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Macoupin County Yard Sales set for May 19 and 20

Looking for a bargain? Then Macoupin County is the place to be on May 19 and 20 when communities across the county will offer up their treasures during the first countywide yard sales.

Fifteen communities and counting will have their city yard sales on that weekend in an effort to shine the spotlight on what Macoupin County has to offer visitors and its residents.

The countywide yard sales idea originated during meetings with the county's communities that lie on Route 66, according to Macoupin County Economic Development Coordinator Nora Feuquay.

"We were trying to come up with an idea that would showcase all of our Route 66 communities on one weekend, and the idea evolved to include all of the communities in the county. The group decided that this would be a chance to get all the communities working together so bigger events could be planned in the future. We want to highlight our Route 66 heritage and use it as a springboard to bring attention to the entire county," Feuquay said.

Macoupin County Board Chairman Andrew Manar said this is an important first step in promoting the assets of Macoupin County and its communities. "Any event that brings visitors to our county is an opportunity to show what a great place Macoupin County is. Once people are in our county we have a chance to show them what makes each town unique."

Manar added that advertising for the event will be paid for through the community development line item in the Macoupin County Economic Development budget.

The communities that have confirmed their participation include: Benld, Bunker Hill, Carlinville, Dorchester, Eagarville, East Gillespie, Gillespie, Girard, Modesto, Mt. Clare, Sawyerville, Standard City, Staunton and White City and Wilsonville.

To sign up for yard sales in the following communities contact:

Benld, Dorchester, East Gillespie, Eagarville, Gillespie, Mt. Clare, Sawyerville, Wilsonville-Coal Country Chamber of Commerce, Mickey Robinson, 217-839-4888 or visit www.coalcountrychamber.com for more information.

Bunker Hill- Bunker Hill Chamber of Commerce Bob Johnessee, 618-585-6776 or Jim Kiffmeyer, 618-585-3061.

Carlinville-Carlinville Community Chamber of Commerce, Kasey Schwartz, 217-854-2141 or info@carlinvillechamber.com.

Girard-Maureen Nichols, girardgaragesale@yahoo.com.

Modesto-Village Clerk DeAnn Arnold, 217-439-7577.

Standard City-Village Clerk Christi Harris, 217-854-9393

Staunton-City Clerk Marilyn Herbeck, 618-635-2233

White City-Village Clerk Janine Mathenia, 217-999-6123 (2 to 4 p.m. Mon.-Fri.).

Some area groups are also using the weekend event to feed the hunger of those out hunting bargains and raise funds.

On Saturday May 19 in Girard, the 4-H Clover Cadets will be selling pork chops, pork burgers and baked goods from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the four-way stop. This is a community service fundraiser for the group and will go toward purchasing school supplies for kids who need them.

In Carlinville, visitors can start their Saturday off with Krispy Kream donuts, which the Carlinville Community Chamber of Commerce will sell, and then have lunch with the 4-H Federation. The Federation, a 4-H group for teens, will be selling pork chops and pork burgers in front of Kahl's Greenhouse from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The funds raised by the 4-H Federation go toward club activities and for project books for clubs throughout the county.

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