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Enjoy a Free Old-Fashioned Summer Picnic at Towne Park June 22

St. Charles County, Missouri – Join the St. Charles County Parks and Recreation Department for an old-fashioned Summer Picnic at Towne Park, 100 Towne Park Dr., (off Highway 61) near Wentzville, Saturday, June 22. Bring the family and enjoy a variety of 19th century games and activities (including the opportunity for guests to hand crank their own ice cream), and live fiddling from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

The historic restored 1830s homestead on the park property will also be open for tours during the picnic. The former “Pink Plantation” is fully furnished with 19th century artifacts. Donated by the late Mrs. Betty Towne, the property was to be preserved and turned into a public park in May 2012. For its efforts to restore the homestead, the Parks Department was recognized at the Missouri State Capital in Jefferson City by receiving the 2007 McReynolds Award from the Missouri Alliance for Historic Preservation.

Traditional fiddle player Vanessa Reynolds will also perform a soulful style of folk music from the porch of the homestead during the event. Reynolds, a young local fiddler, performs at several venues throughout the year.

Another focal point of Towne Park is the certified Nature Explore Classroom, a dynamic, nature-based play and learning space, which supports skill development in children by reconnecting them with the outdoors.

For more information about programs, events and volunteering at the historical homestead at Towne Park, please contact Parks Historian Ryan Graham at the County Heritage Museum at 636.255.6000, or visit www.stccparks.org.

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