

THE ELEMENT things to do in Rockford: August 2025



46th Annual Festa Italiana

Fri, Aug 1: 5-11PM

Sat: Aug 2: Noon-11PM

Sun, Aug 3: Mass 10AM, Festival noon-8PM

Boylan Catholic High School

4000 St Francis Dr, Rockford, IL

Festa Italiana is an annual festival held in Rockford, celebrating **Italian heritage and culture**. Enjoy **authentic Italian food** for purchase at conveniently located ticket booths on the field, and **live music performances and dance shows** that highlight the rich history and traditions of Italy. Festa is a great opportunity to experience and appreciate Italian culture in a vibrant and festive atmosphere. \$8 admission; active military, vets, and children 7 and under FREE. For info: festaitalianarockford@gmail.com



Rockford 815 Day: CeeLo Green

Hard Rock Live

7801 E. State Street, Rockford, IL

Fri, Aug 15. Doors open at 7PM

CeeLo Green is an American **singer, rapper, songwriter, and record producer**. He first gained recognition as a member of the Southern hip-hop group **Goodie Mob** before launching a successful solo career. For tickets: casino.hardrock.com/rockford/entertainment/hard-rock-live/ceelo-green



Female Energy Festival

Sat, Aug 9. Noon-5PM

UW Health Sports Factory

305 S Madison St, Rockford

What started as a small gathering of creators and dreamers has blossomed into one of the region's most impactful community events. **Features 100% Women-Owned Vendor Market**, from beauty to wellness, handmade goods & more. **6+ Food Trucks, Live Entertainment, Kids Zone**, and **new Healthy Girl Market**, an outdoor canopy festival of fresh produce, baked goods, and holistic care items. ENTRY: \$5, kids under 5 free. Doors open at noon. Come early—the **first 150 guests** will receive an **exclusive gift bag** loaded with sponsor goodies and local deals! gorockford.com/event/female-energy-festival/28339/



42nd Annual Polish Fest

Sunday, Aug 17, NOON-7:00PM

St. Stanislaus Kostka (church grounds)

201 Buckbee St., Rockford, IL 61104

Join us in celebrating the **rich traditions of Polish life and culture** through exhibits, music, dancing, cuisine, and more. Presented by St. Stanislaus Kostka Roman Catholic Church. Free admission. Mass at 11AM. www.st-stanislaus.org



Coronado Theatre: Foreigner

Sun, Aug 10, 7:30PM

314 N Main St, Rockford, IL

With **10 multi-platinum albums** and 16 Top 30 hits, **Foreigner** is hailed as one of the **most popular rock acts** in the world with a formidable musical arsenal that continues to propel sold-out tours and album sales, exceeding 80 million. For tickets: coronado.asmrockford.com/event/foreigner/tm_vv1a7zkfjgkenk8m8/



Westside Showroom:

They Speak: Lewis Lemon An Uncommon Life

Sat, Aug 23, Sun Aug 24.

Dorothy Paige-Turner and **Rockford Reader's Theatre** celebrate **Rockford Founders Day** with the story of **Lewis Lemon**, one of **Rockford's three founders**. His story serves as a testament to the resilience and determination of **an African American man who, once enslaved, forged a path to freedom** and made enduring contributions to the city of Rockford. For tickets: wssr.org/theyspeak

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