IL ROUTE 66 AND THE CARLINVILLE SEARS HOUSES

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Jasper County Farm Bureau            Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Today we're going to enjoy driving along one of the finest remaining stretches of historic Route 66, between Staunton and Litchfield, IL. Each year thousands of visitors from all over the world drive this route, stopping to visit some of the sites in the "real" American heartland. We will today experience the drive and sites of that same piece of "The Mother Road".

9:00am: Meet Linda at one of the truck stops on I 55, just north of I 270, near troy, IL. Use restrooms here.

10:00-10:30: First we'll stop at Henry's Rabbit Ranch to see Rich's collection of Route 66 artifacts. And, yes, he does have real rabbits and Volkswagen Rabbits here.

10:45-11:30: Next we'll stop at Country Classic Cars to stroll through some of the hundreds of classic cars for sale there, some dating back to the 1910's. Did you know that a car must be at least 25 years old to be considered a "classic car"?

11:45-12:00: Visit the Mother Jones Monument in Mt. Olive, and learn about her efforts on behalf of the miners around the turn of the 20th Century.

12:40-1:45: Enjoy a delicious lunch prepared by the Carlinville United Methodist Church ladies. Lunch will consist of chicken parmesan, potatoes, salad, vegetable, rolls, beverage and cakes/pies.

1:50-2:55: Carlinville, IL is home to one of the largest collection of Sears-Roebuck houses in the U.S. We will take a driving tour of the 9 blocks of Sears houses, and probably receive an invitation to tour inside one of the homes. This is a great story, and a fun tour.

3:20-3:35: Continue on I 55 to Raymond, to view the Lady of the Highways Shrine.

4:30: Arrive back at Truck stop on I 55, just north of I 270