



Grafton Riverbeat

April Events, News & Things to do

- Historic Grafton was platted in 1836 and is the oldest community in Jersey County.
- Many buildings constructed of local magnesia limestone are scattered throughout town including St. Patrick's Catholic Church.
- Grafton received 2 Governor Hometown Awards for quality of life.
- It is located at the confluence of the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers.
- Built in 1879, the Ruebel Hotel is one of the most haunted in Illinois.



Slowly but surely the expansion of The Grafton Visitor's Center Museum area is taking shape, hoping for a soft opening later this Spring. It will be a great educational addition of the town's history.



The Hawg Pit's annual Blessing of the Bikes is on Sat., April 25th at 2pm. There will be live music, awesome BBQ and cold beverages. Watch out for motorcycles while enjoying the scenery of the River Road!



Happenings along the River

Things to Do

Grafton Sky Tour: Thursday-Sunday 11:30 am-7pm

Grafton Zip Line: Open 7 days a week. 14 West Main St. Call 786-9477 for information.

Grafton Visitor Center & Museum: Thursday-Sunday 10am-4pm and Monday Holidays.

Grafton Harbor Boat Cruises: Starting in April. For complete list & reservations go to

www.graftonharbor.com or call 618-786-7678.

Riverside Flea Market at the Loading Dock: April-October 4th weekend of the month from 9am to 5pm.

Sunset at The Grafton Winery Vineyards: Begins April 16 and continues the 2nd Friday of each month. Call 618-786-3001 for more info.

Pere Marquette State Park: Earth Days April 22,23,24. Daily Outdoor Activities planned.

Mushroom Festival April 25 11am to 3pm.



Lobster Festival April 17th & 18th



THE GREAT MUSHROOM HUNT

April, 17th 2021
10 am - 3 pm

We will be hosting our 1st Annual Mushroom Hunt that includes; lessons from our Illinois State Champion, food trucks, eagle watch, hiking and possible big foot sightings!

Several kid activities that include:

- Hay maze
- Coloring stations
- Hunt & create your own magic enchanted forest

\$15 Per Person on Sale Now!
\$50 Family 4 pack
\$25 Per Person at the Gate

RAGING RIVERS WaterPark
Grafton, IL

🍄🍄🍄 The Great Mushroom Hunt is on April 17!!! Advance Tickets are on sale for \$15 or \$50 for a family of 4. **Call 618-786-2345 for more info and tickets.** Tickets will be \$25 at the gate the day of the event. Also you can use the link below. Grab yours here https://ragingrivers.ltibooking.com/products/2021-great-mushroom-hunt-saturday-april-17-2021?type=1&start_date=2021-04-17



Aerie's Winery & Terrace:

- April 2** Wade Trent 3-7pm.
- April 3 Hops Festival** featuring music by Dan Grover 12-3pm/Zydeco Crawdaddies 3-7pm.
- April 9** Jonathon Baker 3-7pm.
- April 10** Wade Trent 12-3pm/Jim & Carl 3-7pm.
- April 11** Jonathon Baker Duo 1-5pm.
- April 16** Dan Sproat 3-7pm.
- April 17 Bluegrass Festival** Misty Ridge & Paul Jarvis 12-3pm/Harmon Bluegrass Band 3-7pm.
- April 18 Bluegrass Festival** Silver Creek Bluegrass 1-5pm.
- April 23** Dan Grover 3-7pm.
- April 24** Hot Town Trio 12-3pm/Jim & Carl 3-7pm.
- April 25** Graham Band 1-5pm.
- April 30** Wade Trent 3-7pm.

Grafton Winery:

- April 3** Overhead Dog 3-7pm.
- April 4** Three Pedros 2-6pm.
- April 10** Terry Beck 3-7pm.
- April 11** Mo Pleasure 2-6pm.
- April 17** Rockabilly 3-7pm.
- April 18** Scott Logan & Leslie Craig 2-6pm.
- April 24** NGK Band 3-7pm.
- April 25** Borderline 2-6pm.

The Hawg Pit: Open Mic Nights Every Friday

- April 3** Worth the Fight 2-6pm.
- April 4** Tim Hart Band 2-6pm.
- April 10** Decades Apart 2-6pm.
- April 11** Steve Mellas & Bo Chaloupek 2-6pm.
- April 17** Catfish Willie 2-6pm.
- April 18** Graham Band 2-6pm.
- April 24** Tanglefoot 6-10pm.
- April 25** Blessing of the Bikes Music TBD.

Grafton Oyster Bar:

- April 24** Scarecrows 7pm.

The Loading Dock:

- April 4** Griffin & The Gargoyles 2-6pm.
- April 10** The Tuckers 4-8pm.
- April 11** Trilogy 2-6pm.
- April 17** Number 4 Combo 4-8pm.
- April 18** The Phins 2-6pm.
- April 24** Yacht Rockers 5-9pm.
- April 25** NGK Band 2-6pm.
- April 30** The Owlz 5-9pm.

Pere Marquette State Park:

- April 24 Earth Day Festival** Rockabilly Revival 6-7:30pm.



Just a note

Best wishes to Greg & Janey Brummett who recently moved from Grafton to Highland, IL. They owned and operated Buena Vista Jewelry & Gifts and put in countless hours volunteering their time to Grafton. Grafton already seems emptier without them.

Also, smooth sailing to Ken & Cheryl Pfeiffer as they embark on their boat adventure bucket list and make the loop back to Grafton. Stay safe and see you back in Grafton someday. They were also part of our group of volunteers and former business owners.

[Book your overnight stays now for the Grafton Fireworks to be held on July 2nd!](#)

<http://www.graftonilchamber.com>

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