

# Area Labor Day celebration began nearly 100 years ago

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PRINCETON, Ind. — It took some digging, but organizers of this year's Labor Day Association celebration have uncovered a history that traces the annual event back nearly 100 years.

Gary Fritz, association president, said he and others working on the event have been able to trace the celebration to August

Fritz, of Oakland City, said he and fellow coal miners Steve Bottoms of Somerville and Mark Hay and Vernon McRoberts, both of Boonville, are proposing the association create a centennial history book to be ready for the 1986 celebration.

Most of the Labor Day celebrations have been in Princeton, but moved during the years to other cities, including Evansville, Vincennes, Boonville, Sullivan

reel footage of the parades and speakers was taken by Fox Movietown, Universal and Paramount studios from 1931 to 1949, Fritz said.

Vincennes, Boonville, Mount Carmel, Washington and Princeton celebrations were shown throughout the country and movie studios returned to film Labor Day celebrations in those towns each year.