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|  | **West Virginia Division of Natural Resources** [**www.wvdnr.gov**](http://www.wvdnr.gov)**Earl Ray Tomblin, Governor Frank Jezioro, Director****News Release: July 31, 2013****Hoy Murphy, Public Information Officer, 304-957-9365** **hoy.r.murphy@wv.gov****Contact: Matt Baker, Park Superintendent, 304-420-4800;** **blennerhassettislandsp@wv.gov** |

**Blennerhassett Island Historical State Park
presents Dinner & Cruise Evenings***Evening concerts at Point Park complete the evening*

PARKERSBURG, W.Va. – A sternwheeler ride on the Ohio River, dinner and Motown-sound concert is a winning combination Friday, Aug. 2 and again Sept. 6 in Parkersburg, W.Va. Purchase your ticket and board the Island Bellesternwheeler for a country-style dinner and boat ride. Upon return to Point Park, enjoy the evening concert presented by Downtown PKB.

A sternwheeler cruise and dinner begins at 6 p.m. with the Island Belle departing Point Park in downtown Parkersburg. The boat returns to Point Park at 7:30 p.m. for guests to enjoy a Point Park Music Series concert presented by Downtown PKB.

The cost of the ticket *(includes river cruise & dinner*) is $25 for adults and $20 for children ages 3-12. The dinner menu offers a choice of one entrée (baked steak or pan-fried chicken), with country-style green beans, baked potato, house salad, roll with butter, dessert, and bottled water or soft drink (vegetarian menu available upon request). Seating is limited and advance reservations are required. To purchase tickets for the dinner cruise, call Blennerhassett Island State Park office at 304-420-4800.

**Point Park Concert Features**

**Aug. 2**

***MotorCity Revue — a Tribute to Motown***

A little more than half a century ago, a new sound took shape in and around Detroit that revolutionized the music industry. Today, the Motor City Revue faithfully recreates that signature Motown sound and, in the process, takes audiences on a journey back in time to where it all began. The Motor City Revue is an 11-piece band covering popular and rare Motown and Stax hits, plus rock and soul classics – real sounds from a very danceable band. Come and enjoy peace, love and soul! <http://www.motorcityrevue.com/>

**Friday, Sept. 6**

#### Who’s Bad — A Tribute to Michael Jackson

Who’s Bad’s live performance is an unrivaled celebration of pop music’s one true king. Their power-packed performance of Michael Jackson’s expansive catalog has ignited crowds on every continent and can only be described as a jaw-dropping, musical must-see. As the longest-running Michael Jackson tribute band, and the only one to predate his untimely passing, Who’s Bad has awed even the skeptics, selling out nearly 50 venues in the United Kingdom including London’s O2 in December 2010, the venue where the King of Pop was slated to end his career with a 50-show “This Is It” concert series.

For further information about Blennerhassett Island Historical State Park and upcoming events, call the park office at 304-420-4800 or the website at [www.blennerhassettislandstatepark.com](http://www.blennerhassettislandstatepark.com).

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