

# 2010 Vernon County Annual Events



**Eagle Days** – February 6, 2010- Shell-Osage Conservation Area near Shell City. Come watch our National Bird in the wild. Missouri's winter eagles watching days are spectacular! Held on even years.

**Annual Chamber of Commerce Gala** – (Early spring-) (Feb 27, 2010) – We have had so many of these, we can't remember how many! Casino night, food galore, silent auction and loads of fun! Community and perspective new members are welcome. Contact: Chamber of Commerce, 417-667-5300.

**Home and Leisure Show** – (Always 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of Spring Break) (March 19 & 20, 2010) - Nevada Middle School Gymnasium; two day event showcasing regional products and services. Contact: KNEM-KNMO radio, 417-667-3113, Mike Harbit.

**Nevada Area Wide Garage Sale** – (Always first weekend in May)– Contact: Nevada Daily Mail, 417-667-3344. Hundreds of private sales are held on this weekend, a great time to find excellent savings.

**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: Leslie Carroll-Bartlett, 448-1212.

**Caring with Pride Golf Classic**- May 14, 2010. Starting at 9 am at the Frank E. Peter's Municipal Golf Course, Nevada, MO. Registration to 40 teams only. Deadline is May 7, 2010. 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** – May 15, 2010. 10:00-2:00. Benefits Habitat for Humanity. (417) 667-7134.

**Walker Fun Days** – (June 4, 5 & 6th, 2010) – Main Street, Walker, Missouri. Celebrate Walker's annual "Fun Days." Activities include games, craft booths, free music, street dance, tractor pull and much more!

**ACRA-NRCA Sanctioned Professional Rodeo** – (First weekend in June) (June 3, 4, 5, 2010) -- 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 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of June, (June 9-12) – 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 – June 12, 2010) – City/County Community Center, Nevada. One day non-juried show. Open to all entrants. Boutique and bake sale. Contact: Karen Stiles 417-549-6989.

**Eagle Riders** – (Saturday of Bushwhacker Days – June 12, 2010) Fraternal Order of Eagles Motorcycle Riders Annual Ride and meeting. Contact: Dave Jones Jr., 667-9283.

**Relay for Life** – June 25, 2010 – 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.

**Vernon County Youth Fair** (Always the weekend after July 4<sup>th</sup> (July 5-10, 2010) – 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**- (July 29, 2010...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! Location is at the Nevada/Vernon County Courthouse south side lawn at 6:30 pm. For entries contact the chamber at 417-667-5300.

**Sidewalk Sale** – (July 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> 2010) Retail community on and surrounding the historic square hold annual summer clearance sales in preparation for new fall merchandise. Call the chamber 417-667-5300 for more info.

**Hume Fair** – (First full week of August) (August 2-7, 2010) – 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) (August 3, 2010) 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) (August 13-14, 2010) 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.

**KCBS Sanctioned Southwest Missouri "Light My Fire" BBQ Competition** – (September 10 & 11) Come join us in our first annual sanctioned BBQ competition! Non-sanctioned judging Fri. evening and sanctioned judging on Saturday. Call Nevada / Vernon County Chamber of Commerce 417-667-5300 for more information or visit [www.lightmyfirebbq@sbcglobal.net](http://www.lightmyfirebbq@sbcglobal.net)

**Schell City Fall Festival – Mid-September** (September 10-11, 2010) - 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.

**Missouri Osage Territory Muzzle Loaders Rendezvous** – (September 10, 11, 12)(Not always the same) - Marmaduke Park, west of 71 Highway. Nevada outdoor classroom instruction and demonstration for Vernon County and Nevada R-5 schools and is open to the public. Traders and Black Powder Sanctioned Missouri Offhand Match. Novelty-pistol, novelty-trade gun, primitive/modern camping, modern crafters area. Contact: John/Joy Preston, 417-667-2129.

**Bronaugh Fall Festival – Last Sat of September** - (September 25, 2010), 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: Laura Rider 417-922-3451.

**McGennis Youth Center BBQ – Late September** – (Sun, September 26, 2010) (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.

**4-H Chicken BBQ** – (Always first Saturday in October) (Oct 2, 2010) 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.

**Taste of Home** – every other year in Nevada (odd years). Contact Nevada / Vernon County Chamber of Commerce, 417-667-5300.

**United Way Octoberfest** – (Always second Saturday in October) (Oct 9, 2010). A fun filled day, showcasing United Way member agencies. Live entertainment, games, food and plenty of fun! Contact Peggy Tedlock 417-667-5563.

**Retail Holiday Open Houses** – (Always first full Friday and Saturday in November) (November 5 - 6, 2010) 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.

**Christmas Parade** – (Always first Saturday in December) (December 4, 2010) Downtown Nevada. The largest and most beautiful parade on the prairie reflects the exuberance of the holiday season in Vernon County. Free admission. Contact: Chamber of Commerce 417-667-5300.

**Miss Merry Christmas Pageant** – (Always associated with 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, Katie Davis, 417-667-2666 or Chamber of Commerce, 417-667-5300.

**Lights at the Lake** – (Always from Thanksgiving through New Year's) 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.