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According to a news release, the entrance portal into the 20th Century is Celebration Street, an area full of activities of the early 1900s, with water sculptures and fountains from the Victorian era and a vintage-style carousel. The Electric Boardwalk features amusement rides, games and arcade adventure; and historic Route 66 celebrates the 1950s and '60s era of shiny auto-

mobiles and drive-in diners with themed rides, shops and restaurants.

In the Route 66 area, the new coaster, Ozark WildCat, celebrates America's love for wooden roller coasters. Ozark WildCat is an ultra-compact, classic twisting wooden coaster that will reach speeds of 45 miles per hour and drop eight stories. It has a one-of-a-kind 310-degree spiraling double-down first drop, a high speed swoop turn with a rabbit hop midway and a screaming finale.

Two other coasters include a 60-foot compact steel coaster, the Thunderbolt, that takes riders at speeds up to 35 miles per hour, and Jack Rabbit, a 52-foot coaster with numerous camel-

back features, that takes riders at speeds up to 35 miles per hour.

Additional rides include The Accelerator, a tower ride which launches riders 80 feet before plunging them back down with back-to-back positive and negative G-forces; Fireball, which swings and spins riders over 60 feet in the air; and the Electric Star Wheel, a 95-foot-high classic Ferris wheel.

One of the most outstanding features at the park is the nightly outdoor, multi-media laser production show "Celebrate," which takes guests through time travel of the 20th Century. The event is featured prior to park closing each evening.

A new show in the

Celebration Theatre features the men's a cappella group, "Chapter 6," performing jazz, gospel, pop and rock songs. Themed restaurants and eateries include the '50s-style Last Chance Diner, Kate's Cookies and Cream, Mickey's Pizza, and Mustard's.

Ten themed shops include The Baldwin Theater, Margo the Magnificent, Route 66 and Woody's Workshop.

The park is open from 3 to 11 p.m. daily through August. The park will be open Friday through Sunday only from Sept. 5 through Nov. 1.

For tickets and information, call 1-800-831-4FUN or 800-888-PASS. Information is also available at the Web site www.silverdollarcity.com.

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Summer Solstice Sunset Spectacular
p.m., Toltec Mounds State Park, Scott. Admission: \$3 for adults, \$2 for children. Reservations are not required. Call 9442.

Performance — Dan Clanton at The C Beanery, 17200 Chenal Parkway, Little Rock. Call 821-7747.

Fourth Annual Great Ozark Duck Race/Board Boat Race/Hillbilly Olympics/Cold Boil — Hardy. Call 870-856-2115.

Summer Solstice Summer Spectacular
Starting at 4 p.m., Toltec Mounds State Park. Cost: \$3 for adults, \$2 for children. Reservations not required. Call 961-9442.

THROUGH SUNDAY, JUNE 22
Central Arkansas Exotic Bird Fair and Buggy Sale — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 21 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 22, Arkansas State grounds, Little Rock. Call 901-878-1333 visit the Web site www.birdshow.com

Mount Magazine International Butterfly Festival — Mount Magazine State Park. 479-963-8502 or visit the Web site www.butterflyfestival.com.

■ SUNDAY June 22

Concert — 7 p.m., Riverfest Amphitheater, featuring The Doobie Brothers. Doors open at 4 p.m. Tickets available at master locations or by phone, 975-7777.

■ MONDAY June 23

THROUGH SUNDAY, JUNE 27
ArtShop — The Arts and Science Center for Southeast Arkansas, Pine Bluff. Children 8 to 12. Registration fee is \$10 for center members and \$125 for non-members. Deadline registration is Wednesday June 18. Call Judy Haley, director of art, 870-536-3375.

■ TUESDAY JUNE 24

THROUGH SUNDAY, AUG. 3
"Sanders Family Christmas" — Murfreesboro Dinner Playhouse, Little Rock. Call 501-3131 or visit the Web site www.murfreesboroplayhouse.com.

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