
Jacksonville Area Convention & Visitors Bureau

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February 2010

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Jan 22- Feb 9 Candy Gram, sponsored by Pathway Services. Only \$5.00 – includes an assortment of candy and a personalized message from you. Delivery within Jacksonville city limits on Thursday February 11 and Friday February 12. Orders must be received by 4:00 p.m. on February 9th. Please call 479-2300.

Feb 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 5-9 p.m. Call 473.2726 for more information.

Feb 6 “Brigham Young University’s Vocal Point,” a contemporary *a capella* ensemble, Illinois College Fine Arts Series 2009-2010, 7:30 p.m., Rammelkamp Chapel. For ticket information call 245.3069 or fas@ic.edu.

Feb 6-28 Pastels by David Garrison and Cecile Houel. Art Association of Jacksonville/David Strawn Art Gallery 2009-2010 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 7 Supergirl Day, sponsored by Lincoln Land Community College from 1:30 – 5:30 p.m. This is a scholarship fundraising event for LLCC students in need to assist them in paying for tuition and books Admission is \$5.00 that includes a gift bag valued at more than \$20.00. There will be a supervised activity room for children 3 and older with games and movies. For more information or a list of vendors attending, call 243-6699.

Feb 8 “Portraits of Courage: African-Americans You Wish You Had Known”. Convocation by Will & Company, 11a.m., Sibert Theatre, McGaw Fine Arts Center.

Feb 12 Sweet Art Cocktail Party, 7-10 p.m. at Hamilton’s. Fifth annual fundraiser to support the Imagine Foundation. \$25.00 per person includes food prepared by area chefs, silent auction of Imagine artists, raffles for wine and art, and live painting by Juan Ramirez and Allison Pratt. Call Imagine at 473-2726 to buy your tickets in advance.

Feb 12 Rotary Valentine’s Day Dinner & Dance. Held at Hamilton’s at 5:30 pm. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. followed by dancing to the Kevin Turner Trio at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30.00 per person. For additional information, please email valentines@jacksonvillerotary.org or call and a leave a message at 217-408-0055.

Feb 12 Music @ 4, Illinois College Music Department student recital, 4p.m., Rammelkamp Chapel.

Feb 13 I-72 Basketball Shoot-Out, JHS vs. Quincy, 6:30 p.m. at the JHS Bowl.

Feb 13 Bar to Bar Golf Classic, at various local establishments throughout downtown to benefit the Boys and Girls Clubs. Contact Judy Tighe 245-6884.

Feb 14 “A Very Special Doll-day” This very special event is for children and their families. Children are invited to dress up, bring their dolls and join in a day of fun! Doll-i-day highlights include a tea party, entertainment, pictures, stations for getting hair and nails done, cookie decorating, playing dress up and a doll hospital! We will raffle cool items, including American Girl dolls and a trip to the American Girl store in Chicago! 1p.m.to 4p.m. at Hamilton’s. For ticket information call 245-6000.

Feb 15 “Autoethnography, Performing and Representing the Hood Girl in Me in my Memoir: PGD (Po Girl on Dope) to Ph.D.” Convocation by Elaine Richardson, 11a.m., location tba.

Feb 16 Work Opportunity Tax Credit Workshop. A three hour workshop that will focus on one of the “best-kept secrets” in the state of Illinois: A federal tax credit program that enables employers to receive a tax credit on personnel that have already been hired. The workshop will be held at the U of I Extension Center. For more information , call 245-5148 and ask for Monica.

Feb 17 Illinois College Ashe Wednesday Service. Held, 10a.m. at Rammelkamp Chapel. Message by Rev. John Roth, pastor of Faith Lutheran Church in Jacksonville.

Feb 18-21 Jacksonville Theatre Guild, “Disney High School Musical 2,” Sophie Leschin Theatre. For information, show times and tickets, call JTG 245.1402 or www.jaxtg.com .

Feb 20 Comedy Cares, fundraising event for the Crisis Center Foundation, details tba, 243.4357.

Feb 20 Rouff Winter Ball. Held at Hamilton’s from 6:30p.m. – 12:00a.m. Tickets are \$30.00 per person that includes meal, select complimentary beverages, and DJ entertainment. The Alumni Association awards will be presented at the Ball. Call 245-0934 for more information and to request reservations.

Feb 21 United Methodist Holy Spokes Cluster Lenten Service, at Brooklyn UMC with Mike Fender speaking. Bible Study on Luke at 4:00 p.m. and services at 6:00 p.m. with fellowship time following the service.

Feb 23 “The Obama Presidency: Change We Can Believe In,” Dr. Sidney Milkis, author, lecturer & White Burkett Miller Professor of Politics at the University of Virginia. MacMurray College Speaker Series, Thoresen Recital Hall, Springer Center for Music, 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 479.7027.

Feb 23 Look Good Feel Better, sponsored by the American Cancer Society at Passavant Area Hospital from 6-8 pm in classroom A. To register or for more information, please call Sara at 217-523-4503, Ext. 3.

Feb 24 Music @ 4, Illinois College Music Department student recital, 4p.m., Rammelkamp Chapel.

Feb 25 “MacMurray College Health Fair”. More than 30 exhibitors will increase awareness about health resources available in the community. Topics include; alcohol and substance abuse prevention, reproductive health, stress management, blood pressure screenings, body fat analysis, nutrition, disaster services, exercise, health screenings and massage therapy. Located at the Gamble Campus Center – upstairs 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. For more information call Gina Hamilton 479-7160.

Feb 25 Business Expo, hosted by the Jacksonville Area Chamber of Commerce at Hamilton's from 3:30 – 6:30 p.m. Free admission, public is invited to attend. 217-245-2174.

Feb 25 Blue Cross Blue Shield Of Illinois Health Seminars. Blue Cross will be holding three seminars at the Comfort Inn, starting at 10 a.m. Choosing the Medicare Supplement Plan that is right for you, 1p.m. Health Insurance bootcamp and 3p.m. What is an HAS? For more information call Joni Castleman at 217-698-2201.

Feb 26 Music @ 4, Illinois College Music Department student recital, 4.p.m., Rammelkamp Chapel.

Feb 26 "Incognito" One-man play by Michael Fosberg, 8p.m., Sibert Theatre, McGaw Fine Arts Center.

Feb 26 United Way Snow Day, a fundraiser for the Prairieland United Way from 7:30p.m. – 10:30p.m. at the Jacksonville Country Club. Tickets are \$10.00 per person and includes complimentary appetizers, 50/50 drawing, door prizes, music and cash bar. Tickets are available at the Chamber of Commerce.

Feb 27 Jacksonville Symphony Society, The Talent Among Us Competition. Event starts at 7 p.m. For more information call 245-1181.

Feb 27 Grierson Days Winter Dance, dinner and dance featuring the Vintage Brass Band, playing music written by Benjamin H. Grierson. Hamilton's, 110 N. East, 5 p.m. – 10 p.m. Antique silent auction will include a hand stitched quilt, dance will feature the Peoria Civil War Dancers. Tickets are \$30 and include dinner & dancing. This fundraiser will help with the restoration of the Grierson Family burial site, directional signage and the annual Grierson Days Civil War Reenactment. For tickets or more information, call Ron Gray 243.4003.

Feb 28 United Methodist Holy Spokes Cluster Lenten Service, at Murrayville UMC with Katie Herring speaking. Bible Study on Luke at 4:00 p.m. and Services at 6:00 p.m. with fellowship time following the service.

March 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 5-9 p.m. Call 473.2726 for more information.

March 6-28 Mixed Media by Brother Brian Zampier. Art Association of Jacksonville/David Strawn Art Gallery 2009-2010 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 6 Relay for Life Trivia Night, sponsored by the Pathway Patriots. Event will be at the Knights of Columbus at 5:30 for registration and concessions. Competition begins at 6:30. For more information or to register, please call Joyce or Kim at 479-2300.

March 7 United Methodist Holy Spokes Cluster Lenten Service, at Centenary UMC with Nancy Wood speaking. Bible Study on Luke at 4:00 p.m. and Service at 6:00 p.m. with fellowship time following the service.

March 8 Kiwanis Pancake & Sausage 6am- 8pm at MacMurray College McClelland Dining Hall. Advance tickets are \$6.00 and \$7.00 at the door. Children 5 and under are free with a paying adult. Express drive through is available from 4:30 pm- 7:00 pm. Advanced tickets may be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce or Festival Foods. For more information, please contact Chairperson Brad Fellhauer at 217-414-4060.

March 14 United Methodist Holy Spokes Cluster Lenten Service, at Asbury UMC with Dennis Powers speaking. Bible Study on Luke at 4:00 p.m. and Service at 6:00 p.m. with fellowship time following the service.

March 16 Help, Where Can I Get Services for this Child? Chapter 99 of the Council for Exceptional Children, dinner & presentation, A panel of individuals from various agencies in West Central Illinois will advise where and how to get services for students with special needs. 4:30 p.m. – 8 p.m., Hamilton's Banquet Hall, 110 North East, tickets \$10 for CEC members, \$25 non-members and \$5 for students. For registration, information & special needs, call Martha Vache 245.6974 or spammv@vache.org or Bev Johns bevjohns@juno.com.

March 19 "Ethos Percussion Group, with the Illinois College Concert Choir," Illinois College Fine Arts Series 2009-2010, 7:30 p.m., Rammelkamp Chapel. For ticket information call 245.3069 or fas@ic.edu.

March 21 United Methodist Holy Spokes Cluster Lenten Service, at MacMurray College's Annie Merner Chapel with Bob McKelvey speaking. Bible Study on Luke at 4:00 p.m. and Service at 6:00 p.m. with fellowship time following the service.

March 22 "Pack The Place", at Los Rancheros to benefit Jacksonville Area Center for Independent Living. Robert Sampson will be entertaining. Call 245-8371 for more information.

March 25 "Darfur Rehabilitation Project," DRP Representative, Unifying the Voices of Darfurians. MacMurray College Speaker Series, Annie Merner Chapel, 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 479.7027.

March 26-28 & April 2-4 Jacksonville Theatre Guild, "Wait Until Dark," Sophie Leschin Theatre. For information, show times and tickets, call JTG 245.1402 or www.jaxtg.com.

March 27 Put some salsa in your Spring! A fundraiser by the Pathway Services featuring salsa dancer/instructor Julio Barrenzueta from Salsa 29 Productions. Located at Buena Vista Farms from 6pm-11pm. The evening includes a Mexican buffet, dance instruction, a silent auction and 50/50 raffle. All proceeds benefit the children and adults at Pathway. Tickets are \$35.00/person, \$60.00/couple. For tickets or more information, please call 479-2318.

March 27 "Spring Concert," Jacksonville Symphony Society 2009-2010 Season, Illinois College – Rammelkamp Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at Festival Foods or by calling 245.1114.

March 28 United Methodist Holy Spokes Cluster Lenten Service, at Grace UMC with Elke Sharma speaking. Bible Study on Luke at 4:00 p.m. and Service at 6:00 p.m. with fellowship time following the service.

April 2 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. Call 473.2726 for more information.

April 3-25 Photo-journalists Steve and Tiffany Warmowski. Art Association of Jacksonville/David Strawn Art Gallery 2009-2010 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 7 Spring Salad Luncheon, Bazaar and Bake Sale. 11a.m.-1p.m. Sponsored by Centenary United Methodist Women.

April 10 Jacksonville Symphony Society annual Classic Jazz Benefit Concert, 6 p.m., Hamilton's 110 N. East, for more information call 245.1114.

April 12 New Dimensions in Public Policy-Making, Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow Lecture. Dr. A. Lee Fritschler, professor and director of executive education in the School of Public Policy at George Mason University. Illinois College – Sibert Theatre, McGaw Fine Arts Center, 7 p.m., for more information, call 245.3010.

April 12 Blood to Remember: 20th-Century Laments. In this Holocaust Remembrance Day presentation, poet Charles Ades Fishman reads from *Blood to Remember: American Poets on the Holocaust*, which he edited, and his own work, *Chopin's Piano*, winner of the 20007 Paterson Award for Literacy Excellence. Illinois College – Rammelkamp Chapel, 11 a.m., for more information, call 245.3010.

April 13 Water under Water: Poems about Family and Nature, Charles Ades Fishman reads selections from his forthcoming collection of poems, *Water under Water*. A reception and book signing will follow the reading in the lobby of Sibert Theatre. Illinois College – Sibert Theatre, McGaw Fine Arts Center, 7 p.m., for more information, call 245.3010.

April 14 2010 Career & Employment Expo, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Illinois College, Bruner Field & Recreation Center, King Field House. Shuttle service will be available from the IC lot on Park Street, across from the football field. For more information, contact Erik Hack at IDES, 245.5148, ext. 0.

April 14 Quality in the Classroom: No Child Left Behind for Higher Ed? Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow Lecture, Dr. A. Lee Fritschler, professor and director of executive education in the School of Public Policy at George Mason University. Illinois College – Sibert Theatre, McGaw Fine Arts Center, 7 p.m., for more information, call 245.3010.

April 20 Chapter 99's Awards Banquet, Chapter 99 of the Council for Exceptional Children, dinner & presentation. Speaker – Betsy Murphy, President of the Illinois Council for Exceptional Children and graduate of MacMurray College, 6:00 p.m., Hamilton's Banquet Hall, 110 North East, tickets \$10 for CEC members, \$25 non-members and \$5 for students. For registration, information & special needs, call Martha Vache 245.6974 or spammv@vache.org or Bev Johns bevjohns@juno.com.

April 22 "Jonathan Biss, piano and Miriam Fried, violin," Illinois College Fine Arts Series 2009-2010, 7:30 p.m., Rammelkamp Chapel. For ticket information call 245.3069 or fas@ic.edu.

April 24 53rd Annual Beaux Arts Ball, for more information call Kelly Gross 243.9390.

April 24 Historic Jacksonville Walking Tour, information tba.

May 1 "Final Concert," Jacksonville Symphony Society 2009-2010 Season, Illinois College – Rammelkamp Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at Festival Foods or by calling 245.1114.

May 1-30 Watercolors by Sandy Meyer. Art Association of Jacksonville/David Strawn Art Gallery 2009-2010 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 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 5-9 p.m. Call 473.2726 for more information.

May 11 Progressive Patio Party, information tba.

May 13-16 Jacksonville Theatre Guild, “Hansel and Gretel,” Sophie Leschin Theatre. For information, show times and tickets, call JTG 245.1402 or www.jaxtg.com.

May 13 Governor Duncan Association Annual Meeting, at the Governor Duncan Mansion at 7 p.m. For more information call Loretta Widdows 243-2001.

May 16 Jacksonville Street Rod Reunion, Community Park, Community Building, 8 a.m. – ?. For information, call Jerry Lewis 245.2084.

May 16 Good-Time Cruisers Cruise-in, located at Sonic Drive-In from 2pm-5pm. Entry free is \$5.00. For more information call 217-320-2459.

May 18 2nd Annual Ladies Night Out, sponsored by the Journal-Courier, Hamilton’s 110 N. East. Vendors from West Central Illinois will be sampling, showcasing and selling their products. For more information, call 245.6121.

June 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 5-9 p.m. Call 473.2726 for more information.

June 12 4th Annual Wheelathon, to benefit the Jacksonville Area Center for Independent Living. Located at Community Park Center and Community Park – includes the Wheelathon, disability awareness activities, food and fun. Call 245-8371 for more information.

June 13 Passavant Area Hospital Duck Race for Lifeline, Nichols Park, 2 p.m. Also a miniature duck pond with prizes for children will be available.

June 18-20 General Grierson Days & Historic Celebration, 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. Parades, full period dress grand ball, exhibits, food and of course major battle reenactments. Also, tours of historic homes. For more information, please contact Ron Gray 243.4003.

June 23-24 & July 1-2 18th Annual Pepsi/Passavant Team Rehab Basketball Shootouts. Illinois College – Bruner Fitness Center. One of the largest shootouts in the nation, 2008 event hosted 108 teams from Illinois, Missouri & Iowa. For more information, contact Todd Sweatman 217.370.2008.

June 25 Juneteenth Meet & Greet, stop by to old and new friends, location and time tba. For more information, contact Shirlee Pettit 245.5930.

June 25-26 Morgan County Garden Club Flower Show, Strawn Art Gallery. TBA

June 26 6th Annual Jacksonville Juneteenth Celebration, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Community Park. Juneteenth observes the end of the Civil War and freedom of the enslaved African-Americans. The event will feature food, entertainment, crafts, games and style shows. Juneteenth Dance, Saturday evening, details tba. For more information, contact Shirlee Pettit 245.5930.

June 27 Garden Walk, sponsored by Hope Circle of Centenary United Methodist Women at 3p.m.

July 7-11 63rd Annual Morgan County Fair, Morgan County Fairgrounds. Details tba.

July 17 Good-Time Cruisers Cruise-in, located at Hardees from 6pm-9pm. Entry free is \$5.00. For more information call 217-320-2459.

July 22-25 & July 29-Aug 1 Jacksonville Theatre Guild, "Altar Boyz," Sophie Leschin Theatre. For information, show times and tickets, call JTG 245.1402 or www.jaxtg.com .

Aug 5 DAR Annual Ice Cream Social, on the lawn of the Governor Duncan Mansion, presented by the Reverend James Caldwell Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Suggested donation of \$4 includes cake, ice cream and beverage. All proceeds to benefit the Governor Duncan Mansion, rain date 8/12. For more information, call Loretta 243.2001.

Aug 14 Good-Time Cruisers Cruise-in, located at Sonic Drive-In from 6pm-9pm. Entry free is \$5.00. For more information call 217-320-2459.

Sept 3-6 12th Annual Prairieland Chautauqua, this years theme to be announced. Presentations by reenactors, musical entertainment and nightly communal suppers highlight this educational and fun event. For more information, contact Dr. Wolf Fuhrig 243.2423.

Sept 11 Governor Duncan's Neighborhood Waling Tour. Information TBA.

Sept 19 Be Aware Wellness Fair, 10 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Community Park, promoting health and wellness to the community. 245-2174.

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 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.

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

Nov 13 Festa Jaciliana, at Bogarts. Fundraiser to benefit the Jacksonville Area Center for Independent Living. Call 245-8371 for more information.

Dec 1 Governor Duncan Association "Sing A-Long" Located at Hamilton's Banquet Hall. Information TBA.

WEEKLY/BI-WEEKLY EVENTS

AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary – Weekly Bingo

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

Eclectic Artist Cooperative and Gallery, 68 E. Central Park Plaza

Open Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
For more information contact the Gallery 883.3511 or www.eclecticartco-op.com

Illinois School for The Deaf Alumni Association Museum
Building #11 Thomas Officer Hall, 2 floors of displays
Monday-Friday 9a.m.-Noon

Walking at the JHS Bowl
Open for walkers November-March, 7 a.m.-1 p.m.
For more information, call 245.9541

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.