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Join us in downtown Vermilion for the 52nd Annual Festival of the Fish June 15 - June 17

As the warm weather arrives and summer sails into Vermilion, OH we kick-off the season by celebrating the Festival of the Fish on the beautiful shores of Lake Erie.

On behalf of the **Vermilion Chamber of Commerce and the Festival of the Fish Committee**, I would like to invite you to join us for our 52nd Annual Festival of the Fish June 15-17 in downtown Vermilion. This year's theme is **STAR WARS...MAY the FISH BE WITH YOU!**

This event is near and dear to me as it is my home town and I have been involved with the Fish Festival for 39 years now. When I was 10 years I had the job of keeping the porta johns supplied with toilet paper, which I feel is still a very important job. Through the years I received more and more responsibility and about 6 years ago the Vermilion Chamber of Commerce approached me and asked if I would like to be Chairman of this amazing event. I was honored and gladly accepted the volunteer role as Chairman.

Many of you may not know how many hours



(A LOT) go into organizing a huge FREE Community event, and it takes an amazing committee that share the same passion and aspiration as I do for organizing a FUN, FREE community event that will draw in families, friends and visitors afar to gather and make special memories.

We have a fun filled weekend planned for you so join us in downtown Vermilion for the 52nd Annual Festival of the Fish June 15th - 17th, featuring FREE daily entertainment & FREE admission, kid's games, food and marketplace, Fireworks, Father's Day parade, Lighted boat parade, sand castle building contest, crazy craft regatta, Queens' pageant, 5K run, Antique Wooden Boat Parade and Firefighters water fights! Don't miss this amazing event!

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Sincerely,

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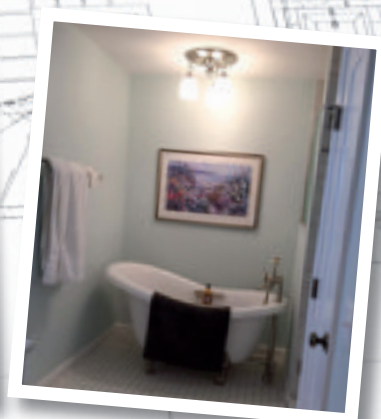
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TYLER REID

Friday June 15th

Tyler Reid: Ohio born country singer/songwriter Tyler Reid performing at the Festival of the Fish in beautiful downtown Vermilion, OH on the main stage Friday, June 15th 6pm-11pm. www.vermilionohio.com

Saturday June 16th:

Tim Blake: Tim Blake and Michele will be performing on the Main Stage at the 2018 Festival of the Fish in Downtown Vermilion at Victory Park Saturday, June 16th 2-6pm. Tim Blake and Michele perform high en-

ergy interactive music and have been doing so as a duo since 2009. Their unique sound combines decades of experience performing a wide range of music - Classic and Modern Rock, Blues, Celtic, Cajun, and Originals. With Tim (vocals, guitar, harmonica) and Michele Goerge (electric violin) they have played a wide variety of venues including live music clubs, festivals, and special events throughout Northern Ohio.

Michele George, from Cleveland, is an award winning electric violinist and has shared the stage with George Benson, Trans-Siberian Orchestra, Meatloaf, and Roy Clark to name a few. She has taught music students from grade school to college and her improvisational style and creativity makes each performance a show to remember.

Tim Blake is a singer-songwriter from Lorain and his performances



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have included many genres and originals over the past 4 decades. His recent involvement in "Songwriters With Soldiers" has created songs written with local veterans and he is in the process of producing music videos and documentaries from these songs and stories. They come together musically to form their own sound and encourage every listener to join in the fun and be involved in a unique musical experience.

Disco Inferno: Disco Inferno will be taking the main stage at the 2018 Festival of the Fish Saturday, June 16th from 7pm-11pm. Disco Inferno: Often Imitated, Never Duplicated! Is the Number One disco tribute band in the Midwest. With over a 150 shows a year, Disco Inferno has been together since 1995 and can be seen at venues throughout Ohio as well as Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Pennsylvania, New York, Kentucky and more. Whether it's a nightclub, festival, wedding or corporate event, Disco Inferno will get the party started and get the people dancing with the hits of the 70's and early 80's Disco. Burn Baby Burn! Visit them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/pages/Disco-Inferno or their website www.discoinfernoband.com.

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Sunday, June 17th

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Friday June 15th Festival FIREWORKS: Festival of the Fish FIREWORKS Friday, June 15th at dusk over beautiful Lake Erie off the break wall, best place to watch Festival grounds or Main Street Beach!

Don't miss the **fire-fighters water fights** immediately following the Parade on Sunday, June 17th! The dueling water hoses between local area fire departments will take place on Ohio St. in front of Fire Company #1 next to Victory Park! (parade kicks off at 12:30pm beginning at corner of Liberty and Main St.)



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY - JUNE 15TH

- 8:30am** Beach Yoga (Meet at Main Street Beach)
12pm Midway Opens
12:30-2pm Guppy Pageant & Junior Miss Pageant (Main Stage)
2pm-3pm Princess Pageant (Main Stage)
3pm-5pm Queens Pageant (Main Stage)
(Sponsored by Vermilion PhotoJournal & Tiffany's Flowers)
6pm-11pm Tyler Reid: Country Music (Main Stage)
Dusk 9:30pm FIREWORKS over beautiful Lake Erie off the Vermilion break wall.
(Watch from festival area or Main Street Beach)
(National Anthem Vermilion High School Vocalist & Senior Dale Saunders)

SATURDAY - JUNE 16TH

- 9am** Festival of the Fish Jay Hershey 5K Run
(Vermilion YMCA 440.967.4208)
9-11am Sand Castle Contest (Main Street Beach)
12pm Midway Opens
12pm-2pm Vermilion Windjammers Big Band (Main Stage)
1pm Crazy Craft Race (Public Boat Docks)
(Best place to watch McGarvey's Landing)
1-4pm FREE Decorating Fish Hat activity/ YMCA FREE Kid Games
(Victory Park)
2-6pm Tim Blake & Michele: Classic Rock, Blues & more (Main Stage)
3pm Antique Wooden Boat Parade
(Quaker Steak & Lube, McGarvey's Landing)
3pm Awards Ceremony for Crazy Craft Race (Main Stage)
7pm -11pm Disco Inferno: Hits from the 70's & 80's Disco (Main Stage)
Dusk 9:30pm Lighted Boat Parade on River
(Best place to watch McGarvey's Landing)

SUNDAY - JUNE 17TH

- 9am** Queens Breakfast @ German's Villa- Open to Public-
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12pm Midway Opens
12:30pm Father's Day Parade (Liberty Avenue)
(Best place to watch Liberty & Main)
 National Anthem Sarah Jasinski
 *Vermilion Firefighters Water Fight- Immediately following the Parade.
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1:30pm-2pm Visiting Royalty Introductions (Main Stage)
3pm-6pm The Spazmatics -Ultimate 80's (Main Stage)



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Pictured is this

year's shirt logo!! (Designed by Szabo Apparel Co.) We are so excited about this year's theme! 2018 Festival May the Fish Be with You themed t-shirts will be for sale online for pre-sales (coming soon watch for the link) and at the Festival June 15th-17th in our two Beer Cabana locations on the midway and by the Main Stage. t-shirt cost \$15 each! We will also be selling May the FISH Be with You Light Sabers at the same locations for \$5. Also new this year: You can walk around the festival area (designated by signs)

and enjoy a cold Labatt, Corona, Twisted Tea, Mikes Hard Lemonade or Seagrams purchased from our Beer Cabana's.

FIREWORKS River closure SAFETY:

On June 15 the Festival of the Fish Committee will be hosting fireworks on the detached break wall at the entrance to the Vermilion River. Due to the safety of this event we are asking spectators and boaters to take a look at the map of the area and please be aware of our safety zones that will be set in place.

The west entrance to the Vermilion River will not be accessible once the fireworks are placed on the break wall. We are asking that boaters use the east entrance to navigate both in and out of the Vermilion River.

There will be complete river closure starting at 9:30pm until 11:00pm or later. The fireworks display is set to



begin at 10:00pm. There will be five to six temporary buoys set up 500' around the detached break wall and boaters are permitted to watch the fireworks show on the north side of these buoys. Both attached piers the one by Main Street Beach and the other by Lagoon Beach will be off limit to spectators.

There will be no parking from Hu-

ron Street to Main Street Beach except for emergency vehicles only. This area will be blocked off for Thursday, June 14th at midnight until fireworks display is over estimated at 11:00pm on Friday, June 15th. Police will enforce this by towing your vehicle at owner's expense. Fireworks will be visible from the lake outside the safety zone, Main Street Beach and Festival area.



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<p>• Predictability</p> <p>With renting, you have little control over how much your rent payments will increase. Homeownership, on the other hand, offers the predictability of a steady monthly payment.</p>	<p>• Maintenance</p> <p>As a homeowner, you never know when you'll have to replace a roof or fix a leaky drain. If you'd rather have a landlord deal with all the extra maintenance, perhaps you'd prefer renting.</p>	<p>• Ownership</p> <p>Once you pay off a mortgage, the place is yours. But rent payments will never stop. Plus, you can't really put a dollar amount on the sense of satisfaction you may get from owning</p>



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Queens Pageant Contestant

Six will vie for the title of Miss Vermilion Queen on Friday, June 15th from 3-5pm on the main stage of the festival. With entertainment by Harbourtown Dance Studio, the contestants will compete in onstage introduction, evening gown, and onstage question after completing personal interviews with the judges in the morning. The contestants are competing for a \$500 scholarship awarded to the Queen that is sponsored by the Vermilion Chamber of Commerce and the Vermilion Photojournal.

The Vermilion Festival of the Fish Royalty, after being crowned at the festival, have the unique opportunity to represent the Vermilion community and our two festivals across the state of Ohio. The royalty court travels thousands of miles each year attending other communities festivals and fairs serving as ambassadors, learning how to network, and,

of course, having a great time while doing it! They also attend local community events and complete community service projects through out the year.

Directors Sarah Jasinski and Caitlyn Dickey would like to thank the community for their continued support of the festival royalty pageants as well as The Vermilion Chamber of Commerce and festival board, Vermilion Photojournal, Tiffanys Flowers, Pat O'Brien Chevrolet, The Morning Journal, Germans Villa, Soda Grill, Step by Step, Harbourtown Dance Studio, Mystic Belle, Scott Dommin, Ritter Public Library, Harbourtown Community Foursquare Church, our judges, our families, and all of the workers and volunteers at the festival! A special thank you to our outgoing queen Gabrielle Martin, and her parents Rich and Jacque Martin for organizing and preparing the court for their travels. Also, thank you to the other outgoing court members and their parents for being wonderful and representing the city of Vermilion so well!



Queens Pageant Contestant From L to R: Cece Dillon, Diana Sewall, Morgan Bennett, Hannah Miller, Brooke Justice (Not Pictured: Carrington Partin)

The Little Miss and Mister Guppy

The Little Miss and Mister Guppy, 6-8 year olds, and Jr. Miss Pageant, 9-10 year olds, will take place on Friday, June 15th at 12:30pm on the festival main stage. Come watch this amazing group (largest group yet!) compete for the titles of Little Miss or Mister Guppy and Jr. Miss Vermilion and Jr. Miss Vermilion Attendant. They will do onstage introductions, a something special presentation for the audience, and "fish" on stage to get their question they will answer on stage! Come out and support our youngest pageant competitors as they have fun competing to be festival royalty!



Little Miss and Mister Guppy and Jr. Miss Vermilion Contestants from L to R: Top (all of the Jr. Miss Contestants)-Taylor, Reyse, Reece, Caroline, Madelyn. 2nd row from top (Little Mister Guppy Contestants): Braeden, Brady, Mason, Kaleb, (not pictured Corren). 2nd row from bottom (Little Miss Guppy Contestants): Vylhelmina, Brynndalyn, Hailey, Ashlyn, Katie. Bottom row (Little Miss Guppy Contestants) Autumn, Harper, Sophia. (Not pictured: Lyla and Lauren)

We hope to see you all at the 2018 Vermilion Festival of the Fish Royalty Pageants!

The Miss Vermilion Princess Pageant



Princess Pageant Contestants From L to R: Aubree Kennedy, Brogin Siesel, MacKenzie Neal.

The Miss Vermilion Princess Pageant will be held from 2-3 pm at the festival main stage on Friday, June 15th. The contestants have already completed a 10 minute personal interview with a set of judges and will finish their competition on stage at

the festival. They will present to the audience their individual community service projects and will answer questions asked by the judges while on stage! Come out and support this fun group of girls as they compete for the title of Miss Vermilion Princess!

Fish Festival Parade Information



The Crazy Craft Races take place at 1 pm on the Vermilion River. The event is open to all, so all you need is some imagination to build whatever kind of vessel inspires you. Take in all the beautiful Antique Wooden Boats in the Antique Wooden Boat Parade. The annual Lighted Boat Parade takes place at dusk on the Vermilion River on Saturday.



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