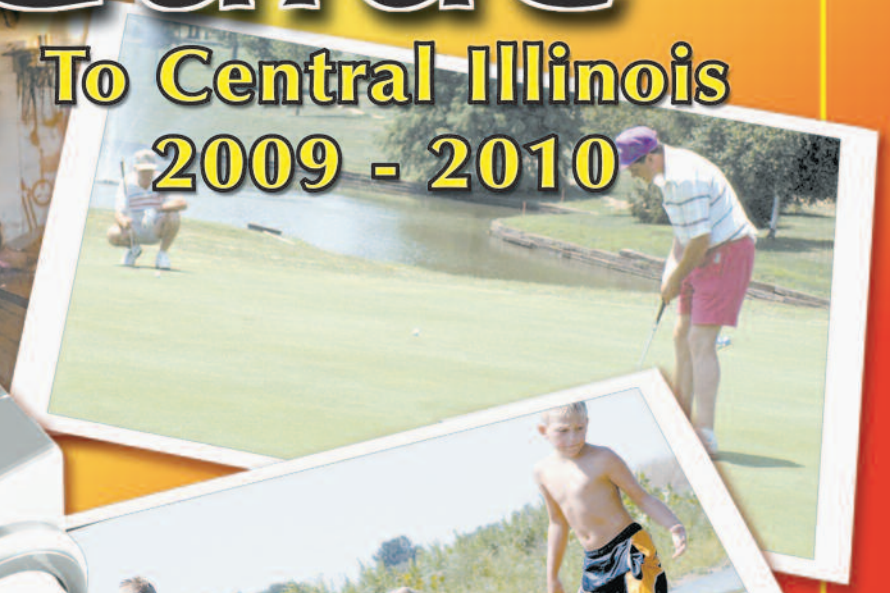
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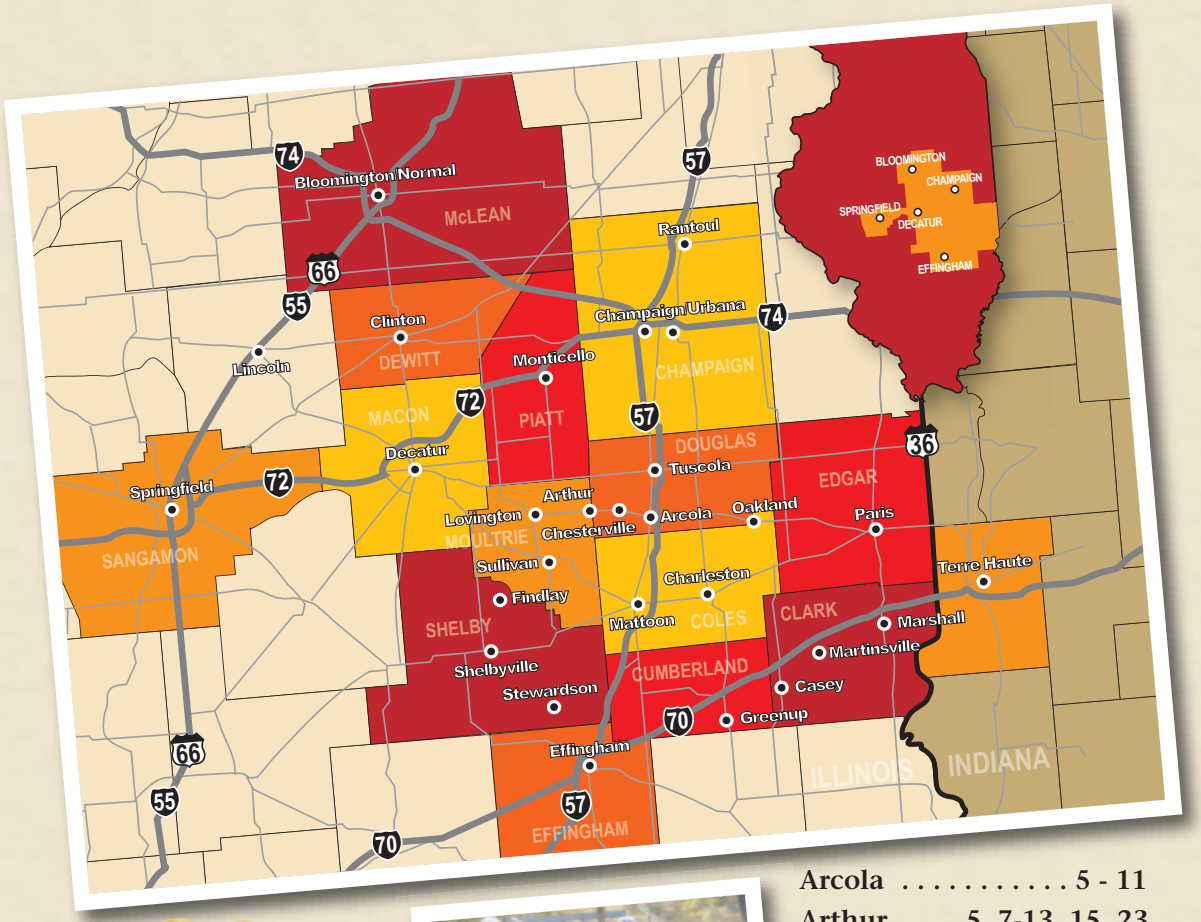
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Area Festivals

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From cheese-eating contests to bagel give-aways, festivals in East Central Illinois are as unique as the communities that host them.

Some of the larger festivals include Bagelfest in Mattoon, Celebration at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston and Red, White & Blue Days in Charleston. Other popular events in smaller towns are the Broom Corn Festival in Arcola, the Amish Country Cheese Festival in Arthur and the Casey Popcorn Festival.



Photo by Ken Trevarthan

Spores N' More Festival, April 24-25

Communities around Lake Shelbyville join forces to host a variety of events related to mushroom hunting, including (obviously) a mushroom hunting contest. For more information, visit www.lakeshelbyville.com or call the Shelby County Office of Tourism, 800-874-3529.

Celebration: A Festival of the Arts, May 1-3

The annual art show offers a wide array of activities for families and individuals, including an eclectic mix of musical performances; an art and fine crafts fair; children's programs; and a variety of food vendors.

Celebration has been a staple spring event on Eastern Illinois University's campus in Charleston since 1977, "celebrating the role the arts play in our lives," according to EIU.

The festival is sponsored by the EIU College of Arts and Humanities; the Illinois Arts Council; the City of Charleston Tourism Office; and other supporters.

For more information, visit www.eiu.edu/~festival.

National Road Festival, June 19-21

Towns along the route of the old National Road, which now parallels U.S. Route 40, each host events as part of a regional festival dedicated to celebrating the role of the National Road — which was launched by President Thomas Jefferson in 1806 and completed in 1839 in Vandalia — in the development of this region of the United States.

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Neoga Days, June 18-20

Each year, the city of Neoga hosts a popular festival in Jennings Park that includes a pageant, a parade and various outdoor meals that attract visitors from outside the Neoga area.

For more information, call 895-3654.



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Red, White & Blue Days, July 3-4

The 19th annual Independence Day celebration at Morton Park in Charleston is slated to feature country artist Heidi Newfield at 8 p.m. July 3, and music will be performed also on July 4 after the traditional ringing of the bell in the park after 2 p.m. There will also be children's games and all-you-can-eat ice cream.

Bingo will be hosted on June 28 in the park as well.

For more information visit www.charleston-tourism.org.

Bagelfest, July 16-18

The 24th annual celebration of all things bagel

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will be held in Mattoon's Peterson Park. Tourism Coordinator Angelia Burgett said the Friday evening performances will feature "more local and regional acts with family friendly (and) classic rock 'n' roll" music, followed Saturday evening by a nationally known country music act.

Other traditional activities at Bagelfest include bagel giveaways, pet contests and a midway of food vendors.

For more information, visit www.mattoonillinois.org.

Amish Country Cheese Festival, Sept. 5-7

The annual festival in Arthur, in the heart of Illinois Amish Country, offers activities for the whole family, highlighted by the so-called National Cheese Eating Championships and International Cheese Curling Championships.

Free cheese is plentiful, and other events include a parade, tractor pulls, music, an Amish farm shop and shopping in downtown Arthur.

For more information visit www.arthurcheesefestival.com.

Casey Popcorn Festival, Sept. 5-7

The annual Popcorn Festival in Casey often features rides and shows for children; clowns and other entertainers; craft and food vendors; karaoke; musical acts; a car show; and of course, free all-you-can-eat popcorn.



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For more information, visit www.popcornfestival.net.

Broom Corn Festival, Sept. 11-13

The weekend after Labor Day marks one of the more unique festivals in the area, dedicated to a very specific product: broom corn. The 39th annual event in Arcola is highlighted by a broom corn sweeping contest, as well as parades, arts and crafts and food vendors and live entertainment.

For more information, visit www.arcolachamber.com.

Scarecrow Daze, Oct. 7-10

Autumn is ushered in by the annual festival in Shelbyville's Forest Park, which typically features a scavenger hunt, a parade and other fall-themed activities.

For more information, visit www.lakeshebyville.com.

Embarras Valley Film Festival, Nov. 4-7 (tentative)

The annual film festival at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston this year will feature films related to Abraham Lincoln and/or the Civil War. The theme is "Lincoln, the Civil War and Memories."



Photo by Nathaniel West

In addition to the showing of films on campus and at the Will Rogers Theater in downtown Charleston, the festival will feature a number of presentations and discussions.

The film festival also will be held in conjunction with a symposium by the area James Jones Literary Society titled "Memory of War." Jones, a native of East Central Illinois, wrote the novel "From Here to Eternity."

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Lincoln's local presence explained in new displays

By DAVE FOPAY
Getaway Guide Writer

In conjunction with the 150th anniversary of the Lincoln-Douglas debates in 2008, some Coles County landmarks and locations saw the addition of signs explaining their connection to the 16th president's history.

The signs are located in Charleston, Mattoon and Oakland and at the rural location of the cemetery where Lincoln's father is buried. The state organization called Looking for Lincoln worked with local organizers to arrange for the signs to promote Lincoln history and his connections to Coles County.

The sign in Charleston is on the west side of the Coles County Courthouse on the corner of Sixth Street and Jackson Avenue. One side features information on a rally that took place after the Sept. 18, 1858, debate between Lincoln and Stephen Douglas, who stopped at the Coles County Fairgrounds for their series of debates in their race for the U.S. Senate. The main feature of the other side is information on Lincoln's relatives who lived in the county and on the judicial circuit in which Lincoln served as a lawyer.

The sign in Mattoon is located on Broadway Avenue, the city's main downtown street, at the corner with 17th Street. It tells of Lincoln's last visit to Coles County on Jan. 30, 1861, and the rail route he used to travel here and to Washington for his presidential inauguration. The sign also relates how Lincoln and Douglas stayed at the Essex Hotel in Mattoon when they were in Coles County for their 1858 debate.

Oakland's sign is located just north of the intersection of Illinois Route 133 and Pike Street at the south edge of the city, and marks the Hiram Rutherford House. The house was the home of a physi-

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cian who harbored slaves brought to Illinois from Kentucky, resulting in a court case in which Lincoln represented the slaves' owner, Robert Matson. What became known as the Matson Slave Trial is one of the most famous in Lincoln's legal career.

Another sign marks the grave of Lincoln's father Thomas, whose last homestead is the location of Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site in southeastern Coles County. Thomas Lincoln's grave is in Shiloh Cemetery northeast of the historic site, and the sign tells the history of the grave and how it's been marked.

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Amish life is simple, self-sufficient

By Rick Kambic
Getaway Guide Writer

ARTHUR — If you're in search of the simple life, Arthur is the destination. That is where more than 4,500 Amish reside, and welcome visitors from the outside world.

The agricultural livelihood has been important to many of the families, and has allowed the community to be mostly self-sufficient for so long. Decreased value of crop-goods and farm land, however, have led the Amish to new forms of revenue that were previously avoided: tourism and craft sales.

Amish stores also sell detailed quilts and rich pastries.

An experience without air-conditioning, television and computers awaits the nearly 200,000 annual tourists. Admission to the museum is $5 for adults, $4 for seniors and $3 for children ages 6 to 11.

Available tours include that of the Amish country side as a whole, as well as Amish homes, barns and produce patches. Larger packages can be purchased ahead of time, which include lodging and having dinner with a host family. The culture itself is also a sight to see.

Instead of wearing rings, Amish men grow beards upon getting married. The customs involve purging both pride and arrogance from their lives, and avoiding love for worldly possessions.

Minor electronics and occasional automotive transportation are now acceptable for business purposes only. But primarily, horse and buggy is still the mode of transportation, and plain colored or outdated stripe patterned clothes are worn.

Prayers, from the culture's Christian base, are conducted in their homes instead of church establishments.

The traditional lifestyle has thrived within the Arthur-Arcola settlement for 144 years.

The first Amish traveled to the "New World" in 1710 and built their homes in what's now known as Lancaster, Pa.

Moses Yoder, Daniel Miller and Daniel Otto

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Facts about the Amish



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The Illinois Amish Interpretative Center is on Locust Street in Arcola.

Some interesting facts about the Amish:

• Do the Amish speak English, or just Pennsylvania Dutch?

All Amish are bilingual. They hear both languages as children. They may have a slight accent from the Pennsylvania Dutch.

• The Amish also dress differently from the "English" as they refer to anyone not Amish. Amish men wear homemade plain shirts, dark colored vests, and coats, all fastened with hooks and eyes. Their hair is generally cut the same in a bob. Married men wear beards.

• What about the Amish and telephones?

In a compromise with the need for quicker communication in medical emergencies or with business customers (many Amish operate successful businesses in Illinois) there are strategically-placed phone sheds near Amish areas.

Both Arthur and Arcola take pride in how the Amish and "English" blend together. There is a mutual respect, Binion said.

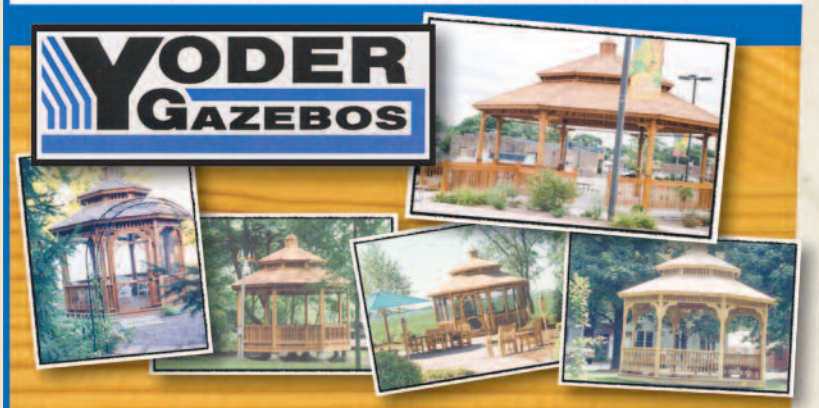
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moved their families to Arcola in 1865 and founded the settlement.

The community grew from then, and encompassed additional farmland and school buildings that the modern public could no longer afford to operate because of consolidation.

For more information on visiting Amish Country, contact the visitor center in Arthur, 217-543-2242, or contact the Amish Interpretive Center in Arcola at 217-268-3599.

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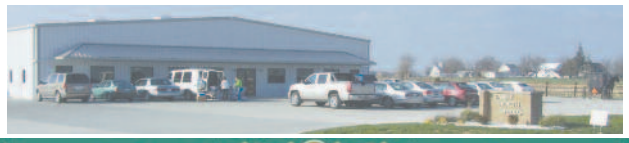
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• What is rumspringa for Amish youth?

Teenagers are encouraged to explore new ways before becoming full members of their church community. The elders prefer the teens attend other churches before they decide whether to become full members in the Amish church.

• Arthur area Amish are "home Amish" who hold their church services in different homes with each family taking turns hosting. Although the Amish settled in the area as farmers, and many do continue to farm using draft horses and hand tools, others have developed businesses in building, kitchen cabinetry and beautiful "Amish-made" furniture.

• The Amish continue to pursue their "plain" way of life today. Families are usually large and many homes house intergenerational families in large homes and smaller houses built on the property. When a young Amish couple marries, one of the families generally gives them a parcel of land of their own to farm. The Amish are famous for their fine horses. Both draft horses and driving horses are bred, raised and sold in the Arthur area.

• Travelers should keep their eyes open for the Amish distinctive black buggies, horse-drawn agricultural equipment and pony carts. Many Amish use bicycles to commute between their homes and jobs at factories or shops around Arthur.

• Amish homes are generally large but simply furnished. The craftsmanship in their homes and furniture shows their attention to detail, but all designs are simple and made for function rather than decoration. Floors are bare and curtains are made of plain, not printed fabrics.

• Amish living rooms are large and usually open into other rooms for the benefit of the church services. During those services, furniture is either removed or pushed to the side, and long benches from the traveling "church wagon" are put in place for the worship services. Church services end with a community dinner. The Amish are generous, hosting benefits and relief sales for mission work around the world.

• Amish gardens are generally the domain of the women and girls in the family. The gardens are beautifully kept and often bordered with flowers, not for decoration, which would be worldly, but to distract bugs and bees from the vegetables. Amish women are "old-fashioned" cooks using their home grown and canned vegetables. There is no electricity in Amish homes so cooking is often done on a propane stove.

• Amish women wear solid colored ankle length dresses, black stockings and flat shoes. They wear white prayer caps during church services or inside and black bonnets when outside. Children dress the same as their parents except girls do not wear prayer caps until they have joined the church.

Lincoln Log Cabin, Moore Home are ties to 16th president

By DAVE FOPAY
Getaway Guide Writer

The last home of Abraham Lincoln's father and stepmother is one of the featured Lincoln-related attractions in Coles County.



Photo by Ken Trevarthan

Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site is located eight miles south of Charleston and was the home of Thomas and Sarah Bush Lincoln in the 1840s. The site features programs that re-enact or portray that era of Illinois farm life and the lives of people Lincoln actually knew.

At presstime for this publication, the site's grounds were open on a regular basis but its visitors center was closed and no day-to-day programs were taking place because of state budget cuts. There were pending proposals to reopen the site and some special events still take place.

The site's visitors center opens during the events that do take place and features several exhibits and a film about the Lincoln family to prepare visitors for their tours, and there's also a gift shop on-site.

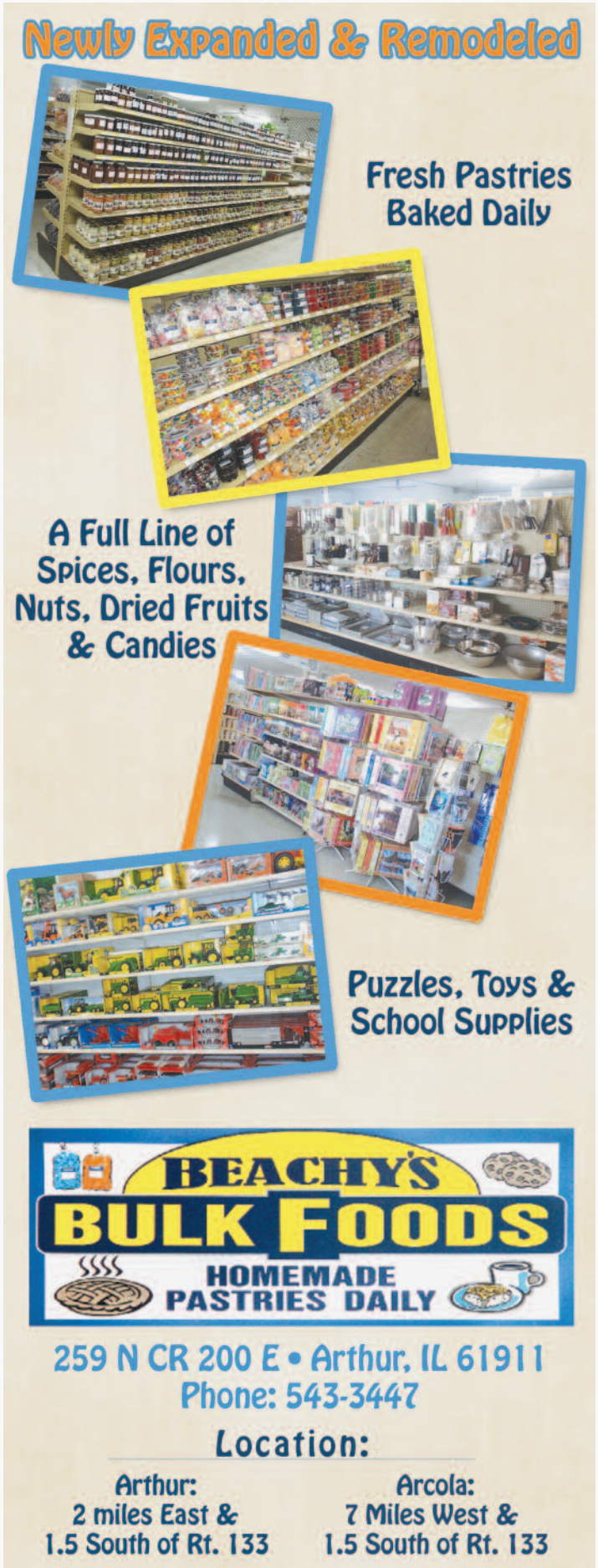
The Moore Home State Historic Site is located a mile north of Lincoln Log Cabin. It's the location where Lincoln said goodbye to his stepmother in January 1861 before making his trip to Washington for the presidential inauguration. The site's buildings were also closed as of the time of this publication, but the grounds are open and information signs can be seen outside.

Information on the opening times of the two sites and on any special events scheduled is available by calling 217-345-1845 or on-line at www.lincolnlogcabin.org.

Thomas Lincoln's grave and marker are located in Shiloh Cemetery on Lincoln Highway Road about a mile west of the two historic sites. Thomas Lincoln was buried there after his death in January 1851, and Sarah Bush Lincoln was buried along side him after her death in 1869.

The cemetery is one of the oldest in the county and also contains the graves of many of the county's earliest settlers.

Later, a church was erected on the east edge of the cemetery. Though services at the church ended more than 30 years ago, its stained glass windows include a depiction of Thomas Lincoln's cabin that was based on the same drawing used to recreate the cabin at the historic site.





World's tallest Lincoln statue is at Lincoln Springs

By ROB STROUD
Getaway Guide Writer

CHARLESTON – Visitors can dine at the Stovepipe Grill & Smokehouse and stroll through Abe's Garden, home to "The World's Tallest Abraham Lincoln Statue," at Lincoln Springs Resort.

The resort along Illinois Route16 between Charleston and Ashmore also offers a computer game center, an 18-hole miniature golf course, and other activities. Boating activities at the resort's lakes are in the works for 2009.

Barbecue, smoked chicken, fried walleye and many other entrees are on the menu at Stovepipe, open 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday each week. A brunch buffet is featured on Sundays.

"We are looking to expand the menu to include some steak entrees," said David Kirsch, chief operations officer for resort owner Graywood Enterprises.

Stovepipe offers on-site dining services in the banquet and meeting rooms at The Center, Lincoln Springs' two-story main building, as well as off-site catering. The Center is also home to The Game Nexus, which includes an assortment of console and computer gaming platforms.

A 72-foot tall fiberglass statue, billed as "The World's Tallest Abraham Lincoln Statue," is the centerpiece of Abe's Garden. The garden and The Center's nearby patio also display approximately a dozen wooden sculptures of Lincoln throughout his life created by chainsaw artist Bill Monken of Charleston.

"This year we hope to get all the (interpretive) plaques put up and start putting some benches in as well," Kirsch said of Abe's Garden. He added the resort is expecting a new group of hatchlings

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at the peacock farm near the garden.

Lincoln Springs' 18-hole miniature golf course can be found on the other side of The Center. The course takes golfers down a gradual hillside accented by small streams and waterfalls.

Kirsch said sometime in September the course will host the annual Lincoln Springs Resort Open, which is a qualifying event for the National Harris Cup Tournament.

A double-decker bus and a trolley-style bus at Lincoln Springs are available for tours and charters. Kirsch said the trolley took visitors to area haunted houses last fall, adding the resort may host a Halloween event of its own this year.

Kirsch said Lincoln Springs has been developing its more than 40 acres of spring-fed lakes to offer paddle boating, host canoeing, and possibly fishing this year. He said the lakeside is a scenic setting for a wedding, adding the resort plans to construct a pavilion for outdoor meals there.

Long-term plans for Lincoln Springs include on-site lodging and camping, a paintball course, an indoor pool and water slide, and more.

"It is a one-of-a-kind family friendly resource. It will continue to develop and become quite an attraction," Kirsch said.

For more information, call Lincoln Springs at 345-3424 or go online to www.lincolnspringsresort.com.







Murals showcase Lincoln history

Getaway Guide Staff

CHARLESTON -- Visitors can learn about Abraham Lincoln, a Civil War gun battle, and other local history by taking a walk around Charleston's courthouse square.

More than half a dozen murals have been painted on the walls of uptown buildings since 1998 as part of a city program to celebrate and promote Charleston's history and culture.

Two of the murals depict Lincoln paying a final visit to the Charleston area, where he had loved ones and practiced law, in early 1861 before departing for Washington to assume the presidency.

A 4-by-10 mural with a doorway-like frame along Fifth Street depicts Lincoln saying a heartfelt farewell to his stepmother, Sarah Bush Lincoln, at a home south of Charleston just before he left for Washington for his inauguration as the 16th president. This structure, the Moore Home, is now a state historic site.

To the north, a 66-by-16 feet mural along Fifth

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Street shows the president-elect being dropped off at the train depot on a gloomy winter day with no fanfare. A witness recalled the train pulled so far down the tracks that Lincoln had to walk many yards through the mud back to the station.

Lincoln history is also represented by a mural along Madison Avenue that recreates the second Coles County Courthouse, as it appeared between 1858 and 1898. Lincoln practiced law in this courthouse, which was demolished in 1898 to make way for the current courthouse.

Civil War history is retold in a 40-by-25 mural along Jackson Avenue about the Charleston Riot. This March 28, 1864, gun battle between Union soldiers and Southern sympathizers left nine dead and 12 wounded in a matter of minutes on the courthouse square.

Two other murals depict uptown during more peaceful times. A 60-by-40 mural along Van Buren Avenue takes a panoramic view of the 1912 courthouse square. A 63-by-15 mural along Madison Avenue combines 1920s uptown storefronts with other elements added by the artist.

Charleston's artistic heritage is reflected by a 65-by-12 mural along Monroe Street. The mural includes a montage of images related to movie, opera, theater and other show venues from Charleston's past as well as portrayals of artists with local ties.

The artists include Oscar-winning cinematographer Gregg Toland, folk artist Jennie Cell, silent movie actor Charles Clary, landscape painter Paul Turner Sargent, and folk singer and actor Burl Ives, an alumnus of what is now Eastern Illinois University.

In addition, a colorful mural that shows a wide variety of produce can be found along Madison Avenue as part of the What's Cookin' restaurant marquee.







Corvettes, VWs *are stars at* Mid-America Motorworks

By Rick Kambic
Getaway Guide Writer

EFFINGHAM — Herbie the witty VW beetle can be seen on vacation in more places than the movie channel your hotel offers.

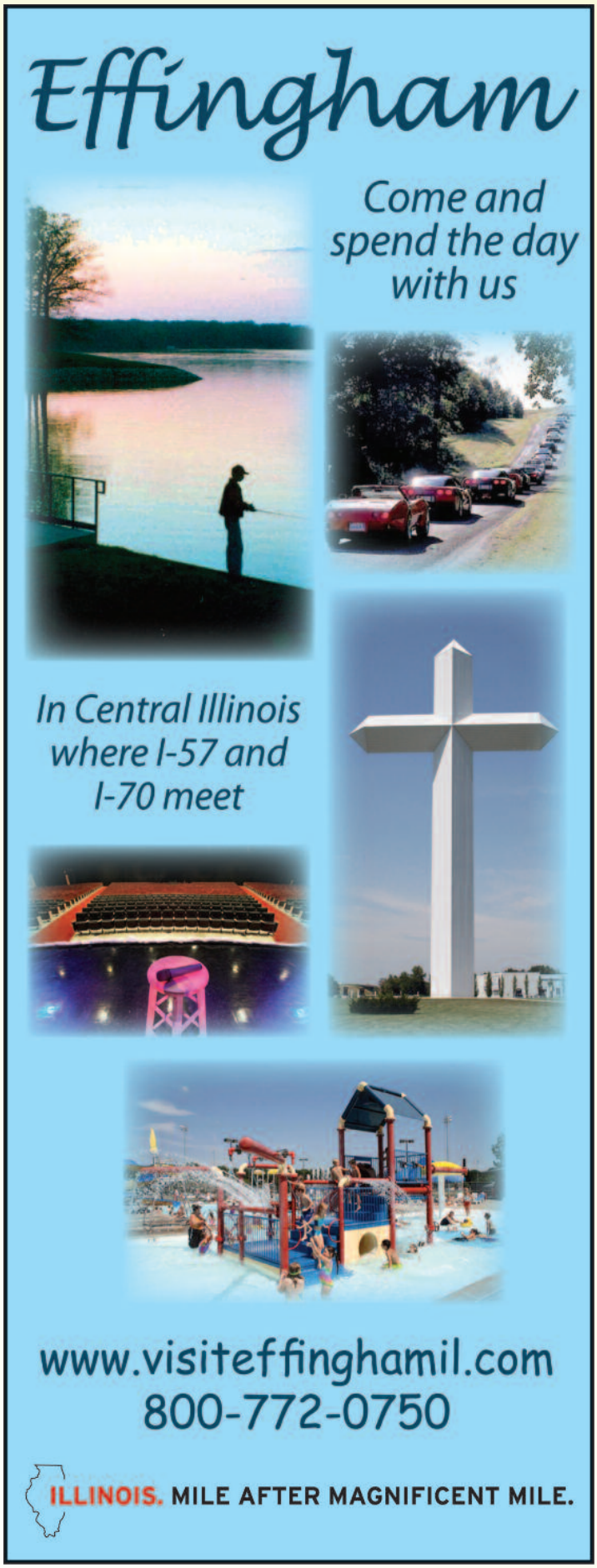
A modified "Herbie" VW is on display at the Mid America Motorworks museum along with the Corvette used in the 1975 Sci Fi movie "Death Race 2000" and a 1954 Pennant Blue Corvette.

The company is nationally renowned for its vast assortment of Corvette and VW parts for sale, but also for the numerous events hosted at its home office in Effingham.

The bi-annual Swapfest is on May 2 when thousands of car enthusiasts come to swap auto parts, auction cars and perform in or watch high-intensity races.

But not to worry: the 11th annual Funfest for

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air-cooled VWs will be hosted by Mid America Motorworks on June 6-7, while the 16th annual Corvette Funfest will convene from Sept. 25-27.

More than 1,300 VWs were on display by some of the 8,000 sightseers last year, and 15,000 Corvettes were flaunted by some of the approximately 45,000 enthusiasts who visited last year's Corvette Funfest.

Despite a slumping automotive economy, Mid America Motorworks owner Mike Yager is expecting "business as usual" in regard to the anticipated participation in both conventions.

"The Corvette (to display) has a $25 pre-registration fee, but for that, they get free T-shirts a poster, lapel pen, a hardcover book and a pass for the whole weekend," Yager said. "For the public, there's a (small) nominal entry fee and a cost for parking. It's an inexpensive event."

Of the 45,000 visitors last year, Yager said many of them are regulars who are members of the 87 Corvette clubs that drive from throughout the country to parade their automotive pride and joys.

Hotels from Effingham to Champaign to Terre Haute, Ind., quickly become booked as these events approach, Yager said.

"It started as a customer appreciation party for our 20th anniversary, and we were able to maintain it," Yager said. "It's now grown into one of the largest automotive shows for a single brand of cars in the world."

The word of mouth throughout the years has boosted the Funfest into a nearly unmanageable event with more flash than the host could have foreseen.

"What started off as a free event has turned into something we spend over a million dollars a year on," Yager said. "It was a party, now it's a huge business expense and we don't even have that many sales (during the festival)."

For his love of classic cars, the camaraderie with other car lovers and for advancements in company reputability, Yager has incurred substantial costs in keeping the tradition alive for the 15 years. He said approximately 150 to 200 employees are hired each year just to manage the event.

"We ended up going from just a corporate office to buying 150 acres that we run this event on and the rest of the year the land sits idle," Yager said.

Last year's theme was Corvette Challenge Series, but this year will be a celebration of Mid America Motorworks' 35th anniversary and Yager's 60th birthday.

The museum and corporate office is located on North U.S. 45 in Effingham and can be contacted at (800) 500-1500.

But if waiting in line with thousands of other car fanatics is not your ideal way to spend a hot summer day, then Herbie can be visited in the museum from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays all summer long.

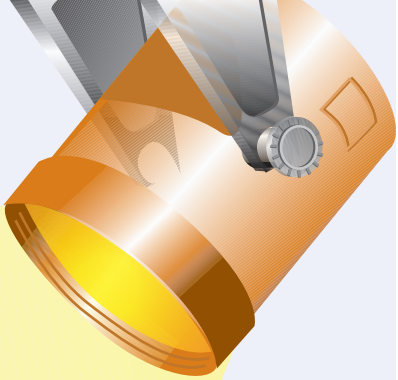


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Rosebud
has entertainment for all seasons



By Amber Lusvardi
Getaway Guide Writer

EFFINGHAM — When Janie Oldfield looks at The Rosebud Theatre, she sees opportunity.

The opportunity to offer shows that can appeal to all segments of the community.

As a general purpose hall, The Rosebud Theatre hosts a range of art forms, everything from ballet performances to comedians to live theater, said Oldfield, president and CEO of The Rosebud Theatre. With so many programming options available, The Rosebud Theatre draws in audiences from all ages and backgrounds depending on the night.

"It has been loads of fun to watch the variety of audiences that come in," Oldfield said. "It has such a breadth of programming."

Having some programs at the Rosebud that are targeted to children and families is something that has been important to Oldfield, who joined the Rosebud in January. Introducing art and theatre to kids at a young age can give them a lifelong appreciation of it.

"The younger we get kids into a theater they value it and see it as a logical part of their lives," she said.

The first two words Oldfield would use to describe The Rosebud Theatre are friendly and comfortable.

The staff at The Rosebud Theatre is friendly and committed to seeing everyone who walks in the door have a good time. The theatre is comfortable, and guests are able to take food and drink from the concession stand into the theatre with them, she said.

"Once you see a show you will want to come back because we have a really good time," Oldfield said.

The theatre is now in the process of upgrading the sound and light system to make it even more customized for the differing shows that are performed there.

The Rosebud Theatre opened in November 2007 and has continued to see its audience grow over time. The theatre has had ticket buyers from 36 states and has been popular with patrons from Missouri, Indiana and the Chicago suburbs, she said.

"It is extremely wonderful to have a multi-purpose hall where you can reach out to the entire population," Oldfield said.

An advantage of The Rosebud Theatre to visitors is that it is easy to find, as it is located closely off of Interstate 57/70 in Effingham. To visit the Rosebud, take exit 160 from Interstate 57/70 and turn north, then turn left onto the Avenue of Mid America.

Upcoming shows are posted online at www.therosebudtheatre.com or can be heard by calling the box office at 217-540-2787. Tickets can be purchased on the Web site or by calling the box office Monday through Saturday.

Season ticket packages are available.

Some upcoming performances scheduled at The Rosebud Theatre include:

April 23 — The World Famous Glenn Miller Orchestra
May 2 — Jo Dee Messina
May 8 & 9 — Late Nite Catechism
May 15 — The Beach Boys featuring Mike Love and Bruce Johnston
May 21 — Willie Nelson and Family
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July 15 — Lyle Lovett in Concert
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Area lights up over July 4th holiday

By HERB MEEKER
Getaway Guide Writer

Put on your red, white and blue for Fourth of July fun in the Mattoon-Charleston area.

Charleston offers its annual Red, White and Blue Days festival on July 3-4 at Morton Park.

The two-day event features live entertainment, games, ringing a replica of the Liberty Bell and lots of food .

The holiday event began in 1991 as a tribute to the troops returning from Operation Desert Storm in Kuwait.

On July 3, rising country star Heidi Newfield will be the main show at 8 p.m. in Morton Park along Illinois Route 16 in Charleston.

More live entertainment is also offered July 4 after the parade at 1 p.m.,

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and the bell ringing ceremony in the park.

There will be plenty of hamburgers, hotdogs and Lemon Shakeups sold at the stands during the two days. Bingo lovers can also vie for big winnings on June 28 in the park.

MATTOON: An annual parade on the morning of July 4 is followed by an air show at Coles County Memorial Airport throughout the day, followed by the fireworks at the airport that night.

ARTHUR: The Arthur fireworks celebration is scheduled the weekend of June 27.

It draws thousands of people to grounds near the high school. There is music, food stands and some aerobatics during much of the day and evening before the pyrotechnics in the sky and on the grounds.

Many of the July 4th celebrations organizers recommend early arrival for the best parking arrangements and seating. Bring your own lawn chair is a good piece of advice as well as some protection from the sun and heat.

There are also July 4th celebrations in Stewardson, Herrick, Bethany, Arthur, Shelbyville, Casey, Paris, Effingham and Lake Sara, located west of Effingham.



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Fields of Dreams

Baseball, softball tournaments plentiful

BY BRIAN NIELSEN
Getaway Guide Writer

Next year Mattoon is hoping for something extraordinary, like raising $20,000 for the American Legion baseball 2010 Great Lakes American Tournament, bringing seven state champions to Grimes Field.

This year is Mattoon's version of routine – an Ohio Valley Regional with several state champions vying for Babe Ruth baseball's World Series for 15-year-olds, a Cal Ripken state tournament for 12-year-olds, a junior college regional softball tournament and a couple of softball tournaments where 50-70 teams are to use eight fields.

Oh yeah, take it for granted that Junior and Senior American Legion baseball teams will hit Mattoon the week of the Fourth of July for the annual Firecracker Classic several visiting coaches over the years have called their season highlight.

What some towns would consider once in a lifetime, Mattoon calls all in a summer.

"This is something we do every year," said Kurt Stretch, the superintendent of Mattoon's parks, lakes and cemetery. "We've got the facilities and we've got the people. That's probably the most important thing. We've got people here who like to bring people to town. Mattoon people are great about liking baseball and softball. They support it very well."

In addition to sending junior and senior legion baseball teams to Mattoon for the Firecracker Classic and playing home schedules at Baker Field, Charleston has its share of softball action with a pair of NSA qualifiers scheduled.

Coles County's "summer ball" season was to begin in early April with the Mattoon Pride playing host to a 10-and-under tournament at the Roundhouse Complex.

That four-field softball complex also is used in the spring by Mattoon High School's softball team, which last year finished second in the IHSA Class 3A state tournament.

That complex again is to be the site of the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division II Region 24 tournament scheduled for May 7-9.

While Lake Land College competes in NJCAA Division I so does not play in this tournament, the Division II regional still had its hometown flavor last year with Mattoon's Hannah Dow as a freshman helping Heartland College to the championship and a nationals berth. Dow is now a sophomore at Heartland.

While the JUCO tourney uses a couple of those softball fields, that complex is to have the Mattoon Cobras softball program's Mother's Day Tournament May 8-10.

Come Memorial Day weekend, the Pride is to play host to a tourney that uses not only the four Roundhouse Complex fields but also the four fields from the adjacent youth baseball complex for a tournament for five age divisions.

More big softball tournaments include an NSA event June 5-7 by the Pride and then the annual Bagelfest tournament July 17-19.

Baseball in town is just as big.

Grimes Field in Peterson Park had thousands attend a college baseball game last year between Eastern Illinois and Illinois with several local high school players involved and this year has scheduled an EIU-Southern Illinois game for April 29.

Long considered one of the best facilities for American Legion and Babe Ruth baseball, Grimes Field this year has expanded its press box from a capacity of 20 people to 60.

"That's something Mattoon Babe Ruth along with American Legion is doing," Stretch said. "The only way we can do improvements is to have tournaments and bring people to town. That helps us to bring other tournaments."

This latest renovation



Photo by Ken Trevarthan

comes with bidding for the 2010 Great Lakes Regional. Mattoon was the site for the 1997 and 2007 American Legion state tournaments.

This year Mattoon Post 88 has 40 Senior American Legion and 10 Junior American Legion games scheduled.

The Firecracker Classic has junior legion games for ages 16-and-under scheduled for June 29-July 3 with the 19-and-under senior legion's 15-team tournament set for July 1-15.

Then later in July state champions in Babe Ruth's 15-year-old baseball division are to come to Grimes Field its Ohio Valley Regional.

Budding baseball stars in Mattoon use both its junior baseball complex as well as the showcase Graham Field in Lawson Park, which has played host to the 2002 Cal Ripken World Series for 12-year-olds as well as that same division's World Series in 1999 when that same organization was called Bambino baseball.

This year the Cal Ripken state for 12-year-olds is to play at Graham Field, where the field has switched from 60-foot base paths to 70 feet allowing leadoffs.

Charleston's Cal Ripken baseball program switched to the 70-foot competition two years ago and last year played host to the state tourney for that division.

The Charleston leagues are to begin April 27 with the city tournaments for Minor and Major age groups set to start June 21.

A tournament for 12-and-under traveling teams is scheduled for May 16-17 at the Seaton Complex.

The Charleston Chill softball team has a full schedule planned including two tournaments at the two diamonds at Ne-Co Fields.

An NSA qualifier for the 10-, 12-, and 14-and-under age divisions is scheduled for May 15-17.

Then the 16- and 18-and-under teams are to join the younger groups for the June 26-28 Charleston Chill Summer Slam NSA B qualifier.









Four tracks for all auto racing fans



By RICK DAWSON
Getaway Guide Writer

One of the richest features of Coles County is its auto racing heritage. Three tracks operate during the late spring, summer and early fall, showcasing everything from open-wheeled stock cars to micro sprints to jet funny cars.

Charleston Speedway

The Charleston Speedway on Illinois Route 16 approximately four miles east of Charleston has undergone extensive change since opening in the early 1960s. Now it plays host to five classes, two of them recent additions. Stock cars within modified, street stock, hornet, pure stock (reintroduced in 2009) and powder puff divisions – the latter new to the three-eighths of a mile dirt oval – race most Saturdays through the fall, starting in April.

A number of special events are scheduled, including the car show on March 28 kicking off the season, a sprint car race in May, the Late Model Summer National Series in June and the Lance Cobble Memorial near Labor Day, honoring the owner who died last year.

Coles County Dragway

The Coles County Dragway, the winner of the NHRA's Division 3 Track of the Year award in 2007 and 2008, is located on Illinois Route 316 between Mattoon and Charleston. The eighth-mile strip has its grand opening in mid-April and concludes its season in October, with racing taking place on Saturdays and Sundays.

Regular racing includes the super pro, pro, sportsman and motorcycle classes. The Holzauer Midwest Junior Super Series arrives in early May, followed later in the month by the Hopper Family Classic during Memorial Day. The popular Thunder on the Prairie takes place in June and the





Photos by Kevin Kilhoffer

NHRA National Dragster Challenge in mid-September. Several big money races are also on tap.

Also, the Street Legal series during Friday nights gets under way in May, a way for anyone with Department of Transportation-approved tires to use the track. Other part-time events include the Quick 8 series, featuring the fastest cars on the strip, and the Hoch Street Radial series.

Coles County Speedway

The Coles County Speedway, the site of the oldest form of racing in Coles County, opens on the first Saturday in May and lasts through September. It sits just west of the Coles County Dragway on Route 316.

Races are contested in five primary classes: multi, non-wing, restrictor, sportsman and junior sprint. In 2006, the National Modified Midget Association national championships took place for the third time here. Since then, the track has come under the sponsorship of a revamped 600 Micro Sprint USA series.

One of the top prizes for a race occurs in late May, a $1,000 payout to the winner. As in past years, a go-kart race is scheduled in October, and the Final Fling later that month is worth $2,000 to the winner.

Lincoln Trail

In addition, Lincoln Trail MotoSports just west of Casey off U.S. 40 has a 2009 racing schedule that was scheduled to begin in February and last until late October. Several top motocross and off-road events take place here, and the Illini Super Series is a 10-round battle shared with the Crossroads MX track in Mason that ends in September.

For more information, visit the Charleston Speedway's Web site at www.myspace.com/geocob, the Coles County Dragway at www.colescountydragwayusa.com, the Coles County Speedway at www.ccmmra.com or Lincoln Trail Motosports at www.lincolntrailmotosports.com.



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By Amber Lusvardi
Getaway Guide Writer

SULLIVAN — Since becoming the new managing director of The Little Theatre on the Square last year, John Stephens has sought to reach new audiences.

In particular, he has been looking to add some performances to The Little Theatre schedule that will appeal to a younger audience. To mix up the typical formula at the theater, Stephens said The Little Theatre recently threw a Mardi Gras party to celebrate some renovations to the theater and had a concert series with The Platters from Las Vegas.

One of the upcoming shows at The Little Theatre on the Square that Stephens thinks will accomplish the goal of attracting younger audiences is a musical stage version of the popular movie "The Wedding Singer."

Set in the year 1985, "The Wedding Singer" is a comedy musical featuring a male wedding singer who is dumped by his fiancée and falls in love with a waitress who is on her way to the altar.



Another summer mainstage performance that will appeal to a very young audience is a performance of the Disney hit "High School Musical," which will be coming to the theater in August.

The broad range of upcoming shows at the theater should have something to appeal to everyone, Stephens said. He considers The Little Theatre to have an atmosphere where anyone can be comfortable and have a good time.

"My approach is one that I just want to make it a place where everyone feels welcome and everyone can walk away with a smile on their face," Stephens said.

Stephens joined The Little Theatre in 2006 as the marketing director and was chosen by The Little Theatre Board of Trustees to take over the position of managing director after the resignation of Jeff Chrzczon last year. Prior to joining The Little Theatre, Stephens worked with the Decatur Park Singers.

Although he is excited for all the performances at The Little Theatre on the Square this summer, Stephens admits there is a special place in his heart for the upcoming performance of "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas."



When "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas hits the mainstage at The Little Theatre" this summer, Stephens himself will be performing in the role of Melvin P. Thorpe. Stephens once performed in one of the Little Theatre's children's plays, but this will be his first time in a

"mainstage" production.

For people who are unacquainted with The Little Theatre on the Square, Stephens said they should know the theater puts on excellent quality performances with talented actors.

"I want them to know that they are getting Broadway caliber shows in the cornfields of Illinois for a quarter or less than you would see them in New York, Chicago or St. Louis," Stephens said. "We are bringing in the same people … many are the same who have been in the Broadway shows."

The Little Theatre on the Square has a commitment to bringing in actors who are a part of the Actor's Equity Association, a labor union for professional actors. Doing so helps The Little Theatre to get talented professional actors and even older actors that it is difficult for theaters to find, Stephens said.

"It helps us get a better caliber of actors on the stage, professionals in the field that have been around for a long time," he said.

Stephens said people should not be fooled by the 51-year-old theater's location in small town Sullivan, it draws in major performances to the town's small square.

"It is not just a small town with a little theater that is just trying to put on shows," he said. "We are trying to bring the best quality things here."

Some of the upcoming shows for The Little Theatre on the Square are:

- June 10-21 — "Singing in the Rain"
- June 24-July 5 — "The Wedding Singer"
- July 8-19 — "Funny Girl"
- July 22-Aug. 2 — "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas"
- Aug. 5-16 — "High School Musical"

Tickets for these shows are on sale now and are available by calling The Little Theatre box office at 217-728-7375. For more information on these shows or the theatre, go to www.thelittletheatre.org.

The Little Theatre on the Square is located on the courthouse square in Sullivan, just off Illinois 121.





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Plenty of trails to see nature, stay fit

By HERB MEEKER
Getaway Guide Writer

The Mattoon-Charleston area offers some challenging hiking trails, as well as fine fishing lakes.

One of the newest hiking trails to the area is the General Dacey Trail at Lake Shelbyville.

Open to hikers and bikers, the trail winds around the hills near one of the prime fishing lakes in this part of the state. There are half a dozen quality trails around Lake Shelbyville, covering more than 20 miles.



The trail is named after Major General Robert Dacey, an Army Corps of Engineers officer involved in the opening of the lake nearly 40 years ago.

A main entry point is north of the Shelbyville Aquatic Center in Forrest Park on the far north end of the city, accessible by Morgan Street from Illinois Route 16.

Hikers can begin on a firm gravel-topped surface, where you might spot a pair of bluebirds flying between the trees.

Coming to the top of a ridge, a flock of white birds might be floating toward the water.

Walkers and bicyclists might head toward the overlook and take a rest on one of the memorial benches.

Jerry Yockey of the General Dacey Trail Committee believes the walking trail, which will be expanded near the lake dam, will add to the draw of Lake Shelbyville, with its many campgrounds, fishing areas, beaches and hunting areas, stretching from Bethany, Sullivan, Allenville, Findlay and Shelbyville in Shelby and



Photo by Ken Trevarthan



2009 Calendar of Events

May 16th - Garden Fair
Clark County Fairgrounds
Sponsored by the Evening Thyme Garden Club. Crafts, vendors, garden décor, annuals, perennials, herbs and more. 217-826-2494

June 12th - August 14th
Marshall City Band Concerts
Courthouse Lawn, Every Friday evening 8pm with an ice cream social prior to the concert. 217-826-3174 or 217-826-8087

June 20th - National Road Festival
Courthouse Lawn, Events throughout the day with a downtown market sponsored by Marshall Main Street, an Antique Motorcycle Show at noon and musical entertainment at 4:00 pm. Other events are being planned and will post on the City website as soon as they become available. 217-826-8087 or visit www.nationalroad.org

July 4 - 4th of July Celebration
Clark County Fairgrounds, The Marshall City Band performs prior to a spectacular fireworks display. 217-826-8087.

July 11th - Downtown Food & Blooms Market
9 am - Noon, Downtown, Courthouse Square, Various vendors offering fresh produce, food, flowers, plants and much more. 217-826-9023.

August 7th - All American Night/ Lemonade Stand Contest
Time - TBA (Evenng Event)
Downtown, Courthouse Square
Games for the children, children's themed homemade lemonade stands, food and entertainment for all. 217-826-9023.

August 15th - Main Street Community Spirit Market
9 am - Noon, Downtown Marshall
Several vendors offering a variety of items Special events are planned during the market
217-826-9023

September 18th – 20th
Marshall Autumn Fest
Downtown, Courthouse Square
Arts, crafts, car show, entertainment or more Friday evening thru Sunday PM For more information please call 217-889-3033 or 217-889-2211

September 19th - Marshall Main Street Great Ball Race
Downtown, Courthouse Square
Spectators are given an opportunity to purchase specially numbered balls that are put in a truck and dumped out onto the street. The first few balls to the finish line wins cash prizes.
217-826-9023

October 24th
Marshall's Halloween Frolic
Downtown, Courthouse Square
Halloween games, stories, hayrides and hot chocolate, Parade of costumes with costume judging at the gazebo.
217-826-8087

December 4th - Dinner with Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln
6 pm - 8 pm, Marshall's Lincoln Bicentennial Committee invites you to share in Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln's Christmas Celebration. The dinner theatre production will take place at Harlan Hall, 602 Locust Street. For more information, please call Nancy Claypool at 217-826-2535.

December 5th
Hometown Holly Day
Citywide all day event
Activities include: vendor and craft fair, Marshall merchant open houses, Parade of Lights followed by The Marshall Main Soup on the Square and live entertainment.
217-826-9023

Moultrie counties.

"We believe this will be a magnet to our area. People might stay an extra day so they can take this trail," Yockey said.

Mill Creek

A walk down Rattlesnake Trail at Mill Creek Lake in Clark County will not leave you snakebit.

Just getting to the trail area at Mill Creek offers a view of the various recreational opportunities at Mill Creek. Cross the Clarksville Road that runs between U.S. Route 40 at Marshall and Illinois Route 49 at Westfield, and you will see Mill Creek Lake, then enter at the gatehouse and drive past the campgrounds, the lighted soccer field, the horse trail and other Mill Creek facilities.



Photo by Kevin Kilhoffer

Rattlesnake is not all that daunting. Like many of the Mill Creek trails it crosses tree-clustered gullies leading to the lake. Small wooden bridges offer easy crossings. The winding trail does offer some stunning views of the lake and fields where deer are often seen crossing.

Don't be fooled by the name of the trail, either. It is not scary at all.

Hidden Springs

The names at Hidden Springs State Forest in Shelby County could be intimidating — Rocky Spring and Quicksand Spring.

But a visit to this hilly and winding watershed formed by Richland Creek, north of Stewardson and accessible from Route 32, can bring forth hidden pleasures.

A walk on the Big Tree Nature Trail is softened by a carpet of oak leaves. Native trees at Hidden Springs include white, red, bur, post, pin, shingle and chinquapin oaks. There are also sugar and silver maples plus hickory, ash, sycamore, black walnut, and cottonwood. These produce an explosion of color during the fall.

There are several ponds for fishing and picnics. Hunting is also an option on one portion of the forest.

More trails

Other tougher challenges for bikers or hikers include Fox Ridge State Park, located south of Charleston along Route 130, and Lakeview Park by Lake Charleston.

At Effingham, there is the Evergreen Hollow Tree Walk at Evergreen Avenue and Maple Street.

Two miles east of Altamont along Route 40, is the Ballard Nature Center with its wooded trails and nature study areas as well as interactive exhibits.

Douglas-Hart Nature Center near Mattoon has a trail through the woods and prairie grass area. This area offers great chances to study birds.

Other natural treasures of East Central Illinois are Lake Sara west of Effingham, accessible by Route 32, Lake Mattoon near Neoga, and Lake Paradise southwest of Mattoon.

A biking/jogging trail on an abandoned rail line also offers about 13 miles from the east side of Charleston to the center of Mattoon.

Enter the trail along Richmond Avenue on the north side of Mattoon or just west of the Coles County Fairgrounds in Charleston.



Photo by Ken Trevarthan





Wineries offer tasty experience of the area

By NATHANIEL WEST
Getaway Guide Writer

Wineries in East Central Illinois are keeping up with the increasing popularity of wine-tasting.

The area boasts three wineries in Shelby County, as well as vineyards in neighboring Cumberland County.

Niemerg Family Winery

In Findlay, the Niemerg Family Winery was opened in October 2007 by Don Niemerg and his sons, Dan and Bill Niemerg. It features a variety of wines made from grapes brought in from California, Michigan and elsewhere in Illinois, said Dan Niemerg.

"We have dry to sweet, red and white,"he said.

The grapes are crushed and fermented at the winery, where the wine is bottled too.

The grapes from California yield cabernet and merlot wines, while the Michigan grapes are made into vidal blanc and riesling wines. Niemerg will introduce a traminette wine from Illinois grapes this spring.

The winery is open Tuesday through Sunday during the summer, typically beginning at noon Friday through Sunday and mid-afternoon on weekdays. During the winter, Niemerg Family Winery is open Friday evenings and weekends. For more information call 217-756-5521.



Photo by Kevin Kilhoffer

Vahling Vineyards

Also in Shelby County, there's Vahling Vineyards near the town of Stewardson and Willow Ridge Vineyards & Winery north of Shelbyville in the town of Westervelt.

Louis Donnel, co-owner of Willow Ridge Vineyards, said many of the grapes grown in this area are good for sweet and semi-sweet wines. But Dennis Vahling, owner of Vahling Vineyards, said area vineyards have aged to the point that they are now able to produce quality dry wines as well.



Photo by Kevin Kilhoffer

Vahling Vineyards is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information visit www.vahlingvineyards.com or call 217-682-5409 or email Sales@Vahlingvineyards.com.

Willow Ridge

The Willow Ridge Vineyards & Winery tasting room is open 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Friday and noon to 5:30 p.m. Sunday. For more information visit www.willowridgewinery.com or call 217.738.2323 or email landtdonnel@consolidated.net.

Cameo Vineyards

Dan and Sonya Webb operate Cameo Vineyards near Greenup, and they use a variety of Illinois grapes, including those grown on site, which appeals to wine connoisseurs who want that regional experience, Dan Webb said.

Cameo Vineyards is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information visit www.cameowine.com or call 217-923-9963 or email cameo@cameowine.com.



Photo by Nathaniel West



Doudna/Tarble sparkle with art at Eastern Illinois University

By NATHANIEL WEST
Getaway Guide Writer

Charleston, a quiet college town in agriculture-heavy East Central Illinois, boasts two arts centers on the campus of Eastern Illinois University.

The Doudna Fine Arts Center underwent a 10-year, $66 million renovation and expansion — designed by world-renowned architect Antoine Predock — and reopened late in the summer of 2008.

The Tarble Arts Center, meanwhile, also received a substantial facelift, which was completed in 2004.

Doudna was designed to bring much of the university's music, art and theatre programs under one roof. Its state-of-the-art facilities include the main theatre, the "black box" theatre and the Dvorak Concert Hall, as well as several high-tech lecture and rehearsal halls, numerous labs and classrooms for a wide variety of fine and performing arts.

Predock, winner of the 2006 American Institute of Architects Gold Medal for Lifetime Achievement and the 2007 Smithsonian Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum's Gold Medal for Lifetime Achievement in Design, joined the renovation and expansion project in 2000.

"The spiritual inspiration for the project came from you all collectively," Predock told members of the EIU community and East Central Illinois area during the official rededication of Doudna in October 2008.

The center also prominently features artwork by famous Modernist sculptor Ruth Duckworth. The bronze piece "Attendant Spirit" was commissioned specifically for Doudna through the state's Art-In-Architecture program.

During the rededication ceremony, Predock said to Duckworth — one iconic artist to another — that her sculpture is "a catcher's mitt, a turning point and a milestone for the campus."

Jeffrey Lynch, associate dean of the EIU College of Arts and Humanities, said the building itself stands as a work of art, designed to foster creativity throughout the East Central Illinois area as well as for students.

The architecture and sculpture alone are "worth the drive off the Interstate," Lynch said. "You're going to see architecture like nowhere else in Downstate Illinois."

The copper-plated, peak-shaped structure is "noted for its energy, for its Postmodern purity," Lynch added. "It's just an exciting space to be in."

Since its reopening, Doudna has also attracted top-class artists and performers, including R & B and gospel singer and civil rights activist Mavis Staples, improvisational comedy troupe Second City, and jazz fusion quartet Yellowjackets.

The Tarble Arts Center gallery hosts numerous exhibitions throughout the year, including traveling shows as well as EIU faculty and student exhibitions.

But the renovation and expansion of the center also has allowed for more performances such as poetry and fiction readings, artist lectures and receptions, and Tarble hosts productions by the Charleston Community Theater. "It allows us to do those programs without being in the gallery," said Kit Morice, curator of education at Tarble.

"It's allowing us to do more community activities."

For more information on events at the Tarble Arts Center, visit www.eiu.edu/~tarble.

For events at the Doudna Fine Arts Center, see www.eiu.edu/doudna.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

1 2 3 4 5

April 2009

19 - May 2 - CCA Spring Art Show, Fife Opera House in Palestine, IL www.crawfordcountyarts.org

21 - Connecting Our Community - Chamber Business Expo, Monticello Chamber of Commerce 217-762-7921

22 - Chamber Administrative Day Luncheon, Paris 465-4179

23 - 6 pm, Sesame Street Healthy Kids, Children's Discovery Museum, Normal

23-26 - 8 am - 5 pm, Progress City Cluster of Dog Shows, Progress City, USA, Decatur 217-423-0250

24 - Arts and Hearts Downtown Effingham

24 - 9 am, Sesame Street Healthy Kids, Children's Discovery Museum, Normal

24 - 10:30 am, Sesame Street Healthy Kids Children's Discovery Museum, Normal

24 - 7 pm - 10 pm, Free County Music Show at Shelbyville Lions' Club.

24-25 - Spores N' More Mushroom Festival 1-800-874-3529

24-26 - Theatre 7 presents Steel Magnolias, Decatur Civic Center, 217-423-2107

24-26 - Jr. Baseball 11/12 yr. old tourney, Mattoon

24-26 - 2009 Mattoon Spring Classic Boys Youth Baseball Tournament, Mattoon 217-820-4535

25 - 8 am - 12 pm, Birds, Butterflies, Waterfowl, Fish Workshop, Lincoln Memorial Garden, Springfield

25 - 1 - 4 pm, Scovill Zoo's Earth Day Celebration, Decatur

25 - 9 am - 2 pm, Illinois Native Plant Society - Plant Sale, Washington Park Botanical Garden Exhibit Hall and Roman Cultural Garden, Springfield 753-6228

25 - 10 am - 3 pm, Youth Discovery Challenge - Disc Golf, Douglas Park, Springfield (217) 753-2800

25 - 2 pm, Super Kids Club, Lincoln Square Theatre. Decatur 217-422-1711

25 - Railsplitter Antique Auto Cruise In, Lincoln

25 - 7:30 pm, Millikin-Decatur Symphony Orchestra, Kirkland Fine Arts Center 217-424-6318

25 - Annual Artisan Fair Effingham 217-342-1234 or 217-347-8972.

25 - 7 pm, Haunted Decatur Tour Departs from the Haunted Avon Theater, Decatur Reservations 1-888-446-7859

25 – Family Night at the Museum; theme: "The Pirates of the Carribean" Chanute Air Museum, Rantoul www.aeromuseum.org

25 - Herbfest, Downtown Mattoon

25 - American Legion Riders Bike Xtravaganza And Family Fun Day. The American Legion Riders Post 429, Lovington, 763-6326

25-26 - 10 am - 2 pm, Decatur Realtors Kite Fest, Progress City USA, Decatur, Free kites to the first 250 children attending the fest each day. 217-428-4321

25-26 - Shelby Sports Club Shoot 100 Sporting Clays. Twin Oaks Sporting Clays, Mode 217-774-4196

26 - 12 pm – 5 pm, Sullivan Sprint Triathalon, Sullivan Civic Center and Wyman Park www.sullivantriathalon.com or call 217-728-4541

26 - Eastern Star, Ch. #7 Chicken/Beef Noodle Dinner (11-2pm), Masonic Temple - Paris 466-0390 Lois Shaw

26 - 10 am - 4 pm, New Product Day, Red Tail Run by Raymond Floyd Golf Club, Decatur www.golfdecatur.org 217-422-2211

26 -2 pm, Zoot Dance Party - Enchanted* Children's Discovery Museum, Normal

26 - Tom Irwin (originals & folk) Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford

27 - May 3 - 9 am – 5 pm, Canstruction, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, Free to the public

28 - 9 am & 10:30 am, **30** - 6 pm - Sesame Street Healthy Kids, Children's Discovery Museum, Normal

30 - 7 pm Lincoln in Word and Song, Danville High School auditorium



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Coles County Air Show

May 2009

1 - 8 pm - Illinois Symphony Orchestra, Masterworks V - Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts

1 - 7 pm - Free Country Music at the Findlay Community Building

1 - 7 pm - Community Dance at Herrick Community Building

1 - Paris High School May Fete

1 - 5:30 pm - Family Fun Carnival, Miller Park Pavilion, Bloomington

1 - 1st Friday on the Square, Monticello Chamber of Commerce 217-762-7921

1 - Lunch on the Square thru Sept. (1st Fri. 11-1:30) 463-2611 Paris

1 - 11 am -1 pm, Pork Cookout - Zion Lutheran Preschool, Carlinville Square

1-3 - Spring Craft Show. The Village Square Mall, Effingham

1-3 - Theatre 7 presents Steel Magnolias, Decatur 217-423-2107

1-3 - Celebration: A Festival of the Arts, Eastern Illinois University Campus www.eiu.edu/~festival

1, 8, 15, 29 - 7 pm - Spring Prairie Skies, William M. Staerkel Planetarium, Champaign www.parkland.edu/planetarium

1-31 -Fishing Tournaments at Newton Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area 618-783-3478

2 - Swapfest & Low Speed Autocross, Effingham www.mamotorworks.com

2 - 10 am, Dulcimer Club, Macon County Conservation District, Decatur 217-423-7708

2 - 10 am - American Girl Brunch, Miller Park Pavilion Bloomington

2 - May Market, Monticello Main Street 217-762-9318

2 - Kirby Derby, Kirby Hospital, Monticello 217-762-2115

2 - Antique Farm Show Lincoln's New Salem www.lincolnsnewsalem.com

2 - Stories Take Flight, Spurlock Museum,

Urbana

2 - 7:30 pm, Vicki Lawrence and Mama: A Two Woman Show, Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts

2 - 8:30 am - 11 am, The Garden Club of Decatur Annual Plant Sale, Prairie Avenue Christian Church, Decatur 217-864-5127

2 - 7 pm, The Chosen Ones, The Barn, Tower Hill. 217-562-3526 217-539-4221

2 - 7pm Hootenanny (free musical entertainment) Greenup Municipal Building

2 - 7:30 pm, Vicki Lawrence and Mama: A Two Woman Show - Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts

2-3 - Equinox: A Celebration of Dance, Kirkland Fine Arts Center, Decatur 217-424-6318

2-3 - Mark Twain, Lincoln Square Theatre, Decatur 217-422-1711

3 - 1 pm, Tres (Cinco) de Mayo at the Zoo Music, Food, Games & Animals! Miller Park Zoo, Bloomington

3 - 3 pm, "Pinkalicious" Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts

3 - 12:30 pm - 4 pm, Monastery MuseumTeutopolis 217-857-3586.

3 - 2 pm, Mommy Deerest, Macon County Conservation District, Decatur 217-423-7708

3 - Black Magic Johnson (Blues) - Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford

3 - 2 pm, Wildflower Hike, Friends Creek Conservation Area, Cisco 217-423-7708

3 - 4 - 7 pm, The Keepers of the Flame Jazz Band, Decatur Conference Center & Hotel 217-546-1363 or 217-429-9364

4 - 2 - 6 pm, Gospel Music in the Park, Peterson Park, Mattoon

6 - 5:30 - 7 pm Pied Piper Architectural Tour, First Wednesday of the Month, Downtown Springfield

6 & 9 - 10 am, If Mr. Brown Can Moo, Can You? Children's Discovery Museum, Normal

7 - 6 pm, Fabulous Families Movers and Shakers, Children's Discovery Museum, Normal

7 - Stars Over Athens, Dinner seatings at 5:30 pm & 7:30 pm, Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation, Decatur 217-422-2280

7 - 5 - 8 pm, Upper Story Tour, Downtown Springfield

8 - 7 pm - 10 pm, Free Country Music Show at Herrick Community Bldg. Bring Finger Foods to Share.

8 - 7 pm, Twin Cities Ballet's "The Sleeping Beauty" Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts

8 - 10 - Mattoon Cobra 4th Annual USSSA Mother's Day Softball Invitational World Series Qualifier, Mattoon

8-10 - Ballet - Cinderella www.cuballet.com

9 - 2 pm, Twin Cities Ballet's "Dance Outside the Box" Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts



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Teutopolis Monastery Museum

9 - 2009 Jeremy's Warriors Relay for Life Golf Tournamanet, Bent Tree Golf Course, Charlesto, Cal Natasha Hupp 217-967-5338

9 - 10 am - 6 pm, Dr. Dolittle Day, Henson Robinson Zoo, Springfield 217-753-6217

9 - 6 - 8 pm, Cinco de Mayo Family Fun Night It is a fiesta here at the CDM. A child-friendly dinner buffet is included. Children's Discovery Museum, Normal

9 - Sheep-to-Clothing. Official Opening of EIU's Historical Administration Program's Weaving Exhibit. Lincoln Log Cabin, Charleston

9 - 8 am, International Migratory Bird Day. Programs at the Dam East Recreation Area and Corps Visitor Center, Lake Shelbyville 217-774-3313

9 - Jason Huneke-Comedian/Juggler, Lincoln Square Theatre, Decatur 217-422-1711

9 - 10 am, Nature Lapsit, Macon County Conservation District, Decatur, Children 0-3 years, 217-423-7708

9-10 - "Throw Momma on the Train" Monticello Railway Musuem www.mrym.org

10 - 1 pm, Story Time - One Wolf Howls, Miller Park Zoo, Bloomington

10 - 1 - 4 pm, Music Jam, Macon County Conservation Area, Decatur 217-423-7708

10 - 7:30 - 10:30 pm, Darden Purcell (Jazz) Alto Vineyards, Champaign

10 - 11 am - 4 pm , Zippy Zoo Day with Mom, Scovill Zoo, Decatur

10 - 10 am - 6 pm, Mother's Day at the Zoo, Henson Robinson Zoo, Springfield (217) 753-6217

10 - 2 - 5 pm, Celtic Music, White Owl Winery This event is FREE!

10 - Thornhill (Folk Rock) Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford

11 - 12 pm, Taste of Decatur Celebration, Central Park, Downtown Decatur 217-423-4222

12 - 7:30 pm, OPUS 24 Concert, St. Patrick Catholic Church, Decatur 217-422-1422

14 - Children's Show: Charlotte's Web Virginia Theater, Champaign

14 - Downtown Pana Block Party 217-562-4240

15 - 9:45 am, Spring Flower Collaging Children's Discovery Museum, Normal

15 - 7 pm, Free Country Music Show at Cowden Community Building

15 - 11am-1pm, Pork Cookout - Good Semaritan Ministries, Carlinville Square

15 - 7 pm, "The Laramie Project" Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts

15-16 - Pana Day's 217-562-4240

15-17 - Neihaus Appreciation Days, Thousands of motorcycle riders gather, entertainment, parade of Lights, vendors, Litchfield

16 - 11 am - 5 pm, Summer Jamboree (Youth Discovery Challenge), Lincoln Park Springfield 217) 753-2800

16 - 10 am, Dulcimer Club, Macon County Conservation District, Decatur 217-423-7708

16 - 2 am, Treasures of Macon County Bike Hike, Macon County Conservation District, Decatur 217-423-7708

16 - 9 am - 2 pm, Woofstock, Macon Resources, Decatur 217-875-1910 x880

16 - 1 pm, Family Fitness Day, White Oak Park Bloomington

16 - 10 am - 2 pm, "Unique Car Show" Chanute Air Museum, Rantoul www.aeromuseum.org

16 - 10 am , Minnies Rainbow, Children's Discovery Museum, Normal

16 - 7:30 pm, The Dan Tyminski Band, Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts

16 - Dusk, Movie in the Park, Lincoln Park, Springfield 217-544-1751

16 - 1 - 4 pm, High School Jazz Invitational concert, Linclon Park Band Stage, Springfield, ric@ricmajor.com

16 - Garden Fair, Clark County Fairgrounds, 2nd Street, Marshall, Crafts, vendors, garden décor, annuals, perennials, herbs and

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16 - 2 - 3 pm, What Would Lincoln Eat? American Cookbooks and Culture 1809-1865, McClean County Museum of History, Bloomington, www.mchistory.org

16 - Garage Sales - City Wide in Newton

16-17 - 10 am - 4 pm, "Fire in the Hole" 1830's Militia Muster, Lincoln's New Salem

16-17 - 12 pm, Art of Illinois Wine Garden, 5th & Jefferson Streets, Springfield.

17 - 3:30 pm, Father/Son BBQ, Tipton Park Bloomington

17 - 3 pm, See Where It Happened Tour, Lincoln Leisure Center Bloomington

17 - May Madness Sprint, Lake Sara, Effingham 217-347-3739

17 - Annual Sangamon Valley Bike Ride, Monticello Lions Club 217-762-9881

17 - 2 pm, Who's in My Tree? Macon County Conservation District, Decatur 217-423-7708

17 - 2 - 4:30 pm, Twilighters Country, Gospel, Bluegrass at Shelby County Senior Center. Closed Stage, please bring snacks to share. Donations accepted.

17 - Mike & Klhoe (Country & Fun Rock) Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford

17 - 7:30 - 10:30 pm, Whiskey Bob Taylor (Acoustic Blues) Alto Vineyards, Champaign

20 – Brown Bag Series: 11:30-1:00, Admission is free, Chanute Air Museum, Rantoul, www.aeromuseum.org

20 - October 28 - Every Wednesday & Saturday 8 am – 1 pm, Old Capitol Farmers Market, Downtown Springfield.

21 - Comedy - Tom DeLuca, Virginia Theater, Champaign

21 - 6 pm & **22** - 10:30 am, VIP- Very Important People, Baby Time, Children's Discovery Museum, Normal

22 - 11 am - 5 pm, Chamber's Spring Fling Golf Outing, Paris 465-4179

22 - 9 am, **26** - 9 & 10:30 am, **28** - 6 pm, VIP- Very Important People, Toddler Time, Children's Discovery Museum, Normal



Photo by Kevin Kilhoffer

Douglas Hart Nature Center

23 - Court is in Session, Lincoln and his Coles County Spring Visit. Lincoln Log Cabin

23 - 2 pm, Super Kids Club, Lincoln Square Theatre, Decatur 217-422-1711

23 - 10 am, Late Bloomer Hike, Rock Springs Conservation Area, Decatur 217-423-7708

23 - 7:30 - 10:30 pm, The C-U Jazz Crusaders (Jazz), Alto Vineyards, Champaign

23 - Railsplitter Antique Auto Cruise In, Lincoln

23 - 12 - 6 pm, Sullivan Street Machine Car Show, Wyman Park, Sullivan Street Machine Association hosts a Memorial Day Car Show in the Park

23-24 - 12 - 5 pm, 20th Annual Garden Ramble Rt 16, 1.5 miles east of Charleston www.coleshistory.net

23-24 - Watson Area Homecoming Festival, Watson Civic Center. 217-536-6046 or 217-536-6806

24 - 3 Shot Sporting Clays. Twin Oaks Sporting Clays, Mode. 217-774-4196

24 - 4 - 7 pm, Music in the Park, Washington Park, Springfield 217-544-1751

24 - 2 pm, River Ramble, Macon County Conservation District, Decatur 217-423-7708

24-25 - 5th Annual Wine and Music Festival, Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford

25 - Memorial Day Ceremony, A march with band from Post 5762 to Cumberland Cemetery, a program, wreath and flag placement, and avenue of the flags in front of City Hall. Casey, (217) 382-6672 during the day or (217) 932-5762 after 4 pm.

25 - Lion's Club Fish Fry, Lion's shelter in Leaverton Park, Palestine, IL

29 - 7 - 10 pm, Free Country Music Show at Shelbyville Lions' Club.

29 - 12:30, Birdie fore the Zoo, Shotgun Start, Lincoln Greens Golf Course, Springfield 217-753-6217

29-30 - Strawberryfest, Newton 618-783-3399

30 - 1:30 pm, Party at McGraw, McGraw Park, Bloomington

30 - 10 am, Dulcimer Club, Macon County Conservation District, Decatur 217-423-7708

30 - 2 pm, Summerizing Your House and Lawn, Macon County Conservation District, Decatur 217-423-7708

30 - 7 pm, Haunted Decatur Tour Departs from the Haunted Avon Theater, Decatur-Reservations 1-888-446-7859

30-31 - Kick Off to Summer Festival, Long Creek Vineyards 217-521-6297

31 - 2 pm, Going Froggie, Macon County Conservation District, Decatur 217-423-7708

31 - 7:30 - 10:30 pm, Bruiser & The Virtues (Blues) Alto Vineyards, Champaign

31 - Alamode (Acoustic Folk, Female Vocals) Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford

31 - Capital City Biathlon, Lindsay Bridge, Lake Springfield

31-July 6 - 7 am - 8:45 pm, International Carillon Festival, Washington Park Carillon Springfield 217-544-1751 or 217-753-6219

June 2009

3 - 5:30-7 pm Pied Piper Architectural Tour, First Wednesday of the Month, Downtown Springfield

3-7 - Danville Jaycee Springfest, Danville Area Community College, Monty Schroeder 217-304-1046

3 - October 14 - 6 - 11 am, Farmers' Market On the Square, Charleston Downtown Square, Every Wednesday

4 - 5 - 8:30 pm, ArtWalks, Downtown Spring-



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4 - Scovill Zoo Free Days, Thursdays for the 2009 season beginning June 4. Decatur

4-7 - Moweaqua Pow Wow Days at City Park. Shelbyville 217-768-4962

5 - 6 pm, Relay for Life in Jasper County

5 - 5 - 7 pm, Dream Night at the Zoo, Henson Robinson Zoo, Springfield 217-753-6217

5 - 7 pm, Free Country Music at Findlay Community Building

5 - 1st Friday on the Square, Monticello Chamber of Commerce, 217-762-7921

5 - Dusk, Movie In the Park, Lincoln Park, Danville 217-431-2272

5 - 7 pm, Community Dance at Herrick Community Building

5 - 11 am - 1 pm, Pork Cookout - Cavalettes Carlinville Square

5 - 20th Annual Sarah Bush Lincoln Golf Benefit

5-6 - 7:30 am, Townwide Rummage Sales, All Around Sullivan

5-6 - Brocton Spring Fest & Draft Horse Show, 385-2450

5-7 - 10 am - 9 pm, Father's Day Flea Market, Village Square Mall, Effingham 217-347-0623.

5, 12 - 7 pm, Spring Prairie Skies William M. Staerkel Planetarium, Champaign www.parkland.edu/planetarium/

6 - 8 am - 1 pm, Farmer's Market, Central Park, Downtown Decatur 217-423-3475

6 - 10 am - 4 pm, Shadows of Lincoln Festival, Central Park, Downtown Decatur 217-423-3475

6 - Women in the Outdoors, Ballard Nature Center, Altamont 217-857-3290 or 217-536-6596

6 - Crossroads Dash, First Baptist Church, Effingham. 217-342-4147

6 - 7 pm, Trevor Thomas performing, The Barn, Tower Hill. Ice Cream Social 8 pm, 217-562-3526 217-539-4221

6 - 7 pm, Hootenanny (free musical entertainment) Greenup Municipal Building

6-7 - Clark Country Relay for Life, Fairview Park, Casey

6-7 - Betsey Reed Festival, Main Street, Palestine, Art Show, Book Signing, Street Carnival, Wine Tasting, Melodrama, and Casket Races www.betseyreed.com

6-7 - 10 am - 11:30 am, Central IL Amateur Golf Tournament, Lincoln Greens, Springfield 217-786-4111

6-7 - 10 pm, D-Day Hangar Dance; featuring the Sande Hackel Orchestra; Doors open at 5pm to view the Museum; held at the Air Port Hangar Chanute Air Museum, Rantoul www.aeromuseum.org



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Casey Popcorn Festival

6-7 - FunFest for Air-Cooled VW, Effingham www.mamotorworks.com

7 - 2 pm, Kids Fishing Clinic, Macon County Conservation District, Decatur, Kids 6-10 years 217-423-7708

7 - 12:30 pm - 4 pm, Monastery Museum, Teutopolis, 217-857-3586.

7 - 9 am - 11 pm, Wine, Dine and Jazz Festival, Belleville, IL 618-334-7620 or 618-972-7777

7 - 7:30 - 10:30 pm , The Boneyard Jazz Quintet (Jazz) Alto Vineyards, Champaign

7 - The Mudbugs (Acoustic Rock, Beach & Blues) Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford

7-8 - LLPS' Free boat checks at Lindsay Bridge Lake Springfield Marina

8-12 – Air Camp for student grades 7-12, Chanute Air Museum www.aeromuseum.org

8-14 - 12 - 11 pm, Decatur-Macon County Fair, Decatur-Macon County Fairgrounds, Decatur 217-877-8941

9-14 - 8 am, 25th Anniversary Michelob Ultra Duramed FUTURES Players Championship, Hickory Point Golf Course, Forsyth 217-421-7444 or 217-423-0990

10 - 6:30 pm, Wild About Reading, Henson Robinson Zoo, Springfield 217-753-6217

10 - 5 - 8 pm, IHSRA Kick-Off, downtown Effingham 618-483-6176 or 800-772-0750.

11-13 - 2008 Illinois High School Rodeo State Finals, Effingham County Fairgrounds, Altamont, IL. 618-483-6176.

11-14 - Annual Dance Centre Recital, Lincoln Square Theatre, Decatur 217-422-1711

12 - 6 - 8 pm, Downtown Danville Summer Sounds, Temple Plaza, Danville 217-443-2886

12 - 6:30 pm - 10:30 pm, Flick and Float Night, Movie at Dusk, Garfield Park Pool, Danville 217-431-2272

12 - 7 pm - 10 pm, Free Country Music at Herrick Community Bldg. Bring Finger Foods to Share.

12-14 - 2 pm, Shrine BBQ & Parade, Paris, C.Phipps 269-2640, Cell 822-2724, Parade J.Campbell 275-9245

12-14 - 2009 USSSA Central Illinois State Championships & World Series Qualifier, Mattoon

12-August 14 - Marshall City Band Concerts, Courthouse Lawn, Every Friday evening 8pm with an ice cream social prior to the concert. 217-826-3174 or 217-826-8087

13 - 12 - 8 pm, 45th Annual Turtle Races, K of C, Danville, michalpuhr@cityofdanville.org

13 - J.A.K.E.S. (Juniors Acquiring Knowledge Ethics Sportsmanship), Ballard Nature Center, Altamont, IL 217-536-6596 or 217-857-3290.

13 - Douglas-Lincoln Old Glory Days, Bryant Cottage State Historic Site - Bement 217-678-8184

13 - 7:30 - 10:30 Pm, Tom Turino & Big Groove Zydeco, Alto Vineyards, Champaign

13 - 1 pm, Golf Outing at Stone's Throw Golf Course near Newton

13 - Civil War Era Fashion Show, Lincoln Log Cabin, Charleston

13 - Victorian Doll Tea, James Millikin Homestead, Decatur 217-422-9003



13 - 11 am - 4 pm, Mini Rendezvous, Rock Springs Nature Center, Decatur 217-423-7708
13 - 10 am, Nature Lapsit. Macon County Conservation District, Decatur Children 0-3 years 217-423-7708
13 - 7 pm, Haunted Decatur Tour Departs from the Haunted Avon Theater, Decatur- Reservations 1-888-446-7859
13 - 8 am - 1 pm, Farmer's Market, Central Park, Downtown Decatur 217-423-3475
13 - 10 am, Dulcimer Club, Macon County Conservation District, Decatur 217-423-7708
13 - 11 am - 4 pm, Mini Rendezvous, Rock Springs Nature Center, Decatur 217-423-7708
13-14 - Relay For Life of Douglas County
13-14 - 11 am, Happy Birthday Miller Park Zoo, Bloomington
13-14 - Shelbyville Garden Walk, Chamber 217-774-2221
13-14 - "The Start of Something New" A. Lincoln's Life at New Salem www.lincolnsnewsalem.com
14 -11 am - 4 pm, "How Our Gardens Grow" Garden Walk 217-877-6042
14 - Ken Carlyle (Originals & Country) Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford
14 - 12 - 3 pm, Mini Rendezvous, Rock Springs Nature Center, Decatur 217-423-7708
14 - 2 - 5 pm, Celtic Music, White Owl Winery, This event is FREE!
14 - 1 - 4 pm, Old Time Music Jam, Macon County Conservation District, Decatur 217-423-7708
14 - Music in the Park, Mattoon
14 - 1 - 4 pm, Old Time Music Jam, Macon County Conservation District, Decatur 217-423-7708
June (mid) - September - Farmers Market on the Square, Monticello Main Street, Thursdays 3 - 7 pm 217-762-9318
16-18 - Coffey Memorial Golf Tournament, Morning tournament, Pasfield 217-753-6226
17 - 11:30 - 1 pm, Brown Bag Series, Admission is free, Chanute Air Museum www.aeromuseum.org
18 - 6 - 10 pm, Blues in Central Park Concert Series, Central Park, Downtown Decatur 217-423-3475
18-21 - Summer Fling Carnival, Northgate Mall Parking Lot, Decatur 217-423-4222
18-21 - JR Areotow Model Airplane Event 217-403-3129
19 - 11 am-1 pm, Pork Cookout - Macoupin County 4-H, Carlinville Square
19 -7 pm, Free Country Music at Cowden Community Building
19 - Charleston Transitional Facility Annual Golf Outing 217-348-8798
19 - Dusk, Movie in the Park, Comer Cox Park, Springfield 217-544-1751
19-20 - Juneteenth "National Freedom Day" Celebration Central Park, Downtown Decatur 217-429-7458
19-20 - Troy Taylor's Haunted America Conference, Lincoln Square Theatre, Decatur 217-422-1711
19-20 - Burl Ives Birthday Party, Netwon
19-21 - Capital City Classic Swim Meet, Nelson Center Pool, Springfield 217-525-8847
19-21 - National Road Festival www.nationalroad.org
19, 26 - 7 pm, Summer Prairie Skies, William M. Staerkel Planetarium, Champaign www.parkland.edu/planetarium/
20 - 8 am - 1 pm, Farmer's Market, Central Park, Downtown Decatur 217-423-3475


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National Road Festival - Martinsville

19-20 - Relay For Life, Ellsworth Park, Danville
20 - 12 pm, Picnic in the Pines, Macon County Conservation District, Decatur 217-423-7708
20 - 8 - 10 am, Breakfast with the Animals, Henson Robinson Zoo, Springfield 217-753-6217
20 - 12 - 10 pm, Crusin' Eldorado, Eldorado Street/U.S. Route 36, Decatur 217-422-7191
20 – Unique Car Show Chanute Air Museum www.aeromuseum.org
20 - 9 am - Noon, Downtown Market, Marshall Courthouse Square. All types of vendors welcome, For questions call Marshall Main Street Office 217-826-9023
20 - Casey Chaos Softball Father's Day Classic, Fairview Park - A 14 years and under tournament - Known as the team to beat, Casey challenges area teams to a tournament that any father will want to see. Contact Tony Burris at (217) 232-2164 to enter.
20 - 7:30 - 10:30 pm, Jazz Sandwich, Alto Vineyards, Champaign
20 - 4:30 - 7 pm, Shelby County 4-H BBQ at the Fairgrounds. 217-774-9546
20 - 1 pm, Sainte Marie Garden Walk
20 - 8 am - 10 pm, Moultrie County Cancer Walk, Wyman Park
20-21 - Father's Day Weekend, Monticello Railway Musuem www.mrym.org
21 - 10 am - 6 pm, Father's Day at the Zoo, Henson Robinson Zoo, Springfield 217-753-6217
21 - 11 am - 4 pm, Celebrate Father's Day with Zookeeper Olympics Scovill Zoo, Decatur
21 - 2 pm, Marbles: A Timeless Toy, Macon County Conservation District - Nature Center Auditorium, Decatur 217-423-7708
21 - 2 pm, Take a Walkabout, Rock Springs Conservation Area, Decatur 217-423-7708
21 - Acoustic Avenue (Soft Rock & Country) Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford
21-27 Jasper County Fair
21-27 - Martinsville Ag Fair
22-26 - Camp Invention for students K-5, Chanute Air Museum www.aeromuseum.org
23 - 6:30 - 9:30 pm, Bill Allred's Classic Jazz Band Concert, Decatur Club, Decatur 217-546-1363 or 217-429-9364
25-27 - Piatt County Rodeo, Piatt County Trail Blazers 217-762-2663
25-28 - Blue Grass Festival, Fairview Park, Come and listen to music with true rural American roots sponsored by the Society for the Preservation of Bluegrass Music. For more information 217-276-5987
26 - 7 - 10 pm, Free County Music Show at Shelbyville Lions' Club.
26 - 5 - 8 pm, Harry Potter Party, Henson Robinson Zoo, Springfield 217-753-6217
26 - 10 am, Sidewalk Chalk Contest, Grouped in ages, Lincoln Park, Danville 217-431-2272
26 - 3 - 6 pm, Sullivan Area Farmer's Market, Corner of Routes 32 and 121
26-28 - 6th Annual Crusin Route 66 Classic Car Festival, Cars 1984 and older line Route 66. Entertainment, Route 66 Vendors and Merchandise, Big Foot 4x4, Route 66 Drive In and Cruises. Litchfield
27 - Railsplitter Antique Auto Cruise In, Lincoln
27 - Pana Open Car Show 217-562-4240
27 - Illinois State Classic Bicycle Show 217-562-4240

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27 - 2 am, Super Kids Club, Lincoln Square Theatre, Decatur 217-422-1711
27 - 7 - 10 am, Summer Festival Committee's Breakfast in the Park, Pancakes and sausage will be served, Kansas
27 - 7 am - ?, City Wide Rummage Sale, Maps available at Country Junction. Kansas
27 - 8 am - 1 pm, Farmer's Market, Central Park, Downtown Decatur 217-423-3475
27 - 10 am, Dulcimer Club, Macon County Conservation District, Decatur 217-423-7708
27 -12 - 4 pm, Independence Day 1860 Homestead Prairie Farm, Decatur 217-423-7708
27 - 3 pm, Vintage Baseball, Rock Springs Trobaugh Field, Decatur217-423-7708
27 - Birthday Bash, Legacy Harley Davidson, Effingham. 217-342-3494 www.legacyhd.com
27 - 9 am - 11 pm, Youth Discovery Challenge- Zoolympics, Henson Robinson Zoo, Springfield (217) 753-6217
27 - 6 - 9 pm, Keith & Kathy Harden (Blues) Alto Vineyards, Champaign
27 - 7 - 9 pm, Decatur Park Singers, Paris, West Twin Lakes Park, Music in the Park - each thurs. night thru August 217-465-7641
27 - 4-H Barbeque, Paris, 217-465-8585
27 - 8 pm, Danville Symphony Orchestra performs at Arts in the Park The Lincoln Portrait by Aaron Copeland
27 - 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm, Shelbyville Fire Department Annual Steak Supper. 217-774-3433
27 - 1:00 - 4:00 pm, Central Illinois Daylily Society - Show, Washington Park Botanical Garden Exhibit Hall, Springfield 753-6228
27 - 6 pm, Corn Belt Shrine Club & Tractor Pull, Coles County Fairgrounds, Charleston www.itpapulling.com
27 - 9 - 11 am, Zoolympics (Youth Discovery Challenge), Henson Robinson Zoo, Springfield (217) 753-2800
27 - 5 - 7:30 pm, "Art in the Garden" Lincoln Memorial Garden Springfield
28 - 2 pm, Creek Walk, Macon County Conservation District, Decatur 217-423-7708
28 - Customer Appreciation Day at Twin Oaks Sporting Clays, Mode. 217-774-4196
28 - 4 - 7 pm, Music in the Park, Comer Cox, Springfield 217-544-1751
28 - Cutting Edge 1/2 Classic, Lake Sara, Effingham. 217-347-3739
28 - Sally Weisenberg (Blues), Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford

July 2009

July - Lincoln Lecture, Lincoln Log Cabin
1 - 5:30-7 pm, Pied Piper Architectural Tour, First Wednesday of the Month, Downtown Springfield
1- American Legion Annual Wooden Bat Classic, Jasper County Boys and Girls Park
1-31 - 27th Annual Midwest Heritage Quilt Show, Tuesday - Saturday 10 am - 5 pm, Vermilion County Museum, Danville, 217-442-2922
2-4 - 4th in Kitchell Park - Lions Club Carnival, Bob Smith 217-827-1936
2-5 - ASA Softball Girls 14 & under State Tournament, Rotary Park, Decatur 217-429-3472
3 - 6 pm, Blue Ribbon Night, Mt. Zion Lions Club Pony Express Grounds, Mt. Zion, Gates open - 6 pm; Music - 7 pm; fireworks at dusk 217-864-5424
3 - 7 pm, Haunted Decatur Tour Departs from the Haunted Avon Theater, Decatur 1-888-446-7859
3-Mid October - 9 am - 1 pm, Farmers Market, Every Friday & Saturday, Village Square Mall, Effingham. 618-686-3518.
3-4 - Red, White & Blue Days, Morton Park, Charleston
3 - 1st Friday on the Square, Monticello Chamber of Commerce 217-762-7921
3,10,17.24, & 31 - 3 - 6 pm, Sullivan AreaFarmer's Market, Corner of Routes 32 and 121
3 - 7 pm, Free Country Music at the Findlay Community Building
3 - 7 pm, Community Dance at Herrick Community Building
3 - 11 am - 1 pm, Pork Cookout - Mt. Nebo Lodge, Carlinville Square
3-4 - Shriner's 4th of July Celebration, Fairview Park, Casey. Features a parade, Fish Fry, vendors, tractor pulls, and fireworks with proceeds going to the Shriner's Childrens Hospital. Call (217) 967-9931
4-5 - Rodney T Miller Triathlon Youth Race - July 4, 9:00 am Fairview Park, Decatur, Adult Race - July 5, 8:00 am Nelson Park, Decatur www.decaturtriathlon.com
4 - "Rock The Dock" Fireworks Display Lake Springfield
4 - 8 am - 1 pm, Farmer's Market, Central Park, Downtown Decatur 217-423-3475
4-5 - 10 am - 7 pm, Lakeside Music and Arts Festival "Red, White and Blues" Nelson Park, Lake Decatur 217-422-6628
4 - Fourth of July Celebration, Effingham Hendlemeyer Park, A fireworks display begins at dusk.



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800-772-0750.
4 - 12:30 - 1:30 pm, American Legion Post #68 July 4th celebration with parade at noon and fireworks at dusk. Carnival in the Civic center Parking Lot, Sullivan
4 - Herrick Lions' Club Celebration 618-428-5785
4 - Pana & WJLY/WTRH Old Fashion Concert & Picnic 618-780-9679
4 - Fireworks dusk at Pana Tri County Fair Grounds
4 - 3 - 11 pm, 50's and 60's Cruise Night at the Shelbyville Dairy Queen. Car Show. 217-774-3632
4 - Herrick Parade in downtown Herrick.
4 - 4:30 - 8:45 pm, Fireworks Over Lake (Dam West) Lake Shelbyville 217-774-2221
4 - 12 pm until dusk, Coles County Fireworks, Coles County Airport, Mattoon. Airshow, with fireworks to follow Food vendors available. Admission is free
4 - 7:30 am, Freedom Fun Run, Lake Lou Yaeger, Litchfield 5k with prizes in all age categories. Fireworks at 9:30 pm
4 - Freedom Celebration- Bement, Bryant Cottage State Historic Site, Bement 217-678-8184
4 - Fourth of July Celebration, Clark County Fairgrounds, Marshall. The Marshall City Band performs prior to a spectacular fireworks display. 217-826-8087.
4 - Independence Day Events, Paris
4 - Noon - midnight, Taste of Downtown, 5th and Washington Streets, Springfield
4 - 7 pm, Hootenanny (free musical entertainment) Greenup Municipal Building
5 - Casey Corner Car Show – Junction of IL Rte 40 and 49. 217-932-3007
5 - Bourbon Bluegrass Band (New Generation Bluegrass) Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford
5 - 12:30 - 4:00 pm, Monastery Museum, Teutopolis, 217-857-3586
5 - 7:30 - 10:30 pm, Steve "The Harp" Blues

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5-6 - Live Music lake side! Lake Springfield Marina

6-8 - 7 am - 4 pm, Team Soy Decatur Jr. Open, Scovill Golf Course & Hickory Point Golf Course Decatur Forsyth 217-421-7444

8 - 6:30 pm, Wild About Reading, Henson Robinson Zoo, Springfield 217-753-6217

10-12 - Oklahoma! Decatur Civic Center Theater, Decatur 217-412-4735

10 - Dusk, Movie in the Park, Kiwanis Park Springfield 217-544-1751

10-12 - Kansas Summer Festival, Kansas Park 217-948-5727

10,17,24, 31 - 7 pm, Summer Prairie Skies, William M. Staerkel Planetarium, Champaign www.parkland.edu/planetarium/

10 - Mattoon Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf Outing, Mattoon Golf & Country Club 217-235-5661

10 - Dusk, Movie In The Park, Douglas Park, Danville -bring your own lawn chair/blanket 217-431-2272

10 - 7 - 10 pm, Free Country Music at Herrick Community Bldg. Bring Finger Foods to Share. Music by County Line Country

11 - Evening in the Garden Walk, Monticello Chamber of Commerce 217-762-7921

11 - 9 am - Noon, Food, Blooms, & All Things Market, Courthouse Square, Marshall. All types of vendors Welcome. Marshall Main Street Office 217-826-9023

11 - 10 am - 2 pm, Touch A Truck (Youth Discovery Challenge) Lincoln Park Springfield 217-753-2800

11 - 6 pm, 10th Annual Best of the Barn. Reserved Seating. Tickets $15. Entertainment by Joanne Clark-The Lesters-True Gospel-Called Out Quartet-Catered KFC Meal starts at 4 pm. Tickets $7. 217-562-3526 217-539-4221

11 - 8 am - 1 pm, Farmer's Market, Central Park, Downtown Decatur 217-423-3475

11 - 10 am, Nature Lapsit, Macon County Conservation District, Decatur Children 0-3 years 217-423-7708

11 - 11 am - 11 pm, Crusin' Downtown, Central Park, Downtown Decatur www.downtowndecatur.com 217-423-3475

11 - 10 am, Dulcimer Club Macon County Conservation District, Decatur 217-423-7708

11-12 - Leevy-Boblitt Challenge at Twin Oaks Sporting Clays, Mode. 217-774-4196

11 - 10 am - 6 pm, Zoofari, Henson Robinson Zoo, Springfield 217-753-6217

11-12 - 2009 BBQ Festiva, Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford

11 - 7 am, Farmers Market in Newton

12 - 9 am - 3 pm, Farm Toy Show, Effingham. 217-342-6565.

12 - 7:30 - 10:30 pm, Jeff Helgeson & Rachel Lee (Jazz), Alto Vineyards, Champaign

12 - Heritage Sunday, Bryant Cottage State Historic Site, Bement 217-678-8184

12 - 1 - 4 pm, Old Time Music Jam, Macon County Conservation District - Nature Center, Decatur 217-423-7708

12 - 2 - 5 pm, Celtic Music, White Owl Winery This event is FREE!

12 - 9 am, Plainfield Church Car Show

13-16 - Drysdale Golf Tournament, Morning Tournament, Bunn, Bergen, Lincoln Greens & Pasfield Golf courses, Springfield 217-522-2633

15 - 11:30-1 pm, Brown Bag Series, Admission is free, Chanute Air Museum www.aeromuseum.org

16-18 - Bagelfest 2009, Petersen Park, Mattoon

16 - 6 - 10 pm, Blues in Central Park Concert Series, Central Park, Downtown Decatur 217-423-3475

17-19 - Scout Space Jamboree, Chanute Air Museum www.aeromuseum.org

17-19 - Litchfield Chamber of Commerce Party in the Park - pageant, carnival, contests

17 -7 pm, Free Country Music at Cowden Community Building.

17 - 11 am-1 pm, Pork Cookout - High School Musical, Carlinville Square

17 - Dusk, Movie In The Park, bring your lawn chair/blanket, Elmwood Park, Danville 217-431-2272

17-18 - Annual East Central Illinois Antique Farm Equipment State Show, Coles County Fairgrounds

17-22 - Edgar County 4-H Fair, Paris 217-465-8585, Mary Lou 466-0905

18 - 8 am - 1 pm, Farmer's Market, Central Park, Downtown Decatur 217-423-3475

18 - 1 - 3 pm, Croco-smiles, Henson Robinson Zoo, Springfield 217-753-6217

18 - 11 am, Teddy Bear Picnic at the Zoo, Miller Park Zoo, Bloomington

18 - 1 pm, Vintage Baseball, Rock Springs Trobaugh Field, Decatur 217-423-7708

18 - 7 pm, Bats in the Barn, Rock Springs

Nature Center & Sandcreek Conservation Area, Decatur 217-423-7708

18 - 10 am - 2 pm, "Unique Car Show" Chanute Air Museum www.aeromuseum.org

18 - 7 am, Farmers Market in Newton

18-19 - Annual Allis Chalmers Working Show - 217-275-3428

18-25 - Edgar County Fair, Paris 217-465-5379

18-25 - Crawford County Fair, Oblong

19 - 2 pm, Going in Seining, Macon County Conservation District, Decatur 217-423-7708

19 - 2 pm, The History of Natural Springs in Illinois, Macon County Conservation District - Nature Center Auditorium, Decatur 217-423-7708

19 - Antone DeRocchi & Jim Wicker (Soft Rock) Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford

19 - 1 - 4 pm, Scovill Zoo's Ice Cream Safari, Decatur

19 - 7:30 - 10:30 pm, Candy Foster & Shades Of Blue (Blues), Alto Vineyards, Champaign

20-23 - Shelby County 4-H Junior Fair at the Fairgrounds. 217-774-9546

20-25 - Macoupin County Fair, Macoupin County Fairgrounds www.MacoupinCountyFair.org

23 - Plae Dae Picnic, Bridgeview Park Lake Springfield

24-26 - The Annual Millroad Steam Thresherman's Festival & Antique Tractor Show, Effingham County Fairgrounds, Altamont. 618-483-5201 or 217-536-6400.

24 - 7 pm, Ernie Haase & Signature Sound Dream on Tour, Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts

24-26 - The Bi-County Tractor Cruise . They will be coming through Kansas for lunch on Saturday the 25th. Contact Ronnie Baker at 232-5288.

24-26 - Casey Open Golf Tournament, Casey Country Club,18 stroke play, participants pick any day of three. Gift certificates will be awarded to each flight – approximately 15 to 20% of players are winners! Call (217) 932-2030.

24 - Dusk, Movie In The Park, bring lawn chair/blanket, Liberty Park, Danville 217-431-2272

25 - Railsplitter Antique Auto Cruise In, Lincoln

25 - 8 am - 1 pm, Farmer's Market, Central Park, Downtown Decatur 217-423-3475

25 - 10 am, Morning Meander, Macon County Conservation District, Decatur 217-423-7708

25 - 10 am, Dulcimer Club, Macon County Conservation District, Decatur 217-423-7708

25-26 - Annual Model Train Show, Effingham County Fairgrounds, Altamont. 217-536-6400.

25-26 - 8:30 am, Springfield Women's City Golf Tournament, Bun and Lincoln Greens Golf Courses, Springfield 217-522-2633



Lincoln Log Cabin

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25 - 7 am, Farmers Market in Newton

25-26 - Findlay Walleye Festival in downtown Findlay. 217-756-5564

25-29 - Clark County 4-H Fair, Marshall

26-August 1 - Coles County Fair, Coles County Fairgrounds, Charleston

26 - 7:30 - 10:30 pm, The Blues Deacons, Alto Vineyards, Champaign

26 - 2 pm, Sea of Grass Hike, Macon County Conservation District, Decatur 217-423-7708

26 - 4 - 7 pm, Music in the Park, Lincoln Park (Nelson Center Stage), Springfield 217-544-1751

26 - Jed (60's, 70's rock) Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford

27 - Springfield Trifest - Lindsay Bridge Lake Springfield

29-31 - 12:30 - 4:30 pm, Zoo Camp - Primate Pandemonium, Henson Robinson Zoo, Springfield 217-753-6217

31 - 7 - 10 pm, Free County Music Show at Shelbyville Lions' Club.

31 - 11 am - 3 pm, "Kidstock," Children's Museum of Illinois, Decatur 217-423-9179

August 2009

1 - 5 -11 pm, Knights of Columbus Annual BBQue, K of C Hall, Danville

1 - 8 am - 1 pm, Farmer's Market, Central Park, Downtown Decatur 217-423-3475

1 - 7 pm, Haunted Decatur Tour Departs from the Haunted Avon Theater, Decatur, Reservations 1-888-446-7859

1 - 7 am, Farmers Market in Newton

1 - Morgan Horse Demonstration 10:30 am, 1 pm, and 3 pm, Lincoln's New Salem

1 - 7 pm, The Jubilees performing, The Barn, Tower Hill. The Barns11th Anniversary - Cake Month 217-562-3526 or 217-539-4221

1 - 7pm, Hootenanny (free musical entertainment) Greenup Municipal Building

1 - 12 - 3 pm, Central Illinois Daylily Society - Sale, Washington Park Botanical Garden Exhibit Hall, Springfield 753-6228

1-2 - Percival Springs Airport, Watson. 618-483-6717 or 888-854-FAIR.

1-8 - Effingham County Fair, Effingham County Fairgrounds, Altamont IL

1-2 & 8-9 - 8 am, Springfield Men's City Golf Tournament, Lincoln Greens 217-522-2633

1-28 - 12 am, Scavenger Hunt at the Zoo, Miller Park Zoo, Bloomington

2 - 7:30 - 10:30 pm, Jazz Mayhem, Alto Vineyards, Champaign

2 - Loudin Live (Acoustic Variety), Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford

3-9 - USTA/Ursula Beck Pro Tennis Classic, Fairview Park Tennis Complex, Decatur, 217-421-7432 or 217-423-7020

5 - 5:30-7 pm Pied Piper Architectural Tour, First Wednesday of the Month, Downtown Springfield

6-9 - Decatur Celebration, Downtown Decatur 217-423-4222

6 - 12:30 - 4 pm, Monastery Museum, Teutopolis 217-857-3586.

7 - 7 pm, Summer Prairie Skies, William M. Staerkel Planetarium, Champaign www.parkland.edu/planetarium/

7 - All American Night / Lemonade Stand Contest - Hot dogs, chips, drinks and an ice cream sundae bar will all be available for purchase. Courthouse Square, Marshall Marshall Main Street 217-826-9023

7 - 11 am - 1 pm, Pork Cookout - Carlinville Eastern Star, Carlinville Square

7 - 1st Friday on the Square, Monticello Chamber of Commerce 217-762-7921

7 - Dusk, Movie in the Park, Centennial Park, Springfield 217-544-1751

7-8 - 6 pm - 6 am, American Cancer Society Relay for Le Shelby County, Chris Bogart 217-774-4283

7-16 - Illinois State Fair in Springfield.

8 - 8 am, Tom Short Memorial 5K Run/Fun Walk 217-774-1376

8 - Blacksmith Hammer-In 217-562-4240

8 - Antique Tractor Show, Pana,Tom Dean 217-562-4621

8 - 8 am - 1pm, Farmer's Market, entral



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Park, Downtown Decatur 217-423-3475
8 - 7 am, Farmers Market in Newton
9 - Second Harvest (Country & Bluegrass) Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford
9 - Bluegrass Jam Lincoln Log Cabin
9 - 2 - 5 pm, Celtic Music, White Owl Winery
9 - 7:30 - 10:30 pm, The Impalas (Blues) Alto Vineyards, Champaign
12 - 6:30 pm, Wild About Reading, Henson Robinson Zoo, Springfield 217-753-6217
13-16 - Pony Express Days, Mt Zion Lions Club, Mt. Zion 217-864-3100
14 - 7 - 10 pm, Free Country Music at Herrick Community Bldg. Bring Finger Foods to Share. Music by County Line Country
15 - Lytle Pool Triathlon, Mattoon
15 - 10 am –2 pm, "Unique Car Show" Chanute Air Museum www.aeromuseum.org
15 - 8 am - 1 pm, Farmer's Market, Central Park, Downtown Decatur 217-423-3475
15 - 7 am, City Wide Garage Sales & Farmers Market in Newton
15 - 9 am - Noon, Community Spirit Market, Courthouse Square, Marshall. All types of vendors welcome. Marshall Main Street Office 217-826-9023
15 - 64th Annual Illinois Masonic High Twelve Convention, Mattoon
15-16 - Vermillion Fun Days & Fish Fry
15-September 7 - Historic Photography Display, M-F 12 - 4 pm, Washington Park Botanical Garden Exhibit Hall, Springfield 753-6228
16 - 7:30 - 10:30 pm Weapons Of Mass Dysfunktion (Jazz), Alto Vineyards, Champaign
16 - Ken Carlyle (Country & Originals) Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford
16 - Mid-August Meltdown, Lake Sara in Effingham. 217-347-3749
16 - 10:00 am, Parent/Child Golf Tournament, Pasfield Golf Course 753-6226
19 - 11:30 - 1 pm, Brown Bag Series, Admission is free, Chanute Air Museum www.aeromuseum.org
20 - 6 - 10 pm, Blues in Central Park Concert Series, Central Park, Downtown Decatur 217-423-3475
20-22 - Windsor Harvest Picnic, Eric 459-2104
21 - 3 - 8 pm, Customer Appreciation Day (Youth Discovery Challenge), Nelson Center, Springfield 217-753-2800
21 - 11 am - 1 pm, Pork Cookout - St. Paul Preschool, Carlinville Square
21 - 7 pm, Free Country Music at Cowden Community Building
22 - 8 am - 1 pm, Farmer's Market, Central Park, Downtown Decatur 217-423-3475
22 - 7 pm, Haunted Decatur Tour Departs from the Haunted Avon Theater, Decatur Reservations 1-888-446-7859
22 - Wild Turkey Federation Banquet, Doors open at 6 pm, dinner served at 7 pm, Knights of Columbus Hall, Teutopolis. 217-536-6596 or 217-857-3111.
22 - 7 am, Farmers Market in Newton
23 - 7:30 - 10:30 pm, The Surreal Deal (Classic Rock/Blues) Alto Vineyards, Champaign
23 - The Cubs (Classic Country, Rock,Oldies) Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford
23-29 - Cumberland County Fair, Greenup
28 - Lions Club Fish Fry, Kansas School Gym
28 - Kansas Lions Club Fish Fry
28 - 7 - 10 pm, Free County Music Show at Shelbyville Lions' Club.
28-30 - Cowden Pioneer Days - rodeo (Friday and Saturday), kids games, carnival, free entertainment, arts and crafts, flea market, good food and much more.
28-30 - 3rd Annual Lake Lou Yaeger Drag Boat Races. Preliminaries on Saturday, finals on Sunday, beer, food and band. Litchfield
29 - 10 am - 3 pm, Prairie State Orchid Society - Annual Orchid Seminar, Washington Park Botanical Garden Exhibit Hall Springfield 753-6228
29-30 - Championship of Free World at Twin Oaks Sporting Clays, Mode 217-774-4196
29 - Noon - midnight, Old Capitol Blues & BBQs, 5th and Washington Streets, Springfield
29 - 7 am, Farmers Market in Newton
29 - 8 am - 1 pm, Farmer's Market, Central Park, Downtown Decatur 217-423-3475
29-30 - The Art of Wine, Lincoln
30 - 7:30 - 10:30 pm, Tom Turino & Big Groove Zydeco, Alto Vineyards, Champaign
30 - Railsplitter Antique Auto Cruise In, Lincoln
30 - Daddys Money (Top 40 of 60's-90's) Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford
30 - 4 - 7 pm, Music in the Park, Iles Park Springfield 217-544-1751


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Coles County Air Show

September 2009

1-3 - Farm Progress Show, Progress City USA - on the Richland Community College Campus, Decatur, 1-866-264-7469 or visit www.farmprogressshow.com
2 - 5:30-7 pm Pied Piper Architectural Tour, First Wednesday of the Month, Downtown Springfield
2-7 - Pana Tri-County Fair 217-562-2514
3-7 - ASA Softball Men's Classes A & C Nationals, Rotary Park, Decatur 217-429-3472
4 - 1st Friday on the Square, Monticello Chamber of Commerce 217-762-7921
4 - 7 - 10 pm, Free Country Music at Herrick Community Bldg. Bring Finger Foods to Share. Music by County Line Country
4 - 11am-1pm, Pork Cookout - Chamber of Commerce, Carlinville Square
4 - 7 pm, Community Dance at Herrick Community Building
4 - Country Bumpkin Pumpkin Patch opens, Paris, 217-948-0401 or 946-4279
4 - Pumpkin Works opens, Paris, 217-275-3327
4-6 - Crossroads of America Pro-Bro Flyers Radio control 3-D fly-in, Percival Springs Airport, Watson, 217-536-9990 or 888-536-5352
4-7 - Music Barn Concert Series, Allerton Park & Retreat Center 217-762-2721
5 - 7 pm, Hootenanny (free musical entertainment) Greenup Municipal Building
5 - 8 am - 1 pm, Farmer's Market, Central Park, Downtown Decatur 217-423-3475
5 - 5 - 10 pm, Sullivan Street Machine Cruise Night, On the Square in Sullivan
5 - 7 pm, The Dodsons performing at The Barn in Tower Hill. 217-562-3526 or 217-539-4221
5 - 7 am, Farmers Market in Newton
5 - 9:30 am – 10:30 am, A Hometown Celebration, Ste. Marie
5-7 - Labor Day Festival & Rodeo, Carnival, Parade, Street Fair & More at Leaverton Park, Pioneer City Arena & Main Street, Palestine, IL pioneercity.com/rodeo
5-7 - BroomCorn Festival Sidewalk Sale - Tanger Outlet, Tuscola, For more information please call Tanger at 866-665-8684.
5-7 - Casey Popcorn Festival, Fairview Park, Casey's signature festival with FREE popcorn, vendors, demonstrations, and quality family entertainment. 217-232-2676
6 - Robert Sampson (Blues,Rock, & Oldies), Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford
6 - Coal Creek Rendezvous, Millie Outis 217-562-3222
6 - 12:30 - 4 pm, Monastery Museum, Teutopolis 217-857-3586
6 - 7:30 - 10:30 pm, Unfinished Business (Blues), Alto Vineyards, Champaign
6 - The Great Illini Half and Full Iron Distance Triathlon, Lake Mattoon Beach, Tony Garrett @ 217/218-7777
7 - 6 - 7 pm, Labor Day Pops Concert, Nelson Park, Decatur 217-424-3774
7 - Pana Labor Day Parade, Jim Downs 217-562-3966
11-13 - Scout Jamboree Chanute Air Museum www.aeromuseum.org
11-12 - Kessler's Nike Crossroads Classics High School Volleyball Tournament, Effingham High School, 217-821-2119.
11 - 7 pm, Free Country Music at Cowden Community Building
11 - Dusk, Movie in the Park, Rotary Park, Springfield 217-544-1751
11-13 - White Buffalo Pow Wow-Lake Lou Yaeger, Litchfield, Native American dancing, music and vendors.
12 - The Night Before Cruise In, Effingham. 217-342-2247
12 - 8 am - 1 pm, Farmer's Market, Central Park, Downtown Decatur 217-423-3475
12 - Herndon's Informants: Lincoln as viewed

by his Coles County family, Lincoln Log Cabin

12 - 7 am Farmers Market in Newton

12-13 - Prairie Celebration, Rock Springs Nature Center, Decatur, 217-423-7708

12-13 - Illinois Special Olympics, Decatur 309-888-2551

12-13 - 10 am - 5 pm, Traditional Music Festival, Lincoln's New Salem

13 - 4 - 11 pm, 7th Annual Fall Festival, 4 - 7 pm, The Delta Kings (Blues), 8 - 11 pm, Candy Foster & Shades Of Blue (Blues), Alto Vineyards, Champaign

13 - Annual Ford Show and Ford Family Celebration. South Central Illinois Ford Club Effingham. 217-342-2247

13 - Jeep Swap Meet and Greet Effingham www.fnhamjeepclub.com

13 - 2 - 5 pm, Celtic Music, White Owl Winery, This event is FREE!

13 - Mike & Khloe (60',70's, Rock & Country) Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford

16 – 11:30-1 pm, Brown Bag Series: Admission is free Chanute Air Museum www.aeromuseum.org

18 - Chamber's Honeybee Golf Outing, Paris, 217-465-4179

18 - Fall Festival in Newton

18 - 11 am - 1 pm, Pork Cookout - Carlinville Football Club, Carlinville Square

18-19 - Railsplitter Festival and Main Street Ghost Tour, Lincoln

18-19 - Trial & Tribulation: The Story of the 1847 Matson Slave Trial Rutherford House, Oakland drhiramrutherford.com

18-19 - 10 am - 5 pm, Crossroads Harvest of Quilts, Hendlemeyer Recreation Center, Effingham. 217-739-2250.

18-19 - Altamont 40th Schuetzenfest, Effingham County Fairgrounds, Altamont. 618-483-5532.

18-20 - Vermilion River Fest, Ellsworth Park, Danville 217-431-2272

18-20 - Country Peddlers Fall Open House, Effingham. 217-347-1002.

18-20 - 1 pm Sat. & 12 pm Sun., NBRA Hydroplane Races, Shelbyville

18-20 - 19th Annual Tower Hill Community Fall Festival

18-20 - Marshall Autumn Fest, Downtown, Courthouse Square, Marshall. Arts, crafts, car show, entertainment or more. For more information, call 217-826-8087

18-20 - Dwight Harvest Days www.dwightharvestdays.org

18- 24 - Touchstone Energy Hydro-Fest, Wilborn Creek Access Area, Okaw Valley Regional Development hosts the Touchstone Energy Hydro-fest boat races at Wilborn Creek Access area

19 - 8 am - 1 pm, Farmer's Market, Central Park, Downtown Decatur 217-423-3475

19 - 11 am - 3 pm, Bethel School Reunion, Friends Creek Conservation District, Cisco 217-423-7708

19 - 11 am, Haunted Decatur Tours, Reservations 1-888-446-7859 www.haunteddecatur.com

19 - Great Ball Race, Downtown Marshall, Tickets available for purchase at the Marshall Main Street Office 217-826-9023



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19 - Monticello Celebration, Monticello Main Street 217-762-9318

19-20 - Springfield Art Association will host its 21st Annual Edwards Place Fine Art Fair

19-20 - Fall Decatur Train Fair 2009, Decatur Civic Center Decatur, 217-864-4397

19-20 - Arts in Central Park, Central Park, Downtown Decatur 217-423-3189

19-20 - Railroad Days, Monticello Railway Museum, www.mrym.org

19-20 - Agri-Fab Rough Cut Classic Mountain Bike races hosted by CIMBA (Central Illinois Mountain Bike Association) for all ages at Camp Camfield, Lake Shelbyville

20 - 7:30 - 10:30 pm, Jeff Helgeson & Rachel Lee (Jazz), Alto Vineyards, Champaign

20 - Relay for Life, Peterson Park, Mattoon

20 - Sally Weisenberg (Blues), Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford

25 - 7 - 10 pm, Free County Music Show at Shelbyville Lions' Club.

25-27 - MidAmerica Motorworks Corvette Funfest www.mamotorworks.com

25-27 - Honeybee Festival, Paris, Parade-10:00am, 217-465-4179 www.honeybeefestival.org

25-27 - Barnstorming Days, Percival Springs Airport, Watson 217-347-1002

26 - Railsplitter Antique Auto Cruise In, Lincoln

26 - 7 am, Farmers Market in Newton

26 - 11 am - 6 pm, Wine on the Lawn at the Wright House, Altamont 618-483-6480 www.wrightmansion.org

26 - Outdoor Days at Ballard Nature Center, Admission is free, Altamont 618-483-6865 www.ballardnaturecenter.or

26 - 8 am - 1 pm, Farmer's Market, Central Park, Downtown Decatur 217-423-3475

26-27 - 9am-5pm, Apple & Pork Festival, Clinton

26-27 - Vermilion County Civil War Days, Battle will be Kennesaw Mountain, Kennekuk County Park, Eugene Bencomo Bigben35@comcast.net

27 - 7:30 - 10:30 Pm, Sippy & The Night Owls (Blues) Alto Vineyards, Champaign

27 - Sons of Circumstance (Pop & Rock Variety), Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford

27 - Oldies in the Park, Dance Contests, music, car show, and lots of fun located in the Oblong City Park.

27 - 4 - 7 pm, Music in the Park, Washington Park, Springfield 217-544-1751

October 2009

TBA - Chamber Golf Outing, Pana, Tim Christer 217-562-4688

TBA - Oconee Fall Festival at the Sacred Heart Church (Family fun festival, crafts, hay rides, straw maze, petting zoo, pumpkin patch, bake sale & more!) Kevin Kuhn, 539-4527

TBA - Fall Frolic, Roosevelt Community Center, A celebration sponsored by the Casey Chamber of Commerce that includes a chili supper, costume judging contest, games and Halloween fun! 217-232-3430

1 - Crossroads Regional B2B Marketplace Expo, Effingham

1 - 2009 Business Expo, Cross County Mall, Mattoon

1 - 5 - 8:30 pm, ArtWalks, Downtown Springfield

1-3 - Greenup Fall Festival

2 - 11 am - 1 pm, Pork Cookout - Carlinville Area Ladies Association, Carlinville Square

2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31 - 6:30 - 11:30 pm, Haunted Corn Maze, Buxton's Garden Farm, Sullivan, open every Friday and Saturday in October. For more info visit www.buxtonsgardenfarm.com or call 217-728-7993

2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31 & November 6 - 6:30 - 11:00 pm, Shot-

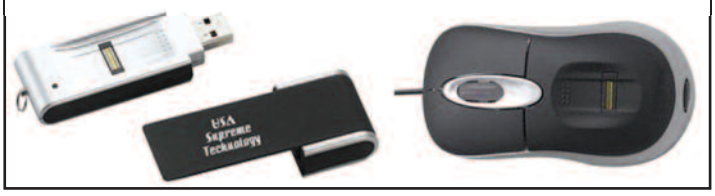
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gun Manor Haunted House, On the Square in Sullivan www.shotgunmanor.com

3-4 & 10-11 - The Evergreen Cemetery Discovery Walk 2009, McClean County Museum of History, Bloomington, www.mchistory.org

2 - 7 pm, Free Country Music at Findlay Community Center

2 - 1st Friday on the Square, Monticello Chamber of Commerce 800-952-3396

2-3 - 7 - 9 pm, Candlelight Tour, Lincoln's New Salem

3 - 7 pm, Called Out Quartet performing, The Barn, Tower Hill. Meal at 4:30 pm 217-562-3526 or 217-539-4221

3 - 7 pm, Hootenanny (free musical entertainment) Greenup Municipal Building

3 - 7 am, Farmers Market in Newton

3 - 8 am - 1 pm, Farmer's Market, Central Park, Downtown Decatur 217-423-3475

3 - 7 - 10 pm, Astronomy Jamboree, Friends Creek Conservation Area, Cisco 217-423-7708

3 - 9 am - 5pm, Historic Surveying Lincoln's New Salem www.lincolnsnewsalem.com

3-4 - 2009 Harvest Festival & Fish Fry, Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford

3-4 - Harvest Frolic and Agricultural Fair, Lincoln Log Cabin

3-4 - 7th Annual Wabash Valley Wine & Art Festival, Historic Main Street in Palestine, Sat. 11 - 7, Sun. 12 - 5 www.wabashvalleywineandartfestival.com

4 - 12:30 - 4:00 pm, Monastery Museum, Teutopolis 217-857-3586

4-5 - Heath Harvest Festival, courthouse square, Robinson, the festival celebrates the Heath Bar, created in 1928 by Heath Brothers Confectionery in Robinson.

7 - 5:30-7 pm Pied Piper Architectural Tour, First Wednesday of the Month, Downtown Springfield

7-10 - Shelbyville Scarecrow Daze (parade at 10 am Sat.) Chamber of Commerce 217-774-2221

9 - 4:30 - 7 pm, Rotary Fish Fry, Paris 465-4642 (Penny Peterson)

9 - 7 - 10 pm, Free Country Music at Herrick Community Bldg. Bring Finger Foods to Share. Music by County Line Country

9 - 7 - 10 pm, Haunted Decatur Tours, Decatur 888-446-7859 or visit www.hauntedecatur.com

9-11 - Barn Tour, Piatt County Museum 217-762-4731

9-18 - Park County Covered Bridge, Park County Indiana 765-569-5226

10 - 8 am - 1 pm, Farmer's Market, Central Park, Downtown Decatur 217-423-3475

10 - Court is in Session/Lincoln and his Coles County fall visit. Lincoln Log Cabin

10 - Swapfest, Mid America Motorworks, Effingham www.mamotorworks.com

10 - 7 am, Farmers Market in Newton

10-11 - Pumpkin Chuckin, Buxton's Garden Farm, www.buxtonsgardenfarm.com 217-728-7993

10-11 - Old Fashion Apple Festival, Okaw Valley Orchard, entertainment, crafts and apple picking. 217-866-APPLES1 or visit www.okawvalleyorchard.com



Charleston Speedway

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10-13 - Columbus Day Weekend Sidewalk Sale - Tanger Outlets, Tuscola

11 - 2 - 5 pm, Celtic Music, White Owl Winery, This event is FREE!

11 - Black Magic Johnson (Blues), Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford

14-18 - Millikin University Homecoming

15-31 - 5:30 - 8:30 pm, Boo at the Zoo Scovill Zoo, Decatur

16 - 7 pm, Free Country Music at Cowden Community Building

16 - 11 am - 1 pm, Pork Cookout - Good Samaritan Ministries, Carlinville Square

16-17 - Hauntings Within, North side of Newton square

16-18 - Illini Country Stitchers: Quilt Show, Chanute Air Museum, Rantoul www.aeromuseum.org

17 - Eastern Illinois University Homecoming

17 - 12 - 11 pm, 6th Annual Oktoberfest & Chili Cook-off, On the Square in Sullivan 6th Annual People's Choice Chili Cook-off Rotary Beer Tent Live Band Bag Tournament Fun for everone www.sullivanchamber.com or call 217-728-4223

17 - 8 am - 1 pm, Farmer's Market, Central Park, Downtown Decatur 217-423-3475

17 - 7 am, Farmers Market in Newton

19 - Professional Business Women's Seminar, Paris

20 - 1 pm, Halloween Pet Party, Enter your pet into the 2nd Annual Hands 4 Paws Costume Contest. Wimple Park in Tuscola Contact Len at 217-840-5148.

21 - 11:30-1:00, Brown Bag Series, Admission is free, Chanute Air Museum, Rantoul www.aeromuseum.org

23-25 & 30-31, Ghost Train, Monticello Railway Museum www.mrym.org

24 – Haunted Museum, Chanute Air Museum www.aeromuseum.org

24 - 3 - 7 pm, Fall Harvest, Rock Springs Nature Center, Decatur 217-423-7708

24 - 7 - 8 pm, Stories Around the Campfire, Homestead Prairie Farm Stage, Decatur Reservations are required by October 20 217-423-7708

24 - Marshall's Halloween Frolic, Downtown, Courthouse Square, Halloween games, stories, hayrides and hot chocolate. Parade of costumes with costume judging at the gazebo 217-826-8087

24-25 - Sat. 7:30 pm, Sun. 2 pm, Danville Light Opera presents Civil War, Danville High Schoolwww.danvillelightopera.com

25 - 2 pm, Halloween Parade, Downtown Effingham 217-342-4173.

25 - Oblong Fall Follies and "Spook"tacular Parade, Located on the square in Oblong will be crafts, food, and entertainment on the stage. Band field competition at Oblong High School Saturday afternoon and Illinois' largest nighttime parade will begin at 7:00 pm on Main Street. Oblong Chamber of Commerce at 618-592-4355.

25 - The Mudbugs (Acoustic Rock,Beach & Blues), Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford

30 - 7 - 10 pm, Free Country Music Show at Shelbyville Lions' Club.

30 - 5 - 6:30 pm, SCED Safe Trick-or-Treat, At Sullivan Businesses that display the orange pumpkin in their window.

30-31 - Hauntings Within, North side of Newton square

31 - 5 - 7pm, Tanger Trick or Treat, Tanger Outlets, Tuscola

31 - 6 - 8 pm, Trick or Treat, Effingham 217-342-5304

31 - Country Bumpkin Pumpkin Patch closes, Paris, 217-948-0401 or 946-4279

31 - 5 - 6 pm, Kiwanis Halloween Parade, Around the square in Sullivan. Come in costume and parade around the square. Prizes given to winning participants.

31 - Pumpkin Works, Paris closes, 217-275-3327

November 2009

November - December - Christmas in Casey, Downtown, Santa arrives! Do some shopping in our unique downtown shops and enjoy the Christmas lights. 217-232-3430

1- 12:30 - 4 pm, Monastery Museum, Teutopolis 217-857-3586.

3 - 7 pm, Free Country Music at Findlay Community Building

5-7 - 9 am - 2 pm, Pride of the Prairie Fall Marble Show, Country Inn & Suites, Decatur 217-422-8454

6 - 1st Friday on the Square, Monticello Chamber of Commerce 800-952-3396

7 - 7 pm, Hootenanny (free musical entertainment) Greenup Municipal Building

7-8 - Holiday Open House, Greenup

Mid-November - Christmas Open Houses & PPPS Cookie Walk, Main Street local businesses invite you to enjoy holiday treats as you shop. Palestine, IL

8 - 2 - 5 pm, Celtic Music, White Owl Winery

8 - Thornhill (Folk Rock), Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford

10 - 7 - 10 pm, Free Country Music at Herrick Community Bldg. Bring Finger Foods to Share. Music by County Line Country

11 - Vetran's Day Program, Newton Courhouse Lawn

13 - Tuscola Community Thanksgiving Luncheon, Community Building. Tickets available at Tuscola Banks

13-15 - Red Hat Red Carpet Holiday, Tanger Outlet, Tuscola 866-664-8684.

13-15 - Fall Craft Show Keller Convention Center and the Village Square Mall. 217-347-5115 or 217-347-0623.

13-17 - 6 pm, Festival of Trees Gala, David S.

Palmer Arena, Danville 217-442-6803

14 - 4:30 - 7:00 pm, Annual Soup'n'Sandwich, Douglas County Museum 217-253-2535 for more information.

14-15 - Holiday Open House, Lincoln

17 - January 1 - Victorian Splendor Light Festival in Forest Park, Shelbyville. 5-9 pm Sun-Thurs. 5-10 pm Fri-Sat.

17 - 7 pm, Free Country Music at Cowden Community Building, 217-774-3162

18 - 11:30 - 1:00 pm, Brown Bag Series, Admission is free, Chanute Air Museum, Rantoul www.aeromuseum.org

19 - 6:30 pm, Night of Lights Parade, Downtown Danville 217-443-3886

20 - 6 - 10 pm, Symphony Holiday Ball, Decatur Club, Decatur 217-424-0721

20-22 - Country Peddlers Christmas Open House 217-347-1002.

21 - Anniversary Party/Fashion Show, Legacy Harley-Davidson, Effingham 217-342-3494 www.legacyhd.com

21-December 28 - Mattoon Lightworks Peterson Park, Mattoon

22 - 6 - 10 pm, Harvest Ball, sponsored by American Legion Post 27. Tuscola Community Building 217-253-3796

22 - 12:30 pm, Effingham Park District Turkey Trot, Community Park, Effingham. 217-342-4415.

24 - 7- 10 pm, Free Country Music Show at Shelbyville Lions' Club.

26 - January 1 - Holiday in the Park, Paris, 217-465-4742 or 466-5503

27 - A Day of Thanksgiving and Prayer/Lincoln's Proclamation of Thanksgiving. Lincoln Log Cabin

27-28 - Heritage & Holly Home Tour, Near Westside Restoration and Preservation Society, Decatur 217-422-9654

27-28 - The Polar Express™ Monticello Railway Museum, www.mrym.org

27-29 - Jasper Artisan's Open House, South side of the square in Newton

28 - 3 pm, Light Up the Village Tree in Ste. Marie

28 - Christmas Parade & Free Movie, Pana 217-562-4240

28 - Leaverton Park Christmas Lighting Festival, Music, Fireworks, Santa Claus, Dinner-Palestine

28-29 - 1 - 5 pm, Christmas Trees at Dr. Wright's House Fundraiser, Altamont 618-483-6397 www.wrightmansion.org

29 - 1:30 - 3:30 pm, Santa's Arrival in Effingham & Effingham's Old Fashioned Christmas, Downtown Effingham, 217-342-4147.

29-December 6 - Festival of Trees, Chanute Air Museum, Rantoul www.aeromuseum.org

December 2009

1 - Santa Train, Railroad Stop in Newton www.inrd.com/santa_train.shtml

1 - 7 pm, Free Country Music at Findlay Community Building

1-25 - Wonderland In Lights, Effingham. 1-800-772-0750.

1-31 - Twinkling Lights Tour, 800-772-0750 or 800-500-6286, www.MattoonIllinois.org, www.LakeShelbyville.com

2, 3, 9, 16, 23 - 5 - 9 pm, Old Capitol Holiday Walks, Downtown Springfield

3 - Christmas Parade, Lincoln

4 - 5 - 8 pm, Christmas on the Square, Paris, 217-463-2611

4 - 1st Friday on the Square, Monticello Chamber of Commerce 800-952-3396

4 - Holly Jolly Jasper County Christmas, Newton Square

4 - 5 - 8 pm, Christmas Walk, Downtown Decatur Merchants, Enjoy late shopping hours, carolers, horse-drawn carriage rides, Santa and delicious goodies. Downtown Decatur comes alive with the long-loved tradition. 217-423-3475 or visit www.downtowndecatur.com

4-5 - The Polar Express™ Monticello Railway Museum, www.mrym.org

4-5 - Christmas Village Craft Fair, Harrison Park Clubhouse, Danville 217-431-2272

4-5 - Downtown Danville A Winter's Gathering, Downtown Danville 217-443-3886

4-14 - Christmastown, Downtown Tuscola for information call 217-253-5013

5 - Roller Skate with Santa, Illini Skateland, Danville 217-431-2272

5 - Christmas Parade, Monticello Chamber of Commerce 800-952-3396

5 - 5 - 6 pm, SCED Holiday Lights Parade, Around the Square in Sullivan Evening parade with lighted float entries. Specials at area participating businesses

5 - 4 - 6 pm, Christmas in the Heart of Charleston, Courthouse Square 217-348-0430

5 - 7 pm, Hootenanny (free musical entertainment) Greenup Municipal Building

5 - Hometown Holly Day, Events held downtown, Marshall, Marshall Main Street Office 217-826-9023

5 - 10 am, Jingle Bells Run, Effingham, 217-347-5329

5 - Holiday Open House, Newton, Sunrise Community Youth Center

5-6 - "Lunch with Santa on the Train," Monticello Railway Museum, www.mrym.org

5-6 - 1 - 5 pm, Christmas Trees at Dr. Wright's House Fundraiser, Altamont 618-483-6397

6 - 8 - 10:30 am, Breakfast with Santa, Douglas County Museum 217-253-2535

6 - Christmas on Main in Herrick

6 - 7 pm, 17th Annual Christmas Debutante Ball, Fife Opera House, Young Ladies ages 16 to 19 are presented to society 1860's style complete with period music, dancing and refreshments. Palestine 618-586-2334



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Mattoon Lightworks

6 & 13 - 1 - 4 pm, Santa Paws, Pets and kids are welcome to have their photos taken with Santa. Santa will be at Best Friend's K9 Center, Tuscola.

8 - 7 - 10 pm, Free Country Music at Herrick Community Bldg. Bring Finger Foods to Share. Music by County Line Country

11 - 6 pm, Visit with Santa, Greenup Municipal Building

11 - Holly Jolly Jasper County Christmas, Newton Square

12 - 5 - 8 pm, Pajama Party with Santa at Scovill Zoo, Decatur

12 - Bryant Family Holiday Open House - Bement, Bryant Cottage State Historic Site 217-678-8184

12-23 - Santa in the Depot, Monticello Chamber of Commerce 800-952-3396

13 - 9 am - 3 pm, Farm Toy Show, Knights of Columbus building Effingham. 217-342-6565

13 - 2 - 5 pm, Celtic Music, White Owl Winery, Free

14 - 1 - 4 pm, James Millikin Homestead Christmas Tea, James Millikin Homestead, Decatur 217-422-9003

15 - 7 pm, Free Country Music at Cowden Community Building

16 - 11:30 - 1:00 pm, Brown Bag Series, Admission is free, Chanute Air Museum, Rantoul www.aeromuseum.org

18 - Holly Jolly Jasper County Christmas, Newton Square

27 - Annie Tournament at Twin Oaks Sporting Clays, Mode 217-774-4196

29 - 7 - 10 pm, Free County Music Show at Shelbyville Lions' Club.

January 2010

2 - 7 pm, Hootenanny (free musical entertainment), Greenup Municipal Building

27 - Lincoln's Farewell to his Coles County Family in 1861. Lincoln Log Cabin

February 2010

6 - 7 pm, Hootenanny (free musical entertainment) Greenup Municipal Building

7 - 1:30 - 4:30 pm, Lincoln Birthday Open House, Free Admission, Danville

March 2010

6 - 7 pm, Hootenanny (free musical entertainment), Greenup Municipal Building

April 2010

3 - 7 pm, Hootenanny (free musical entertainment), Greenup Municipal Building



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