

July 30, 2026

July - **Cass-Morgan Agriculture in the Classroom** - Story Walk on the Square - enjoy reading these stories together as you combine family fun with ag literacy. The July book is "Tales of the Dairy Godmother" by Viola Butler. Click [here](#) to see optional questions to spark conversation about the book and enter a drawing for a gift from Cass-Morgan Farm Bureau.

Now - Aug 7 - **Calling all students! Nominate your Favorite Teacher!** Love your teacher? Nominate them to be entered to win a basket of school supplies and a teacher's goody basket! Text 217-883-3283 with: your name, teacher's name, grade/subject that they teach, school name and why they're your favorite! Sponsored by The Grove Health & Rehab Center.

July 31, Aug 1 & Aug 7-8 - **Back to School Supply Drive hosted by the Jacksonville Lions Club** - at Walmart. The Jacksonville Public Schools Foundation is in need of: glue, markers, folders, pens, colored pencils, scissors for older kids, highlighters, Kleenex, hand sanitizer and dry erase markers.

July 31 - **The G.V. Black District Dental Society** - 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. A cash bar begins at 5:00 p.m. at Hamilton's. A prime rib dinner and a guest speaker will review highlights the life and times of this famous native son. The evening will conclude with a special showing of the new exhibit featuring G.V. Black at the Jacksonville History Museum. Along with dentists, local non-dentists and history buffs are invited to this event. The cost is \$40.00 If you're interested in making a reservation, contact Dr. Susan Well at 217-245-0224

July 31 - **Downtown Concert Series-** Come out and enjoy the last Downtown Concert of the summer! Listen to Country Music by the Clay Clear Band at 6:00 p.m. The Beer Wagon and food trucks will also be available! Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy dinner and drinks and a free family-friendly night downtown!

Aug 2 - **Pilot Club Summer Concerts in the Park** - 6:00 p.m. in Community Park at the Big Bandstand - enjoy the music of the New Jerusalem Singers (First Baptist Church).

Aug 4 - **National Night Out** - 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. in Community Park. Free Ferris Wheel Rides, Music by Robert Sampson, The Salvation Army will be providing free food and drinks. AirEvac will have a helicopter landing you can watch as well as kids' crafts and games!

Aug 7 - **The Peddlers Antiques and Home Décor Shoppes Customer Appreciation Day** - free gift with purchase and special extended hours - open until 7:00 p.m. Come see us at 1847 South Main St.

Aug 9 - **Pilot Club Summer Concerts in the Park** - 6:00 p.m. in Community Park at the Big Bandstand - enjoy the music of Terry Brennan (First Baptist Church).

Aug 15 - **Taste of Cultures** - 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the Jacksonville African American History Museum located at 859 Grove St. Join us for this annual community event with live entertainment, raffle prizes, games, tours of the museum - and foods! \$15 admission for adults and \$5 for children 8 and under with an adult. All are welcome! For questions or more information call 217-414-5059.

Please post to share with your associates. Thank you!

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