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The Mt. Lion Observatory at Fort Roberdeau Announces Grand Opening

A FREE public sky watch (*weather permitting) to dedicate the new Mt. Lion Observatory at Fort Roberdeau will be held on Wednesday, July 11 from 8:30 – 11:00 PM at the historic Fort Roberdeau. There will be light refreshments, live music, and tours of the new Observatory.

The Mt. Lion Observatory is a public educational science outreach designed and directed by AAHS Neil Armstrong Planetarium Director Jim Krug. A collaborative project between the Neil Armstrong Planetarium and Fort Roberdeau, the Observatory will take advantage of the expansive, dark skies of Sinking Valley, which are relatively free of light pollution. A Celestron NexStar 9.25" Telescope is permanently mounted inside the facility. The facility will host public night sky observations throughout the year, as well as visiting elementary and high school groups, including the AAHS Astronomy Club. The observatory will also be available for rent to members of the public.

The public is invited to bring a picnic blanket and/or telescope, set up on the grass behind the Fort, and enjoy the beautiful night skies of Sinking Valley!