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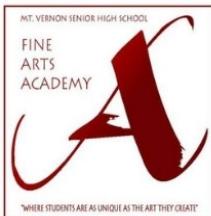


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Welcome

Hello!

Thank you so much for your interest in Mt. Vernon River Days! This year as we celebrate 18 years of bringing this fun family friendly festival to the community, we are also celebrating America's 250th anniversary a year early with a festival theme of "Stars, Stripes and Summer Nights." Since our event is in September and America's anniversary is in July, we decided to celebrate a few months early! We hope you'll celebrate with us!

We are excited to offer another opportunity for non-profit organizations, small and large businesses, groups and individuals to raise money and/or showcase what they are about to a larger audience. We're so happy they chose to join us! Plus, it warms our heart that this festival brings families and friends together for a fun and memorable weekend!

We also sincerely appreciate the businesses, organizations & individuals that were gracious enough to financially support our festival by purchasing an ad in our Festival Guide! These funds are what sustains & grows our festival while providing support for the other events that take place during River Days so we certainly couldn't do it without them! The Festival Guide also serves to inform every one of the weekends schedule, what vendors are participating and what they are selling or doing at their site.

This year we bring back old favorites such as the fireworks, both the pet and regular parade, car show, Little Miss & Mr. Pageant, plus more as well as newer attractions like the Talent Show and lighted boat parade.

Again, this year due to the generosity of Old National Bank we can offer FREE inflatable jumps to the kids.

You may notice our vendors decorating to our "Stars, Stripes & Summer Nights" theme as you walk around the festival. Judging will take place on Friday afternoon, and prizes awarded at 7 p.m., Friday so that they can display their 1st, 2nd or 3rd place ribbon for the rest of the festival. We hope you enjoy this friendly competition as much as we do!

Along with our normal festivities we have some great musical entertainment over the weekend. Local favorite Jaycee Jarvis will be singing Friday afternoon; Dulcimer Invasion will bring some great festival music along with Damien Jackson both on Saturday. Boom Squad is returning on Saturday after a year's absence to provide their energetic drumming performance as well.

Our ½ Pot Drawing is back again hoping to top last years awarded amount of \$4,266! Tickets are available at 3 Chicks, United Fidelity & IGA plus sales will continue throughout the event next to our information tent until 6 p.m. on Saturday. As usual, the drawing for 1 lucky winner will be during the Closing Ceremony.

As always, I must appreciate this year's Planning Committee for a year's worth of planning and all of their hard work coming up! The majority of this committee has given many years of their hearts to this festival and community. I hope when you see one of them running around in their purple vests over the weekend that you'll thank them for what they do! I know I can't thank any one of them enough for working beside me!

Lastly, if you'd like to join us in planning 2026's River Days, PLEASE reach out!

We'd love to have you!

God Bless,

Kay Kilgore

2025 Mt. Vernon River Days Chairman





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The above named volunteers hold a chair position within our planning committee and/or attend the planning committee meetings. However; this in no way includes all the many wonderful volunteers that help make this event possible either before, during, or after Mt. Vernon River Days. Tasks such as providing input during meetings, pick up trash, assist with parking, info booth volunteers, or serving on a sub-committee etc., are all invaluable duties. Unfortunately, if we attempted to name each of them individually we would inevitably leave someone off. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who donates their time towards the success of this festival, whether it's for an hour, the year or somewhere in between. This couldn't happen without you and please know that you are ALL truly appreciated!!!



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Activities ~ Entertainment

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11:00 a.m. Opening Ceremony with the American Legion Post #5 @ stage
11:00 - 7:00 p.m. FREE Inflatables provided by Old National Bank @ the KidZone
11:00 - 8:00 p.m. "Smoke on the Ohio" BBQ Competition
11:30 - 2:00 p.m. Storyteller Susan Fowler sponsored by The Ports of Indiana @ stage
3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Jaycee Jarvis acoustic music @ stage
5:00 p.m. Vendor Decorating Contest Judging
6:00 p.m. Little Miss & Mr. River Days Pageant @ stage
7:00 p.m. Vendor Decorating Contest Winners Announced
7:30 p.m. 3rd Annual Lighted Boat Parade in the Ohio
8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Tailgate Revival @ stage
9:00 p.m. Fireworks provided by Casabella Pyrotechnics LLC
9:30-10:30 p.m. Tailgate Revival (continued) @ stage

Saturday

8:00 a.m. 5K Run (courthouse area) sponsored by LNMfitness
9:00 a.m. Special Olympics Fire Truck Pull at MV Fire Station
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Registration for the Classic Car Show sponsored by the Pony Express Mustang and Classic Ford Club (Main St.)
10:00 a.m. Pet Parade "Stars, Stripes & Summer Nights" sponsored by the Kiwanis Club
10:00 - 4:00 p.m. Antique Tractor Display by Keck Gonnerman (2nd & Main St.)
10:00 - 7:00 p.m. FREE Inflatables provided by Old National Bank @ the KidZone
10:00 a.m. Corn Hole Sign-ups
11:00 - 6:00 p.m. "Smoke on the Ohio" BBQ Competition
11:00 a.m. Corn Hole Tournament begins
11:00 - ? Talent Show @ stage
1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Dulcimer Invasion performance @ stage
2:00 p.m. Car Show Awards Ceremony
2:30 p.m. Boom Squad at Main & Water intersection
3:00 p.m. "Smoke on the Ohio" - Judging results @ stage
4:00 p.m. Parade "Stars, Stripes & Summer Nights" (No rain date scheduled)
5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Damien Jackson acoustic music @ stage
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Tailgate Revival

Tailgate Revival delivers electrifying performances that cater to both high-energy, barn-burning revelry and intimate acoustic settings. Their performances are punctuated by unforgettable moments of camaraderie, spirited singalongs, and a showmanship that leaves a lasting impression on audiences well beyond the dimming of the neon lights.

A prominent fixture in the country scene since their inception in 2016, Tailgate Revival has swiftly evolved from a cover band into a dynamic country touring ensemble. Based in Nashville, Tennessee, the band has garnered

a dedicated following nationwide. Their original music is available on all streaming platforms, with new releases planned soon.

With a repertoire that includes iconic '90s country hits and beyond, the band also infuses their own brand of hard-hitting



country, channeling the spirit of influences like Garth Brooks, Joe Diffie, Blake Shelton, and Jon Pardi. Embracing the country-meets-rock styles of their musical heroes, Tailgate Revival has shared the stage with superstar acts like Lynyrd Skynyrd, Travis Tritt, Lainey Wilson, Trace Adkins, Riley Green, and Clay Walker.



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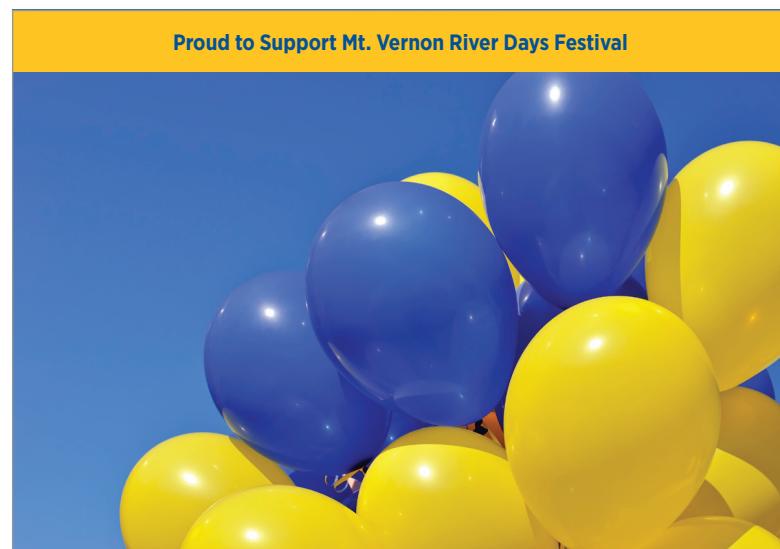
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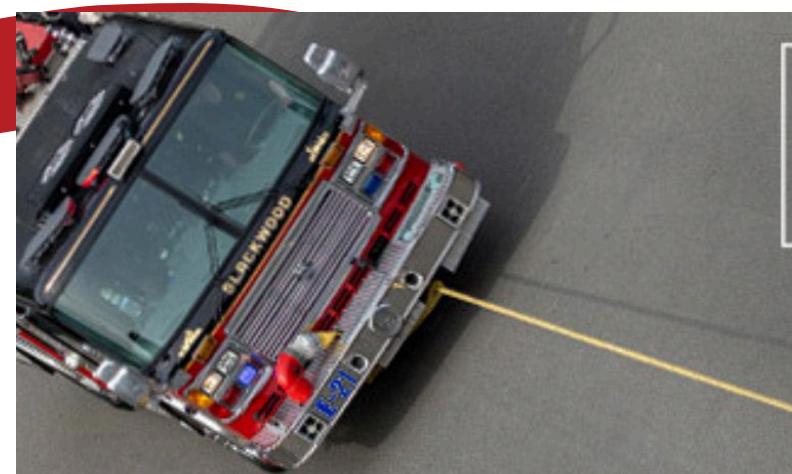
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Jaycee Jarvis



Jaycee, Miss Posey County 2025, is a small town girl from Indiana chasing big city dreams. Ever since she was a little girl she has dreamed of being on stage with her name in lights. She has a passion for country music and loves sharing her story through music.

Jaycee began her music career singing The National Anthem at her home-town sporting events. From Bosse Field to the Ford Center her voice has

taken her to an event for every sport in Evansville, Indiana. She graduated high school and headed straight for the Country Music Capital, Nashville, Tennessee.

Jaycee is in her senior year and studies Music Business at Belmont University and has three songs on all streaming platforms. Jaycee spends her free time writing songs and playing in rounds at the Commodore Grille on West End. She cannot wait to continue her career in music and release more of her original songs throughout the year.



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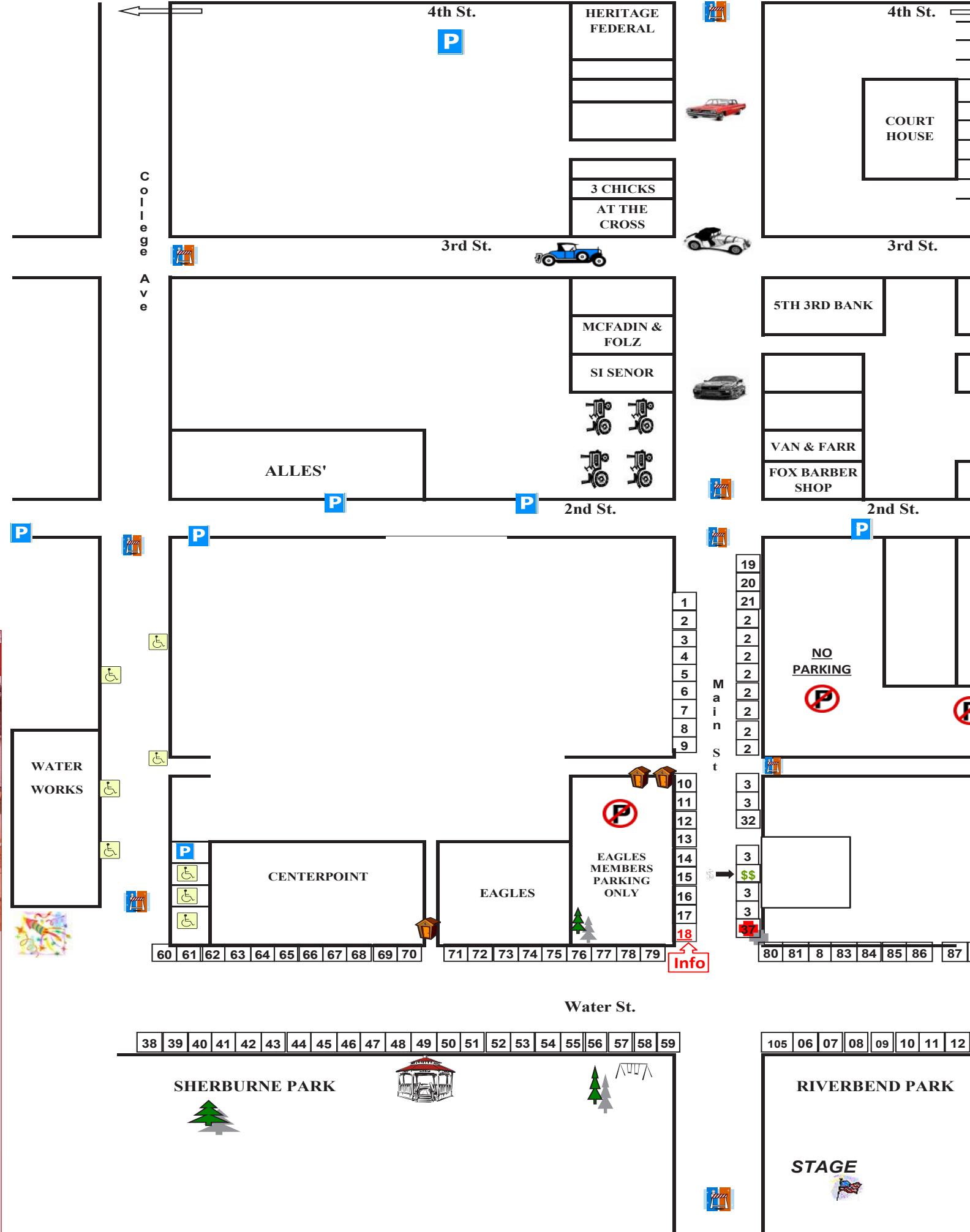
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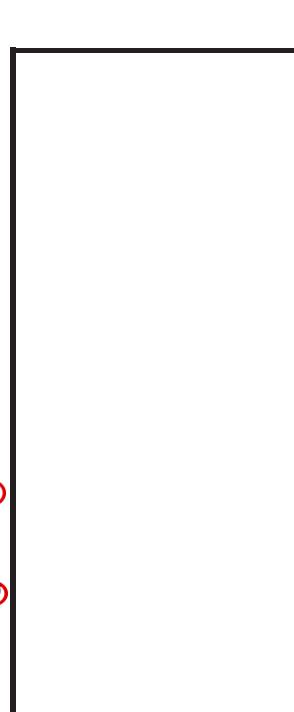
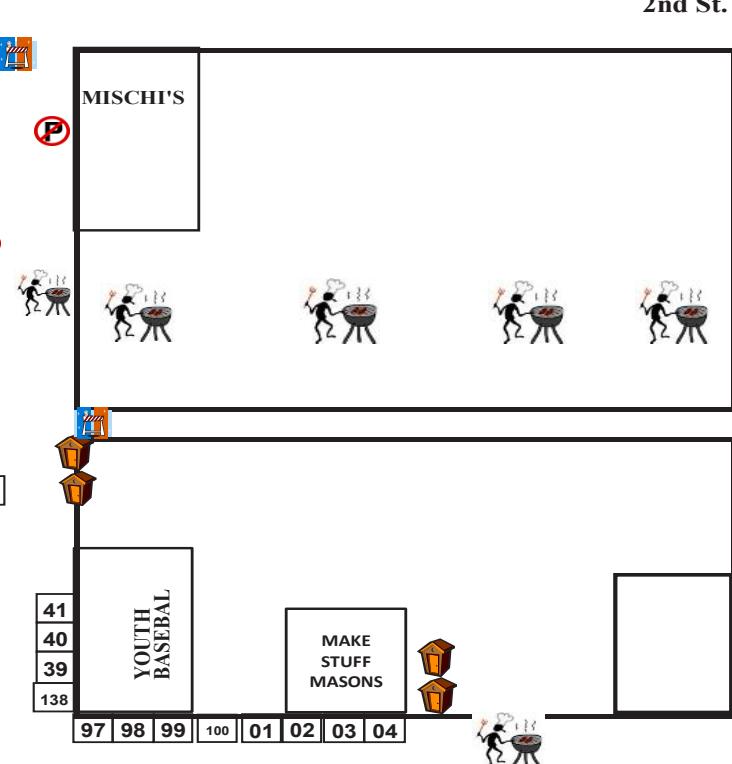
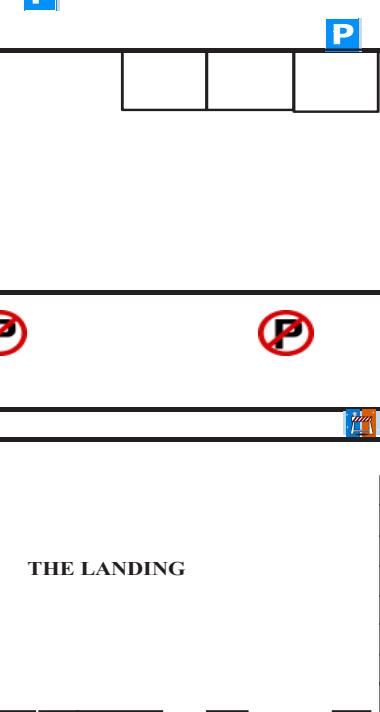
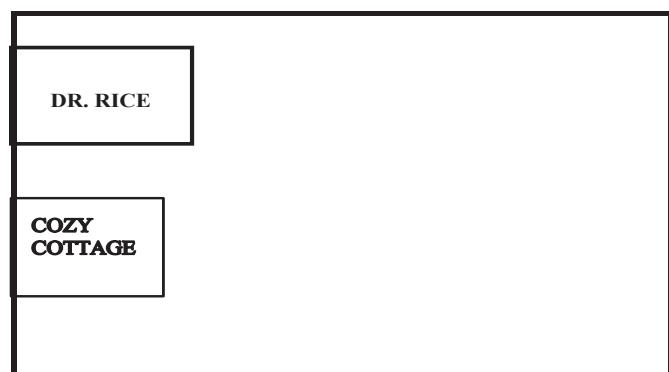
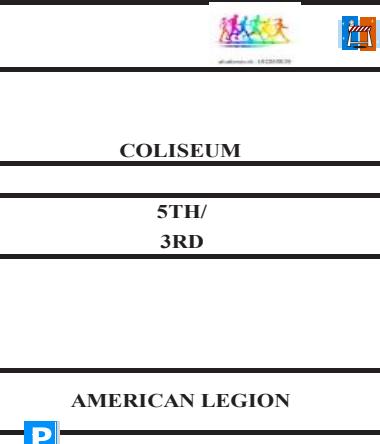
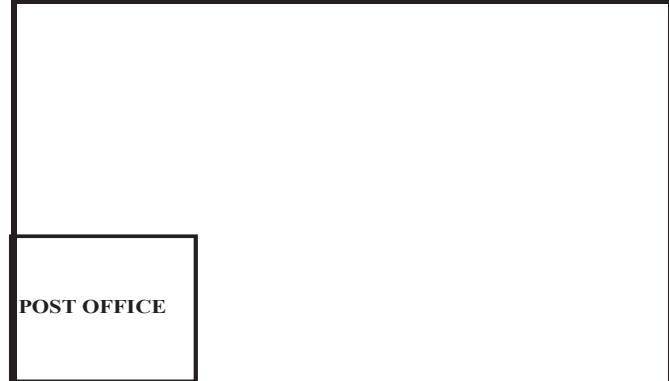
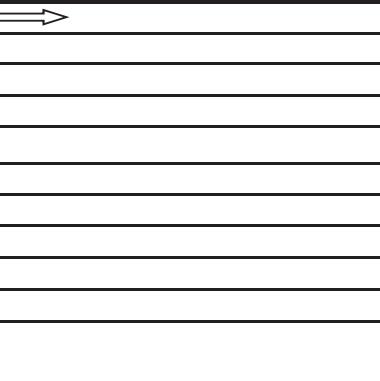
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2. They should look for a Police Officer or someone in one of our River Days purple vests; whichever they see first for assistance.

3. Please don't get distracted when in heavy crowds.

4. Have your child memorize your cell phone number or place it in their pocket.

As the parent or guardian, please report a lost child immediately to the volunteer at the Information Booth #18. We will take care of notifying the police officers on duty to assist in the search. Keep in mind, for your child's safety, please don't announce that you have a missing child over the sound system.

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Claim or turn in a lost or found item at the River Days Informational Booth #18
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ATM MACHINES

ATM machines are located at site 34 (in front of The Landing) and site 117 (in front of Riverbend Park).

HANDICAPPED PARKING

Handicapped parking is located in the Centerpoint parking lot on the Corner of Water & College St. Handicapped parking is also located on College St. between 2nd and Water Street. Please show a valid Handicapped license plate or tag. You may also drop-off participants who can't walk distances at College & Water if a handicapped plate or tag is unavailable.

NO PETS, BICYCLES, SCOOTERS OR SKATEBOARDS

Per City Ordinance 09-22

NO bicycles, skateboards, coasters, scooters, motorized toy vehicles or similar devices shall be operated in the streets, upon the sidewalks or any place within the area designated as being reserved for the event, unless the device is a registered entrant in an authorized parade, or a mobility device needed by a disabled person.

NO animals or reptiles shall be permitted within the designated area, whether or not on a leash, unless the animal is a registered entrant in an authorized parade or exhibit, or unless the animal is a guide or service animal for a visually or hearing impaired person for example. Service animals MUST wear the appropriate identifiable collar, etc., and you may be asked to show the service animals papers. Therapy animals are NOT the same as service animals and are not allowed.



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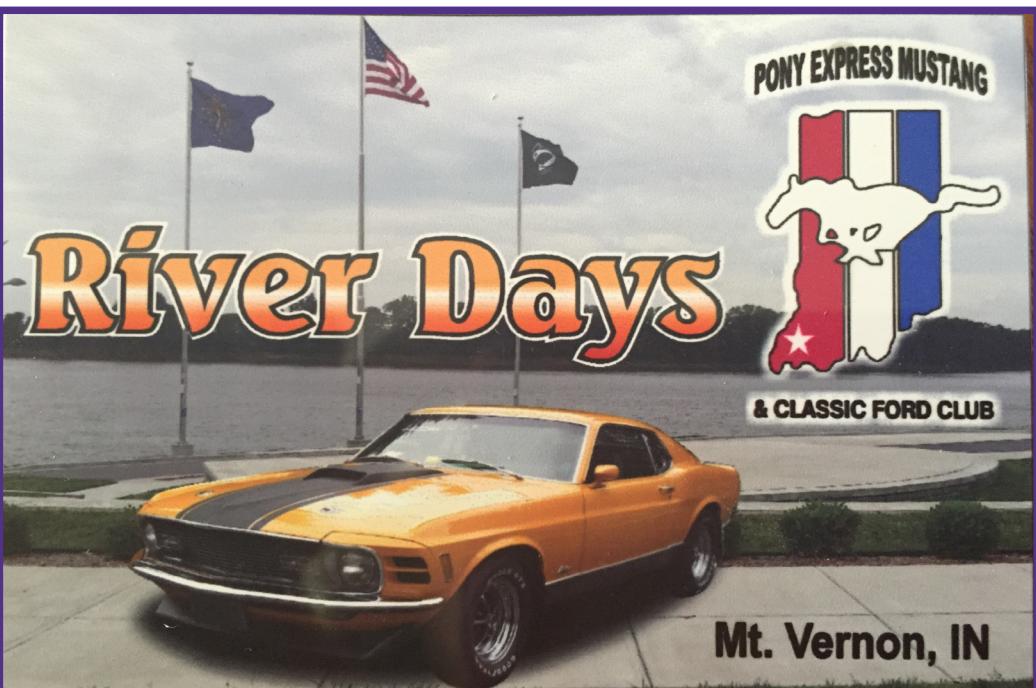
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We will be hosting a Car Show on Saturday, September 13, 2025, the final day of River Days.

We expect owners of unique Daily Drivers, Classic Cars, Muscle Cars, Race Cars, and Hot Rods to participate at this car show.

Registration will start at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 12:00 p.m. Trophy presentation will be at 2:00 p.m. If you want additional information, contact Don "Bullitt Mustang" Kleinschmidt at 812-838-8477. The Pony Express Mustang and Classic Ford Club LTD was formed in 1979 and is the original Mustang Club in this area. Most of our members own Mustangs or Classic Fords. Our members participate in Road Trips, Car Shows, and Cruise-Ins. In addition, we also attend sporting events, picnics, and have other activities. We usually meet once a month at a restaurant. We enjoy good fellowship, good food, and nice cars!

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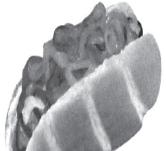
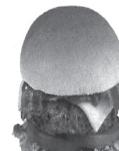
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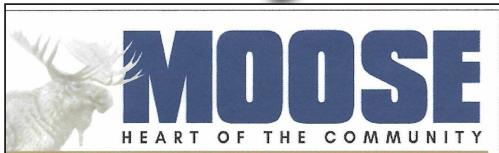
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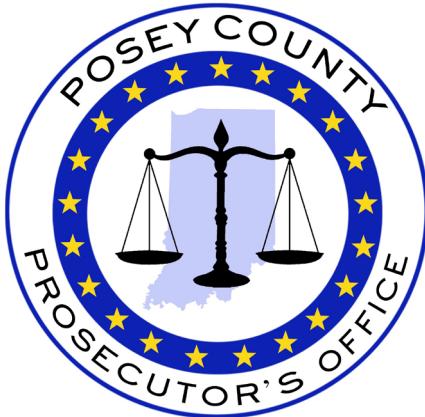
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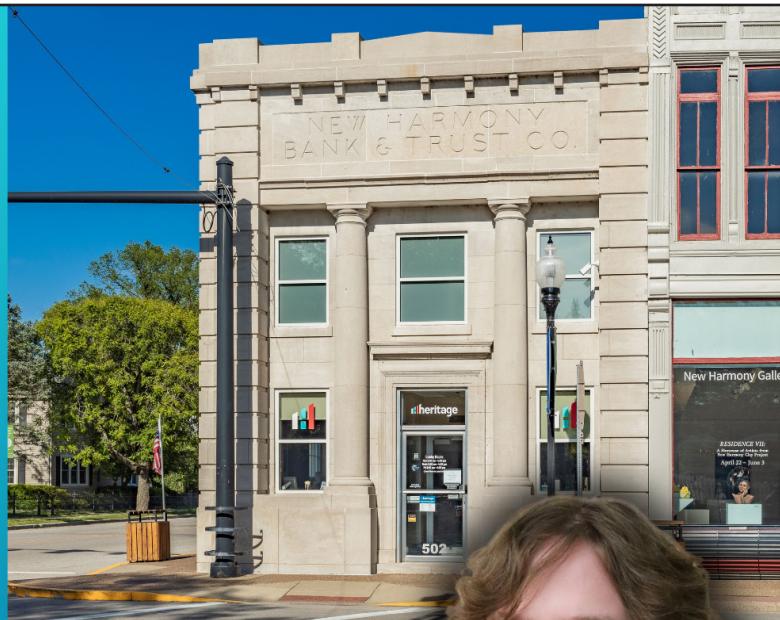
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