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Calendar of Events

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- March – April Indiana Master Naturalist course, 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge, 12985 E. U.S. Hwy. 50, Seymour. Call 812-522-4352.
- 3, 10 Basic Genealogy classes, presented by Genealogist Nancy Hudson Burge, 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., at Jackson County History Center Genealogy Library, 415-1/2 S. Poplar Street, Brownstown. Call 812-358-2118.
- 6-7; 13-14 National Maple Syrup Festival, Burton's Maplewood Farm, 8121 W. Co. Rd. 75 S., Medora. Tour sugar house, see maple syrup being made, music, pancakes, petting zoo. Call 812-966-2168.
- 6 Car Show and Practice at Brownstown Speedway, beginning at 11 a.m. Practice will be held after car show for car show participants only. Speedway is located at the Jackson County Fairgrounds. Call 812-358-5332 or visit www.brownstownspeedway.com.
- 13 Open Practice for all classes, beginning at noon, at Brownstown Speedway, located at the Jackson County Fairgrounds, one mile southeast of Brownstown. Call 812-358-5332 or visit www.brownstownspeedway.com.
- 14 16th annual Bowl For Kids Sake, Starlite Bowl in Seymour. Bowling times are 12 p.m. and 1p.m. Call 522-9699.
- 15 Junior Duck Stamp Contest Deadline at Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge, 12985 E. U.S. Hwy. 50, Seymour. Call 812-522-4352.
- 20 Wetland Day at Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge, 12985 E. U.S. Hwy. 50, Seymour. Call 812-522-4352.

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Maple Syrup Festival Brings Fun, Food and Education

The National Maple Syrup Festival will be held at Burton's Maplewood Farm on March 6, 7, 13 and 14. A wide variety of activities will take place on both weekends while visitors watch maple sap be transformed to maple syrup. All net proceeds from the event will benefit the Heads Up!!! Foundation, which will use the money for the Riley Hospital for Children's "Camp About Face."

Staging for the event will take place at Medora Community School. Visitors will embark on a journey to the Farm. They will learn about maple syrup, but also some of Southern Indiana's most famous and infamous characters and landmarks. Events will be held at the school throughout the day.

Other activities include live bluegrass music, the Old McMaple's Petting Zoo, a historically accurate Native American sugar camp, a corn toss tournament, a 5K Run/Walk, a basketball tournament and a special celebrity guest, Amy Roloff from TLC's "Little People." (March 13-14) Delicious food is also available at Pat's Snack Shack and guests can visit the Mellencamp Maple House.

Tickets are available at the event and are \$6 for youth (5-15); \$10 for adults and free for children 4 years old and under. Anyone who brings a canned good will receive a \$2 discount off the ticket price.

For information about the National Maple Syrup Festival, call 812-966-2168. Burton's Maplewood Farm is located at 8121 West County Road 75 South in Medora.

Check out a complete schedule at nationalmaplesyrupfestival.com or email info@nationalmaplesyrupfestival.com.

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- 20 **Opening Night Racing at Brownstown Speedway, located on Highway 250 at the Jackson County Fairgrounds. Call 812-358-5332 or visit www.brownstownspeedway.com.**
- 21 **Norman Station Conservation Club Bluegrass Jams, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., held at Norman Station Conservation Club, 12157 W. Co. Rd. 450N, Norman. Call 812-834-5184.**
- 27 **13th Annual Indiana Icebreaker Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series at Brownstown Speedway, located at the Jackson County Fairgrounds. Call 812-358-5332 or visit www.brownstownspeedway.com.**

APRIL

- 6, 8, 13, 15 **Jackson County History Center, Brownstown will host county school students. Re-enactors and volunteers will be set up throughout the campus. Call 812-358-1745.**
- 10 **Racing at Brownstown Speedway, located at the Jackson County Fairgrounds. Call 812-358-5332 or visit www.brownstownspeedway.com.**
- 17 **March of Dimes March for Babies, registration is at 9 a.m. with 10 a.m. kickoff. Four mile route begins at Seymour High School Track and Football Field. Call 1-800-737-9255.**
- 17 **Fan Appreciation Night Racing at Brownstown Speedway, located at the Jackson County Fairgrounds. Call 812-358-5332 or visit www.brownstownspeedway.com.**
- 18 **Norman Station Conservation Club Bluegrass Jams, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., held at Norman Station Conservation Club, 12157 W. Co. Rd. 450N, Norman. Call 812-834-5184.**
- 23-25 **Jackson County's Indiana High School Rodeo, held at Plumer Hay Farm, 2746 E. Co. Rd. 800N., near Cortland, Indiana. Shows will be at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Call Gary Plumer at 812-522-6408.**
- 23, 24, 30 **Jackson County Community Theatre's production of "Proof," at 7:30 p.m., Royal Off the Square Theatre, Brownstown. Call 812-358-JCCT.**
- 24 **Earth Day Volunteer Work Day, begins at 9 a.m. at the Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center, 12985 E. U.S. Highway 50, Seymour. Call 812-522-4352.**
- 24 **ILMS Challenge Race at Brownstown Speedway, located on Highway 250 at the Jackson County Fairgrounds, one mile southeast of Brownstown. Call 812-358-5332 or visit www.brownstownspeedway.com.**
- 24 **Kids Fest at Seymour High School gymnasium area, held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Includes booths from organizations and groups that offer services to children and families. Call 812-523-1825.**

Refuge Offers Naturalist Class, a Chance to Help

An Indiana "Master Naturalist" class will be held at the Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge on Wednesday evenings in March and April. The class will be held from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Refuge Visitor Center and will be sponsored by the Muscatatuck Wildlife Society, the non-profit support group of Muscatatuck NWR.

Course instructors will be experts on plants, animals, birds, and other natural history topics. Course topics will include birds, mammals, wetlands, botany, tree identification, invasive plants, reptiles and amphibians, the use of compass and maps, geology, fossils, and public lands.

Participants who attend 6 of the 8 course sessions and complete volunteer work

will receive a "Master Naturalist" certificate and a pin. A \$35 fee is charged to pay for course materials and advance registration is required. For more information or to register, contact Donna Stanley at 812-522-4352, or e-mail Muscatatuck@fws.gov.

Other happenings at the Refuge include an Earth day celebration on April 24. The day will offer a chance for volunteers to help clean up the Refuge. Activities will begin at 9 a.m. at the Visitor Center.

Vendors are still needed for the Wings Over Muscatatuck Migratory Bird Festival on May 8, at the Refuge. Vendors must offer nature-related items. For additional information, contact the Jackson County Visitor Center at 888-524-1914.

Racing Season Heads Into Full Gear at Speedway

March in Jackson County means the Brownstown Speedway races get underway for the season. For information about happenings at the Speedway, located on the Jackson County Fairgrounds, call 812-358-5228 or visit brownstownspeedway.com.

March 6 – Car Show 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Practice at 3 p.m. for cars in car show.

March 13 - Open Practice at noon.

March 20 - Opening Night Super Late Models, UMP Super Stocks, UMP Modifieds, Hornets.

March 27 - 13th Annual "Indiana Icebreaker" Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series \$10,000 to win plus UMP Modifieds, UMP Super Stocks, Bombers.

April 10 - Regular Show ILMS Late Models, UMP Pure Stocks, Bombers, UMP Super Stocks.

April 17 - "Fan Appreciation Night" Super Late Models, UMP Modifieds, Hornets, UMP Super Stocks.

April 24 - ILMS Challenge Race ILMS Late Models \$1000 to win plus UMP Modifieds, Hornets, Bombers, MMSA (Mini Sprints)

May 1 - 12th Annual "Lee Fleetwood Memorial" Super Late Models, Hornets, UMP Super Stocks, UMP Modifieds.

May 8 - Regular Show ILMS Late Models, UMP Pure Stocks, UMP Modifieds, Bombers.

May 15 - Regular Show Super Late Models, Hornets, UMP Super Stocks, UMRA TQ Midgets.

May 22 - Pure Stock Special UMP Pure Stocks, ILMS Late Models, UMP Modifieds, Bombers.

June 5 - Regular Show UMP Modifieds, UMP Super Stocks, Hornets, Bombers, UMP Pure Stocks.

June 16 - 27th Annual "Hoosier Dirt Classic" / UMP Summer Nationals. Super Late Models, plus UMP Super Stocks, UMP Modifieds, UMP Pure Stocks.

June 19 - Bomber Special Bombers, ILMS Late Models, UMP Pure Stocks, Hornets, UMP Super Stocks.

July 3 - Regular Show Super Late Models, Hornets, UMP Modifieds, Bombers.

July 10 - Super Stock Special UMP Super Stocks, ILMS Late Models, UMP Pure Stocks, Bombers, UMRA TQ Midgets.

July 15 - USAC SPRINT WEEK USAC Sprints plus MMSA (Mini Sprints).

July 17 - Regular Show Super Late Models, Hornets, UMP Modifieds, UMP Pure Stocks, PTRA Pro-Trucks.

July 29 - Jackson County Thursday Fair Race ILMS Late Models, UMP Super Stocks, Hornets.

July 31 - Jackson County Grand Champion Fair Race Super Late Models, UMP Modifieds, UMP Pure Stocks, Bombers.

August 7 - Regular Show Super Late Models, Hornets, UMP Super Stocks, UMP Pure Stocks, PTRA Pro-Trucks .

August 21 - UMP Modified Special UMP Modifieds, ILMS Late Models, UMP Pure Stocks, UMRA TQ Midgets.

August 28 - 6th Annual Hall of Fame Classic Super Late Models, Hornets, Bombers, UMP Super Stocks.

Sept 11 - Hornet Special Hornets, ILMS Late Models, UMP Modifieds, UMP Pure Stocks, MMSA (Mini Sprints).

September 18 - Regular Show Super Late Models, Hornets, UMP Modifieds, Bombers

September 23, 24, 25 - 31st Annual Jackson 100 Weekend Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series \$20,000 to win.

Oct 9th - "Fun Fest" Weekend info TBA.

Visitor Center Introduces New Staff, Board Members and Hours

Now through May, the Visitor Center will be open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Beginning in May through October, the Center will also be open from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday. The Visitor Center also recently welcomed two new board members and a new employee.

Ann Eble began as a part-time employee at the Center in January and brings extensive customer service experience with her. Past employment includes the Jackson County Banner and the Seymour License Branch.



Eble's family ties include her son and his family and her in-laws. Her hobbies include gardening, reading and walking. When she isn't busy at the Jackson County Visitor Center, Eble is a volunteer tutor at Brownstown Elementary School. She is a graduate of Lancaster High School in Ohio and a member of the Brownstown Nazarene Church.

Eble said that tourism is important because, "The county is rich in history and has much to offer visitors." She added, "There is a wide variety of places to see and local festivals to attend."

Cindi Lucas is a lifelong resident of Seymour and began her role with the Jackson County Visitor Center Board of Directors in February. She is a real estate agent with Heritage Real Estate and is a graduate of Seymour High School. Her family ties include her husband, Brad Lucas; her parents, Ken and Martha Spoor; a sister Connie Adams; two children, Becky (Brent) Schepman and Chad (Jill) Whittymore; two stepdaughters, Lanci Lucas and Kristin (Brian) Bear and three grandchildren,



Madaline, Claire and Riley.

Lucas is a member of First Baptist Church, Jackson County Board of Realtors, a former board member of Girl's Inc. and a graduate of Leadership Jackson County.

Lucas said she was interested in joining the Visitor Center board because, "I have a special pride in our community." She also feels that tourism is an important part of the county. "Seymour has a lot to offer for a small town. From the Reno Brothers to Katie Stam, we and the rest of Jackson County have a rich history," Lucas said. "I am proud to be a Jackson County native and feel like it's a great place to visit, live and raise a family."

Another Jackson County native that is new to the Jackson County Visitor Center Board of Directors is **Tricia Stuart**.



Stuart is the general manager at the Fairfield Inn and Suites in Seymour and has lived all but 10 years of her life here. She has four children and enjoys watching sports. She loves to power walk and is interested in people who want to make a difference.

Stuart is a graduate of Seymour High School and attended Indiana University. She is a member of St. Ambrose Catholic Church.

Her interest in the Jackson County Visitor Center stems from her background in the hotel industry in another city. "I learned many valuable aspects of how an active Visitor Center is crucial to a thriving community," Stuart said.

Stuart sees the impact of tourism every day. "Tourism creates interest in our community which can bring business opportunities and job opportunities and increased tax dollars."

Jackson County Community Theatre Offers "Proof"

Jackson County Community Theatre will present "Proof," written by David Auburn, April 23, 24 and 30 and May 1, at the Royal Off The Square Theatre, in Brownstown.

"Proof" centers around Catherine, a young woman who finds herself coping with the loss of her brilliant but unstable father, Robert, on the eve of her 25th birthday. She is also forced to face questions surrounding her own genius and mental instability. Hal, her father's

former student, searches for undiscovered valuable work in the pages of the 103 notebooks Robert filled.

Over a long weekend, a burgeoning romance and the discovery of a mysterious notebook draw Catherine into the most difficult problem of all: How much of her father's madness, or genius, will she inherit?

For information, call 812-358-JCCT or visit jcct.org.



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Rodeo Brings Friendly Competition

The Indiana High School Rodeo will be held Friday, April 23 through Sunday, April 25, at Plumers Arena, at 2746 E. County Road 800N, near Cortland. At this year's rodeo in Jackson County, members of the Kentucky and Ohio High School Rodeo Associations will be joining the Indiana Association.

The Indiana High School Rodeo Association is a not for profit organization developed to strengthen the sport of rodeo. A \$500 scholarship will be given to a member of the Indiana High School Rodeo Association.

The weekend event is being hosted by Laura and Gary Plumer and will focus attention on the breast cancer battle. The weekend includes bareback riding, breakaway roping, steer wrestling, goat tying, saddle bronc, pole bending, calf roping, barrel racing, team roping and bull riding.

Friday's events begin with an open horse show at 7:30 p.m. and the Purple Cowboy Rodeo will begin at 8 p.m. Gates open at 4 p.m. on Saturday with live music at 5:30 p.m. The Tough Enough to Wear Pink Rodeo with Locks of Love will begin at 7 p.m. Saturday. Cowboy church will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday with the Red White and Blue Rodeo at 2 p.m. Colts Mascot "Blue" will then present the person who donated the longest hair to the Locks of Love Campaign with two tickets to a Colts game.

Tickets are available at the Cortland Diner, Main's Discount Boot and Tack, at the Hoosier Horse Fair or from the Plumer's. Admission tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for K-8th grade, \$6 for high school and children under 5 are free. Weekend rodeo wristbands are \$15 for adults, \$6 for K-8th grade and \$10 for high school.

For additional information, call Gary at 812-525-8866.

Lawn, Garden & Patio Seeks Vendors

The Seymour Main Street Lawn, Garden and Patio Show will be held on Saturday, May 15, at the Robertson Feed Mill Parking Lot in the 100 block of South Walnut Street in downtown Seymour. Vendors are currently being sought for the event.

All types of lawn, patio, porch, personal, home and garden supplies will be displayed and sold. There is a silent auction and a live auction held each year.

New to this year's show is featured guest speaker Greg Manning, horticulturist from Stream Cliff Historic Herb Farm, in Commiskey, Indiana.

Anyone interested in setting up a booth at the event or to be included in the auctions or live demonstrations can contact Jane Hays at 888-524-1914.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Jackson County Visitor Center is the official tourism destination marketing and management organization for Jackson County, Indiana. As a strong advocate of sustainable tourism and economic development, the Jackson County Visitor Center markets the county's natural and developed environmental, historical, cultural and industrial attractions to vacation travelers and meeting groups.

Jackson County Lodging Properties:

- Allstate Inn**, 2603 Outlet Boulevard, Seymour, 812-522-2666
- Berry Branch Cottages**, 10402 North County Road 800 West, Norman, 812-497-2304
- Days Inn**, 302 Commerce Drive, Seymour, 812-522-3678
- Econo Lodge**, 220 Commerce Drive, Seymour, 812-522-8000
- Fairfield Inn**, 327 North Sandy Creek Drive, Seymour, 812-524-3800
- Hampton Inn**, 247 North Sandy Creek Drive, Seymour, 812-523-2409
- Holiday Inn Express**, 249 North Sandy Creek Drive, Seymour, 812-522-1200
- Knights Inn**, 207 North Sandy Creek Drive, Seymour, 812-522-3523
- Motel 6**, 365 Tanger Boulevard, Seymour, 812-524-7443
- Super 8**, 401 Outlet Boulevard, Seymour, 812-524-2000
- Travelodge**, 306 South Commerce Drive, Seymour, 812-519-2578

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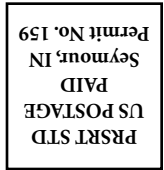
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