

# Vernon County Annual Events



**Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet** – (Early spring-Feb/March) – We have had so many of these, we can't remember how many! Casino night, food galore, silent auction and loads of fun! Contact: Chamber of Commerce, 417-667-5300.

**Home and Leisure Show** – (Always 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of Spring Break) - Nevada Middle School Gymnasium; two day event showcasing regional products and services. Contact: KNEM-KNMO radio, 417-667-3113.

**Nevada Area Wide Garage Sale** – (Always first weekend in May) – Contact: Nevada Daily Mail, 417-667-3344. Hundreds of private sales are held on this weekend, a great time to find excellent savings.

**Vernon County Farmers Market Square Days** – (Beginning Mother's Day weekend) area wide growers, producers, crafters, etc bring their wares to the square...every Wed beginning @ 5:00 and every Saturday beginning at 8am. Daily or season pass market rates. 417-667-5300 for more info

**Relay for Life** – (Early June – Contact: Leonette Hammontree 667-5939 – Dozens of teams vie for fund raising title to benefit the American Cancer Society. All night event around the courthouse square.

**ACRA-NRCA Sanctioned Professional Rodeo** – (First weekend in June) -- Vernon County Fairgrounds: Three exciting evenings of rodeo! Bronco and bull riding, roping and barrel racing are just a few of the featured events. Contact Tommy Wait, 922-3476 (H), 448-4223.

**Bushwacker Days** – (Always on Father's Day weekend) – Nevada Town Square; Carnival concourse, street fair, crafts festival, car show, games, contests and concessions are all part of the festivities. Features a full line of live entertainment throughout the celebration. Contact: Nevada/Vernon County Chamber of Commerce, 417-667-5300.

**Bushwacker Quilt Guild Show** – (Always Saturday of Father's Day weekend) – City/County Community Center, Nevada. One day non-juried show. Open to all entrants. Boutique and bake sale. Contact: Kerin Hatch 417-667-8566.

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks Show** (Always on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July) – Vernon County Fairgrounds. Come and see the spectacular fireworks! Contact: Troy Denning, Nevada Fire Department, 417-448-2720.

**Vernon County Youth Fair** (Always the weekend after July 4<sup>th</sup> – Vernon County Fairgrounds: a free youth fair exhibiting 4-H, FFA, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts from Vernon County. Outstanding livestock shows plus other exhibits are all featured along with a carnival and games. Nightly entertainment, great food and lots of fun! Join us! Contact: Tommy Wait 922-3476 (H), 448-4223.

**Sidewalk Sale** – (First Friday and Saturday in August) Chamber retail members hold annual summer clearance sales in preparation for new fall merchandise. Call the chamber 417-667-5300 for more info.

**Hume Fair** – (First full week of August) – Main Street, Hume, Missouri. Two days of activities including ice cream social, gospel music, horseshoe pitching, parade, baby contest, car show, arts and crafts, rodeo and street dance. Contact: Karen Irwin, 660-643-7637.

**National Night Out** – (First Tuesday of August) Community sponsored participation in the national organization's drug-free, crime prevention event. Contact: Nevada Parks and Recreation Department, 417-448-2740 or Chamber of Commerce, 417-667-5300.

**Sheldon's Old Settler's Picnic** – (Always third weekend of August) Main Street, Sheldon, Mo. Small town setting with big time fun! Live music, craft show, baby contest, antique tractor pull, horseshoe pitching, softball tournament and street dance. Contact: Ed Morris, 417-884-2705.

**Schell City Fall Festival – Mid-September** - Main Street, Schell City, Missouri. Come join us for a weekend of unforgettable memories. Family entertainment including races, music, food, street dance and parade! Contact: Jeanne Hoagland, 417-432-3111.

**Missouri Osage Territory Muzzle Loaders Rendezvous – Early Sept** – (Not always the same) - Marmaduke Park, west of 71 Highway. Nevada outdoor classroom instruction and demonstration for Vernon County and Nevada R-5 schools and is open to the public. Traders and Black Powder Sanctioned Missouri Offhand Match. Novelty-pistol, novelty-trade gun, primitive/modern camping, modern crafters area. Contact: John Preston, 417-667-2129.

**Walker Fun Days – Mid-Late September** – Main Street, Walker, Missouri. Celebrate Walker's annual "Fun Days." Activities include games, craft booths, free music, street dance, tractor pull and much more! Contact: Jack Barnes

**Bronaugh Fall Festival – Mid-Late September** – Main Street, Bronaugh, Missouri. Heartwarming celebration of family and down home fun. Parade, free concert, games for the kids and various booths are set up for your enjoyment. Contact: Shane Douglas 417-884-5373.

**McGennis Youth Center BBQ – Late September** – (Not always the same) McGennis Youth Center, Metz, Missouri. Come join the fun with games for children! Following the games at 5:00pm there will be a benefit auction. Dinner served at 5:30 for a small fee. Contact: Scott and Tina Sudkamp.

**4-H Chicken BBQ** – (Always first Saturday in October) Vernon County Fairgrounds, Nevada. 4-H fundraiser. Join us for great chicken barbeque, slaw, baked potato, bread and a drink. \$6.00 for adults (1/2 chicken), \$3.00 for children (1/4 chicken). Contact: Carol Parmenter, 417-448-2560.

**United Way Oktoberfest** – (Always first Saturday in October) Downtown area, Nevada. A fun filled day, showcasing United Way member agencies. Live entertainment, games, food and plenty of fun! Contact Peggy Tedlock 417-667-5563.

**Retail Holiday Open Houses** – (Always first Friday and Saturday in November) Nevada retail areas. Fall and Christmas Open Houses sponsored by retail, floral and gift shops. Come get in the holiday spirit here in Nevada. Contact: Chamber of Commerce 417-667-5300.

**Christmas Parade** – (Always first Saturday in December) 6:00 pm, downtown Nevada. The largest and most beautiful parade on the prairie reflects the exuberance of the holiday season in Vernon County. Free admission. Contact: Chamber of Commerce 417-667-5300.

**Miss Merry Christmas Pageant** – (Always first Saturday in December) Fox Playhouse, Nevada. Young ladies grades 1 through 12 compete in four age categories to wear the crown of royalty as Miss Candy Cane, Miss Snowflake, Miss Holly or Miss Merry Christmas. Contact: Chamber of Commerce, 417-667-5300 or Heartland Behavioral Health Services, Katie Davis, 417-667-2666.

**Lights at the Lake** – (Always from Thanksgiving through New Year's) Radio Springs Park, Nevada, Missouri. Come take the beautifully lighted drive around Radio Springs Lake and see the many lights breathtakingly reflected off the water. Nightly after Thanksgiving until New Year's. Contact: City of Nevada Parks and Recreation 417-667-2740.