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Historical Towne Park Homestead Open For Re-enactments and Demonstrations

_**St. Charles County, Missouri** —_ The historic 1830s homestead at Towne Park, 100 Towne Park Dr., off Highway 61 near Wentzville, will be open to the public July 28 and August 25 for scheduled re-enactments and demonstrations.

On Saturday, July 28, take a step back in time and experience an “Old Time Picnic,” from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Towne Park. Hosted by the St. Charles County Parks staff and 19th century Living History Company re-enactors; learn how to make homemade ice cream, compete in fun 19th century games, listen to the sounds of the Buckhannon Brothers old time jamboree and delight in a traditional game of cakewalk. The 1830s homestead, formerly known as the “Pink Plantation,” will also be open for tours. Park guests are welcome to bring a blanket and picnic basket and enjoy an afternoon of FREE “old fashioned” entertainment at Towne Park.

On Saturday, Aug. 25, come out and celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War and learn about some of the things soldiers had to eat to stay alive. From 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., Historian and Professor of History, Layne Chartrand, will lead “Feeding the Civil War Soldier” at Towne Park. “You were old and very wormy, but you passed our stomach’s sore, O’ hardcrackers, come again no more” was a line from a song sung by soldiers 150 years ago during the tragic American Civil War. This entertaining program focuses on the food that fueled the armies of the North and South with performances by several members of the 11th Mississippi, Company G, Lamar Rifles and Civil War Living Historians.

For more information about the historical homestead at Towne Park, visit the St. Charles County Parks Department at [www.stccparks.org](http://www.stccparks.org).