

2011 Vernon County Annual Events



FEBRUARY

Eagle Days – (Held even year's only) Shell-Osage Conservation Area near Shell City. Come watch our National Bird in the wild. Missouri's winter eagle-watching days are spectacular!

MO Nut Growers Association (4th & 5th) Nevada Community Center Friday, annual nut evaluation of all entries. Saturday, Discussions on nut growing with University of MO & KS speakers and area growers. Nut cookie contest judged and results of nut growers winners announced on Saturday. For more information 417-436-2351

MARCH

Home and Leisure Show – (Always 2nd weekend of Spring Break) (18 & 19) - Nevada Middle School Gymnasium; two day event showcasing regional products and services. Contact: KNEM-KNMO radio, 417-667-3113, Mike Harbit.

Nevada Lion's Club (Sat. 26th) 7-11 AM Annual Pancake Breakfast at **St. Mary's School** with silent auction & bake sale.

APRIL

Children's Mercy Hospital Benefit (Always 1st Saturday in April) Sponsored by the Nevada Fraternal Order of Eagles #3770. Call 667-9283 for information.

Community Health Fair (16th) Sponsored by NRMC at the Osage Prairie YMCA. Local health and safety organizations provide information and tips to the community. To participate and/or information contact 417-448-3609

MAY

Nevada Area Wide Garage Sale – (Always first weekend in May)– Hundreds of private sales are held on this weekend, a great time to find excellent savings. For more information call 417-448-2700.

United Methodist Church Spring Rummage Sale (6th 8-5, 7th 8-noon) 500 South College Street

Vernon County Farmers Market Square Days – (Beginning Mother's Day weekend) area wide growers, producers, crafters, etc. bring their wares to the square...every Wed beginning @ 5:00 and every Saturday beginning at 8am. Contact: Janet Wray 321-0591

8th Annual Caring with Pride Golf Classic- (Always 2nd Fri. in May) (13th) Starting at 9 am at the Frank E. Peter's Municipal Golf Course, Nevada, MO. Registration to 40 teams only. 3-Person Scramble, 3 Flights with great prizes, Amazing Hole-in –One and Raffle Prizes. Call the NRMC Foundation Office for complete details and registration at 417-448-3609.

Schowe and Shine Car Show – (Always third Sat. in May) (21st) 10:00-2:00. Benefits Habitat for Humanity. Call for more info (417) 667-7134.

MAY & JUNE

Bushwhacker Museum Traveling temporary exhibit. Blackjack Battlefield & Nature Park civil war exhibit. For more information 417-667-9602.

JUNE

ACRA-NRCA Sanctioned Professional Rodeo – (First weekend in June) (4-6) -- Vernon County Fairgrounds: Three exciting evenings of rodeo! Bronco and bull riding, roping and barrel racing are just a few of the featured events. Contact Tommy Wait, 922-3476 (H), 448-4223 (C).

Bushwhacker Days – (Always 2nd weekend of June (8-11) – Nevada Town Square; Carnival concourse, street fair, crafts festival, car show, games, contests and concessions are all part of the festivities. Features a full line of live entertainment throughout the celebration. Contact: Nevada/Vernon County Chamber of Commerce, 417-667-5300.

Bushwhacker Quilt Guild Show – (Always Saturday of Bushwhacker weekend – (11th) – City/County Community Center, Nevada. One day non-juried show. Open to all entrants. Boutique and bake sale. Contact: Valo Jones 417-667-2457.

Eagle Riders – (Saturday of Bushwhacker Days –(11th) Fraternal Order of Eagles Motorcycle Riders Annual Ride and meeting. Contact: Dave Jones Jr., 667-9283.

Relay for Life – June TBD – Contact: Shelly Ward (W) 667-0707 X23 (H) 944-2501) – Dozens of teams vie for fund raising title to benefit the American Cancer Society. All night event around the courthouse square.

JUNE-AUGUST

Nevada Griffons Baseball Full schedule available on the Griffon website; www.nevadagriffons.org

JULY

Vernon County Youth Fair (Always the weekend after July 4th (8-12) – Vernon County Fairgrounds: a free youth fair exhibiting 4-H, FFA, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts from Vernon County. Outstanding livestock shows plus other exhibits are all featured. Nightly entertainment, great food and lots of fun! Join us! Contact: Tommy Wait 922-3476 (H), 448-4223.

Triple Treat Tournament- (28th)...always Thurs before the sidewalk sale. Come and join us for our 2nd Annual Triple Treat Tournament! There will be contests in the following categories of best cake, pie, and homemade ice cream! Pecan category sponsored by the SW MO Nut Growers Association. Location is at the Nevada/Vernon County Courthouse south side lawn at 6:30 pm. For entries contact the chamber at 417-667-5300. www.nevada-mo.com

Sidewalk Sale –(29-30) Retailers hold annual summer clearance sales in preparation for new fall merchandise.

AUGUST

Hume Fair – (First full week of August) (1-2) – Main Street, Hume, Missouri. Two days of activities including ice cream social, gospel music, horseshoe pitching, parade, baby contest, car show, arts and crafts, rodeo and street dance. Contact: Karen Erwin, 660-643-7637.

National Night Out – (First Tuesday of August) (2nd) Community sponsored participation in the national organization's drug-free, crime prevention event. Contact: Nevada Parks and Recreation Department, 417-448-2740.

Sheldon's Old Settler's Picnic – (Always third weekend of August) (20-21) Main Street, Sheldon, Mo. Small town setting with big time fun! Live music, craft show, baby contest, antique tractor pull, horseshoe pitching, softball tournament and street dance. Contact: Ed Morris, 417-884-2705.

AUGUST – OCTOBER

Bushwhacker Museum - Temporary traveling exhibit, "Divided Loyalties: Civil War documents" from the MO State Archives. For more information 417-667-9602

SEPTEMBER

KCBS Sanctioned Southwest Missouri "Light My Fire" BBQ Competition- September TBD. Come join us in our inaugural sanctioned BBQ and People's Choice local competition! Information as available: www.lightmyfirebbq.org

Schell City Fall Festival – Mid-September (9-10) - Main Street, Schell City, Missouri. Come join us for a weekend of unforgettable memories. Family entertainment including races, music, food, street dance and parade! Contact: Jeanne Hoagland, 417-432-3111.

Habitat For humanity Fall Rummage Sale (9th 8-5, 10th 8-noon) 500 South College Street

Walker Fun Days –Always 3rd weekend in Sept., (16 – 17) – Main Street, Walker, Missouri. Celebrate Walker's annual "Fun Days." Activities include games, craft booths, free music, street dance, tractor pull and much more!

Bronaugh Fall Festival – Last Saturday of September - (24th) Bronaugh, Missouri. Heartwarming celebration of family and down home fun. Parade, free concert, games for the kids and various booths are set up for your enjoyment. Contact: Angie Daniels 417-922-3564.

McGennis Youth Center BBQ – Late September – (26th) (Not always the same) McGennis Youth Center, Metz, Missouri. Come join the fun with games for children! Following the games at 5:00pm there will be a benefit auction. Dinner served at 5:30 for a small fee. Contact: Scott and Tina Sudkamp. 417-484-3216.

SEPTEMBER – MAY

Habitat For Humanity Potato lunch at the community room at the First Christian Church. 2nd Wednesday of each month. 11-12:30 Order that day 684-2666

OCTOBER

4-H Chicken BBQ – (Always first Saturday in October) (2nd) Vernon County Fairgrounds, Nevada. 4-H fundraiser. Join us for great chicken barbeque, slaw, baked potato, bread and a drink. Contact: U of Mo Extension Office 448-2560.

United Way Oktoberfest – (Always second Saturday in October) (8th). A fun filled day, showcasing United Way member agencies. Live entertainment, games, food and plenty of fun! Contact Peggy Tedlock 417-667-5563.

Taste of Home - Sat. TBD (Always odd years) National touring cooking school with live demonstrations. Prizes, vendors and gift bags for those attending. Call the Chamber of Commerce 417-667-5300 for more information.

NOVEMBER

Retail Holiday Open Houses – (Always first full Friday and Saturday in November) (4-5) Nevada retail areas. Fall and Christmas Open Houses sponsored by retail, floral and gift shops. Come get in the holiday spirit here in Nevada. Contact: Chamber of Commerce 417-667-5300.

United Methodist Church Annual Holiday Bazaar (4th 5-7pm, 5th 8-2) Handcrafted items, tag sale and baked goods. 500 South College Street.

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

Lights at the Lake – (Always from Thanksgiving through New Year's day) Radio Springs Park, Nevada, Missouri. Come take the beautifully lighted drive around Radio Springs Lake and see the many lights breathtakingly reflected off the water. Nightly after Thanksgiving until New Year's. Contact: City of Nevada Parks and Recreation 417-667-2740.

DECEMBER

Christmas Parade – (Always first Saturday in December) (3rd) Downtown Nevada. The largest and most beautiful parade on the prairie reflects the exuberance of the holiday season in Vernon County. Floats and bands! Free admission. Contact: Chamber of Commerce to participate 417-667-5300.

Miss Merry Christmas Pageant – (Always Friday Night before Christmas Parade) Nevada High School. Young ladies grades 1 through 12 compete in four age categories to wear the crown of royalty as Miss Candy Cane, Miss Snowflake, Miss Holly or Miss Merry Christmas. Contact: Heartland Behavioral Health Services Betsy Curtis 417-448-5627.

United Methodist Church Annual Pipes & Brass Christmas Concert (18th) 2:30 pm 500 South College Street