

Calendar of Events

January 17, 2019
- May 31, 2019

On the Shoulders of Giants: The Moon and Beyond

Booth Library

EIU

Charleston, IL 61920

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Booth Library on the campus of Eastern Illinois University will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the moon landing, as well as examine current and future space exploration, in a new exhibit, "On the Shoulders of Giants: The Moon and Beyond." The exhibit will be on display from Jan. 17 through May 31, 2019.

February 18, 2019

Grandma Didn't Tell Me...

Booth Library

4450 Booth Library

Charleston, IL 61920

04:00 PM - 06:00 PM CST

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Every family has its stories, some are shared openly, some are not. Using free internet sources, learn to find and read the records of your ancestors' lives, following them as they followed their dreams. See how your ancestors fit into the American experience, whether they were new immigrants, westward pioneers, or old settled colonists. This is an easy entry into the world of genealogy for the interested beginner.

February 19, 2019

Bowls of HOPE

Home Church

2350 Madison Ave

Charleston, IL 61920

05:00 PM - 07:00 PM CST

Kelly Hardy, 217-348-5931

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Join HOPE of East Central Illinois for our 16th Annual Soup Supper and Dessert Auction. Live entertainment will be provided by the Moondogs. \$15 ticket gets you soup and a handcrafted bowl or purchase a \$5 ticket for soup only. You can purchase tickets at First Neighbor Bank, First Federal Savings & Loan or at the Lincoln Branch of First Mid Bank & Trust.

All funds raised will assist area survivors of domestic violence.

February 21, 2019

Baby Steps to the Moon

Booth Library Witters Conference Room 4440

EIU

Charleston, IL 61920

03:30 PM - 04:30 PM CST

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Feb. 21, 3:30 p.m., "Baby Steps to the Moon," presented by Steve Daniels, chair, Department of Physics, Witters Conference Room 4440, Booth Library.

February 22, 2019

Patient Advocacy

Lifespan Center Auditorium

11021 East County Road 800 North

Charleston, IL 61920

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM CST

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What is a patient advocate and when would I need one? Advocates can be found everywhere and are able to assist patients and families with various resources. Join us in identifying different types of advocates in the Coles County area, learn how to access them, and discuss the barriers and challenges to this role.

February 22, 2019

Patient Advocacy

Lifespan Center Auditorium

11021 E. CR 800 N.

Charleston, IL 61920

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM CST

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What is a patient advocate and when would I need one? Advocates assist patients and families with various resources needed for health care. Join us in identifying different types of advocates in the Coles County area, learn how to access them, and discuss the barriers and challenges to serving in this role.

February 23, 2019

Whiteside Garden Volunteer Day

Whiteside Garden

Directions provided to registered participants

Charleston, IL 61920

01:00 PM - 03:00 PM CST

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In 1963, Dr. Wesley (Wes) Whiteside began transforming 5 acres of former farmland into a diverse botanical garden that has become a true treasure for east-central Illinois. After he retired in 1987, Wes continued to nurture and develop his garden, drawing many visitors to view his collections, which are unmatched in the region. We love Whiteside Garden in part because it was one of our own that started this amazing community garden! It is a volunteer driven labor of love! Come and lend a hand to help mulching, weeding, trimming, and more. Please wear closed toed shoes and long pants.

February 28, 2019

The Stigma of Mental Illness

LifeLinks

750 Broadway Avenue East

Mattoon , IL 61920

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM CST

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Depression is a character flaw and people should just “snap out of it”. Have you ever heard this comment? Is this fact or fiction? Join this session to learn about the popular myths of mental illness, how they are perpetuated in society and what can be done to help fight the stigma of mental illness.

March 1, 2019

SACIS Trivia Night

Eagles Club

1917 Oak Avenue

Mattoon, IL 61938

06:30 PM - 09:00 PM CST

SACIS Main Office, 2173485033

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Join SACIS for a friendly battle of wits!

How does this work?

The fee is \$10 per person. Teams must consist of 6-8 players. Questions will be geared for high school age and up.

Do you feel lucky?

There will be a \$100 cash prize for the winning teams and we will also have a 50/50 drawing at the end of the night!

Doors & Cash Bar open at 6:30 pm!

March 1, 2019

Give Kids A Smile

MyCharlestonDentist.com

826 W Lincoln Ave

Charleston, IL 61920

08:00 AM - 12:00 PM CST

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MyCharlestonDentist.com

FREE DENTISTRY DAY!

GIVE KIDS A SMILE

March 6, 2019

Healthy Living for Brain & Body: Latest Research

Charleston Public Library

712 Sixth Street

Charleston, IL 61920

12:00 PM - 01:30 PM CST

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For centuries, we've known that the health of the brain and the body are connected. But now, science is able to provide insights into how to optimize our physical and cognitive health as we age. Join us to learn about research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement, and use hands-on tools to help you incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging.

March 7, 2019

Community Update Breakfast

Unique Suites Hotel

920 W Lincoln Ave

Charleston, IL 61920

07:30 AM - 09:00 AM CST

Jessica Killough, 217-345-7041

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March 14, 2019

Business After Hours: The Villas of Holly Brook

The Villas of Holly Brook

738 N. 18th Street

Charleston, IL 61920

05:00 PM - 07:00 PM CST

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March 16, 2019

The Vault Art Gallery

The Vault

100 N. Main

Tuscola, IL 61953

01:00 PM - 03:00 PM CST

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"Unique." "Dazzling." "Impressive." Those are the words visitors often use to describe The Vault Art Gallery in downtown Tuscola. Join us to tour the gallery, learn about the artists and the unique ownership structure. A new gardening section is underway and we will learn about the purpose and progress.

March 20, 2019

Aging in Place Longer
Sarah Bush Lincoln Education Wing
1000 Health Center Dr.
Mattoon , IL 61920

12:00 PM - 01:30 PM CST
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If you are like many others, you want to age at home longer. A panel of Sarah Bush Lincoln employees will discuss the following topics to help us consider the possibilities for help in doing just this.

1. *Improving activities of daily living (ADLs)*
2. *Functional Independence to stay at home*
3. *Palliative Care*
 - *What is it?*
 - *Qualifying factors*
 - *Services available*
4. *Oxygen*
 - *Features and Benefits*
 - *Safety in the Home*
5. *CPAP*
 - *Feature and Benefits*
6. *Wheelchairs/Hospital Beds*
 - *Options*

March 21, 2019

Biodiversity: A Growing Issue
City Hall
520 Jackson Ave
Charleston, IL 61920

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM CST
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Biodiversity is decreasing globally and becoming an international political issue. The variety and variability of life on the planet is important to the security of natural resources including soil, water, animals, and plants, as well as to food production and overall human health. This presentation will focus on biodiversity in the context of our local suburban/agricultural landscape, where we currently stand, the direction we're heading, and some ways local residents can improve biodiversity in their landscapes.

March 26, 2019

Grow Your Own: Salad Bowls
4H Building, Fairgrounds
603 W Madison Ave
Charleston, IL 61920

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM CST
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Looking forward to a fresh salad for springtime lunches or a dinner side dish? We will prepare planting bowls, select seeds, and start our regrowing salad garden for the patio. We will also learn some of the nutritional benefits of eating mixed greens like baby spinach, kale, arugula, and butter lettuce. All supplies included in fee. Bring your own garden gloves.

March 27, 2019

Celestial Suite

Booth Library Atrium

EIU

Charleston, IL 61920

02:00 PM - 03:00 PM CST

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March 29, 2019

Therapy Dogs

4H Building, Fairgrounds

603 W Madison Ave

Charleston, IL 61920

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM CST

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Ever thought it would be worthwhile to take a dog to a nursing home, or care facility to visit residents? The Alliance of Therapy dogs registers you and your dog, after testing, to provide you with the tools to handle these visits with joy. Their goal is to form a network of caring individuals and their dogs who are willing to share happiness with others. You'll meet Jo Tucker and her dog to learn about this work.

April 5, 2019

It Was a Crime To Be German

Mattoon Train Station

Lone Elm Room

Mattoon , IL 61920

03:30 PM - 05:00 PM CST

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Book burnings...physical attacks upon immigrants...vandalism of immigrant-owned property...proliferation of irrational fear and hatred. We might tend to associate such occurrences with dictatorships, but 100 years ago incidents such as these took place right here in Illinois. The United States was involved in the "Great War," and some Illinoisans considered anything German to be evil – including their fellow Illinois residents of German descent. Although German immigrants and first-generation German Americans had been present throughout Illinois for decades and formed a large proportion of the state's population, mob hysteria and violence against them escalated in Illinois during the World War I years. A man was lynched in Collinsville, and what was his crime? He was a German immigrant. Historical actor Barbara Kay will portray her great-grandmother, Margaret May, a resident of southern Illinois who saw and felt anti-German hysteria a century ago. She will illustrate her presentation with photographs, newspaper headlines, and editorial cartoons of the time. Through her first-person, costumed portrayal, she will bring the struggles of World War I-era German Illinoisans to life and will engage audiences with questions and discussion.

April 6, 2019

**The History of Coles County Poor Farm & Ashmore Estates
Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site
402 S Lincoln Hwy
Lerna , IL 62440**

02:00 PM - 03:30 PM CST
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Did your parents or grandparents ever tell you "If you don't stop that you are going to send me to the poor farm". Ashmore Estates, originally know as the Coles County Poor Farm, is that place. Located just West of Ashmore, IL this location has one of the most heartbreaking histories ever. The original structure on the farm was built in 1870. In February of 1880 a fire occurred at the location, damaged the building and took the life of Elva Skinner, a child just short of her 5th birthday. In 1916 the current building was constructed and became the home to many that had no where else to go. Robbin Terry, owner and Michele Watson-Baker, historian, will be on hand to discuss the past, present, and future of Ashmore Estates.

April 10, 2019

**High-Tech Treasure Hunt: Geocaching
Charleston Public Library
712 Sixth Street
Charleston, IL 61920**

12:00 PM - 01:30 PM CST
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What the heck is "geocaching"? It is a real-world, outdoor treasure hunting game using a smart phone (or other GPA-enabled device). Pages on the web or a map on your phone direct you to a specific set of coordinates and then you attempt to find the geocache (container) hidden there. The cost to play? perhaps a bit of shoes leather and gasoline. There are 200 caches hidden within seven miles of Charleston. Terry Weidner will explain the basics of the game, and share some interesting stories. He has been geocaching for 15 years, along with seven million fellow geocachers, has been finding some of the more than two million caches hidden worldwide.

April 11, 2019

Joint Business After Hours: Carle
05:00 PM - 07:00 PM CST
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April 19, 2019

**Easter Egg Hunt
LifeSpan Center
11021 E CR 800 N
Charleston, IL 61920**

01:00 PM - 03:00 PM CST
Chris Garver, 2172645544
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Join us at your LifeSpan Center on Good Friday, April 19 at 1pm for an Easter Egg Hunt for ages 1 - 12 years old. Chance to win a \$50 Visa Gift card! Pre-Registration REQUIRED to be eligible to win. RAIN or SHINE. Call 639-5150 to Pre-Register by Wednesday, APRIL 17.

May 1, 2019

**Electrical Safety
Charleston City Hall
Lower Level
Charleston, IL 61920**

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM CST
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May Is National Electrical Safety Month, designated by the Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI). Accidents, injuries and property loss can be reduced with education and awareness. Join Karly Combest, with Ameren Illinois Community Relations, to learn important methods of safety specific to:

- *Power Lines & Poles*
- *Home & Vehicle Safety*
- *Energy Efficiency*
- *Natural Gas*

You will also enjoy the My Safe City tabletop display that simulates what could happen if different accidents occurred.

May 9, 2019

**Business After Hours: Towne Square Jewelers
Towne Square Jewelers
429 W Lincoln Ave.
Charleston, IL 61920**

05:00 PM - 07:00 PM CST
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May 16, 2019

**Joint Business After Hours: EIU Athletics
Eastern Illinois University
600 Lincoln Ave.
Charleston, IL 61920**

05:00 PM - 07:00 PM CST
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May 21, 2019

**Business Before Hours: Charleston City
07:30 AM - 08:30 AM CST
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June 13, 2019

**Business After Hours: Diepholz Auto Group
Diepholz Auto Group
631 W. Lincoln Ave.
Charleston, IL 61920**

05:00 PM - 07:00 PM CST
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June 20, 2019
- June 21, 2019

TECHSPO Chicago 2019
Hyatt Regency McCormick Place
2233 S Martin Luther King Dr, Chicago, Illinois 60616
Chicago, IL 60616

09:00 AM - 04:00 PM CST
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July 11, 2019

Business After Hours: Bell's Flower Corner
Bell's Flower Corner
1335 Monroe St.
Charleston, IL 61920

05:00 PM - 07:00 PM CST
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July 18, 2019

Joint Business After Hours: Consolidated Communications, Inc.
Consolidated Communications, Inc.
121 S 17th St.
Mattoon, IL 61938
05:00 PM - 07:00 PM CST
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August 15, 2019

Joint Business After Hours: KC Summers
KC Summers
117 S 19th St.
Mattoon, IL 61938
05:00 PM - 07:00 PM CST
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September 12, 2019

Business After Hours: Douglas Hart Nature Center
Whiteside Garden
05:00 PM - 07:00 PM CST
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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

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
Jessica Killough, 217-345-7041
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December 12, 2019

Business After Hours: Plush Boutique
Plush Boutique
513 7th St.
Charleston, IL 61920
05:00 PM - 07:00 PM CST
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