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FAIRS & FESTIVALS



LHHF scheduled for Aug. 16-18

ROCHELLE — The 2024 Lincoln Highway Heritage Festival is scheduled from Aug. 16-18, 2024. Among the events scheduled for Friday, Aug. 16 include a food court, amusements and a beer garden as well as the 2024 Little Miss Peanut contest and a performance from Blue Steel.

Events scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 17 include a pancake breakfast, a car show, a craft and vendor show as well as performances from Buzzed by Sonset, Heartache Tonight and more. A beer garden, food court and amusements will also be available on Saturday, Aug. 17.

On Sunday, Aug. 18, Lincoln Highway Heritage Festival will hold a pancake breakfast, amusements, a food court and a parade as well as performances from the Beaux Band and the Jerry Criss Band. A haunted maze and an ice cream social will also be held on Sunday, Aug. 18.

Creston Booster Days in September

CRESTON — Booster Days will be held this year on Sept. 13-15. Friday night will feature Headon's steak fry, Skinner's Amusements and the beer garden, along with music on stage.

Saturday's program

will include the craft and vendor show, the annual auction, bingo, Skinner's Amusements, the beer garden, music on stage, and our spectacular fireworks show. On Sunday, there will be an antique tractor pull, Main St. parade, Skin-

ner's Amusements, craft and vendor show, bingo, music on stage, Headon's pork chop BBQ, and a vintage baseball game.

More details to follow as we get closer. Follow us on Facebook at Creston Booster Days.



Friday, Aug. 16
Saturday, Aug. 17
Sunday, Aug. 18



50/50 RAFFLE
TICKETS
PLUS OTHER PRIZES

MEGA BANDS AVAILABLE AT:
RMU, ROCHELLE CITY HALL, ROCHELLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, COLONIAL FLOWER SHOP,
QUINN'S JEWELRY & ALM FINE CABINETRY.

FRIDAY AUGUST 16

- *FOOD COURT
4PM TO 10PM
- *AMUSEMENTS
4PM TO 10PM
-A&A AMUSEMENTS
- *LITTLE MISS PEANUT
6PM TO 7PM
- *BEER GARDEN
4PM TO 10PM
-SPONSORED BY LISA'S PUB
- *BLUE STEEL
8PM TO 10PM

SATURDAY AUGUST 17

- *PANCAKE BREAKFAST - 7:30AM TO 11AM
- *CAR SHOW - 8AM TO 3PM
- *CRAFT & VENDOR SHOW - 10AM TO 5PM
- *RISE UP DANCE - 10AM TO 11AM
- *FOOD COURT - 11AM TO 10PM
- *AMUSEMENTS - 11AM TO 10PM
- *MAGIC MATTS FAMILY FUN SHOW - 11AM TO 8PM
- *KID ZONE - 11AM TO 3PM
- *BLUE STEAM - NOON TO 1PM
- *BALLET FOLKLORIO XOCHIQUETZAL - 1PM TO 1:45PM
- *BUZZED BY SONSET - 2PM TO 4PM
- *BEER GARDEN - 12PM TO 10PM
-SPONSORED BY LISA'S PUB
- *MISSING LINKS - 5PM TO 7PM
- *STUDIO C DANCE - 4PM TO 4:45PM
- *HAUNTED MAZE @ MOOSE LODGE - 4PM TO 9PM
- *HEARTACHE TONIGHT - 8PM TO 10PM

SUNDAY AUGUST 18

- *PANCAKE BREAKFAST - 7:30AM TO 11AM
- *CRAFT & VENDOR SHOW - 10:30AM TO 4PM
- *FOOD COURT - 11AM TO 6PM
- *AMUSEMENTS - 11AM TO 6PM
- *MAGIC MATTS FAMILY FUN SHOW - 11AM TO 6PM
- *PARADE - 1PM
- *THE BEAUX BAND - 1PM TO 3PM
- *BEER GARDEN - 12PM TO 6PM
-SPONSORED BY LISA'S PUB
- *HAUNTED MAZE @ MOOSE LODGE - 2PM TO 5PM
- *ICE CREAM SOCIAL - 3PM TO 6PM
- *JERRY CRISS BAND - 4PM TO 6PM



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Forreston Sauerkraut Days returning from Aug. 1-4

FORRESTON — Make plans now to attend Forreston Sauerkraut Days Aug. 1-4. This event has something for everyone — from the very young to the very young at heart. The annual event kicks off on Thursday night with the best fireworks show around!

Friday is Family Fun night with the Kids Fun Run, spaghetti eating contest, musical chairs, Simon says, and this year we have Music Trivia. The Ice Cream Bar: a great place to get ice cream with your favorite toppings! So grab some ice cream and try

your hand and Bingo. Also new this year is a 25-foot climbing wall.

Saturday is packed with events starting with Breakfast on the Go, the 5K, and the American Legion car show. We also have the vendor and craft fair, another day of Bingo and the cornhole tournament.

The American Legion sponsors the ever-popular sauerkraut lunch. Along with the sauerkraut lunch the other food options include walking tacos, tornado potatoes, pulled pork, and pizza by the slice.

The annual parade will step off Saturday

at 4pm. After the parade grab a pork chop meal served by the Forreston Lions Club. This year Back Country Roads will entertain everyone in the beer garden. New on Saturday night is a gaming tournament. The activities wrap up on Sunday with the community church service and the Fireman's breakfast.

This is a partial description of the events. More details can be found on the Forreston Sauerkraut Days Facebook page and at our website Krautdays.com.

All event forms and registrations will be on the website.



Thursday, August 1st - Sunday, August 3rd 2024

Fireworks! - Family Fun Night - Mobile Climbing Wall
 Bags Tournament - Craft Show - Music Trivia Night
 Mechanical Bull Riding - Beer Garden - Parade - & More!

* Live Music! Back Country Roads *

Follow Forreston Sauerkraut Days on Facebook. Visit krautdays.com

MALTA DAYS

FESTIVAL 2024

JUNE 7th & 8th

LIVE MUSIC - FOOD - FAMILY FUN - BEER GARDEN

Featuring Performances By
 Burn N' Bush / The Party Doctors
 Dreadnaughts / The Vodka Boys
 Yankee Cowboy

KIDS PLAY FREE!
 Bounce houses, obstacle courses, petting zoo, magic show and face painting!

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 Limited tickets available!

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 Lions Park, Malta, IL 60150

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 Malta Days Festival

FAIRS & FESTIVALS

Scotty McCreery taking the stage at Boone County Fair

BELVIDERE — Country sensation Scotty McCreery with special guest Greylan James will take the stage Saturday evening, Aug. 10 at this year's Boone County Fair, 8847 Illinois Route 76.

The fair runs for six days from Tuesday, Aug. 6 to Sunday, Aug. 12. McCreery's recently released single 'Cab in a Solo' has reached number one on the country charts. McCreery's highly anticipated fifth studio album 'Rise & Fall' is being released May 10.

New to the Boone County Fair this year on Wednesday evening will be a Monster Truck Show Spectacular featuring 4 monster trucks, SXS racing and Tuff truck racing. Other exciting grandstand shows include the popular Next Level Professional Bull Riding Show on Friday and the two Dismolition Derby Shows on Sunday. Rounding out the week will be a Thursday packed with Tractor and Truck pulls of all types running all day and evening. And of course, kicking off the week is the ever-popular Miss Boone County Fair Queen and Little Miss Pageants on Tuesday evening.

Free shows on the grounds performing 3 times a day include The Ready Go Dog Show, The Rhinestone Roper, The Great Lakes Timber Show, Mr. D's House of Magic & Illusion, Chain-saw Wood Carving, First

Bite Fishing Tank,

Farmer Tom Storyteller, The Alpaca Exhibit, along with Magic Mike strolling the grounds daily.

There is also free entertainment and live music daily starting at Noon at the Entertainment Pavilion just east of Exhibit Hall #1. Plus, there are three Exhibit Halls filled with vendors of all types plus hundreds of vendors including food vendors throughout the fairgrounds. The fair also features some of the best livestock shows in Illinois including draft horses, ponies, dairy and beef cattle, sheep, swine, poultry, goats, and rabbits.

The Boone County Fair also has thousands of people exhibiting their Home Ec, Ag and Art creations in the Non-Livestock Exhibit Hall. Everything from Quilts to Photography to Wedding Cakes to Flowers are on display for all to enjoy. Other free attractions include a huge antique tractor display, a restored one room schoolhouse, the 4-H Wee Farm Petting Zoo and the Grange Museum.

And if you're looking for some thrills head over to our large midway featuring rides of all types for all ages plus many fun games where you might win a giant stuffed animal. For ticket prices, schedule and information on being a vendor or entering the livestock or non-livestock competi-



tions go to www.boone-countyfair.com.

Follow us on Facebook and Twitter @The Boone County Fair. Our office is open Mondays and Wednesdays from 8am to 4pm, call 815-544-2900.

Tickets for the Scotty McCreery concert are on sale now online at our website. Tickets for all the Grandstand Shows go on sale starting Saturday, July 6 from 8am to noon at the fairgrounds ticket

office at gate 1.

Starting July 8, the ticket office is open Monday and Tuesday 9-4 and Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 11-6. Closed Saturday and Sunday. The Boone County Fair

and fairgrounds has been owned and operated by the seven Grange chapters in Boone County since 1957. The Boone County Fair Association is a 501©3 non-for-profit organization.

Sip 'n' SAVOR
TASTE EVENT
SYCAMORE ILL.

SYCAMORE PARK DISTRICT

Saturday, July 13 • 1-5pm
Sycamore Community Park • 940 E. State St., Sycamore IL

SPIRITS ART FOOD LIVE MUSIC

Taste your way through the park while enjoying live music, crafter, artists, and food vendors.

Presale Tasting Ticket by July 5\$25

On-site Tasting Ticket \$30

Ages 21+ | Includes 10 drink samples, commemorative glass, water, and lemonade. Proceeds support the Sycamore Parks Foundation.

Free admission to visit food and craft vendors.

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Live! In Concert!

Scotty McCreery

with special guest
GREYLAN JAMES

Saturday August 10th 7:00pm

Tickets on sale now online at www.boonecountyfair.com or use the QR Code above.

Tickets go on sale at the Fairgrounds ticket office at Gate 1 starting Sat, July 6th 8am to 12noon.

8847 IL Rt 76 * Belvidere * IL August 6 - 11



www.oglecountyfair.com

2024 OGLE COUNTY FAIR

Wed. July 31 - Sun., Aug. 4, 2024

1440 Limekiln Rd. • Oregon, IL 61061

815-732-6962

Regular Gate Admission Prices (includes carnival rides):

1-Day Admission = \$10

Age 4 and under = Free Gate Admission

(\$5 carnival wristband may be purchased separately)

5-Day Admission Pass = \$40

Regular Grandstand Prices (after gate admission):

1-Day Grandstand = \$10

Age 4 and under = Free

Pit Passes (Wed, Thur, & Sat) = \$20



<https://www.etix.com/ticket/v/33163/ogle-county-fair>

Discounted Pre-Season Tickets

(available until 11:59 pm Tuesday July 30)

- All Casey's in Ogle County are selling Pre-Season Gate Admission Tickets.
- Gate Admission & Grandstand tickets can be purchased online.

GRANDSTAND EVENTS

- Wed 6:30 pm Illini Stock & Tractor Pull
- Thur 6:30 pm Illini Truck & Tractor Pull
- Fri 7:00 pm Big Hat Rodeo
- Sat 6:30 pm Robbo's Extreme Demo Derby



FREE ENTERTAINMENT

(With Paid Admission)

- **ALL CARNIVAL RIDES**
- Queen Contest
- Live Music on County Stage
- **Sheez-It Band (Thurs)**
- **Killer B's Band (Fri)**
- **Rout 38 Band (Sat)**
- Flores Circus Thrill Show
- Kid Buck\$ Game Show
- Animal Shows & Exhibits
- Benefit Horse Show
- Chain Saw Artist
- Brian Holt Magic Show
- Ace the Robot
- Photos with Hawaiian Santa
- Kids Pedal Pull (Sat)
- Sunday Church Service
- Antique Tractor Parade
- Commercial Exhibits
- 4-H Children's Farm
- 4-H Dodgeball Tournament (Fri)



EVENTS SCHEDULE

JUNE

- 21 - Movie in the Park
- 22 - Ford Fest
- 29 - Outdoor Market

JULY

- 04 - Independence Day Parade
- 05 - Independence Day Celebration
- 06 - Flight Deck Fireworks
- 27 - Outdoor Market
- 27 - Free Family Swim Night

AUGUST

- 06 - National Night Out
- 16-18 - Heritage Festival
- 31 - Outdoor Market

SEPTEMBER

- 14 - Fiesta Hispana
- 28 - Outdoor Market

OCTOBER

- All Month - Hay Bales on Display
- 19 - CAN Food Truck Festival
- 24 - Trick or Treat Safe House
- 26 - Outdoor Market
- 30 - Vein Drain Blood Drive
- 31 - Trick or Treat

DECEMBER

- 3 - Giving Tuesday
- 6 - Old Fashioned Christmas Walk

NOVEMBER

- 09 - Veteran's Day Breakfast
- 21 - Two Ton Food Drive
- 30 - Small Business Saturday

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Let Freedom Ring

A Big, Small Town Festival with Family Fun and Entertainment for Everyone!

Wednesday, July 3 - Friday, July 5

Wednesday, July 3		Friday, July 5	
5:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Genesis Dance Company & All the Right Moves Tumbling (Bandshell)	4:00 pm	Car Show Registration \$10 (Wesley Ave)
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Silent Auction Open (Senior & Comm. Center)	4:00 pm - 8:00 pm	LFR Car Show (Wesley Ave)
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Little Miss & Mister Firecracker (Bandshell)	4:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Crafters/Vendors (Campus Lawn)
6:15 pm - 7:00 pm	Royal Court Coronation (Bandshell)	4:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Bounce Houses (Campus Lawn)
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Fine Art Show, Regional Artist Showcase (Old Sandstone Gallery)	4:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Beef Producers (near Bandshell)
7:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Kable Band (Bandshell)	4:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Silent Auction Closes - Pick up July 6 (Senior & Comm. Center)
7:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Ice Cream Social (Campus Yard)	5:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Fine Art Show, Regional Artist Showcase (Old Sandstone Gallery)
Thursday, July 4		5:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Root Beer Float (Campus Lawn)
7:00 am - 11:00 am	Firemen Breakfast (Fire Station)	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm	The Stingray's - 50s, 60s & 70s Rock & Roll (Bandshell)
7:00 am - 11:00 am	Fly-in Drive-in Breakfast (Mt Morris Airport)	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Kiddie Parade Registration (Wesley & Main St)
8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Silent Auction (Senior Center)	6:00 pm	Kiddie Parade (Main St)
Noon - 2:00 pm	Fine Art Show, Regional Artist Showcase (Old Sandstone Gallery)	6:30 pm	Waterfights with Firemen Registration (Wesley & Main St)
12:30 pm - 1:00 pm	Patrotic Program (Bandshell)	6:45 pm	Waterfights with Firemen (Main St)
1:00 pm	Bell Ringing (The Bell)	7:00 pm	Alumni Gathering (Campus Lawn)
Noon - 3:00 pm	Hector's (Bandshell)	<i>All events are subject to change. Thank you to all of our donors All event information as updated can be found... Website https://lfrmtmorris.com OR Facebook Let Freedom Ring - a Family Fun Festival</i>	
2:00 pm	Parade Starts		
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Food Vendors (DLR)		
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Bounce Houses (DLR)		
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Rick, Lindy and the Wild Ones, Classic Oldies R&R (DLR)		
8:00 pm	Kable Band (DLR)		
DUSK	Light the fireworks winner picked (DLR)		

Donations are always welcome to continue to make this a successful event can be sent to:
 Let Freedom Ring, Attn: Jen Robinson, PO Box 95, Mt. Morris, IL 61054

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Polo Town & Country Days are June 13-18

POLO — Polo Town & Country Days was first organized in 1966 by the Polo Jaycees as a way to raise money for the construction of a city pool. The first festival was a three day celebration which included such events as a carnival, kiddie parade, drum and bugle corps exhibition, and a large community parade to finish out the weekend. Now — 58 years later, the festival has expanded into a four day event that is kicked off with one of the most amazing fireworks displays in the area! The annual parade still closes out the celebration, and sandwiched in between are four days filled with fun for young and old. Make plans to visit Polo during Town & Country Days the third weekend in June — you'll be glad you did! The 2024 Polo Town & Country Days are scheduled for June 13-18, 2024.

Polo Town & Country Days | June 13th - 18th

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
5pm	Swimming Pool Games @ Polo Swimming Pool until 7pm		7am	Polo Car Show until 2pm
5pm	Zeiler Amusement Carnival Rides open until 10pm		9am	*Polo 5K Run/Walk Hosted by PCHS Cross Country Team (Corner of Mason and Jefferson)
5pm	Merchandise Bingo Tent until 8pm		9am	*One Mile Fun Run (Corner of Mason and Jefferson)
5pm	Dunk Tank until 8pm		9am	*Volleyball Tournament at Football Field (Registration begins at 8:30am) Hosted by PCHS Volleyball Kids Water Fights...Polo Fire Station
6pm	*Little Miss & Mr. Contest - Festival Tent (Sponsored by Fashions by Flo and Shynox Decor & More LLC)		9am	*Fire Departments Water Fights at the Polo Fire Station
7pm	Just 4 Fun Ice Cream Trailer - Behind Aplington Middle School until 10:30pm		10am	Zeiler Amusement Carnival Rides open until 10pm
8pm	Concessions and Glowsticks sold at PCHS Football Field (Supporting PCHS Cheerleaders)		12pm	*815 Twin City Baggers Cornhole Tournament Sponsored by NEXT Landscaping - Signup begins at 11am (corner of Mason and Jefferson Streets)
9:30pm	Fireworks! Polo HS Football Field		12pm	Merchandise Bingo until 10pm
Friday	KIDZ DAY 12pm-4pm (\$25 armbands)	12pm	12pm	Dunk Tank until 8pm
12pm	Zeiler Amusement Carnival Rides open until 10pm	12pm	12pm	Historical Society Trolley Tours - Begins at the Polo Historical Museum (Tours begin at 12pm, 2pm & 4pm)
12pm	Merchandise Bingo until 10pm	12pm	12pm	Polo Area Community Theatre Trivia Fundraiser in the Festival Tent (Registration is 12:30pm - 1pm)
1pm	Dunk Tank until 8pm (Fundraiser PCHS Cheerleaders)	1pm	1:15pm	Dinner Under the Tent: Musical Entertainment provided by Brenner Bushman until 6pm
1pm	Kids Fun Fair in Festival Tent - Face Painting, Games, and Prizes! until 3pm	1pm	4pm	CHAMBER NIGHT in the Beer Garden - 50/50 Raffle Tickets available and drawn at 11:30pm
1pm	P&C Little Rascals Petting Zoo outside Festival Tent until 3pm	2pm	7pm	Polo Chamber Night - FREE Admission - Mr. Grimm and His Bad Luck Live in the Beer Garden until 11:45pm
2pm	Spaghetti Eating Contest Sponsored by Cimino's Pizza/Oreo Stacking Contest	4pm	8pm	Beer Pong Tournament in the Festival Tent (\$10 Entry Fee)
4pm	Dinner Under the Tent: Musical Entertainment provided by Kaboom Acoustic Tunes by Chris Blum 'til 6pm	6pm	9pm	Father's Day (\$25 armbands available from 12pm - 4pm)
6pm	American Legion Post #83 Dignified Disposal of Unserviceable Flags Ceremony at Louise D. Quick Park	7pm	Sunday	Zeiler Amusement Carnival Rides open until 5pm
7pm	ALUMNI NIGHT in the beer garden - Free Drink Ticket to Polo Alumni with \$5 admission	8pm	12pm	*Father's Day Grande Parade
8pm	Audio Drive LIVE in the Beer Garden until 11:45pm	8pm	12:30pm	Live Band - Just 4 Fun in the Festival Tent
8pm	- 50/50 Raffle Tickets available and drawn at 11:30pm	9pm	1:30pm	Polo Youth Baseball Hog Raffle Drawing in Festival Tent
9pm	Battle of the Bars Beer Pong Tournament (\$10 Entry Fee)		2pm	

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Stillman Valley Fall Festival set for Sept. 28-29

STILLMAN VALLEY — In September, Stillman Valley invites all to come and enjoy a wonderful, entertaining few days in our quaint town. Our festival offers a variety of things to do. Enjoy shopping at the Indoor Craft Show, see the Car Show, Tractor Show, or Horticulture Show. Watch a parade, eat some food and listen to live music.

What more could you want? This is a FREE festival, no charge for entry. The 2024 Stillman Valley Fall Festival will be held from Sept. 28-29, 2024. Stillman Valley in

its early days was very community-oriented and had many activities for all ages. Among them were: an opera house in the early 1900's, the Grange, S.V. Woman's Club (founded by Julia Hull around 1915), quilting bees, school plays, church programs, dances, community band, pool hall, a nationally renowned recreation park (founded in 1921), village Christmas Tree (1935) and even a bowling alley (1946).

The fall festival most certainly is a circulation of these events from our past, but it seems there

were several significant occasions that played a key role in forming today's festival.

The Chatauqua organization, founded in 1876 at Chatauqua Lake was a Christian-based group that provided towns and communities with various educational, spiritual programs and entertainment for all age groups. Families would drop everything to come and attend Chatauqua Days.

The Stillman Valley Citizens and merchants sponsored Chatauqua Days in the late summer of 1920. Unfortunately, due to the high cost of

operation, it appears that this was the only occurrence for the Stillman Valley community.

The need for a recreation area to accommodate area youths was realized around 1920 and through tremendous effort and extraordinary participation by local citizens and merchants, the town built a fabulous playground. On Sept. 23, 1921, Stillman Valley had the ground opening of the park. A program of speakers, including the state senator, shows by school children, and free sandwiches, frankfurters and coffee attracted

over 500 people to the ceremony.

The park was so well equipped, that in 1926 it received a recognition award for being the best-equipped park in the U.S.A. for a town under 10,000. The park was so popular it attracted families from many surrounding communities. Stillman Valley's park apparently incorporated and-or spawned several smaller festivities.

The high school had an annual "weenie roast" sometimes in the fall. All Hallows Fete, held on Oct. 31, was a gala affair; there was a parade

of masked individuals, a huge bonfire, one-act plays, music, stunts and other entertainment. The park closing ceremony was also held at this time to store the equipment for the winter.

The S.V. Grange and the S.V. High School Vocational Ag. Dept. would take farm products to Rockford and exhibit them at the 7th St. Fall Festival in the 1930's. Stillman Valley's first Fall Festival was held Oct. 8, 1937, and was sponsored by the S.V. Grange, S.V. Vocational Ag. Dept. and the S.V. businessmen.

MENDOTA Sweet Corn Festival
77th Annual
August 8-11th, 2024

Friday and Saturday
Beer Garden at 7:30pm

Saturday and Sunday
Crafter's Marketplace and Flea Market featuring 200+ vendors in handmade crafts and unique merchandise

Sunday
Grand Parade at 1pm
FREE Delicious, Hot, Buttered Sweet Corn at 2pm

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- 50/50 Raffle
- FREE Admission
- FREE PARKING
- FREE Entertainment
- Carnival

Stillman Valley Fall Festival
Sept. 28 - 29

Presented by **Stillman BANK**

CAR SHOW • INDOOR CRAFT BOOTHS
FOOD • PARADE • LIVE MUSIC
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TRACTOR SHOW • KID ZONE
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Registration forms and more information online at:
www.stillmanvalleyfallfestival.com

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Autumn on Parade is Oct. 5-6 in Oregon

OREGON — This fun-filled family-friendly event celebrates our small town in a BIG way!

Our festival offers a wide variety of activities for the young and young at heart:

Since its creation in 1970, the heart of Autumn on Parade has always been the Market. From humble beginnings of a seven-vendor market on Third Street to an average of 180 booths now located on and surrounding the Ogle County Courthouse Square, one detail has remained steadfast: our vendors sell homegrown, handmade, homemade items. A stroll through the market will reveal a wide variety of shopping options ranging from children's clothing, fashion accessories, casual wear, and quilts, to bittersweet, baked goods, produce, soap, jewelry, home décor, and unique artisan items.

A Fun Zone for the kids, located on Fifth Street behind the coliseum, will feature a petting zoo, inflatables, specialty entertainment, and more. These outdoor interactive options are sure to keep the young ones happy, occupied, and engaged!

Local not-for-profit organizations, as well as a few small businesses from the area who support NFP's, fill our Food Court. Vendors offer up everything from pork chop sandwiches, Mexi-

can cuisine, and Thai, to hotdogs, brats, burgers, kettle corn, and more! Tempting aromas will lead you south of the square to Jefferson Street (opposite the stage). Most are open both days from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Every booth is staffed with volunteers whose goal is to raise money to give back to the community at large, creating a win-win for all!

An Auto Classic (coordinated by Focus House, Rochelle) and an Antique Tractor Show (brought to you by longtime local farming families) are two of our Saturday Only special features held just across the Rock River at Oregon Park East. It's a Vintage Automobile, Farmalls and Olivers, John Deere-loving dream come true! There will be food trucks on site to fill the tummy and quench the thirst while walking amongst the selection of cars and tractors. Chana School, the centerpiece of this Park East scenic setting, is a historic and completely restored two-room schoolhouse, which is also open for touring on Saturday Only.

The Entertainment HotSpot, which includes live music and a beer garden, is another Saturday Only festival attraction. Stay tuned for information on performance schedules and band lineup. A huge thank you to "Topsy Hog" for managing gate & beverages! *This is a



21+ fenced area. An entry fee and ID are required.

Our one-mile "Fun Run" and 5K launch festivities on Sunday morning at the Blackhawk Center, which is located on the west edge of town adjacent to our school campus. Entry

forms are available for printing or use the online registration option!

The Harvest Time Parade steps off on Sunday at 1:00 p.m. sharp, winding its way from 10th and Adams Street through downtown Oregon. Loaded with nonstop

specialty performances, marching bands, youth groups, and a few surprises, our parade boasts of being the largest in Northern Illinois!

Remember to support the festival by purchasing a 6 pack of 60/40 tickets. Who knows?

Your \$5 might just buy the winning ticket! Our Schedule of Events, shared late September, will reflect times and additional details as we approach the festival weekend. The 2024 Autumn on Parade is scheduled for Oct. 5-6, 2024.

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2024 Ogle County Fair coming to Oregon from July 31 through Aug. 2

OREGON—The first Ogle County Fair was held in October of 1853 on the lawn of the Ogle County Courthouse. In the early years, it was held at several places and on one occasion, in Byron.

In 1856 a group of citizens purchased 10 acres of land in the north section of Oregon along Illinois Route 2. An additional 10 acres were purchased in 1858 followed by the acquisition of 6 acres from Mr. E.S. Potter in 1901. Ten more acres were later purchased from the estate of James H. Cartwright. The grandstand was constructed in 1925 followed by the horse barn in 1927. The fair encompassed approximately 40 acres by 1968.

Moving forward to more current times the Ogle County Fair decided to discontinue operation and the last fair at the fairgrounds on the north edge of Oregon was 1991. The city of Rockford invented a festival called “On the Waterfront” and the attendance had dropped extremely and was no longer viable. Since the Ogle County Fairground was privately owned it was put up for sale.

Twenty three acres were purchased by Grant and Janice Landis of Oregon and the remainder by the Oregon Park District. The Ogle County Fair needed to find a new home.

Since the fairgrounds were used for the Ogle County 4-H show each



year a group of 4-H parents and concerned citizens was formed to find new fairgrounds. This was a daunting task, but was achieved in 1993. There was a minimal fair held by the 4-H in 1992 at St. Mary Learning Center located West of Oregon,

just off of Illinois Route 64.

With the help of the Ogle County Farm Bureau 20 acres of land was purchased from the Estate of Marian and Homer St. Clair in April 1993. This property became the home of the Current

Ogle County Fair. Since the buildings on the old fairgrounds were not in the best of shape they were razed and moved by a large group of volunteers to the new site. In early 1993 a fair board was

created and the new organization was chartered as a 501-C-3 Not for Profit Organization.

It was determined very quickly that the very large area would not be large enough to provide for the needs of the fairgrounds. The

Ogle County Farm Bureau then purchased the remaining 18.3 acres in May of 1994. This parcel was quickly turned into the track and grandstand area of the fair grounds. The 2024 Ogle County Fair is scheduled for July 31 through Aug. 2, 2024.

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Leaf River Summer Daze running from May 31 through June 2

LEAF RIVER — Come to Leaf River Summer Daze Festival from May 31 through June 2-- It is a great way to start the summer.

We have a wide variety of food provided by the Leaf River Lions, Busy Beavy 4-H Club, Leaf River Fire Department, Moose Truck, Crazy Cajun and the Ogle County Pork Producers. Friday evening will include music by Grass Attack and fireworks. On Saturday your kids can have fun near the Bertolet Memorial Library, at the Leaf River Fire Department and the Bertolet Park.



Stop by the Historical Museum all weekend, and Saturday morning for some delicious baked goods. Sunday you can get lunch from the Leaf River Lions Club, with the Ogle County Pork Producers grilling their delicious pork chops

and then set out your lawn chairs for the Grand Parade. Get raffle tickets from the Leaf River Lions Club and Merry Martha Club. It is a great way to support our local organizations. Go to www.leafriversummerdaze.org for details.



Depot Days are Aug. 22-25 in Amboy

AMBOY — Depot Days, since 1982, is a celebration of our town's rich history and multicultural traditions.

A lawyer for the Illinois Central Railroad, Abraham Lincoln once stopped in Amboy long

enough to get a haircut, and later campaigned and stayed overnight here on his way to Freeport for one of the Lincoln-Douglas Debates. A memorial stone at the Amboy Depot Museum shows where he gave that speech. We hope

you will enjoy your time here during our celebration!

If you have any questions about Depot Days events and activities, or about the town or area in general, please contact us at 815.857.3814.



LEAF RIVER SUMMER DAZE May 31 - June 2, 2024

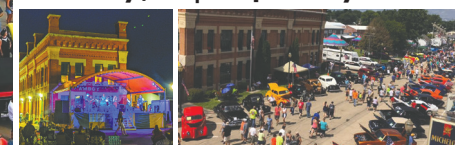


Friday - May 31 (all at RVC/Library Grounds)	12:00 - Dusk	Antique Tractor/Engine Show	12:00 - Close	FFA Alumni Tractor Pulls (Antique/Farm Classes) (Illini State Pullers)
5pm	Tractor Rodeo	3pm - 9pm	Fibbers Beer Garden (RVC Grounds)	
6pm - 9pm	Lions Club Food Stand	8pm	Downtown Block Party	
6pm - 9pm	Busy Beavers 4H Ice Cream		Problem Child Band	
7pm	Citizen of the Year by Lions Club		Mechanical Bull Ride	
6:30pm - 9p	Music by Grass Attack	Sunday - June 2		
Dusk	Grange Fireworks	10am	Church Service in the Park (Bertolet Park)	
Saturday - June 1		9am - 4pm	Museum Open	
9am - 2pm	Car Show (Downtown)	10am	3v3 Basketball Tourney (Bertolet Park)	
9am - 4pm	Museum Bake Sale & Coffee	11am	Cornbag Registration/ Tourney (Fibbers Bar & Grill)	
9am - Dusk	Antique Tractor/Engine Show (RVC/Library Grounds)	12:30pm	Peterson Farm Bros. Presentation	
11am - Close	Food Vendors (RVC/Library Grounds)	11am - 4pm	Vendor Fair (Bertolet Park)	
11am - 1pm	Barrel Riders for Kids (RVC/Library Grounds)	11:30am	Antique Tractor Parade	
11am - 2pm	Sparky's Kidz Zone/Petting Zoo/games/inflatables (Bertolet Park)	2pm	Grand Parade	
11am - 4pm	Vendor Fair/Dunk Tank (Bertolet Park)	3pm	Bingo by Moose (Fibbers Bar & Grill)	
11:30am	Antique Tractor Parade/RVC	4pm	Lions Club Raffle & Mary Martha Quilt	

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Amboy Depot Days AUGUST 22, 23, 24 & 25 Amboy, IL | depotdays.com



Pancake Breakfast • Food Stands • Carnival • Craft & Vendor Fair • Parade • 5k • Miss Amboy Pageant • Kids Characters Meet & Greet • Community Wide Garage Sales • Free Live Music • K.C. Beer Garden • Car/Motorcycle/Truck Show • 50/50 Raffle

For More Information, Call 815-857-3814

Stay through Sunday for the Car/Motorcycle/Truck Awards & Winner of the 50/50 Drawing Winner

(Last Year's Total was \$124,959.50)

Find Event Schedule at depotdays.com



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ByronFest scheduled for July 12-14 this summer

BYRON—ByronFest, one of the finest family festivals in Northern Illinois, is held annually during the second full weekend in July. The 2024 ByronFest is scheduled for July 12-14, 2024.

The festival is located in Byron's downtown area. Additional events are held in other venues throughout the city, including athletic events at the Jarrett Prairie Center and quilt show at the Byron Museum of History.

ByronFest is a venture of the Byron Chamber of Commerce designed to encourage and promote tourism in the Byron area and to showcase the Byron community to the many

visitors who travel to Byron for the three-day event. In addition, the festival provides an opportunity for many not-for-profit organizations to raise funds for various projects. During the past thirty-seven years, ByronFest has returned more than \$830,000 to local charitable groups. These organizations have in turn used the funds for community improvements and programs throughout the area.

Some local organizations that have taken advantage of this opportunity throughout the years include Byron Lions Club, Byron Kiwanis Club, Byron Key Club, Byron

Firemen's Association, Boy Scouts, Byron High School Cross Country, Byron High School Volleyball, Stillman Valley Boys Basketball, Dakota Cheerleaders, and many others.

Want to Help? Planning and operating an event of this size requires not only the work of the Chamber staff and ByronFest Steering Committee but also the efforts of over 400 dedicated local volunteers. If you are interested in donating a few hours of your time to assist with this worthwhile community festival, please contact the Chamber of Commerce office at 815-234-5500.



PorchFest set for June 8 in Mt. Morris

MT. MORRIS—Our First Porchfest was Saturday, June 10th, 2017. Nineteen Groups and Solo Musicians played on an incredible day in Mt. Morris. We repeated with another Great Porchfest in 2018 & 2019, COVID caused us to cancel 2020, but we were back in 2022. Our calendars are reserved for each second Saturday in June for years to come.

PorchFest is a community music festival where

all genres of musicians perform in one hour slots on porches within the boundaries of the event. The audience moves from location to location as the event progresses.

Porchfest began in Ithica, New York in 2007, inspired by some outdoor ukulele playing and a conversation between neighbors Gretchen Hildreth and Lesley Greene. They came up with the idea for it that day and gathered 20

bands to make it happen

Porchfest is the ultimate grassroots music festival and has grown not just in Ithaca but around the continent. Communities and neighborhoods all around the country have taken the model and run with it. There are more than 60 other known Porchfests in the U.S. and Canada and Mt. Morris has joined the list. The 2024 Porchfest is scheduled for June 8, 2024.



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APRIL
RAISE THE BARNH!
4/26-28
BENIGNUS WITH
12 SEE US SHARE
POUR!

MAY
MOTHER'S DAY
5/10-12
KID'S CRAFT
-POT LUCK
WILD WEST DAYS
5/23-25
MEMORIAL DAY
WEEKEND

JUNE
CRAFTY LADIES
5/31-6/1
Baking
ROYAL RANGERS:
6/7-9
POW WOD
FATHER'S DAY
6/14-16
"I AM THE FLAMES"
COURAGEOUS GRASS:
6/21-23

JULY
INDEPENDENCE DAYS
7/4-6
HIGHLIGHTED
KID'S CRAFT AND WATER
RAVENS
WALKABOUT BUSH
THE GREAT SCAVENGER HUNT
7/11-13
CHALLENGES AND
DISCOVERIES AWAIT
THE CAMP
DOGS
-RANGERS!

SEPTEMBER
THE WIND BLOWS WHERE IT WILL!
9/16-18 WITH FLIGHT!
WOODCRAFT AND HARVEST
9/17-18
BUILD YOUR OWN
STOOD AND MORE
ROYAL RANGERS:
9/20-21
ROUNDUP

OCTOBER
10/28
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View full
schedule online

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**Check the Website for the Summer Event
Schedule and Facilities & Pricing Information
kings-camp.org**

Tuesday-Saturday 10AM-8AM | Monday Closed



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