

PAWFEST

PAWFEST, FORMERLY PART OF FALL FEST, has moved to its own day! Sunday, June 4th from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., join us at Veterans Park for a bark-tacular time!

This is an event for the whole family, including the fur-kids! Enjoy vendors, concessions, games for kids and dogs, demonstrations, contests and more! Looking for a new friend? Adoptables will be available, but get there early! They go fast!

To get involved or for more information contact the Mt. Vernon Convention & Visitors Bureau at 800-252-5464 or email tourism@mtvernon.com.



OPENING FOR ITS FOURTH SEASON on Saturday, May 27, 2017, the Mt. Vernon Aquatic Zoo Water Park (AZ) invites visitors and locals alike to experience one of the most unique waterparks in Illinois. The "AZ" boasts a thirty-foot tall Jungle Chute body slide that generates 3 G-forces, a 266-foot Tropical Cyclone dual tube slide, one and three meter diving boards dropping into the Blue Lagoon lap pool, and children's Rain Forest splash pad along with the King Kong Tipping Bucket. Your experience at the Aquatic Zoo will be quite the adventure. The Aquatic Zoo also offers an Amazon Lazy River and the Coconut Beach featuring a zero depth entry leisure pool for those seeking relaxation on warmer days. Don't forget to grab a bite to eat at the Watering Hole featuring a complete concession menu.

Don't miss the opportunity to frequent the Aquatic Zoo all season long, hassle free by purchasing a season pass for students, adults and families. Throughout the season you will find offerings like swimming lessons in the months of June and July and special events.

The 2017 season is set for excitement, according to the Mt. Vernon Parks and Recreation Department to include a Dive-In Movie Nights at the Pool on July 14th and August 11th. July 4th will be an Active Military & Veterans Free Day! Mt. Vernon Parks Director, Wes Plummer, encourages everyone to come and experience a wild safari dream adventure with interactive spray and animal features throughout the water park. "Come visit us! Our Aquatic Zoo staff "Zoo Keepers" along with Leo the Lion are looking forward to making your day memorable this summer."



For more information call Mt. Vernon Parks & Recreation at (618) 242-6890.

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BROADWAY MARKET



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HE BROADWAY MARKET, LOCATED AT 205 S. 7TH Street, welcomes the 2017 event season with excitement and anticipation. Running the first Saturday from May through September, the familiar favorite, Market Days, kicks off its fifth season on May 6th with vendors and activities for families, including free inflatables each month for kids to bounce to their heart's content.

Mt. Vernon's outdoor flea market and vendor fair will run from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Market Days is more than a market, it's an experience with activities for families, breakfast and lunch opportunities and a wide variety of vendors. From handmade crafts, jewelry, furniture and soaps to treasures of all kinds like antiques, collectibles, lawn & garden art, and your favorite rummage items, every booth has a find for you. A classic favorite at Market Days, if you're among the first to attend in the morning you receive a free tote bag with local discounts inside!

Opening its third season at the Market this spring is Friday's Food & Art, a weekly buy local market with great food and live music. Friday's season will begin June 2nd and run through September 1, open from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This market is unique as all vendors offer strictly local items from fresh produce, beer & wine, and baked goods to handmade jewelry, paintings, house plants, wood carvings, purses, crafts, soaps and more. Friday's Food & Art is the perfect kick-off to your weekend and a great place for the family in the afternoon. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy the food, beverages and music while your kids or grandkids play. Each week will feature a special group bartending for tips and some weeks will have extra special offerings such as Summer Splash Friday with an inflatable water slide and back to school weekend the first weekend in August with all kinds of special vendors, games and more to help get ready for back to school!

For more information call the Mt. Vernon Visitors Center at (618) 242-3151 or visit www.enjoymtvernon.com.



Letter from the Bureau



WELCOME TO THE FESTIVAL ARTS CITY! WHETHER YOU LIVE IN MT. VERNON or have never visited before, we have a lot of exciting events going on this year! The ever-growing list of performances, activities and events is updated frequently on our website and Facebook page, enjoymtvernon.com and facebook.com/enjoymtvernon respectively. Be sure to check them out for the most up-to-date information!

I encourage you to try something new this month! Have you ever been to Cedarhurst or Gallery 223? The Jefferson County Historical Village has a number of great programs with a variety of topics and even live music! Additionally, C.E. Brehm Memorial Public Library is so much more than "just" a library... they offer a plethora of activities and events from game and movie nights to classes on how to crochet and more.



Think outside the box as you look for things to do! There is always something going on in Mt. Vernon!

Angela Schrum
Tourism Director



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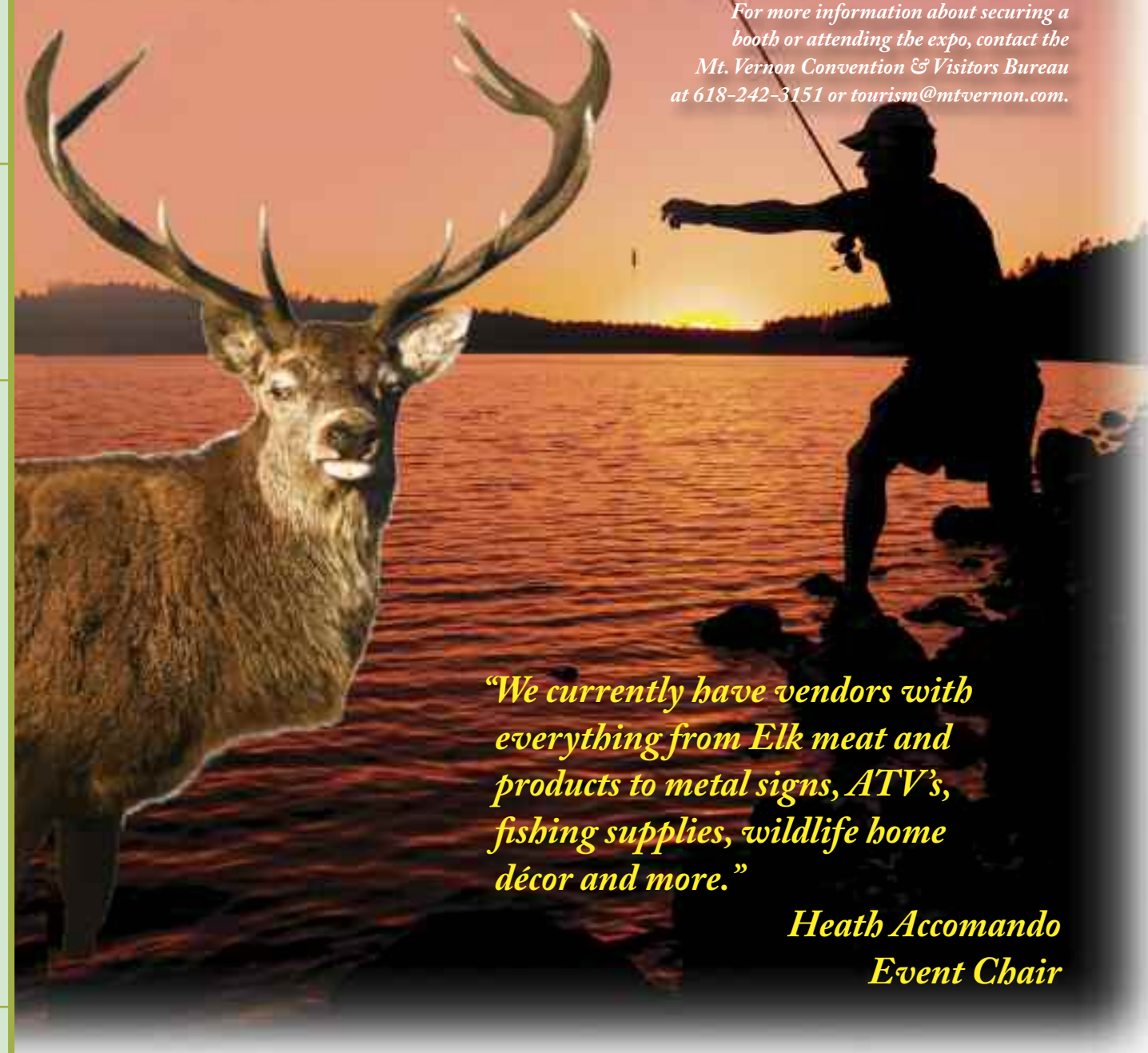
KICKING OFF ITS INAUGURAL YEAR, THE HEARTLAND HOOK & BULLET OUTDOOR EXPO will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton (formerly Holiday Inn) on Saturday, April 8th from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 9th from 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

R & J Tactical Lazer Tag will be set up for all ages to play and a series of speakers will present information and education on a number of topics throughout the event.

"People have been asking us to have an outdoor expo here for a long time," Angela Schrum, Tourism & Mt. Vernon Festivals, Inc. Director continued. "It is going to be a great family event weekend for Mt. Vernon and we anticipate visitors from all over the region."

Vendors will have products for demonstration and for sale as well as prizes and giveaways for attendees.

For more information about securing a booth or attending the expo, contact the Mt. Vernon Convention & Visitors Bureau at 618-242-3151 or tourism@mtvernon.com.



"We currently have vendors with everything from Elk meat and products to metal signs, ATV's, fishing supplies, wildlife home décor and more."

Heath Accomando
Event Chair



ONE DAY, TWO GREAT RIDES

ON SATURDAY, APRIL 29TH bikers of all kinds will embark on Mt. Vernon and Jefferson County for two great events. One embraces fitness and enjoyment of scenic bicycle routes, the other honors a fallen hero and all veteran's on a bi-county tour of veteran's memorials via motorcycles.

deTour Through Jefferson County presented by Continental Tire offers great rides in varying distances: 15, 35 or 65 mile, and a 4.5 mile Family Ride at Cedarhurst. This year there is also a 5.5 mile walk/run option. Those who

pre-register for the event will receive a performance short sleeve shirt, free admission to the Cedarhurst Museum Art Gallery and a post-ride bowl of Beans and Brisket from Smokin'T's Championship BBQ Team, along with a chance to win free prizes. With new routes, more food and more fun, deTour is sure to be a fun-filled day for everyone involved!

More information may be obtained by calling the Greater Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce at 618-242-5725 or online at theGreatdeTour.org.

The 12th Annual LCPL J. Kyle Price Memorial Ride honors fallen local soldier Kyle Price. The ride begins at the Chapman Sports Complex in Woodlawn, Illinois and travels to various locations throughout Jefferson and Marion Counties before ending up back in Woodlawn for food, fun and entertainment. Don't have a motorcycle to ride? No problem! Many participate in any kind of vehicle in this honorable ride through scenic territory!

While the start times of these events might overlap, everyone will want to end their day with live music, raffles and dinner at the Woodlawn Bar to benefit the LCPL J. Kyle Price Foundation which provides scholarships to local students and supports veteran events and organizations.

For more information contact Cheryl Price-Hunsell at 618-978-3006 or visit www.facebook.com/jkpmemorialfoundation.



THE 17TH ANNUAL SOUTHERN ILLINOIS STEEL GUITAR SHOW at the Holiday Inn in Mt. Vernon welcomes nearly 2,000 attendees and growing each year. The three day event will host some of the nation's greatest steel guitarists, including a special concert by T. Graham Brown on Friday night and a back-by-popular-demand performance by Teea Goins on Saturday night.

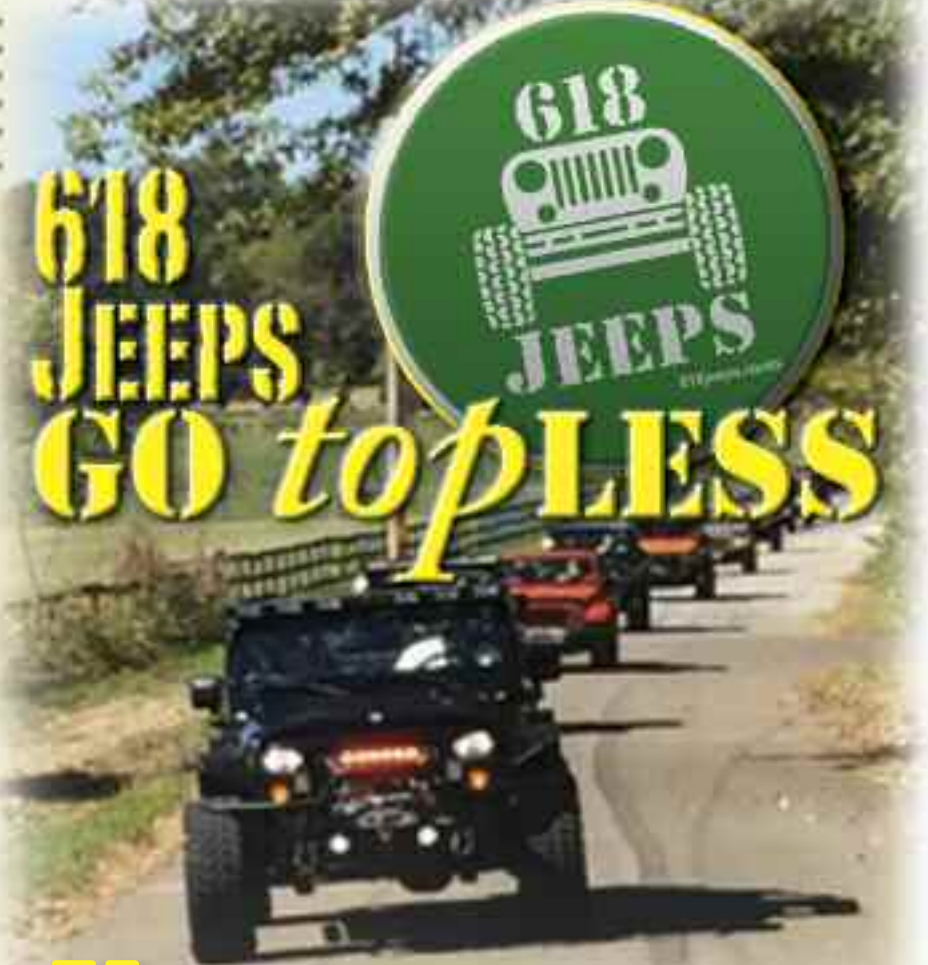
11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. daily. Tickets are \$10 for Thursday and \$25/each for Friday and Saturday. A special three day pass is available for \$50 or online for a discounted price of \$45. Information about nearby hotels is also available on the website.

Proceeds from the show will be donated to the Shriner Hospitals for Children through Southern Illinois Productions, a non-profit organization.

For more information call Dow Smith at (618) 927-3158 or visit www.southernillinoisproductions.org.

There is constant live performance from a singing contest to classic country music performed by the originals. Shows will host not only some of the world's greatest professional steel guitar players but also newcomers performing country's greatest hits, and this is the way to experience what sets country music apart from other genres.

The Steel Guitar show will run April 20 - 22 (Thursday-Saturday),



KICKING OFF AT BLACK DIAMOND HARLEY DAVIDSON in Marion, the 618 Jeeps Go Topless event will arrive in Mt. Vernon outside Lowery's Irish Pub mid-afternoon for a variety of family fun on Saturday, May 20th!

From 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. attendees will be able to participate in an obstacle course at Black Diamond before hitting the back roads towards Mt. Vernon where @ 2:00 p.m. there will be a Jeep show with trophies, inflatables, laser tag and a smaller obstacle course for the Jeeps. Vendors will line the streets with a variety of unique handmade and novelty items, live music and food trucks. Proceeds from the event will go to Happy Feet, a ministry of Kingdom Seed Ministries in Mt. Vernon that provides gym shoes to children in need. This all day event is hosted by Lowery's Irish Pub.

For more information contact kari@blackdiamondbd.com, 618-316-3375 or visit www.facebook.com/Lowerys.Irish.Pub.

Cedarhurst!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 4, 11, 18 & 25 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
After School Art Time
Shrode Art Center
 Join us each week after school for art and fun. We select a different theme and art media each month to explore and hone our artistic skills. Students may bring a snack and drink to enjoy during the first 15 minutes of class.
Registration is required.

April 4 6:30 p.m.
CedarHouse
 This unique spin on a coffeehouse open mic night is a collaborative effort between Cedarhurst and area high schools. Led by Cedarhurst's Youth Ambassadors. The event encourages teens to share original creative works.

April 5, 12, 19 & 26 9:00 a.m.
ABC's and Art: Fine Art for Little Fingers
 Children ages 1-1/2 to 3 years are invited to visit Cedarhurst to participate in a fun-filled morning with an educational story time and different art activity each week. Monthly themes will be explored through music, poetry, movement, art and more. Parent or guardian attends class with their child.
Registration cost is required.

April 5 12:00 Noon
Art, Coffee & Conversation
 This discussion group invites community members to gather at the Mitchell House for casual conversation about current events in the art world.
This event is free and open to the public.

April 7 10:00 a.m.
First Friday Story Time:
This is not a Box
 A box is just a box . . . unless it's not a box. Join our small rabbit as we explore how far the imagination can stretch.
This program is free and open to the public.

April 15 3:00 p.m.
Family Art Fun! Come Fly a Kite!
 Celebrate Spring as we create a fun sled kite! Materials and instruction will be provided at this free, public program.

April 21 - 23 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Watercolor Workshop
with Graham Berry
 Berry's 3-day workshop, titled *Everyday Places with Everyday People*, will focus on how to render the figure individually as well as in small groupings

April 22 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
WSIU Family Event: Ready Jet Go!
 Bring your family for a fun afternoon with the characters from Ready Jet Go! Participate in hands-on activities to learn about science and the solar system and meet the characters!
This annual collaboration with WSIU is free and open to the public.

April 28 7:00 p.m.
The Happening: The Art of Protest
 Imagine the civil rights movement with out freedom songs or the politics of women's movements without poetry. The Happening explores some of America's largest social movements and the distinctive cultural forms that express and helped shape them.
Cost is \$5 for non-members, Cedarhurst members get in free.

April 29 10:00 a.m.
DeTour through Jefferson County
 Cedarhurst partners with the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce to host the Family Ride portion of deTour through Jefferson County.

May 3 12:00 Noon
Book Club: The \$12 Million Stuffed Shark: The Curious Economics of Contemporary Art
 Author Don Thompson explores the money, lust, and self-aggrandizement of the art world in an attempt to determine what makes a particular work valuable while others are ignored. This book is the first to look at the economics and the marketing strategies that enable the modern art market to generate such astronomical prices. Join us for discussion and dessert.
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May 5 10:00 a.m.
First Friday Story Time: May Flowers
 There are flowers that match each color of the rainbow! This month's stories will teach how to plant bulbs, seeds, and seedlings, and how to nurture their growth.
This program is free and open to the public.

May 13 6:30 p.m.
Members Preview Reception
 Museum members are invited to be the first to view new exhibitions, including animal-inspired artwork in the Main Gallery and Beck Family Center Gallery, nature-inspired artwork in the Beal Grand Corridor, and Masterful Miniatures at the Shrode Art Center.
Non members may purchase tickets for \$5.

May 14 1:00 p.m.
New Exhibits Open
Mitchell Museum Main Gallery:
 Beauvais Lyons and Diane Fox are husband and wife who share an interest in the visual representation of animals.

Beal Grand Corridor: Mel Watkin and Maria Bukowski present *Nature* in both similar and contrasting ways that are aesthetically attractive and culturally symbolic.
Regenhardt Gallery, Shrode Art Center: Think tiny! Regional artists will be invited to participate in this group exhibit featuring miniature versions of their artwork. The show will examine the concept of scale and how the viewer relates to objects that are small enough to fit in the palm of a hand.

Beck Family Center Gallery: The Animals and Art exhibit will showcase animal-inspired artwork from the museum's Permanent Collection.

May 14 1:00 p.m.
Mothers' Day English Tea
 Please join us for a Mother's Day treat! Enjoy a variety of teas and a selection of English delicacies.

June 1 5:00 p.m.
Thursday Night Live Kickoff!
 Cedarhurst creates a "third space" for Mt. Vernon residents and visitors to the area with a weekly Thursday Night Live event. Cedarhurst stays open late until 8:00 p.m. every Thursday between Memorial Day and Labor Day offering live music, arts programming, and food and drink concessions.



June 2 10:00 a.m.
First Friday Story Time:
Let's go to the Zoo
 Join Class Two as they wander round the zoo. They see all sorts of animal antics, but you may have to help them get out of a slippery situation!
This event is free and open to the public.

June 3 3:00 p.m.
Family Art Fun! Beads and Bracelets
 Get your bling on! Join us as we use a variety of fun and colorful materials to create jewelry using a variety of techniques.
Program is free and open to the public.

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June 10 6:00 p.m.
Night at the Museum
Mitchell Museum
 Discover Cedarhurst at night with after-hours access to intriguing exhibits, exclusive demonstrations and hands-on discovery! Kids in K through fifth grades will love this fun-filled event, which includes a Party on the Back Patio, Water Games, Scavenger Hunt, Glow Carnival, and much, much more.

June 25 3:00 p.m.
Family Fun Art: Enchanted Garden
 Create magical additions to your Fairy Garden using clay and a variety of materials.



A look ahead... these events and activities are coming up this spring!

Make sure and get these dates on your calendar! Watch for the next issue of Destination Mt. Vernon due out late June for more information.

Salute to Freedom

A Mt. Vernon tradition continues on Tuesday, July 4th at Mt. Vernon Outland Airport. Gates open at 5:00 p.m. with free admission. Enjoy concessions, a kid zone, DJ and more entertainment leading up to the big show at dusk.

Air Venture Cup Race

The 20th Anniversary of the AirVenture Cup Cross-Country Air Race will take place at 9:00 a.m. on July 23, 2017, from Mt. Vernon, IL to Wausau, WI, with several intermediate turning points creating a course of 400+ nautical miles. More information about happenings open to the public will be released in the next edition of Destination Mt. Vernon.

Back to School Bash at Broadway Market

Mt. Vernon Festivals, Inc. is partnering with United Way Stuff the Bus, Women's Leadership Council Casey Care Closet and Kingdom Seed Ministries Happy Feet to present the "Back to School Bash" featuring information, fun activities and free and reduced cost services, such as haircuts for back to school!

For more information contact Mt. Vernon Convention & Visitors Bureau at 800-252-5464 or visit www.facebook.com/MtVernonMarket and check out the events!

Totality Fest: Get Eclipsed in Mt. Vernon

You won't want to miss the heart of Southern Illinois this summer! On August 21, 2017, a total solar eclipse path will stretch across the entire United States, reaching its point of greatest duration just 50 miles south of Mt. Vernon. This region in southern Illinois is not only in the path of the 2017 eclipse, but also the 2024 eclipse, making it a unique location for field experts and visitors alike. We invite you to stay and play with us in Mt. Vernon for Totality Fest with live entertainment, events and more all weekend long. On Monday morning, head south to the path of totality for an experience you'll never forget!

For more information on happenings in Mt. Vernon visit our new website www.enjoymtvernon.com!



CALENDAR of Events



In and Around MT. VERNON

April 4 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Your Creative Business Gallery 223
 Ready to turn your creative passion into a business? Are you an artist, musician, designer, writer, specialty food producer, retailer or other creative type? This four-part series designed by the instructor, Pam Schallhorn, uses a unique teaching methodology to demonstrate business skills to the "right-brain" student. Learn to make money with your art and have fun doing it! The course provided by University of Illinois Extension. Space is limited, register online.

Admission is free. (618) 242-0780

April 8 1:30 p.m.
Classic Kids Matinee at the Granada Center for the Performing Arts
 Movie begins at 2 p.m. This month's movie is "Zootopia", enter the drawing for a kid's birthday party with an appearance by cedar mouse.

Free to the public. Children must be accompanied by an adult. (618) 740-0707

April 8 1:00 p.m.
That Dam Race Rend Lake Bike Trail
 Admission includes a t-shirt, live music, food, beverages, raffles, climbing wall, balloon creations and more. Medals and long sleeved run shirts will be given away.

Admission is \$45. (618) 244-7606

April 15 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Easter Egg Hunt White Oak Rehabilitation & Health Care Center
 Join us for a visit from the Easter Bunny, prizes and fun for all. Age groups are 0-5 years old and 6-10 years old.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Free event. (618) 242-4075

April 20 5:30 p.m.
Taste of Mt. Vernon & Building Tour Elks Lodge
 Tour of recently renovated buildings and a buffet of numerous Mt. Vernon restaurants and caterers. The tour is from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and the Taste is from 5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

(618) 242-6866

April 28 7:00 p.m.
Tellin' Tales Comedy Tour with Joey and Dan
Granada Center for the Performing Arts
 America's favorite clean comedy show returns to the road in 2017. After headlining in Branson, Missouri, for the 2016 season to rave reviews, the Tellin' Tales Comedy Tour with Joey and Dan returns to tour the United States. Classic Story-Telling style Comedy that's safe for the entire family is back and better than ever. Two proven comedians that are a fantastic show.

Ticket prices are \$12 in advance and \$17 at the door. Children 10 and under free. Children must be accompanied by an adult. (618) 242-3151

April 29 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Bark For Life Veterans Memorial Park
 Enjoy food, music and fun at this canine event to fight cancer presented by the American Cancer Society. Registration begins at 11:00 a.m., opening ceremony begins at 12:00 p.m.

The pre-registration cost is \$15, day of event \$20. Limit 2 dogs, leash required (618) 214-5937

April 29 7:00 p.m.
Murder Mystery Dinner Theater Pheasant Hollow Winery
 14931 St. Rt. 37 Whittington, IL
 "Offing Ferris Bueller" Ferris Bueller gets away with murder and so does his killer. 7:00 p.m. Act 1, Dinner, Act 2, Dessert, Who done it.

Admission is \$40. (618) 629-2302

April 29 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Growing, Preserving and Cooking with Herbs Rend Lake College
 Learn the basics of how to grow herbs in beds and containers. Learn how to identify, harvest and preserve your fresh herbs. Have the opportunity to discuss the classifications of culinary herbs as either robust or fine (mild) herbs. Extend your culinary experience by interacting with a Rend Lake College chef as they demonstrate items being prepared using fresh and dried herbs that are local to southern Illinois.

Registration required. Admission is \$10. (618) 437-5321 Ext. 1714

May 5 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
34th Annual Special Olympics Illinois Area 14 Spring Games Mt. Vernon High School
 Athletic competition in track and field for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Admission is free. (618) 378-2131

May 6 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Comprehensive Connections Celebration Day Veterans Park Community Building
 A fun filled day of Celebration including a 5K run/walk/run. Registration for the run is from 7:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. There will also be tethered balloon rides, plus a special guest speaker! Come celebrate and get to know us through one of the fun activities featuring our services. Special awards will be presented to outstanding individuals who have received or provided services.

Admission is free. (618) 242-1994

May 11 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Power Of The Purse Holiday Inn
 Join the United Way Women's Leadership Council at our inaugural fundraising event to raise money for programs for women and children in Jefferson County. The luncheon will feature a keynote speaker and auction of PURSES. Each purse in the live and silent auction will contain surprises like trips, jewelry, make-up and more.

Tickets are \$25 if purchased before April 21 and \$35 after April 21 and can be purchased online at www.eventbrite.com/e/power-of-the-purse-tickets-32332618733 (618) 242-8000

May 13 1:30 p.m.
Classic Kids Matinee Granada Center for the Performing Arts
 Movie begins at 2:00 p.m. This month's movie is "The Good Dinosaur", enter the drawing for a kid's birthday party with an appearance by cedar mouse.

Free to the public. Children must be accompanied by an adult. (618) 740-0707

May 27 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Aquatic Zoo Water Park Opening Day Aquatic Zoo Water Park
 2017 Season hours of operation are May 27, 2017 through September 4, 2017, Monday through Saturday from 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and Sundays from 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

(618) 242-6890

May 27 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Exhibit Opening Gallery 223
 Opening night of Ceramic works by Tony Treadway of New Harmony, Indiana. Light snacks and wine will be served.

(618) 816-4020

June 2 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Fridays Food and Art Broadway Market
 Hosted by the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce. New member meet & Greet from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Admission is free. (618) 242-5725

June 2 - 3
15th Annual Cajun Festival Pheasant Hollow Winery Whittington, IL
 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Friday and 1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Saturday. The 2017 Cajun Festival at Pheasant Hollow Winery Features "Creole Stomp" with Dennis Stroughmatt and a band from Louisiana and Nashville, TN. Come and learn to Cajun dance.

Admission is \$10. (618) 629-2302

June 11 4:30 p.m.
30th Anniversary Celebration Southtown Apostolic Church
 Church service with guest speakers and singers and dinner to follow.

Free to attend. (618) 242-4077

June 16 8:30 p.m.
Movie In The Park Veterans Memorial Park
 Bring your snacks, blankets & chairs and enjoy a free movie outside on our giant inflatable movie screen.

(618) 242-6890

June 20 6:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.
#Makeasplash 2 Aquatic Zoo
 Hosted by Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce. Must be an employee of a business that is a chamber member.

Admission is \$1.00. (618) 242-5725

June 24 7:00 p.m.
Murder Mystery Dinner Theater Pheasant Hollow Winery
 14931 St. Rt. 37 Whittington, IL
 "The Grapes of Death" will the corpse become the newest ingredient in a "Full Bodied" wine? See for yourself in this sparkling mystery. 7 p.m. First Act, Dinner, Act 2, Dessert, Who Done It.

Admission is \$40. (618) 629-2302

JEFFERSON COUNTY HISTORICAL VILLAGE

April 8 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Afternoon Tea
 This event will be an elegant, relaxed experience. In addition to a selection of teas and coffee, an abundance of finger sandwiches, sweets and scones will be served. All proceeds raised from this event will go toward programming and upkeep at the Jefferson County Historical Village.

\$12 for Jefferson County Historical Society members; \$15 for non-members. Pre-payment is required. (618) 246-0033

April 15 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Morning Coffee Hour
 Enjoy a relaxing coffee break with friends of the Jefferson County Historical Society and learn more about what goes on at the Historical Village.

This is a free event. (618) 246-0033

April 18 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Chat Session
 Chat topic will be "Churches". Discussion will include: pastors, buildings, music, and traditions. Feel free to bring photos, artifacts and other items to show and tell.

(618) 246-0033

April 22 2:00 p.m.
Bringin' it Back
 This musical group consists of eight musicians that include three acoustic guitars and an acoustic bass and vocals. Come enjoy an afternoon of music from the 50's and 60's. Sing along and enjoy entertainment meant for all of those who love this genre. Favorite songs from Peter, Paul, and Mary, The Kingston Trio, and many other iconic folk singers will be performed.

Free, donations are appreciated. (618) 246-0033

April 27 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Exhibit Preview Party
 The theme of the exhibit is "Entertainment". The exhibit will feature a radio collection of over 100 radios, some dating back to the 1920's. A theatre setting will provide a look back to the early movie days in Mt. Vernon. Jefferson County Fairs and the Circus will also be featured. The Chautauqua adult education movement of the 19th and early 20th centuries will also be part of the exhibit. Guest speakers will be present to provide background information on the exhibit.

This is a free event. (618) 246-0033

May 6 - 7
Jefferson County Historical Village Opening Weekend
 10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. Saturdays, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Sundays. The Museum and the Village, with its buildings and their contents, reflect life in Jefferson County from the mid-19th century to more recent years. Among the furnished buildings, one finds log homes of the 19th century, a one-room school, a log church and log jail, operating blacksmith and print shops, merchandise in the general store and a variety of medical equipment from a foot-treadle dentist's drill to a Civil War amputation kit in the Medical Building. A welcome Center/Gift Shop is also available for guests. The Schweinfurth Museum will feature the latest exhibit, "Entertainment".

Donations are accepted. (618) 246-0033

May 16 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Chat Session
 Chat topic will be "Names". How did the places in Jefferson County get their names? Examples are: streets, roads, boulevards, hills and towns. Feel free to bring photos, artifacts and other items to show and tell.

This is a free event. (618) 246-0033

May 20 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Morning Coffee Hour
 Enjoy a relaxing coffee break with friends of the Jefferson County Historical Society and learn more about what goes on at the Historical Village.

This is a free event. (618) 246-0033

May 20 2:00 p.m.
4Given Musical Program
 Barb Bartley, Allyson Heitmeyer, and Ronda Phillips are a Christian music group that has been singing together for 21 years. They will sing through the years starting with songs from the 40's and ending with contemporary Christian music. 4Given will feature songs from artists such as The Andrew Sisters and The McGuire Sisters. Songs will include: "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree", "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy", "Mr. Sandman", "Chattanooga Choo Choo", and gospel favorites.

Free, donations are appreciated. (618) 246-0033

June 13 6:30 p.m.
Summer Quarterly Dinner
 The Jefferson County Historical Society will host a spring quarterly dinner and program. The program will be given by Ellen Breeding and friends featuring the music of Irving Berlin.

Pre-registration is required, please register by June 9th. You may register by calling, 618-246-0033. Payment may be made at the door. Cost is \$8.00 per person. (618) 246-0033

June 17 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Morning Coffee Hour
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April 4 & 28 6:30 p.m.
Family Movie Night
 Free Children's movie, popcorn and bottled water. Children must be accompanied by an adult, adults must be accompanied by a kid.

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April 4 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Book Talk and Signing by Carleka Spann
 Carleka Spann will talk about her new book, "Securing the Keys".

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June 6 & 23 6:30 p.m.
Family Movie Night
 Free Children's movie, popcorn and bottled water. Children must be accompanied by an adult, adults must be accompanied by a kid.

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June 6 & 24 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Game Day at the Library
 Play games for all ages. Board games, card games, role playing games, and miniatures games. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Free snacks will be provided. (618) 242-6322

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April 18 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
The Farmer is the Man; Folk Songs of the Farm
 Chris Vallillo will present a free concert of Folk Music about farms, farming and farmers. This is an Illinois Humanities Council program.

By donation only. (618) 242-6322

June 15 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
The Eclipse
 Learn how to photograph the eclipse and to use basic tips for safe viewing.

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