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## Balloons Over Vermilion starts Friday

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A Texan T-6 warbird, flown by Jay Schroeder, flies over Vermilion Regional Airport at the start of last Vermilion opening ceremony.

The Balloons Over Vermilion celebration has ballooned into a major event over the past few years.

The annual celebration will run from July 12-13 at the Vermilion Regional Airport in Danville.

The cost to enter the celebration is \$5 per person (free for ages 10 and under with a paid adult), \$5 for car parking (limited space available) and \$25 RV parking (limited space available). For paid parking, cars should enter off of West Newell east of Bowman.

Free shuttle rides from pick-up spots at Wal-Mart and Lowes will run continuously from 2:30-10:30 p.m. Friday and 12:30-10:30 p.m. Saturday.

No coolers or pets are allowed at the event.

Tethered balloon rides will be available for \$15 for adults and \$10 for kids, weather permitting.

Visit [www.balloonsoververmilion.com](http://www.balloonsoververmilion.com) to learn more. The full schedule for the celebration is listed below:

July 12

2:30 PM Shuttle Bus Service Begins (Presented by Jocko's & Lee's Famous Recipe)

3:00 PM Gates Open

3:00 — 10:30 PM Kids Zone (Presented by OSF Children's Hospital of Illinois)

3:30 — 5:00 PM Band: Jordan & Jill in the Beer Tent

4:00 — 10:00 PM Balloon Photo Booth in the Kids Zone (Presented by Jacqueline Lacy, State Attorney)

5:00 — 6:00 PM Band: American Pie on the Main Stage

5:45 PM Salute to America ~ National Anthem by Barber Shop Chorus on the Launch Field

5:45 PM Fly-over by Texan T-6 Warbird

6:00 PM Parade of Pilots

6:00 — 7:00 PM Band: The Freakness in the Beer Tent

6:30 — 10:00 PM Tethered Balloon Rides (Presented by thyussenkrupp Presta Camshafts & Midwest America Federal Credit Union)

6:30 PM Balloon Launch on the Launch Field

7:00 — 8:00 PM Band: American Pie on the Main Stage

8:00 — 9:00 PM Band: The Freakness in the Beer Tent

8:30 — 9:00 PM Balloon Glow (Presented by Iroquois Federal Savings & Loan) on the Launch Field

9:15 PM Laser Light Show on the Launch Field

9:00 — 10:30 PM After Glow Party Featuring Chad Hays, Candy Foster, Mike Ingram, Steve Rodman, Members of 90's Daughter, House of Cards, Mojo, X-Krush & More on the Main Stage

10:30 PM Shuttle Bus Service Ends

10:30 PM Gates Close

July 13

6:30 a.m. Community Flight — Weather Permitting

12:30 PM Shuttle Bus Service Begins (Presented by Jocko's & Lee's Famous Recipe)

1:00 PM Gates Open

1:00 — 3:00 p.m. Band: Crazy Johnny Band in the Beer Tent

1:00 — 5:00 p.m. Classic Car Show ~ Illiana Antique Automobile Club (Presented by Courtesy Auto Group)

1:00 — 8:00 p.m. Sand Volleyball Tournament (Presented by Owens Excavating) in the Beer Tent

1:00 — 10:30 PM Kids Zone (Presented by OSF Children's Hospital of Illinois)

2:00 — 4:00 PM Balloon School (Presented by Hyster-Yale & Watchfire Signs) on the Launch Field

2:00 — 5:00 PM Archery Demonstration & Lessons (Presented by Schlarman Academy's archery team) on the Launch Field

2:00 — 10:00 PM Balloon Photo Booth (Presented by Jacqueline Lacy, States Attorney) in the Kids Zone

3:00 — 4:30 PM Band: Boss Hogg & The Good Ol' Boys on the Main Stage

4:30 — 6:00 PM Band: Dable Allen Band in the Beer Tent

6:00 — 7:30 PM Band: Cobalt on the Main Stage

6:30 PM Balloon Launch on the Launch Field

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7:30 — 9:00 PM Band: Double Dots in the Beer Tent

8:30 — 9:00 PM Balloon Glow (Presented by First Financial Bank) on the Launch Field

9:00 — 10:30 PM Band: House of Cards on the Main Stage

9:15 PM Laser Light Show on the Launch Field

10:30 PM Shuttle Bus Service Ends

10:30 PM Gates Close

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