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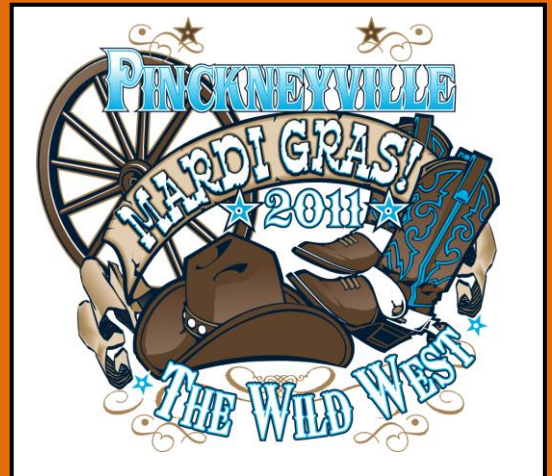


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2011 Summer Events
Catch up on what's been happening around town



Saddle up for Mardi Gras!
New Additions, Events line-up, T-shirts and more!

Chamber of Commerce Hours are
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.
MEETINGS: 2nd Thursday of the month

The weather is changing here in Pinckneyville and changing rather quickly. These cooler temperatures remind me that our summer activities have come to a close and that Mardi Gras must be fast approaching.

This summer your Chamber of Commerce held a "Party on the Patio" event at Rolando's Pizza. Our goal was to get more people involved to share ideas for our future. We had a nice group of attendees and look forward to our next "idea sharing" event in the spring. More recently, the Illinois Rural Heritage Museum held its ribbon cutting ceremony with a wonderful crowd. This event was held in conjunction with the American Threshermans Association opening day. Congratulations to the Threshermans on another successful year and to the IRHM for presenting a beautiful museum. If you haven't visited the museum yet, please take some time this fall to check it out!

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President's Notes (Continued)

As I mentioned we are fast approaching to this year's Mardi Gras celebration which will be held the last weekend of October. 50/50 tickets and Mardi Gras "Wild West" t-shirts will go on sale beginning October 1st. We will be expanding the Car Show this year due to the fast growth we have experienced the last 3 years. The Car Show will be expanded all the way down to Walnut Street to accommodate the additional cars.

I would like to give a special thanks to all of this year's sponsors as well as the City of Pinckneyville for working with us in our planning efforts. Many hours go into planning for this event and there are countless individuals who devote their personal time so "Thank You" as well.

Of course, we are always looking for additional volunteers to help make this event successful. If you would like to help out, please contact Jill Fox at the Chamber office at 357-3243. Enjoy the fall season and I look forward to seeing everyone at Mardi Gras!!!!

Nathan Meagher



President
Nathan Meagher

Become active in your Chamber of Commerce and help us in promoting your business and our community.

Mission Statement

To serve, represent, and to be the leading advocate for the business interests of its members in ways that enhance the quality of life, and well being of our unique community, its residents and its visitors.

Summer Events

Party on the Patio

The Chamber of Commerce hosted a "Party on the Patio" for Chamber members on Thursday, July 14. In attendance were Board members Nathan Meagher (Edward Jones), Peggy Sims (First National Insurance Services), Jennifer Wright (Wright's Collision Center), Toni Engelhardt (The Flower Patch), Tom McDaniel (McDaniels Furniture), Kevin Pyatt (Pyatt Funeral Home), Tibretta Reiman (The Foundation for the Future of Pinckneyville), Josh Bagley and college representative Alicia Luthy. Members present included: Lynne Wright-Harris (Rolando's), Steve Kujawa (Kujawa & Batteau, PC), Greg Henseler (North Town RV Park), Joyce Hagene-Dierkes and Jessica Holder (representing The Press). Also in attendance were newly appointed Treasurer Sarah Folden, Executive Director Jill Fox and four guests.

Along with regular business the Chamber voted in a new Treasurer, Sarah Folden, to take the place of Toni Engelhardt, Chamber Treasurer of 16 years. In addition members discussed support of the expansion of Rt. 127, combining member sponsorship packages and Mardi Gras. After the meeting the group enjoyed delicious Rolando's salad and pizza.

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Grand Opening Ceremony

Congratulations to the Illinois Rural Heritage Museum for officially opening their doors on Tuesday August 16, 2011! The museum opening was well attended by the community at the ribbon cutting ceremony and remained open through the Thresherman's Show August 17-21. Visitors to the museum's signature red barn were treated to a fantastic historical display which helps envision rural life as it was prior to the 1950s.

Congratulations once again, IRHM! The community is happy to have you here and excited to visit again as the building phases progress.

American Thresherman



The Chamber would also like to congratulate the American Threshermen's Association on another great year! The show is expanding and is simply one of the biggest attractions of the year. Remember the ATA also holds an annual fall show. 2011 dates are October 14-16. Visit <http://www.americanthresherman.com/fallinfo.html> for information.

2011-2012 Sponsors

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Gearing up for Mardi Gras!

The Chamber is already months into preparation for the 2011 89th annual Mardi Gras celebration. We're gearing up for another great year and believe everyone will enjoy the new additions we've made this year.

Beginning on October 1st Mardi Gras 50/50 Tickets will go on sale. Tickets will remain on sale throughout the parade on October 29th. Last year the winner's total was \$10,540! Don't miss your chance to buy tickets! On a similar note we would like to thank Graff's Tooling Center for manufacturing and donating a NEW 50/50 drum.

October 1st is also the day "The Wild West" Mardi Gras shirts go on sale at the Chamber office. *(See page 5 for a picture of this year's shirt).* If you plan on purchasing a shirt, it's recommended to pick them up as soon as possible – last year we sold out!

October 15th is the Mardi Gras Queen pageant at the Pinckneyville Jr. High School. Contestants from all over Southern Illinois, including three from Pinckneyville will compete for this year's title.

On Friday October 28 check out the children's parade; there are



"The Wild West" theme was submitted by Shelia Martin. The official Mardi Gras logo (above) was created by Amanda Hartleb, a PCHS art student.

some really creative costumes! The kids really enjoy this event. The parade begins at 1:30pm. Special thanks to McDonalds for sponsoring the children's parade ribbons.

Friday evening the Chamber will continue its annual Business Trick or Treat. If you are interested in participating, or need additional details, please call or email Jill at the office. This event is continually growing so businesses should expect approximately 600 children at this year's event.

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Scan here with your smart phone to find out more about 2011 Mardi Gras "The Wild West".

Find parade and vendor forms, queen candidates, parking and traffic information and MORE!

Don't have a smart phone? Simply visit Pinckneyville.com

EXTRA, EXTRA!

Find your "official guide to Mardi Gras" in the *Pinckneyville Press* the week of October 19th!

Also, keep an eye on your in-box for weekly Mardi Gras blasts all throughout October.

Mardi Gras! THANKS!

To the City of Pinckneyville, all of our volunteers, businesses and organizations who donate time and sponsorships: Without your help Mardi Gras would not be possible.

Saturday morning the fun starts downtown. We are happy to have the [St. Louis Science Center Segway Brigade](#) in attendance this year. Try 'em out in the Raymond James Financial parking lot. Also, look for Mardi Gras Festival Fun Photos in the area next to the Flower Patch. Photos provided by Photography by Shawna.

The Chamber would like to give a special thanks to the Post Office and Save-A-Lot, as well as all businesses on Walnut Street and Mulberry Street (and beyond) for their cooperation in our event downtown on Saturday.

By popular request the parade will also receive a new service this year: South Central Transit (SCT) will provide FREE round trip shuttle service, sponsored by Contempri Homes by P & P Builders. To avoid traffic congestion in town simply park at



2011 Mardi Gras T-shirts go on sale October 1st!

T-shirts only, sorry
no long sleeve available. \$15 each. Email Jill at pvillechamber.execdirector@gmail.com to place your advance order.

the Jr. High front parking lot and take the shuttle into town. Shuttles will drop off at the four-way stop near Stotlar Drug Store and continue service throughout the parade. Parade shuttle service will run from 6:00-10:15pm.

We hope you enjoy this year's



Mardi Gras Car Show

As part of the Mardi Gras festivities, the Chamber will again host a car show on October 29, 2011. Registration runs from 9am-noon; judging starts early. There is an entry fee of \$15 and awards to the top 60: Best of Show, Best Paint, Best Truck, Longest Distance, Mayors Choice and Queen's Pick. Dash plaques to first 100. Questions regarding the Car Show event? Call Matt Wright at 618-357-1508.

2011 Car Show Sponsors

GOLD

First National Insurance Services/
American Modern Insurance
Auto Tire and Parts

SILVER

204 Market
Color Masters
Weisel's Tool Sales

2011 Mardi Gras Theme: The Wild West

Download 2011 Mardi Gras Parade Rules, Info and Application at <http://pinckneyville.com/parade/>

The friendly little city
Pinckneyville!

Chamber
of Commerce



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2011 Mardi Gras Sponsors

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PCHS Education Foundation

'Big Blue Ticket' Raffle Sale

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

\$20 raffle ticket enters you in a monthly drawing for a **\$400 grocery shopping spree at Perry County Market Place**. Monthly drawings are **set for the third Friday of each subsequent month through July, 2012**. Purchase tickets at Perry County Market Place, Stotlar Drug Store or First National Insurance. Several youth groups, including the Perry County 4H Club and the Boy Scouts will also be assisting with ticket sales. Tickets also available online! isupportpchs.com

Red Hawk Golf Club

The Chili Dip (Women 4- person Scramble)

September 14, 2011

130 players from around Southern Illinois and St. Louis Metro Area <http://redhawkgc.net/>

Rend Lake College

Community Education Class

September 15, 2011, 6-8pm

Publishing Your Manuscript , Edmond DeRousse, \$10. Please call 357-3742 to register or for more INFORMATION! www.rlc.edu

PCHS Education Foundation

2nd Drawing - 'Big Blue Ticket'

Raffle Sale

September 16, 2011

\$20 raffle tickets now available online! isupportpchs.com

Red Hawk Golf Club

"The Gathering"

September 17, 2011

"The Gathering" Celebrating the Spirit of Big K !Proceeds benefit the Gerre Luke Memorial Scholarship . <http://redhawkgc.net/>

Rend Lake College Foundation

Open House

September 29, 2011, 10am

The Rend Lake College Foundation will host an Open House for the new Science and Computer Center at the RLC Murphy-Wall Pinckneyville campus. Ceremony begins at 10am, Open House and refreshments from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Anyone interested in attending is asked to RSVP by Thursday, Sept. 22, to Shawna Hall at 618-437-5321, Ext. 1214, or at halls@rlc.edu.

Rend Lake College

Community Education Class

October 3, 2011, 6-8pm

LEAN Essentials, Sara Tanner, \$10. Please call 357-3742 to register or for more information! www.rlc.edu

Red Hawk Golf Club

The High School Girls Golf Team Regional's

October 5, 2011

Come out and support your local Girls!!! <http://redhawkgc.net/>

Red Hawk Golf Club

Illinois Multiple Sclerosis Society 3rd Annual Golf Scramble

October 8, 2011

Please support a great cause. <http://redhawkgc.net/>

Old Tyme Ice Cream Social

FREE Family event

October 8, 2011, 6pm, Jr. High School

Join us for a wonderful evening of great Christian music featuring

Brothers and Others, the Rices and Father Brian. **FREE** Admission, Home-made ice cream, cobblers and desserts! Please bring your lawn chairs.

American Thresherman's Assoc.

Fall Show

October 14-16, 2011

<http://www.americanthresherman.com/index.html>

Illinois Rural Heritage Museum

Museum will be open:

October 15, 2011

Come out to see the IRHM signature Red Barn museum! <http://illinoisruralheritagemuseum.org/>

Pinckneyville Chamber of Commerce

Mardi Gras Queen Pageant

October 15, 2011, 7:00pm

Join the Chamber of Commerce for the crowning of our Mardi Gras Queen. www.pinckneyville.com

Red Hawk Golf Club

The Ghost & Goblins Tourney

October 15-16, 2011

A Famous Red Hawk Annual event! For Couples around the whole area .See our own Erica transform the Clubhouse into a Haunted House!! <http://redhawkgc.net/>

PCHS Education Foundation

3rd Drawing - 'Big Blue Ticket' Raffle Sale

October 21, 2011

\$20 raffle tickets now available online! isupportpchs.com

Rend Lake College

Community Education Class

October 22, 2011, 7-9pm

Stars & Constellations, Greg Hollman, \$3. Please call 357-3742 to register or for more information! www.rlc.edu

Stotlar Drug Store

Customer Appreciation Day

October 28, 2011, 1pm-6pm

<http://www.stotlardrug.com/>

The Foundation for the Future of Pinckneyville

3rd Annual Masquerade Party and Auction

October 28, 2011

<http://foundationforpinckneyville.org/>

Pinckneyville Chamber of Commerce

Mardi Gras

October 28-29, 2011

Join the Chamber of Commerce for a weekend of events! Schedule of events at: www.pinckneyville.com

Illinois Rural Heritage Museum

Museum will be open:

October 28-29, 2011, 9am-5pm

Come out to see the IRHM signature Red Barn museum! <http://illinoisruralheritagemuseum.org/>

PCHS Education Foundation

Paver and Brick Fundraiser

October 29, 2011

Visit the PCHS Education Foundation at the Alumni Tent downtown Mardi Gras to find out more information about the upcoming paver and brick sales fundraiser. isupportpchs.com

Stotlar Drug Store

Christmas Open House

November 4-5, 2011

<http://www.stotlardrug.com/>

PCHS Education Foundation

4th Drawing - 'Big Blue Ticket'

Raffle Sale

November 18, 2011

\$20 raffle tickets now available online! isupportpchs.com