
Jacksonville Area Convention & Visitors Bureau

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May 2008

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

May 3-25 “Mixed Media Sculpture Show” by Cheryl Hochberg and Andrew Brehm. Jacksonville/David Strawn Art Gallery 2007-2008 Season, Strawn Art Gallery, 331 West College. Open Sundays 1-3pm and Tuesday-Saturday 4-6pm from September-May. Opening receptions are held first Saturday of each month from 6-8pm. For more information, call 243.9390.

May 14 Employment Law Workshop, hosted by the Jacksonville Area Chamber of Commerce Business Division, Noon – 1:30, Chamber Meeting Room. The presenter is Barbara Fritsche from Rammelkamp Bradney Law Firm and will include information from an employer’s perspective. This workshop will give employers the opportunity to hear about employment laws and ask questions. There is no charge for the workshop, but reservations are required. Call the Chamber to pre-register, 245.2174.

May 15 Art and Dine, the Imagine Foundation and Lonzerotti’s Italia Restaurant present an exhibit by a local or visiting artist and a special four course dinner including wine. Viewing at 5:30pm, dinner begins at 6pm, with a gallery talk between courses. \$25 per person, call Lonzerotti’s to make a reservation 243.7151.

May 16 Night Golf Scramble, sponsored by the Central Prairie Chapter of the American Red Cross at The Links. Registration begins at 8pm, prizes and a 50/50, \$45 registration includes 9 holes, cart. For more information, contact The Links Pro Shop 479.4663.

May 16 Imagine Foundation Members Event, at the Asa Talcott House. Oshkosh meets Jacksonville, 7-9pm, a meet and greet with some artist friends. Join Imagine for a progressive dinner with an artist in every room!!!

May 17 Spaghetti Supper, Masonic Temple – 345 West College, 4:30-7pm, \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children 10 & under.

May 18 Jacksonville Street Rod Reunion/N.S.R.A. Appreciation & Safety Day. Jacksonville Community Park Community Building, registration 9am-3pm, 50/50 drawing, games, prizes. NSRA Safety Inspection conducted by Southern Illinois Safety Team. For information, call J.R. Heady 243.2131.

May 20 4th Annual Progressive Patio Party, annual event of Jacksonville Main Street. Progress your way to various patios and downtown establishments and enjoy great food, beverages music and prizes! For additional information contact Judy Tighe 245.6884 or www.jacksonvillemainstreet.com .

May 23 Sunrise Rotary Golf Outing, Ron Walls Memorial, Northridge Golf Course. For information or to register a team, call Sonie Smith 245.4636.

May 23 Flower Power Concert, Imagine Foundation presents Joel Tinsley and Stewart Smith. Asa Talcott House, 7-9pm, \$15 per person includes a lovely buffet. Enjoy tunes by Simon and Garfunkel, Bob Dylan, the Mamas and the Papas and more! For reservations, call 473.2726.

May 30-June 1 & June 6-8 Jacksonville Theatre Guild “Harvey”, Sophie Leschin Theatre. For information, show times and tickets, call JTG 245.1402.

May 31 Haunted Jacksonville Tour: Join the Illinois Hauntings Tour & Host Loren Hamilton for a spirited look at the haunted places of downtown Jacksonville. The tour includes not only the stories of hauntings at many of the eerie spots, but the rich history of Jacksonville, as well. This is the tour for the ghost enthusiast and the history buff alike. Come and find out what makes Jacksonville one of the most haunted towns on the Illinois Prairie! Lasts approximately 3 hours! \$20 per person, for telephone reservations & information call 1-888-446-7859.

June 6 Downtown Gallery Hop, sponsored by the Imagine Foundation, takes you to a variety of gallery sites to view art from local and visiting artists from 5-9pm. Call 473.2726 for more information.

June 6-8 Hampton Inn Basketball Shootout, Illinois College – Bruner Fitness Center. For more information, contact Todd Sweatman 217.370.2008.

June 7 Heart of Jacksonville – 13th Annual Plaza Car Show. Central Park Plaza, registration begins at 8am, show runs from 9am-3pm. For more information, call Tom Winner 245.7414.

June 7 8th Annual Jacksonville BBQ ‘Braggin’ Rights’, noon to 8pm, Morgan County Fairgrounds, rain or shine. Over 20 teams competing and offering samples of a variety of BBQ including, pork, chicken, ribs, seafood, etc., live music by ‘The Landsharks’, \$5 admission, benefiting the Jacksonville Youth Area Football League. Event sponsored by Bud Light, WEAJ 107.1 FM and Cargill. For more information call A. Gaudio & Sons 245.2814.

June 9-12 Imagine’s Festival Camp! Young people who have completed 1st to 8th grade can join us from 9am-noon. Artists, dancers, writers and musicians will come together to create a week of festival fun. Call the Imagine Foundation at 473.2726 for a registration form, \$50 per student. Camp is held at the Asa Talcott House with one Downtown day.

June 13-15 Illinois College Alumni Weekend, for more information call 245.3046.

June 13 & 14 4th Annual Hot Summer Art Festival. The Imagine Foundation’s festival is converting to a Plein Air festival for music and visual arts! Once again, there will be music in the air outside the amphitheater and in area businesses all around the plaza. Painters and photographers are invited to begin creating works “en plein air” all around Jacksonville starting on June 6th. Events start on June 13th, 5pm-10pm, and June 14th, Noon-10pm. For more information on events or entering your canvases for stamping, please call the Imagine Foundation 473.2726.

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June 14 Garage Sale for Habitat for Humanity, Grace United Methodist Church basement, 8-12.

June 14 2nd Annual Wheelathon, presented by the Jacksonville Area Center for Independent Living, Community Park, 9am-12 noon. Wheelers will be raising funds for the many services JACIL provides to people with disabilities. For information, contact Larry 245.8371.

June 16 Governor Duncan Association Annual Meeting, 7pm, Governor Duncan Mansion, for more information call Loretta 243.2001.

June 19 Art and Dine, the Imagine Foundation and Lonzerotti's Italia Restaurant present an exhibit by a local or visiting artist and a special four course dinner including wine. Viewing at 5:30pm, dinner begins at 6pm, with a gallery talk between courses. \$25 per person, call Lonzerotti's to make a reservation 243.7151.

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June 21 Murrayville Sesquicentennial, activities, food and entertainment all day for all ages. For more information, call 882.3351

June 22 Passavant Hospital's 14th Annual Duck Race for Lifeline, Nichols Park. For more information, call Passavant Area Hospital 245.9541.

June 25-28 16th Annual Pepsi/Passavant Team Rehab Basketball Shoot-out, Illinois College - Bruner Fitness Center. One of the largest shoot-outs in the Nation, 2007 event hosted 211 teams from Illinois, Missouri, Ohio & Iowa. For information, contact Todd Sweatman 217.370.2008.

June 27 & 28 11th Annual Relay for Life, at the Jacksonville High School north parking lot. For more information or to register a team, call Jill Gaige 473.4696 or Nicole Lawson 473.3380.

June 27 & 28 JHS Class of 1973 35th Reunion, Hamilton's, contact Sue & Joe Tapscott or Kathi Black Newberry.

June 28 4th Annual Jacksonville Juneteenth Celebration. Theme: "The Year of the Senior Citizen," 10am-5pm. Juneteenth observes the end of the Civil War and freedom of the enslaved African-Americans. Guest speakers, entertainment, family gatherings, crafts, picnic foods and exhibits, a day for people of all races to meet old friends and make new friends while commemorating an important moment in history. *Friday night:* Meet & greet at the Jacksonville Theatre Guild & teen dance 7-10. For more information, contact Shirlee Pettit at 245.5930.

June 28 "Sharing Our Strength", HELPS Ministry Outreach, music, entertainment & food. For information, call Kathleen Finkle 245.7559.

July 4 Fourth of July Parade, through historic downtown Jacksonville, fireworks start at dusk – Nichols Park.

July 4 Downtown Gallery Hop, sponsored by the Imagine Foundation, takes you to a variety of gallery sites to view art from local and visiting artists from 5-9pm. Call 473.2726 for more information.

July 9-13 61st Morgan County Fair, Morgan County Fairgrounds – 104 N. Westgate. Tracy Lawrence in Concert, July 12th – gates open at 6pm, show at 8pm, \$12 bleachers, \$15 track, tickets available at A. Gaudio, Jacksonville Area Chamber of Commerce, WJVO, Jacksonville Journal-Courier & Heartland AG.

July 11-13 Bluegrass Festival, Crazy Horse Campground. Friday night entertainment & ice cream, music all day Saturday, Sunday morning gospel show. Breakfast is served Saturday & Sunday mornings, dinner will be served on Saturday night. For more information or reservations, call 217.886.2089.

July 12 Power of One – Singles Seminar, 8:30am-3:30pm, Hamilton's, 110 North East, Fire Side room. Seminar Leader: Dennis Franck, the National Singles Director for Assembly of God, registration fee \$20, lunch provided. For more information www.powerofonechristiansingles.com or 245.9197.

July 17 Art and Dine, the Imagine Foundation and Lonzerotti's Italia Restaurant present an exhibit by a local or visiting artist and a special four course dinner including wine. Viewing at 5:30pm, dinner begins at 6pm, with a gallery talk between courses. \$25 per person, call Lonzerotti's to make a reservation 243.7151.

July 19 JHS Class of 1978 30th Reunion, Elks Club, contact Sherry Blair or Casey Collins.

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July 24 & 25 30th Annual Robbie McEvers Memorial Golf Tournament. Free tournament for junior golfers, a Kiwanis sponsored event. The Links – Nichols Park, contact 479.4663 or www.mceversgolf.org .

July 26 South Jacksonville Celebration, Dewey Park, parade, Little Miss pageant, entertainment and fun for the whole family. For more information, call 245.4803.

July 31-Aug 3 & Aug 7-10 Jacksonville Theatre Guild – Rodgers & Hammerstein's "Oklahoma!", Sophie Leschin Theatre. For information, show times and tickets, call JTG 245.1402.

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Aug 6 Annual CDA Salad Luncheon, Martha Routt Room – East College Avenue. Servings 11am-12pm & 12pm – 1pm, donation \$6, tickets on sale @ All Occasions or any member. Express Lane & Carry outs available! Sponsored by Catholic Daughters of America.

Aug 7 DAR Annual Ice Cream Social, 5:30pm-7:30pm, held on the lawn of the Governor Joseph Duncan Mansion. Presented by the Reverend James Caldwell Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, suggested donation includes cake, ice cream and beverage. All proceeds to benefit the Governor Duncan Mansion. For more information, please call Becky Baumgart 245.4111.

Aug 8 Ken Norton "Knockout Birthday Bash", 6pm Hamilton's 100 North East. Come help Ken celebrate his 65th birthday! Social hour, celebrity appearances, dinner and silent auction, the public is invited, advance

reservations required, \$75/person with proceeds going to Pathway Services and the Retired Boxers Association. For more information, call Don Hennessey at 245-2420

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Aug 23 Art Association of Jacksonville Summer Lawn Party. David Strawn Art Gallery. For more information, call Kelly Gross 243.9390.

Aug 29 – Sept 1st Prairieland Chautauqua – 10th Annual, this years theme celebrates “The Age of Lincoln”. Presentations by reenactors, musical entertainment and nightly communal suppers highlight this educational and fun event. For more information contact Wolf Fuhrig 243.2423.

Sept 5 Downtown Gallery Hop, sponsored by the Imagine Foundation, takes you to a variety of gallery sites to view art from local and visiting artists from 5-9pm. Call 473.2726 for more information.

Sept 12-14 JHS Class of 1958 50th Reunion, Hamilton's, contact Larry Evans.

Sept 12-14 JHS Class of 1963 45th Reunion, Elks Club, contact Barbara Johnson Suelter.

Sept 18 Art and Dine, the Imagine Foundation and Lonzerotti's Italia Restaurant present an exhibit by a local or visiting artist and a special four course dinner including wine. Viewing at 5:30pm, dinner begins at 6pm, with a gallery talk between courses. \$25 per person, call Lonzerotti's to make a reservation 243.7151.

Sept 19-21 & 26-28 Jacksonville Theatre Guild “Camp Sunshine”, another Ken Bradbury & Roger Wainwright original, Sophie Leschin Theatre. For information, show times and tickets, call JTG 245.1402.

Sept 26-28 39th Annual Prairieland Heritage Museum Steam Show & Fall Festival Days. Admission \$5 for the whole weekend, food, old-time demonstrations, HUGE flea market, lot of family fun! For more information contact Hank Pool 217.245.4905.

Sept 27 & 28 24th Annual Cruise Nite and Car Show, one of the largest Cruise nights in Illinois. Watch the cruise on Saturday night and enjoy the car show on Sunday morning. This event brings in classic and antique autos for a weekend of fun for young and old alike. For more information call Steve Pahlmann 243.1975 or Stu Wemhoener 243.1846.

Oct 3 Downtown Gallery Hop, sponsored by the Imagine Foundation, takes you to a variety of gallery sites to view art from local and visiting artists from 5-9pm. Call 473.2726 for more information.

Oct 4 Fit Park, 10am-1pm, Community Park. For more information call the Chamber 245.2174.

Oct 4 JHS Class of 1943 65th Reunion, Hamilton's, contact Walt Meyer or Elizabeth Alquist.

Oct 11 Illinois College Homecoming Weekend, parade starts at 10am. For more info contact Illinois College at 245.3000. Enjoy hearing about each parade entry and band judging by listening to the live announcements on the East side of Central Park Plaza, sponsored by Jacksonville Main Street.

Oct 16 Art and Dine, the Imagine Foundation and Lonzerotti's Italia Restaurant present an exhibit by a local or visiting artist and a special four course dinner including wine. Viewing at 5:30pm, dinner begins at 6pm, with a gallery talk between courses. \$25 per person, call Lonzerotti's to make a reservation 243.7151.

Oct 18 MacMurray College Homecoming Weekend, parade starts at 10am. For more info contact MacMurray College at 479.7030. Enjoy hearing about each parade entry and band judging by listening to the live announcements on the East side of Central Park Plaza, sponsored by Jacksonville Main Street.

Oct 18 Heart of Jacksonville – Porky Days & Applefest. Celebrate Fall and enjoy food, crafts and vendors. For more information, call Kaye 245.6778 or 479.4615.

Oct 18 & 19 Governor Duncan Association Fine Antiques & Decorative Arts Show & Sale, Illinois College Memorial Gymnasium. Saturday 10am-5pm & Sunday 11am-4pm, for more information or to become a vendor, call Becky Baumgart 217.491.1356.

Oct 25 9th Annual Illinois Valley Relay, starts in Winchester & passes through Glasgow, Patterson, White Hall & Roodhouse before returning to Winchester to finish near the square. The course traverses the paved & gravel rural roads linking these Greene & Scott County communities. Total distance of the course is 62.2 miles broken into 18 segments. For info: www.illinoisvalleyrelay.com .

Oct 25 JHS Class of 1953 55th Reunion, Hamilton's, contact Elinor Viera or Gerry Thompson.

Nov 7 Downtown Gallery Hop, sponsored by the Imagine Foundation, takes you to a variety of gallery sites to view art from local and visiting artists from 5-9pm. Call 473.2726 for more information.

Nov 12 & 13 Passavant Hospital Auxiliary's 52nd Annual Bazaar.

Nov 20 Art and Dine, the Imagine Foundation and Lonzerotti's Italia Restaurant present an exhibit by a local or visiting artist and a special four course dinner including wine. Viewing at 5:30pm, dinner begins at 6pm, with a gallery talk between courses. \$25 per person, call Lonzerotti's to make a reservation 243.7151.

Nov 28 Santa Arrives at Central Park Plaza, 6pm. For more information, contact Tom Winner 245.7414.

Nov 28-30 & Dec 5-8 Jacksonville Theatre Guild "The Christmas Schooner", holiday musical, Sophie Leschin Theatre. For information, show times and tickets, call JTG 245.1402.

Dec 5 Downtown Gallery Hop, sponsored by the Imagine Foundation, takes you to a variety of gallery sites to view art from local and visiting artists from 5-9pm. Call 473.2726 for more information.

Dec 6 & 7 Pilot Club 25th Annual Holiday Home Walk & Tea. Visit beautifully decorated homes, sponsored by the International Pilot Club of Jacksonville. Various locations throughout Jacksonville – for tickets, contact any Pilot Club member, Festival Foods or Family Gardens.

Dec 13 Heart of Jacksonville – Breakfast with Santa. For more information, contact Kaye 245.6778.

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WEEKLY/BI-WEEKLY EVENTS

AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary – Weekly Bingo, open to public
6:45 p.m. Every Monday, 210 E. Court, AMVETS hall

‘Big Eli’ Wheel #17 Rides

Sunday 4pm-6pm and Holidays (weather permitting)
Memorial Day – Mid Autumn, Community Park
Sponsored by the Rotary Club

Eclectic Artist Cooperative and Gallery

68 E Central Park Plaza
Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 10am-6pm
For more information contact the Gallery 883.3511
www.eclecticartco-op.com

Governor Duncan Mansion Tours

#4 Duncan Park
Open Memorial Day to Labor Day
Wednesdays & Saturdays 1-4pm, or by appointment 243.2001

Illinois School for The Deaf

Alumni Association Museum

Building #11 Thomas Officer Hall, 2 Floors of Displays
Monday-Friday 9am-Noon, Saturdays by appointment
www.isdtiger.net

The Imagine Foundation, All Together Art

1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 9am-10am
Parents and children create wonderful artwork together!
Asa Talcott House, 859 Grove St., 473.2726 to register

Jacksonville Farmers Market at Lincoln Square

Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays 7am-Noon
Lincoln Square Shopping Center
www.jaxfresh.org

Jacksonville Main Street, “Farmers Market on the Square”

Wednesday 4-7pm, May through October
Central Park Plaza, Downtown Jacksonville
Contact Judy Tighe 245.6884 or Beth Racey 479.4038

Morgan County Speedway

Morgan County Fairgrounds, 104 N. Westgate Ave.
Racing every Friday night, April – October
Track phone for race day information 243.5896
www.morgancountyspeedway.com

Noir Art Emporium

208 East State St.
Monday, Wednesday & Friday 6pm-8pm, Saturday noon-8pm
www.hangatnoir.com

Woodlawn Farm, Underground Railroad Tours

Open by appointment
1463 Gierke Lane, 243.3755
www.woodlawnfarm.com

2009 EVENTS

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June 27 "150th Woodson Celebration," schedule and events tba, for more information call 479.4069.

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July 30-Aug 2 & Aug 6-9 Jacksonville Theatre Guild “Into the Woods,” Steven Sondheim’s award-winning musical, Sophie Leschin Theatre. For information, show times and tickets, call JTG 245.1402.

For further information or to add an event of general community interest to the calendar, please contact the Jacksonville Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, 155 West Morton Ave., Jacksonville, IL at (217) 243.5678 or visitors@jacksonvilleil.org. Please have information in our office five (5) days prior to the last day of the month in order for your activity to appear in the current month’s calendar. We send a monthly calendar via email, to be added to the list contact visitors@jacksonvilleil.org.