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128<sup>th</sup> Annual

*Labor Day Celebration*

**2014**



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# More than just a day off of work

Labor Day — picnics, barbecues, massive department store sales — what has this got to do with work? Has the country collectively lost sight of the meaning of one of its most enduring holidays?

Maybe Labor Day has always been a little misunderstood. Seven days after President Grover Cleveland signed a bill designating the first Monday in September as a national holiday honoring workers, he sent the Army to quell a rebellion by striking Pullman workers.

Thirteen strikers were killed by the soldiers; union activist Eugene Debs went to jail because he refused to call a halt to the American Railway Workers' strike in Chicago. How about the date of that strikebreaking action? July 4, 1894, Independence Day, just two months before the first official national Labor Day was celebrated.

However, Labor Day certainly was not an idea sprung from the head of Congress and shoved under the pen of President Cleveland. Matthew Maguire, a New Jersey machinist, and Peter J. McGuire, a New York carpenter who co-founded the precursor to the American Federation of Labor (AFL), decided something should be done to mark the strides already made toward creating a better workplace in America.

Working with the Central Labor Union of New York, Maguire and McGuire organized the country's first Labor Day parade — 10,000 people took to the streets of New York City on Sept. 5, 1882, and the holiday was born, at least unofficially.

Our local celebration started in 1886 at Princeton, Indiana. The Princeton band met the Bosse band Aug. 2,



The 1904 Labor Day Association Parade featured the Princeton Machinists Union Shop representing Southern Railroad Shop.



UMWA Local 1038 of Yankeetown marched in the 1986 Labor Day Association Parade.

1886 at 4 a.m. along with several railroad coaches full of union brothers and sisters and marched to the fairgrounds — this was our first Labor Day Parade.

Union organizing was always a little rocky — organizers, like the fellows who arrived in Matewan, W.Va., to organize coal miners, were likely to end up dead. The strikes like the Chicago Pullman strike of 1894 — were often met with violence. Employers sometimes used tragic means to keep unions from gaining a toehold in their companies.

The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire of 1911 cost 146 people, almost all women,



The 1922 Labor Day Association Celebration featured a Mine Safety Competition on the fair-grounds.



A saddle club marches in the 1967 Labor Day Parade.



The 2008 Labor Day Association Kids Games.



Rides at the 2012 Labor Day Association Cel-ebration.

their lives. The reason? Many of the sweatshop's doors were locked, standard procedure to keep annoying union organizers out and employees under strict control.

In the United States today, the labor movement is a love it or hate it thing. Companies have fought them with a passion, spending millions of dollars trying to keep people from forming unions, instead of bargaining with their employees.

So, as this long weekend rolls around, it could be good to remember a few of the gains that might not have come around if labor unions hadn't been fighting so hard for people and their families. Social Security, health insurance, worker's compensation, unemployment insurance, pensions, vacations and holidays — to name just a few — are all benefits organized

labor has given to working men and women.

Why not take the time to celebrate and honor those who have fought so hard for us. We are not, for the most part, asked to give up our lives to have a unionized work place. But we are asking you and your family to come and march with your local unions on Monday, Sept. 1 at 10 a.m.

We ask you to also come and enjoy the activities over Labor Day Weekend at the Warrick County 4-H Fair-grounds in Boonville.

Whatever you do and wherever you go, take time to remember who made it possible — The American worker. Happy Labor Day!

# An open letter to United Steelworkers Local # 104 members and retirees;

USW Local #104 would like to invite all of our members and our communities to help us celebrate Labor Day 2014. This national holiday is a celebration of the American labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. For many, Labor Day is an end to summer or the start of a political season leading to the next election. It may be a day for one last cookout before the chill of autumn. But for me, it is the one holiday of the year that celebrates all that is good about America. Labor Day is a celebration of the work, the economic achievements and the building and rebuilding of America by American workers. It is a day to celebrate the American worker and all that they have accomplished.

It has been 130 years since the first Labor Day parade in New York City on Sept. 5, 1882 - a Tuesday. The holiday was soon enough moved to Monday, becoming official in 1894. It was the brainchild of one Peter McGuire, a carpenter and union leader who thought there ought to be a day to honor the worker.

We honor our mothers, our fathers, our flag, our independence and so many other things. But it was, and still is, the American worker who built America. It is the American worker who picks up our garbage, protects our citizens, put out our fires, educates our children, keep our factories running and so much more. It is the American worker who has made the American economy the envy of the world!

And our Labor Unions have played such a significant role making America great. We can thank our unions for the five-day workweek, the eight-hour workday, paid vacations, sick days, holiday pay, child labor laws, health care, retirement and so much more.

Labor Day is a day to thank our labor unions and their members, who helped provide us with so many things we take for granted. It is a day to celebrate and pay homage to the American worker.

**Happy Labor Day!**



**USWA Local # 104 PAC Chairman**

A Voluntary Political Action Committee made up of  
USWA Local # 104 contributing members.

# Time to smash and crash

The Labor Day Association Demolition Derby will be held Friday, Aug. 29 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 31 at 5 p.m. at the Gibson County Fairgrounds.

The Demolition Derby will be held two nights this year, Friday, Aug. 29 and Sunday, Aug. 31 at the Gibson County 4-H Center in Princeton.

Friday night will feature three classes:

- Old School Big Cars — \$25 entry; first place pays out \$1,200, second pays \$500, third \$300 and fourth \$100.
- Old School Mini Cars — \$25 entry; first place pays \$600, second pays \$300, third pays \$150 and fourth pays \$100.

• Trucks — \$50 entry; 100 percent payback.

Friday night action will begin at 7 p.m.

Sunday night will feature four classes:

- Old School Big Cars — \$25 entry; first place pays out \$1,200, second pays \$500, third \$300 and fourth \$100.

• Old School Mini Cars — \$25 entry; first place pays \$600, second pays \$300, third pays \$150 and fourth pays \$100.

• Modifieds — \$50 entry; 100 percent payback.

• Mini-Modifieds — \$50 entry; 100 percent payback.

Sunday night action will begin at 5 p.m.

The Union Heat will be Old School. The top two heat winners will receive \$30. For rules and information, call H&J Motorsports, Hank Paulson or Jim Schweikarth, at 812-457-4608 or 812-624-0110. You can also email derbymann22s@yahoo.com or h paulson66@gmail.com. All rules will be strictly enforced.



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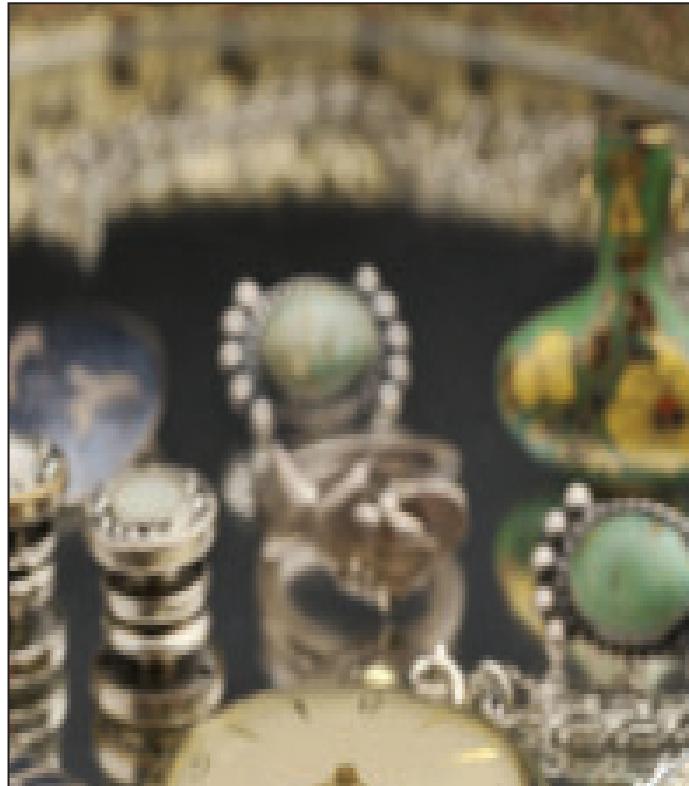


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# What's it worth?

The Labor Day Association will present What is it Worth Saturday, Aug. 30 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Appraisers will be available to appraise antiques, glassware, silverware, furniture and collectibles Saturday, Aug. 30 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



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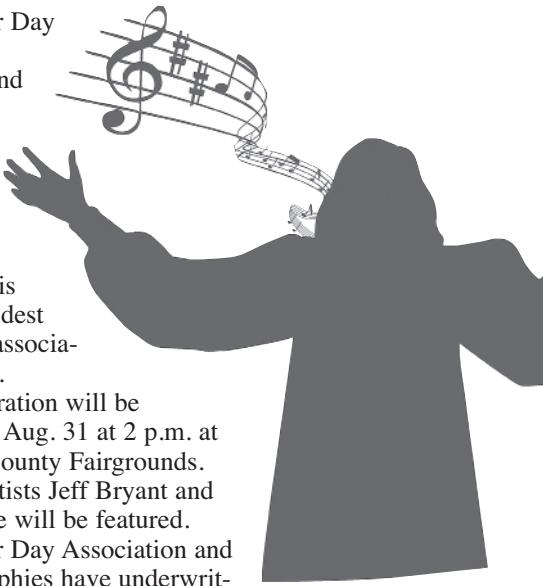


# Gospel sing

The Labor Day Association invites you and your friends to an old-fashioned Southern Gospel Sing. The Gospel Sing is the second oldest event in the association's history.

The celebration will be held Sunday, Aug. 31 at 2 p.m. at the Gibson County Fairgrounds. Recording artists Jeff Bryant and Rick Osborne will be featured.

The Labor Day Association and Tri-State Trophies have underwritten this event. Come and enjoy gospel music at no charge.



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# 2014 Labor Day Queen Contest



Taylor Ann Terrell, 19, daughter of Mark and Tara Terrell of Boonville, Boilermakers Local 374.



Heather K. Underhill, 20, daughter of Terry and Pam Underhill of Huntingburg, USW Local 104.



Kassandra Lorean Wallace, 21, daughter of Dave and Misty Wallace of Newburgh, USW Local 104.



Marissa Rose Geuss, 20, daughter of Mindy Pohl and Darrell Geuss of Fort Branch, Heat and Frost Insulators Local 37.



Tia Jo Dau, 17, daughter of Stacy and Brent Dau of Princeton, Heat and Frost Insulators Local 37.



Britnie Kristina Harper, 20, daughter of Estie and Tina Harper of Owensville, Elevator Constructors Local 3



# 2014 Labor Day Queen Contest



Carin Dau, 16, daughter of Tim and Cheryl Dau of Newburgh, USW Local 104.



Rebecca Lee Byrns, 20, daughter of Lee and Wendy Byrns of Owensville, Sheet Metal Local 20.



Emma Renea Crow, 17, daughter of Tim and Christy Crow of Winslow, IBEW Local 1395.



Rachel Barbara Butler, 20, daughter of Shelby and Janet Butler of Newburgh, USW Local 104.





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**Warrick County Councilman  
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Paid for by the Richmond for Council Committee.

# Do you have talent?

The Labor Day Association Talent Show will be held Sunday, Aug. 31 at 3 p.m. at the Gibson County Fairgrounds.

Auditions for the Talent Show will be held at noon on Saturday, Aug. 31, with the finals to be held Sunday, Sept. 1 at 4 p.m.

Divisions for the contest are: Junior — ages 0 to 8; Intermediate — ages 9 to 13; and Senior — ages 14 and up. Prize money to be awarded in all three divisions is: \$100 first place; \$50 second place; \$25 third place. The overall grand prize winner will win \$200.

The following rules will govern the 54rd Labor Day Talent Contest. In the event of any misunderstandings,



the decision of contest directors and judges are final.

1. All entries must be received by Friday, Aug. 30. Each performer must submit a \$5 entry fee (check or money order made out to the Labor Day Association) with their application.

Groups must submit a \$5 fee per performer. One entry fee per performer is required regardless of the number of acts. All acts must compete in their age group. In duet or group acts, the act must enter in the appropriate division of the oldest performer. Performers may compete in a maximum of two acts, not to exceed one individual performance. For example, a performer may compete in

one solo and one group act or two group acts.

2. Auditions will be at noon on Saturday, Aug. 31 and proceed in the following order: Junior Division, Intermediate Division and Senior Division. There will be five finalists in each division who will advance to the finals on Sunday, Sept. 1 at 4 p.m. There will be 10 awards

**TALENT | 12**

## Labor Day Salute

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Strength and Spirit of  
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## RE-ELECT MARLIN WEISHEIT

*Warrick County Commissioner  
District II*

A lifelong resident of Warrick County, Marlin Weisheit will continue working to address the critical issues facing our communities.

Authorized and paid for by the committee to Elect Marlin Weisheit, Tim Mosbey Treasurer

# Talent

## Continued from 11

given — first, second and third in each division, plus a grand prize for the overall winner, regardless of age. The grand prize winner will not be eligible for a division award. Tallys will not be posted at the audition nor the finals.

3. Acts are strictly limited to five minutes on and off stage. CDs for background music should be furnished by participants. Contest directors will provide microphones, speakers and sound system. Any performer practicing in the building while other acts are performing will be disqualified.

4. The contest check-in station will be open at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday. Performance lineups will be posted.

Decisions of the judges and contest directors are



final.

Depending on the number of participants and in the opinion of the judges and pageant director, if the event could be completed

in a reasonable time frame, the finals might be held on Saturday instead of extending until Sunday for the finals. That decision will be made during the

pageant and announced to all participants.

For more information, please contact Abigail Vinnedge at [toad621@hotmail.com](mailto:toad621@hotmail.com).

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# 128th Labor Day Celebration

**Aug. 29-Sept. 1, 2014**

Gibson County Fairgrounds, Princeton, Ind.

## **Friday, Aug. 29**

5 p.m.	Inflatables Food Booths Vendor Displays Cutest Baby Contests Cutest Pet Contest Free Open Karaoke Night
5-10 p.m.	
7 p.m.	Queen Pageant
7:30 p.m.	*Demolition Derby
8:30 p.m.	Queen's Tea

## **Saturday, Aug. 30**

8 a.m.	Cutest Baby Contests
10 a.m.	*The Official Indiana State Picking & Fiddling Championships
	Talent Show
	What is it Worth
Noon	Kids' Games
1 p.m.	Inflatables Junior Miss Pageant Washer Pitch
1-5 p.m.	Soul Harmonics Band
3 p.m.	Little Mister Pageant
	Little Miss Pageant
5:30 p.m.	*Jason Clutter
7 p.m.	*Jason Michael Carroll

## **Parking / Shuttle Rides: Free**

9-midnight      Vintage Rendition Band

## **Sunday, Aug. 31**

8 a.m.	Cutest Baby Contests
11 a.m.	Car Show
Noon	Poker Run
1 p.m.	Inflatables
	Horse Shoe Pitch
	Featured Speaker: Fran Quigley
2 p.m.	Gospel Sing
3 p.m.	Talent Show
5 p.m.	*Demolition Derby
5-9 p.m.	Calabash Band

## **Monday, Sept. 2**

9 a.m.	Parade
	Cutest Baby Contests
10:30 a.m.	Inflatables

### **\*Events with Admission Charges**

**Picking & Fiddling Championships**  
\$7; ages 6 and younger FREE.

### **Demolition Derby**

\$8 Adults & Children 7 and older  
\$10 Pit Pass (14 and older only)

### **Gibson County Gives Back Concert**

(Jason Clutter and Jason Michael Carroll)  
\$20 for adults, \$10 for children 4 to 9 and  
free for children 3 and younger.

### **Zip Line Ride**

\$5 for all ages

# Picking and Fiddling Championships

## General Regulations

- No electric or amplified instruments will be permitted in any category.

- No drums permitted in any category.

- Contestants performing in the individual performer categories may perform unaccompanied or with one or two accompanists. Accompanists must not play melody.

Contestant must not use sheet music.

- Any category with less than four entrants may be cancelled.

- Any performer winning first place in a category two years in succession must lay out for one year before competing again in the category in which they won first place.

- No contestant is allowed to register after draw for playing position has started.

- If a contestant is not ready to play at the time their name is called, they will be disqualified.

- Judging will be based on 100 points per each tune or song. Scores will be based on Scoring will be based on execution, difficulty, danceability/timing, tone, style and intonation. Scores from elimination rounds will be added to final round scores for an overall cumulative score.

- In the event of a tie, a one-tune playoff will be held. Fiddlers will be required to play a breakdown. Tie breaker scores will not be added into the cumulative score. No tunes played in elimination or finals may be played in the tie breaker.

- One false start per performance will be allowed (a bad start, wrong beginning of tune, starting tune other than that intended). Allowance will also be made for string dropping out of tune, or string breaking on contestant or accompanists.



- Playing in such manner as to not be able to recognize the melody easily will result in lost points.

- All contestants are asked to limit time on stage to six minutes. Judges will deduct points if performance becomes too long and/or repetitive.

- Contestants are asked to hold personal comments until after the judging for their category is completed. They may give the name of the tunes to be played.

- Contestants who perform in the finals are not allowed to duplicate the songs they performed in the elimination.

- Contest organizers reserve the right to change or modify contest rules prior to the start of the competition. A copy of finalized rules will be available at the registration table prior to the start of the contest.

- Contest organizers reserve the right to alter the time schedule, order of categories, or number of tunes to be played as needed.

- Decisions of the judges are final.

## Category Rules

- **Fiddle** — Contest is for four string fiddles only and is divided into four age groups: Junior, age 10 and under; Junior, age 11 to 18; Adult, age 19 to 59; Senior, age 60 and over. Contestants will be allowed to compete only in their age-appropriate category. Except in the Hot Fiddle division, trick fiddling or tunes like "Listen to the Mocking Bird," "Orange Blossom Special" or "Black Mountain Rag" are not allowed. Play should be old-time style-danceable.

- and Senior, age 60 and over. Contestants will be allowed to compete only in their age-appropriate category. Except in the Hot Fiddle division, trick fiddling or tunes like "Listen to the Mocking Bird," "Orange Blossom Special" or "Black Mountain Rag" are not allowed. Play should be old-time style-danceable.

- For both elimination and final rounds, contestants will be required to play a waltz, a breakdown (reels and hornpipes will be accepted as breakdowns; rags and polkas are not accepted as breakdowns) and a tune of choice. Tune of choice may be any tune other than a breakdown or waltz. Junior Junior Fiddlers play one waltz and one breakdown.

- **Bluegrass Banjo** — The following tunes are not allowed: "Foggy Mountain Breakdown," "John Hardy," "Earls Breakdown" and "John Henry." Contestants must play two tunes of their choice.

- **Guitar** — two categories: Flat Picking Guitar and Thumb Picking Guitar. Only acoustic flat top guitars will be accepted. Both categories are required to play two tunes of a traditional nature. Thumb-pick required in Thumb Picking category and contestant must play traditional thumb-style songs

of choice.

- **Mandolin** — Only acoustic mandolins allowed. Rules otherwise same as guitar.

- **Harmonica** — Only 10 hole, single reed harmonicas allowed. No chromatics. Must play tunes of the traditional nature. Contestants must play two tunes of their choice.

- **Bluegrass Band** — Tune restrictions same as Bluegrass Banjo. Must have no less than three band members and not more than six members. Bands may do vocals, but not required. No band member is allowed to perform in more than one band except for bass player. Bands will play two tunes of their choice during both elimination and final rounds of competition. If you play a known tune, it must be accepted as authentic bluegrass; however, original material is also allowed.

- **Old Time Singing** — Contestants are encouraged to pick songs which were written before 1950. Contestants are to perform two songs during elimination and final rounds of competition.

- **Hot Fiddle** — Fiddlers are allowed to play any tune of their choice and will be judged by the audience.

- **Dobro** — Only square neck resonic guitars allowed. Contestant must play two tunes of the traditional nature and may be unaccompanied or have one or two accompanists.

- **Clogging** — Free-style clogging. Contestants will dance one time in both eliminations and finals. Taps will be permitted, but not required. Time limit is 30 seconds.

- **Best Rhythm Person** — Judges will watch performances of all back up performers in all categories during the contest and the winner will be announced at the close of the contest.

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## Strength in Solidarity

# 2014 Labor Day Junior Miss 9-11 Contest



Piper Elisabeth Angel, 9, daughter of Donnie and Nannette Angel of Newburgh, Laborers Local 561.



Alyse Marie Wire, 10, daughter of Alex and Crystal Benefiel of Francisco, IUOE Local 181.



Cloey DeMotte, 10, daughter of Joanna and Eric DeMotte of Newburgh, BLET Local 343.



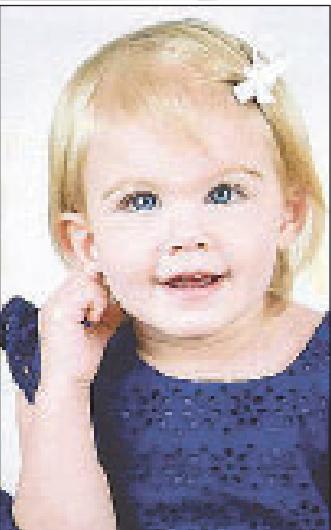
Rachael Sherman, 9, daughter of Joel and Lisa Sherman of Princeton, IUE-CWA Local 808.



Taylor Adams, 10, daughter of Timothy and Tacy Adams of Evansville, Sheet Metal Workers Local 20.



# 2014 Labor Day Baby Contest



Lillian Lynne Musgrave,  
22 months, daughter of  
Marshall and Elizabeth  
Musgrave.



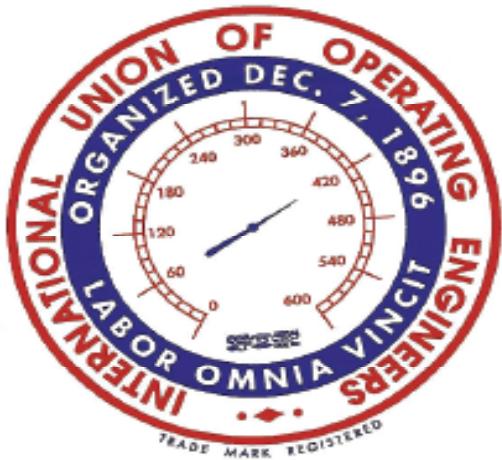
Camberlynn Jane Schmidt, daughter of Chad and Chelsea Schmidt, 5 months, IBEW Local 16.



Conner Wright, 2, son of  
Matt Wright and Ashley  
Keys.

## More Photos

See more baby photos on page 26.



# I.U.O.E. LOCAL 181

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## 2014 Labor Day Little Mister Contest



Ethan Armstrong, son of Clifford and Nancy Armstrong of Washington, Carpenters Local 224.



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# Please take note...

Participants in the 128th Annual Labor Day Parade should arrive between 6 and 7:30 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 1.

Buses run from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. to noon. Judging of all participants will begin at 8 a.m. sharp. The parade will start at 9 a.m. sharp. There is no stopping of the parade once it's started.

Only vehicles that are in the parade are allowed to park along the parade route. There is absolutely no parking allowed along the staging areas. Parking is available at the fairgrounds, where you may park and then get a ride on one of the shuttle busses running to and from the

start of the parade.

Equestrian entries will be required to have a pooper scooper unit.

The Labor Day Association suggests that you have some kind of music for your float. This makes for an interesting parade, rather than a boring one for the crowd, as well as the marchers.

Every effort has been made and will continue to be made to make the parade enjoyable for the participants, as well as provide entertainment for the crowd. Please make sure the parade keeps moving and no large gaps are formed.

For any questions or concerns, e-mail [laborday-parade@yahoo.com](mailto:laborday-parade@yahoo.com).

# Labor Day Association

## Parade Awards

1. Mayor's Award: The mayor of the host city selects this award winner.

2. Parade Grand Marshall's Award: The association's Parade Grand Marshall selects this award.

3. Parade Chairman's Award: The association's Parade Chairman selects this award winner.

4. President's Award: The association's President selects this award winner.

5. Vice-President's Award: The association's Vice-President selects this award winner.

6. Treasurer's Award: The association's Treasurer selects this award winner.

7. Recording Secretary's Award: The association's

Recording Secretary selects this award winner.

8. Attendance Over 100 Award: The winner is selected from local union entries with membership over 100.

9. Attendance Under 100 Award: The winner is selected from local union entries with membership under 100.

10. Motor Vehicle Unit Award: The winner selected is deemed to be the best motorized vehicle or motorized unit in the parade.

11. Labor Day Award: The winner selected is deemed to be the best-dressed union unit.

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# Awards

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**Award:** The winner selected is deemed to be the best group or float that exemplifies the spirit of the Labor Day Association.

**13. Best Non-Commercial Float Award:** The winner is deemed to be the best non-commercially-built float.

**14. Best Commercial Float Award:** The winner is deemed to be the best commercially-built float.

**15. Best Band Award:** The winner selected is deemed to be the best band.

**16. Best Marching Unit Award:** The winner selected normally is a marching band but may be awarded to any union unit that shows class and spirit.

**17. John L. Lewis Award:** Named for the great UMWA leader. "He walked the halls of Congress thundering Labor's demands." The award usually



is awarded to a UMWA unit, although it can be awarded to any union unit.

**18. Roy H. Mabrey Award:** Named for a past president of both IBEW Local #16 and the Southwestern Indiana Central Labor Council. He died on Labor Day, Sept. 1, 1997 after marching and participating in his local union's activities. The winner is always a union unit.

**19. Tommie A. Blaylock Award:** Named for a former USWA Local #104 Business Agent who was also an Indiana

AFL-CIO State Vice-President and ABG International Vice-President and Chairman of Local #104 Political Action Committee. He died Dec. 1, 1996. The winner is always a union unit.

**20. Gary Wheaton Award:** Named for a former UMWA Local #9926 President who also served as a UMWA International Safety Representative, UMWA District 11 Secretary Treasurer and Parade Chairman for the Labor Day Association. He died on Aug. 1,

1998. The winner is always a union unit.

**21. Gary Fritz Award:** Named for a long-term mainstay of the organization who has been instrumental in preserving the Labor Day Association's history. He is a member of UMWA Local #9926, served as the UMWA International Deputy of Organizing and a former Labor Day Association President. The winner is always a union unit.

**22. Veterans Award:** The winner is deemed to be the best veterans unit or themed entry.

**23. Armed Forces Award:** The winner is deemed the best active armed forces unit or themed entry.

The Parade Awards Committee selects the winners of awards 8 through 23. They are also available to help anyone responsible for selecting a winner who requests assistance.

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# Roots run deep in local celebration

Our area Labor Day Celebration is not only the oldest in the State of Indiana, but possibly the second-oldest celebration in the nation. The first Labor Day Celebration in this area was held in 1886 in Princeton.

This was eight years before Labor Day was made an official national holiday in 1894!

To put this date in perspective, the Battle of Little Big Horn, otherwise known as Custer's Last Stand, had taken place only 10 years before!

That first celebration was very similar to our present Labor Day Celebration. It was sponsored by the Knights of Labor, which was one of the labor groups representing unionists in Indiana. A train from Chicago, Ill., brought four coaches of unionists. They



were met at 3:30 a.m. by the Princeton High School Band and escorted to the Princeton Fairgrounds.

At 10 a.m. another train brought six coaches full of Knights of Labor, along with two bands. A parade, which

was the highlight of the celebration, resulted. Speeches were made by area labor leaders, and a tradition was born.

A few years later, the annual celebration was held in a small community called

Hosmer, Indiana, located on the banks of the Wabash-Erie Canal. In 1899, that small town's main industry was the Littles' Coal Mine, whose men were represented by

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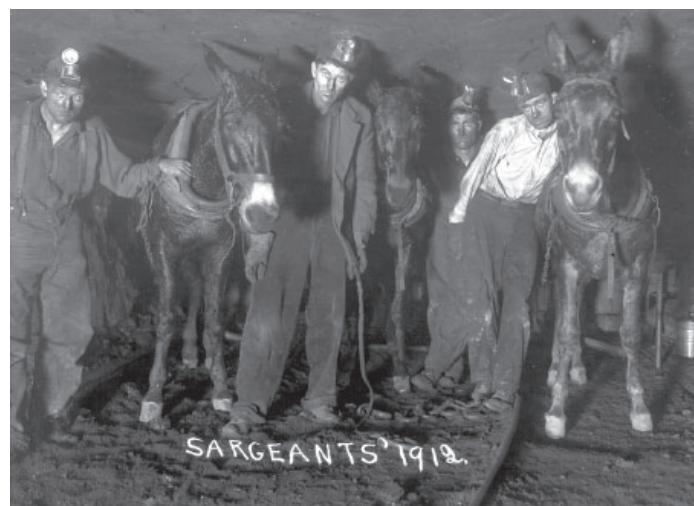
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the U.M.W.A. That celebration was referred to by the Petersburg newspaper as being the first Labor Day Celebration ever held in Pike County. The next year, 1900, the celebration moved a few miles to Petersburg, and it grew several hundred times over what it had been just a year before. The celebration drew between 8,000 and 10,000 people, and a free meal was served to all union men who marched in the parade. Over 1,500 meals were served that afternoon.

In the years following, the celebration moved between Evansville, Ft. Branch, Vincennes, Oakland City, Princeton, Boonville, Washington, Sullivan and Petersburg in Indiana, Mt. Carmel in Illinois and Henderson in Kentucky. In the late 1920s the celebration saw a growth

that would take it from a local event to a national event. In 1930, attendance at Princeton, was over 40,000 on parade day. In following years, that attendance would never drop below 30,000 and would reach its peak of 75,000 in 1949. One international alone had over 10,000 members march in the 1936 parade.

The celebration started drawing national attention in 1931, when a movie company, Fox Movie Town, sent its film crews to Princeton. They traveled by train to film the celebration for newsreels. Fox Movie Town was to become 20th Century Fox, and was only one of the many major studios to cover the celebration. Between 1931 and 1949, every major movie studio in the country sent camera crews to southern Indiana to cover



what had become one of the largest celebrations of union labor in the nation.

From 1950 to 1980, only the U.M.W.A. sponsored the celebration because the other international unions were associated with other celebrations. In the early 1980s, a steel workers' local union joined the association.

At that point, other international unions returned their support so that today 40 locals, representing 23 internationals are dues-paying members of the association.

From 1950 to 1992, the celebration moved between Boonville and Princeton. In 1993, the association traveled to Evansville, for the first time since 1942.

Some of the local unions that march in our parade today take from past traditions. Some locals elect to make floats and to wear the same kind of shirts and hats in the parade. Some also have banners made up to tell who they are, and some try to get a band to march with them from their home city or area. We get these traditions from our forefathers, who would buy new blue jeans, shoes, shirts and hats to wear in the parade...these

were called Labor Day Suits.

Generally, they were put to use the next day at work. In one parade, a meatcutter's union butchered and processed a cow while their float was being pulled along the parade route — this did not become a tradition.

Our celebration has expanded to a four-day event. We have tried to keep our modern-day celebration linked to our proud past by producing traditional events like the parade, gospel sing and Labor Day Battle.

The battle is a contest between Association member local unions to see which local can out-pull, out-shovel, out-run and out-work all others for bragging rights for the ensuing year.

Our four-day event is like a county fair, but most of the events are subsidized by a combination of labor unions, businesses and civic organizations. We are able to offer a lot of quality, family-oriented entertainment at a very reasonable cost.

We, again, will be sending out the call for solidarity to all local unions to gather on Labor Day to honor all working men and women of the tri-state area. Why don't YOU join us?



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# 2014 Labor Day Junior Miss 12-15 Contest



O'Ryan Elizabeth  
Prater, 13, daughter of  
Brian and Lesa Prater of  
Owensville, IBEW Local  
1393.



Hadley Sheffer, 12,  
daughter of Brent and  
Beckee Scheffer of  
Princeton, UMWA Local  
4343.



Madison Carly Overton,  
13, daughter of Chad  
and Carla Overton of  
Boonville, USW Local  
104.



Sydney Alyssa Davis,  
12, daughter of Robbie  
and Marcia Davis of Win-  
slow, IBEW Local 1395.



Rebekah Sherman, 12,  
daughter of Joel and  
Lisa Sherman of Prince-  
ton, IUE-CWA Local 808.



Audrie Michelle Powers,  
14, daughter of Jamie  
Powers and Ben Pow-  
ers of Princeton, UMWA  
Local 1791.



Abigail Jo Sutt, 13,  
daughter of Summer  
Sorgius of Otwell, IBEW  
Local 1395.



# 2014 Labor Day Little Miss Contest



Alexandra Hutchinson, daughter of Cory and Elizabeth Hutchinson of Petersburg, IUOE Local 181.



Leyla Cargal, daughter of Meagan and Joey Cargal of Mackey, Laborers Local 561.



Serenity Harmes, daughter of Dru and Cindy Harmes of Evansville, Boilermakers Local 374.



Kylee Bradfield, daughter of Matt and Heather Bradfield of Princeton, Boilermakers Local 374.



Jessa Ridao, daughter of Jared and Jenny Ridao of Winslow, IBEW Local 1395.



Olivia Carr, daughter of Andy and Jill Carr of Henderson, Ky., Carpenters Local 224.



## Not Pictured

Emily Howard, daughter of Lucas and Megan Howard of Petersburg, Boilermakers Local 374.

## 2013 Labor Day Baby Contest



Stellan Orion Lewis, son  
of Mike Lewis and Jes-  
sica Shofstall - Painters  
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Lily Jo Rose Crawford, 9 months, daughter of  
Rachel Crawford.



Olivia Brooks Heathcott,  
9 months, daughter of  
Penny Heathcott.

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# Calling all former pageant participants

**The Labor Day Association  
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Tournament will be held  
Friday, Aug. 29  
following the Queen  
Pageant at the Gibson  
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The Labor Day Association is looking for anyone who has ever participated in a Labor Day Queen Pageant. Former contestants are invited to come to this year's queen pageant and queen's tea on Friday, Aug. 29 at the Gibson County Fairgrounds, where they will be recognized.

This is part of an effort to build a history of past participants.

Cake and punch are planned and Labor Day Photographer, Steve Shofstall, will be on hand to capture the memories. All former

contestants are asked to bring any old pictures, programs, newspaper articles and stories.

The 2013 Labor Day Queen, Gina Wahl, and this year's Labor Day Queen Pageant Directors, Misty McGregor, the 2000 Labor Day Queen, and Annie (Tichenor) Simmons, the 2004 Labor Day Queen, will co-host the event. Anyone who hasn't been contacted is asked to contact the Labor Day Association.

Please pass the word along so more former participants can be reached. There is a list of past participants at [www.labordayassoc.com](http://www.labordayassoc.com). On the home page, there is a button to past Labor Day Queens.

Please RSVP to the event by contacting Simmons at 354-4545 or [andrea.simmons@s gibson.k12.in.us](mailto:andrea.simmons@s gibson.k12.in.us).



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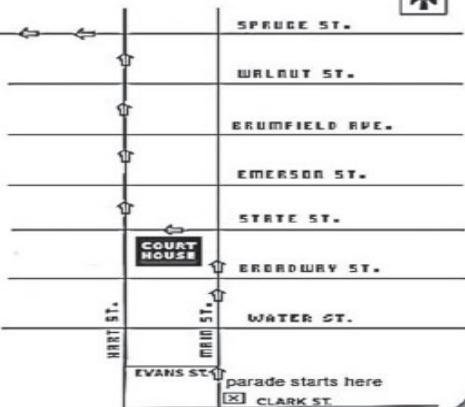
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# 2014 PARADE MAP

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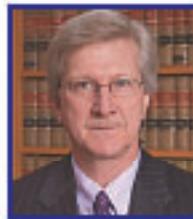
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