

# A Day Away

Fall/Winter 2023 Guide

Special events, festivals, shopping, attractions and more for the whole family to enjoy – **all within a day's drive from home in Illinois and Indiana!**



# EVENTS IN MARSHALL, IL



## Autumn Festival

September 15th-17th  
Courthouse Square

*We have something for everyone and every age!*

- Live Music All Weekend
- Various Food Vendors
- Annual Cake Walk
- Various Arts and Craft Booths
- Parade
- Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show

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## Fall Frolic & Trunk or Treat

October 28th  
Courthouse Square

Enjoy some Halloween fun with safe trick or treating out of vehicle trunks that are decorated in a Halloween theme. Also, be sure and stay for the frolic where costumes are judged on the gazebo based on ages and categories. Fun prizes are given away for participation.

# Hometown Holly Days

December 2nd - Downtown Marshall

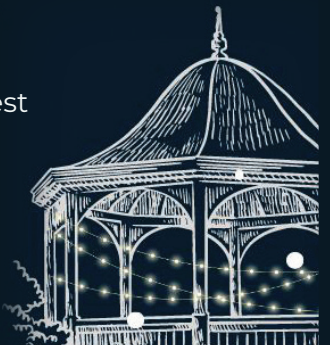
**Come experience a hometown Christmas!**

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- Carolers
- Slide and Bounce Houses
- Food Trucks
- Christmas Music
- Visit Santa at the Log Cabin
- Characters from Frozen
- Tiny Christmas Trees all around Downtown
- Christmas Market at Harlan Hall
- Window Display Contest
- Shopping
- Dining
- Lion Ornaments
- Santa Run
- Teddy Bear Workshop at the Marshall Public Library
- Julie's Elf Workshop
- Lighted Christmas Parade

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@ 6:30PM

*The Second City*  
**COMEDIAN Rhapsody**  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2023  
@ 7:30PM

*New + Emerging Artists Series*  
**ABILENE**  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023  
@ 7:30PM

**CHILDREN OF EDEN**  
NOVEMBER 2-4 & 10, 11, 2023  
@ 7:30PM  
NOVEMBER 5 & 12, 2023  
@ 2:00PM

**Messiah**  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2023  
@ 7:30PM  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023  
@ 4:00PM

THE LIVE LED ZEPPELIN TRIBUTE SHOW  
**KASHMIR**  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2024  
@ 7:30PM

**FRED HERSCH**  
64TH ANNUAL JAZZ FESTIVAL  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2024  
@ 7:30PM

**CHICAGO DANCE TAP** "UNLEASH THE BEATS"  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2024  
@ 7:30PM

**MARIELLE KRAFT**  
SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024  
@ 7:30PM

*Classical Music Artists Series*  
**WINDSYNC**  
THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024  
@ 7:30PM

**RED HOT CHILI PIPERS**  
SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024  
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By Discover Downstate Illinois



### ON THE COVER

Shown is the fall foliage during an East Fork Lake kayak trip. Photo courtesy Discover Downstate Illinois.

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# Suggested excursions



The sun sets behind Possum Patch Farms.

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## FALL FUN

For accommodations, try Victorian on Main at 209 West Main St. in Fairfield. This unique lodging option allows you to stay in an 1895 Queen Anne Victorian. Pick from multiple rooms, including the Squirrel's Nest, the Tower Room and others.

### DAY 1

Discover fall foliage while hiking through Beall Woods State Park in Mount Carmel. This old-growth forest also includes a 15-acre lake with great bass and panfish angling.

Get refreshed in West Salem by visiting Homestead Vineyards and sampling some wines including their Flowerpower varietal.

If you are wanting a great-tasting burger or seafood, Jovalou Cocktails and Cuisine in Fairfield is MOST DEFINITELY

worth a Google search. You'll find that basically every patron has rave reviews.

### DAY 2

One of the best activities for admiring fall foliage is a nice kayak ride on East Fork Lake in Olney. When you're finished, head to Possum Patch Farms and shop for home décor in their barn shop followed by some pumpkin picking and other family-fun activities!

From there, head east to visit Lasata Winery in Lawrenceville and find some unique pairings including their Raspberry Romance or their Summer Strawberry.

End your journey at COCO's Café and Wine Bar in Lawrenceville. This venue includes indoor and outdoor scenery. Enjoy cocktails, wine, espresso, comfort food and live music on Friday evenings.

### HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

For accommodations, try the Holiday Inn in Shiloh.



Contemplate nature at Beall Woods State Park.



Café on the Abbey serves breakfast and lunch.

**DAY 1**

Start your day in Columbia for breakfast or lunch at Café on the Abbey, where you will find great bakery items, seasonal espresso drinks and a unique food menu.

Go shopping at the POP-UP SHOP, an initiative by the city to help local retail entrepreneurs to test their brands.

This shop has a large rotation that creates the chances of finding one-of-a-kind items or gifts!

For wine lovers, head to the Weingarten in Belleville and enjoy a wide variety of wines from around the area and the world.

Once the sun sets, head to the National Shrine of Our



Shoppers can find unexpected items at the Columbia POP-UP SHOP.

Lady of the Snows for their Way Of Lights display, a tradition for thousands of folks for more than 50 years.

**DAY 2**

Explore downtown Belleville and walk through the Christ-kindlmarkt, where you can shop from dozens of vendors boasting items from baked goods to home décor.

Go back in time by watching newly released movies at the historic Lincoln Theater, followed by a great dinner at Tavern on Main in Belleville.

Before heading in for the night, head to the World Wide Technology Raceway for the only holiday light display in Illinois that you can experience by driving through on a NASCAR track.



Kayakers paddle on East Fork Lake.



**Victorian on Main is a unique place to stay.**



**Find holiday treasures at the Belleville Christkindlmarkt.**



**The Way of Lights display fascinates onlookers at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows.**

## Bond County Events

**Sept. 15, 16, 17** – Hill's Fort "Rendezvous" Living History Event at American Farm Heritage Museum in Greenville, IL. Experience canon firing, bullet molding, vendors, blacksmiths, fife and drum corps, rope making, Illinois Territorial Rangers, black powder blanket shoot, War of 1812 & colonial re-enactors and much more!

**Oct. 6 & 7** – Halloweenville at American Farm Heritage Museum.

**Oct. 7** – Apple Day in Greenville IL

**Oct. 12** – Witches Night Out from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Greenville, IL.

**Oct. 13 & 14** – Halloweenville at American Farm Heritage Museum.

**Oct. 20 & 21** – Halloweenville at American Farm Heritage Museum.

**Oct. 26** – Trunk or Treat in downtown Greenville, IL from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

**Oct. 27 & 28** – Halloweenville at American Farm Heritage Museum.

**November 24 to December 31** – Walk & Drive Thru Christmas Display at American Farm Heritage Museum nightly from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. See our unique and extensive collection of light boxes, Christmas displays, Christmas lights and Holiday Scenes. Enjoy Cookies & Hot Chocolate in the Lil' Red Barn every night. Santa Visits on Friday & Saturday and there is a Hill's Fort 1800's Christmas every Friday and Saturday. Round Trip Train Ride and Light Show Experience on the "North Pole Express" Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. For more information call 618-292-4376 or 618-664-9733. [americanfarmheritagemuseum.org](http://americanfarmheritagemuseum.org)

## BOND COUNTY ATTRACTIONS

### DeMoulin Museum

Located at 205 S. Prairie St. in Greenville. Check out spanking machines and other initiation devices. Group tours are welcome and can be scheduled at any time. Free admission. Donations welcome. For more information, visit [demoulinmuseum.org](http://demoulinmuseum.org)

### Marcot Jersey Creamery

Variety of cheeses and dairy products available. Our specialty raw milk cheeses are aged in our aging cave. The aging cave is modeled after the man-made cheese caves in Switzerland. Some of our cheeses are raw milk cheese, which will age from a minimum of 60 days up to 12 months. Our building is built with viewing windows so the public can view as we make cheese and process milk. You are also invited to visit our calves, housed near the creamery. Located at 526 Dudleyville Road, Greenville. For more information, call 618-664-1110 or visit [marcotjerseycreamery.com](http://marcotjerseycreamery.com)

## American Farm Heritage Museum

Offers a glimpse of life on a farm in days gone by. Located 45 miles east of St. Louis on I-70, exit 45. For more information call 618-664-9733 or visit [americanfarmheritagemuseum.com](http://americanfarmheritagemuseum.com)

## Champaign County Events

**Sept. 2** – Monticello Farmers' Market in Downtown Monticello.

**Sept. 15** – RACC Glow Golf Outing, 5:30-10:30 p.m., Brookhill Golf Course, Rantoul.

**Sept. 30** – CU Pride Festival Parade and Fair, 1-5 p.m., Downtown Urbana.

**Sept. 30** – Meet an Owl from the Anita Purves Nature Center from 2-3 at the Urbana Free Library. Attendees will learn fun and interesting facts about owls.

**Sept. 30** – Comedy Under the Stars, 7:30-9 p.m., Alto Vineyards, 4210 N. Duncan Rd., Champaign.

**Oct. 1** – October at the Mercantile, 1-4 p.m. at Monticello Mercantile, 116 E. Main St., Monticello. [james@aikmanwildlife.com](mailto:james@aikmanwildlife.com)

**Oct. 7** – Hagerman's Magical Mystery Show, 7-9 p.m. at The Virginia Theatre, 203 W. Park Ave., Champaign.

**Oct. 7** – Urbana Fall Fusion Festival, 4-8 p.m., 40 North 88 West, Urbana.

**Oct. 10** – Spider-Man: Into the Spiderman Universe, 6-9 p.m. at the State Farm Center, 1800 S. 1st St., Champaign.

**Oct. 13** – Theresa Caputo Live! The Experience, 7:30-10 p.m. at The Virginia Theatre, 203 W. Park Ave., Champaign.

**Oct. 14-15** – Flannel Fest, Champaign Park District, 400 W. University Ave., Champaign.

**Oct. 17** – Madagascar: The Musical, 7:30 p.m. the State Farm Center, 1800 S. 1st St., Champaign.

**Oct. 18** – Nightmare on Grove Street annual Halloween Party at Douglas Park, 512 E. Grove St., Champaign.

**Oct. 25** – The Price is Right Live, 7:30 p.m. the State Farm Center, 1800 S. 1st St., Champaign.

**Oct. 26-28** – Krannert Center at The Virginia: Illinois Theatre Presents: Rent – Book, Music and Lyrics by Jonathan Larson, 7:30 p.m. nightly, at The Virginia Theatre, 203 W. Park Ave., Champaign.

**Nov. 11** – Veteran's Day Ceremony & Parade, 7 p.m., Monticello.

**Nov. 30-Dec. 3** – The Nutcracker, 7:30 p.m. nightly at The Krannert Center for the Performing Arts, 500 S. Goodwin Ave., Urbana.

**Dec. 2** – Monticello Christmas Parade, 11:30 a.m., Monticello.

**Dec. 9** – A Magical Cirque Christmas, 7:30-10 p.m., The Virginia Theatre, 203 W. Park Ave., Champaign.

**Dec. 20** – Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer, 7 p.m. at the State Farm Center, 1800 1st St., Champaign.

**Jan. 10** – Mania: The Abba Tribute, 7:30 p.m., at The Virginia Theatre, 203 W. Park Ave., Champaign.

## CHAMPAIGN COUNTY ATTRACTIONS

### Krannert Art Museum

Located at 500 East Peabody Drive on the campus of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a unit within the College of Fine and Applied Arts, the museum opened its doors in 1961, establishing a permanent home for the university's existing collection of fine art. For more information, phone 217-333-1861 or 217-244-0516 or visit [kam.illinois.edu](http://kam.illinois.edu).

### The UI Arboretum

A living laboratory, including plant collections and facilities that support the teaching, research, and public service programs of several units throughout campus. Located on the campus of the University of Illinois, it was developed in the late 1980s to early 1990s, and is currently 57 acres. Central to the Arboretum was the development of the "All American Selection Trial Gardens." The Arboretum is available for organized events from 8 a.m. to dusk. The Arboretum is located on Lincoln Avenue in Urbana. The Arboretum is open daily, sunrise until sunset. Admission is free. For more information call 217-333-7595 or visit the website at [www.arboretum.illinois.edu](http://www.arboretum.illinois.edu).

### Gordyville USA

Founded by legendary auctioneer Gordon and his wife, Jan Hannagan. They created Gordyville. It boasts 160,000 square feet of space to host any kind of event. It consists of two 100' x 270' arenas and room for 650 portable stalls all under one roof that is heated in the winter and has new ventilation fans to cool in the summer. It is equipped with food concessions, wash racks, new "green" lighting and 40 acres of parking. Located on Rt. 136 East outside Gifford. For more information, call 217-568-7117.

### Curtis Orchard

From prairie to farmland to apple orchard ... how this piece of central Illinois has changed. You have plenty of choices -- pick apples and pumpkins, feed goats, celebrate birthdays, and much more. Fresh country air and plenty of memories are waiting for you at Curtis Orchard. Located at 3902 S. Duncan Road in Champaign. Open late July through mid-December. Phone 217-359-5565 or visit [info@curtisorchard.com](http://info@curtisorchard.com).

### Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve

Lake of the Woods County Park is a 900-acre preserve that features an 18-hole regulation golf course, a 9-hole par 3 course and practice range, fishing, hiking, picnicking, cross-country skiing, sledding, the HI-tower bell carillon and observation area, 3.3 mile bicycle/pedestrian path, the Early American Museum, Mabery Gelvin Botanical Gardens, building rentals, and programs. Located at 109 S. Lake of the Woods Road in Mahomet.



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## Christian County Events

**Aug. 30 to Sept. 4** – Pana Tri-County Fair. Fair Queen Pageant Aug. 31, Demo Derby Sunday at 6:30 p.m. and Monday at 2 p.m., beer tent with live music entertainment Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

**Sept. 1** – Small Town Taylorville Cruise on the square in Taylorville, 101 S Main St. Join vehicle enthusiasts on the Taylorville Square from 4:30-8 p.m. All wheels welcome! Collectible Dash Plaques for the first 50 cars! Bring the family and check out some amazing vehicles!

**Sept. 1 & 2** – Fall Shopping Open House in Taylorville, IL. FALL in love with our amazing local retailers! Join them as they roll out Fall home décor, clothing and more! Follow our Facebook Event for more. Starts Sept. 1 at 9 a.m. and ends Sept. 2 at 8 p.m.

**Sept. 2, 16, 23 & 30** – Farmers Market on the square in Taylorville, 101 S Main St, Taylorville from 9 a.m. to Noon. Our Farmers Market features local vendors! Produce, meat, and handmade and home-made items are welcome! Follow our Facebook Event for announcements and details!

**Oct. 7 & 8** – Annual Chillifest in Taylorville, IL. Come shop the local boutiques in Taylorville, have a bowl of Chili and enjoy the beautiful downtown while you take in the sounds of amazing local musicians.

**Oct. 13** – Small Town Taylorville Cruise on the square in Taylorville, 101 S Main St. Join vehicle enthusiasts on the Taylorville Square from 4:30-8 p.m. All wheels welcome! Collectible Dash Plaques for the first 50 cars! Bring the family and check out some amazing vehicles! Trunk or Treat also!

**Nov. 3 & 4** – Holiday Shopping Kick-Off in Taylorville, IL. starting 9 a.m. Friday through 8 p.m. Saturday. It's time for Holiday Shopping and there's no better way to start the season than by shopping in Small Town Taylorville. This weekend marks the official countdown to Christmas and the local stores will be ready to help you get all those wishlists filled!

## CHRISTIAN COUNTY ATTRACTIONS

### Paublo Agricultural Museum

The objective of the Paublo Agricultural Museum is to preserve and promote agriculture from the past to the present. To accomplish this, the museum building houses antique trailers, threshing machines & more. Located in Stonington.

### Christian County Historical Society Museum

Walk through an 1820 log house, the 1839 Christian County courthouse where Lincoln argued cases, an 1854 farmhouse and an 1856 one-room school. Also military weapons from five wars. Christian County Historical Society Museum in Taylorville.

### The Christian County Coal Mine Museum

It features the history of and memorabilia pertaining to coal mining in Christian County. Visit the coal miner monument on the courthouse lawn. Christian County Coal Mine Museum in Taylorville.

### Anderson Prairie

Anderson Prairie is a 25-acre wildlife park that features remnants of the original Tall Grass Prairie of Illinois. The park was established in August of 1986 and is managed by Pana High School Biology teacher Dave Nance. It serves as an outdoor laboratory for students and the public. Located South of Rt 16 on Chestnut Street, in Pana, this mile-long, 200 foot strip is the old historic Illinois Central Railroad bed. For more information go to facebook.com/panaandersonprairie.

### Pana Tri-County Fairgrounds

The Pana Tri-County Fairgrounds is the home to the Pana Tri-County Fair. First held in 1885, this yearly event starts the Wednesday before Labor Day and runs for six days as one of America's top agricultural fairs. The Pana Labor Day Parade, a two-hour plus extravaganza, runs through downtown Pana and ends in Kitchell Park, and attracts thousands to view the largest Labor Day Parade in the state.

## Clark County Events

**Sept. 1 to 4** – Casey Popcorn Festival at Fairview Park. Casey's signature Labor Day weekend festival with Free popcorn, vendors, carnival, demonstrations, the Amazing Giants and quality family entertainment! Free concert featuring Josh Gračin with Well Hungarians Sept. 2. Casey in Action 5K Run themed to celebrate the Clark County 200th Bicentennial. Contact Jeremy Mumford at 217-932-2700 for more information.

**Sept. 9** – Gatherings at Linn Park Amphitheater, corner of Mill & Vine, Martinsville. Features, "Scott Wattles & Blue Suede Crew" at 7 p.m. Free will donation. Food and concessions available starting at 6 p.m. Bring Lawn Chairs or Blankets.

**Sept. 10** – Antique Tractor Pull, 1-5 p.m. at Fairview Park, Casey.

**Sept. 15 to 17** – Marshall Autumn Festival with the theme "Under The Big Top". Visit Marshall Autumn Fest on Facebook for updates about the event. This is our biggest event of the year! Enjoy food trucks, vendors, concerts, street dances, a parade, princess contest and much more! On Sunday check out the largest car, truck and motorcycle show in the area. Visit Marshall Autumn Fest on Facebook for updates about the event.

**Sept. 16** – Garden Tractor Pull, 2-5 p.m. at Fairview Park, Casey.

**Sept. 23** – Hometown Harvest, "Big Celebration In A Small Town" features 1st Annual Pumpkin Duck Races at 1 p.m. at the World's Largest Teeter Totter, Casey. Includes pancake eating contest, Capture Casey Photo Contest, Tractor Pull, Cake Walk, Cornhole Tournament, Chili Cookoff, Entertainment by Zac Eddington, Lighted Golf Cart Parade, Hayrides, FFA Kids Area, Food Trucks and downtown shopping in Casey.

**Sept. 30** – Join Ewing Garden Barn for Pumpkin Class from 10 a.m.- Noon at the Marshall Log Cabin. Make a beautiful Fall arrangement using a pumpkin and flowers from Ewing Garden Barn. Cost is \$35. To register call 217-826-2034.

**Oct. 28** – Frolic/Trunk or Treat/, Marshall. Trunk or Treat around the Marshall Square from 3:30-5 p.m. Frolic (costume contest). Trick or Treat around the community from 6-8 p.m. 217-826-8084. www.marshallchamber.com

**Nov. 25** – Shop Small Saturday in Marshall, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

**Dec. 1-2** – Candy Cane on Main, Downtown Casey. Friday Night Lighted Parade; Saturday all day event with businesses running Christmas specials; events by local library and a big mailbox for kids to mail their Letters to Santa www.cityofcasey.org

**Dec. 2** – Hometown Holly Days, 7 a.m.-5 p.m. in Marshall. Events all day Santa 5k Run, Breakfast with Santa at the Methodist Church, Vendors at Harlan Hall, Make a Bear at the Marshall Public Library, Elf Workshop at Fried Green Tomatoes, Food Trucks, Bounce Houses on the Courthouse Lawn, Live Nativity, Christmas Carolers, Photo-Op with Christmas Characters, Christmas Parade.

## CLARK COUNTY ATTRACTIONS

### Archer House

The Archer House, located at 717 Archer Ave in Marshall, was built in 1841 and is the oldest hotel still in operation in Illinois. It was entered into the National Register of Historic places on March 16, 1976. Both presidents Abraham Lincoln and Grover Cleveland were guests at the Archer House.

### Stone Arch Bridge

Stone Arch Bridge was constructed in 1831 with no mortar and is still in use today. The National Road runs over this bridge and it is located on Archer Ave. at the west edge of the City of Marshall.

### Mill Creek Park

Located seven miles northwest of Marshall on the Lincoln Heritage Trail Road. Mill Creek Park opened May 29, 1982 and consists of 2,600 acres of land and 811 acres of water with 39 miles of shoreline. There are picnic areas on either side of the boat launch and at areas around the lake, a 139-site campground with shower facilities and a playground, 15 miles of ATV trails, horse and walking trails, courtesy dock facilities, annual leased docks, fuel dispensing, cabins, and boat rentals. The park also has a picnic area with four shelters and three playgrounds, as well as nine primitive camping sites. Please call 217-889-3901 or 217-889-3601 for more information.

### Moonshine

Moonshine, located about 12 miles southeast of Casey, is the home of the Moonshine Burger and the annual Moonshine Run - a must for motorcyclists everywhere. For more information on the event, please visit the Moonshine Run Home page.

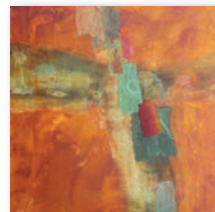
### Lincoln Trail State Park

Whether you are looking for history, unusual plant life or recreation, Lincoln Trail State Park has something to interest you. Located just west of IL Rt. 1, 2 miles south of Marshall in Clark County, the area is

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named after the trail Abraham Lincoln's family followed enroute from Indiana to Illinois in 1831. Three Native American groups, the Miami, Kickapoo and Mascouten, occupied the site before it was ceded to the United States in the early 19th century. Today, visitors to the 1,023-acre park can enjoy the sights of an American Beech woods; wildflowers, including the unusual squaw-root and beech drops; and recreational activities such as boating, camping, fishing, hiking and winter sports.

### World's Largest

Casey has become home to a growing display of "giant" objects, earning the small town several spots in Guinness World Records book. Displayed throughout the city are gigantic wind chime, golf tee, knitting needles, pitchfork, mailbox, dogs and rocking chair.

## Clay County Events

**Sept. 8 & 9** – Junktique Market Days "Falling into Fall" Fall Market at Charley Brown Park, Old US Route 50 in Flora, IL. Sept. 8 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Sept. 9 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Vintage, Hand-made, Antiques, Repurposed, Architectural Salvage, Clothing, Jewelry. Food Trucks!

**Sept. 22 & 23** – Ford Town USA Celebration. Check with the Flora Chamber of Commerce Facebook page for updates.

**Oct. 14** – Disc Golf at 8 a.m. at the Flora Rotary Disc Golf Park in Charley Brown Memorial Park – Park Pavilion. Check with the Flora Chamber of Commerce Facebook page for updates.

**Oct. 27, 28 & 29** – Louisville Fall Fest, around the square in Louisville IL. Parade/Food Vendors, Games, Queen Contest & More!

**Oct. 28** – Halloween Parade through downtown Flora. Check with the Flora Chamber of Commerce Facebook page for updates.

**Nov. 10** – Moonlight Madness in downtown Flora. Check with the Flora Chamber of Commerce Facebook page for updates.

**Dec. 8 & 9** – Kriskindle Market Christmas Festival. Check with the Flora Chamber of Commerce Facebook page for updates.

## CLAY COUNTY ATTRACTIONS

### Little Toot Railroad

Located in Charley Brown Park in Flora, the 15-inch gauge locomotive runs each weekend, four times each day (except during rain), beginning Memorial Day weekend and concluding when Labor Day arrives. Special trains run in November and December for the holiday weekends. Tickets can be purchased at the park. For more information and schedule times, call 618-662-8040.

### Charley Brown Park

Located west of Flora, the park has 100 acres of rolling wooded hills, a swimming pool, camp sites for both campers and tents, picnic sites and a lake for boating and fishing. Charley Brown Park not only hosts the Little Toot Railroad, but also hosts the county fair, and is home to Flora Rotary Disc Golf Park.

### B & O Depot

Located at 223 West Railroad Street in Flora. Built at the height of the railroad industry in Illinois, the recently restored three-story brick building is now the home to the Flora Chamber of Commerce and other various businesses.

## Clinton County Events

**Sept. 8 & 9** – Carlyle Street Fair. Food Vendors, Craft Vendors, Direct Sale Vendors. For more information call Kayla at 618-594-5206 or email [kayla@carlylelake.com](mailto:kayla@carlylelake.com)

**Sept. 9** – Boom Box all 80's Pop/Rock Band at 8:30 pm at Bretz Wildlife Winery, 15469 IL 127, Carlyle, IL.

**Sept. 30** – Gator Fest 2023 at Swamp Tales, 7901 IL 127, Carlyle IL 62231. Stale Kracker is coming back for Gator Fest 2023! Music by John Spicer and 90's Kidz. Vendors and more!

## CLINTON COUNTY ATTRACTIONS

### General Dean Suspension Bridge

The General Dean Suspension Bridge spans the Kaskaskia River at Carlyle. It is named after Major General William F. Dean, a native of Carlyle who served during the Korean War. The bridge is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and was added to the Register in 1973.

### Cholera Cross

Driving along the main road south of Breese, you will pass a soaring white cross, about 25-foot tall, a remembrance of tragedy that happened 183 years ago. The Cholera Cross is a local landmark with a notable history. Built in 1850, the cross is a memorial to those who lost their lives in the cholera outbreak of 1832. It was a devastating disease caused by contaminated water or food, and transmitted by personal contact. This outbreak was first diagnosed in Chicago, where part of the militia fighting the Black Hawk War was struck. The disease spread quickly, raging like wildfire, eventually reaching southern Illinois where the towns of Breese, Germantown and Carlyle suffered the most devastating losses. During this time, a local farmer, Joe Altepeter, prayed to God to spare his family, and promised that if they lived, he would erect a large cross to profess his faith. His family was spared and Altepeter constructed the cross and mounted it at the road in front of his home. A brass plaque notes the story, a reminder of one man's pledge and a county's devastation. The cross sits at the original location on County Highway 7, about one mile south of Breese, just off the lane that runs to a dairy farm. Be sure to stop and take note the next time you drive by.

### Coal Miners' Monument

Joseph Koch, who along with eight other local miners died in a mine explosion in 1947, is depicted here. Today the Coal Miners Monument on Louis Street in Beckemeyer depicts these downed workers, and pays tribute to the men who helped build one of Clinton County's largest industries.

### Breese Historical Park & Garden

Located at 496 N. 2nd Street in Breese, IL, Peruse Breese's history in photographs, memorials and on the granite pyramid in this neighborhood park. Benches and seasonal plants make this a quiet spot for rest and reflection. Make Breese Historical Park & Garden your spot for picnicking and playing

### Clinton County Historical Museum

This museum is an independent, non-profit organization dedicated to preserving Clinton County's heritage through education, written and photographic documentation, artifacts and oral histories. Built in the late 1800s as a private home, the museum holds many artifacts from the area, including genealogical material, books and periodicals on the history of the county. Open every Thursday, except the first Thursday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and by appointment.

### Excel Bottling Company

Excel Bottling Company is located in Breese, IL, where Ski and other all-natural, pure cane sodas have been produced since the mid-30s. Tours are available. In 2012 Excel Brewing was established, home to several craft beers including Carlyle Lake Lager and Shoal Creek Oktoberfest, Wheat, & Winter Ale, Hop Heist, Piague Bringer and Double IPA.

## Coles County Events

**Every Wednesday & Saturday** – Charleston Farmers Market on the Downtown Square in Charleston, 7 – 10 a.m. through end of September

**Aug. 31** – Free Concerts in the Park featuring, "We Ain't Misbehavin'" at 7 p.m. at the Daum Amphitheater at Kiwanis Park, Charleston. Bring a lawn chair or blanket.

**Sept. 2** – Friends of Lake Mattoon Fireworks.

**Sept. 7** – Free Concerts in the Park featuring, "Wiskey Weekend" at 7 p.m. at the Daum Amphitheater at Kiwanis Park, Charleston. Bring a lawn chair or blanket.

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**Sept. 9** – 15 Years Gala Celebration at 5 p.m. at Doudna Fine Arts Center, Charleston. A Cirque Night Out begins at 6:30 p.m. Contact the box office at 217-581-3110 or [doudnatix@eiu.edu](mailto:doudnatix@eiu.edu)

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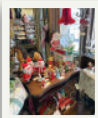
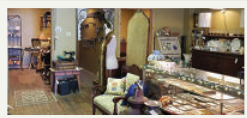
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# 20 things to do for \$20 and under

BY DISCOVER DOWNSTATE ILLINOIS

There are plenty of spots in Downstate Illinois that believe you don't have to spend a ton of money to have

fun. Frankly, sometimes the best things to pass the time are free, or close to it.

Here are 20 awesome things to do that won't break the bank while you're in our region.



Children explore Piney Creek Ravine.

## 1. Rainbow Ranch, Nashville

For \$10 per person you can get up close and personal with all of these friendly animals. Bottle feed a baby goat and hang out with camels and kangaroos!

## 2. The Edge, Belleville

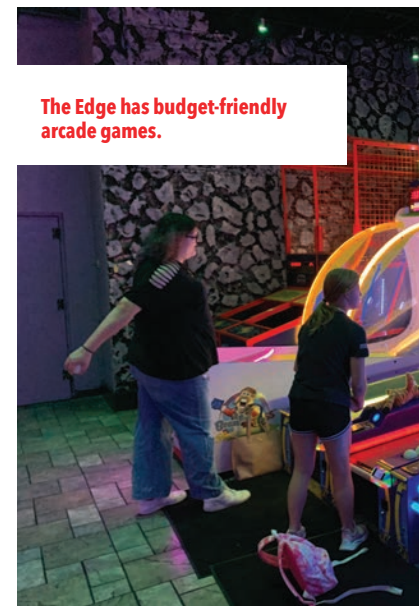
The Edge has everything from go-karts to laser tag, but the best bang for your buck is the arcade games. You can get 20 plays for \$20.

## 3. Sure Shot, Mascoutah

Just pay \$5 to enter, and enjoy \$15 ax throwing on Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday.

## 4. The Woodlands, Martinsville

Climb on a giant spider web, go down a 90-foot slide, zoom across a zipline, work up a



The Edge has budget-friendly arcade games.

sweat on outdoors workout equipment, and play musical instruments all FOR FREE.

## 5. Sainte Genevieve Moccasin River Ferry

Get an up-close and personal view of the Mississippi River during this ferry ride that runs just \$2 each way for pedestrians.



A spectator looks at the Centralia Carillon.

## 6. Grayville/I-64 KOA

Home to one of the best mini-golf courses in Downstate Illinois. Play up to 27 holes for just \$4 to \$13 per person depending on age and number of holes!



Get up close and personal with animals at Rainbow Ranch.

## 7. Carlyle Lake Beach

Build a sandcastle and dip your toes in the largest man-made lake in the state. Experience this and more at Carlyle Lake for free.



You can still buy a returnable bottle of Ski at Excel Bottling Company.

## 8. Excel Bottling, Breese

Home of the always popular 'Ski' soda pop, and the last returnable bottling line left in the state. Come to the source and purchase 24 fresh glass bottles for \$15 and change.

## 9. Centralia Carillon, Centralia

One of the most unique things in Downstate Illinois is the Centralia Carillon. It's a 160-foot-tall tower with 65 bells at the top that play

lovely music. This Carillon is one of the 10 largest in the WORLD, and you can take a FREE tour by booking an appointment.

## 10. Little Toot Railroad, Flora

ALL ABOARD! Kiddos and adults love to ride on this 15-inch gauge live steam railroad. It's just \$5 for one trip and \$7.50 for two trips around the track.

## 11. Eversgerd's Civil War Fort

A local man out of Clinton County named Bob Eversgerd has spent decades build-

ing this replica Civil War Era Fort FROM SCRATCH. It's free to experience, but donations toward upkeep of the site are welcome.

## 12. DeMoulin Museum, Greenville

This is probably the quirkiest museum you'll find, and it's so much fun. There are several lodge initiation devices on display from trick knife boards to collapsing chairs. It's all FREE, but donations are accepted.

## 13. Gateway Grizzlies, Sauget

Catch a minor league baseball game without breaking the bank. \$11 gets you a general admission ticket when you walk up on gamedays!

## 14. Piney Creek Ravine, Randolph County

Did you know the largest collection of prehistoric rock art in the state can be found at Piney Creek Ravine in Randolph County? This natural adventure is free, all it requires is a hike!



Expect the unexpected at DeMoulin Museum.



A girl enjoys a sunny day at Carlyle Lake Beach.



The Gateway Grizzlies offer more than baseball.



Visitors can pick a fresh flower bouquet at Illinois Country Harvest.

### 15. Illinois Rural Heritage Museum, Pinckneyville

History buffs, listen up. This 17,000-square-foot museum is full of all kinds of agricultural and rural artifacts. Best part is it doesn't cost a dime.

### 16. Heath Museum & Confectionery, Robinson

Fun fact for you, the always delicious Heath Bar was created in Robinson, Illinois! Learn about its history and purchase a bag of wrapped or unwrapped Heath Bars to enjoy. Admission is FREE, but the candy bars will run a few bucks.

### 17. Drive 'N Theatre, Jasper County

One of the few remaining drive-in movie theaters in the state can be found outside of Newton in Jasper County. Tickets are just \$8 for folks 13 and up, and only \$5 for ages 4-12.

### 18. Wabash Cannonball Bridge, Lawrence County

This one-lane bridge dates back 125 years as a railroad bridge. Now it's meant for vehicular traffic, and it's quite an experience to drive across. You'll go from Illinois into Indiana, and local tales

even say that it's haunted! It'll only run you a couple bucks for the toll.

### 19. Illinois Country Harvest, Prairie du Rocher

This is your chance to hand pick a bouquet of flowers straight from a HUGE garden for just \$15. Not only can you get a vase to place them in, but the photo ops are great as well!

### 20. Mural Walk, Olney

The community of Olney recently finished SEVERAL murals on display throughout town. They have developed a map that illustrates the walking trail so that visitors can check out each mural. This art-filled experience doesn't cost a thing!



Experience the (possibly haunted) Wabash Cannonball Bridge.



Enjoy a free playground at The Woodlands.

- Sept. 15-17** – Train Show in the Rural King Event Center at the Cross County Mall, Mattoon. Friday & Saturday 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sunday noon-5 p.m.
- Sept. 16** – Special Olympics Family Festival (SOFF), Lake Land College, Mattoon.
- Sept. 17** – History of Pies presented by Catherine Lambrecht at 2 p.m. at the Visitor Center Auditorium at Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site, Lerna.
- Sept. 21** – Free Concerts in the Park featuring “Halos” at 7 p.m. at the Daum Amphitheater at Kiwanis Park, Charleston. Bring a lawn chair or blanket.
- Sept. 22** – Second City: Comedy Rhapsody at 7:30 p.m. in the Dvorak Concert Hall, EIU, Charleston. You can claim your tickets at [doudnatix.com](http://doudnatix.com).
- Sept. 23** – Eastern Illinois University Family Weekend, Charleston.
- Sept. 23-24** – Harvest Frolic Fall Celebration, Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Visitors are encouraged to take part in mid 19th century activities that will include children’s games, crafts, hearth cooking, cider pressing and more on the Lincoln and Sargent Farms. Artisans will be demonstrating their 19th century crafts, and performances will take place throughout the weekend. Free to the public. [www.lincolnlogcabin.org](http://www.lincolnlogcabin.org) or Email [info@lincolnlogcabin.org](mailto:info@lincolnlogcabin.org) for more information.
- Sept. 24** – Mattoon YMCA Last Chance Tri Race.
- Sept. 29-Oct. 1** – Fall Flea Market at the Cross County Mall, Mattoon. Friday & Saturday 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sunday noon-5 p.m.
- Oct. 5** – Chamber Business & Taste Expo, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Cross County Mall, Mattoon.
- Oct. 7-8** – EIU Homecoming Week Events, [eiu.edu/homecoming/](http://eiu.edu/homecoming/)
- Oct. 13** – Cruisin’ Broadway Downtown Mattoon 5-9 p.m.
- Oct. 14** – Abilene, a collective of artists whose cinematic compositions will excite and wow you at 7:30 p.m. in the Doudna Recital Hall. [doudnatix.com](http://doudnatix.com)
- Oct. 20, 21 & 22** – Flea Market at the Cross County Mall, Mattoon, Friday & Saturday 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sunday noon-5 p.m.
- Oct. 27** – Celebrate Downtown Mattoon Trunk or Treat.
- Oct. 28** – Mattoon YMCA Ghouls in the Pool.
- Oct. 31** – Mattoon Trick or Treat and Cross County Mall Trick or Treat.
- Nov. 2-5 & 10-12** – Children of Eden. From musical theatre greats, Stephen Schwartz and John Caird, comes a joyous and inspirational musical about parents, children and faith ... not to mention centuries of unresolved family business! Nov. 2-4 and 10-11 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 5 & 12 at 2 p.m.; at The Theatre at Doudna Fine Arts Center, Charleston.
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- Nov. 11** – Veterans Day Parade in Mattoon.
- Nov. 16 - Dec. 26** – Mattoon Festival of Lights at Petersen Park, Mattoon.
- Nov. 17-19** – Christmas Gift & Craft Show at the Cross County Mall, Mattoon, Friday & Saturday 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sunday noon-5 p.m.
- Nov. 23** – Mattoon YMCA Bare Bones Turkey Trot at Mattoon YMCA
- Dec. 1** – Celebrate Downtown Mattoon Christmas. 5-8 p.m. Broadway and Western Ave., from 14th-21st Streets, downtown Mattoon. Fun activities for the whole family and special shopping.
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- Dec. 2** – Christmas in the Heart of Charleston, 4:45-6:30 p.m. around Charleston Courthouse Square. Holiday parade begins at 4:45 p.m., carriage rides, refreshments, window displays, entertainment, photos with Santa and much more. Parents are encouraged to bring their own cameras for pictures with Santa. Check out our event page on Facebook under “Christmas in the Heart of Charleston.” For more information please call (217) 348-0430.
- Dec. 3** – Christmas on the Prairie, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site in Lerna.

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Hours are 8:30 a.m. through dusk Wednesday through Sunday. The visitor’s center is open 9 a.m. through 4 p.m. and the living history program runs from 9 a.m. through 5 p.m. on days the site is open.

Admission is on a donation basis. The site is located at 402 S. Lincoln Highway Road, Lerna.

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Spectators watch a parade at the McLeansboro Fall Festival.

# Notable EVENTS in Downstate Illinois

BY DISCOVER DOWNSTATE ILLINOIS

One of the best things about Downstate Illinois is that there are SO MANY different events to discover. Some of these gatherings appeal to art lovers, others are centered around history, and many draw sports fans. Whether you're looking for fall festivals or holiday light shows, our 21-county region is full of them. Here are notable events to keep an eye out for in 2023!

## Du Quoin State Fair

Talk about a tradition! The Du Quoin State Fair is now in its 101st year. The midway is always full of rides, food and other entertainment and the grandstands are always hosting talent from REO Speedwagon to Jeff Foxworthy. Mark your calendars for Aug. 25 through Sept. 4.

## Pioneer City Rodeo, Palestine

Every Labor Day weekend for the last 68 years the small community of Palestine in

Crawford County quadruples in size for the Pioneer City Rodeo. It's a PRCA Pro Rodeo sanctioned event that NEVER disappoints.

## Metro East Pride Fest, Belleville

Celebrate diversity, equity and inclusion at the largest Pride event in Downstate



People participate in the Marshall Autumnfest Cake Walk.



Participants in the Metro East Pride Fest smile for the camera.

Illinois! There are two stages of entertainment, craft, beer and food vendors as well as activity areas for kids and teens. Metro East Pride is looking at October for its 15th annual celebration, so keep an eye out on their social pages!

### McLeansboro Fall Festival

Folks flock from hours around to experience world-class musical entertainment for free in McLeansboro each September. Acts from Diamond Rio to Ricky Skaggs have graced the stage in Hamilton County in front of crowds of 8,000+ people who pay absolutely nothing



An artist depicts an outdoor street scene at the Fairfield PaintOut.

to enjoy the music, thanks to amazing sponsorships throughout the community.

### Songs4Soldiers, Columbia

The biggest party for the best cause is celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2023. Songs-4Soldiers is a benefit concert that is usually held each September, and all proceeds go to help combat veterans and their families.

### Olde Tyme Christmas, Vandalia

This is one of those iconic holiday events that has become an absolute tradition for dozens of area families each year. The community of Vandalia lights a huge Christmas tree, Santa comes to town during the parade, and there's everything from shopping experiences to



The crowd listens to live music at Songs4Soldiers.

cookie walks! Look them up on Facebook for this event that usually happens in mid-November.

### Fairfield PaintOut

If you're a fan of plein air painting then this is the event for you! Over the span

of four days, 20 artists come to town and paint a wide variety of outdoor scenes. In 2022, 178 works of art were created and sold for over \$17,000! Look for their next event Sept. 26-30.



The Pioneer City Rodeo in Palestine draws large crowds.



Shoppers look over the wares for sale at the Lebanon Fall Festival.



Carmi has celebrated Corn Day for almost a century.

### Vine Street Market, O'Fallon

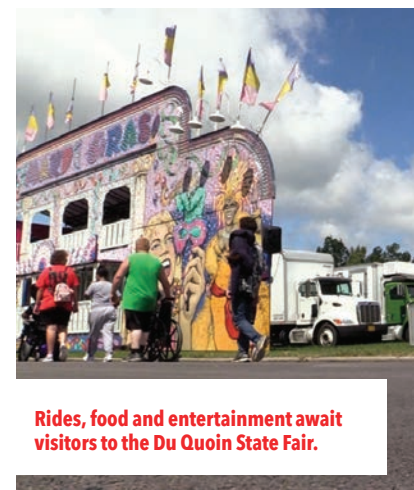
Downtown O'Fallon is the place to be every Saturday May through mid-October. Vine Street Market at O'Fallon Station is one of the premier shopping opportunities in Downstate Illinois each week. This market features everything from pottery and wine to meat and artisan breads. Add in live music and food trucks, and there's no wonder why this place is so popular!

### Corn Day, Carmi

The second weekend of October always means one thing in Carmi each year...it's Corn Day. We're talking about a tradition nearly a century old. If you enjoy car shows, corn hole tournaments, concerts and that 'Americana' sort of vibe, this is the event for you.

### Christmas in Carlyle

If you're a fan of Christmas lights then here is a display you MUST make plans to visit. Each year, the Carlyle City Park turns into a holiday wonderland with over 100,000 strands of lights making up this drive-thru display. If you go the Friday



Rides, food and entertainment await visitors to the Du Quoin State Fair.



**The Vine Street Market in O'Fallon offers shopping, food trucks and live music.**

evening after Thanksgiving when it opens, there are even fireworks to kick off the occasion!

### Okawville Wheat Festival

This is another one of those Americana-type of events that has definitely withstood the test of time for 75 years. It is one of those gatherings that former residents make it a point to come back for. We're talking everything from a 5K and a talent show to a carnival and tractor



pulls. Their 76th celebration is set for Sept. 15-17.



**More than 100,000 light strands adorn Carlyle City Park during Christmas in Carlyle.**

### Marshall Autumn Fest

Cake walk, check. Car show, check. Parade, check. Marshall's Autumn Fest is a GREAT time with a TON of different events. The pedal tractor pull for kiddos is especially fun! Come dance in the streets and see why Marshall is such a great town. Their Autumn Fest is Sept. 15-17.

### Lebanon Fall Festival

If shopping is your game, then the Lebanon Fall Festival is right up your alley. They shut down Brick Street to traffic and dozens of local vendors set up shop! Make sure to have room in your car – and your wallet ready – for Oct. 7.



**The Olde Tyme Christmas celebration begins in mid-November in Vandalia.**

## Crawford County Events

**Sept. 1-4** – Annual Pioneer City Labor Day Festival and Rodeo, Pioneer City Arena, Leaverton Park & Main Street Palestine play hosts to a Street Fair, Carnival, and the PRCA rodeo. Chuckwagon Breakfast, Parade, Camping, Junior-sized Tractor Pull, Lunch with Clowns, Flea Market, Mechanical Bull Rides, Free Entertainment at the Band shell, Town-Wide Garage Sales and more! Contact: Palestine Chamber of Commerce 618-586-2222. [pioneer-city.com](http://pioneer-city.com) or Email: [PalestineCofC@verizon.net](mailto:PalestineCofC@verizon.net)

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## CRAWFORD COUNTY ATTRACTIONS

### Oblong

Oblong, located on the western edge of the county, also offers a variety of unique retailers. Collectibles, quilt and sewing supplies, handcrafted gifts, floral, and furnishings can be found along Main Street in Oblong. The Oil Field Museum in Oblong is one of only seven such facilities in the nation. It features two buildings of displays, tools, books and literature, working models and photographs regarding the boom days of oil discovery in Crawford County Illinois in the early 1900s.

### Palestine

Palestine is the oldest town in the state of Illinois still in its original location. The entire business district is listed on the National Historic Register, and many turn-of-the-century buildings house art galleries, antique and collectible stores, and gift shops. Visitors come from all around to visit this historic village full of rich history. Palestine is home to the Fife Opera House, the annual Pioneer City Rodeo and Labor Day Festival, and many other history rich events throughout the year.

### Hutsonville

Hutsonville, at the Wabash River Bridge on the northeast edge of the county, features the Hutson Memorial Village. A "town" made up of original, furnished log cabins, a log barn, and log church, is named in honor of the Isaac Hutson family which was massacred by Indians in 1813. Each year, the event is re-enacted, and several other family oriented events are held at the complex throughout the year. Antique and specialty stores round out the village, along with a bookstore located in the house where Illinois' ninth Governor, August French, was married.

### Flat Rock

Flat Rock may not be the retail mecca of the county, but it does get a big "thumbs up" when it comes to a great milkshake, fresh pie, and friendly conversation. The annual Flat Rock Homecoming is a great time to visit the village for memorable family fun. After a disastrous fire in 1912, an ordinance was passed that all new buildings must be constructed of brick. The town has more concrete sidewalk per capita than anywhere in the nation.

### Irene's Vineyard

Irene's Vineyard and Winery is locally owned and operated by the Boldrey Family at their secluded countryside home nestled along the North Fork Creek at 8500 N 2250th St, Oblong, Illinois 62449. Wayne and Irene moved to their home in 1958 where they raised their 4 children at this beautiful countryside place, we now call Irene's Vineyard. Although they have both passed now, our family still carries on the traditions of family, food, fun and wine! We welcome you to make yourselves at home and enjoy this beautiful place we proudly call home.

At Irene's, we go above and beyond to craft quality wine that our customers will love and enjoy. We produce wines ranging from dry, off-dry, semi-sweet, sweet and fruit. One of our most popular wines is White Trash. This wine is well known for its elegant name but also its fruity aroma and pleasantly smooth and sweet taste.

## CUMBERLAND COUNTY EVENTS

**Sept. 30** – Family Fall Festival at Camp New Hope, 1364 CR 100E, Neoga IL from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This event will be open to the public and will include inflatables, games, car show, vendors, food trucks and other activities on the grounds of Camp New Hope. Hope you will consider joining us!!! For more information contact (217) 895-2341.

**Oct. 4 to 7** – Greenup Chamber of Commerce Fall Festival in downtown Greenup. Free Ham & Bean Dinner sponsored by the Greenup Women's Volunteer Committee from 5 to 7 p.m. on Oct. 4 at the Greenup Municipal Building/Greenup Citizen of the Year will be announced at the dinner. Miss Greenup Fall Festival Pageant on Oct. 5. Arts & Crafts and Food Vendors on Oct. 6. Parade, arts & crafts, food vendors, bounce houses and more on Oct. 7.

**Oct. 21** – SooeFest at Jennings Park in Neoga, IL. A smokeoff, craft and food vendors, games, free lunch, and so much more! Follow Neoga Partnership for Progress Facebook page for more details.

**Oct. 27** – Trunk or Treat from 5-8 p.m. around Greenup Municipal Building square. Contest for best decorated vehicle. Food trucks and vendors. Village Trick-or-Treat from 6-8 p.m. at homes with porch lights on.

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## CUMBERLAND COUNTY ATTRACTIONS

### National Road Covered Bridge

The Embarras River near Greenup was the site of a covered bridge built by Abe and Thomas Lincoln and Dennis Hanks. The original bridge was 200 feet long. Reconstruction of the bridge began in 1998 and was dedicated in 2000. Call 217-923-3401 or visit [villageofgreenup.com](http://villageofgreenup.com) for more information.



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### Cumberland Co. Historical Society Illinois Military Museum

101 N. Mill St., Greenup. Features photos and memorabilia of local and Illinois veterans. For more information call 217-923-9306 or email: historic1859@gmail.com

### Cameo Vineyards

Enjoy complimentary tastings, purchase wine by the glass, and browse leisurely through the gift shop. Tours of the cellar provided whenever possible. Visitors may choose to enjoy a peaceful afternoon on the grand porch overlooking the vineyard, or opt to have cozy conversation by the crackling fireplace. Perched on a bluff overlooking panoramic views of the hillside vineyard and the Embarras River Valley, the boutique winery was built using the family's grandfather's circa 1900 pin-beamed barn.

### Clock Tower

Visit a Clock Tower on a local farm at 138 Co Rd 500N, Sigel, IL 62462 that is powered by the old clockwork from St. Michael Catholic Church in Sigel IL. The clockwork is over 100 years old. The tower is approximately 35 foot tall, is lit at night and decorated during the holiday season.

### Cumberland County Courthouse

Visit the completely restored Cumberland County Courthouse located on the square in Toledo, IL. Built in 1887-88, the building is Cumberland County's second courthouse. The first courthouse, located at the same site as the current one, was built in 1856 and burned in 1885. The second courthouse was designed by architects S. S. Goehring and L.L. Pierson. The building's design features a central clock tower, arched entrances on the east and west sides, column-supported balconies above the entrances, and a balustrade along the roofline. The building has continuously served as the seat of county government since its opening. The courthouse was added to the National Register of Historic Places on June 11, 1981.

## DeWitt County Events

**Sept. 9 & 10** – Mariah's Mums & More Mum Fest. Experience the largest variety of FALL MUMS in Illinois, fall shopping, live music, local food trucks, and some outdoor fun for the entire family at our Annual Mum Fest & Vendor Fair in rural DeWitt County – 8 miles east of Clinton. 16727 Airport Rd, Clinton, IL 61727

**Sept. 22 & 23** – Apple N Pork Festival at C.H. Moore Homestead at 219 E. Woodlawn Street in Clinton, IL. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. both days rain or shine. FREE ADMISSION to the festival and flea market. Over 25

Apple N Pork Food booths. Free live musical entertainment, crafter tent & carriage barn offering unique hand-crafted items, Victorian mansion tours, antique tractor & farm machinery exhibits, metal grinding demonstrations, huge flea market, pony rides & petting zoo.

## DeWITT COUNTY ATTRACTIONS

In the heart of rural Illinois, DeWitt County offers visitors and residents recreation opportunities such as fishing, boating, camping, picnics and more. There is Clinton Lake/Mascoutin State Recreation Area (11,000 acres with 5,000 acre lake); Weldon Springs State Recreation Area (550 acres); several city and village parks; and Arrowhead Acres, South Shores and Green Acres Campgrounds.

A rich heritage of community awaits. See the Lincoln statue by A. L. VanDenBergen, as well as other historic monuments on Mr. Lincoln's Square. If you want to learn about the places Abraham Lincoln has been and the people he knew as he traveled through central Illinois, enjoy the Looking for Lincoln Story Trail. There will be over 200 storyboards, called wayside exhibits, scattered throughout the central Illinois landscape. Don't miss the DeWitt County Museum's C. H. Moore Homestead, a home owned by Clifton H. Moore. Moore and Lincoln were law partners during the 1840s and shared a law office in Clinton, now occupied by Moore & Warner Farm Management.

### Clinton Lake State Recreation Area

Clinton Lake S.R.A. is east of Clinton off Rt. 10 and Rt. 54. Enjoy 9,300 acres of great outdoors for all seasons - picnics, hiking, camping, swimming, water skiing, boating, fishing, cross country skiing, snowmobiling and so much more. Contact Clinton Lake S.R.A. at 217-935-8722.

### Ultimate Play Space

Clinton's own Ultimate Play Space is located in Kiwanis Park behind the YMCA at 417 S. Alexander. The Ultimate Play Space was built in 2003 by hundreds of volunteers from Clinton and the surrounding area. Bring the kids and enjoy a fun-filled afternoon of imagination and play in this 13-acre park. The "UPS" is also adjacent to the "Spray and Play" spray park.

### Weldon Springs State Park

Just two miles east of Clinton is Weldon Springs State Park, a 550-acre park for all seasons, where you can fish, boat, camp, hike, view or photograph nature and wildlife and so much more. Pack a picnic lunch, and come spend the day with the family. Contact Weldon Springs State Park at 217-935-2644.

## Douglas County Events

**September-October** – First Saturday Downtown Market, in Downtown Arthur, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Third Saturday Each Month** – 3rd Saturday Market, 40-60 crafters, some antiques, bakers, and other vendors gather at the Events Building at the Moultrie – Douglas Fair Grounds behind the High

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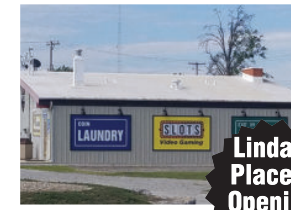
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**First Friday September-October** – 1st Friday Farmers Market, 5-7 p.m. at 32 W. Sale, Downtown Tuscola. Featuring the freshest and tastiest local produce, baked goods, sweets, and all sorts of crafts.

**September 2** – Chet Kingery Memorial Bluegrass Festival, The Great Pumpkin Patch, Arthur. Catch a glimpse of the Great Pumpkin Patch just before opening season with rootsy sounds of Bluegrass, instrumental workshops, vendors and food. Order tickets online at [www.mackvillebluegrass.com](http://www.mackvillebluegrass.com)

**September 2** – Arthur 150th Sesquicentennial. Fun activities for the whole family during Labor Day Weekend. Street celebrations, big parade and dinner. Plus opening of Arthur village time capsule.

**September 2-4** – 50th Anniversary of Arthur Cheese Festival, Crafts, food, flea markets, sidewalk sales, parade, kids rides and games, and lots of cheese. An Auto show, live entertainment, 10K, Amish strongman competition, antique tractor show...something for everyone. Free cheese each day. Downtown Arthur 138 S Vine St. [illinoisamishcountry.com](http://illinoisamishcountry.com)

**Sept 8-10** – 52nd Annual Arcola Broom Corn Festival, Downtown Arcola. Vendors, live music, National Broom Sweeping contest, beer tent. For more information go to [arcolachamber.com](http://arcolachamber.com)

**September 20** – Opening date for The Great Pumpkin Patch, located 2 miles south of Arthur.

**October 6-7** – Harvest to Home Event, The Illinois Amish Heritage Center, Arthur. Breakfast 7-10 a.m., followed by activities surrounding "King Corn" – Harvesting, corn shelling, grinding, glass blowing, broom and rope making, field demonstrations, buggy and train rides, petting zoo, apple butter making, food and more. Visit: [www.illinoisamish.org](http://www.illinoisamish.org)

**October 28** – Odd Market at Tuscola Community Building

**November 10-11** – Fall Antique Show Weekend. Some of the finest primitive antique dealers at the Otto Center and multiple locations in Arthur.

**Nov. 10-11** – Rural Life Antique Show, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at three locations – Tuscola Community Building, Main Street Center and Farm Services Building, Tuscola. Hosted by Winterberry Store & Antiques.

**November 11** – Arthur Country Christmas Kickoff and holiday open houses, Downtown Arthur.

**November 24** – Black Friday, Downtown Arthur & County Line Road businesses, Arthur.

**December 1-3** – Christmastown. Tuscola's Annual kick off to Christmas celebration; 5K, parade, vendor fair, and more!

**December 2** – Downtown Arthur Christmas Celebration, featuring Downtown Shopping Extravaganza & Parade. Bring the whole family to the celebration. There will be free hot chocolate and sandwiches, special attractions all day long, vendors and bazaars, a special holiday craft market, Amish buggy rides, a large, lighted holiday parade in the evening, and a visit from Santa.

**February 10** – Mother Son Dance, Tuscola Community Building

**March 1 & 2** – Rural Life Antique Show at the Tuscola Community Building

**March 1** -- Daddy Daughter Dance- Tuscola Community Building

## DOUGLAS COUNTY ATTRACTIONS

### Aikman Wildlife Adventure (formerly Rockome Gardens)

Located between Arcola & Arthur. Come see and take pictures of animals from 6 different continents. Cost is \$20/vehicle. Hours are 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday; Noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays. For more information call 217-259-9603, email [james@aikmanwildlife.com](mailto:james@aikmanwildlife.com) or visit [aikmanwildlife.com](http://aikmanwildlife.com)

### Harris Ag Museum

To tour a 1920's farm kitchen, early grain elevator office and blacksmith shop, visit Harris Agricultural Museum at Atwood. Antique tractors from 1922 through 1937, engines and Ford Model-T grain/dump truck from 1919 also are on exhibit. Hours are 7 a.m.- 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or weekends by appointment. Call 217-578-2231 or 217-578-3040.

### Sears "Catalog Homes"

Tuscola is home to four "catalog homes." From 1908 until 1940, the Chicago-based catalog giant Sears, as well as Montgomery Ward, offered and sold roughly 100,000 build-it-yourself home kits. There were 450 various models ranging in price from \$150 to a little more than \$5,000. One home is located at 309 N Main. It was ordered in 1931 and is called "The Cambridge". Another is located at 106 E. Buckner. The home was built in 1915 and located 5 1/2 miles west of Tuscola, before being moved to it's present site in 1946. Yet another home is located a few miles north of Tuscola on Route 45. It was built 1920-22. The fourth home is located on Scott St. and was built in 1915.

### Douglas County Courthouse

The Douglas County Courthouse sits on a full block on the south side of Tuscola. It is the home of murals printed by E. Martin Hennings, circa 1912. It was built in 1912-13 in classical style architecture. The woodwork is all white oak, floors in public places are of tile and terrazzo and corridor walls are wainscoted with finely polished marble. All columns and pilasters are of scagliola exquisite workmanship. In the center of the building and extending throughout the three stories is a beautiful glass dome.

### Illinois Amish Heritage Center

The Illinois Amish Heritage Center was first created in 1994 as the Illinois Amish Interpretive Center located in Arthur, Illinois. The Center offered an introductory film to Amish life, exhibits on Amish heritage and culture, a gift shop, and Amish Country Tours of Amish homes, farms, businesses and meals in Amish homes.

In 2010, the Center was moved to Rockome Gardens and renamed The Illinois Amish Museum. The museum remained open at Rockome through 2014 when Rockome went up for sale. Rockome was purchased later that year and the new owner began implementation of a wildlife park. The Amish Museum was subsequently put into storage and the search for a new facility began.

In the year 2000, two historic Amish houses were saved from destruction and moved to a location behind Yoder's Kitchen in Arthur, Illinois. In 2014, plans had been made to move the houses to Rockome Gardens, \$102,000 was raised, and a state tourism grant was written. The pending sale of Rockome and state budget problems put a hold on these plans.

In 2016, five acres of land were secured one mile west of Chesterville and three miles east of Arthur, Illinois. In September, the houses were moved to the new site and a plan for the construction of a new museum building and Amish living history farm were developed. Restoration on the Schrock house and planning for a steam threshing event in the summer of 2017 began. A development plan laid out a four year time table for the completion of the site.

The mission of the Illinois Amish Heritage Preservation Center is to enhance the preservation, understanding, and appreciation of all aspects of the culture and heritage of the Amish people in Illinois from 1865 to present.

### A Walk Through Time Museum

A Walk Through Time Museum features many local pieces from Arcola's past including:

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A donation is required for entry to the museum.

## Edgar County Events

**Sept. 9** – Opening day at Southfork Homestead Pumpkin Farm, 3000 N. 1200th St., Paris. Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday & Sunday in September and Wednesday-Sunday all October. Follow on Facebook or visit [www.southforkhomestead.com](http://www.southforkhomestead.com)

**Sept. 14** – Faith in Action Open House from 12-2 p.m. at Lake Ridge Christian Church, 122 E. Steidl Rd., Paris.

**Sept. 22-23** – 42nd Annual Honeybee Festival, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Downtown Square, Paris. Contact Betsy Higginbotham at 217-251-5533 of the Paris Kiwanis Club for more information.

**Sept. 22** – Honeybee Golf Outing, Eagle Ridge Golf Course, Paris.

**Oct. 7** – ERBA Winefest Tour. Saturday, Oct. 7 from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Enjoy the wineries of Lawrence & Richland Counties and the Wine Festival in Crawford County while supporting ERBA.

**Oct. 14** – Ghost Rally from 6-9 p.m. at the Edgar County Fairgrounds in Paris. Hosted by the Paris Improvement Organization.

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**Nov. 25** – Christmas in Paris, "Gnome for the Holidays". Features music & entertainment, food trucks, Mistletoe Market, Cookies & Canvas at 12, 2 and 2 p.m., kids activities, face painting, Scavenger Hunt, Festival of Trees, Photos with Santa, Free Movie, Gingerbread House Display Contest, Touch a Truck, axe throwing, coloring contest, Breakfast and Lunch with Santa, family yard games and Lighted Parade.

## EDGAR COUNTY ATTRACTIONS

### Paris Center of Fine Arts – Performances on the Prairie

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### Southfork Homestead & Pumpkin Patch

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### Vance Park

It is a calm and quiet place that's perfect for meditation. Inside you will find a lushly landscaped sunken garden with its own traces of history. A serpentine wall, that reflects a design by Thomas Jefferson, located in Charlottesville, NC, and a Lions Head fountain at the far end of the small park duplicates one found in Paris, France.

### Twin Lakes Park

The city's oldest and principal recreation center is Twin Lakes Park, the development of which began back in 1895, when the dam impounding Paris' first reservoir was completed. The facilities of Twin Lakes Park include: a bathing beach, bathhouse and shelter, large shelter house, miniature golf course, picnic areas with plenty of picnic tables and benches, boating rentals and tour boats, commercial amusement rides, professional league baseball diamond, lighted horseshoe courts and the West Lake Boys and Girls Scout Camp.

## Edgar County Courthouse

The Edgar County Courthouse is the center of the community. Built in 1891, its Romanesque architecture and the four-face clock tower are renowned within this region. As one of four Paris buildings on the National Register of Historic places, it features native limestone and interior painting motifs reflecting the Chicago Exposition.

## Effingham County Events

**Aug. 31** – Beecher City Farmers Market with Craft Show & Flea Market from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Beecher City Community Park in Beecher City, IL. Produce, Fruit, Baked Goods, Home Canned Goods, Craft Items, Quality Garage Sale Items and more!

**Sept. 1** – Winery Bingo from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Stellar Cellar at Tuscan Hills Winery in Effingham.

**Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30** – Effingham Farmers Market 8 a.m. to noon on the lawn at Effingham County Museum in downtown Effingham. Fresh produce, plants, baked goods, handcrafted arts & crafts. For more information contact Josie Shamhart at [efm.art.rep@gmail.com](mailto:efm.art.rep@gmail.com)

**Sept. 3** – "Larry the Cable Guy" at 7 p.m. at the Effingham Performance Center. Larry the Cable Guy

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**Sept. 8 & 9** – Downtown Effingham Businesses Fall Open House.

**Sept. 8 & 9** – Midwest Market Indoor/Outdoor Market at Village Square Mall, Effingham. Sept. 8 from 4 to 8 p.m. and Sept. 9 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Over 100 Vendors including boutiques, home décor, vintage, food trucks, produce, mums, jewelry, live music and so much more.

**Sept. 9** – Last Chance Tractor, Truck & Semi Pull starting at 5 p.m. at the track at Beecher City, IL at 100 Park Street. Bring a lawn chair! Follow Beecher City Track Events on Facebook for the most up-to-date details.

**Sept. 9** – CSS Cares 10K, 5K & Fun Run, benefitting Community Support Systems. All ages and all ability levels welcome. Choose from a 10K, 5K Run/Walk or a 1-Mile Fun Run/Walk. A coffee bar with scones, muffins, cookies and more will be available after the race! Registration 7:30 to 8:30 am. Starting line will be at Community Support Systems, 223 Harvester, Teutopolis, IL. Sign up at <https://runsignup.com/Race/IL/Teutopolis/csscares>.

**Sept. 14 to 16** – Corvette Funfest 2023. Participants enjoy a whirlwind weekend of special displays, car shows, a Swapfest, expert seminars, product demonstrations and more. Celebrity Choice Awards will take place Thursday through Saturday. And the weekend culminates with the Saturday evening concert, where Corvette lovers are treated to headlining entertainment, rain or shine. For more information, check out [www.corvettefunfest.com](http://www.corvettefunfest.com) or call Mid America Motorworks at 217-540-4700.

**Sept. 16** – Freedom Fest, a free outdoor festival that includes food, music, and kids games. Hosted by Enduring Freedom Ministries in Shumway, IL.

**Sept. 16** – St. Francis Church Picnic in Teutopolis, IL. Open to the public! All-Parish Outdoor Mass at 4 p.m. (music begins at 3 p.m.) with Picnic Grounds open directly after mass until 11:30 p.m. Activities include Kids Games, BINGO, Country Craft Stands, Hamburger/Beer Stands, Pulled Pork Sundaes, Cake Walk, Inflatables. All activities around the Teutopolis Jr. High School area. Music Lineup: CCR II from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Mini Park Mass Area, Thunder Road from 5 to 7 p.m., and Jane Doe from 8 to 11:30 p.m. Golf Ball Drop and Live Auction from 7 to 8 p.m. Adult Raffle includes \$4,000 Cash and \$2,000 Cash prizes, Glider, Air Fryer, Bicycles & Much More! Kids Raffle includes Chromebook, Elevate Jump Gift Card, Party Rentals, Playhouse, Cash Prizes & Much More!

**Sept. 23** – "I Love You Get Away From Me! – starring comedian Dena Blizzard" 7 p.m. at the Effingham Performance Center. A three generation comedy show about finding the funny in life's transitions. The shows includes Dena's mom, Diana, and her son, Dean.

**Sept. 29** – HSHS St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital 14th annual Golf Benefit.

**Sept. 29** – Adult Pumpkin Hunt from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Tuscan Hills Winery, 2200 Historic Hills Drive, Effingham IL.

**Sept. 30** – Oktoberfest 2023 from 5 p.m. to midnight at the Teutopolis Banquet Hall grounds. Bands will include Butch's Polka Kings from 5:30 to 9 p.m. and Bad Habit from 9 p.m. to midnight. Free admission! Free inflatables for the kids! German style food! German style beer! Stein holding contest! Sponsored by the Teutopolis Civic Club.

**Oct. 12, 13 & 14** – Rusty Reel Lake Jam at Lake Sara, Effingham IL featuring Big & Rich with Guest Cowboy Troy, Bret Michaels, Blackberry Smoke and many more music artists! 10+ food & drink vendors, boutiques with fall & country wear, drink specials, and much more! For more information go to [www.RustyReelLakeJam.com](http://www.RustyReelLakeJam.com)

**Oct. 13** – The Everly Set featuring Sean Altman & Jack Skuller at 7 p.m. at the Effingham Performance Center. Teens Phil and Don Everly supercharged the vocal sound of Rock 'n Roll with "Bye Bye Love" and "Wake Up Little Susie", unleashing the sparkling vocal harmonies that would influence The Beatles, Simon & Garfunkel, The Beach Boys, The Hollies, The Eagles, Peter Paul & Mary and the Bee Gees.

**Oct. 13** – Winery Bingo from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Stellar Cellar at Tuscan Hills Winery in Effingham.

**Oct. 19** – "Craig Morgan" at 7 p.m. at the Effingham Performance Center. A multi-faceted entertainer, Craig Morgan has made a name for himself as a country music icon, TV personality, celebrated outdoorsman, and patriotic Army veteran. Morgan has charted 25 songs on Billboard and thrills massive crowds with hits including "Bonfire", "Almost Home", "Redneck Yacht Club", "International Harvester", "This Ole Boy", "Soldier", "Wake Up Loving You", "That's What I Love About Sunday", and his faith-filled tribute to his son Jerry, "The Father, My Son and The Holy Ghost". Last fall, Craig released his gripping new memoir – God, Family, Country – in partnership with Blackstone Publishing. He details all aspects of his inspiring life, revealing never-before-heard stories including how he worked alongside the CIA as a soldier in Panama, fought sex traffickers as an undercover agent in Thailand, forged his own path to country music stardom, and lives his life by the deepest values: God, family, country.

**Oct. 20** – United Way of Effingham County Witches Ball at the Thelma Keller Convention Center in Effingham, IL to benefit 20 local partner agencies. Begins with hors d'oeuvres and Silent Auction at 6 p.m., Dinner at 7 p.m., and Live Auction at 8 p.m. Music by Bierman DJ Service. Costume Contest – Best Individual & Best Group. Halloween costumes encouraged but not required to attend the event. Tickets \$65 per person or VIP Table Options. RSVP by Oct. 11 to the United Way office at 217-342-3824.

**Oct. 21** – Magic & Mischief: A Witches Market. Events include DJ, Food Trucks, Tarot Readings, Witchy Vendors, Magical Drinks, Fire Dancers, Hula Hoopers, Henna, Face Painting and More! Witch or Wizard Attire Encouraged. Event held at Hazel-Jayne, 112 E. Section Avenue in Effingham, IL.

**Oct. 21** – Dailey & Vincent at 7 p.m. at the Effingham Performance Center. Five-time GRAMMY Award winners Dailey & Vincent have been performing together for nearly 20 years. Their sound is a concoction



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**With help from the Effingham Fire Department, Santa Claus makes his much-anticipated arrival in downtown Effingham during the 2021 Hometown Christmas event. Phot by Zach Roth / Effingham Daily News**

tion of traditional country, gospel and bluegrass blended together by the fantastically instinctive vocal blends of Jamie Dailey's tenor and Darrin Vincent's ready harmonies.

**Oct. 26** – Women's Health Showcase at Keller Convention Center. Watch the HSHS St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital Facebook page for more information.

**Oct. 27** – The Rocky Horror Picture Show at 8 p.m. at the Effingham Performance Center. Celebrate Halloween with this cult classic! This bizarre comedy developed its famous cult following at the Waverly Theater in New York where the fans began to dress as characters and recite dialogue with the film, turning the show into an offbeat, interactive show.

**Oct. 28** – Benefit for Heather Hodge Davis from 3 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at The Carriage House Event Center in Altamont IL. Doors open at 3 p.m. with a silent auction; Meal (Freewill Donation) from 4 to 7 p.m. includes Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, Twice Baked Potato Casserole, Coleslaw, Applesauce (Carryouts also available); Children's Activities; Live Auction at 6 p.m. (Cash or Check Accepted); Josh Holland Band from 8 to 10:30 p.m. All proceeds will go to the Mike & Heather Davis family to help defray medical costs as Heather continues her fight with colon cancer.

**Oct. 28** – Trick or Treat from 2-4 p.m. at businesses with balloons in Downtown Effingham.

**Nov. 3-4** – Holiday Open Houses in Downtown Effingham.

**Nov. 3** – Winery Bingo from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Stellar Cellar at Tuscan Hills Winery in Effingham.

**Nov. 4** – "Crowder with special guest Christian Paul" at 7 p.m. at the Effingham Performance Center. Over 3 million records sold and 3 Grammy nominations, Crowder's first solo album "Neon Steeple" debuted at No. 8 on the Billboard 200, was named iTunes 2014 Christian Album of the Year, garnered multiple radio hits, a Grammy nomination for "Come As You Are", a Grand Ole Opry debut, a Dove Award and multiple nods and numerous K-LOVE Fan Award nominations. "American Prodigal", album released in 2016, landed at No. 1 on the Christian & Gospel Album Chart. His third project, "I Know A Ghost" hit #1 yet again on the Billboard Top Christian Albums Chart. His latest album, "Milk & Honey" has already shown immediate connection with the first smash single "Good God Almighty", which hit #1 at Christian radio and #1 on the Billboard's Hot Christian Songs chart.

**Nov. 10** – John Anderson at 7 p.m. at the Effingham Performance Center. Multi-platinum selling artist John Anderson has one of the most instantly recognizable voices in country music. Over the course of his career, Anderson has charted more than 60 singles on the country music charts including 20 Top 10 hits with #1 hits including "Swingin'", "Seminole Wind", "Black Sheep", "Wild and Blue", "Straight Tequila Night" and "Money in the Bank".

**Nov. 11** – The Music of Billy Joel & Elton John starring Michael Cavanaugh at 7 p.m. at the Effingham Performance Center. Michael Cavanaugh is the new voice of the American Rock & Roll Songbook. He is a charismatic performer and musician made famous for his piano/lead vocals in the Broadway musical "Movin' Out." Handpicked by Billy Joel to star in "Movin' Out", Cavanaugh evokes a style rivaling the Piano Man. He appeared in the show for three years with over 1,200 performances and received multiple accolades.

**Nov. 17** – Pink Friday business sales and specials in Downtown Effingham.

**Nov. 17** – Hairball, A Tribute to Arena Rock at 8 p.m. at the Effingham Performance Center. Hairball is returning for a Rock & Roll experience that will not soon be forgotten! Homage will be paid to some of the biggest arena acts in the world including Van Halen, KISS, Motley Crue, Queen, Journey, Poison and

Aerosmith. Hairball's show includes lights, sound, video screens, smoke bombs, confetti and more!

**Nov. 18** – Branson on the Road Christmas Style. Shows at 2 and 7:30 p.m. at the Effingham Performance Center. The show includes Christmas music along with old country favorites and plenty of hilarious comedy. Branson on the Road Christmas Style blends mandolin, banjo, guitar, upright slip bass, beautiful rhinestone costumes, hilarious comedy, bluegrass, rockabilly and gospel music.

**Nov. 22** – Walking Through Wonderland: A Visit Effingham Experience in downtown Effingham.

**Nov. 26** – The Prophecy, A Tribute to the Trans-Siberian Orchestra at 3 p.m. at the Effingham Performance Center. Experience the power, the music and the magic this Christmas season with this powerhouse group of classically trained musicians that hail from different parts of the states and come together to create nothing short of an electrifying evening of holiday rock!

**Dec. 1** – Winery Bingo from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Stellar Cellar at Tuscan Hills Winery in Effingham.

**Dec. 2** – Downtown Effingham Hometown Christmas 2023. Enjoy the traditions of Christmas in Downtown Effingham with Santa, kids activities, variety of food & non-food vendors, a lighted parade, ice skating, horse-drawn carriage rides, train rides + more family friendly activities presented by the Downtown Effingham Business Group. Mistletoe Market: Showcase your local product, craft, baked goods + more!

**Dec. 9** – The Polar Express, An Interactive Movie Experience at 3 p.m. at the Effingham Performance Center. Join us for an interactive movie experience as The Polar Express takes us on an adventure to the North Pole! On Christmas Eve, a young boy embarks on a magical adventure to the North Pole on the Polar Express while learning about friendships, bravery and the spirit of Christmas. Tickets include a goodie bag at the door.

**Dec. 15** – The Oak Ridge Boys Down Home Christmas Show at 7 p.m. at the Effingham Performance Center bringing four decades of charted singles and 50 years of tradition to the stage featuring their hits along with holiday favorites!

**Dec. 16** – Scott Wattles Christmas Show with Firebox Bluegrass Band at 7 p.m. at the Effingham Performance Center. Join the holiday tradition with Scott Wattles and The Blue Suede Crew as they celebrate the season with their Rock 'n Roll Christmas Show performing Christmas classics including "Jingle Bell Rock", "Silver Bells", "Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer" and more!

**Dec. 20** – "Away in the Basement" by the Church Basement Ladies shows at 2 and 7:30 p.m. at the Effingham Performance Center. This Sunday School Christmas program starts with the children rehearsing up in the sanctuary while the ladies of the kitchen are finishing up the goodie bags and putting the final touches on the Nativity pieces. Little do they know what surprises are in store for them as they are called upon to, once again, step in and save the day. A great show for group travelers!

**Jan. 20** – Moana at 3 p.m. at the Effingham Performance Center. Join us for an interactive movie experience as we set sail on an epic adventure! Moana is a spirited teen who embarks on a daring mission to prove herself a master wayfinder and fulfill her ancestors' unfinished quest. During her journey, Moana meets the mighty demigod Maui, and together, they cross the ocean on a fun-filled action-packed voyage.

**Jan. 26** – Night Ranger at 7 p.m. at the Effingham Performance Center. Heavy hitting rock legends, Night Ranger has transcended the arena-rock sound and style well beyond that era. Some of its best-selling albums include "Dawn Patrol", "Midnight Madness", "7 Wishes", "Big Life" and "Man in

# 'The Lights' at Cedarhurst to return **BIGGER** and **BRIGHTER**

**C**edarhurst announced that after a fantastic first year of The Lights, they will be expanding their route, features, and packages. The Lights: An Exhibition of Holiday Magic, will have 5 all-new features making a total of 14 dazzling displays along the new and improved one-mile walking route. The program will run for seven weekends from mid-November through Dec. 31. The goal is for the program to continue to draw visitors from the tri-state to southern Illinois.

After welcoming nearly 8,000 attendees

last year and collecting data, Cedarhurst has made major improvements to The Lights experience. Executive Director Hillary Esser said, "We realize that year two is likely our most pivotal with returning patrons expecting a fresh experience and new visitors wanting to be wowed. Therefore, our entire staff has worked diligently and creatively to take into consideration last year's feedback."

Exciting improvements based on that feedback include more accessible paths. Cedarhurst has added oil and chip to all of the gravel walking trails, making them

more stable and compact. Motorized scooters, wheelchairs, strollers, and wagons can now easily maneuver the route. In an effort to keep all guests safe, Cedarhurst has also added perimeter lighting to every part of the walking route.

The safer paths will be winding differently this year, as the direction of the route has been reversed. This should help visitors avoid confusion and provide a brand-new feel. The new route has also been extended to a full mile, allowing Cedarhurst to highlight more of its esteemed sculpture park and add

**Nearly 8,000 guests from the tri-state - and beyond - enjoyed the magic of The Lights last holiday season. The Lights is a fantastic experience for all ages and interests. Submitted photo**



more holiday lights, the number one request from last year's visitors.

Cedarhurst has nearly doubled the enchantment by adding five new light features to the 2023 program. "When lights and music work together, it is magical, and we are excited to bring that magic to the park," said Eric Gockel, Director of Operations. Gockel is engineering a large-scale moving light feature that will be installed atop one of the park's largest

sculptures, Lightspill. This feature offers a unique way to incorporate art, nature, and holiday excitement — special to only Cedarhurst's light program.

Cedarhurst continues to work with Blachere Illumination, a global company with a physical footprint in Christopher, Illinois, as well as other local businesses. Staff are also excited to continue to work with regional schools and vocational programs such as Rend Lake College's Welding

Program and Sesser-Valier High School's Ag Program to assist in production of The Lights. "We've built wonderful relations with local organizations and businesses that benefit both students, Cedarhurst, and our local community," said Esser.

While the unique display of holiday lights is the main attraction of The Lights, all additional components have been revamped, including community fire pit packages, photo opportunities, drink

concessions, rental opportunities, and special programs on select weekends. All art galleries and the interactive Beck Family Center will remain open during The Lights so new visitors can see all Cedarhurst has to offer.

Tickets will go on sale to Cedarhurst members on Oct. 5 and to the general public Oct. 20. Cost is \$15 for general admission, \$10 for Cedarhurst members, and \$5 for children.

## Cahokia Mounds Museum Society honored for augmented reality experience

The Cahokia Mounds Museum Society, which has supported Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site since 1978, received an award of excellence from the American Association of State and Local History for "Back to the City of the Sun," the site's augmented reality (AR) experience for visitors.

The 2023 award of excellence is part of the association's Leadership in History awards, the most prestigious recognition for achievement in the preservation of state and local history.

"On behalf of the Society and the site, I am honored this project was selected for this prestigious national award out of the many well-deserving applicants," said Lori Belknap, superintendent of the Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site. "This was a seven-year project and would not have come to fruition without the concerted effort of the project team. I am grateful the Society is recognized for their dedication to outreach and education at Cahokia Mounds. The AR app has extended our outreach, brought more visitors,

and has vastly elevated the visitor experience, especially critical now during our renovation closure."

"Back to the City of the Sun" brings the past to the present with audio and video through an app for personal smart devices. On the tour, visitors can see the temple that once stood on Monks Mound and other cultural aspects of the site that were present 1,000 years ago through the camera of a smart phone or other device.

To download the tour, search for "Cahokia AR Tour" on both the Apple and Google App stores. Cost is \$4.99.

The Cahokia Mounds Museum Society was one of 51 national award-winners, representing the best in the field and providing leadership for the future of state and local history. The AASLH awards program was initiated in 1945 to establish and encourage standards of excellence in the collection, preservation, and interpretation of state and local history throughout the United States.

The Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site is at 30 Ramey St., Collinsville. The site's interpretive center and gift

shop are currently closed for renovations; however, the grounds are open to the public daily from 8 a.m. until dusk and guided tours take place twice per day, Wednes-

day through Sunday.

For more information, visit [dnrhistoric.illinois.gov/experience/sites/site.cahokia-mounds.html](http://dnrhistoric.illinois.gov/experience/sites/site.cahokia-mounds.html)

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The restored Schrock house as it looks today. Submitted photo



# Harvest to Home

## Event set for Oct. 6 and 7 at Illinois Amish Heritage Center

**H**arvest to Home returns to the Illinois Amish Heritage Center on Oct. 6 and 7, 2023. Hours for the event are from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. CDT on Friday, October 6 and from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. CDT on Saturday, Oct. 7. Harvest to Home returns to broaden activities and demonstrations at the Center and rotates with our Steam Threshing Days which occur in even numbered years while Harvest to Home is in the odd numbered years.

The purpose of the show is to teach

show attendees how crops were grown and harvested during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The Amish continue using many of these methods in their farming operations today.

The 2023 show will feature activities surrounding corn and different types of corn such as Broom, Dent, Flint, and Popcorn. Corn will be harvested using hand shucking and mechanical pickers pulled by horses and tractors. Corn shelling using a Minneapolis Moline Corn Sheller will demonstrate how corn is separated from the ear and cleaned.

The cobs will be ground into livestock bedding using a cob grinder. Corn will be ground into livestock feed powered by horses. A grist mill will be in operation making corn meal.

Wood and lumber demonstrations are a big attraction. This year, you will see sawmilling powered by gas and steam power, plus a buzz saw. Field demonstrations will feature horse and tractor plowing, corn stalk chopping and disking. There will be displays of antique farm machinery, tractors, early “hit and miss” gasoline engines, and miniature steam powered displays. Visitors will see blacksmithing demonstrations, horse shoeing, equipment powered by horse treadmills, broom and rope making. There will be buggy rides and a “train”



Visitors originally from Romania, currently from Chicago, visit a display. Submitted photo



will transport show goers around the grounds along with a variety of children's activities.

The IAHC Campus continues to expand. This year will feature tours of the 1879 Miller/Herschberger Barn that was relocated and raised in 2022, plus the restored 1882 Daniel Schrock home that has been beautifully outfitted with pe-

riod furnishings and fixtures. The 1865 Moses Yoder home will be open as well as our German Schoolhouse and Yoder Workshop. A highlight each day will be the Parade of Power featuring horses and mechanical-powered equipment with commentary provided to describe the items as they pass by.

Food will be served in our

pavilion. We will have full meals and sandwiches, plus a pancake, sausage, and liverwurst breakfast served on

Saturday. You can also enjoy homemade ice cream, kettle corn, lemonade shakeups, crafts, exhibitors, "fall relat-

A farmer binds wheat with an antique McCormick Deering binder. Submitted photo



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ed activities” and much more. All funds are used for the continued growth of the Illinois Amish Heritage Center Campus. Everyone is welcome and invited to come out for a day of fun and learning for the entire family. Golf carts are welcome. The campus offers convenient parking with restroom facilities on site and is also handicapped accessible.

The Illinois Amish Heritage Center is located on Illinois 133 nine miles west of Arcola or 3.5 miles east of Arthur on Illinois Route 133. For more information, call Jim Fleming at 217-791-1026 or visit [www.illinoisamish.org](http://www.illinoisamish.org), and be sure to like us on Facebook, Illinois Amish Heritage Center. This is an outside event and is completely reliant upon the weather. Decisions affecting activities may be made on site without notice of printed and broadcast announcements.

Motion". Night Ranger's popularity is fueled by a number of instantly recognizable hit singles like "Sister Christian", "Don't Tell Me You Love Me", "When You Close Your Eyes" and "(You Can Still) Rock In America".

**Feb. 4** – Dinosaur World Live at 5 p.m. at the Effingham Performance Center. Grab your compass and join our intrepid explorer across uncharted territories to discover a prehistoric world of astonishing and remarkably life-like dinosaurs. Meet a host of impressive creatures including a Triceratops, Giraffatitan, Segnosaurus and the Tyrannosaurus Rex.

**Feb. 10** – Tusk, the Ultimate Fleetwood Mac Experience at 7 p.m. at the Effingham Performance Center. Five musicians recreate the music of Fleetwood Mac to perfection with note for note renditions, featuring the talents of Mick Fleetwood, John McVie, Lindsey Buckingham and Stevie Nicks. The members of Tusk have been making music together in various combinations and style for over 25 years.

**Feb. 17** – One Vision of Queen featuring Marc Martel at 7 p.m. at the Effingham Performance Center. The World's Most Spectacular Queen Tribute Show is returning for a night of Queen's greatest hits. One Vision of Queen is an explosive, attention-commanding tribute where some of the most iconic rock anthems of all time collide with a theatrical performance style and eye-popping production. The riveting show focuses on the extremely diverse body of the band's greatest hits including "Bohemian Rhapsody", "We Will Rock You", "We Are The Champions", "Another One Bites The Dust", "Under Pressure", "Somebody To Love" and "Crazy Little Thing Called Love".

**Feb. 23** – Forever Young at 7 p.m. at the Effingham Performance Center. Forever Young follows one unforgettable group of friends as they discover the greatest hits of all time! Set in a music-filled suburban basement, this heartfelt, true story is guaranteed to take you back to the first time you pushed play, tuned in and set the needle down. Forever Young features hit songs by Billy Joel, The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, Huey Lewis & The News, Styx, Queen, Michael Jackson, Bob Dylan, Johnny Cash, Brooks & Dunn, The Black Crows, Bon Jovi and many more! This multi-award winning production is jam-packed with powerhouse vocals, dynamite choreography and one sensational true story that is guaranteed to make you feel. . . . .FOREVER YOUNG.

**Feb. 24** – Six String Summit at 7 p.m. at the Effingham Performance Center featuring seven of the area's best guitar players backed up by the amazing Summit Bnad. The 2024 line-up features: Alex Thoele of Teutopolis, Chain Station, Marty Williamson of Effingham, Hello Dave, Andy Baylor of Champaign, Clockwork Orange, Reverend Robert of Charleston, Superbad, Ted Freezeland of Charleston, Feudin' Hillbillies and Rod Evans of Neoga.

**March 9** – Buckcherry at 7 p.m. at the Effingham Performance Center. From hit songs to platinum and gold records to millions of fans worldwide, Buckcherry beat the odds and built its reputation on live shows and its hit songs. Buckcherry released its 10th album this summer titled "Vol. 10" with songs including "Good Time" and "Shine Your Light".

**March 15** – Buckets N Boards at 7 p.m. at the Effingham Performance Center. A hilarious, high-en-

ergy show chock full of amazing percussion, ridiculous songs, spectacular tap dancing, inventive instrumentation and an incredible variety of musical talents! Matthew Livingston and Gareth Sever have handcrafted a fresh and unique comedy experience for the entire family to enjoy! Regarded as a must see show for any evening out with the family, their unexpected comedy and upbeat personalities will keep you laughing.

**March 17** – The Price is Right Live at 2 p.m. at the Effingham Performance Center. "Come on Down" for your chance to win at The Price Is Right Live! Contestants will be selected from the audience to play classic games made famous by the iconic network television show "The Price Is Right." Prizes will include cash, sought-after appliances, epic vacations and, of course, a brand-new car! Games will include favorites like "Plinko", "Cliffhangers" and "The Big Wheel".

**April 5** – Etta May & The Southern Fried Chicks at 7 p.m. at the Effingham Performance Center. Etta May headlines the successful all-female comedy tour, selling out theaters all over the country! Think Blue Collar Comedy Tour with better hair and a bigger attitude! Etta May has performed her brand of clean comedy on Oprah, Showtime, Comic Strip Live, MTV and as a great commentator on "CBS Sunday Morning". She is the winner of the prestigious American Comedy Award's "Comic Of The Year" and so much more!

**April 8** – 2024 Solar Eclipse Event sponsored by Dieterich Business Association to be held in Dieterich, IL. Food Trucks, Kids Activities, Special Guest Speakers, More to Come!

**April 20** – Wayne Newton "Up Close & Personal" at 7 p.m. at the Effingham Performance Center. "Mr. Las Vegas", Wayne Newton is back with a show unlike any he has ever done before. This show is very intimate as he engages with the audience telling stories about his life in Las Vegas, creating a magical evening singing crowd favorites and playing an assortment of the many instruments he has perfected.

**April 26** – EPC Idol Finals at 7 p.m. at the Effingham Performance Center. Calling all karaoke singers to the EPC Idol Contest to determine who will be named the EPC Idol and win a \$1,000 cash prize! Preliminary karaoke contests will be held at sponsoring locations with the winners of each preliminary contest to take the stage for a night of performances to determine who will be voted the EPC Idol. During the finals, audience members will vote electronically to determine which of the finalists will win the prize money!

**June 1** – Scott Wattles & The Blue Suede Crew at 7 p.m. at the Effingham Performance Center performing a variety of songs including Elvis hits and Gospel music. Audience members young and old are embraced by their talent and will sing along with every word!

## EFFINGHAM COUNTY ATTRACTIONS

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#### **Ballard Nature Center**

Located three miles east of Altamont, the center features a bird viewing area, displays, children's activity area and library. Trails open to foot traffic only from dawn to dusk daily. The visitor center is open Tuesday through Friday, 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m., and from noon-3 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, call 618-483-6856.

#### **The Cross at the Crossroads**

The 198-foot-tall cross can be seen at Exit 159 in Effingham and features plaques of the 10 Commandments and also has a visitors center. For more information visit [crossusa.org](http://crossusa.org).

#### **Effingham County Museum**

Located at 110 E. Jefferson Avenue in downtown Effingham, the Effingham County Museum is housed in the historic 1871 courthouse which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The galleries located on two floors of the building are loaded with artifacts which tell the story of the area's rich heritage. The Museum is open to the public on Tuesdays and Saturdays, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., from March through December, or by appointment on other days of the week, or at different times of the day. For more information, call (217)240-2471 or visit [effinghamcountymuseum.org](http://effinghamcountymuseum.org). or on Facebook Effingham County Courthouse Museum Effingham IL

#### **Effingham Performance Center**

Located on the north side of Effingham along Outerbelt West, is a 1,500-seat theatre that hosts a variety of performances a year. Local, regional and national acts are scheduled to perform. For more information on performances, visit [theepc.org](http://theepc.org) or call the theatre at 217-540-2788.

#### **Lake Sara**

Lake Sara is an 800-acre recreational lake nestled into a wooded shoreline and encircled by a winding road. Spend a day, a week, or a season on the shores of Lake Sara. Also, visit nearby golf courses, Cardinal and Fore-Way, just a few minutes from the lake. The new Lake Sara Beach Park includes a disc golf course, playgrounds, a shade sail shelter and several smaller amusements.

#### **MY Garage Museum & Retail Store**

Located on the northeast side of Effingham, this is a one-of-a-kind museum that houses vintage Corvettes and thousands of pieces of Corvette history and memorabilia. The museum is owned by Mid-America Motorworks and is headed by Corvette enthusiast Mike Yager, owner of Mid-America. The museum is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday to Saturday. For more information, visit [mamotorworks.com](http://mamotorworks.com).

#### **Teutopolis Monastery Museum**

Located off Route 40 at 110 South Garrott Street in Teutopolis. Museum features more than 30 small

rooms with displays of articles, books and antiques used by the Franciscan Friars and early settlers. In addition, the tour includes a Franciscan Mausoleum and St. Francis Church with stained glass windows depicting events in the life of St. Francis of Assisi. Museum is open the first Sunday of each month from May thru November. Hours are 12:30-4 p.m. Special tours can be arranged by calling 217-857-6404 ext 236. Stop by to enjoy the renovations to the entrance, lobby, first floor and elevator access, as well as the new acquisitions on display.

#### **Wright Mansion**

Located at the corner of West Jackson Ave. at North Main St. in Altamont. Dr. C. M. Wright built this stately Renaissance revival home in 1889. It was subsequently owned by his son, also a doctor, and his grandson, an attorney. The lineage ended with the third Mr. Wright, who donated his home as a museum. Many of the original furnishings, including carpets, remain in the 18 rooms on the tour. The doctor's surgery, the nursery and the library are particularly memorable. Open every Sunday; 2-4 p.m.: April thru October. Admission is \$5 for adults; \$1 for students (ages 6-18). Throughout the year, tours of 2 to 55 may be scheduled on other days. Special tours are offered for grade school or high school classes. Volunteer guides share information about the three generations of the Wright family who lived in the home from 1889-2001. It is one of two buildings in Effingham County listed on the National Register of Historic Places. For more information, or to schedule tours please call 618-483-6397 and ask for Linda or visit [wrightmansion.org](http://wrightmansion.org).

#### **Tuscan Hills Winery**

Established in July 2011, by Wes and Wanda Pitcher, Tuscan Hills Winery, located at 2200 Historic Hills Drive in Effingham, is a beautiful winery with an Old-World Tuscan feel. Enjoy tasting any of their wines with help from their knowledgeable staff. They also offer a variety of sangrias, wine slushies, seasonal beers, liquors and non-alcoholic beverages. Hot pizzas and Italian baguettes are served all day. Tuscan Hills is a family-friendly and pet-friendly winery where you are invited to "come as our guest, leave as our friend." Visit [www.effinghamwinery.com](http://www.effinghamwinery.com) for a list of upcoming events and live music.

#### **Barn & Bottle Winery**

Established in 2022, Barn & Bottle Winery is located at 10810 N. 1st Street, Altamont, IL. They offer wine, slushies, beer, soda or bottled water. Seating inside by the fireplace or outside on the porch. Pizzas and meat/cheese boards also available for purchase. Open weekends.

### **Fayette County Events**

**Sept. 1** – Music by Dana Anderson from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and music by Tim Goodin from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Charter's Patio in Vandalia.

**Sept. 8** – Music by Cody & Hannah from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Charter's Patio in Vandalia.

**Sept. 9** – Farmers Market in downtown Vandalia from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m..

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**Sept. 9** – Music by Fat Wallet from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Charter's Patio in Vandalia.

**Sept. 15** – Music by Katie Hatch from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Charter's Patio in Vandalia.

**Sept. 15 & 16** – Third annual Brownstown Cool Down in downtown Brownstown IL. on Sept. 15 from 5 p.m. to Midnight and Saturday Sept. 16 from Noon to Midnight. Live Outdoor Music Festival with Food, Beer Garden, Car Show, Games, Amusement Park. Family friendly!

**Sept. 22** – Music by Drew Sheafor and Audrey Simes from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and music by Short-Mist from 6 pm. to 10 p.m. at Charter's Patio in Vandalia.

**Sept. 23** – Wine & Ale with Abe Street Fest in downtown Vandalia.

**Sept. 29** – Full Moon Celebration of Harvest Moon at This N That at 120 N 5th Street in Vandalia. Come Celebrate the Harvest Moon with us! We will have specials, give aways and refreshments! We will also be offering specialty services, whether that's Aura Photography or Tarot Readings and so on. Come join us and have some fun!

**Sept. 29** – Music by Drew Sheafor and Audrey Simes from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and music by Jaik Willis from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Charter's Patio in Vandalia.

**Sept. 30** – Josh Holland Band at Charter's Patio in Vandalia from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

**Oct. 14** – Vandalia's Grand Levee Festival in downtown Vandalia. Food vendors/arts & crafts/period demonstrations & much more!

**Oct. 14** – Farmers Market in downtown Vandalia from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m..

**Oct. 28** – Witches Night Out. Please join us for our 3rd Annual Witches Night Out from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at This n That at 120 N 5th Street in Vandalia! This will be the best one yet! We will have vendors, contests, refreshments, raffles, give aways and live music!

**November 10 & 11** – Vandalia's Olde Tyme Christmas

### FAYETTE COUNTY ATTRACTIONS

#### Vandalia State House

The Vandalia State House, built in 1836, is the fourth capitol building of the U.S. state of Illinois. It is also the oldest capitol building in Illinois to survive, as the first, second, and third capitol buildings have all disappeared. The brick Federal style state house has been operated by the state of Illinois as a monument of Illinois pioneer years since 1933. It is located in Vandalia, Illinois, on the National Road (and National Old Trails Road), and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It was the scene of most of the service of Abraham Lincoln as a member of the Illinois state legislature. Open Tues- Sat 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed Sun and Mon. Located 315 W Gallatin St., Vandalia, IL 62471

#### Fayette County Museum

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### National Road Interpretive Center

Located at 106 S. Fifth St., Vandalia, pays homage to the first totally federally funded highway. It began in Cumberland, Md., in 1811 and reached Illinois in the early 1830s. History of travel and transportation in the early days of our country and how it helped to open the West is its focus. The center is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 618-283-9380 for more information.

### Axe on Main/Forge A Memory

Axe Throwing Center located at 409 N. Main St. in St. Elmo IL.

## Jasper County Events

**Sept. 2 & 16** – Sainte Marie Farmers Market at Picquet Park in Sainte Marie, IL from 8 a.m. to Noon.

**Sept. 23** – Drag Show with Sharon & The Sharealikes at 8 p.m. at MVP Happy Holler.

**Sept. 30** – Embarras Eagles Chapter Banquet at West End Reception Center, 202 Museum Drive in Newton, IL. Social Hour 4 p.m., Two-Meat Buffet Dinner at 6 p.m. For tickets call Jim Wagner at 618-562-8526, JD Sharrett at 618-553-8889 or Jason Wagner at 618-553-5050. Buy/Print Tickets at whitetailsunlimited.com

**Nov. 4** – Country Night at West End Reception Center in Newton, IL with live music by Mel Tillis Jr., Dennis Stroughmett and Randy Kemme & Thunder Road.

**Nov. 25** – Whoville Celebration in Ste. Marie, IL. 5K Run/Walk at 8 a.m.; 1 Mile Fun Run at 8:30 a.m. Medals given for overall male and female and top finishers in age groups. Race packets will be handed out starting at 7:30 a.m. the day of the race. Please park around 213 Main St. in Ste. Marie, IL. Race will start around the St. Mary's Parish St. and the Legion. Come out to the Whoville Celebration and enjoy dressing up as your favorite Whoville character or Christmas character while running or walking to raise funds for a good cause! Saved by Grace Animal Rescue will host this event to help raise funds for the rescue. Ice Skating Rink, Face Painting, Hot Chocolate & Concessions, Wagon Rides, Cotton Candy, Whoville Store, Kids Crafts & Games, Appearances by Grinch, Cindy Lou Who, Martha May and Mrs. Clause, Town Tree Lighting/Caroling at Dark and MORE! Great food at the Legion and Wine Tasting by Irene's Vineyard.

**Jan. 13** – Howl at the Moon Dueling Pianos at 7 p.m. at West End Reception Center, 202 Museum Drive in Newton, IL.

**Jan. 26** – Randy Kemme & Thunder Road, Traditional Country Live Music & Dancing at 7:30 p.m. at West End Reception Center, 202 Museum Drive in Newton, IL.

**March 9** – Boombox All 80s Band at 8 p.m. at West End Reception Center, 202 Museum Drive in Newton, IL.

**April 8** – Solar Eclipse 2024 Viewing Party with food trucks, entertainment and more at West End Reception Center in Newton, IL.

## JASPER COUNTY ATTRACTIONS

### Sam Parr State Fish and Wildlife Area

The 1,103-acre state park is located two miles northeast of Newton on State Route 33. The park offers a 183-acre lake for fishing with two boat ramps and nine miles of shore line. Sam Parr also offers hunting, hiking, primitive camping, picnic area and 13 miles of equestrian trails. For more information, call 618-783-2661.

### Drive N Theatre

One of four remaining drive-in theaters in the state, the Drive N Theatre operates May through September with a double feature each weekend. Drive N Theatre is located five miles east of Newton on Route 33. For more information, call 618-455-3100.

### Embarras River

The river meanders through Jasper County, offering many opportunities for beautiful photography, an encounter with wildlife or to wet a line. The river tracks from west of Hidalgo and Rose Hill, southeast to Sainte Marie. There are plenty of places to stop, look and enjoy.

## Jefferson County Events

**Sept. 8 to 10** – Cedarhurst Art & Craft Fair – Rain or Shine! Sept. 8 from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. with Shop the Artists from 4 to 7:30 p.m. and Music from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sept. 9 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Sept. 29 & 30** – Mt. Vernon Fall Festival. Enjoy FREE live entertainment both days on the main stage, festival foods, shop from a variety of vendors at the Vendors Marketplace, show off your fall flair in the parade, view classic cars and trucks, and so much more! FREE Kids Zone, FREE parking, FREE admission, FREE entertainment. Enjoy fall in Mt. Vernon at Fall Fest 2023!

**Nov. 24 & 25** – Junk 'N' Disorderly "Christmas at the Mall" at Times Square Mall in Mt. Vernon, IL. Friday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. FREE Admission. FREE Parking. The most unique and eclectic mix of artisans, crafters and junkers! Live Music!

## JEFFERSON COUNTY ATTRACTIONS

### The Aquatic Zoo

Visit Mt. Vernon's favorite summer destination—the Aquatic Zoo in Lincoln Park at 1700 South 34th Street just off of Veterans Memorial Drive. 1-618-241-0691. Open Sat. 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. & Sun. noon - 6 p.m. through Labor Day weekend.

### Appellate Courthouse

Constructed in 1857 as the southern division of the Illinois State Supreme Court, Abraham Lincoln successfully argued a famous tax case in 1859. In 1888, Clara Barton used this Mt. Vernon building as a hospital. Tours are available. Please call in advance. 618-242-3120

## Cedarhurst Center For The Arts

Cedarhurst, an 85-acre estate, located in Mt. Vernon, features the Mitchell Museum, outdoor sculpture park, and art center. Cedarhurst presents changing exhibitions in its galleries, performing arts programs including chamber music, concerts, and dinner theatre, and the Cedarhurst craft fair each September. The Cedarhurst Art Center provides year-round classes and workshops for adults and children. (618) 242-1236

## Jefferson County Historical Village

Unique to Mt. Vernon, you can experience the past at the Historical Village as you walk through a pioneer village of authentic log cabins, featuring a calaboose (circa 1820), the Mount Olive Church (circa 1873), a one-room schoolhouse and more. Admission is free. (618) 246-0033

## Macon County Events

**Sept. 10** – Grandparents Day at Scoville Zoo in Decatur, IL - enjoy an old-fashioned fall festival with cake walks, games, and more! Activities happen between 1 to 4 p.m. Grandparents enter free all day with a paying child.

**Sept. 23** – Movies under the stars -The Super Mario Bros. Movie - presented by Starry at the Devon G. Buffet Lakeshore Amphitheatre in Decatur, IL 7 p.m. – free event

**Sept. 30** – Platinum Rock Legends at The Devon G. Buffet Lakeshore Amphitheatre in Decatur, IL 7 p.m.

**Oct. 7** – Taste of History Event at The Oglesby Mansion from 5 to 9 p.m. During this event, you'll explore five Decatur history sites while enjoying delicious hors d'oeuvres and drinks at each location. Each venue represents a business industry pioneer and a piece of Decatur history. Like and follow the new Taste of History Facebook page for event details.

**Oct. 15** – April Wine at the Lincoln Square Theatre at 7 p.m. April Wine is a Canadian rock band formed in 1969. Originally based in Halifax, Nova Scotia, the band enjoyed international success in the 1970's and 1980's, releasing more than 20 albums since 1971. For ticket info visitlincolnsquaretheatre.com

**Dec. 9** – PJ Party with Santa at Scoville Zoo in Decatur, IL. Kids aged 3 – 10 can bring a pillow and wear PJs while they make a take-home craft, decorate cookies, and visit up-close with awesome animals. Bring your camera for the story time and visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus! Location: Zoo Ed Center. Fee: \$25 (\$23 w/ resident discount). \$1 off with a zoo membership

## MACON COUNTY ATTRACTIONS

### Scovill Zoo

Nestled along the shores of Lake Decatur, Scovill Zoo is home to more than 400 animals spanning six continents. Originally called Scovill Farm, the zoo was built by the Decatur Park District in 1966 and opened to the public in 1967. The original collection of farm animals has evolved over the years to become more exotic, featuring cheetahs, camels, meerkats, zebras, and more. Scovill Zoo earned accreditation by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums in 2001. The zoo has since passed two more accreditation inspections in 2006 and 2011. Accreditation shows that Scovill Zoo meets the highest standards for animal care, exhibit maintenance, education, conservation, and administration. Scovill Zoo is an educational, family-friendly destination for residents of Decatur, Macon County, and Central Illinois.

## Marion County Events

**Sept. 16** – AppleFest 2023 at the Marion County Fair Grounds in Salem IL from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Local Vendors, Food Trucks, Musicians and Family Fun! Grab your lawn chairs and head on out!

**Sept. 16 & 17** – Fall Festival at Kinmundy Log Cabin Village in Kinmundy IL. Sat hours 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday hours 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Sept. 23 & 24** – Fall Festival at Kinmundy Log Cabin Village in Kinmundy IL. Sat hours 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday hours 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Oct. 1** – Witches Night Out from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at J. Lane Mobile Boutique, 1300 South Broadway Suite 21, Salem IL. Grab your spell casting friends and your sister covens and fly on over! Cauldrons full of goodies for the witches who can out slay the others in our practical magic challenge: Most Spell-binding Hat, Most Magical Broom, Head Witch Cackle, 100% That Witch (overall). Vendors, food trucks, bonfires, cocktail bar & more! This event is for the grown & witchy (18 years and older).

**Oct. 14** – The BIG Baldrige & Bonfire Country Music Festival from 4:30 to 11:30 p.m. in downtown Patoka, IL presented by Drew Baldrige in his hometown of Patoka! This one-day, outdoor festival returns to Patoka for the second consecutive year after its successful debut in 2022. Diamond Rio will headline this special event. Drew Baldrige will also be performing the new songs from his sophomore album Country Born as well as fan-favorites that helped propel him onto the country radio charts. Joining him throughout the day are the Beaucoup Bottom Band, Taco Truck, Jamie Nattier, and DJ JD. Tickets for the event may be purchased on Eventbrite.

**Oct. 20, 21 & 27, 28** – Haunted Trail at Kinmundy Log Cabin Village in Kinmundy IL

**Oct. 21** – RAIL Monster Crawl Halloween Downtown Street Festival in Centralia, IL. Monsters will swarm the streets! The event begins at 5 p.m. at RAIL Coffee Room. You & your ghoulish brood will scare local together as you join in on this year's festival of wicked fun! Our wicked DJ will be playing tunes all night & RAIL will have beer/wine & drink specials. Prizes will be awarded beginning at 8 p.m. for the Costume Contest and the Ghoul & Gal Scavenger Hunt Participation!

**April 6 to April 8** – 2024 Total Solar Eclipse at Kinmundy Log Cabin Village in Kinmundy IL. Starts at 4:30 p.m. on April 6 and runs through 5:30 p.m. on April 8. Food vendors on Sunday and Monday. Options available for a guaranteed spot for one vehicle. There are options to come on the weekend and stay until Monday through the Total Solar Eclipse. Open skies to view the eclipse from your spot.



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# 2023-2024 SEASON SCHEDULE

| DATE/TIME                              | SHOW   | TOP TIER | LEVEL A | LEVEL B |
|--|--|----------|---------|---------|
| Aug. 18   7:00 pm                      | Ashley McBryde   | \$55     | \$45    | \$35    |
| Aug. 23   7:30 pm                      | Happy Together Tour 2023   | \$65     | \$53    | \$49    |
| Aug. 26   7:00 pm                      | Steven Curtis Chapman  | \$69.99  | \$49.99 | \$29.99 |
| Sept. 3   7:00 pm                      | Larry the Cable Guy  | \$79     | \$69    | \$59    |
| Sept. 23   7:00 pm                     | Dena Blizzard - I Love You Get Away From Me!                       | \$45     | \$30    | \$20    |
| Oct. 13   7:00 pm                      | The Everly Set   | \$35     | \$25    | \$20    |
| Oct. 19   7:00 pm                      | Craig Morgan   | \$55     | \$40    | \$30    |
| Oct. 21   7:00 pm                      | Dailey & Vincent   | \$42     | \$32    | \$27    |
| Oct. 27   8:00 pm                      | The Rocky Horror Picture Show                                      | \$15     | \$15    | \$15    |
| Nov. 4   7:00 pm                       | Crowder  | \$74.99  | \$49.99 | \$34.99 |
| Nov. 10   7:00 pm                      | John Anderson  | \$55     | \$45    | \$35    |
| Nov. 11   7:00 pm                      | The Music of Billy Joel & Elton John<br>Starring Michael Cavanaugh | \$48     | \$38    | \$25    |
| Nov. 17   8:00 pm                      | Hairball   | \$32     | \$32    | \$32    |
| Nov. 18   2:00 pm<br>Nov. 18   7:30 pm | Branson on the Road - Christmas Style                              | \$35     | \$25    | \$20    |
| Nov. 26   3:00 pm                      | The Prophecy   | \$26     | \$21    | \$16    |
| Dec. 9   3:00 pm                       | The Polar Express (interactive movie)                              | \$35 VIP | \$15    | \$15    |
| Dec. 15   7:00 pm                      | The Oak Ridge Boys - Down Home Christmas                           | \$65     | \$55    | \$48    |
| Dec. 16   7:00 pm                      | Scott Wattles Christmas  | \$25     | \$25    | \$25    |
| Dec. 20   2:00 pm<br>Dec. 20   7:30 pm | Church Basement Ladies: Away in the Basement                       | \$45     | \$40    | \$35    |
| Jan. 20   3:00 pm                      | Moana (interactive movie)  | \$35 VIP | \$15    | \$15    |
| Jan. 26   7:00 pm                      | Night Ranger   | \$80     | \$65    | \$50    |
| Feb. 4   5:00 pm                       | Dinosaur World Live  | \$40     | \$35    | \$28    |
| Feb. 10   7:00 pm                      | Tusk: The Ultimate Fleetwood Mac Experience                        | \$45     | \$35    | \$25    |
| Feb. 17   7:00 pm                      | One Vision of Queen featuring Marc Martel                          | \$44     | \$44    | \$44    |
| Feb. 23   7:00 pm                      | Forever Young  | \$48     | \$38    | \$28    |
| Feb. 24   7:00 pm                      | Six String Summit  | \$20     | \$20    | \$20    |
| Mar. 9   7:00 pm                       | Buckcherry   | \$68     | \$48    | \$38    |
| Mar. 15   7:00 pm                      | Buckets N Boards   | \$35     | \$20    | \$20    |
| Mar. 17   2:00 pm                      | The Price Is Right Live  | \$60     | \$50    | \$40    |
| Apr. 5   7:00 pm                       | Etta May & The Southern Fried Chicks                               | \$45     | \$35    | \$25    |
| Apr. 20   7:00 pm                      | Wayne Newton: Up Close & Personal                                  | \$69     | \$59    | \$45    |
| Apr. 26   7:00 pm                      | EPC Idol Finals  | \$10     | \$10    | \$10    |
| June 1   7:00 pm                       | Scott Wattles & The Blue Suede Crew                                | \$20     | \$20    | \$20    |



Purchase tickets at the Box Office, by calling 217.540.2788,  
or online at [www.TheEPC.org](http://www.TheEPC.org) or [www.ticketmaster.com/EPC](http://www.ticketmaster.com/EPC).



## MARION COUNTY ATTRACTIONS

### Centralia Carillon & Musical Fountain

Come see and hear the distinctive sites and sounds of the Centralia Carillon towering 165 feet high above the city. The Centralia Carillon, the sixth largest bell tower in the world, is played by a professional carillonneur who climbs 173 steps to play the bells in concert. The base of the tower contains a small museum, and tours of the Carillon are available free to the public by making a reservation.

The beauty of the Centralia Carillon is enhanced by the surrounding tower park just west of the carillon tower. The "sitting wall" is a perfect spot to listen to the music. Soft amber lighting at night makes the park an attractive place to take an evening stroll. Visitors may also experience the one and only musical fountain which moves to the unique expressions of the Carillon. For private tours or concert information please call (618)533-4381.

### Centralia Area Historical Society Museum

At the Centralia Area Historical Society Museum, located at 240 South Locust Street in Centralia, IL, you can experience the area's rich railroad history through vintage pictures, tools, clothing and even a tour of a real caboose. Civil War items, military uniforms, equipment, ration books, flags, awards and other artifacts mark special times in the history of this country and the Centralia area.

Centralia is rich in mining history, and detonators, lunch buckets, rescue equipment, and newspaper reports of the #5 Mine Disaster can be viewed at the Museum. The experiences you can have here are too numerous to list, but we know you won't want to miss the history of this unique area.

### Kinmundy Log Cabin Village

Every year the last couple weekends of September, Kinmundy Log Cabin Village has a Fall Festival that includes food and craft vendors and people in period costume doing demonstrations. Fast forward to the last two weekends in October to enjoy their Haunted Trail! Many of the cabins were local cabins moved here for preservation. Learn the history of these cabins and get a first-hand glimpse of what cabin life was like for 19th century pioneers. kinmundylogcabinvillage.com

### Stephen A Forbes State Park

Picture yourself on the banks of a beautiful lake, surrounded by shady oaks and rolling hills. As the sun comes up, take a swim at sandy Rocky Point Beach. The rest of the day offers many options, from hiking on the nature trails, to softball or volleyball at the Circle Drive Picnic Area to water skiing. Or, you may want to spend the night at the Oak Ridge Campground. All of this, and more, awaits visitors to Stephen A. Forbes State Recreation Area at 6924 Omega Rd, Kinmundy, IL.

## Moultrie County Events

**Sept. 8** – Backyard Bluegrass Festival starting at 2 p.m. at 790 Southern Rd in Sullivan, IL featuring Rhonda Vincent.

**Sept. 16** – Relay for Life of Moultrie County at 2 West Harrison Street in Sullivan, IL.

**Dec. 8 to 17** – "A Christmas Carol" musical at The Little Theatre on the Square in Sullivan, IL. Dec. 8 shows at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 9 shows at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 10 show at 2 p.m.; No shows Dec. 11; Dec. 12 show at 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 13 shows at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 14 show at 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 15 show at 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 16 shows at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 17 show at 2 p.m.

## MOULTRIE COUNTY ATTRACTIONS

### "Boats, Buggies & Broadway"

Sullivan serves as the county seat for Moultrie County and is home to The Little Theatre On The Square, the only professional theatre located between Chicago and St. Louis. In addition, the city serves as the north gateway to Lake Shelbyville and also marks the west edge of the area's large Amish settlement. Abraham Lincoln traversed the county as a circuit riding lawyer and tried many cases in one of the county's first courthouses. The present courthouse, located downtown, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

### Sullivan Civic Center

Public, indoor pool that is larger than an Olympic size pool can be found here, as well as a gymnasium and weight equipment. The civic center is located at 600 N. Washington St., Sullivan. For more information, contact 217-728-4541 or sullivanil.us.

**2023 TRAVEL TIME TOURS**

Sep 14 • 1 Day Mystery Trip • \$155  
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Oct 2-11 • New England • \$2,199 Double or \$3,099 Single  
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Sullivan Beach and Recreation Area is located on Rt. 32 South, Sullivan. Picnic shelters and showers are available.

### Okaw Valley Orchard

U-pick and retail: gift items, pasteurized fresh cider, cider slush, peaches, apples, plums, apple doughnuts, apple dumplings, jams and jellies. Playground, picnic area and group tours. The address is 724 CR 1750N, Sullivan, IL. For more information, call 217-460-0283.

## Piatt County Events

**Sept. 8** – Concert Series at Allerton Park in Allerton, IL. Irish Fest with Celtic Whistle and The Gothard Sisters

**Sept. 16-17** – Railroad Days at Monticello Railway Museum in Monticello, IL. Come enjoy unlimited rides on our vintage passenger and freight trains and motor cars. Motive power will include steam locomotive 401 and several of our vintage diesels. Visit museum displays, kids games, food trucks, and more!

**Oct. 14** – Fall Sunset Dinner Train at Monticello Railway Museum, Monticello, IL. Ride in style on one of our restored Illinois Central dining cars as you enjoy a delicious three-course dinner and enjoy the fall scenery of Central Illinois. This two-hour train ride includes your choice of Filet Medallions (gluten free), Cornish Game Hen, or Pasta Primavera (Gluten Free), sides, and homemade pie, all prepared by our friends at Holly's Country Kitchen of Monticello! You can choose to ride in a historic dining car or enjoy an exclusive experience on board our private car.

**Nov. 17-19, 24-26 and Dec. 1-3, 8-10** – The Polar Express at Monticello Railway Museum in Monticello, IL. Take a magical ride on the Polar Express! Read along with the story as the train makes its round-trip journey to the North Pole. Meet Santa and enjoy caroling, hot chocolate, surprises, and a special gift! Ticket sales will start on Saturday, Sept. 9 at 8 a.m.

**Dec. 2 and 3** – Lunch with Santa on the Train at Monticello Railway Museum in Monticello, IL. The festive Lunch with Santa Trains are sponsored by the The Monticello Chamber of Commerce.

## PIATT COUNTY ATTRACTIONS

### Allerton Park & Retreat Center

The Robert Allerton Park is a 1,517-acre park, nature center, and conference center located in the rural Piatt County township of Willow Branch near Monticello, Illinois, on the upper Sangamon River. The park and manor house, The Farms, are attributed to owner Robert Allerton, industrialist heir, artist, art collector and garden designer. Robert donated the complex to the University of Illinois in 1946. The National Park Service registered the Robert Allerton Estate as a National Historic Place on July 18, 2007. The Allerton Natural Area within the park was designated a National Natural Landmark in 1970. As of 2007, the park was used by approximately 100,000 visitors per year. It has been described as "a vast prairie turned into a personal fantasy land of neoclassical statues, Far Eastern art, and huge European-style gardens surrounding a Georgian-Revival mansion.

### Monticello Railway Museum

Welcome to the Monticello Railway Museum, a non-profit, all-volunteer organization in central Illinois with an operational railroad and yard open to the public. For the 2023 season, we will be offering train rides on Saturdays and Sundays from May 6 through October 8, as well as a number of special events throughout the year. We collect, preserve, interpret, and exhibit materials and artifacts from throughout the fascinating history of trains and railroading. Come explore our many rail cars and other equipment, and view our museum displays.

## Richland County Events

**Sept. 1** – Friday Night Lights Horse Show by White Squirrel Saddle Club at East Fork Arena, 5311 North Silver Rd., Olney, IL 62450. Exhibition barrels 6 p.m. and show follows at approximately 8 p.m. Visit the White Squirrel Saddle Club facebook page for more information.

**Sept. 9** – White Squirrel Bluegrass Festival in Olney City Park in Olney, IL.

**Sept. 15 & 16** – Olney City Wide Garage Sales

**Sept. 24** – White Squirrel Saddle Club Western Horse Show at East Fork Arena, 5311 North Silver Rd., Olney, IL 62450. Show begins at 1 p.m.

**Sept. 30** – Fall Festival in Olney City Park in Olney IL from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Oct. 7, 14 & 21** – Annual Squirrel Count at Olney City Park in Olney, IL.

**Oct. 22** – White Squirrel Saddle Club Horse Show at East Fork Arena, 5311 North Silver Rd., Olney, IL 62450. Show begins at 1 p.m.

**Oct. 27** – TrustBank Halloween Parade in downtown Olney, IL. Line up at 5:30 p.m. Parade starts at 5 p.m. on Main Street in Olney.

**Nov. 25** – Olney Christmas Parade in downtown Olney.

**Nov. 23 to Dec. 31** – Christmas Lights Display in Olney City Park on Rt. 130 in Olney, IL.

**April 5 to April 8** – Total Solar Eclipse "The White Squirrel Blackout 2024". Olney & Richland County will be in the path of totality for the next Total Solar Eclipse! Be a part of history as we rock the lights out in Olney! Contact Olney & The Greater Richland County Chamber of Commerce for more information.

## RICHLAND COUNTY ATTRACTIONS

### White Squirrels

For more than 100 years, the Olney area has been home to the largest known population of white squirrels. The best viewing spots are Olney City Park, Millers Grove and several residential neighborhoods with mature trees and feeding stations. Look for them in the early morning hours when they are most active.



The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum dedicated a new sculpture that honors the 16th president's inspirational words and strong values. Submitted photo

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum dedicated a new sculpture that honors the 16th president's inspirational words and strong values. The "Beacon of Endurance" will stand as a new symbol of President Lincoln's impact on America yesterday, today and tomorrow.

The Beacon is an obelisk almost 25 feet tall. A bottom section features some of Lincoln's most powerful quotations. The top two-thirds are emblazoned with words describing Lincoln and his legacy, such as "unity," "honor" and "hope." These words will be lit up at night, and some will be projected onto the museum's east wall.

"We hope this sculpture will serve as a literal beacon, guiding people to Abraham Lincoln and his vision of a better America," said Christina Shutt, executive director of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum.

"This sculpture should inspire reflection and discussion about President Lincoln for many years to come," said Gary Johnson, chairman of the ALPLM Board of Trustees. "Public art can be a powerful tool for encouraging people to think about shared values and where the nation is headed."

The \$223,000 project is made possible by the Illinois Capital Development

Board's Art-in-Architecture program. The board reserves one-half of one percent of the cost of state building and renovation projects to purchase public art. Since its inception in 1977, it has purchased

or commissioned nearly 1,000 works by Illinois artists.

"The Capital Development Board is pleased to have partnered with the library and museum to commission Beacon of Endurance. It is another shining example of support for the arts in Illinois," said Capital Development Board Executive Director Jim Underwood.

The Beacon stands at the northwest corner of Jefferson Avenue and Seventh Street in Springfield.

It was designed by BJ Krivanek and Joel Breaux of the Chicago firm Krivanek+Breaux/Art+Design. The sculpture is 24 feet, 10 inches tall.

# New SCULPTURE *lights up the* NIGHT

'BEACON OF ENDURANCE' AT THE ABRAHAM LINCOLN  
PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

The bottom, where Lincoln quotes are inscribed, will weather and rust over time. The sculpture includes Lincoln's appeal to "the better angels of our nature," his condemnation of the secession movement as "the essence of anarchy" and his declaration that, "Those who deny freedom to others, deserve it not for themselves."

Above that, in impervious stainless steel, are individual words about Lincoln's character and principles. They include

***The sculpture's bottom section features some of Lincoln's most powerful quotations. The top two-thirds are emblazoned with words describing Lincoln and his legacy.***

"emancipation," "civil rights" and "progress." They will be visible night and day. But other words, such as "dream," "hope" and "protest," will appear only at night, when they are projected onto the museum.

"This inscribed obelisk form is slightly off kilter, to suggest democratic vulnerabilities. Its materiality bridges from the base of Industrial Age rusted steel rooted in the land, to the Space Age stainless steel of its upper form reaching skyward," said Krivanek, artist and Professor Emeritus of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. "At night, the artform will transform through illumination and the ephemeral projection of societal ideals and issues onto the museum walls, to become the afterlife of Lincoln's totemic cultural significance."

For more information, visit [PresidentLincoln.illinois.gov](http://PresidentLincoln.illinois.gov)

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**Visitors to the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum examine the "Beacon of Endurance," a new symbol of President Lincoln's impact on America yesterday, today and tomorrow. Submitted photo**

# ‘WELCOME, CARBONDALE!’ unveils owl mural

**A**rtspace 304 is pleased to announce the completion of the third “Welcome, Carbondale!” public mural of 2023.

Antonio Martinez’ vibrant Owl Mural on the Southeast corner of Slabz Skatepark at 609 S. Illinois depicts an atomic/celestial landscape.

Asked about his imagery, the artist explains: “The mural was inspired by my memory of the sky during the 2017 total solar eclipse, the legacy of the Bucky Dome, the natural environment, and the Owl.

“For me, the Owl

symbolizes wisdom gained through hardship, with the guidance of creativity, social awareness, and intuition. Six orbs rotate around an ellipse: numerically, six is a nod to the atomic number of Carbon on the periodic table and a wink to Carbondale’s namesake.

“This Owl/Eclipse idea represents a rejuvenation/re-birth for Carbondale, gained through creativity and ingenuity, which Buckminster Fuller embodied in his teachings.

Other important cultural influences include the spiritualist paintings of Hilma af Klint and the Aztec/Mesquica philosophy of ‘total.’”

It was essential to Antonio that this mural faces eastward so the public may view the watchful Owl/Eclipse as the sun sets in the west. Another benefit of its position is that the mural is fully displayed for those riding the Amtrak train or using the biking/hiking path that parallels the track.

Chuck Benya, Artspace 304’s CEO & Executive Director, noted that this is the fourth

“Welcome, Carbondale!” and 12th Southern Illinois Mural Project mural.

“Shortly, we will have 15 murals as part of our outdoor museum, free for residents and visitors to the area,” Benya said.

Marsha Ryan, Artspace 304’s Board President, sees Owl Mural as a beautiful companion piece to Chris DeShazo’s Hands Mural on the Southwest corner of the building. She appreciates its proximity to Artspace 304’s recently acquired building at 607 S. Illinois, which will house retail and maker space for artists and supporters of the arts.

Chuck Benya noted Mark and Sylvia Garwin’s generous donation of the wall for the two murals and being long-time supporters of the arts in Southern Illinois.

“Welcome, Carbondale!” is an initiative of the Southern Illinois Mural Project (SIMP), an Artspace 304 program in collaboration with the City of Carbondale, SIUC, local businesses, and private donors.

“The City of Carbondale is pleased to collaborate with Artspace 304 to highlight the amazing creativity that exists in the Carbondale region but also to shine a light on the incredible businesses and institutions in our community,” said Steven Mitchell, Economic Development Director for the City of Carbondale.



**Antonio Martinez’ vibrant Owl Mural on the Southeast corner of Slabz Skatepark at 609 S. Illinois depicts an atomic/celestial landscape. Submitted photo.**



Biplane photo courtesy Greenville Airport

# BIPLANES & BALLOONS over Greenville

**G**reenville Airport will have its Airstravanza event from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 16. Plans include: open house with pancake breakfast, biplane rides in a Waco UPF-7 or Stearman, as well as rides in a Cessna 172.

For info on Stearman and Cessna 172 rides, call 618-322-3532.

Weather permitting, Brad Haege, balloonist from Nashville, Illinois, plans to be in attendance with his hot air balloon. Contact Haege at 618-410-6030 for more information.

Static displays will include Wings of

Hope from Spirit of St Louis Airport with info on its mission of providing aircraft for medical and mission assistance worldwide. Also, medical evacuation helicopters from Air Evac and Air Methods will be on the ramp as well as equipment from local volunteer fire departments.

Kevin Kegin's American Warbird will be flying biplane rides of 20 minutes in

a Waco for \$250. You can also contact Kevin to schedule a flight in a North American T-6, \$500 for 30 minutes or longer flights if desired. For additional info and schedule, email [amwarbird@earthlink.net](mailto:amwarbird@earthlink.net), visit [americanwarbird.com](http://americanwarbird.com), or call 314-809-7101.

Pilots flying in will receive one free pancake breakfast per aircraft and be eligible for a \$20 discount on fuel purchased on the day of the event in addition to being entered in a drawing for \$250 of free fuel to be awarded on the day of the event.

## The Elliott Street Historic District

This historic district comprising five blocks of South Elliott Street in Olney, Illinois. The district is primarily residential; all but four of the 33 main buildings in the district are single-family homes.

## Shelby County Events

**Sept. 9** – Fall Village Wide Rummage Sales in Strasburg, IL.

**Sept. 23 & 24** – Twilight Nights Fall Fest 2023 at Vahling Vineyards, 2683 County Highway 6, Stewardson, IL. Wine Tasting/Live Bands/Vendors/Food. Entrance Fee \$15; Under 21 Free. (217)682-5409.

**Oct. 6, 7 & 8** – Touchstone Energy Balloon Fest at Lake Shelbyville. Food Vendors, Live Music, Balloon Glow, Tethered Balloon Rides & More! The Lake Shelbyville skies become a backdrop for colorful hot air balloons during the Columbus Day weekend. Friday evening the balloons take off around 5 p.m. at Willow Ridge Winery. Saturday morning the balloons fly over the airport and Sunday morning the balloons fly over the lake. Saturday night hosts the annual Balloon Glow with food, music, and fun.

**Oct. 7** – Scarecrow Daze in downtown Shelbyville. Parade, Arts/Crafts/Food Vendors/Beer Tent/Quilt Show/Scavenger Hunt and Contests.

**Oct. 12** – Kids Fishing Tournament at Opossum Creek Pond located in Opossum Creek Recreational Area at Lake Shelbyville. There are 3 age groups (6 & under) (7-9) (10-12). Pre-registration is required. E-mail LakeShelbyville@usace.army.mil or call 217-774-3951 ext 7047 with participant's name, parents/guardians name, age of child, parent/guardian phone number. All participants must bring & wear a life jacket. Must supply own fishing equipment and bait. Call fish must also be released after weigh-in. Categories are most fish, biggest fish, and smallest fish. Ages 6 & under check in at 8 a.m.; Ages 7-9 check in at 8:45 a.m.; Ages 10-12 check in at 8:45 a.m.

**Oct. 21** – Halloween Soup Supper, Parade, Costume Judging, Cake Walk all at the Community Center in Strasburg, IL.

**Nov. 5** – American Legion Christmas Auction starting at 1 p.m. at the Community Center in Strasburg, IL.

**Nov. 10** – Music Bingo at Willow Ridge Winery, Shelbyville IL. Instead of normal bingo numbers, they will play popular songs that people love to sing along with. Players listen to the music and mark the right songs on their bingo cards. When a player gets the songs right, they will shout 'BINGO' and then we might have a winner! Prairie Fire DJ Service 217-520-4403

**Nov. 11** – Santa Brigade Breakfast starting at 6 a.m. and Christmas Market starting at 7 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church Social Hall & Gym in Strasburg, IL.

**Nov. 17 to Dec. 31** – Shelbyville Festival of Lights. Come to Shelbyville and take a drive through Forest Park as it is lit up for the Holiday season. These lights are put in place each year by volunteers and new lights and themed areas are also added. Candy Cane lane is to honor loved ones. Come enjoy the Victorian Village, Santa's Shop, the North Pole, Bethlehem, and others. All displays are painted and taped to match the light colors to make them even brighter with the LED lights. The Historic Chautauqua Auditorium Building comes alive as a carousel.

**Dec. 3** – American Legion Christmas Auction starting at 1 p.m. at the Community Center in Strasburg, IL.

**Dec. 10** – Lutheran Churches Christmas Cantata at 7 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Strasburg, IL.

**Dec. 15 & 16** – Christmas Store & Cookie Walk at the Community Center in Strasburg, IL.

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**June 27 to 30** – Stewardson IL Sesquicentennial. Celebrate 150 Years of Stewardson Celebration!

## SHELBY COUNTY ATTRACTIONS

### Vahling Vineyards


Vahling Vineyards is a winery located at 2683 Co. Hwy 6, Stewardson IL. (217)682-5409. vahlingvineyards.com. They have a Wine & Brandy Tasting Room. Enjoy a glass inside or on their large patio!

### Willow Ridge Vineyards and Winery

Willow Ridge Vineyards and Winery is located at 1796 North 1475 East Road, Shelbyville IL. (217)738-2323. Open noon - 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. on Sundays. Check out their Facebook page for a list of live bands and food vendors each weekend.

### Tallman House

The historic Tallman House is located at 806 Main St., Shelbyville. It was built in 1905 by the inventor of the first mechanical hay baler and is listed in National Register of Historical Places. It was restored in 1989 and now serves as office of Shelby Historic House and Inn. For more information call 217-774-3991



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### Shelby County Courthouse

Shelby County Courthouse in downtown Shelbyville was built between 1879 and 1881. It houses historic paintings, including the Robert Root depiction of the Abraham Lincoln-Anthony Thornton debate. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and courtrooms are generally open for viewing when court is not in session.

### Tree-filled Forest Park

Tree-filled Forest Park in Shelbyville is a beautiful place to spend a day. There are areas for picnicking, hiking and fishing. During summer there are swimming, basketball, baseball, softball, volleyball, soccer and tennis facilities.

### Lincoln Public Square

The Lincoln Public Square houses the Soldiers & Sailors Monument, designed by local artist Robert Marshall Root. The square was erected in 1907 in memory of the fighting men in the county. The square also has a plaque in honor of Abraham Lincoln, who practiced law in Shelbyville. There is also a plaque of Horace Tallman, the inventor of the first mechanical pick-up hay baler. Flags are placed around the square during Memorial Day and Labor Day. On July 3, 2002, an eternal flame was dedicated to the men and women who have served in the past wars. The black granite base of the flame contains etchings, such as General Douglas MacArthur wading ashore in the Philippines in 1945, Marines raising the flag at Iwo Jima in World War II and Shelbyville resident August West.

### Johnson's Goat Tower

Johnson's Goat Tower is located at 1968 N. 2500 East Road at Windsor, IL 61957. The tower is a structure consisting of 5000 handmade bricks from North Carolina, 276 concrete steps that are 40 inches long and cantilevered into the brick and a copper roof. The six compartments, three on each side, have a concrete floor. At 31 feet tall with a 7 1/2 foot diameter, it is the world's largest goat tower. Saanen goats, Swiss dairy goats that love to climb, live in the tower. Phone (217)454-2337 and leave a message or text. [goattowerfarm.com](http://goattowerfarm.com)

### Paddling Lake Shelbyville

Established in 2020, the Lake Shelbyville Water Trail - Kaskaskia Branch travels downstream from Denham Pit Primitive Boat Ramp to Forrest W. Bo Wood Boat Ramp. In total, it is just under a 12-mile kayak trip that takes around 4 hours to complete (at normal lake level.) This versatile trail offers distances for all paddling experience levels with several put in/take out points along the route and quiet coves to explore!

### Moweaqua Coal Mine Museum

Moweaqua Coal Mine Museum at 129 S. Main St. in Moweaqua, IL has displays and memorabilia from a bygone era in mid-western prairie history. Most well-known for the Dec. 24, 1932 disaster that killed 54 workers, the coal mine closed in 1935 and the museum was dedicated in 1986. Hours are 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. [Moweaqua.org](http://Moweaqua.org)

### The Best Wedding Chapel

The Best Wedding Chapel is nestled in the historic town of Shelbyville. Dedicated in the 1870s, this former Catholic Church features Gothic style architecture, 14-foot original stained-glass windows, and a 33-foot cathedral ceiling with a small archway separating the vestibule from the nave. It is now the home and business of the Best family. The wedding chapel is available as a traditional, as well as non-traditional, wedding or vow renewal site. It is located at 159 North Washington Street.

### The Pam & Bob Boarman Chevy BelAir Museum

The Pam & Bob Boarman Chevy BelAir Museum opened in 2005 and features Bob's private collection of Chevys. The building is decorated in 50's sock-hop style with black and white checkered floors. The walls are lined with 50's memorabilia, Chevy clocks and neon signs. A jukebox takes you back to that popular time in history. The museum has 10 vintage cars, as well as a 1993 Indy Pace Car with only 28 miles on it. The museum is located at 224 West Main St.



in Shelbyville and is open 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday thru Friday and from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday.

### Lake Shelbyville

Lake Shelbyville is a reservoir located in Shelby County, Illinois and Moultrie County, Illinois created by damming the Kaskaskia River at Shelbyville, Illinois. The lake's normal surface pool is 11,100 acres (44.9km<sup>2</sup>) at an elevation of 183 meters (600.4 ft). The area that surrounds the lake is the Shelbyville State Fish and Wildlife Area. The lake is managed by the United States Army Corps of Engineers, and the wildlife is managed by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

\$57 million was appropriated for the dam and lake project. Groundbreaking on the dam occurred May 4, 1963. Filling of the reservoir began Aug. 1, 1970. The lake was officially dedicated Sept. 12, 1970. The dam is 3,025 feet (922.0 m) long and 108 feet (32.9 m) tall with normal pool height 17 feet (5.2 m) below the top.

Bordering the lake are two state parks: Wolf Creek State Park and Eagle Creek State Park; and five federal campgrounds including Coon Creek, Opossum Creek, Lithia Springs, Lone Point and Forest (Bo) Woods. There is also Wilborn Creek and Whitley Creek Recreational Area. Lake Shelbyville's shoreline is heavily wooded and subject to severe erosion. Man-made beaches are located at Dam West (Shelbyville), Wilborn Creek, Wolf Creek State Park and Sullivan Beach. Aside from the main channel of the lake are many coves, suited for fishing. The lake is deeper than other major lakes in Illinois, so it is popular with boaters during the summer.

There are full-service marinas, resorts and campgrounds on the lake. There are three full service marinas: Findlay, Lithia Springs and Sullivan Marina. Findlay Marina is located north of Marker 5 just past the bridge on the west side of the lake. Sullivan Marina and Campground is located 4 miles south of Sullivan and includes hotel suites. Lithia Springs Marina is located on the southern end of Lake Shelbyville.





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