates. Our third courthouse houses a painting of the Lincoln-Thornton Debate and can be seen when court is not in session. We have historical districts that are worth walking through and many inventions were patented from people living in Shelbyville such as the dishwasher and the mechanical pick-up hay baler. Shelbyville has one of the only all 4-H fairs in the state. Shelbyville has such opportunities as a friendly town to explore; a beautiful city park that plays host to a family aquatic center and the famous Chautauqua Auditorium, as well as a charming Main Street where you can shop, eat, or enjoy a movie at our Roxy Theater. City of Shelbyville 217-774-5531.

Tower Hill



Once a thriving coal mining town with banks, stores, and churches, we are now a small community located between Pana and Shelbyville on Rt.16. Our children attend Pana school district, and our schools are used as Jefferson Junior High. We have the spirit of working together for a fall festival held every year the third week of September. There is a talent and variety show friday night, tractor pull, vendors and Produce 500 race, auction, and 50/50 drawing on Saturday. Our parade on the Saturday night of the festival is one to enjoy. Saturday night

there is country music. With community church services held Sunday morning, and of course the demolition derby as a finale. -Oh, yes, you need to visit our community and park at Christmas; our lights are worth the trip.



<u>Windsor</u>

Windsor is the eastern gateway to Lake Shelbyville. Windsor being one of two cities in Shelby County has two highways going through town Rt. 16 and Rt. 32. Windsor sites 12 miles from Shelbyville, Sullivan, and Mattoon. We are 8 miles from Wolf Creek State Park and 10 miles from Lithia Springs Campground.

The heritage of Windsor folks is great-friendly neighbors, honest merchants, good schools, and friendly active churches, in short a good place to live. Windsor, a patriotic community, our goal is to get more people to fly the American Flag as our trademark. The Windsor Harvest Picnic is the longest running festival in Illinois. It includes good food, free entertainment, and rides for the young at heart. This year will be the 116th Harvest Picnic held in August.

Windsor Food Center is known for the Barnyard Burger, you will be able to purchase this at their new store on Rt. 16. For more information about Windsor and upcoming events you may go to <u>www.windsorillinois.net</u> or go to Facebook at W.H.A.T.

SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES

Bethany, located at the headwaters of Lake Shelbyville, showcases the best of small town living with their annual 4th of July celebration held the last weekend before the 4th. Along with a yearly halloween parade and steak dinners the first Saturday of every month, there's something for everyone here! Call us at 217-665-3351 or email us at okawvalleynewsletter@yahoo.com or visit our web page at www.geocities.com/ okawvalleynewsletter

Dalton City was incorporated as a village on September 15, 1877 and is situated in Moultrie County. The first settlements were in 1852 by Harvey and Madison Walker. In 1858, Edward Bresnan settled in from Ireland, and many other Irish immigrants moved to the area. To this day, there are relatives of the Bresnan and Henneberry families residing and farming in Dalton City Area. The Hight Bank has been in the town since 1892 and was originally the Dalton City Bank and still serves the community today. The town itself is named after Thomas Dalton who helped lay out the original plat with James Roney. Dalton City has a population of over 600 people.

Sullivan definitely is "More than Just a Small Town" as it is the home of a variety of unique restaurants, recreation and shopping opportunities. Our Little Theatre on the Square is what Sullivan is known for and is the only Equity summer stock theatre in central Illinois. Since opening in 1957, it has been host to many stars such as Mickey Rooney, Alan Alda, and Ann Miller as well as countless others. The Little Theatre offers a variety of adult programs, as well as matinees for children. Moultrie County is the scenic route along Lake Shelbyville, as it is the home of three bridges that cross the lake. There is also Sullivan Beach and Sullivan Marina. Sullivan's own Wyman Park and Tabor Park create hours of entertainment with tennis, horseshoes, baseball, hiking and fishing opportunities. The Civic Center is a public facility with an indoor pool, saunas, gym, racquetball courts and full weight circuit. Golf is also available on two local courses. Sullivan is proud of its heritage and we look forward to welcoming you to our town. For more information on Sullivan, you can visit the Sullivan Area Chamber of Commerce website at www.sullivanchamber.com or by calling 217-728-4223.

Visiting Amish Country? The towns of Arthur, Arcola and Cadwell make up this unique area.

Arthur has Illinois' largest Amish settlement and will give you the opportunity to learn about the "plain people" and their way of life. Arthur has several bakeries and bulk food stores, and Amish crafted custom oak furniture, quilts, fine clothing, cheese, homemade bread, noodles and fudge can easily be found. You'll also find flower, antique, and gift shops, fabric stores, and many handcrafted items. There are craft and county fairs as well as the cheese festival and the pumpkin patch and harvest to enjoy. Relax and take time to enjoy the area and people by staying at the local accommodations or enjoy fine meals at our restaurants where good food and freshly made pies and cakes are the norm www.amishcountryillinois.com.



Arcola is nestled just off Interstate 57; this quaint community offers a variety of opportunities for working, relaxing, dining, shopping and

learning for residents and visitors alike. Arcola celebrates its heritage as "broomcorn capital of the world" with the renowned Broom Corn Festival held every year the weekend after Labor Day. Visitors come for numerous broom activities, unique arts and crafts, free entertainment, and great food. The festival's parade is home to the world famous Lawn Rangers, who

twirl and toss their brooms. Arcola is also the birthplace of Johnny Gruelle, creator of Raggedy Ann and Andy. Each June, Raggedy Ann and Andy enthusiasts near and far gather to commemorate the National Toy Hall of Fame characters. Arcola's historic downtown is lined with stately buildings and its original brick street. You'll find a host of unique shops that offer art, antiques, locally made Amish baked goods and hand crafted Amish furniture.

Cadwell is a quiet little hamlet southwest of Arthur with a population of around 100. Cadwell is surrounded by Amish farms, where horse drawn buggies or farm implements are common sights. The town has Amish oak furniture companies, a buggy shop, harness shop, a grain elevator, feed mill and antique shops.



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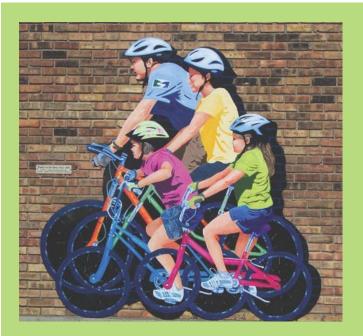
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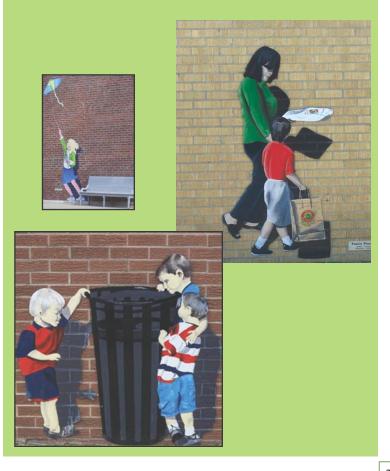
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