

## Weekend Activities

**Fun on the Grounds** – Don't miss the activities including Toot Toot Train, bounce house, balloons by Balloontique, carnival games such as duck pond, pop toss and more by PBS and the 4-H dunk tank!

**Log Homestead** – Tour the circa 1848 log home of the Isaac & Christina Novinger family (later occupied by the Samuel A. & Mary Novinger family) on Sunday or Monday. It has been restored by Novinger Renewal and is currently being furnished with period items. Challenge the former state checker champion to a game of checkers on the porch and view traditional craftsmen. Stop by to see the log barn of the same period that belonged to the Francis & Charlotte Reese family.

**Souvenirs** – Stop by the log smokehouse on Sunday or Monday to pick out a souvenir of your time in Novinger. From Coal Miner Days t-shirts and caps to books on area history - there is sure to be something you just have to take home! This year's collector's series of caps and buttons features the Manufacturers Coal & Coke Co. Mine #7.

**Coal Miner's Museum** – Visit the museum Sunday or Monday, between 12:30-4, to view articles related to the area's history collected by the Novinger Planned Progress over the last thirty years. Admission \$1.00.

**Town Jail** - Take a look in the town jail built in 1913. Located between the museum and Community Center.

**Flags of Remembrance** - Be sure to drive by the Novinger Cemetery (Hwy 149 N) for a breath-taking display of flags honoring veterans and others.

**Craft & Flea Market** - Booths welcome to set-up on grounds. Set-up \$15, electricity limited. To reserve a space call David Novinger at 660-216-7224.

**Bingo** – Stop by the bingo stand in the picnic shelter Sunday or Monday and win a prize to take home while helping to support Novinger Planned Progress.

**Ethnic Flag Display** – View a collection of flags representing the various nationalities that lived in the area during the coal mining boom by the late Tom Pearce on Sunday and Monday in the Community Center.

**Battle of Kirksville Civil War Sesquicentennial Commemoration Display** – Stop by the booth inside the community center both Sunday and Monday from 12 – 4 to learn more about activities planned for August 5-7, 2011 in Kirksville, which include a medical tent, scavenger hunt, costume contest, 1860s children's games, dancing, flag display and more!

**Adair County Historical Society Mostly Ghosts Photo Collection Display** – View the extensive collection featuring Novinger during its more vibrant period (compiled by the late Cyrus Truitt) in the community center both Sunday and Monday from 12 – 4. The Adair County Historical Society will share other information and treasures as well.

**Quilt Show** – Sunday 1-6 and Monday 10-4 inside the West Chariton Fellowship (downtown/Rt. O). 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> places for People's Choice and Oldest Quilt. Awards announced Monday at 4. Admission and voting by donation with proceeds going to ToolBox Ministry projects in Novinger. Quilt drop off (with brief history) Saturday 12 – 4. Marva Mears 660-488-6500.

**Showing of Cottonwood/Novinger Documentary Film** - View the movie by film school student Ted Wilkinson in the Community Center at the times noted in schedule. Footage includes photos of Novinger in its heyday and current scenes around town.

**Duck Dash** – Tickets available Sunday and Monday inside the Community Center. Prizes – 1<sup>st</sup> place 25% payback, 2<sup>nd</sup> place – 15% payback, 3<sup>rd</sup> place – 10% payback.

**Novinger Family Cemetery Tours** – Meet at the Community Center front door to catch the shuttle at the times noted in the schedule for a rare opportunity and narrated tour. See where John C. Novinger (town founder) is buried along with other family members.

**NOTE: ALL stage activities will be held rain or shine. Indoor stage and seating available inside the Community Center.**

**Restrooms available in the Community Center and picnic shelter.**

## Saturday, May 28, 2011

9:00 am Sign up begins for **ATV Drag Events** (track) sponsored by the Novinger Lion's Club. Racing **starts at 12**. Various classes, cash pay back. Brad Ray 660-216-0332 or Walter Broseghini 660-341-1506

***Sandwiches and goodies served at Pepsi Wagon***

7:00 pm **Novinger High School Alumni Banquet** (Novinger School, Hwy 149), reception starts at 5

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## Sunday, May 29, 2011

9:00 am **Community Worship Service**  
Novinger United Methodist Church  
Everyone welcome!

11a-1pm **Car Show** registration (grounds)  
Participant judging for best of show, top 15, best paint, and best under hood, drawing prizes, \$25 prize farthest distance, 50/50 drawing, entry fee \$10, awards presented 3:00, David Novinger 660-216-7224

12 noon **Welcome – St. Rep. Zachary Wyatt** (stage)  
**Cottonwood/Novinger Documentary Showing** (NCC)  
Sign up begins for **3-on-3 Basketball Tourney** (Downtown/Route O), **tourney starts at 1:30**, various age groups, up to 5 man teams, \$10 per person, pre-registration requested but not required Brent Steele 660-349-9557 (rain location – school)

12:30 pm **Little Ms. & Mr. Miner** (NCC), ages 3-5, judged on costume and personality, prizes for everyone, \$50 savings bonds for winners. Pre-registration requested. Rhonda Miller 660-988-0740  
**Novinger Family Cemetery Tour** (meet at NCC)

1:00 pm **Bow 3-D Shoot** (track)  
Three classes/entry fees – 15 and under (\$10), 16 and over (\$15), 16 and open (\$15), 20 targets, 1<sup>st</sup> place 50% payback, 2<sup>nd</sup> place 25% payback each category plus trophies, longest shot contest – 15 and under (\$5), and 16 and over (\$5), 100% payback  
Terry Rodman 660-341-3340

## Sunday, May 29, 2011

2:00 pm **Old-Time Children's Contests** (grounds)  
Preschool thru 6th Grade, Martha Dyer  
488-6525

2 - 4 pm **Novinger Legends Come to Life**  
(Novinger Cemetery, Hwy 149 N) Step back in time as Curtain Call Community Theatre and community actors portray and share history on a variety of early settlers and business people. Donations accepted

3:00 pm **Coal Loading/Spike Driving/Water Bucket Brigade** (grounds) - Youth and adult divisions, Albert Dyer 488-6525

3:30 pm **Novinger Family Cemetery Tour** (meet at NCC)

4:00 pm **Melody's School of Dance & Tumbling Student Performances** (stage)

5:00 pm **Talent Show** (stage) Two age groups (preschool – 6<sup>th</sup> grade and 7<sup>th</sup> grade – adult), five places each plus \$50 overall winner. Glenna Daniels Young 488-5280

6:00 pm **Next to Normal Brass Quintet** (Brad Hudson, Alex Manners, Mike Bolle, Rhonda Deskin and Tracy Mallet)

6:45 pm Bring **Homemade Pie, Cake & Ice Cream Contest** entries to NCC/People's Choice vote  
Glenna Daniels Young 488-5280

7:00 pm Enjoy the treats of the **Homemade Pie, Cake & Ice Cream Contest Cottonwood/Novinger Documentary Showing** (NCC)

***An evening of remembering those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom and honoring those who served-***

7:30 pm **Gospel and Patriotic Variety Show** – performances by Twila Jones, Morgan & McKenna Carnes, the Bartels Family Singers and others

Dusk **Fireworks** (pass the hat)

**Contests open to the public, register at indicated locations 30 minutes before scheduled start time**

# Monday, May 30, 2011

- 7:00 am **Lion's Club Breakfast** served at the firehouse until 10 a.m.
- 9:00 am **5K Run, 1.5 Mile Walk** registration at Community Center, **event begins at 9:30**, several divisions. Jessie Schoonover 988-0712
- 10:30 am **Novinger Family Cemetery Tour** (meet at NCC)
- 11:00 am Demonstration by **Kirksville Taekwon-Do** (stage)
- 12:00 n **FFA Petting Zoo** opens (track)  
**Cottonwood/Novinger Documentary Showing** (NCC)
- 1:00 pm **Parade** - Line-up begins at noon east side of town on Front Street and runs thru downtown. Prizes for cars, floats, horses, largest group and overall winner. No pre-entry required. David Novinger 216-7224  
**Memorial Service** following parade by VFW & Auxiliary, American Legion (grounds)  
**Recognition of Former Coal Miners, Wives/Widows** (stage)  
**Parade winners** announced (stage)
- 2:00 pm **Horseshoe Pitching Tourney** (grounds)  
3 places/3 classes Donnie McDonald 654-9114  
**Stilt Walking/Hoop Rolling/Frisbee Contests** (grounds) Age divisions, Albert Dyer 488-6525  
**Baby Show** (stage) Infant – 3 years, prizes for everyone. Special award for youngest present. Janet Bunch 488-5285
- 2:30 pm **Barrel Rolling/Tug of War** (grounds)  
Age divisions, Albert Dyer 488-6525  
**Miss Jenny's Dance Factory II Student Performances** (stage)
- 3:30 pm **Fear Factor Contest** (NCC)  
Age groups 13-18, 19 & older, one on one single elimination, Danny Ellsworth 488-5711  
**Novinger Family Cemetery Tour** (meet at NCC)
- 4:00 pm **Duck Dash** (Davis Creek) Watch as the Explorers launch and gather the ducks to see who are the big winners!

**Join the fun for young and old  
as Novinger celebrates its  
heritage!**

**Bring along your lawn chairs  
and plan to stay awhile.**

## Community Center Menu

### Served both Sunday & Monday:

\*BBQ Pork Sandwich      \*Johnsonville Brats  
\*Foot Long Hotdogs      \*Regular Hotdogs  
   \*Chili Dogs  
   \*Loaded and Unloaded Nachos  
   \*Variety of Desserts

### Sunday Specials:

10:30 – 4:00

Coal Miners Lunch (entrée of beef and potatoes in one pocket and dessert of sweet fruit filling in the other baked in a pastry)

Coal Miners Supper (prosciutto ham, pasta and mild cheeses)

5:00 – until it's gone

Catfish Buffet - All you can eat (fillets, cole slaw, baked beans and hushpuppies)

### Monday Special:

11:00 - until it's gone

Ham & Beans, Fried Potatoes and Cornbread

*Food prepared by Danny's Catering & BBQ*

**Kettle Corn and  
Pepsi Wagon (sandwiches and goodies)  
on grounds all weekend!**

**For more info call (660) 488-5280**

Novinger celebrated the centennial of the town's incorporation in 2001. Lots for the town were plotted in 1878 as the Quincy, Missouri and Pacific Railroad extended westward. The depot was named for John C. Novinger. The post office was established in January of 1879; however the town never officially incorporated until 1901. Railroad ties and timber products soon became a big industry. By 1900 several large companies had opened mines which drew many nationalities of miners. Mines worked around the clock and miner's pit lamps resembled fireflies as they were going to and from work. The Iowa & St. Louis Railway tracks were laid north and south of the town. By this time eight trains passed through daily. The town was also known for its ballteam (1905-20's) and concert band (organized in the 1890's). Miner's strikes, the depression and the decline in the demand for coal each had an effect on the town's economy. The last train pulled out in 1950. Billy Creek Coal Mine, the last deep shaft mine in the state, closed in January of 1966. The Novinger area had 53 recorded mines.

Coal Miner Days is sponsored by Novinger Renewal, Inc., a non-profit corporation established in September 1986 to preserve the area's rich heritage and to help make the community a better place to live.

The restoration of the Isaac and Samuel Novinger log home was the first major project of the group. Isaac originally owned the land donated for the town. The log home, built around 1848 two miles west of town, was dismantled log by log, moved and reconstructed as a tribute to the early settlers of the community. The Reese Family log barn and outbuilding are located on the same property.

Other projects of Novinger Renewal over the years has included the establishment and renovation of the Community Center, as well as events such as the Country Christmas Craft Festival, Alumni Basketball Games, Spring & Fall Clean-up Days, Haunted Graveyard, Christmas at the Cabin, and Christmas Decorating Contest, along with participation in the Adopt-A-Highway Program. The group also publishes a quarterly newsletter.

The Novinger Community was struck by a tornado on May 13, 2009 which destroyed the Ross Building, a two-story brick business building, was had been a restoration project of the group for many years. A fire destroyed a block of downtown building last fall. Evidence remains in the area today of these disasters.

*Novinger no longer has  
mines working around the clock  
or hears the whistle of the trains.  
But every year over Memorial Day  
Weekend the community goes back to. . .*

# Coal Miner Days 25<sup>th</sup> Annual



**FREE ADMISSION**

## Novinger, Missouri

(Eight miles west of Kirksville on Hwy. 6)  
*Founded 1879 - Incorporated 1901*

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Sponsored by Novinger Renewal, Inc.