

JACKSONVILLE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CHAMBER REVIEW

JULY 2026 CHAMBER EVENTS

- 14 Membership Services
Division meeting -
noon at the Chamber
- 15 IT Roundtable -
noon at the Chamber
- 21 Board meeting -
noon at the Chamber
- 21 Summer Ag Tour at Lukeman
Garden & Education Center -
4:30-6 p.m.
- 27 Golf Outing at K's Creek -
4 p.m. Shotgun Start
- 29 BEP Kickoff Luncheon -
11:30 a.m. at the Country Club



SUMMER AG TOUR - JULY 21

The Agri-Industry Division invites you to attend their Summer Ag Tour on Tuesday, July 21 at Lukeman Garden & Education Center. Members are invited to an Open House and Self-Guided Tour of the gardens. Horticulture Educator Ken Johnson and Ag & Natural Resource Educator Michelle Berg will present information on the Oaks of Anna; Raised Bed Gardens; In-ground Gardening and Caterpillar Tunnel Greenhouses.

The Lukeman Garden & Research Center located at the corner of Lincoln Avenue and Hoagland is an educational research and community engagement project of the University of IL Extension. The Tom and Kelly Clancy Lukeman family donated the grounds for the project.

Come any time between 4:30-6 p.m. on July 21 to tour the gardens. No need to RSVP. No cost to attend.



LLCC INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM INFO SESSIONS

Lincoln Land Community College is offering a new program in its Jacksonville location beginning this fall. The two-semester program will focus on industrial technology that will give students the knowledge to jump in and repair or maintain high-tech machines used in factories, warehouses, hospitals and more. Tuition, books and fees for qualifying students will be funded by

Jacksonville Public Schools Foundation, Jacksonville Promise and a Sol Systems grant. Classes will be held Monday-Thursday evenings this fall and next spring. To learn more about this program, attend an information session at LLCC-Jacksonville on July 8 at 5:30 p.m. or July 21 at 5:30 p.m. To learn more visit www.llcc.edu/industrial.

DON'T MISS IT!

FINAL CHAMBER GOLF OUTING OF THE YEAR

Join us for the final golf outing of the season at K's Creek on Monday, July 27 at 4 p.m. with a \$10,000 Hole in One contest sponsored by Stewart's Autobody. The nine-hole event includes a delicious dinner at Kitchen 63 afterward. Dinner only reservations are also available at \$40 each.

Thanks to our major golf sponsors - CASSCOMM; Golden Eagle Illinois; Hy-Vee; Jacksonville Regional Economic Development Corporation; O'Shea Builders; Stewart's Autobody; and Westtown Ford Lincoln.



Monday, July 27, 4:00 pm

\$70 per player

- Dinner • Cart Included • Prizes
- 2 Beverage Tickets • Mulligan

[REGISTER HERE](#)



Inside!
HEALTH FAIR



BUSINESS BRIEFS



FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS MOVING DOWNTOWN

The Festival of Lights is moving downtown. They will continue to offer a festive holiday experience that will be free and open to the public so your display will be seen by everyone that travels the area during its 6-week span of November 27-December 31. The lights will begin shining following Santas arrival on Nov 27th. Sponsorship opportunities are available including a lighted ornament with business logo or program booklet advertising. Contact Sarah Shellhammer at 217-491-1377. Jacksonville Festival of Lights is a 501c3 nonprofit corporation.

OSHA TRAINING OFFERED BY LLCC

Lincoln Land Community College is offering OSHA 30-Hour General Industry Training. Designed for supervisors and safety staff, classes will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 21-30, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and will cover OSHA safety standards under 29 CFR 1910, focusing on workplace safety, worker rights and employer responsibilities. Participants who successfully complete the course will receive an official OSHA Department of Labor card. Fee: \$199 (use discount code "Earlybird" for 50% off). Register online through the Professional Development Institute at Lincoln Land Community College: www.llcc.edu/osha



Follow the Chamber on Facebook and Instagram!



UGRR CEMETERY TOUR ON JULY 11

"Walk With Heroes," a guided cemetery tour of Underground Railroad conductor grave sites, will be held Saturday, July 11 at 6 p.m. at Diamond Grove Cemetery, 1601 Lincoln Road in Jacksonville. The event, which is free and open to the public, is being held in conjunction with the Journey to Freedom: Illinois' Underground Railroad exhibit currently on display at the Jacksonville Area Museum at 301 E. State Street.

Historian Chad Boehlke will guide and narrate the tour that will visit the final resting places of many Underground Railroad conductors from Jacksonville, people who helped numerous Freedom Seekers on the road to freedom. Participants should dress for the weather and bring water. In case of inclement weather, the cemetery tour will be rescheduled for the following Saturday, July 18.

Journey to Freedom: Illinois' Underground Railroad highlights the courageous stories of freedom seekers and the multi-racial conductors who assisted them on the Underground Railroad in Illinois. The exhibit is open to the public at the Jacksonville Area Museum through August 1, 2026 during the museum's normal hours of operation: 10 am to 4 pm Wednesdays and Saturdays and 1 to 4 pm on Sundays.

Journey to Freedom: Illinois' Underground Railroad is proudly presented by The Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area, also known as Looking for Lincoln.

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

45+ YEARS

Gano Electric
Jacksonville Journal-Courier
Jacksonville School District #117
Zink Auto Clinic

25 YEARS

Community State Bank

15 YEARS

Isringhausen Imports

5 YEARS

Legacy Dance & Tumbling Complex
The Little Stove
The Triangle Bar & Grill



STORY WALK ON THE SQUARE

Cass- Morgan Ag in the Classroom is offering Story Walk on the Square this summer. During the month of July, enjoy "Tales of Dairy Godmother" by Viola Butler. Start in the Northwest corner of the Downtown Square and view a page of the book in business windows. As you walk around the Square, you can scan the QR codes for more questions as you read the story. Enoy reading these stories together as you combine family fun with ag literacy. Those participating can enter a drawing for a gift from CMFB.



FOR A HIGH DEMAND CAREER IN INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY

Industrial techs have the knowledge to jump in and repair or maintain high-tech machines used in factories, warehouses, hospitals and more.

Attend night classes for industrial technology at LLCC-Jacksonville for **FREE!** Classes for this Monday-Thursday, two-semester program start this fall, and students will have tuition, fees and books covered. * Register now and take the next step toward your career.

*Funded by Jacksonville Public Schools Foundation and Sol System Grant. Students must maintain satisfactory academic standards.



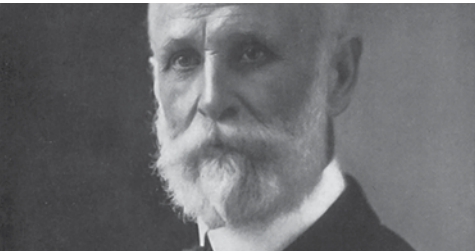
Get in.
Get trained.
Get a job.

Register now for July 8 & 21 information sessions.



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BUSINESS BRIEFS *continued...*



JULY 31 - GV BLACK BIRTHDAY PARTY

The G.V. Black District Dental Society is hosting a 190th Birthday Celebration for Greene Vardiman Black, the Father of Modern Dentistry, who practiced in Jacksonville for thirty years in the nineteenth century. The event is scheduled for Friday, July 31, beginning with a cash bar at 5 p.m. The event will begin with a prime rib dinner at Hamilton's and a guest speaker who will review the highlights of the life and times of this famous native son. The evening will conclude with a special showing the new exhibit featuring G.V. Black at the Jacksonville History Museum. The program cost is \$40. Any interested can contact Dr. Susan Weller at 217-245-0224 to make reservations.

BRADBURY SHOW JULY 10-11

Couplings by Ken Bradbury will be held on Friday and Saturday, July 10 & 11 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, July 12 at 2 p.m. at Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, 1447 Merritt Road, Jacksonville. Admission is \$10 at the door with general admission seating. All proceeds benefit the Ken Bradbury Foundation which supports music and theatre programs for area youth.

PILOT CLUB JULY PARK CONCERTS

Pilot Club of Jacksonville is offering Concerts in the Park in July at the Big Bandstand in Community Park at 6 p.m. Featured musicians for July are Brett Burchard on July 5; Pam & Danny Lovelace on July 12; Jacksonville Drumline Institute on July 19; & Rod Nicholson with Aaron and Rick Bargur on July 26.



MORGAN COUNTY FAIR JULY 7-12

Morgan County Fair will be held July 7-12. For a full list of activities and calendar of events, [click here](#). Celebrate ag and community by visiting the 2026 Morgan County Fair!

BUSINESS INDEX

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE MAY 1-31, 2026

TOTAL BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED
2025: 86 2026: -

TOTAL 2025 REPORTED CONSTRUCTION
\$ 1,164,548.09

TOTAL 2026 REPORTED CONSTRUCTION
N/A

*Source: Dept. of Zoning, Inspection & Code Enforcement

JACKSONVILLE SALES TAX
2025: \$ 480,853.00
2026: \$ 413,319.81

JACKSONVILLE MOTOR FUEL TAX
2025: \$ 63,670.06
2026: \$ 65,029.71

JACKSONVILLE HOTEL/MOTEL TAX
2025: \$ 23,511.89
2026: \$ 25,196.64

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to schedule your date today.

PILOT CLUB

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

MAY 28, 2026

Pilot Club held an After Hours on May 28 to celebrate their 75th anniversary. Guests enjoyed refreshments, viewing memorabilia and visiting with Pilot Club members. Pilot International's mission is to influence positive change in communities throughout the world. To do that, they come together in friendship and service, focusing on encouraging brain safety and health and supporting those who care for others. The Pilot Club of Jacksonville carries out that mission in various ways, including supporting a local elementary school's Step classes, awarding grants to local organizations that align with the mission, educating youth on the importance of bike helmets, and honoring caregivers.. For information about the club and/or its grants, please go to the Pilot Club of Jacksonville, Illinois Facebook page.



Justin McMurphy, Prairie Power
& Andy Smith, Bound to Stay Bound



Pilot Club members Karla Henderson, Martha Hauck,
Zoellen Smith & Sue Tapscott with Ginny Fanning



Pat Gibson, Our Saviours School; Erica Thomas, First National
Bank of Arenzville & Kristin Jamison, Jacksonville Memorial Hospital



Pilot Club member Vickie Austin and Darin Gehrke, Somercor



Jon Freeman, Freeman Seeds;
Bob Stambaugh, Senergy Electric/
Technology & Liz McMurphy,
ILMO Products



Pilot Club member Diane Farmer
and Todd Thorsen, Jacksonville Memorial Hospital

BE AWARE WELLNESS FAIR

JUNE 10, 2026

Nearly 200 people visited the Summer Fun and Wellness Fest on June 10 in Community Park. After a rainy start, exhibitors from thirty-nine local organizations and businesses were on hand to talk with attendees about health and wellness initiatives as well as summer youth activities and programs. Close to 100 households received food through the drive-thru food distribution with ground beef donated by Blue Cross Blue Shield and other items from the Central IL Food Bank. Prairieland United Way gave books donated by Bound to Stay Bound through the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Program. Salvation Army gave away prizes, including four youth bicycles' and twenty booster car seats were donated by Think First SIUSOM. A bike rodeo hosted by Jacksonville Memorial Hospital was enjoyed by many children. The Rotary Club offered free Big Eli Wheel rides to all. Thanks to all the exhibitors and volunteers who helped make the event sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois, Central IL Food Bank, Mia Ware Foundation, Jacksonville Memorial Hospital and the Chamber a huge success!



BE AWARE WELLNESS FAIR *continued...*



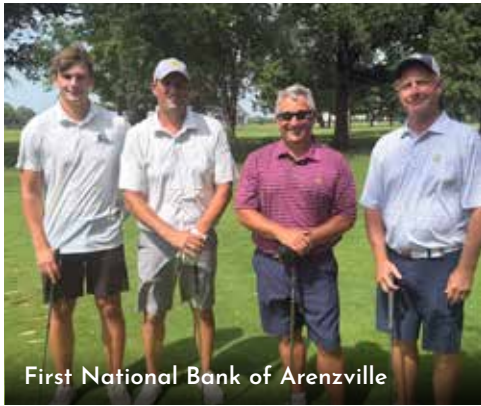
2026 EXHIBITORS

- Alzheimer's Association
- Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois
- Bob Freesen YMCA
- CASA
- Cass County Health
- Crisis Center Foundation
- Early Years Program
- Express Employment Professionals
- Fitness World Health Club
- Home Instead
- Humana
- IL Attorney General
- IL Breast & Cervical Cancer Program
- Illinois Extension
- JAFFL
- Jacksonville Lions Club
- Jacksonville Fire Dept
- Jacksonville Memorial Hospital
- Jacksonville Promise
- Jacksonville Public Library
- Jacksonville Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation Center
- Lincoln Land Community College
- Merle Norman Cosmetics
- Mia Ware Foundation
- Midwest Youth Services
- Morgan County Health Department
- NAACP
- Prairieland United Way
- Pregnancy Resource Center
- Reynolds Consumer Products
- Salvation Army
- Scouting America
- SIU Medicine
- SIU Think First
- Spirit of Faith
- Stonebridge Memory Care
- Synergy Home Care
- The Pointe at Jacksonville
- West Central Illinois Health Corporation

CHAMBER GOLF OUTING AT THE JACKSONVILLE COUNTRY CLUB

JUNE 29, 2026

Over eighty Chamber members enjoyed 18 holes of golf and camaraderie at the second Chamber Golf Outing of the season. Thank you to Mike Anderson and Amy Rivers and the Club for a wonderful outing!



CHAMBER GOLF OUTING *continued...*



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Prairie Power



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Petefish, Skiles and Company



Raffle Winner - Mike Reynolds



Susie Pennell team



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Third Place
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Sue Brosmith team
& Susie Pennell team

Closest to Pin
FNB Arenzville

Long Putt
Ryan May

All Hitting Ball in Water:
Justin McMurphy

Long Drive (Men)
Adam Jamison

Closest to Pin
Jeff Dawdy

Raffle Winner
Mike Reynolds

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150% Club members receive special
recognition in the Chamber Review, on the
Chamber website and in the Annual Report.

RENEWING MEMBERS

Thank you to members who reinvest in the Chamber, keeping links between businesses and community strong and growing.

AMBUCS
American Rental
Anytime Fitness
Autism Center of Illinois
Becker Farms
Benton Engineering
Brixx Properties
Brothers Johnson Farms
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2026
Golf Outings



Monday, July 27
\$70/player

3:30 p.m. Registration
4:00 p.m. Shotgun Start

- Dinner
- One Mulligan Included
- Prizes
- 2 Beverage Tickets
- Cart Included

*You may also join us
after golf for dinner only!
\$40/person

To Register for our Chamber Golf Outing—please call 217-245-2174
or email chamber2@jacksonvilleareachamber.org

- Name of each player (2-somes are welcome) :

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_____	_____



The Jacksonville Area
Chamber of Commerce
Agri-Industry Division invites you to

Summer Ag Tour

Lukeman Garden & Education Center

Corner of Lincoln Avenue & Hoagland

Tuesday, July 21 -- 4:30 - 6 p.m.



*Ever wondered what is in the large garden you see
driving down Morton Avenue?*

**Join us for an Open House & Self-Guided Tour
presented by Ken Johnson, Horticulture Educator
& Michelle Berg, Ag & Natural Resource Educator.**

*Learn about the ongoing research
and community engagement projects at the Lukeman Gardens!*

Jacksonville Area Chamber of Commerce
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CHAMBER REVIEW
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JACKSONVILLE MAIN STREET
DOWNTOWN
Concert Series
6:00 - 9:00 P.M.
ON THE SQUARE IN DOWNTOWN
JACKSONVILLE, ILLINOIS
BEER WAGON: 6:00 - 9:00 P.M.
BEER AND OTHER ADULT BEVERAGES

2026
Lineup



29
MAY

ALMOST
ELTON
JOHN
ELTON JOHN TRIBUTE



05
JUNE

HUDOST
ELECTRIC FOLK



12
JUNE

90S KIDS
SUPERFLY
90S TRIBUTE BAND



19
JUNE

MAURICE
JOHN
VAUGHN
BOOGIE BLUES



26
JUNE

TEGE HOLT
& THE
LONESOME
PINES
COUNTRY



17
JULY

CHAMP
JAXON
BAND
ROCKIN' BLUES



24
JULY

SHAGADELICS
DISCO



31
JULY

CLAY
CLEAR
BAND
COUNTRY