

Grafton Riverbeat

October Events, Music & Things to do

New Fall Color Tours start in October in Grafton

The first-ever Fall Colors and River Road History Tours are 20-passenger guided shuttle tours that will highlight the beautiful Fall colors found on the river bluffs flanking the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers between Grafton and Elsah. They include visits to the historic Village of Elsah, Principia College, and Pere Marquette State Park with photo stops at each place. Tickets are \$27.50 per person.

Fall Colors Tours Dates: Thurs., Oct. 20, Fri., Oct. 21, Thurs., Oct. 27, Fri. Oct. 28, Thurs., Nov. 3 & Fri., Nov. 4.

All tours begin at 1 p.m. Please meet at 12:45 p.m. in the parking lot of Grafton Sky Tour, Main Street, Grafton, to board the shuttle. Tickets are available online at: RiversandRoutes.com/things-to-do/buy-tickets.

**Tickets must be purchased in advance & are non-refundable.

**Shuttle is not ADA accessible.





Grab your broomsticks and join us in Grafton October 22 for Witches on the Water! The evening includes specials on brews, potions, discounts and treats at area bars & shops. There will be magical entertainment, shuttle rides, costume prizes, photo ops, dancing, vendors, a bonfire and more. Bring your whole coven for a fantastic time! Proceeds go to support a Veterans Memorial project in Grafton, IL.

Registration on-site 4-7 pm, Mason Hollow Park, \$10 per witch (or warlock). Also, this year wristband presales will be available Friday, Oct. 21 from 5-7pm in person at Mason Hollow Park so you can get a head start on Saturday if you are spending the weekend! For full details of participating businesses, visit their Facebook page.

Happenings along the River

Things to Do

Grafton Sky Tour: Thursday-Sunday 11:30 am-7pm

Grafton Zip Line: Open 7 days a week. 14 West Main St. Call 786-9477 for information.

Eckert's Orchards Grafton Open Tuesday-Sunday 9am to 6pm. The Grafton Farm closes in October after apple and pumpkin picking seasons. Located at 20995 Eckert Orchard Rd.

Edward Amburg Museum & Visitor Center: Thursday-Sunday 10am-4pm and Monday Holidays.

Grafton Harbor Boat Cruises: April-November. For complete list & reservations go to www.graftonharbor.com or call 618-786-7678.

Riverside Flea Market at the Loading Dock: Final Flea Market of the season: October 22^{nd} & 23^{rd} from 9am to 5pm.

Sunset at The Grafton Winery Vineyards: The 2nd Friday of each month. Call 618-786-3001 for more info.

Pere Marquette State Park: Friday Oct. 21st, Boos and Booze Halloween Costume Party starting at 6pm. Free admission. Hosted in their winery, the event will feature creepy cocktails, live music, spooky history, a costume contest at 9pm and tarot card readings. For information and reservations on all events call 618-786-2331.



New Alpine Coaster!

Welcome To

Calling all adventure seekers! Head over to Aeries Resort for a thrill ride on the Alpine Coaster, the first of its kind in Illinois. Featuring 7 hairpin turns, 8 waves/jumps and twists & turns. Each sled holds one adult and one small child. Already the ride has drawn a crowd and has been a big hit with all ages. Call 618-786-8439 for information on operating hours and current pricing or visit their website www.aeriesview.com.



The 5th Annual Mississippi Masters will be taking place on Friday, Oct. 7th (rain date Oct. 14). Jersey County Backstoppers has been added as a co-beneficiary of the tournament proceeds this year. Check-in starts at 11:30 am and there is a 1pm shotgun start. The field is almost complete for the tournament but there are still a few openings for players! A big thank you to all the sponsors, donors, volunteers, and participants. To add a team or make a donation to Backstoppers go to www.graftonilchamber.com.





Shopping

Aeries Gift Shop 600 Timber Ridge Dr: Open Daily 12 -5pm.

Cox's Rivertown Mill Art & Gifts 115 W Washington: Call for hours 812-994-9007.

Golden Eagle Antiques 300 E Main: Saturday 10am-4pm, Sunday 1pm-4pm.

Grafton BP Station 200 E Main: Open Daily.

Grafton Fudge Shop 321 E Main: Open 11am-5pm.

Grafton Graphix, Darts & Crafts 1406 W Main: Open 10am-6pm Daily.

Grafton Harbor Marina Shop 215 W Water St: Open Daily.

Grafton Market 1415 W Main: Open 6am-8pm daily. Call 786-2337 for information.

Grafton Winery Shop 300 W Main: Daily from 11am-7pm.

Hideaway Farms Market 1 East Main: Open daily from 10am-5pm thru the end of October (weather permitting.



Harrisons Gifts 224 E Main: Open weekdays 11am - 4pm, weekends 10am-5pm.

Knotty By Nature 15 E Main: Daily from 10am-6pm.

Lighthouse Nutrition 218 E Main: Open 8am – 2pm Tuesday-Sunday. Meal Shakes, coffee, and healthy drinks. 618-724-4731.

Lightkeepers Coffee, Antiques & Arts 101 E Main St. Open Saturday and Sunday, coffee counter 8am-12pm, art shop open 8am-4pm.

Mosby Woodwork 309 Market St: Call for information on hours 786-2223.

Main Street Gift Shop (located right next to Lighthouse Nutrition): Open Thursday - Sunday 10am to 6pm.

Fancy Nancy on Main 307 E Main: Hours vary; Look for the Cardinals and Open flag.

Pajarito 316 E Main: Open 11am-5pm Daily.

Riverbank Gifts 225 E Main: Friday 2-6pm, Saturday and Sunday 10am-4pm.

The Lady LaMarsh 25 E Main: Weekends 10am-4pm or by chance.

The Wood Artisan 22 E Main: Tue-Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 1-4pm.



Custom-made jewelry & art can be found at The Lady LaMarsh Fine Arts & Gift Shop

Music Scene

Aerie's Winery & Terrace:

Oct 7 Dan Sproat 3-7pm.

Oct 8 Dan Sproat 12-3pm/ Left-handed Cowboy 3-7pm.

Oct 9 Jonathan Baker 1-5pm.

Oct 14 Wade Trent 3-7pm.

Oct 15 Derrick Moore 12-3pm/Rick Schroeder & Brian Tinnon 3-7pm.

Oct 16 Graham Pagano 1-5pm.

Oct 21 Bob Gilda 3-7pm

Oct 22 Luau Lenny 12-3pm/ Curt Copeland Duo 3-7pm.

Oct 23 Jonathan Baker 1-5pm.

Oct 28 Jason Micheal Cole 3-7pm.

Oct 29 Wade Trent 12-3pm/John Jarrett Littlefield 3-7pm.

Oct 30 Mesa Blues 1-5pm.

The Bloody Bucket Saloon: Live Music every weekend

Oct 7 Wade Trent 8-11pm.

Oct 8 Catfish Willie 8-11pm.

Oct 9 Jim Bergman 2-6pm.

Oct 14 TBD 8-11pm.

Oct 15 Catfish Willie 8-11pm.

Oct 16 Bob Gleason 2-6pm.

Oct 21 TBD 8-11pm.

Oct 22 TBD 8-11pm.

Oct 23 Dave Caputo 2-6pm.

Oct 28 TBD 8-11pm.

Oct 29 Bob Gleason 8-11pm.

Oct 30 Catfish Willie 2-6pm.

Grafton Winery:

Oct 8 Rockabilly Revival 3-7pm.

Oct 9 Two Pedros 2-6pm.

Oct 14 Skylark Bro Duo 5-8pm.

Oct 15 Mo Pleasure 3-7pm.

Oct 16 Synergee 2-6pm.

Oct 22 NGK Band 3-7pm.

Oct 23 Scott & Karl 2-6pm.

Oct 29 Tragg Band 3-7pm.

Oct 30 Overhead Dog 2-6pm.



Oct 8 Outlaw Opry 7pm.

Oct 15 Cherry Bomb 7pm.

Oct 15 & 16 Scallop & Oyster Festival.

Grafton Pub:

Oct 7 Midnight Special 7-11pm.

Oct 8 Backwood Burden 2-6pm/Vintage Brotherhood 7-11pm.

Oct 9 Double Wide Duo 2-6pm

Oct 11 Kevin Gruen 5-9pm.

Oct 14 Worth The Fight 7-11pm.

Oct 15 Kricket & the Grilled Avocados 1:30-5:30pm/Outlaw Opry 7-11pm.

Oct 16 Rick Schroeder 2-6pm.

Oct 18 Bullard Brothers 5-9pm.

Oct 21 City Heat 7-11pm.

Oct 22 Showdown Band 1:45-5:45pm/Exit 52 7-11pm.

Oct 23 Claudia Hensley 2:30-5:30pm.

Oct 25 Steve & Jackie 5-9pm.

Oct 28 Gatorhead 7-11pm.

Oct 29 Midnight Special 4-8pm.

Oct 30 Kevin Gruen 2-6pm.

The Loading Dock:

Oct 8 Tanglefoot 3-7pm.

Oct 9 Soulard Blues Band 2-6pm.

Oct 14 Scott & Karl 6pm.

Oct 15 Yacht Rockers 3-7pm.

Oct 16 Trilogy 2-6pm.

Oct 21 Soulard Blues Band 5pm.

Oct 22 The Truckers 3-7pm.

Oct 23 The Owlz 2-6pm.

Oct 28 Scott & Karl 6pm.

Oct 29 TBD 3-7pm. Oct 30 Trilogy 2-6pm.

The Hawg Pit: Live Music every Friday, Saturday & Sunday. Big Deal Band Oct 8. Salmon Creek Oct 16 1-5pm. Money Shot on Sunday Funday 2pm. Call 618-786-7675 for more info on other live music & times.

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