

What's Happening in Vermilion County this Weekend

Please feel free to share this information with others in your company!

Friday, May 22, 2009

Sleepy Creek Vineyards "Wieners & Wine" – you buy the wine and Sleepy Creek provides the hot dog and the stick to roast it over our outdoor fire pit, 5-8PM

Music at The Landing "Big Creek Guitar Band"-70's & 80's Country Rock & Blues – Kickapoo Landing, 5:30-7:30PM

American Legion Post 210 Dinner – (Jackson Street, Danville) Fish, hamburgers or steak, 5:30-8:00PM, price varies according to choice. Public invited.

Open Roller Skating at Illini Skateland – 7-10PM, \$7.25 + skate rental; -or- Family Night Special: Up to 6 persons for \$29.95 (one adult must be present and all kids must be in your family)

Saturday, May 23, 2009

Downtown Danville Farmers' Market – 7:30AM-1:30PM through October 3rd, 2009, corner of North Vermilion & North streets at Temple Plaza

Lincoln Park plans cleanup – the monthly cleanup will be at 9AM. Meet at the north entrance. Picks and bags are provided.

Blood Drive – The Village Mall & the Community of Blood Services of Illinois will sponsor a blood drive from 10AM-2PM at the mall, set up next to

Elder-Beerman & the Kerasotes Theater. All donors will be entered into a drawing to win a \$25 gift card from the Village Mall. Refreshments will be provided. Walk-ins are welcome. For more info, contact CBSI at (800) 217-GIVE.

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Book signing with Darcy Vance and Charity Tahmaseb, authors of *The Geek Girls Guide to*

Cheerleading – Danville Public Library 1st floor meeting room, 2-4PM. *The Geek Girl's Guide to Cheerleading*, released on May 19, is about two smart, somewhat geeky girls who manage to turn tragedy to triumph when a car accident after a drinking party makes space on the varsity cheerleading squad. Co-Author Darcy Vance is a graduate of Danville High School. Blue Kangaroo Books will have copies of the book available for purchase & autographing. For more info, visit

www.thegeekgirlsguide.com.

The Jeffro Jam 4 – starting at 3PM at Kelley's Pub n' Grub at 225 E. Main St. in Hoopeston. Jeff Wallace, a private first class in the Army, was killed in action while serving in Iraq in 2005. His father Scott, a local musician, decided to honor his hero son with a memorial concert every year on the Saturday before Memorial Day to raise funds for a college scholarship in his son's name. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. There is no cover charge. The first band starts at 3PM & the bands change every hour. This year's lineup includes: Turmoil at 3PM, 7 Year Existence at 4PM, Seminary at 5PM, Slow Intentional Damage at 6PM, The Villens at 7PM, Furion at 8PM, Random Ax at 9PM, Fallen Oath at 10PM, Amplifire at 11PM & Stinkditch at midnight. For those who cannot attend the show, but would

like to make a donation to the college scholarship, donations may be made at the Community Bank in Hoopeston under the Jeff Wallace Memorial Scholarship.

Friendly Tavern 10th anniversary – food will be served at 3PM and the band “90 Proof” starts at 6PM out in the beer garden.

Sidell Community Hog Roast –event held in the park under the water tower, everyone invited, hog roast 4-7PM. Entertainment provided 5-7PM by the Hume Community Band, directed by Nancy Reed, as well as the Gospel Connection from Metcalf Christian Church. Bring your lawn chairs – free-will offering with proceeds going to help with Sidell’s 125th Anniversary celebration in June

Vermilion County Speedway David Richardson Qualifier – Vermilion County Fairgrounds (U.S. Rt. 150 West), Turbine, Inc. Sprints, Toyota of Danville Modifieds, Wright Motor Company LM, The Auto Connection SS, Rt. 1 Auto Repair PS, Gates open at 5PM with racing at 7PM, Adult admission is \$10. Kids 10 and under are free

Mustard’s Last Stand “Italian Night” – (Route 150, 1.5 miles west of Gilbert Street) BYOB & a 7-course dinner will be served while you enjoy live music from Alan Wait on Bass Guitar, Dave Schroeder on piano & Doc Ashton on the saxophone, 6:30-9:00PM, Reservations at 217-477-1100

Open Roller Skating at Illini Skateland – 7-11PM, \$8.25 + skate rental (Or 9-11PM, \$5.25 + skate rental)

“Tons O Fun” Band – (R&B and Motown) Gino’s Place at the Days Hotel, 9PM

Fat Man’s Warehouse – Karaoke, 9PM-1AM

Sunday, May 24, 2009

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Kennekuk County Park Historic Buildings – Five historic buildings open on Sundays to tour through Labor Day, 1-4PM, staffed by volunteers, free. Call 217-442-1691 for more info

Forest Glen Cabin and Nature Center– open for tours Sundays through Labor Day, 1-4PM, free. Call 217-662-2142 for more info.

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Veterans of Foreign Wars Jewell Whyte Post 728 – (8 Pine Street, Danville) Family Bingo, \$500 jackpot, 2PM

Vermilion County Speedway Annual David Richardson Memorial UMP Modifieds \$5K Win – Vermilion County Fairgrounds (U.S. Rt. 150 West), Toyota of Danville Modifieds, The Auto Connection SS, Rt. 1 Auto Repair PS, Kidmodz. Gates open at 5PM with racing at 7PM. Adult admission is \$15. Kids 10 and under are free

Monday, May 25, 2009 (Memorial Day – thank you to our U.S. men & women who have served or are serving in the military!)

Veterans of Foreign Wars Jewell Whyte Post 728 Memorial Day Program – Beginning at 9AM at the WWI Memorial (corner of Gilbert & Main Streets) then followed by a short program at Spring Hill Cemetery at the gravesite of the Post’s namesake, Jewell Whyte, who was the first American aviator killed overseas. At 11AM, the Post will participate in a Parade of Colors & In Services led this year by the Marine Corps League at the VA National Cemetery

25th Annual Kennekuk Road Runners Memorial Day 5K-A flat, two-loop 5K course on paved trails of the wooded campus of the local VA Hospital – (1900 E. Main St., Danville) Enter by main gate and

follow signs. Race day registration is from 7:30-8:30AM. 5K run/walk 9AM, Fee \$10. **Special Note:** Because of insurance requirements, no head-sets, Ipods, rollerblades or skates, baby strollers, dogs on leashes & bandits. **Run:** First overall male & female, Top 3 in each division (no duplicate awards). **Walk:** Top 5 finishers (No race walking or running). **Run Age Divisions:** Men & Women – 0-10, 11-14, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60+ **Heavyweight:** 190+ lbs. **Info:** call Race Director Dave King at 217-443-0842, email: krr@kennekuk.com, web site: www.kennekuk.com. Proceeds to benefit the NexLAN/Kids Program & The Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Parade of Colors & In Services – led this year by the Marine Corps League at the VA National Cemetery, 11AM

Municipal Band Concert – VA Cemetery, 11AM

American Legion Post 203 Memorial Day Event – a flag raising & salute will take place at the Veteran's monument in the Georgetown Cemetery at 11AM. Kent Leasure will be the featured speaker. Taps & bagpipes will be played; everyone is invited to this approx. 30-minute event.

Rossville Legion sponsors Memorial Day events – Spears Duke American Legion Post 733 will have a Memorial Day service at 11AM at the Rossville Cemetery. The public is invited for lunch after the service at the Legion, Church & Thompson streets. A donation of a salad or dessert to share would be appreciated. In event of inclement weather, the service at the cemetery will be moved to the Legion.

Memorial Day Memorial Ride – this event is to raise money for a monument for fallen riders that will be placed in Sunset Memorial Park. Live Music by the Straight Shooters and food by Mr. Tips Ribs & Chicken. Ride from downtown Danville to Sunset Memorial Park and back downtown where we will end with a drawing for a \$250 gift certificate from Gutteridge Harley Davidson to be used towards the purchase of a jacket and/or helmet. Registration in Downtown Danville at Temple Plaza will be from 9AM-Noon, Kickstands up at 1PM. Pre-registration available at Julee's Shooting Star in Westville, Gutteridge Harley Davidson in Tilton and Mike's Tattoo in Danville. Price at event: Registration fees \$15 Rider/\$20 w/passenger; Pre-registration fees \$10 Rider/\$15 w/passenger.

Feel free to let me know of any upcoming events that I might be unaware of!

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