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**STATE FAIR MUSEUM NAMES EIGHT ILLINOISAN OF THE DAY WINNERS FOR 2014**

Springfield, Ill. – The Illinois State Fair Museum Foundation has named its eight winners of the Illinoisan of the Day award for 2014.  They will be honored at noon on the Farm Bureau stage under the Commodities Pavilion the first seven days of the fair which runs Aug. 8-17.

Yearly the museum foundation seeks nominations of Illinois residents who are involved in service activities, educational projects, and /or youth programs, have an affiliation with state and/or county fairs in Illinois and show their true Illinois spirit through their continued volunteerism and community service.

Winners were announced over the weekend at the foundation's annual fundraiser, 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 2014's Illinoisans of the Day and their hometowns:

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| Glen Brandt & Evelyn Brandt Thomas  |   Springfield |  |
| Gale Cunningham |  Tilton |  |
| Peggy Fish |  Springfield |  |
| Bill Fugate |  Fairbury |  |
| Tom Ostermeier |  Athens |  |
| Ray Ropp |  Normal |  |
| Dixie Vincent      |  Mount Auburn |  |
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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.