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April 26-29, 2018



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www.vidaliaonionfestival.com

912-538-8687

Pre-Festival Events

VIDALIA'S GOT TALENT AUDITIONS

- Showcasing Vidalia area talent. For individuals & groups of 4 or less, ages 5 & up
- Registration Fee: \$30 Must register by April 5
- 10 Finalists announced April 15 will compete in Talent Show on April 26th
- April 10th may be added if needed
- Contact: vidalia.talent@gmail.com, on Facebook: Vidalia.Talent
- General Admission \$5

April 12, 6:30 pm PAL Theatre, 122 Church St. Downtown

VIDALIA ONION PAGEANTS

- Promoting community service, academic excellence, poise and positive self esteem
- To participate contact Keri Lynn Nester at kerilynester@gmail.com or 229-315-4106. Sponsored by American Business Women's Association.

Little Miss (ages 0-12) \$5 tickets sold at the door
Sat, April 7th, 10 am Southeastern Technical College, Highway 280, Vidalia

Junior Miss (ages 13-16) and Miss (ages 17-22) \$7 tickets sold at the door
Sat, April 7th, 7 pm Southeastern Technical College, Highway 280, Vidalia

TALES FROM THE ALTAMAHA "I SAW THE LIGHT"

- The Story of Georgia's first Rural Electric Administration
- An award-winning Georgia folk-life play with a local cast and River Rat Review Band
- Laugh, cry and sing along at this new production about our regional settlers of the Altamaha River
- Purchase tickets online at www.talesfromthealtamaha.com. Price range \$10-\$20. Group rates available.
- Call 912-526-6445 or email lyonsmainstreet@gmail.com. Find us on Facebook!

Evening performances 7 pm, Saturday matinees 2 pm
April 19, 20, 21, 24, 26, 27, 28 Blue Marquee Theater, 121 N. State St. Lyons

VIDALIA ONION CULINARY EXTRAVAGANZA

- Georgia artist Mark Ballard showcases the Vidalia Onion with his culinary expertise, wit, comedy, and decorating style
- Door prizes and goody bags for first 125 participants
- Vendors in theatre 1 hour prior to show
- Tickets: General \$10; Reserved Seating \$15 NOTE: Reserved seating tickets must be purchased by April 14. Purchase tickets beginning April 2 at Phillips Pharmacy & Merle Norman in Vidalia or call Jan 912-293-2407 or Lindi 912-293-3630.



Tues, April 24, 6 pm NEW LOCATION!!! PAL Theatre, 122 Church St. Downtown

CARNIVAL

- Featuring Modern Midways, a glittering galaxy of spectacular state fair amusement rides and attractions
- Purchase advanced tickets at the Vidalia Onion Museum thru Tues Apr. 24, 5pm: \$45 unlimited-ride wristbands for use during all operational hours Wed-Sun or 18 tickets/\$10 only
- Tickets at the gate: 1 ticket/\$1; 18 tickets/\$15; 30 tickets/\$25 or Daily unlimited rides wristbands \$25. Rides require multiple tickets. Free parking daily

Wed, April 25, 5 pm - 10:30 pm Behind Arts & Crafts on Airport Road

Thursday, April 26th

2ND ANNUAL VIDALIA ONION CHALK WALK

- Local art students showcase their work on the sidewalks of downtown Vidalia
- Prizes awarded for best 3 designs. On Church Street, Meadows Street E. & Jackson Street. On display all week as weather permits.

Downtown Historic District

CARNIVAL

- See info in Pre-Festival Events.

5 pm to 10:30 pm Behind Arts & Crafts on Airport Road

VIDALIA'S GOT TALENT FINALS - NEW EVENT!

- 10 Finalists chosen from Auditions will compete
- See audition information under Pre-Festival events above
- General Admission \$5

6:30 pm PAL Theatre, 122 Church St. Downtown Vidalia

CHILDREN'S PARADE

- Showcase your creativity in the 2018 parade theme: "Families, Friends & Farmers It's all in our roots"
- For youngsters age 0-12
- Prizes awarded for top 3 places for ages 0-3, 4-7, 8-12 and group
- Winners announced at end of parade from Stage at City Park
- For information, call Kellie 912-537-8718

5 pm On-site Registration begins NEW LOCATION!!! Stage at City Park
5:30 pm Lineup and judging
5:45 pm Parade begins

MOVIE UNDER THE STARS SHOWING "DESPICABLE ME 3"

- An event-packed fun evening for all ages in Downtown Vidalia
- Events include local dancers, recognition of winners of Vidalia Onion Pageants, Writing Contest, Children's Parade costume contest & Talent Show winners
- Bring lounge chairs to enjoy the movie on the large outdoor movie screen
- Free Admission. Food/beverage concessions available for purchase

Movie begins approx. 7 pm Stage at City Park, Downtown

TALES FROM THE ALTAMAHA "I SAW THE LIGHT"

- See info in Pre-Festival events.

7 pm Blue Marquee Theater, 121 N. State St. Lyons

Friday, April 27th

WHAT'S COOKIN' IN VIDALIA - DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT & BEYOND

- Stroll beautiful downtown, enjoy a taste of sweet onion rings & food cooked by our Main Street team near the downtown souvenir/information tent
- Purchase Main Street souvenirs, historical cookbook, onion cutting boards, Vidalia Valley dipping sauce and onions from Lillard Farms on site

10 am - 6 pm Hwy 280E at Jackson St.



SWEET DOWNTOWN SAVINGS

- Browse the diverse specialty and boutique shops in Downtown & Beyond offering savings for antiques, onion memorabilia, jewelry and more
- Satisfy your taste buds in our unique eateries...dining, coffee shops, bakery treats

10 am - 6 pm Hwy 280E at Jackson St.

BUCKHORN CREEK RANCH

- Home to a herd of domestic & exotic animals like bison, red deer, and more
- Enjoy a wagon ride and petting zoo of smaller animals that the kids are sure to love!
- \$8/person. Call 912-583-2737 or 912-245-4042 or www.buckhorncreekranch.net

9 am to 4 pm Directions below
From Vidalia: Travel west on Hwy 280 to the caution light at the junction of Hwy 280 and Hwy 135. Turn left(south) at McCord's Store. Travel 3.5 miles on Hwy 135. Ranch is on the right side of the road.

CARNIVAL

- See info in Pre-Festival Events.

5 pm to 10:30 pm Behind Arts & Crafts on Airport Road

VIDALIA ONION CHUCK WAGON COOK-OFF

- Experience a true 1880's Cowboy Cattle Drive Camp!
 - Wagons set up camp, prepare for judging on appearance, authenticity and appeal
 - See Saturday's listing for cooking schedule & lunch meal ticket purchasing
 - Call Brian Frederick 912-386-2363 or email: brianf58@att.net
- 8 am to 3 pm Competitors setup at Old Airport Rd & Airport Rd
3 pm Wagon judging begins

OPENING CEREMONY - STREET DANCE - FIREWORKS

- Featuring Mo' Sol - experience their energetic brand of Motown, funk, soul & hip-hop
 - Opening band is "Indulgence"
 - Bring your lawn chairs
 - Stay for the fantastic fireworks by East Coast Pyrotechnics at dark
 - No coolers, outside food/beverage, outside containers, weapons, vehicles of any kind, nor pets allowed
 - Admission \$5 Age 6-adults; Children 5 and under admitted Free
- 5:30 pm Gates open Music starts 6 pm Stage at City Park in Downtown



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7 pm

Blue Marquee Theater, 121 N. State St. Lyons

Saturday, April 28th

41ST ANNUAL VIDALIA ONION RUN

- 1-mile Fun Run/Walk; 5K Run/Walk ; 10k Run/Walk
- 5K and 10K races certified by USA Track & Field
- \$1,500 cash prize awarded to any runner who sets new time record for 10K
- Awards given to top three finishers in 5K and 10K in each age bracket
- Montgomery, Toombs, & Vidalia-City Schools students or school employees can register through their school office until March 23
- Online registration at: <http://www.runnersfit.com/onionrun.html>

7:30 am 1-mile Fun Run/Walk Corner of 2nd St. & Church St., Downtown Vidalia

8:00 am 5K and 10K Run/Walk

ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

- Artisans' works of glass, wood, fabric, paper, metal and more. Purchase the "Vidalia Onion Prize Winning Recipes" cookbook
- Great food with Vidalia Onions, activities for children, scavenger hunt
- Entertainment includes music from Jerry and Terry Richardson
- Special appearances by Yumion and Miss Vidalia Onion 2018
- Sponsored by: Vidalia Woman's Club & Vidalia Lions Club. Proceeds benefit local charities
- Contact by email vidaliaartsandcrafts@gmail.com or visit vidaliaartsandcrafts.com
- No coolers, outside food/ beverage, outside containers nor pets allowed
- Admission: Adults \$3; Children ages 6-12 \$1; children under 6 Free with a parent.

9 am to 6 pm

Airport Road

4TH ANNUAL VIDALIA ONION CHUCK WAGON COOK-OFF

- See Friday April 28th for more information. Lunch menu will consist of the food categories entered in the cooking competition except the Vidalia Onion Dish.
- \$10.00 Lunch Tickets available for advance purchase at Season's Design Center, 117 NW Main St. in Downtown Vidalia and at event site 8 am - 12 pm or until sold out.
- Food judging categories: Meat, Beans, Potatoes, Bread, Dessert, Vidalia Onion Dish. Other categories are Most Authentic Wagon & Camp and Best Overall.
- Call Brian Frederick 912-386-2363 or email brianf58@att.net

6 am Competitors begin cooking

Airport Road

11:45 am Food judging

12 noon Ticket holders meals served

2 pm Winners announced



BUCKHORN CREEK RANCH

- See Friday, April 28th

9 am to 4 pm

SOUTHERN GOSPEL MUSIC FEST

- Numerous groups performing. Organized by The Palmer Family
- Bring your lawn chairs, relax, & spend the day in the historic district

9 am until

West Meadows at Meadows Street Park

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Hwy 280E & Jackson St.



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CARNIVAL

- See info in Pre-Festival Events.

10 am to 10:30 pm

Behind Arts & Crafts on Airport Rd.

VIDALIA ONION RECIPE CONTEST AND PUBLIC TASTING

- Enter your best Vidalia Onion dish! Judged on use of onions, taste, presentation. Cook it at home, bring your creation in for judging and public tasting
- Applications on www.vidaliaonionfestival.com
- Categories include Main Dish, Side Dish, and Miscellaneous
- \$500 Cash Prize to Overall Winner
- Pre-registration required by 12 pm Friday, April 27th
- Public tasting admission \$3/person includes tasting privileges while quantities last
- Call 912-293-0159

9:30 am Dish turn in deadline

Vidalia Community Center

11 am Open for Public Tasting

107 Old Airport Road, Vidalia

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7 pm

Blue Marquee Theater, 121 N. State St. Lyons

WORLD FAMOUS ONION EATING CONTEST

- Enter of just come see who can eat the most baby sweet onions
- Competition is inside Arts and Crafts Show
- Age categories: 1-11, 12-16, and 17 & older
- Prizes awarded in each category
- Register at the back stage of the Pavilion by 3:30 pm
- 4 pm Competition begins Inside Arts and Crafts Show, Airport Road

SATURDAY CONCERT FEATURING PHIL VASSAR

- Headlining the 41st Annual Vidalia Onion Festival is the singer/songwriter, Phil Vassar, performing some of his hits like "Carlene," "Last Day of My Life," "American Child" and "Just Another Day in Paradise". Phil has released eight albums and received several awards for his songwriting. Known as one of Nashville's tunesmiths, other artists have taken many of his songs to #1.

- Also playing at this year's festival is the young and energetic band, **Love and Theft**. This singer-songwriter-guitarist duo's resume already includes a long series of career highlights including hits like "Angel Eyes" and the Top 10 hit "Runaway." Their latest album, *Whiskey On My Breath*, marks a significant creative statement for the two.

- Opening acts include the Pine Box Dwellers, Southern Halo and more
- \$15 Advanced tickets available online at <https://www.freshtix.com/events/vof-concert> or at Vidalia City Hall and Vidalia Onion Museum
- Tickets also available at gate on day of concert
- Call Vidalia Convention & Visitors Bureau 912-538-8687 or vidaliaonionfestival.com.

3 pm Gates Open

Stage at City Park, Downtown Vidalia

4 pm

Music Starts



Love and Theft



Pine Box Dwellers



Southern Halo

Sunday, April 29th

ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

- See Sat. April 28th.

10 am to 4 pm

Airport Road

BUCKHORN CREEK RANCH

- See Friday, April 27th

9 am to 4 pm

CARNIVAL

- See info in Pre-Festival Events.

12 pm to 5 pm

Behind Arts & Crafts on Airport Rd.



Local Attractions with Special Festival Hours

LADSON GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY

- An area treasure containing more than 30,000 books, pamphlets, manuscripts, periodicals, and microfilm
 - Specializing in materials on Georgia, the South, and the Eastern Seaboard
 - For more information, call 912-537-8186 or email ladsonlibrary@ohoopeeelibrary.org
- April 23, 24, 26, 27 9 am - 1 pm; 2 pm - 6 pm
April 28 9 am to 2 pm 125 Church St., Suite 104, Downtown Vidalia

ALTAMA MUSEUM OF ART AND HISTORY

- Housed in the stately Brazell House, built in 1911, with enormous columns and inviting porches. On the National Register of Historic Places
- Collections include: 20th century paintings, antique prints, fine furniture, historic costumes, Staffordshire porcelain and see the room dedicated to local Girl Scout history.
- Special exhibits Tues. April 24-Sun. May 20 include paintings by artist Mary Alice Harley and the rarely-seen Historic photograph and film collection of Mr. Mose Coleman encompassing the history of Toombs County
- Activities for kids: Altama Bingo and crafts in the Kitchen Sink Studio
- FREE and open to the public; families welcome
- Call 912-537-1911

Tuesday-Friday 10 am-4 pm

611 Jackson St, Vidalia

Saturday-Sunday 10 am-2 pm

TUMI FACTORY STORE ONION FESTIVAL SALE

- Recognized as the world's leading brand of luxury travel, business and lifestyle accessories that started right here in Vidalia.
- Shop the 2018 Onion Festival Sale to find high-quality, durable pieces at discount prices. Register to win a FREE set of luggage.
- All sales are final; no exchanges, refunds, or warranties. Please no phone orders.

Friday, April 28, 8 am to 6 pm

2611 East First St. in Vidalia

Saturday April 29, 8 am to 2 pm

next to Vidalia Ford on Hwy 280

MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC VILLAGE

- Travel back to 19th Century rural Georgia for fun, hands-on activities for young and old. Churn butter, beat biscuits, make cornhusk dolls, enjoy toe-tapping music, and say "how-do" to friendly goats and mules.
- Call 912-537-9304 (Anice McArthur)
- FREE Event

Saturday, April 28, 10 am to 2 pm

Historic Village at Brewton-Parker College

Hwy 280 by Jones Lake in Mount Vernon