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### This Week in Mt. Vernon & Just Up the Road

#### December 1-31

**Festival of Lights**, Foundation Park, Route 161 East, Centralia, 6-11 p.m. Drive through a magical display of Christmas lights. Visit Santa on Friday and Saturday nights. For more information call (618) 532-3214 or visit [www.centraliaill.com](http://www.centraliaill.com).

#### December 11

**United Methodist Children's Home 5th Annual Live Nativity**, 2023 Richview Road, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. Come and enjoy sights and sounds of Christmas including live animals. For more information call (618) 242-9108.

#### December 12

**The Granada Center for the Performing Arts, 108 North 9th Street, presents *The Grinch***, 2 p.m. Free admission. US Bank will give away a \$100 US Savings Bond before the movie. For more information call (618) 740-0707 or visit [www.granada.mvn.net](http://www.granada.mvn.net).

#### December 13

**Christmas Home Tour**, Salem. For more information call (618) 548-3010 or visit [www.salemilchamber.com](http://www.salemilchamber.com).

### This Week at Cedarhurst Center for the Arts

#### October 30 - December 31

- Shrode Photography Competition
- Marilyn Boysen Retrospective
- Rajasthan: Ancient Colors and Traditions
- One World, One Family: Darcy Kiefel Photographs for Heifer International

#### December 11

Cedarhurst School of Performing Arts presents *The Little Mermaid*

#### Hours:

Tues.-Sat., 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 1-5 p.m.

**Holiday Hours:** Closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Years Day

2600 Richview Road  
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### Featured This Week



**Contemplation - Pushkar, 2008**  
Ray Marklin, Photographer

#### Rajasthan, India featured in photography exhibition at Cedarhurst

Saint Louis (MO) photographer Ray Marklin is well-known throughout this region for his far ranging travels and his photographic essays of locations such as Russia, Myanmar, Viet Nam, Cambodia, Tibet, and most recently, and the subject of a new exhibition at Cedarhurst, Rajasthan, India. The exhibit, *Rajasthan: Ancient Traditions, Modern Colors*. A Photographic essay by Ray Marklin opened Saturday, October 31 in the Main Gallery of the Mitchell Museum.

Marklin's photography captures the sense of place in the exotic locales while offering the viewer the feel of familiarity by offering images of a child's smile, a beautiful sunset or a hectic open air market full of colorful fruits and vegetables. The ancient traditions and ways of life of the northern region of India are given a fresh viewpoint and perspective from the perceptive and revealing camera of Ray Marklin.

The exhibition continues through December 31 and is sponsored by Florence M. Glass and Jeff Hartz Gallery and cosponsored by Dr. and Mrs. Alan Froehling.

Admission is free.

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### December 7-13, 2009

#### This Week at Showplace 8

#### 2012, PG13

4:00, 7:20

#### Blind Side, PG13

3:40, 7:10

#### Brothers, R

4:10, 7:00

#### Everybody's Fine, PG13

3:50, 6:30

#### Ninja Assassin, R

4:30, 7:30

#### Old Dogs, PG

4:20, 6:40

#### Planet 51

3:30, 6:20

#### Twilight Saga: New Moon, PG13

3:20, 6:50

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All times listed are p.m.

\*\*Please double check movie times as they are subject to change.

### Fitness Centers

#### Curves

301 North 27th Street, 246-1287

Hours: M-F 7:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.; Saturday 7:30 - 10 a.m.

#### Mt. Vernon Fitness Center

1318 Salem Road, 244-5061

Hours: Open 24 hours

#### Rend Lake College Fitness Center

605 North 12th Street, 242-0027

Hours: M-F 6 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Saturday 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Sunday 1-6 p.m.

#### White Lotus Yoga Studio

4225 Lincolnshire, Suite C, 787-2929

Hours: Monday & Wednesday yoga classes at 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:15 p.m., and 5:30 p.m. Friday yoga classes at 8:30 a.m. Reiki also available.

#### YMCA

1304 Broadway, 242-7500

Hours: Monday-Thursday 5:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.; Friday 5:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Saturday 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sunday 1-6 p.m.

### Mt. Vernon Convention & Visitors Bureau

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Open M-F, 8-5 & Sat. 12-5

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