



## Preparations Continue for Return of Balloons Over Vermilion

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Preparations continue for this year's Balloons Over Vermilion.

Last year the event was cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic, but this year it's back. It will be held at the Vermilion Regional Airport on July 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

Jim Anderson (shown in photo) is one of the co-chairs of the event. He says a group of local balloon enthusiasts got together seven years ago and decided it was time to bring a hot air ballooning event back after a 15 year hiatus...

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**{AUDIO: "The first four events have borne out the fact that we think we got it right because we've hosted increasing crowds each year. And we expect - given the pent-up demand in the community - we expect to break a record again this year."}**

Something new at this year's Balloons Over Vermilion is a carnival. And Jaclyn Vinson, (shown in photo) who chairs the kids activities for the event, says there will be yard games and other attractions....

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**{AUDIO: "We're going to have a miniature golf. Joyful Bubbles will be there - always a huge attraction, especially with the little kids doing their big bubble displays. And we're going to have some really great, large vehicles with our 'Touch a Truck' program. We're going to have some construction equipment. Aqua will be out there. We'll probably have a very large tractor of some sort out there. Just some really great things to let the kids get up on those vehicles, see those vehicles and experience those - not just from driving by or reading about them in a book."}**

Anderson and Vinson were commenting on WDAN Radio's Newsmakers program on Monday. You can listen to the entire program by going to the podcast segment at [Vermilioncountyfirst.com](http://Vermilioncountyfirst.com).

You can also get more information about Balloons Over Vermilion - including how you can become a volunteer - by visiting [www.balloonsoververmilion.com](http://www.balloonsoververmilion.com).

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