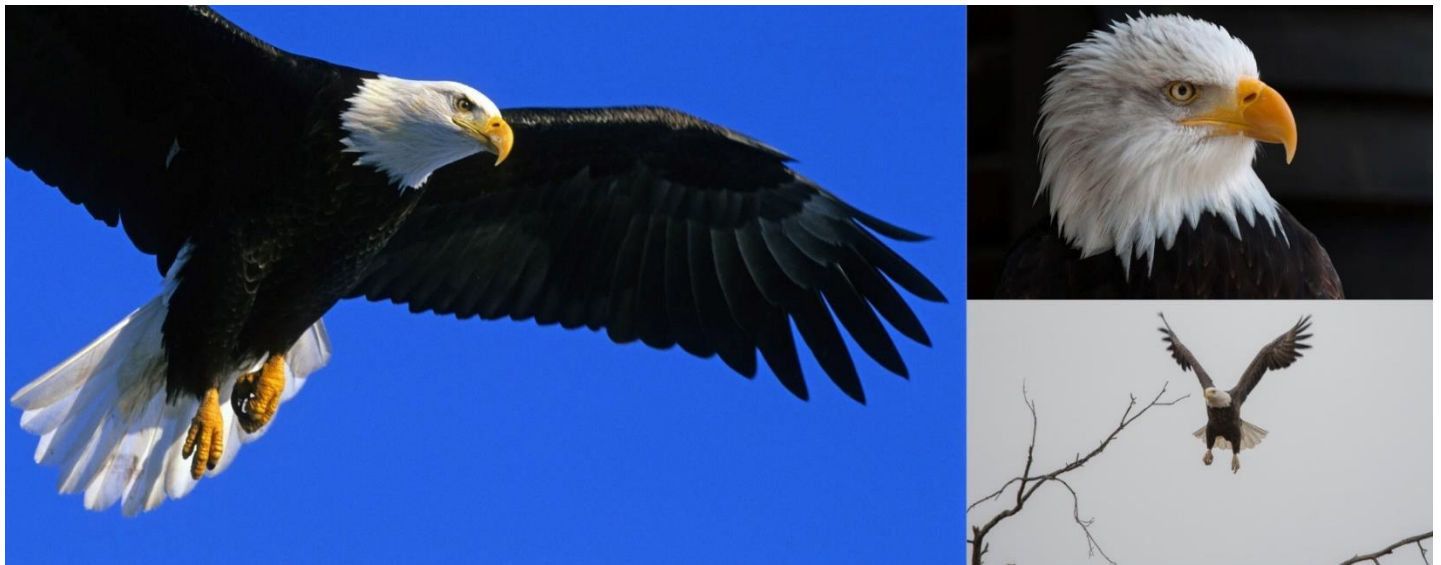




# Grafton Riverbeat

## January Events, Music & Things to do

### Eagle Watching in Grafton



January brings the start of Eagle season in Grafton and there are several options for you to view one of nature's most majestic birds in the area.

Greater Rivers and Routes of Alton will be offering bus tours that leave from the Grafton Visitors Center every Saturday in January starting on Jan. 8. The tours start at 8am and 2:30pm and leave from the parking lot of the Visitors Center, the cost is \$23.00 per person. This two-hour tour will highlight sites where wintering American Bald eagles are typically seen in the area. Sites will include: the Brussels Ferry, Calhoun Point, and Pere Marquette State Park. <https://www.riversandroutes.com/things-to-do/buy-tickets/>

On January 15 and 29 there will be a live eagle Meet and Greet at the Visitors Center from 10am to 2pm with an eagle from the World Bird Sanctuary. See an eagle up close and personal and find out more about this once endangered bird.

Take your own scenic drive up the River Rd where you can spot eagles from your car along the riverbank, out on the ice or flying high up above the bluffs, then warm up in Grafton at one of the local bars & grills with a hot meal and one of your favorite beverages.

## Things to Do

**Grafton Sky Tour:** Thursday-Sunday 11:30 am-7pm (weather permitting).

**Grafton Zip Line:** Open 7 days a week (weather permitting), reservations only for groups of 4 or more. 14 West Main St. Call 786-9477 for information. Aeries Resort main office hours are Sun-Thu 8am to 6pm, Fri & Sat 8am to 8pm.

**Edward Amburg Museum & Visitor Center:** Thursday-Sunday 10am-4pm and Monday Holidays (Closed on New Year's Day).

**Riverside Ice-Skating Rink at the Loading Dock:** Hours are Fridays 5-10pm, Saturdays 12-10pm and Sundays 12-8pm. Also open for special Holiday hours, call 618-556-7951 for more information or email: [loadingdock@gtec.com](mailto:loadingdock@gtec.com).

**The Grafton Winery Vineyards: Fireplace Friday, Fri. Jan. 14, 6-9pm:** Spend a relaxing evening hanging out with friends and fellow wine lovers. Bring a favorite appetizer, dish, or dessert to share.

**Pere Marquette State Park:** Eagle Tours, Trail Hiking, Rock Climbing, Educational Visitors Center. For information and reservations on all events call 618-786-2331.

It is a dreary Tuesday in Winter, what can I do for fun? Head down to the Grafton Pub for Taco Tuesday for Taco & Margarita specials while jamming to music and hanging out with friends or meet new friends!



New artifacts are being added weekly to the displays at the Edward Amburg History Museum & Visitors Center. Stop by and check them out (plus there is usually an eagle hanging out now)!



## Shopping

**Hours for most shops vary in the Winter.**

**Aeries Gift Shop 600 Timber Ridge Dr:** Open Thur-Sun 12-5pm.



**Cox's Rivertown Mill Art & Gifts 115 W Washington:** Call for hours 812-994-9007.

**Golden Eagle Antiques 300 E Main:** Saturday 10am-4pm, Sunday 1pm-4pm.

**Grafton BP Station 200 E Main:** Open Daily.

**Grafton Fudge Shop 321 E Main:** Open 11am-5pm.

**Grafton Graphix, Darts & Crafts 1406 W Main:** Open 10am-6pm Daily.

**Grafton Harbor Marina Shop 215 W Water St:** Closed for Winter, reopening on March 17<sup>th</sup> (St. Patrick's Day)

**Grafton Market 1415 W Main:** Open 6am-8pm daily. Call 786-2337 for information.

**Grafton Winery Gift Shop 300 W Main:** Daily from 11am-7pm.

*Fashions in the bag at Aerie's Gift Shop.*



*Stock up on snacks & groceries at the Grafton Market when spending the night.*



**Harrisons Gifts 224 E Main:** Weekends only, weather permitting.

**Knotty By Nature 15 E Main:** Daily from 10am-6pm.

**Mosby Woodwork 309 Market St:** Call for information on hours 786-2223.

**Fancy Nancy on Main ★ 307 E Main:** Hours vary; Look for the Cardinals and Open flag.

**Pajarito 316 E Main:** Open 11am-5pm Daily.

**Riverbank Gifts 225 E Main:** Friday, Saturday, and Sunday 11am-5pm.

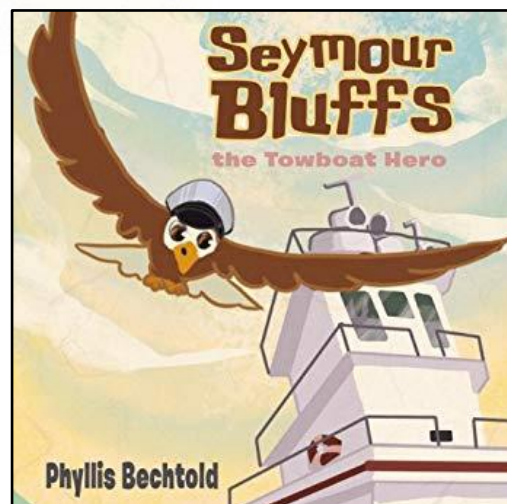
**The Lady LaMarsh 25 E Main:** Closed for Winter break, shop open by appointment only.

**The Wood Artisan 22 E Main:** Tue-Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 1-4pm.

**Wild n' Crazy 301 E Main:** Open on weekends.



*Riverbank Gifts carries Eagle souvenirs and books for all ages many written by local authors.*



## *Music Scene*

**The Hawg Pit:** Friday Nights Open Mic: Steve Mellas & Co. Live music on weekends, call 786-7675 for more information.

### **Grafton Winery:**

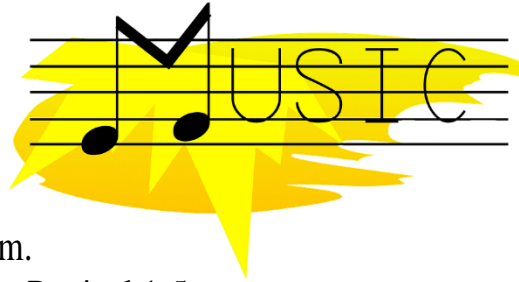
**Jan 2** Terry Beck 1-5pm.

**Jan 8** Synergy 3-7pm, **Jan 9** Ivas John Duo 1-5pm

**Jan 15** Tragg Band 3-7pm, **Jan 16** Two Pedros 1-5pm.

**Jan 22** Rogers & Nienhaus 3-7pm, **Jan 23** Rockabilly Revival 1-5pm.

**Jan 29** Scott & Karl 3-7pm, **Jan 30** Lanny & Julie 1-5pm.



## *Drinks & Eats*

### **Aeries Winery**

Open Thu-Sun 12-8pm

### **Grafton Oyster Bar**

Closed in January, reopening on February 1

### **Beasley's Fish Stand**

Open Tue-Sat 11am-6pm

### **The Bloody Bucket Opens Thu 4pm**

Fri-Sat 12pm, Sun 10am-10pm

### **Grafton Winery & Brewhaus**

Open Mon-Thu 11am-7pm, Fri-Sat 12pm-9pm,  
Sun 11am-7pm

### **The Hawg Pit**

Open Daily at 11am (weather permitting)

### **American Legion-Grafton**

Open Daily at 11am

### **Grafton Pub**

Open Daily at 11am

### **Drifters**

Open Daily (except Tue) at 11am

### **O'Jans Fish**

Opens Daily at 11am

### **The Loading Dock**

Open Fri-Sun 11am-10pm

### **The Third Chute**

Open Daily at 11am

### **Grafton Winery Vineyards**

Open Fri-Sun 12-5pm

### **Grafton Fudge & Ice Cream**

Open Daily 11am-5pm

### **Bobby G's & The Gold Bar**

### **Pere Marquette Lodge Restaurant**

Opens Daily at 7am

<http://www.graftonilchamber.com>

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