



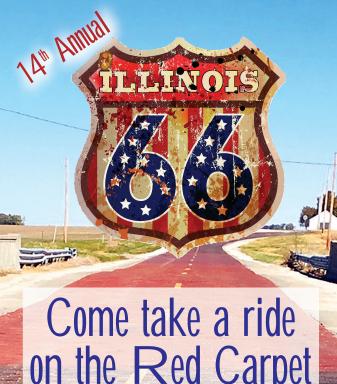
It's about family fun on the most famous road in America - Route 66

# Saturday, May 2, 2020 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sponsored by the 13 communities which make up the 90-mile linear museum from Joliet to Towanda, the annual festival invites everyone to experience the good life in the slow lane.

Each community will produce its own events. From full-blown festivals to antique and craft sales, art sales, car and motorcycle shows, and live entertainment, everyone is sure to discover something unique.

Food, snacks and treats will be in abundance, and there are plenty of historic sites, outstanding free museums and unique mom and pop businesses to help create a nostalgic journey for all to enjoy. Visitors can simply enjoy the drive, or stop and get out of the car to have their picture taken with Elvis, or do a little shopping in any of the great stores along the Mother Road.



Come take a ride on the Red Carpet on Historic Route 66



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## Come experience and explore, the Red Carpet Corridor!

## <u>Joliet</u>

The Joliet Area Historical Museum, 204 N. Ottawa St. is offering free admission, sponsored by the Heritage Corridor CVB, from 8 am - 5 pm. Visit the original intersection of Route 66 and Lincoln Highway at Cass & Chicago Streets and other historic and family- friendly sites throughout downtown. Take a special "Quick Look" Tour at the Old Joliet Prison, 1125 N. Collins St. and claim your Blues Brothers Hat & Sunglasses all for only \$10. Tours are 8 am - 3 pm. Collect your commemorative giveaway at The Joliet Area Historical Museum. For info call 815-723-5201.

#### **Elwood**

Saturday - Elwood Village Hall, 401 E. Mississippi Avenue, Historic Information and Welcome Center. Antique Tractors Exhibit. Quaint Downtown Business Center. Douglas Street Wayside Exhibits: featuring Rosie the Riveter, a statue of a munition's worker, lunch box in hand, and the original Route 66 pavement. Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. Craft/Vendor Show. Pick up commemorative giveaway at Elwood Village Hall (while supplies last). More info contact 815-423-5011

#### **Wilmington**

Visit Chamber tent at north end of downtown vendors for giveaway. Purchase special Chamber Route 66 button to win split the pot. Flea market until 4 p.m., entertainment starting at 11 a.m., Hula contest, hound dog contest, dance performance, food and more. Remaining collectible available at Nelly's Restaurant while supplies last. More info contact: 815-922-7966. At nearby Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, view historic photos of nearby I&M Canal, talk with natural resource experts, listen to folk singer Lee Murdock, take a nature hike to view bison calves, bluebells and activities for children.

## **Braidwood**

Be sure to visit the Information booth located at the Braidwood Rt 66 Zoo, a memorial to local artist Jack Barker, along with vendors. Stop at the Braidwood Museum on Main St. to see exhibits on coal mining past. Stop by Polka Dot Drive-In for photo-ops with Elvis, Superman and many others and experience 1950' s dining. Contact: (815) 353-3053

#### **Godley**

Visit the Route 66 Mining Museum to pick up 2020 commemorative giveaway. info contact 815-458-2222 or 815-405-1906. Museum open Mondays, Wednesdays, Friday, 9 to noon.

## **Braceville**

Commemorative piece can be found at the Village Hall at the corner of S. Mitchell and Rt. 53 all year long. Baked goods will be sold by the United Methodist Church, Historical display by Alice Creech, Junk-in-the-Trunk sale in the parking lot, lunch at the Wicked Cricket on Rt. 53. For more information call 815-237-8655.

#### **Gardner**

Meet & Greet with the Mayor at Two-Cell Jail for commemorative giveaway. Gardner Lions serving root beer floats in the Diner Car. Visit the Archives in the Village Hall. Scapegoats Car Show 8-5 Depot Street parking lot, Elvis tribute artist Hugo will perform 11-2. Craft show on Depot Street. Church of Hope Rock-a-thon at the Gazebo. Every Buddies Pub & Grub on Depot Street serving special menu. More info contact: 815.237.2592. Remaining collectables available at the Village Hall during normal business hours

## <u>Dwight</u>

Stop in Dwight to get your passport stamped at our Ambler/Becker Texaco Station. This was the longest operating gas station on Route 66. Do not miss our Route 66 Smokeout BBQ Contest located in downtown Dwight on Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm. Additionally, in downtown Dwight, there is a Frank Lloyd Wright Bank still being used and the Historic Depot. Visit our local retail stores while you are downtown. This weekend we will also host our All Town Garage Sales.

The 2020 commemorative giveaway are available while supply lasts

#### <u>Odell</u>

Historic 1932 Standard Oil Gas Station on Rt. 66, Historic Subway, Souvenirs, Soda, Nostalgia for Sale. Cafe 110 West—815-998-2500 GD's Saloon—815-998-2556 Rentz's Tap & Dining—815-998-2383 More info contact: 815-998-2133 or email info@odell-il.com

## **Pontiac**

Saturday/Sunday – The Pontiac Art Center will be hosting their 2nd Swinging Bridges Arts Festival. The 200 block of Madison Street will house the many artists selling their beautiful, handcrafted, fine art pieces. Passports will be stamped at the Route 66 Museum, 110 W. Howard Street. Sunday Only - The Eagle Theater is hosting a free theatrical style program presented as a casual conversation between President Lincoln, portrayed by Lincoln Impersonator George Buss, and folklorist Chris Vallillo. Buss will present his narrative using Lincoln's own words from speeches while Vallillo will perform with several different instruments.

## <u>Chenoa</u>

Must do stop in Chenoa for flea market, food vendors, live music, Cruise in and more. Giveaway will be available at the information booth under the tent. Remaining giveaways will be available at the Chenoa Pharmacy.

## Lexington

Lexington's activities will be located on Main Street downtown Lexington. Live music, family activities, vendors, food and vintage car/truck display. More info contact: 309-365-3331

## <u>Towanda</u>

Be sure to visit the historic Route 66 locations in Towanda. See our website map for more details.

