
Jacksonville Area Convention & Visitors Bureau

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September 2010

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sept 10-11 Green Pastures Rise of the Fall, 5th grade – college, \$20. Registration forms online at www.greenpasturesretreatcenter.org.

Sept 11 Governor Duncan's Neighborhood Walking Tour. Please join us for a fine meal and a tour of exceptional Duncan neighborhood locations, which include; 120 Sandusky Street, 1213 West State Street, 1227 West State Street, 1239 West State Street, 1109 West State Street, and 1061 Grove Street. For more information or Reservation call 245.5390.

Sept 11 South Jacksonville Concert Celebration, a large concert featuring Lost Trailers and Jason Michael Carroll, tickets available at the Jacksonville Area Chamber and WJVO.

Sept 11-26 Oils on Canvas by Larry Calhoun, Art Association of Jacksonville/David Strawn Art Gallery 2010-2011 Season. Strawn Art Gallery, 331 W. College. Open Sundays 1-3 p.m. and Tuesday-Saturday 4-6 p.m. from September – May. Opening receptions are held the first Saturday of each month from 6-8 p.m. For more information, call 243.9390.

Sept 11 JHS Class of 1945 Class Reunion, Hamilton's, for more information, contact Bob Duncan.

Sept 11 Crimestoppers Breakfast, to be served at the Moose Lodge, 901 W. Superior, 7 a.m. – 11 a.m. Advance tickets \$5 adults, \$6 at the door, children 12 and under are \$3. For more information, call 370.3541.

Sept 13 "Dead Man Walking: The Journey Continues," IC Connections convocation by Sister Helen Prejean, 11 a.m., Illinois College – Rammelkamp Chapel.

Sept 17 Constitution Day Lecture by Pennsylvania Federal District Court Judge John Jones III, 7 p.m., Illinois College – Sibert Theatre.

Sept 17-19 26th Annual Byron Smith Memorial Stinson Midwest Reunion, Jacksonville Municipal Airport. Saturday Morning vintage airplanes will fly-out to breakfast in Havana, drive-ins are also welcome. Saturday evening a pork chop dinner \$9 per person, will be served at the Airport with the Don Smith Quartet performing from 6-8 p.m.

Sept 18 Illinois College Family Day, featuring Blueboys football vs. Lake Forest at 1 p.m., England Stadium. Call 245.3094 for more information regarding Family Day activities.

Sept 18 Be Aware Wellness Fair, 10 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Community Park. This event promotes health and wellness to the community, 245-2174.

Sept 18 JHS Class of 1955 Class Reunion, Jacksonville Country Club, for more information, contact Sharon Dowland Rice, John Hill or Norma Whitacre.

Sept 18 JHS Class of 1942 Class Reunion, Elks Club, for more information, contact Millie DeFrates Doyle.

Sept 18 Cerqua Rivera Dance Theatre – Jazz Music and Dance, Illinois College Fine Arts Series, McGaw Fine Arts Center, 7:30 p.m. For tickets and more information, www.ic.edu/fas .

Sept 18 Illinois College Fall Preview Day, hosted by the Office of Admission, 9 a.m. The open house will include campus and residence hall tours, information sessions regarding scholarships and athletics, and an academic fair. Call 245.3030 to register or visit www.ic.edu/previewdays .

Sept 23 “Building Communication and Social Interaction Skills with Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders,” Barbara Doyle – Consultant and award winning Author. Presented by Chapter 99 of the Council for Exceptional Children, Hamilton’s – 110 N. East, 4:30 – 8:00 p.m., for meal, registration and other information, call Martha Vache 245.6974 or spammv@vache.org .

Sept 24-26 41st Annual Prairie Land Heritage Museum Steam Show & Fall Festival Days. Admission \$5 for the whole weekend, food, old-time demonstrations, HUGE flea market, lots of family fun! For more information, contact Hank Pool 217.245.4905.

Sept 24 Haunted Jacksonville Bus Tour, walking tour of Jacksonville’s most haunted places and featuring the locations that have made Jacksonville famous as “one of the most haunted towns in Illinois”. Tour is approximately 3 hours, departs from the Illinois Theater at 7 p.m. & 10 p.m., \$30 per person. www.illinoishauntings.com or 1.888.446.7859.

Sept 25-26 26th Annual Jacksonville Cruise Weekend Cruise Nite and Car Show, one of the largest cruise nights in Illinois. Watch the cruise on Saturday night and enjoy the large 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.

Sept 28 3rd Annual Celebrating Great Taste Cooking Show, sponsored by the Journal-Courier, Hamilton’s 110 N. East. Vendors from West Central Illinois will be sampling, showcasing and selling their products, VIP and general admission tickets available.

Sept 29 “Disagreeing on Everything: A Debate on Attaining Peace in the Middle East,” Khalaf Al Habtoor Lecture by Anisa Mehdi and Michael Lane, 7 p.m., Sibert Theatre, McGaw Fine Arts Center.

Sept 30-Oct 3 “What The Blazes?” Passavant Area Hospital’s Follies, JHS Auditorium. For ticket information call Passavant Volunteer Department 245.9541 ext 3199.

WEEKLY/BI-WEEKLY EVENTS

AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary – Weekly Bingo

Open to the public, 6:45 p.m. Every Monday, 210 E. Court, AMVETS hall

Big Eli Wheel – Rides at Community Park

Every Sunday, 4-6 p.m., suggested donation of \$1 children, \$2 adults

Sponsored by Jacksonville Rotary Club all proceeds go toward maintaining the Wheel

Farmers market on the Square, West Douglas in the old Viles lot east of City Hall

Open Wednesdays, 3 p.m. – 7 p.m., through October, free vendor set-up

Sponsored by Jacksonville Main Street - for information, call 245.6884 or www.jacksonvillemainstreet.com

Governor Joseph Duncan Mansion, #4 Duncan Place, Duncan Park

Open Memorial Day to Labor Day, Wednesdays & Saturdays, 1-4 p.m.

Illinois School for The Deaf Alumni Association Museum, Building #11 Thomas Officer Hall

2 floors of displays, Monday-Friday 9a.m.-Noon

Jacksonville Farmers Market, at Lincoln Square

Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday, through October 7 a.m. – Noon or ‘til sold out – www.jaxfresh.org

Meredosia River Museum, Main Street, Meredosia, IL

Open Saturday & Sunday 1 p.m. – 5 p.m., or by appointment 217.370.7858

Oct 1-2 JHS Class of 1947 Class Reunion, Friday night mixer at the Elks, 6:30 p.m. – appetizers, cash bar. Saturday night social hour at the Elks, cash bar, 6-7 p.m., banquet 7 p.m., \$20 per person. For more information contact: billzell@msn.com .

Oct 1 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 5-9 p.m. For more information, call 473.2726.

Oct 2 JHS Class of 1960 Class Reunion, Jacksonville Country Club, for more information, contact Kay & Harry Coop, Jim Robson or Nancy Painter Negus.

Oct 2 “A Virtuoso Returns,” William Lane, recently retired principal french horn of the Los Angeles Philharmonic, returns home to open the 48th season of the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra. A former student of the late, legendary Jacksonville High School band director James Welch, Mr. Lane will honor him with performances of Mozart’s Horn Concerto No. 3 and Saint-Saens’ “Morceau de Concert”. Illinois College – Rammelkamp Chapel, 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 245.1181 or visit our web site www.jaxsym.com .

Oct 2-31 Drawings and Photography by Jerry Lee Ingram and Andrea Collesano, Art Association of Jacksonville/David Strawn Art Gallery 2010-2011 Season. Strawn Art Gallery, 331 W. College. Open Sundays 1-3 p.m. and Tuesday-Saturday 4-6 p.m. from September – May. Opening receptions are held the first Saturday of each month from 6-8 p.m. For more information, call 243.9390.

Oct 2 Budding Artists 3-5 year olds, Art Association of Jacksonville/David Strawn Art Gallery, explore creativity using a variety of materials to produce art in many forms with imagination as their guide. Instructor Toni Freesen, classes are Saturdays for 6 weeks, 9 a.m. – 10 a.m., tuition \$35 members, \$40 non-members, limited to 6 students. Materials provided by the Art Association of Jacksonville. For more information call Michelle Hinchon at 243.4875.

Oct 2 Canvas Creations 6-9 year olds, Art Association of Jacksonville/David Strawn Art Gallery, develop creativity and artistic skill by creating and developing a piece of art on stretched canvas by the end of the session. Instructor Toni Freesen, classes are Saturdays for 6 weeks, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m., tuition \$35 members, \$40 non-members, limited to 8 students. Materials provided by the Art Association of Jacksonville. For more information call Michelle Hinchon at 243.4875.

Oct 2 Artist Apprentice 10-12 year olds, Art Association of Jacksonville/David Strawn Art Gallery, work closely with Instructor Toni Freesen to develop self-confidence and skills to create art as a form of joy & explore drawing and painting with acrylics with coaching and guidance to develop your unique style. Classes are Saturdays for 6 weeks, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., tuition \$35 members, \$40 non-members, limited to 8 students. Materials provided by the Art Association of Jacksonville. For more information call Michelle Hinchin at 243.4875.

Oct 3 Morgan Brown Schuyler Counties Annual Big Brothers Big Sisters Picnic, Community Park Center, 1 – 4 p.m., live music by the Peter Sellers Band. Great food, games and plenty of excitement, if you have ever been involved with BBBS then we want you to come!!! RSVP to 243.3821, picnic held rain or shine!

Oct 6 Fall Salad Luncheon, Bazaar and Bake Sale from 11a.m.-1p.m., sponsored by Centenary United Methodist Women.

Oct 6 Acrylic Landscape Painting, Art Association of Jacksonville/David Strawn Art Gallery, instructor Allison Pratt will guide you thru creating, appreciating and exploring acrylic abstract landscape painting – emphasizing color, textures, and composition. Classes are Wednesdays for 3 weeks, 7 – 9 p.m., tuition \$35 members and non-members. For more information and materials needed, call Michelle Hinchin at 243.4875.

Oct 7 Pottery with Kirby Drennan, beginning and continuing students explore hand building, use of the wheel, glazing and firing. Art Association of Jacksonville/David Strawn Art Gallery, classes are Thursdays for 6 weeks, 5 – 7 p.m. or 7 – 9 p.m., tuition \$45 members, \$50 non-members. Materials provided by the Art Association of Jacksonville. For more information call Michelle Hinchin at 243.4875.

Oct 8-10 JHS Class of 1952 Class Reunion, Hamilton's – mixer, dinner, breakfast. For more information, contact Frances Edwards or Marian Manker.

Oct 9 SPAJama Party, presented by Lincoln Land Community College – Jacksonville. The evening will consist of facials, manicures, massages – it is also a pajama party complete with movie watching, pizza eating, etc. Crafters will be present so our guests can learn how to knit, sew or scrapbook. This is a student scholarship fundraising event and guests are asked to make a \$15 donation. For more information or to reserve your spot, call Maryjane 243.6699.

Oct 9 Haunted Jacksonville Night at the Hockenull Building, join Loren Hamilton for a ghostly event at the eerie Hockenull Building apartments in downtown Jacksonville. Spend the night hunting for the ghosts that linger from the 1966 tragedy that claimed the lives of the occupants and discover the strange occurrences that have taken place on Haunted Jacksonville tours in the past. Private ghost hunt lasts from 8:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m., \$45 per person. www.illinoishauntings.com or 1.888.446.7859.

Oct 9 Jacksonville Prayer Walk, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Community Park Gazebo, let's unite and pray while we walk, bike & drive the streets of Jacksonville! Sponsored by Christians who want to make a difference in Jacksonville.

Oct 14-17 Jacksonville Theatre Guild, Neil Simon's "Rumors," Sophie Leschin Theatre. For information, show times and tickets, call JTG 245.1402 or www.jaxtg.com .

Oct 14 "Fun and Engaging Activities at all levels that Reduce Behavior Problems," Bev Johns – Adjunct Instructor, MacMurray College, Learning & Behavioral Consultant and Author. Presented by Chapter 99 of the Council for Exceptional Children, Hamilton's – 110 N. East, 4:30 – 8:00 p.m., for meal, registration and other information, call Martha Vache 245.6974 or spammv@vache.org .

Oct 14 Poetry Night by the Imagine Foundation, an evening of poetry, fun quizzes and some open mike time. \$10 per person, students free, to be held at the Asa Talcott House.

Oct 16 Illinois College Homecoming, for more information, visit www.ic.edu or call 245.3030.

Oct 16 Haunted Jacksonville Night at the Old Funeral Home/Jacksonville Theatre Guild, join Loren Hamilton for a ghostly event at the spooky Jacksonville Theatre Guild, which served as the Williamson funeral Home for more than five decades! Starting out as the Proffit boarding house in the early 1900s, it was home to many traveling actors and actresses at the nearby Strawn Opera House. Want to find out if the place is really haunted? Private ghost hunt lasts from 8:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m., \$45 per person. www.illinoishauntings.com or 1.888.446.7859.

Oct 22-23 Friends Fair hosted by the Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, 520 W. College, sale of fairly traded, unique and beautiful handmade items by world artisans. Friday 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., soup and dessert luncheon 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day - carry out available. For more information, call Sue Whitney 243-5326.

Oct 22-24 MacMurray College Homecoming Weekend, for more information, visit www.mac.edu or call the Alumni Office at 479-7030.

Oct 23 Haunted Jacksonville Night at the Haunted Rectory, join Loren Hamilton for a ghostly event at one of the most unusual places that we have ever offered – the old Our Savior Church Rectory! Reportedly haunted by a number of resident spirits, you can join us for a look into the history of the location and then take part in a search for the ghosts that remain behind in the old building. Private ghost hunt lasts from 8:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m., \$65 per person. www.illinoishauntings.com or 1.888.446.7859.

Oct 28 WJVO Safe Halloween for Kids, 5-8 p.m., for more details call WJVO 245-5119.

Oct 29-30 Medea by Euripides, “Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned.” Compelled by the betrayal of her beloved husband, Jason, Medea exacts revenge in ways too terrible to imagine. IC TheatreWorks production, 7:30 p.m., Illinois College, Sibert Theatre, McGaw Fine Arts Center. Call 245.3471 for reservations.

Oct 30 Trio Voce – Violin, Cello and Piano, Illinois College Fine Arts Series, McGaw Fine Arts Center, 7:30 p.m. For tickets and more information, www.ic.edu/fas .

Nov 4-7 Medea by Euripides, “Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned.” Compelled by the betrayal of her beloved husband, Jason, Medea exacts revenge in ways too terrible to imagine. IC TheatreWorks production, 7:30 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m. Illinois College, Sibert Theatre, McGaw Fine Arts Center. Call 245.3471 for reservations.

Nov 5 Masquerade Ball, a fun, formal night out sponsored by Jacksonville Main Street. For more information, call 245.6884.

Nov 6 Veterans Day Parade, 11 a.m. at Dewey Park in South Jacksonville, parade will travel to Community Park.

Nov 6-28 Drawings and Watercolors by Marsha Robinett, Art Association of Jacksonville/David Strawn Art Gallery 2010-2011 Season. Strawn Art Gallery, 331 W. College. Open Sundays 1-3 p.m. and Tuesday-Saturday 4-6 p.m. from September – May. Opening receptions are held the first Saturday of each month from 6-8 p.m. For more information, call 243.9390.

Nov 6 Sharpen Your Pencils, Marsha Robinett welcomes all skill levels – working from a pre-drawn image and reference photo which will be transferred onto drawing paper, learn techniques of blending and shadowing using a carbon pencil. Art Association of Jacksonville/David Strawn Art Gallery, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., tuition \$30 members, \$35 non-members, other supplies to be purchased from the instructor day of class for \$10. For more information call Michelle Hinchey at 243.4875.

Nov 7 3rd Annual Bus Tour of Local Underground Railroad Sites, sponsored by the Underground Railroad Committee of the Morgan County Historical Society. The event will begin at Illinois College's Beecher Hall at 1 p.m., and conclude at 5 p.m. at Woodlawn Farm. Tickets cost \$15 each and include bus transportation. For more information, contact Jim Murphy at 245.3248 or jtmurphy@ic.edu .

Nov 13 “An Evening with Sinatra & Friends,” Popular St. Louis vocalist Tom Heitman will dazzle the audience with his interpretations of Frank Sinatra's greatest hits. Rounding out this Sinatra Songbook pops concert will be audience favorite, pianist Carolbeth True and her trio. Illinois College – Rammelkamp Chapel, 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 245.1181 or visit our web site www.jaxsym.com .

Nov 13 Jacksonville Holiday Shopping Tour, for more details call WJVO 245-5119.

Nov 16 “Looking Through the Eyes of Boys and Girls and Celebrating their Differences: How Boys and Girls Learn Differently,” Daniel J. Hodgins – Consultant/Author of Boys: Changing the Classroom, Not the Child. Presented by Chapter 99 of the Council for Exceptional Children, Hamilton's – 110 N. East, 4:30 – 8:00 p.m., for meal, registration and other information, call Martha Vache 245.6974 or spammv@vache.org .

Nov 20 Norman Bemelmans - Piano, Illinois College Fine Arts Series, McGaw Fine Arts Center, 7:30 p.m. For tickets and more information, www.ic.edu/fas .

Dec 1 Governor Duncan Association “Sing A-Long” Located at Hamilton's Banquet Hall, more information TBA.

Dec 4-5 Pilot Club 27th 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, Family Gardens or Jacksonville Area Chamber of Commerce.

Dec 4 “A Holiday Happening,” Give your family an early Christmas present by bringing them to this popular Jacksonville event. Kids from 1 to 100 will be thrilled to hear Christmas favorites performed by the full Symphony Orchestra, the Symphony Chorale, and the Jacksonville High School Concert Choir. Illinois College – Rammelkamp Chapel, 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 245.1181 or visit our web site www.jaxsym.com .

Dec 4-22 Photography by Marc Altman, Art Association of Jacksonville/David Strawn Art Gallery 2010-2011 Season. Strawn Art Gallery, 331 W. College. Open Sundays 1-3 p.m. and Tuesday-Saturday 4-6 p.m. from September – May. Opening receptions are held the first Saturday of each month from 6-8 p.m. For more information, call 243.9390.

Dec 9-12 Jacksonville Theatre Guild, Irving Berlin's holiday classic “White Christmas,” Sophie Leschin Theatre. For information, show times and tickets, call JTG 245.1402 or www.jaxtg.com .

2011 Dates

Jan 8-30 Paintings & Illustration by Kevin Veara – Acrylic Paintings by Toni Freesen, Art Association of Jacksonville/David Strawn Art Gallery 2010-2011 Season. Strawn Art Gallery, 331 W. College. Open Sundays 1-3 p.m. and Tuesday-Saturday 4-6 p.m. from September – May. Opening receptions are held the first Saturday of each month from 6-8 p.m. For more information, call 243.9390.

Jan 29 Festa Jaciliana, at Bogart's, fundraiser benefitting the Jacksonville Area Center for Independent Living. Call 245-8371 for more information.

Feb 1 Youth Concerts, Jacksonville Symphony Society, MacMurray College – Annie Merner College, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. For more information call, 245.1181 or visit our web site www.jaxsym.com .

Feb 5-27 Jason Scott Embry Collection, Art Association of Jacksonville/David Strawn Art Gallery 2010-2011 Season. Strawn Art Gallery, 331 W. College. Open Sundays 1-3 p.m. and Tuesday-Saturday 4-6 p.m. from September – May. Opening receptions are held the first Saturday of each month from 6-8 p.m. For more information, call 243.9390.

Feb 5 William Neil – National Symphony Orchestra Organist, Illinois College Fine Arts Series, McGaw Fine Arts Center, 7:30 p.m. For tickets and more information, www.ic.edu/fas .

Feb 15 “Making the School-Home Connection: The Role of Parents and Educators,” Dawn Peterman Allred – M. Ed., Ph. D., Director , Department of Special Education, MacMurray College. Presented by Chapter 99 of the Council for Exceptional Children, Hamilton's – 110 N. East, 4:30 – 7:30 p.m., for meal, registration and other information, call Martha Vache 245.6974 or spammv@vache.org .

Feb 17-20 Jacksonville Theatre Guild, Hans Christian Anderson tale “The Emperor's New Clothes,” Sophie Leschin Theatre. For information, show times and tickets, call JTG 245.1402 or www.jaxtg.com .

March 3 The Concordia Choir – Collegiate Vocal Ensemble, Illinois College Fine Arts Series, McGaw Fine Arts Center, 7:30 p.m. For tickets and more information, www.ic.edu/fas .

March 5-27 Paintings & Wooden Furniture by Michael Allison & Anne Bossert, Art Association of Jacksonville/David Strawn Art Gallery 2010-2011 Season. Strawn Art Gallery, 331 W. College. Open Sundays 1-3 p.m. and Tuesday-Saturday 4-6 p.m. from September – May. Opening receptions are held the first Saturday of each month from 6-8 p.m. For more information, call 243.9390.

March 15 “Dealing Proactively to Prevent Bullying and Cyber Bullying Within Schools,” John Bailey, Ed. S., Chairman, Education Department, MacMurray College. Presented by Chapter 99 of the Council for Exceptional Children, Hamilton's – 110 N. East, 4:30 – 8:00 p.m., for meal, registration and other information, call Martha Vache 245.6974 or spammv@vache.org .

March 19 “A Choral Tradition Continues,” each year the symphony is proud to present a major work for chorus and orchestra. Come and experience the exciting sounds of the combined forces of the Orchestra, the Symphony Chorale and the Illinois College Concert Choir. Illinois College – Rammelkamp Chapel, 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 245.1181 or visit our web site www.jaxsym.com .

March 25-26 Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl For Kids' Sake 2011, Bowl Inn, call 243.3821 to sign-up your team!

March 25 "2" featuring composer Elizabeth Vercoe, Illinois College Fine Arts Series, McGaw Fine Arts Center, 7:30 p.m. For tickets and more information, www.ic.edu/fas .

April 2-24 Abstract Paintings by Allison Pratt, Art Association of Jacksonville/David Strawn Art Gallery 2010-2011 Season. Strawn Art Gallery, 331 W. College. Open Sundays 1-3 p.m. and Tuesday-Saturday 4-6 p.m. from September – May. Opening receptions are held the first Saturday of each month from 6-8 p.m. For more information, call 243.9390.

April 8 Jacksonville Symphony Jazz Benefit Classic, 7 p.m., Hamilton's, 110 N. East. For more information, call 245.1181 or visit www.jaxsym.com .

April 8-9 Love of the Nightingale, Timberlake Wertenbaker was commissioned by the Royal Shakespeare Company to write this modern yet poetic play based on a Greek myth. IC TheatreWorks production, 7:30 p.m., Illinois College, Sibert Theatre, McGaw Fine Arts Center, call 245.3471 for reservations.

April 14-17 Love of the Nightingale, Timberlake Wertenbaker was commissioned by the Royal Shakespeare Company to write this modern yet poetic play based on a Greek myth. IC TheatreWorks production, 7:30 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m. Illinois College, Sibert Theatre, McGaw Fine Arts Center, call 245.3471 for reservations.

April 18 "Awards Banquet," with entertainment by MacMurray's Drum Circle. Presented by Chapter 99 of the Council for Exceptional Children, Hamilton's – 110 N. East, 6:00 p.m., for meal, registration and other information, call Martha Vache 245.6974 or spammv@vache.org .

April 28-May 1 Jacksonville Theatre Guild, "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," Sophie Leschin Theatre. For information, show times and tickets, call JTG 245.1402 or www.jaxtg.com .

April 29 Jacksonville Symphony Jazz Benefit Classic. Tickets are available at Festival Foods or by calling 245.1114.

April 30 54th Annual Beaux Arts Ball, major fundraiser for the Art Association of Jacksonville followed by a reception at the David Strawn Art Gallery and dancing at the Jacksonville Country Club. www.strawnartgallery.org .

May 7 MacMurray College Baccalaureate and Commencement, for more information, www.mac.edu or call 479.7014.

May 7 "A Virtuoso Debuts," now in his second year as concertmaster of the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra, Aaron Jacobs has gained the respect and admiration of the entire orchestra. A scholarship student at the University of Illinois, Aaron is pursuing his doctoral degree in violin performance. In his Jacksonville solo debut, Aaron will perform Mozart's Violin Concerto No. 5. Illinois College – Rammelkamp Chapel, 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 245.1181 or visit our web site www.jaxsym.com .

May 7-30 Monotypes by Mark Goodmanson, Art Association of Jacksonville/David Strawn Art Gallery 2010-2011 Season. Strawn Art Gallery, 331 W. College. Open Sundays 1-3 p.m. and Tuesday-Saturday 4-6 p.m. from September – May. Opening receptions are held the first Saturday of each month from 6-8 p.m. For more information, call 243.9390.

May 15 Illinois College Baccalaureate and Commencement, for more information, www.ic.edu or call 245.3030.

June 9-12 Jacksonville Theatre Guild, "Fee, Fi, Fo, Fum," Sophie Leschin Theatre. For information, show times and tickets, call JTG 245.1402 or www.jaxtg.com .

June 11 2nd Annual Patriotic Pops Benefit Concert, sponsored by the Underground Railroad Committee of the Morgan County Historical Society, 7 p.m., Rammelkamp Chapel, Illinois College. Call 245.3248 for details.

June 17-19 General Grierson Civil War Days, Community Park. Largest mounted Civil War reenactment in the Midwest. Step back in time and experience the life of a Civil War soldier. Visit the Confederate and Union camps. Watch the soldiers drill and prepare for battle, prepare meals and practice medicine. Kids corner keeps the children entertained while learning about the past. Parades, full period dress grand ball, exhibits, food and of course major battle reenactments. Historic home tours to be announced. For more information, please contact Ron Gray 243.4003 or www.griersonsociety.com .

June 25 Jacksonville Juneteenth Celebration, Community Park, Juneteenth observes the end of the Civil War and freedom of the enslaved African-Americans. Food, entertainment, crafts, games for all ages and more, contact Shirlee Pettit 245.5930.

July 22-23 River Country Quilt Show, Jacksonville High School cafeteria, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Quilt displays, demonstrations and vendor booths.

July 28-31 Jacksonville Theatre Guild, "Footloose," Sophie Leschin Theatre. For information, show times and tickets, call JTG 245.1402 or www.jaxtg.com .

Aug 4-7 Jacksonville Theatre Guild, "Footloose," Sophie Leschin Theatre. For information, show times and tickets, call JTG 245.1402 or www.jaxtg.com .

Aug 5-6 Jacksonville High School Class of 1986 Reunion. For more information www.jhsclassof1986.org or look for us on Facebook.

Sept 24 Illinois College Family Day, for more information call 245.3000.

Oct 8 Illinois College Homecoming, for more information call 245.3000.

To add an event of general community interest to the calendar, or to be added to our monthly calendar list, please contact the Jacksonville Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, (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.