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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

1 Christmas Bird Count at Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge, 12985 E. US 50, Seymour, begins at 7:30 a.m., at the Visitor Center. Free hot lunch is provided. Call 812-522-4352.

1 5K Run for Literacy, 11:10 a.m., Freeman Field Recreational Area, 2743 South Indiana Highway 11, Seymour. Register early or beginning at 10 a.m. day of race. Email director@readjackscounty.org, visit READ Jackson County on Facebook or call 812-528-6319.

10 Nature Time Program for Preschoolers, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge, 12985 E. US 50, Seymour. Kids will enjoy crafts, stories and songs with a nature theme. Call 812-522-4352.

13 2nd Saturday Spinning Bee at Hoosier Heartland Alpacas, 2500 N. Co. Rd. 1000 W., Seymour, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Guests can enjoy spinning in the alpaca barn. Farm store will be open. Call 445-7874.

20 Bird Walk at Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge, 12985 E. US 50, Seymour, leaves at 8 a.m. from the Visitor Center. Call 812-522-4352.

20 Jackson County GAL/CASA mystery dinner theater, "The Curse of the Tiki", Pines Evergreen Room, Seymour. Tickets: 113 N. Chestnut St., Suite 305. Call 812-569-2598 Tickets are $30 each, tables for $300. Doors open at 6 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m.

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Enjoy Local Theater This Winter

"The Curse of the Tiki"

Child Care Network Inc. will present a fundraiser for Jackson County GAL/CASA. Mystery Dinner Theater, "The Curse of the Tiki" will be held January 20, at The Pines Evergreen Room, Seymour. Doors open at 6 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. A silent auction will be held throughout the evening and a cash bar is available. "The Curse of the Tiki" is a you-solve-it mystery dinner theater featuring local celebrities. Audience members can solve the murder mystery and win the $250 first place prize. Tickets are $30 per person or corporate tables can be purchased for $300. Tickets are available at Jackson County GAL/CASA, 113 N. Chestnut Street, Suite 305, Seymour. Call 812-569-2598 for details or email deenap@cabjackson.org.

A Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) is a volunteer for abused and neglected children and a GAL (Guardian ad litem) is an attorney or a volunteer who is appointed by the court to represent the best interest of the child.

"And Then There Was One"

Young Artists' Production and Jackson County Community Theatre will Present "And Then There Was One," at 7:30 p.m. on January 26-27 and February 2 and 3, at the Royal Off-the-Square Theatre, 121 W. Walnut Street, Brownstown. A matinee will be held at 2:30 p.m. on January 28. This farce of the classic Agatha Christie mystery features young people who are brought together to a mansion. A mystery unfolds and the characters and audience may die laughing. Tickets are available at the door. For informaton, call 812-358-JCCT or visit www.jcct.org.

"Almost, Maine"

Jackson County Community Theatre will present their annual dinner theatre with "Almost, Maine", February 16-18 and February 23-24, at The Pines Evergreen Room, Seymour. A non-dinner performance will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 18. Other performances begin at 7:30 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m.

"Almost, Maine" is a real romantic comedy centered around the town of Almost, Maine, which is a town so far north that it's almost not in the United States. One cold, clear night, the residents fall in and out of love in the strangest ways and Almost will never be the same. Tickets for the dinner theatre are available beginning January 9 for $30. Call 812-358-5228, leave a message or email mail@jcct.org. Tickets for the non-dinner performance are available at the door. Visit www.jcct.org.

JANUARY (Cont.'d)

20 Nature Photo Contest Reception at Southern Indiana Center for the Arts, 2001 N. Ewing Street, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Best of Show photos from Oak Heritage Conservancy Nature Photo Contest will be on display. Visit SICA on Facebook for details.

26-28, Feb. 2-3 Young Artists' Production and Jackson County Community Theatre Present "And Then There Was One," 7:30 p.m. at the Royal Off-the-Square Theatre, 121 W. Walnut Street, Brownstown. Tickets available at the door. Call 812-358-JCCT or visit www.jcct.org.

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3, 10, 17, 24 "Almost Spring" Sampler Series for youth, ages 8-13, at Southern Indiana Center for the Arts, 2001 N. Ewing Street, Seymour, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. $60 for members, $75 for non-members. Email sicatreasurer@frontier.com.

6, 13, 20, 27 "Almost Spring "Sampler Series for adults at Southern Indiana Center for the Arts, 2001 N. Ewing Street, Seymour, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. $60 for members, $75 for non-members. Email sicatreasurer@frontier.com.

10 Bird Jackson County, Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge and various locations throughout the county. See bald eagles and sandhill cranes. Kids can do a Junior Duck Stamp contest drawing. Call 812-522-4352.

10 2nd Saturday Spinning Bee at Hoosier Heartland Alpacas, 2500 N. Co. Rd. 1000 W., Seymour, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Guests can enjoy spinning in the alpaca barn. Call 445-7874.

11 Humane Soceity of Jackson County "Furry Valentine" silent auction and dessert tasting at Community Foundation, 107 Community Drive, Seymour, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Call 812-522-5200.

14 Nature Time Program for Preschoolers, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge, 12985 E. US 50, Seymour. Crafts, stories and songs. Call 812-522-4352.

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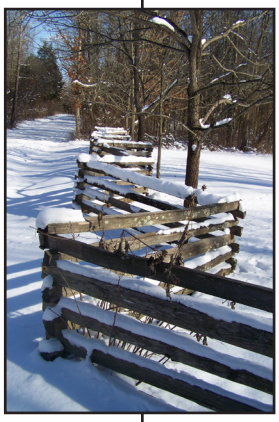
17 Bird Walk at Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge, 12985 E. US 50, Seymour, leaves at 8 a.m. from the Visitor Center. Call 812-522-4352.

17 ValenTimes 5 & 10K Run/Walk, begins at 9 a.m. at Seymour High School, 1350 W. Second St., sponsored by Leadership Jackson County and YoJack. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. $20 pre-registration, $25 race day registration. Call 812-522-4020 or email leadershipjacksoncounty@hotmail.com. Also, visit www.indianatiming.com.

Enjoy 2018 at Muscatatuck Wildlife Refuge

Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge offers fun and outdoor adventures even in Indiana's winter months.

The annual Christmas Bird Count is held each year on January 1, and offers birders and nature lovers an opportunity to see birds up close.



Other Refuge events include:

February 10 - Bird Jackson County - View bald eagles, sandhill cranes and enjoy some family fun.

March/April - Indiana Master Naturalist Class - Sessions on birds, plants, geology, wetlands and natural history topics.

March 17 - Wetland Day - Guided wetland walks/tours.

April 14 - Family Fishing Workshop - Bring the family to learn the fun of fishing. Equipment provided and no license is needed.

April 21 - Earth Day Cleanup - Volunteer work day of cleaning up the Refuge.

May 12 - May Day Bird Count, 6:30 a.m., Refuge Visitor Center and Wings Over Muscatatuck Bird Festival, held all day.

June 2 – Take a Kid Fishing Event, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Fishing activities for the kids that include fishing lessons, equipment and lunch.

June 9 - Nature Play Day, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Nature Discovery Area. Bring youngsters out for fun activities with natural objects.

July 21 - Butterfly Count - Volunteers conduct a butterfly inventory of the Refuge.

September 27 - National Public Lands Day Cleanup - Volunteers help improve the Refuge.

October 13 - Log Cabin Day - Activities around Myers Cabin, including bean dinner, music, pioneer crafts and trips to the closed area.

October 14- Big Sit Bird Count - Spot birds from the Endicott Observation Deck.

October 14-20 - National Wildlife Refuge Week - Closed area of the Refuge open.

November 17-18 - Bookstore Open House - Find the perfect gift.

The second Wednesday of each month is devoted to preschoolers with the "Nature Time" class from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Guided bird walks are held at 8 a.m. every third Saturday of the month.

The Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge is located at 12985 East U.S. Highway 50, Seymour and is on Facebook. Call 812-522-4352 or email muscatatuck@fws.gov.

Photo Contest Winners Heading to SICA

The Southern Indiana Center for the Arts is teaming with the Oak Heritage Conservancy and George Rogers Clark Land Trust to display winning entries in their **2nd Annual Nature Photo Contest.**

The contest garnered 269 photos, all taken by amateurs on farms or at public natural areas in Indiana. Forty winners were selected and will be included in the online exhibit. Sixteen "Best of Show" winners will be displayed with a traveling exhibit, which will kick off at the Southern Indiana Center for the Arts in January.

Photos will be available to view at SICA beginning January 6. A reception will be held from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, January 20.

In addition to showcasing photo contest entries, Oak Heritage Conservancy will also announce the newest nature preserve in Jackson County, the **Lebline Woods Preserve,** located very near SICA on the banks of the White River.

Steve Simmons, the Lebline family representative, will be on hand during the reception.

The Lebline Woods Preserve is a 28 acre riparian forest which has been in that family since the mid 1860s.

For information about the Oak Heritage Nature Photo Contest, visit www.oakheritageconservancy.org/get-involved/photoexhibit/. Visit www.oakhertiageconservancy.org/2015/09/09/lebline-woods-preserve/ for information about the Lebline Woods Preserve.

Email sicatreasurer@frontier.com for SICA details and visit on Facebook for other current SICA events.

Many Ways to Live Healthy in 2018

A very popular New Year's Resolution is to become healthier, eat better and exercise. There is no shortage of runs, walks, bike rides and hikes this year in Jackson County. Two races are featured this winter.

5K Run for Literacy held on Monday, January 1, beginning at 11:10 a.m., at the Freeman Field Recreational Area, 2743 S. Indiana Highway 11, Seymour. Registration begins at 10 a.m. and there is a $15 entry fee. Email READ Jackson County Director Matt Nicholson at director@readjackscounty.org or call 812-528-6319.

ValenTimes 10K Run, 5K Run/Walk is sponsored by Leadership Jackson County and YoJack and is Saturday, February 17. The run/walk kicks off at 9 a.m. at Seymour High School, 1350 W. Second Street. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Fees are $20 pre-register and $25 race day registration. Call 812-522-4020, email leadershipjacksoncounty@hotmail.com. Also, visit www.indianatiming.com to register.

Other Events in 2018 Include:

April Fools 5K - held March 31, at Freeman Field Recreation Area, 5:30 p.m., registration, race at 6:30 p.m. hosted by Fitness 1440. Visit www.signmeup.com

Ride of Silence Worldwide - May 16, begins at Trinity United Methodist Church, 333 S. Chestnut Street, Seymour, 7 p.m. This silent ride honors fallen cyclists and those hurt while riding. Call 812-524-7433.

Seymour Half Marathon and 1 Mile Dog Walk - May 19, begins and ends at Seymour High School, 7:30 a.m. Visit Seymour Half Marathon on Facebook.

AISIN 5K Run/Walk and 1 Mile Doggie Walk - May 26, begins at 8 a.m. at AISIN Holdings of America, 1664 E. Fourth Street, Seymour. Visit www.indianatiming.com to register.

Boys and Girls Club Youth Triathlon - June 30, sponsored by Boys and Girls Club of Seymour, held in and around the Seymour High School gymnasium area. Visit www.bgcyouthtriathlon.com or call 812-522-2434.

Midnight Run 5K - July 13, begins at midnight from Seymour High School track. Register at www.indianatiming.com.

Pershing Fire Department 5K - July 14, begins at the Pershing Township Fire Station at 8 a.m., in conjunction with the Freetown July Festival. Visit www.indianatiming.com.

Round Barn Bike Ride - July 14, sponsored by the Brownstown Exchange Club, this ride offers routes from 32 miles to 80 plus miles and includes SAG stops and visits at two historic round barns and the Medora Covered Bridge. Visit www.brownstownexchangeclub.org.

Rock N' Run 5K Walk/Run - July 28, begins at 8 a.m. at Seymour High School, 1350 W. Second Street, Seymour. Benefits the Rock 'N Ready school supply program. Call 812-522-5450.

Watermelon 5K - August 25, begins at 8 a.m. at the Jackson County Courthouse, Brownstown, and loops through the county fairgrounds. Visit www.indianatiming.com.

5th Annual CCT Duathlon - September 16, held from 11 a.m. to 1p.m., Freeman Field Recreation Area, Seymour. Run course utilizes the Grassy Fork off-road trails. Proceeds benefit the Crossroads Community Trails System. Visit on Facebook.

Oktoberfest 5K - October 6, begins at Seymour High School at 8 a.m. Visit www.seymouroktobefest.com for registration details.

Pay It Forward 5K - October 20, begins at 8 a.m. and leaves from Apostolic Ministries, 301 Indianapolis Avenue, Seymour. Visit www.indianatiming.com.

Fort Vallonia Days 5K - October 21, begins at 1 p.m., near the stage during Fort Vallonia Days. Visit www.indianatiming.com.

Girls Inc. Turkey Trot - November 22, begins at 7:30 a.m. at Girls Inc., 956 N. O'Brien Street, Seymour. Visit www.indianatiming.com.

Jackson County 50-50 Ultra Marathon Trail Run - December 1, begins at 7:30 a.m. at Camp Pyoca 886 E. Co. Rd. 100 S., Brownstown. Features 10m, 50K and 50 miles races. Visit www.indianatiming.com or www.DINOseries.com.

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Apply Now for 2018 Grant Opportunities

Jackson County Visitor Center's ***2018 Developmental Grant*** and ***2018 Promotional Grant*** applications are now available.

Developmental Grant

Jackson County Visitor Center Developmental Grants will offer 1:1 funding match assistance to not-for-profit groups; a city, county or public organization; tourism related business; or an organizational combination for new projects or enhancements.

Projects will provide recreational, cultural, entertainment and/or educational attractions or events which enhance the quality of life in Jackson County. Application deadline is April 1, with awards presented in June.

Promotional Grant

Organizations with non-profit status can submit an application for funding consideration for events, festivals or attractions which promote tourism within Jackson County.

Applications are accepted all year and are voted on at the Board of Directors meetings the second Wednesday of each month.

Applications are available at 100 N. Broadway Street, Seymour or by visiting www.jacksoncountyin.com.

"Sample" Art This Winter

This "Almost Spring" sampler series allows students to learn a little bit about different art mediums and will be held at the Southern Indiana Center for the Arts.

The adult classes are from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on February 6, 13, 20 and 27. Youth classes in the sampler series are for children ages 8-13 and will be offered February 3, 10, 17 and 24 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Classes are $60 for members and $75 for non-members. Art mediums being explored include pottery, painting and jewelry. Class limit is 12 participants and pre-registration is required. Email sicatreasurer@frontier.com. Southern Indiana Center for the Arts is located at 2001 N. Ewing Street, Seymour. Look for additional class offerings at www.soinart.com and on Facebook.

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 N. Co. Rd. 800W., Norman, 812-528-2367
C& J Properties, cabin rental, Freetown area, 317-677-5093, www.vrbo.com/886777
Days Inn, 302 Commerce Drive, Seymour, 812-522-3678
Econo Lodge, 220 Commerce Drive, Seymour, 812-522-8000
Economy Inn, 401 Outlet Boulevard, Seymour, 812-524-2000
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
Quality Inn, 2075 East Tipton Street, Seymour, 812-519-2959
Starve Hollow SRA Cabins, 4345 South Co. Rd. 275 West, Vallonia, (812) 358-3464
Travelodge, 306 South Commerce Drive, Seymour, 812-519-2578

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