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An Interview with David Jostes

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*Community Stories - Rochester* Oral History project

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David Jostes, a lifetime resident of Rochester, Illinois and owner/operator of Jostes Garage for over 40 years, was interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Community Stories - Rochester* Oral History project.

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**Biographical Information Overview of Interview:** David LeRoy Jostes was born on March 21, 1936 in Riverton Illinois. His father operated a dairy farm in Rochester and his mother was a homemaker. David married twice and has four children. He remarried in 1963 to Fay Burton and they had a son and a daughter. He and Fay raised the four children. David drove a school bus for thirty-one years. He also operated the Jostes Garage in Rochester from 1976 until he turned the business over to his son. He was in the Naval Reserve from 1953 to 1971. One of his passions is a 1970 Malibu Chevelle, with hand paintings under the hoods by the legendary Bob Waldmire, a local artist who spent his life chronicling stories about Route 66 and painting the iconic the locales along that historic road. David has many wonderful experiences on Route 66 with his car. He is a strong Christian and a long-time member of the Rochester Historical Preservation Society.

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