

## Calendar of Events

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May 4, 2024  
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**2024 Rend Lake Water Festival Parade**  
**West Main, Benton Public Square, North Main**  
**211 North Main**  
**Benton, IL 62812**  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM CST

*Gather your group and have fun planning your floats, boats, golf carts or whatever your entry may be for this year's Rend Lake Water Festival Parade. It's sure to be a day filled with fun and sunshine! This year's parade will be on Saturday May 4th, 2024*

*This year's theme is The Eclipse "Twice in a Lifetime" so put on your creative caps and show us how you can put a new twist on the Eclipse. This can be a song, anything to do with the sun, the moon or the eclipse. Example dress in your favorite 80's outfits and decorate for "Total Eclipse of the heart". dress up in the 60's theme and do bad moon rising. The parade is on May 4th. do a twist with star wars and the eclipse.....may the 4th be with you. ect.*

*We will again have registration in the parking lot of the Antique Auto Museum (211 N. Main St. - one block NORTH of the Benton Public Square) from 8:00 am – 9:30 am and line up on West Washington Street, as in past years.*

April 27, 2024

**H&R Agri-Power Farm & Turf Kubota Orange Days**  
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**13988 State Highway 34**  
**Benton, IL 62812-6324**

09:00 AM - 01:00 PM CST

Sadie Edwards, 2704842052

sadie.edwards@hragripower.com

*Join us for our Kubota Orange Days Sales Event happening Saturday, April 27th from 9:00AM-1:00PM*

*- Free Hotdogs*

*- Test drive a new Kubota product!*

*- Register to receive a coupon for up to \$500 off select machines (one day only)!*

*Don't miss our biggest sales event of the year with special financing rates!*

May 4, 2024  
- May 5, 2024

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May 16, 2024

**Benton West City Area Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting**

**Franklin County Ford Garage Museum**  
**211 North Main Street, PO Box 574**  
**Benton, IL 62812**

08:30 AM - 09:30 AM CST

Lennie Shelton, 6184382121  
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June 6, 2024

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