

Calendar of Events

August 22, 2019

Kankakee Sands

Brookstone

300 Lincoln Hwy Rd

Charleston, IL 61920

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM CST

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Less than .1% of Indiana's and Illinois' original prairies and wetlands remain today. We'll learn about conservation efforts at The Nature Conservancy's Kankakee Sands which has preserved or restored over 7,300 acres of natural area and connects 22,000 acres of habitat in Northwest Indiana. Kankakee Sands is home to over 100 rare, threatened or endangered species and supports the endangered Regal Fritillary butterfly, red-headed woodpeckers, plains pocket gophers, short-eared owls, ornate box turtles, glass lizards and over 700 native plant species, filling the land with song and sights to behold. In 2016, 23 Bison were brought to the site as part of the restoration process. The herd has grown to over 50, and amazing changes are taking place on the prairie. Feel a Bison hide and learn about these amazing animals!

August 23, 2019

Ribbon Cutting & Open House: Allied Capital Title

655 W Lincoln Ave

12:00 PM - 02:00 PM CST

Please join us for a Ribbon Cutting and Open House for Allied Capital Title from Noon-2:00 PM on Friday, August 23. The ribbon cutting will take place at noon and we invite you to stay for the open house to enjoy a light lunch, view the office, and get to know their staff and services!

Allied Capital Title is a full-service title insurance agency servicing real estate transactions throughout multiple counties in Central Illinois and Central Indiana. Their staff works closely with attorneys, real estate agents and lenders to make the process simple and efficient for acquiring or refinancing a residential or commercial property.

September 6, 2019

Owl Be Seeing You

Douglas Hart Nature Center

2204 Dewitt Ave E

Mattoon, IL 61938

01:00 PM - 03:00 PM CST

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Owls are sometimes referred to as wise old owls or birds of mystery and folklore, but what's the real story behind these birds of prey? In this fall themed class, participants will learn about owls of Illinois through hands-on material followed by a nature inspired owl craft using natural and up-cycled materials.

- September 6, 2019 **Coles County Cop Chase - GLOW Run**
LifeSpan Center
11021 E CR 800 N
Charleston, IL 61920-8632
06:00 PM - 10:00 PM CST
Chris Garver, 639-5150
cgarver@lifespancer.org
- September 10, 2019 **Lincolnland Binga**
05:30 PM - 09:30 PM CST
Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 5:30 PM
Mattoon Eagles Club (1917 Oak Ave.)
Admission and 10 Binga games - \$10
Doors open at 4:30 pm, food and beverages available; featuring prize packages from area boutiques, consultants and businesses
Raffle – Four tickets to a St. Louis Blues game during 2019-20 season; \$5 each or 3 for \$10
Tickets & information available at www.sarahbush.org, or by calling 217 258-2511
- September 10, 2019 **Lifetime Eye Care Ribbon Cutting**
12:15 PM - 01:15 PM CST
Please join us to celebrate Lifetime Eye Care's new location in Mattoon! The ribbon cutting for their Mattoon location will take place at the office at 1821 Charleston Ave (19th & Charleston, adjacent to KC Summers GM) at 12:15. We invite you all to come celebrate!
- September 12, 2019 **Business After Hours: Douglas Hart Nature Center at Whiteside Garden**
Whiteside Garden
05:00 PM - 07:00 PM CST
Jessica Killough, 217-345-7041
president@charlestonchamber.com
- September 13, 2019 **Invisibly Present: Aging & Advocacy**
LifeSpan Center
11021 E. CR 800 N
Charleston, IL 61920
02:00 PM - 03:30 PM CST
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Subconsciously, do we all view older people in a certain way? Why are people treated as if they're invisible as they age? In this session, participants will learn key terms and concepts related to the erasure of older people's lives as well as strategies for serving as allies to and advocates for individuals as they age.

September 18, 2019
- September 19, 2019

Grand Prairie Friends and Warbler Ridge Hike

Charleston Public Library

712 6th St

Charleston, il 61920

03:30 PM - 05:00 PM CST

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9/18/19: Enjoy a photographic journey on Wednesday (followed by an on-site guided walk on Thursday), of Coles County's newest natural area. Join photographer and GPF Board Member, Fred Delcomyn, as he uses his photography to highlight the unique land forms, plants and animals of Warbler Ridge. Warbler Ridge Conservation area, located between Lake Charleston and Fox Ridge State Park, began when a private non-profit conservation organization, Grand Prairie Friends (GPF), purchased a 141-acre site in 2012. Seven years later, the site has grown to 1,000 acres and now includes nine acres of restored wetland, thousands of new trees and ten miles of trails for the public to enjoy along the meandering Embarras River.

9/19/19: Sarah Livesay, will lead a guided walk at the Warbler Ridge site. Fred Delcomyn will join the group on the walk ready to give photographic tips to those who want them. Participants should wear appropriate outdoor shoes and clothing and be prepared for one hour of moderate walking.

September 26, 2019

Habitat Habitaste

Unique Suites Hotel

920 West Lincoln Avenue

CHARLESTON, IL 61920

September 28, 2019

Arts in the Cemetery

Charleston Public Library am - Roselawn-Mound Cemetery and Old City Cemetery pm

712 6th St

Charleston, il 61920

10:30 AM - 05:00 PM CST

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Kevin and Paul Baumann, brothers, are very knowledgeable about local cemeteries and have visited cemeteries in their travels internationally. They will start the day with a PowerPoint presentation on Tombstone Art. In the afternoon, Roselawn-Mound Cemetery and Old City Cemetery will be toured, with Paul and Kevin as guides. One just might hear bagpipes in the background and see re-enactments of moments in the life of pioneers who lived long ago. In case of rain, we will meet back in the library (after lunch on your own) for afternoon stories of art in the lives of those who lived here in Coles County long ago.

October 2, 2019

**The Road That Built the Nation
Charleston Public Library
712 6th St
Charleston, IL 61920**

12:00 PM - 01:30 PM CST
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Molly Bellamey, formerly on the National Road Association of Illinois Board of Directors, will educate on the purpose and funding of the road that began in 1811 in Cumberland, MD and ended in Vandalia, IL in 1837. She will describe pioneers who moved west, and how they managed the work and hardships of travel in the early 1800s. The National Scenic Byways Program will be examined along with things to see and do today along the Road in Illinois. Not to be missed, Molly's delightful children's book, Patch on the National Road, will be shared. Lucky attendees will go home with a copy!

October 10, 2019

**Business After Hours: Sexual Assault Counseling & Information Service
SACIS**

**1505 18th St. Suite 2
Charleston, IL 61920**
05:00 PM - 07:00 PM CST
Jessica Killough, 217-345-7041
president@charlestonchamber.com

October 12, 2019

**Paint the Town, 5k Color Run
Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center**

09:00 AM - 01:00 PM CST
Patty Peterson, 217 258-4011
ppeterson@sblhs.org

Run or walk in honor or in memory of family and friends who have faced cancer – starts at 9 am, Saturday, Oct. 12, behind KC Summers, Mattoon, \$25; \$30 day of race Register at www.sarahbush.org or 217 258-4011

October 17, 2019

**Sip & Shop
Unique Suites
920 W Lincoln Ave
Charleston, IL 61920**

04:30 PM - 08:00 PM CST
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Join us for Sip & Shop on Thursday, October 17 from 4:30-8:00 PM at Unique Suites! Sip on delicious wine or specialty cocktails as you shop the booths of our local, talented vendors. Tickets are only \$15, if you purchase ahead of time, and \$20 at the door. Each ticket will include a drink ticket. Purchase 9 tickets and receive the 10th free!

October 24, 2019

Mystery Lovers One-Time Book Club
Charleston Public Library
712 6th St
Charleston, IL 61920
02:00 PM - 04:00 PM CST
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If you love to read mysteries and want to try some new authors, come trade recommendations at this one-time "book club." Tell the group about your favorite type of mystery--cosy, police procedural, period piece, suspense, foreign intrigue--and within that type, your favorite author and title. Or just listen if you prefer. Take home a list of authors and titles to try! Bring a snack to share (optional).

November 12, 2019

University Archives, Special Collections & IRAD
Booth Library on EIU Campus
Room 1700 (south entrance by clock tower)
Charleston, IL 61920
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM CST
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Booth Library's University Archives & Special Collections and the Illinois Regional Archives Depository (IRAD) housed within it are unique resources on the EIU campus. The University Archives houses the 1895 Old Main time capsule, Garner Sheet Music Collection, and an oral history interview collection. The Archives serve to preserve University history through photographs, documents, faculty manuscript collections, and other diverse ephemera. Booth Library's Special Collections represent a broader range of resources, including postcard collections, regional history related resources, and rare bound volumes from as far back as the 17th century.

Bill Schultz, Jr., Cataloging Librarian who also serves as the Interim Head of the University Archives & Special Collections will provide an overview of the University Archives, Special Collections and IRAD. He will show examples of the types of records and documents that can be found in each area, discuss archival practices to organize and preserve such materials, and also present an orientation to this department's online archival resources. He will also touch on how individuals can take steps to preserve their own physical and digital collections. The session will last approximately 90 minutes and will include a tour of the University Archives.

November 19, 2019
- November 21, 2019

DigiMarCon World 2019 - Digital Marketing Conference

Online

11:00 AM - 03:00 PM CST

DigiMarCon World, 8008055385

events@digimarconworld.com

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- Hear from some of the most audacious and thought provoking speakers in the digital marketing industry.

- Gain insight into emerging strategies, the latest innovative technologies, and best practices to move your business to the next level.

- Network with thought leaders, collaborate with your peers and build your network in a beautiful atmosphere.

DigiMarCon World 2019 Digital Marketing Conference & Exhibition will be held Online from November 19th to 21st, 2019, available live stream and on-demand. It is the largest Digital Marketing Event in the World and will be attended by thousands of Digital Marketing Professionals. Whatever your goal is; reinforcing customer loyalty, improving lead generation, increasing sales, or driving stronger consumer engagement, the DigiMarCon World 2019 line up has been specifically designed to help you develop your audience.

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November 21, 2019
- November 23, 2019

Holiday Festival

Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center

10:00 AM - 08:00 PM CST

Patty Peterson, 217 258-4011

ppeterson@sblhs.org

Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center begins the holiday season in November with the Festival of Trees. Browse the retail area, employee tree & wreath room a to find the perfect gift for those on your list. Enjoy more the beautifully decorated trees, wreaths and specialty items.

Nov. 21: Friends Night Out – 6 - 8 pm \$10

Nov. 22-23: Festival Opens 10 am – 8 pm \$3

10 am – 2 pm \$3

Nov. 23: Gala and Live Auction 6 pm, \$75

December 4, 2019

Life in Vietnam: A Photographic Exploration: 1965-66

Charleston Public Library

712 6th St

Charleston, IL 61920

12:00 PM - 01:30 PM CST

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Michael Murphy will share photos he took during his tour of duty in the Marines. These photos show life in the country that includes landscapes, people, families moving through villages, soldiers and vehicles, and the ravages of war. You've not seen an inside look of Vietnam in the mid-60s like this, unless you lived there. Join us for a unique excursion through this beautiful and misunderstood country.

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December 5, 2019

Joint Business After Hours: First Neighbor Bank

First Neighbor Bank

1415 18th St.

Charleston, IL 61920

05:00 PM - 07:00 PM CST

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December 12, 2019

Business After Hours: Plush Boutique

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513 7th St.

Charleston, IL 61920

05:00 PM - 07:00 PM CST

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