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STATE FAIR MUSEUM NAMES TEN ILLINOISAN OF THE DAY WINNERS FOR 2012

(7/15/2012 Springfield, IL) The Illinois State Fair Museum Foundation has named its ten winners of the Illinoisan of the Day award for 2012. They will be honored at noon on the Farm Bureau stage under the Commodities Pavilion each day of the fair, which runs August 10-19.

Yearly the museum foundation seeks nominations of Prairie State residents who volunteer in their communities, work to brighten lives of their neighbors and represent the best of Illinois citizenship. Winners were announced over the weekend at the foundation's annual fund-raiser, the Corndog Kick-off, held on the fairgrounds in Springfield.

Every Illinoisan of the Day will be a guest on their special day at this year's fair, where they will be publicly introduced and receive gifts along with a personal proclamation from Governor Pat Quinn.

Here are 2012's Illinoisans of the Day, their hometowns and the dates on which they will be honored at this year's Illinois State Fair.

Bill Garver	Virginia	Friday, August 10
Mike Bigger.	Wyoming	Saturday, August 11
Anthony Haislar	Highland	Sunday, August 12
Sister Rosemary Connelly	Chicago	Monday, August 13
Ken Getz	Morton	Tuesday, August 14
Marla Behrends	Carlock	Wednesday, August 15
Lynn Chard	Rochester	Thursday, August 16
Haley Jo Bosler	Sandoval	Friday, August 17
Pauline McDonald	Bushnell	Saturday, August 18
Vanessa Tyus	Jacksonville	Sunday, August 19

The nonprofit State Fair Museum Foundation works to preserve fair artifacts and memories. Its collection will be free and open to the public under the north end of the Grandstand during all ten days of the fair.