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Festivals Heat Up Jackson County's Summer



Holiday Inn Express Opens its Doors in Seymour

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## Calendar of Events

### JULY

- 4 Independence Day Celebration at Freeman Field, Seymour. For information, call 812-522-4020.
- 6-8 Freetown July Festival, held in downtown Freetown. Events include music, food, crafts, flea market, parade, baby contest. For information, call Sharon Yost at 812-497-2150 or 497-2298.
- 7 Round Barn Bike Ride, starts at Brownstown Central High School. Various routes are available. For information, call 888-524-1914 or email laraymer@earthlink.net.
- 7 Wolf Pack Challenge Modifieds racing at Brownstown Speedway. For information, call 812-358-5332.
- 9-13; 16-20; 23-27 Youth Summer Art Camp, held from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Southern Indiana Center for the Arts, 2001 N. Ewing Street, Seymour. Call 812-522-2278.
- 11 Garden Tea Party and Luncheon held at Café Batar, 12649 E. U.S. 50, Seymour. Salad, sweets and tea tasting, \$15 per person. For information, call 812-522-8617.
- 14 Women in the Outdoors Event, held at Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge, 12985 E. U.S. Hwy. 50, Seymour. For information, call 812-522-4352.
- 14 Racing at Brownstown Speedway. Hot laps at 5:30 p.m. For information, call 812-358-5332 or visit brownstownspeedway.com.
- 15 Norman Station Conservation Club Bluegrass Jams, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., held at Norman Station Conservation Club, 12157 W. Co. Rd. 450N., Norman. For information, call 812-995-2308.

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## Chateau de' Pique Brings New Flavor to Seymour

The Chateau de' Pique Winery recently opened its doors in Seymour and offers much more than just wine. A restored barn on the property serves as a reception area with a tasting room that can seat up to 126 people. The upstairs of the barn area offers a chapel which can be used for small wedding ceremonies and offers a gorgeous view of the countryside. Also on the nearly 80 acres, located at 6361 North County Road 760 East, is a large tent which can seat nearly 400 people for wedding receptions, parties, and gatherings. The tasting room, which offers free wine tasting, is open daily and now offers 7 types of wines, ranging in price from \$10 to \$15. Three acres of both white and red grapes



have been planted and will take approximately 3-4 years to mature. Future plans for the winery include an outdoor amphitheater, a permanent tasting room, a gift shop and a chateau. A Wine Fest will be held on the property September 28-29. For more information about the Chateau de' Pique, call 812-522-9296.

## JULY (Continued)

- 18 and 21 Junior Birder Program, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge, 12985 E. U.S. Hwy. 50, Seymour. For information, call 812-522-4352.
- 21 Butterfly Count, 9:30 a.m., held at Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge, 12985 E. U.S. Hwy. 50, Seymour. For information, call 812-522-4352.
- 22-28 Jackson County 4-H Fair, held in Brownstown. For information, call 888-524-1914.
- 25 Grandmother, Granddaughter Tea held at Café Batar, 12649 E. U.S. 50, Seymour. Open for girls between 3 and 12 years old. Cost is \$15 per person. For information, call 812-522-8617.
- 26 Thursday Night Fair Race at Brownstown Speedway, 462 E. Co. Rd. 100S., Brownstown. For information, call 812-358-5332 or visit [www.brownstownspeedway.com](http://www.brownstownspeedway.com).
- 28 Jackson County Fair Race at Brownstown Speedway. For information, call 812-358-5332 or visit [www.brownstownspeedway.com](http://www.brownstownspeedway.com).
- 30-August 3 WJAA Bustock, held downtown Seymour. Music and concerts held throughout the week. For information, call 812-523-3343 or visit [www.wjaa.net](http://www.wjaa.net).

## AUGUST

- 1-4 Teen Art camp at Southern Indiana Center for the Arts, 2001 N. Ewing Street, Seymour. Open to students grade six through 12. For information, call 812-522-2278.
- 4, 11 Racing at Brownstown Speedway. For information, call 812-358-5332 or visit [brownstownspeedway.com](http://brownstownspeedway.com).
- 10-11; 17-18 "The Good Doctor," presented by Jackson County Community Theatre, 121 W. Walnut St., Brownstown. For information, call 812-358-JCCT.
- 11 Cars for a Kause Car Show, sponsored by Seymour Time Turners Car Club, held at Bob Poynter Car lot, Seymour. For information, call 812-522-7645 or visit [timeturners.org](http://timeturners.org).
- 12 62nd Annual VJ Day Parade, 1 p.m., downtown Seymour. For information, call 812-522-1207.
- 15 Red Hatters Tea Party and Luncheon held at Café Batar, 12649 E. U.S. 50, Seymour. Salad, sweets and tea tasting, \$15 per person. For information, call 812-522-8617.
- 17-18 28th Annual Jackson 100 Lucas Oil Series at Brownstown Speedway. 17 – Night Before the Jackson ; 18 – Jackson 100. For information, visit [brownstownspeedway.com](http://brownstownspeedway.com) or call 812-358-5332.
- 19 Norman Station Conservation Club Bluegrass Jams, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., held at Norman Station Conservation Club, 12157 W. Co. Rd. 450N., Norman. For information, call 812-995-2308.
- 23-25 Brownstown MelonFest, held around the courthouse in Brownstown. Vendors, activities, a large parade and music are held. For information, call 812-358-2930.
- 25 Demolition Derby at Brownstown Speedway. For information, call 812-358-5332 or visit [brownstownspeedway.com](http://brownstownspeedway.com).
- 30 Pepsi Family Fun Night racing at Brownstown Speedway, Brownstown. For information, call 812-358-5332 or [brownstownspeedway.com](http://brownstownspeedway.com).

## Seymour's Holiday Inn Express Open for Business

Seymour's newest hotel, Holiday Inn Express, opened its doors on June 11.

The hotel, located at 249 Sandy Creek Drive, is the 11th hotel in the Jackson County area.

The three-level hotel has 85 rooms, a large conference/meeting area and is easily accessible from both Interstate 65 and U.S. Highway 50. A large Express Start breakfast is available for all guests, as is high speed internet.

The hotel offers a large, indoor pool with a hot tub area and a fitness center. A variety of room designs with king or queen beds, kitchenettes and whirlpools are also available.



A manager reception is held every Monday through Thursday evening and the hotel is located next to Shadowood Golf Course and several area restaurants.

For additional information about Seymour's Holiday Inn Express, call 812-522-1200 or visit [hiexpress.com](http://hiexpress.com).

## Upcoming Events Include Small Town Festivals and Racing

### Freetown July Festival

Freetown will once again celebrate the nation's birthday during the Freetown July Festival, held July 6 through July 8.

The festival will be held Friday, July 6 through Sunday, July 8. Events will take place at the Pershing Township Park at the north edge of Freetown, next to the Freetown Elementary School.

Activities during the event include: a variety of music, karaoke, community talent, baby contests, games, sack races, pedal tractor race, horseshoe pitching, an auction and a hog roast and fish fry. A large parade will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

There will also be crafters and a flea market. Vendors are welcome and may call 812-497-2150 or 812-497-2298 for information.

### Brownstown MelonFest

The Brownstown Melonfest is set for the weekend before Labor Day Weekend, August 23-25, on the Courthouse Square in Brownstown.

Craft and food vendors, carnival rides

and games, a variety of stage entertainment, and children's and adult activities offer fun for the entire family.

A sample of activities includes a parade; watermelon steal, eating, seed-spitting and carving contests; frog jumping; pedal tractor pull; 5K Run/Walk, and sports tournaments.

For more information, call the Brownstown Chamber at 812-358-2930 or visit [brownstownchamber.com](http://brownstownchamber.com).

### Jackson 100

The 28th Annual Jackson 100 will be held on Saturday, August 18, at Brownstown Speedway, 1 mile southeast of Brownstown. The race is a Lucas Oil Series race, paying \$15,000 to win. The event is sponsored by Bob Poynter Ford of Seymour.

The night before the Jackson 100, August 17, there will be a separate race with super stocks and late models sponsored by 31 Diesel Truck and Hercamp Crane.

For information about the Jackson 100, call 812-358-5332 or 569-1982, or visit [brownstownspeedway.com](http://brownstownspeedway.com).

# Jackson County Fair Heats Up July 22

The Jackson County Fair attracts thousands who enjoy the food, entertainment, exhibits and catching up with friends and family. The fair will be held Sunday, July 22 through Saturday, July 28, at the Jackson County Fairgrounds, 1 mile southeast of Brownstown.

For a complete schedule of daily events, grandstand highlights and midway attractions, visit [jacksoncountyfair.org](http://jacksoncountyfair.org) or call 888-524-1914.

## Highlights Include:

Sunday, July 22 – Buildings open at 1 p.m.; Frog Jumping Frenzy Contest 6:30 p.m.; Fair Queen Pageant 8 p.m.

Monday, July 23 – Spelling bee 1 p.m.; Tammy's Dance Studio 6 p.m.; Gospel Jamboree at 8 p.m.; Family night on midway, unlimited rides 6 p.m. to closing with \$15 bracelet.

Tuesday, July 24 – Older American's Fun and Games 10 a.m.; Crowning of 4-H King and Queen 2 p.m.; Columbus City Band 6:30 p.m.; Demolition Derby 8 p.m.; Family Night at midway, unlimited rides 6 p.m. to closing with \$15 bracelet.

Wednesday, July 25 – Schneck Medical Center Food Show 1 p.m.; Pedal Tractor Pull 3:30 p.m.; Tractor and Pick-Up Pull 6:30 p.m.; Kiddie Day on midway, unlimited rides noon to 5 p.m. with \$10 bracelet.



Thursday, July 26 – Cool Digs for Kids 5:30 p.m.; Stars and Stripes Cloggers 6:30 p.m.; Thursday Night Thunder 7 p.m.; Coupon Night on midway, unlimited rides 6 p.m. to closing with \$15 bracelet.

Friday, July 27 – Fashion Show noon; Mello-Tones Barbershop Chorus 5:30 p.m.; Grand Parade of Champions 6:30 p.m.; Rising Stars Local Singing Contest, 8 p.m.; Moonlight Madness on midway, unlimited rides 6 p.m. to midnight with \$15 bracelet.

Saturday, July 28 – Livestock auction 8:30 a.m.; Little Farmer Baby Contest 2 p.m.; Auto Racing 7 p.m.; Kiddie Day on midway, unlimited rides noon to 5 p.m. with \$10 bracelet and 6 p.m. to closing with \$15 bracelet.

for \$12.

For more information, email Larry Raymer at [raymer.larry@insightbb.com](mailto:raymer.larry@insightbb.com) or visit [roundbarnbikeride.com](http://roundbarnbikeride.com).

## Back 2 School Ride

The Back 2 School Bike Ride will be held Saturday, August 18, in Seymour. The ride offers 5, 27, 43, 62 and 100 mile routes.

Check points will be placed every five miles with emergency and repair SAG wagons available.

Registration will be open from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. at the Seymour High School. Fees are \$20 per person for early registration; \$40 per family, which includes 2 shirts; and \$15 for students, with shirt.

For information, call 812-524-7433 or email [rideb2@aol.com](mailto:rideb2@aol.com).

## Bike Rides Pedal Into Brownstown and Seymour

### Round Barn Bike Ride

One of the region's best kept secrets of the summer bike touring season will be held Saturday, July 7. The Brownstown Exchange Club's Round Barn Bike Ride will begin at Brownstown Central High School, with registration from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.

The ride, which began in 1992, consists of three routes, 20, 32 miles and 62 miles. The routes range from flat to gently rolling routes. Riders will see Jackson County's three round barns and pass by the nation's longest covered bridge in Medora. An optional route over Jackson County's scenic Skyline Drive is also available.

Registration is \$20, which includes snack stops, maps, well-marked routes and SAG Service. T-shirts are available



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## Visit the Jackson County Visitor Center Fair Booth

Make sure to stop by the Jackson County Visitor Center booth during the Jackson County Fair. The booth will be in Exhibit Building 2, located near the grandstand. Visitors can register to win Jackson County goody baskets and learn more about the county.

For information about the Jackson County Visitor Center, call 888-524-1914.

## Women In the Outdoors Event at Muscatatuck

The Dogwood Drummers Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation will present the Women in the Outdoors on Saturday, July 14, at Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge.

The event will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., with registration at 7:30 a.m.

The \$35 registration is limited and includes Women in the Outdoors courses, lunch, subscription to Women in the Outdoors magazine and a one-year membership to Women in the Outdoors. Courses offered range from archery, outdoor cooking and fly fishing to kayaking, self-defense, shotgunning and survival/backpacking and wing bone call making.

Women in the Outdoors is dedicated to providing interactive outdoor educational opportunities for women ages 14 and older.

For information, contact Deana Eltringham at [longdogs@voyager.net](mailto:longdogs@voyager.net) or call 812-392-3054 or Maryellen Steward at [turkeyhunter1956@hotmail.com](mailto:turkeyhunter1956@hotmail.com) or call 812-522-1603.

## JCCT Announces 2007-2008 Season

The Jackson County Community Theatre presents four plays each season, including a dinner theatre production. This year's productions are:

- \* The Good Doctor, August 10-11, 17-18
- \* The Very Great Grandson of Sherlock Holmes, November 9-10, 16-17
- \* Dinner theatre Pump Boys and Dinettes, February 15-16, 22-23
- \* White as Snow, Red as Blood, April 25-26, May 2-3.

All productions except for the dinner theatre are held at Royal-off-the-Square Theatre on Walnut Street in Brownstown. The cost is \$8.00, and is discounted to \$6.00 for senior citizens and students. Tickets are available in advance of the play at Family Drug in Brownstown, and at Bevers Family Pharmacy in Seymour.

Tickets are available at the door.

Performances begin at 7:30 p.m.

For information, call  
812-358-5228 or visit

[www.jcct.org](http://www.jcct.org).

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Jackson County Visitor Center is the official tourism destination marketing and management organization for Jackson County, Indiana. As a strong advocate of sustainable tourism and economic development, the Jackson County Visitor Center markets the county's natural and developed environmental, historical, cultural and industrial attractions to vacation travelers and meeting groups.

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