



Where to go, what to do

Old-time summer in Charleston

by Matt Krasnowski

Hoping you'll do something more with your free time this summer than just sit around?

This summer the Charleston area is hosting activities ranging from a chicken barbeque to a bluegrass music festival.

The Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site's volunteer pioneer program will be offered every day this summer starting Memorial Day and continuing until Labor Day weekend, Site Supervisor Tom Vance said.

In this living history, people act out the roles of the 1840s farm community. Men work the fields and care for the livestock; women prepare meals on an open hearth, wash clothes, spin wool and garden; and children play games of the time period and help with the chores.

Visitors will be able to speak with the

volunteers as if they were speaking to someone from the 1840s.

Vance said on Independence Day the site will hold an 1840s style Militia Muster with a group acting out military maneuvers and drills of the pre-Civil War U.S. Army Reserve. Another muster will take place on Sept. 11-12.

A Bluegrass Music Festival is set for August 8 at the site, Vance said. It will consist of bluegrass bands from Illinois and Indiana.

Lincoln Log Cabin is located 8 miles south of Charleston on Lincoln Highway Road.

The Charleston Jaycees will hold their annual Chicken Barbeque in Caesar's parking lot on the Fourth of July, Jaycee member Mike Thoele said.

On every Wednesday this summer starting June 9 there will be a farmer's market held in the Charleston town

square, Secretary of the Downtown Merchants Organization Claudia Larimore said.

Charleston residents will be able to buy produce and handmade items from area farmers, Larimore said.

Big Q Stables Inc. owner Al Quivey said his facilities will provide riding lessons, horse training, primitive camping, hayrack rides, and a dance barn for private parties. The stables are located on rural route 2 in Arcola and include 100 acres for horseback riding.

If that isn't enough to do, try Sunset Lake Park, formerly Spring Haven Wonderland. Co-owner Carl McSparin said the park will offer swimming, miniature golf, pony rides and 200 camp sites, along with a water slide. The park is located on rural route 1 in Ashmore.



Free time on campus this summer yields chance to enjoy Eastern events from plays to art exhibits

by Mona Hennein

Many students attending the summer session may be wondering what they can do with their extra time, but by just looking around campus, it is possible to discover a wide variety of activities to attend.

The Tarble Arts Center will have a pre-opening exhibit from June 14-Aug. 31. Nine museums are hosting a show of the artworks of Lawrence Calcagno, a renowned artist who has received international recognition and whose works are included in major collections in the United States.

Don Carmicheal, director of the Tarble Arts Center, arranged this special exhibition and other events that will start the pre-dedication program.

Carmicheal describes Calcagno as "the major component of the mainstream of art of America." Calcagno's qualifications certainly prove this fact for he has studied under famous American artists such as Jackson Pollock, Mark Rothko, Clifford Still and Hans Hoffmann, Carmicheal said.

Calcagno, a 69 year old artist, has a studio in Mexico where he does most of his painting, and relates his work to Mexican style and landscape.

"Calcagno is part of the modernist movement of art," Carmicheal said. "His main interest is his spiritual involvement in nature."

Eastern photographer Gene Wingler will also be part of the Tarble Arts pre-opening dedication. "His show is a photo journal showing pictures of the Tarble Arts center from the day of ground-breaking until the day it was finished—as seen through the eyes of a photographer," Carmicheal said.

Paul Sargent's paintings as well as paintings belonging to Eastern's permanent collection will be on display for the first time in the H. Ogden Brainard Gallery.

"Paul Sargent is a famous American painter who went to school at Eastern years ago when this was a State Teachers college," Carmicheal said.

The music department will also have a series of band and choir recitals on the weekends of July 17 through July 31. The recitals involve students from

camp workshops from local high schools and junior high schools. All recitals are open to the public.

In coordination with the music department, the theater department will present the musical "Godspell." This production will run from July 9-13. Anyone interested can try out for the play during the first week of the summer session, E.G. Gabbard, director of the musical, said.

If you would rather spend your time outside, you can observe the Illinois High School Association track meets. The girl's competition, which has been hosted at Eastern for ten consecutive years, will be on May 21 and 22. The boy's 9th annual competition will be a week later on May 28 and 29.

Eastern will also play host to the St. Louis football Cardinals during their summer coaching camp from July 18-Aug. 10 on the practice field near O'Brien stadium, according to Eastern Sports Information Director Dave Kidwell.

The football players will be staying at Stevenson Hall, Kidwell said.