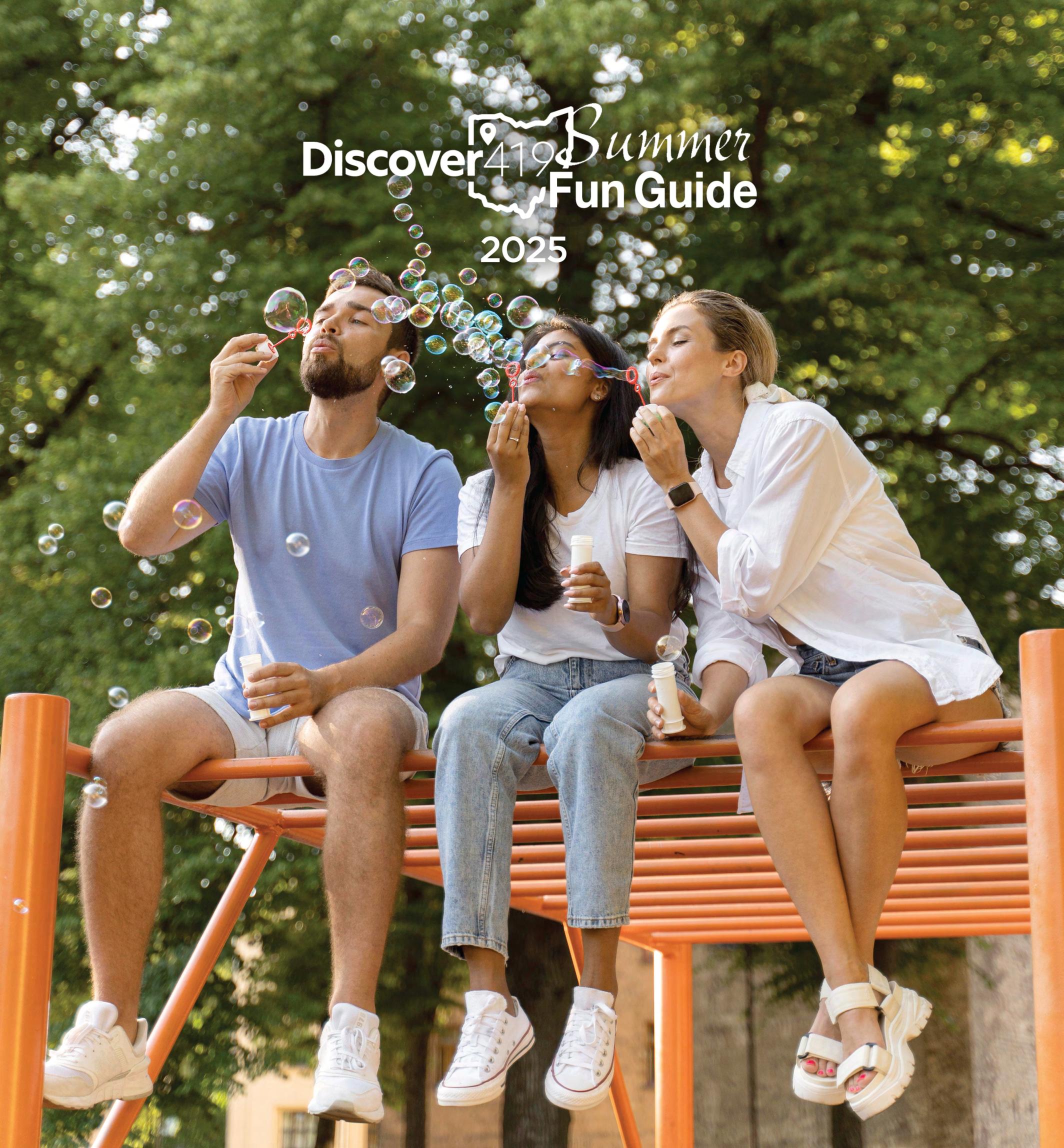


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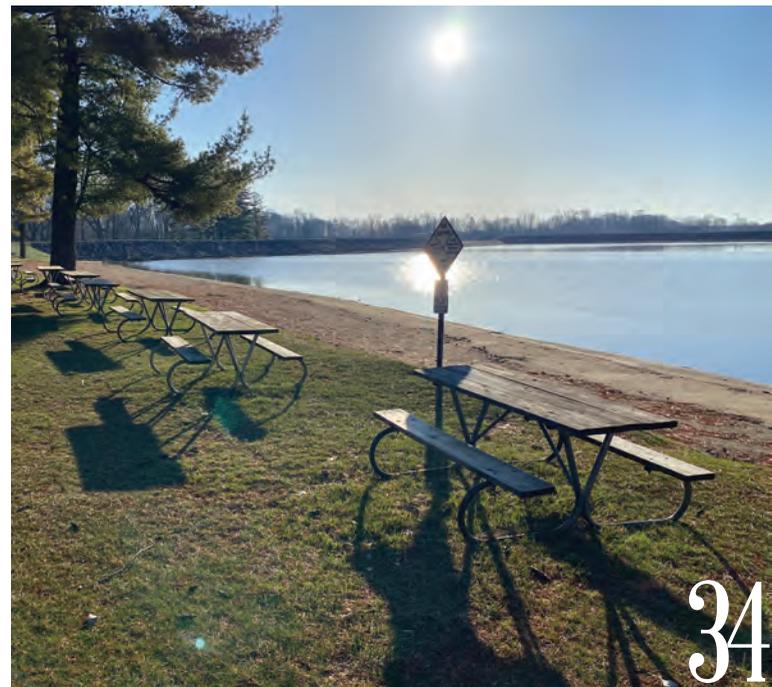
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ALLEN COUNTY

ICONIC

THE CHILDREN'S GARDEN

7 a.m.-6 p.m.

620 W Market St, Lima

The Allen County Children's Garden represents a labor of love. Once a vacant lot filled with trash and choked with weeds, it has now become an interactive green oasis for "children" of all ages. Since the garden was first conceived in 1996 by the Allen County Master Gardeners and volunteers, it has grown to include more than 30 mini-theme gardens and child-inspired works of art. The garden aims provides a safe, enriching environment that fosters a child's spirit of discovery, love of learning, and joy of exploration through hands-on educational programs and community-wide events and celebrations- including historical elements that relate to the country's rich history, such as the Lincoln Highway, Oil Derrick, Train Topiary, and an original "Johnny Appleseed" apple tree. For more information, visit limachildrengarden.com

LIVE EVENT

CHRIS YOUNG

June 20, 7:30 PM

Pangle Pavilion, 128 E Spring St, Lima.

Join the Veterans Memorial Civic & Convention Center to witness one of Billboard's top country artists of the decade, Chris Young has amassed 14 No. 1 singles, including "Gettin' You Home," "Tomorrow," "I'm Comin' Over," "Famous Friends," and "Young Love & Saturday Nights." The global arena headliner and Opry member is a creative force of nature, writing and co-producing much of the work behind his 54 RIAA certifications, including his newest music, "Til the Last One Dies," released April 4, a richly-textured anthem of everlasting devotion.

Can't Miss
COMMUNITY
EVENTS

ALLEN COUNTY FAIR

Aug. 15-23

2750 Harding Hwy., Lima.

The 2025 Allen County Fair will feature contemporary Christian singer Lauren Daigle as its headline artist, performing on Saturday, August 16, at 8 p.m. Daigle, known for her Super Bowl LIX performance, will headline the fair's 175th anniversary, with a special surprise planned to be revealed in May. For more details, visit the Allen County Fair's website.

ALLEN COUNTY FAIR **AUG. 15-23**



ASHLAND COUNTY

ICONIC

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LIVE EVENT

ASHLAND ALE FEST

June 14, 4-8 p.m.

Live music, food trucks and craft brews from around the state of Ohio. Downtown Ashland is the place during this event!

Can't Miss
COMMUNITY
EVENTS

ASHLAND BALLOON FEST

June 26-29

1256 Center St., Ashland

The 35th Annual Ashland Balloon Fest will have another fabulous weekend in 2025. Hot air balloons, food and merchant vendors, live entertainment and activities for kids, spectacular balloon glows and so much more.

ASHLAND COUNTY FAIR **SEPT 14-20**

Can't Miss COMMUNITY EVENTS

SUMMER MOON FESTIVAL

July 15-20

Downtown Wapakoneta

30 E Auglaize St., Wapakoneta

The Summer Moon Festival is a celebration of Wapakoneta and its heritage. Past years' events hosted tents of businesses, food, music, games, shopping, a car show and a giant inflatable moonman. The event celebrates the anniversary of Apollo 11 as it is the hometown of Neil Armstrong.

AUGLAIZE COUNTY



ICONIC

AUGLAIZE ANTIQUE MALL

Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. -6 p.m.

Sunday 12-6 p.m.

116 W Auglaize St, Wapakoneta

The Auglaize Antique Mall is a 25,000 square foot home to more than 200 booths and showcases. Visitors can shop or just admire the antiques, books, collectibles, clothes and more at each stand.

LIVE EVENT

MINSTER OKTOBERFEST

Oct. 3-5

E. 4th St., Minster Ohio

The Minster Octoberfest is a way for the community and visitors to come together, listen to German music and eat German food. There will also be a parade and activities like the Beer Tray Relay. Teams of four compete in an obstacle course to complete it the fastest with as little beer spilled as possible.

AUGLAIZE COUNTY FAIR **JULY 27-AUG. 2**

Can't Miss COMMUNITY EVENTS

BUCYRUS BRATWURST FESTIVAL

Aug 14-16

11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

330 S. Sandusky Ave., Bucyrus

Bratwurst Festival is a fun-filled celebration dedicated to the iconic German sausage — the bratwurst. It's not just about the food (though the brats are definitely the star of the show) — it's a full-blown event packed with delicious bites, live entertainment, and community spirit. It's a gathering for everyone — families, foodies, and festival-goers. It's all about sharing good food, enjoying local talent, and celebrating a beloved culinary tradition with a fun, social twist.

CRAWFORD COUNTY



ICONIC

BUCYRUS COPPER KETTLE WORKS

119 S. Walnut St., Bucyrus

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LIVE EVENTS

FIRST FRIDAYS

June 6, July 3, Aug. 1

Downtown Bucyrus

Come to downtown to shop from local vendors, grab food, enjoy music, children's activities and more.

CRAWFORD COUNTY FAIR **JULY 14-19**

DEFIANCE COUNTY

ICONIC

AUGLAIZE VILLAGE 12296 Krouse Rd., Defiance.

Auglaize Village is a living history museum in Defiance County, Ohio, founded in 1966 by the Defiance County Historical Society and now operated through a partnership with the County Commissioners. Spanning over 120 acres, it preserves and celebrates regional history through festivals, reenactments, and community events that draw visitors from across the tri-state area.

LIVE EVENT

DEFIANCE JAZZ FESTIVAL July 12, 3:30 to 9:30 p.m. 118 Auglaize St., Defiance.

Admission \$5, no fee for children.
The annual Jazz Festival is now celebrating its 12th year of providing the greater Defiance area with a wonderful cultural experience honoring two Pioneers of Jazz, Milt Buckner and "Wild Bill" Davison, both of whom called Defiance home. Enjoy an evening filled with jazz music, children's activities, and community spirit! More event information can be found on the Jazz Festival's Facebook page.

Can't Miss COMMUNITY EVENTS

TRACTOR SHOW/PULLS, FIBER ARTS FESTIVAL & FLEA MARKET

**June 14-15
Auglaize Village
12296 Krouse Rd., Defiance**
Celebrate the "old ways" at Auglaize Village June 14-15 with antique tractor pulls, fiber arts, a flea market, food, and fun for all ages. Enjoy homemade ice cream, live demos like broom making and sawing, vintage buildings, and a scenic railcar ride. For more information please contact villageauglaize@gmail.com

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Grab a paddle

PICKLEBALL OPTIONS A PLenty IN THE 419

By Karen Kin, Andy Ouriel and Ben Ireland

It's among the fastest growing sports and can be enjoyed by those young and old.

There are many places across the 419 area code where people can play.

This includes the Firelands Region — Erie, Huron and Ottawa counties.

Here's a look at just some of the places where people can compete:

LAKESIDE- MARBLEHEAD

Coming soon, several siblings — Bobbie Bero, Jill Stephenson, Jodie Gulas and Phil Stephenson — will open what's known as The BackYard, an indoor pickleball facility and social club.

The new 20,000-square-foot facility is currently under construction at 355 Bridge Road, off Ohio 269 near Bergman Orchards, with plans to open sometime in 2025.

In addition to six indoor pickleball courts, there will be golf simulators, an outdoor space for activities, a self-service beer tap wall, a pro shop and a concession area with drinks and light food offerings.

They plan to have memberships for more frequent players.

MILAN

In 2023, Milan Township trustees pursued a major makeover to its tennis courts at Edison Park, 6 East St, Milan.

When crews completed a resurfacing project, they placed two new outdoor pickleball courts on pre-existing tennis courts.

The courts are open to public use so long as another user — such as Edison High School's tennis teams — aren't using this facility.

HURON

Osborn MetroPark, 3910 E. Perkins Ave., Huron, represents one of the more popular places to play pick-up pickleball games.

There are 10 outdoor courts with permanent lines and nets. People can play there and/or compete with those belonging to the Firelands Area Pickleball Association.

NORWALK

In 2024, Norwalk's government pursued a project at Jaycees Bicentennial Park on Pleasant Street in Norwalk where people can play pickleball.

There are now eight spaces fully dedicated to pickleball.

SANDUSKY

During the wintertime, the Cedar Point Sports Center, 2701 Cleveland Road (U.S. 6), Sandusky, also allows people to come inside and play pickleball.

The Firelands Area Pickleball Association helps coordinate this activity at the sports center. People can visit pickleheads.com/courts/us/ohio/huron/osborn-metro-park for more information.

Drive a little further south and there's even more spaces to enjoy.

TIFFIN

Pickleball is growing nationwide in popularity, and Tiffin is keeping up with the trend.

Bryce Kuhn, parks director for the city of Tiffin, said for many years tennis courts were the dominant feature at local parks and schools, but the increasing interest in pickleball prompted a transition in recent years.

In 2017, he said, the courts at Hedges-Boyer Park, 491 Coe St., were modified from all tennis courts to two pickleball courts and one tennis court.

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ERIE COUNTY

ICONIC

BOY WITH THE BOOT



Near the Erie County Courthouse, Washington Park, downtown Sandusky
It's a statue so symbolic of Sandusky that it's represented in the city's logo. The Boy with the Boot stands proudly at the center of a fountain in Washington Park. The statue depicts a young boy holding a boot that's leaking water from the toes. Be sure to visit it if you're in Sandusky.

HURON BOAT BASIN



330 Main St., Huron

An iconic outdoor venue, the Huron Boat Basin and Amphitheatre sits on the Huron River near its connection with Lake Erie. It's host to a number of events, including the annual Huron River Fest.

LIVE EVENTS

PARTY AT THE PIER + LANGE TRUST SUMMER CONCERTS

Multiple dates between June 12-Aug. 7

Jackson Street Pier, 233 W. Shoreline Dr., Sandusky

It's going to be a party all summer long. Organizers are bringing back Party at the Pier Concerts for the fifth straight year. Here's a lineup of shows; All shows begin at 7 p.m. on Thursdays unless otherwise noted: June 12: Rumours, a tribute to Fleetwood Mac, sponsored by Loris Printing; June 19: Bradd Marquis, a tribute to Sam Cooke, sponsored by the Lange Trust; June 26: Heartland, a tribute to Michael Stanley, sponsored by Firelands Auto Group; July 3: The Pack Drumline, sponsored by the Lange Trust; July 4: Firelands Symphony Orchestra; July 5: Independence Encore with DJ Chosen; July 10: Back & Forth, a tribute to Foo Fighters, sponsored by LEWCO & LogistiQ; July 17: Invincible, a tribute to Pat Benatar; July 24: The Kinsman Dazz Band; July 31: Elton Rohn, a tribute to Elton John, sponsored by Stack Heating, Cooling, Plumbing & Electric; Aug. 7: The Menu, sponsored by Shores & Islands Ohio.

STARS & STRIPES CELEBRATION

July 4

Downtown Sandusky, centered around Washington Park

Crafts, food and patriotic music help people ring in

Independence Day. Dozens of vendors will line the streets and Sandusky High School's marching band will parade through the roadways before stopping on the lawn of the Erie County Courthouse. Then in the evening, stop by Jackson Street Pier to catch a glimpse of the nearby Cedar Point fireworks to round out the holiday.

LAKE FRONT MARKET

June 7

Lake Front Park, 310 Park St., Huron

People can enjoy shopping, refreshments and live music on the lakeshore at this event in Huron. Sponsored by the Greater Sandusky Partnership Lake Front Market is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The market is open-air and kid-friendly.

MARKET IN THE PARK

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays between June 28 and Aug. 30

Victory Park, 687 Main St., Vermilion

Check out vendors while being within walking distance of downtown Vermilion at this series of events this summer. Market in the Park returns on this June and gives visitors a chance to pick up a variety of products, including handcrafted artisan goods and other consumable products from local vendors.

Can't Miss COMMUNITY EVENTS

OHIO BIKE WEEK

May 30-June 7

Downtown Sandusky, among other locations

Kickstands up — Sandusky's Ohio Bike Week is back and is celebrating its 25th anniversary. Motorcycle enthusiasts have plenty of bike-related events to look forward to, but whether you ride or not, there's plenty to enjoy. That includes Bike Week's marquee musical performances at the World Famous Block Party.

HURON RIVER FEST

July 11-12

Huron Boat Basin, Huron

Stop by this multi-day festival in the "Great Lake Place" of Huron this July. People attending Huron River Fest can enjoy fireworks, food trucks, live entertainment, a 5K race, rides, the queen's pageant and more.

IRONMAN 70.3 OHIO

July 20

Start/Finish Lines in downtown Sandusky

Athletes from far and wide will descend on Sandusky for another year of IRONMAN 70.3 Ohio. IRONMAN 70.3 makes its way back to Sandusky for a 1.2-mile swim, a 56-mile bike ride and 13.1-mile run. Visit ironman.com/im703-ohio for more.

MILAN MELON FESTIVAL

Over Labor Day weekend

Village Square, Milan

Melon-flavored ice cream is the hallmark of this annual festival that occurs in Milan over the Labor Day weekend. Stop by for food, music and more at this festival that's been a Milan staple for decades.

ERIE COUNTY FAIR **AUG. 4-10**

In 2024, Kuhn said, those courts were fully redeveloped, with the old courts being ripped out and a whole new base being installed to current standards.

The project widened and expanded the space in between the courts, and included installing fencing to help make the court experience more user friendly, he said.

A handicap-accessible parking spot also was added, he said, and the courts have lighting for those wishing to play past dark.

The overhaul of the courts was in response to the growing popularity of the sport, Kuhn said, ensuring Tiffin has modern options for players.

“It’s the fad right now,” he said.

In addition to the courts at Hedges-Boyer, Kuhn said the 2024 project also included a collaboration between the City of Tiffin and Tiffin University to address work needed on the courts at TU, 155 Miami St.

Thanks to a grant from a local foundation, Kuhn said, a sixth court lined for two pickleball courts was added at TU.

The addition allows “true tournaments” to take place at the facility, he said, and also are open to community use.

Last summer, Kuhn said the annual youth tennis camp at Tiffin University included pickleball lessons, in addition to tennis instruction, for the first time.

“The feedback was awesome,” he said.

Kuhn said Heidelberg University lined its tennis courts for pickleball in 2023, and those also are open to the public. Those courts are located on the Heidelberg campus near Talmage Hall.

Use of the courts at the park and both universities is first-come, first-serve, he said, and Kuhn said he is aware of at least two pickleball leagues in the community.

FINDLAY

As pickleball’s popularity has taken over the nation, residents in Findlay have taken up the game in droves.

A movement spearheaded by Jon Pritchard in 1965, Pritchard’s game that he invented in his backyard grew into 8.9 million people playing his game pickleball, Ohio Cooperative Living reports.

Findlay residents Dick and Greta Schrock started their journey in 2011 when they took lessons from Nancy and Dick Heebsh, and they instantly fell in love with the sport.

“It was something that we could play together as we started approaching retirement,” Dick Schrock said.

After Dick and Greta started their journey in 2011, their passion for the sport turned into a mentor role and they began giving lessons



to the people of Findlay. Findlay’s Flag City Pickleball Club started in 2009, and now has over 200 members.

“As unofficial ambassadors of pickleball in Findlay, we love to teach others how to play the sport,” Dick said. “Since June, we have already taught over 60 people ranging in age from 10 to 80 and have six more Tuesday Training times left this summer for those who want to learn.”

Pickleball is something like a combination of ping pong and tennis, with one or two players to a team. Unlike tennis, you can only score a point from winning a rally as the serving team. If the serving team doesn’t win the rally, the serve will go to the other team, who can try to score a point. Games go to 11 and players have to win by two or more points, though tournament games can be played to 15 or 21 with the same rules above being applied.

Dick and Greta’s success with getting people to come to lessons comes from the game’s lighthearted nature, Dick said.

“Pickleball is a very social sport and is played by people of all ages. If you show up at a pickleball court, people will ask you to play and

someone will give you a paddle if you don’t have one. There is fun and laughter and everyone can play,” he said.

Dick and Greta said just about everyone should go out and give it a try.

“Do you want to have some exercise, make lots of new friends and have a blast doing it? Then come out and try pickleball,” Dick said.

“You’ll be glad you did, just like the millions of other new players who have tried it.”

Pickleball is a very social sport and is played by people of all ages.

-DICK SCHROCK



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LIVE EVENT

OAKSHADE RACEWAY

*Saturdays through Sept.
12985 CR 12-2, Wauseon*

Speed is the name of the game. Running through summer into September, enjoy a Saturday night out watching cards race past each other towards the finish line. Cars include dominators, compact cars and late models.

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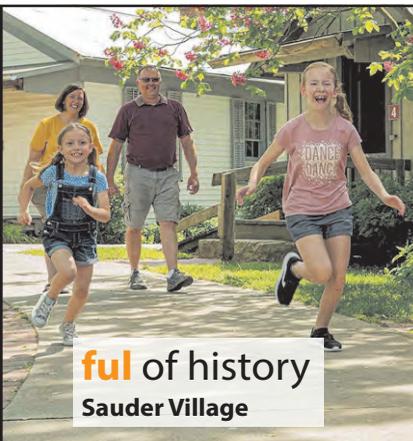
POPPY RUN

May 24

**Fulton County Fairgrounds
8514 Ohio 108, Wauseon**

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OFF THE LEASH IN THE 419

Canine friends have plenty of spaces to enjoy

By Elizabeth Keefe, Ziyah Piltz and Lou Wilin

Summer vacation isn't just for the humans. A number of spacious dog parks are available for four-legged friends to roam, run and play with owners and other animals. Here's an overview of a few of the parks available to visit:

K-9 FIELD OF DREAMS DOG PARK

16618 Township Rd 208, Findlay

K-9 Field of Dreams Dog Park, about 1½ miles east of Findlay at Riverbend Recreation Area, gives dogs a safe area to run free.

The one-acre dog park has separate areas for large dogs and smaller ones (30 pounds or less). Each section has a shade shelter, picnic tables and water pump with a spigot. The dog park is located south of Ohio 568. To find it: turn south off of Ohio 568 onto Township Road 241, cross the Blanchard River, then turn left



onto Township Road 208 to enter Riverbend Recreation Area; Township Road 208 bends sharply right, winding around the dog park; turn right to enter a parking lot just south of the dog park.

On one recent afternoon, tongue dangling from her mouth, Cinder, a year-old black Rottweiler mix, jumped and skipped excitedly around Hannah Mueller as they walked into the dog park recently.

"We come here pretty frequently," Mueller said.

"I don't really have a yard to let her run in, so it's nice to just let her run and not have to worry about her escaping anywhere," she said.

Sox, a yellow Pitbull-Boxer-Great Pyrenees mix, flashed a toothy smile, ears flapped back and tail in the air, as he ran through the park.

Neomi Watkins frequently brings the 5-month-old pooch as well as Reaper, a 2-year-old Chihuahua-Dachshund mix.

"We don't have that big of a yard, so it gives this one (Sox) a chance to run without going all over the neighborhood," Watkins said. "It gives him a chance to run."

The park has rules for the benefit of everyone:

- Dogs must be legally licensed, vaccinated, and wear dog tags.
- Refrain from using the park when dogs are in heat.
- Clean up dog feces and deposit in the concrete tank; a claw tool is available to help with disposal of waste.
- Remove aggressive dogs from the park.
- Only dogs 30 pounds and under are permitted in the small dog side.
- Refrain from bringing puppies less than 4 months of age.
- Control dogs with voice or leash at all times.
- Accompany and closely supervise children under the age of 16.
- Bring no more than two dogs at one time.
- Lead by example. Take it upon yourself to do the right thing.



Another dog park option in the 419 is the Erie MetroBark Park, located at 3109 Hull Road, Huron, in Erie County.

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HANCOCK COUNTY

ICONIC



RIVERSIDE PARK

231 McManness Ave., Findlay

Come and be one with nature at Hancock County's oldest park. Riverside Park offers something for everyone, whether it's having a picnic, fishing, cornhole, volleyball, hiking, swimming or listening to local music at the bandshell, it's the perfect getaway from the hustle and bustle.



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LIVE EVENTS

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MARATHON CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

200 W. Main Cross St., Findlay

Experience live entertainment at the Marathon Center for the Performing Arts. The premier destination for all things theater, the center hosts a variety of Broadway-style performances, local productions, and musical concerts. With a 960-seat performance space, an event hall, lounge spaces, a Fisher/Wall Art Gallery and stunning atmosphere, this venue showcases the best of Findlay's and the world's vast array of talent.

FINDLAY ART LEAGUE

117 W. Crawford St., Findlay

Have an eye for art? The Findlay Art League, established in 1947, is the oldest organization dedicated to the visual arts in Hancock County. Explore your creative side through classes and exhibitions celebrating invention, imagination and ingenuity. The art league hosts workshops for inspiring artists from all ages, from pottery to acrylic pours to photography.

FORT FINDLAY PLAYHOUSE

300 W. Sandusky St., Findlay

Want a more intimate theater experience? Look no further than Fort Findlay Playhouse. Providing quality entertainment for over 50 years, this local theater is run entirely by talented and dedicated volunteers. Producing 5 to 7 shows each year, patrons can expect a memorable time watching a show.

Can't Miss COMMUNITY EVENTS

BOOGIE ON THE BLOCK

June 6

Roman-Jebitt Festival Grounds (MCPA Parking Lot)

**Marathon Center for the Performing Arts
200 W. Main Cross St., Findlay**

A staple in the community since the 1990s, come and get your groove on at Findlay's biggest block party of the year. The outdoor event features a variety of local vendors and the musical talents from the bands, Amelia Airharts and Doc Robinson.

LIGHTING UP THE SKY

July 3

Hancock County Fairgrounds

1017 E. Sandusky St., Findlay

Celebrate Independence Day in Flag City, USA. Prior to the fireworks, live music, children's activities, food vendors and more will be available for the public. The event is open and free to the public.

NORTHWEST OHIO ANTIQUE MACHINERY SHOW

July 31-Aug. 3

Hancock County Fairgrounds

1017 E. Sandusky St., Findlay

Go back in time at the Northwest Ohio Antique Machinery Show. This annual event features antique tractors, steam engines, garden tractors, a large outside flea market, craft building, food vendors, horse pulls, truck pull and a kid zone. This year's event will feature international tractors and engines.

FLAG CITY BALLOONFEST

Aug. 8-10

Emory Adams Park

1827 S. Blanchard St., Findlay

Get your head in the clouds at Flag City BalloonFest's 25th anniversary. The festival features around 40 hot air balloons, live music, food vendors, hot air balloon rides and impressive nighttime glow events.

OKTOBERFEST

Sept. 27

Downtown Findlay

Experience a slice of local German heritage at OktoberFest. The largest one day event in Hancock County. This family friendly festival includes live traditional German music and entertainment, contests, authentic German food, the Kinderplatz Kid Zone and more than 40 craft and German beers.

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The park also mentions other things to consider:

- Make your first visit to the dog park without your dog.
- Familiarize yourself with the area and its rules and regulations.
- Test your dog's socialization skills off-leash with other dogs.
- Introduce your dog to new dogs only when your dog is comfortable and behaving appropriately.
- Choose a non-busy time to visit for the first few visits. Typically, weekends and after work are the busiest times.
- Obedience classes can help improve your dog's socialization skills with other dogs. Puppy classes for dogs 8 to 16 weeks old can help with early socialization skills.
- The first visit to the dog park can be very stressful. Keep the visits short, gradually working toward longer visits.
- Don't expect too much from your dog. Remember to go at the dog's pace.

TIFFIN CITY BARK PARK

606 N Washington St., Tiffin
7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The Tiffin Bark Park is a 1.5-acre off-leash facility that's open 24/7, 365 days a year—thanks to the 2022 installation of 14 solar-powered lights. The park consists of A fenced-in grassy areas with agility equipment, a hill tunnel, two pavilions for shade, and designated spaces for both large and small or senior dogs.

With benches, water bowls, toys, and waste stations throughout, the park is designed with both canine and human comfort in mind. Maintained by the nonprofit Friends of the Tiffin Bark Park, Inc., the park utilizes a key fob entry system and security cameras to ensure safety and controlled access.

To use the park, dogs must be registered, which includes providing veterinary proof of current vaccinations such as Rabies, DH(L)PP, and Bordetella, along with a recent fecal test. Once approved, owners receive an electronic fob for entry—\$10 for the key, plus \$10 per year of use.



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With over 675 registered users, the park is a hub for active dogs and social pet owners alike. Registration forms are available at the gate, local vet offices, or by calling 419-455-9872. To stay updated, visit the park's Facebook page.

BELLEVUE COMMUNITY BARK PARK

400 Greenwood Heights, Bellevue

Open til Dusk

The Bellevue Community Bark Park offers a safe and welcoming space for dogs to enjoy off-leash play in both Huron and Seneca County. The park was opened in 2015 through a community effort led by the Bellevue Dog Park Committee, Bellevue Rec. Club Inc., Recreation & Parks staff, and the City Service Department.

The park features two designated play areas—one acre for active, large dogs and a half-acre for smaller or more leisurely pups, with a central on-leash social space. A secure double-gated entry ensures safe transitions, and future enhancements such as benches, shade structures, and drinking fountains are planned.

The facility is free to the public, though rules are in place to ensure a positive experience for all.

Dogs must be healthy, licensed, and current on vaccinations, and owners must supervise their pets closely, clean up waste, and keep leashes on hand. Aggressive behavior is strictly prohibited, and children under eight may only enter the commons area. Learn more at www.bellevuerec.com/dog-park



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MAY
24

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JUNE
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SUNDAY
JUNE
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SATURDAY
JULY
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FRIDAY
AUGUST
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FRIDAY
AUGUST
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HISTORY ALL AROUND

Anywhere you look, the 419 offers sights for history buffs

By Bill Theisen, Saige Thornley and Jeannie Wiley Wolf

When it comes to the 419 area, there are many must-see landmarks, brimming with historical detail and regional intrigue. From the remnants of American wars to historic bridges to places where cultures from the past edge into the present, the area offers dozens of daytrip experiences chock-full of stories that will stick with you long into the future.

THOMAS EDISON BIRTHPLACE MUSEUM

Milan

For those wanting to know about the early life of famous inventor Thomas Edison, a visit to his childhood home in Milan is in order.

Edison, famous for inventions including the phonograph, motion picture camera and early versions of the incandescent light bulb, was born in Milan on Feb. 11, 1847. He lived there until the family moved to Michigan in 1854.

The museum grounds include the birthplace home. A tour of the home is hosted by expert guides who share fascinating stories about his childhood and family.

Also at the site is the Don Gfell education center. There you can, “learn



Edison Museum

about Edison’s inventions, the science behind his innovations and the impact of his work on the modern world,” according to the museum’s website.

There is also a gift shop selling many Edison-related items, books and memorabilia.

The museum opened for the 2025 season in February. Beginning in May it is open Thursday through Saturday, noon to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.

Additional hours are available on their website tomedison.org.

They are closed on Easter, Independence Day, Labor Day weekend, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas day.

Children under 5 are free. Children from 5 to 18 are \$12. Adults are \$17.

There are discounts available for seniors as well as special family rates. Active duty military members with ID are free.

PERRY’S VICTORY AND INTERNATIONAL PEACE MEMORIAL

Put-in-Bay

Commemorating America’s Battle of Lake Erie victory during the War of 1812, Perry’s Victory and International Peace Memorial features a 352-foot tower. It was built between the 1912 centennial of the war and 1915.

The site also includes a visitor center and it is administered by the National Park Service.

The memorial is situated in Put-in-Bay on South Bass Island, near where the battle took place.

On Sept. 10, 1813, a squadron of ships commanded by Oliver Hazard Perry of the U.S. Navy caught and engaged ships of the United Kingdom’s navy just north of South Bass Island.

During an intense battle, Perry’s flagship, the Lawrence, was reduced to a wreck and he transferred his command to the Niagara.

Before leaving Lawrence, Perry struck his personal pennant bearing the motto, “Don’t give up the ship.” Replicas of this pennant are now seen at many homes and businesses in the area.

After accepting the British surrender, Perry

Tickets for the tower’s observation deck are available the day of a visit and must be purchased at the visitor center.

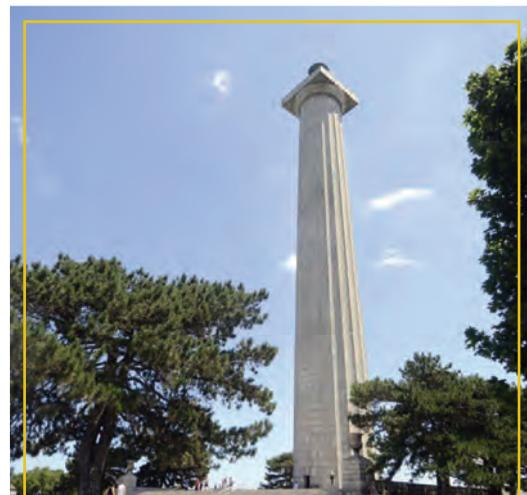
The tickets have a time so there is no waiting in line, according to the National Park Service.

Those with annual park passes, which cost \$35, are admitted to the observation deck for free. Holders of the NPS’s America the Beautiful pass, which costs at most \$80, are admitted for free.

The park also features a visitor center. It features a 15-minute video about Battle of Lake Erie, a sculpture of Oliver Hazard Perry and a gift shop.

The memorial is open May 17 through September 7 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. daily.

To get to South Bass Island people can choose from two ferry services: Miller Ferry and Jet Express.



Perry’s Victory and International Peace Memorial

Can't Miss COMMUNITY EVENTS

TREE TOWN FESTIVAL

July 11-13

Gormley Park in Forest

Festivities begin with a parade on the evening of Friday, July 11, followed by live entertainment, rides, games, a car show and great food. Saturday, July 12, starts with the "Tree Town Trot," including volleyball, baseball, and basketball tournaments. Later, enjoy "Cow Patty Bingo" and a fireworks display. The event ends with a church service on the morning of July 13. Visit Tree Town Festival's facebook page www.facebook.com/TreeTownFestival for more details.

Can't Miss COMMUNITY EVENTS

HAMLER COUNTRY FEST

May 16-17

Hamler Community Park

The Hamler Country Fest is an annual two-day country music festival held at the Hamler Park Grounds, 100 S. 1st St., Hamler. The festival features national and local performers, a cornhole tournament, an autographed memorabilia auction and camping. All proceeds benefit the Hamler Community Park System.

HARDIN COUNTY



ICONIC

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LIVE EVENT

EATS ON THE STREET

July 19

Downtown Kenton

A food truck festival, featuring live music, a car show, beer, wine, and activities for kids and families, will be held July 19, in downtown Kenton's Historic Courthouse District. Visit www.facebook.com/KentonHistoricCourthouseDistrict for more information.

HARDIN COUNTY FAIR **SEPT. 2-7**

HENRY COUNTY



ICONIC

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LIVE EVENT

NAPOLEON CORK AND KEG FEST

July 19

Downtown Napoleon

Discover a wide selection of craft brews and premium wines, while enjoying live music and delicious food truck fare. This festival is the perfect destination for beer and wine enthusiasts to come together and indulge in the flavors of the season. All proceeds benefit Henry County Special Olympics.

HENRY COUNTY FAIR **AUG. 7-14**

HAYES PRESIDENTIAL CENTER

Fremont

Celebrating the life of America's 19th president, the Hayes Presidential Center in Fremont is open April through December.

The center features Hayes' estate, Spiegel Grove, the first presidential library, a museum, Hayes' tomb and a gift shop.



Hayes Presidential Center

Hayes moved into Spiegel Grove in 1873. The home was constructed by his Uncle Sardis Birchard, whose name adorns the public library in Fremont.

He died at age 70 in 1893 and was initially interred at Fremont's Oakwood Cemetery. His remains were moved to the Spiegel Grove grounds in 1915.

The center's museum explains the president's term in

office, his life and general Ohio history.

There are more than 20,000 artifacts contained within its walls. One feature is Mrs. Hayes' dresses.

Tours of the museum are self-guided.

The Hayes home is a mansion of 31 rooms. It is located on the Spiegel Grove grounds near the library and museum.

Hours: 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Tuesday through Sunday.

The center's website does not list prices but a typical weekday in May costs nothing for children up to five years old. Kids 6-12 are \$5.30 and adults are \$21.20. Tickets must be purchased through a third-party website.

GILBOA BULL

Gilboa

Along the 1,132 miles of roads and highways that crisscross Putnam County, visitors will find places to drink wine and listen to jazz, one of the best inland places to scuba dive in Northwest Ohio and a castle like swimming pool that's listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

But it could be a giant, fiberglass, brown-and-white bull that has become the county's most visible attraction, standing at the edge of the tiny town of Gilboa.

Peter Diller brought the 16-foot-tall, 1,500-pound bull to town in the mid 1970s. According to his son, who is also Peter Diller, his dad was on his way to Tony Packo's in Toledo when he saw the giant figure behind an old bar along the river.

At the time, Gilboa was undergoing a revitalization with a restaurant and stores locating in the small town.

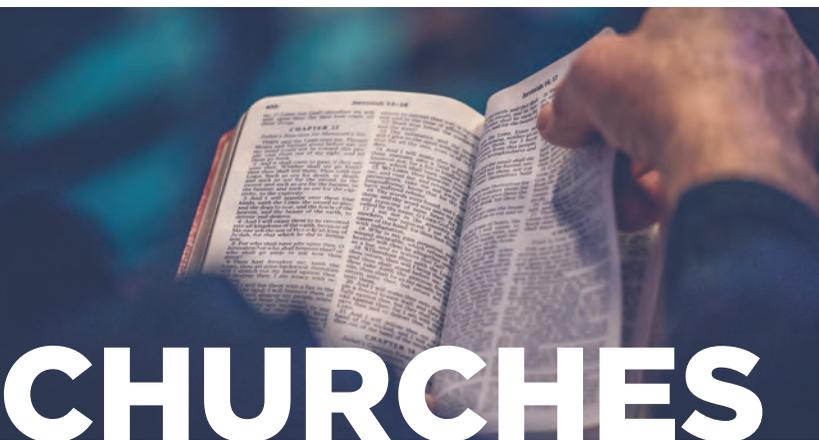
The elder Diller knew the bull would be a real eye-catcher so he talked to the owner of the bar about buying the statue and negotiated a price of \$1,800.

Diller's sons went to pick up the bull with a semi and drop-deck trailer. A forklift was used to pick the statue up by its belly, and it was loaded on the trailer with its head hanging over the cab of the truck.

The brothers thought it would be an easy trip to get on Interstate 75 to get back to Gilboa.

But at the first intersection, the bull's head rammed into the stoplight. At every stoplight after that until they reached the interstate, one brother would have to jump out and stop traffic while the bull made its way around the light.

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STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

May 23-25

Uptown Norwalk

Who doesn't love a good festival? Celebrate all things strawberries along with rides, games, crafts, music and more! It's Norwalk's annual celebration and is must attend for all Huron County residents and those wishing to visit the Maple City of Norwalk. It's organized by the Norwalk Jaycees.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IN NORWALK

4-7 p.m., Aug. 5

Norwalk Police Department

37 N. Linwood Ave.

Be a part of Norwalk's community celebration and help promote the relationship between law enforcement and citizens at National Night Out in Norwalk. As the name suggests, the event is a part of a nationwide day of events, but consider visiting the one in the Maple City. It will feature food trucks, games and activities for kids, prizes and the chance to meet local police officers and firefighters.

DEBUT OF THE FEICHTNER MEMORIAL BUILDING

Starts Aug. 12

Huron County Fair

Huron County Fairgrounds

It's the most anticipated event annually for people in Huron County, and this year a brand-new building will debut at the county fair. The Feichtner Memorial Building, named in the memory of Willard teen Owen Feichtner and his grandfather, John Feichtner, will house hundreds of pens for pigs and market goats and a new show ring. It's an estimated \$1 million project that was "borne from tragedy," as committee member Roger Hunker put it, but it's a structure that's bound to be a boon for fairgoers for years to come. Construction was estimated to conclude in early June, ahead of the start of the fair in August.

HOT ROD POWER TOUR

June 13

Summit Motorsports Park

1300 Ohio 18, Norwalk

Check out fast cars at this event, day 5 of a 5-day tour covering race events in Indianapolis, Joliet, Illinois; Fort Wayne, Indiana; Monroe, Michigan; and Norwalk's own Summit Motorsports Park. People can spectate at no gate admission cost if they preregister for a free ticket at hotrodpowertour.us.

HURON COUNTY



ICONIC



SUMMIT MOTORSPORTS PARK

1300 Ohio 18, Norwalk

The foundation of Summit Motorsports Park is to provide family oriented sports entertainment at an affordable price. Located at 1300 State Route 18 near Norwalk, it has been a National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) sanctioned facility since 2007.



PAUL BROWN STATUE

Suhr Park, 35 W. Main St., Norwalk

He's one of the most iconic figures in American football history, and he's from the Maple City of Norwalk. Efforts to raise a statue in honor of the legendary Paul Brown culminated with the commission of a bronze representation of the man, which was unveiled in 2023. Brown is a famous coach, the namesake of the Cleveland Browns and co-founder of the Cincinnati Bengals.

LIVE EVENTS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Begins weekly on June 4; acts TBA

Norwalk Amphitheatre, Veterans Memorial

Lake Park, 205 S. Old State Road

Visitors to Norwalk have the chance to be among the first beneficiaries of a newly built space. The city is hosting its inaugural summer concert series at the Norwalk Amphitheatre, which finished construction last year. Check the Norwalk Area Visitor's Bureau Facebook page for updates on showtimes and acts.



MARKET ON MAIN

June 13, July 11, Aug. 8, Sept. 12; each event is 4-8 p.m.

Suhr Park, 35 W. Main St., Norwalk

It's a farmer's market, but also celebrates the Norwalk community and the people who make it unique. Check out local vendors at Market on Main on four Fridays this summer in Norwalk. Check out the market's Facebook page for an updated list of vendors.

COUNTRY CONCERT

3-10 p.m., June 14

2495 Euclid Road, New London Reservoir
Campground, New London

Check out performances from Aidan Albaugh, Reckless Highway, Vegas Country (a Tim McGraw and Shania Twain tribute). There will be food vendors, fireworks and a beer tent. The cost is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children.

HURON COUNTY FAIR **AUG. 11-16**

Once the statue arrived in Gilboa, the bull was placed on top of the monument at the corner of U.S. 224 and Pearl Street, beside the village park. The bull was not immediately anchored down and pranksters tipped it over three or four times.

Eventually, they cemented it into the ground.

Since then, the bull has become a mascot for the village and a favorite backdrop for wedding photos.

SCHUMACHER HOMESTEAD

The Swiss Homestead near Bluffton, sometimes called the Schumacher House, offers a glimpse into the lives of Swiss immigrants in portions of Allen and Putnam counties known as the Settlement during the mid-19th century.

Christian and Barbara Schumacher built their two-story wooden home at 8350 Bixel Road after immigrating from Switzerland in 1843.

The Schumachers and their four children lived in a log house on the property for the first several years before a three-bay, timber-frame house was built using local materials. Its inside walls were insulated using mud and straw. The cellar features stone quarried from the nearby creek.

Son Peter Schumacher married Elizabeth Suter in 1839 and raised 16 children at the farm; each grew to adulthood, married and had an average of 10 children, giving Peter and Elizabeth 163 grandchildren and 452 great-grandchildren.

The home would pass through generations of Schumachers and other families and finally renters, until it was purchased by the Swiss Community Historical Society which had been founded in the 1950s to honor and preserve the heritage of the Bluffton-Pandora community. A museum restoration begun in 2005 resulted in a complete remodel of the house to its original look.

The area was called a Swiss settlement and included both Swiss Reformed, who located in the southern part of the area; and Swiss Mennonites who settled in the northern part, mostly in Putnam County.

Tours and special events now offer visitors the chance to see what life would have been like for the Schumacher family.

More recently, the society is nearly finished converting a timber frame barn built by Swiss settlers into a new Heritage Center. The 40-by-80-foot barn was previously located on the Dan and Cindy Basinger Farm. The structure was moved to the homestead and in 2022 dismantled by a crew from JCM Timberworks in Killbuck. Workers salvaged every timber they could to repurpose in the new center.

The barn has been reassembled between the farmhouse and bank barn and will provide heated and air-conditioned facilities for events, artifact displays, workshop area, a children's room, fiber room, restrooms and storage space.

Those interested in scheduling a tour of the homestead should contact Susie Gratz at gratzds@roadrunner.com or call 419-358-4822 and leave a message. Admission is \$5 per adult and free for children 16 and under. And check out the homestead online at swisshistorical.org.

ANDREWS' RAIDERS

Decades of growing tension between the North and South erupted on April 12, 1861, when Confederate artillery opened fire on Fort Sumter, South Carolina. The federal fort in Charleston Harbor surrendered 34 hours later.

It was the start of the Civil War, and both Ohio and Hancock County

played significant roles in the struggle that followed 164 years ago.

Four regiment members from Hancock County participated in the

Georgia and seized a Confederate locomotive and train in an attempt to interrupt communications and transportation.

The men were chased down before they reached Chattanooga, Tennessee, and the Raiders jumped from the train and ran into the woods. Within a week, all 22 were captured. Eight were executed, eight escaped and six were exchanged for Confederate prisoners.

The four Raiders from Hancock County were John Scott, John Reed Porter, Wilson Brown and William Bensinger. Porter

Porter and Bensinger are buried in Union Cemetery, 606-614 W. Main St., McComb.

The Raiders also received the nation's first Medals of Honor for their bravery. Bensinger's medal plus another one designed in subsequent years are on permanent display at the McComb Public Library, 113 S. Todd St.

BASILICA AND NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION

Carey

Every August, Our Lady of Consolation in Carey takes part in the Catholic tradition of novena involving nine days of prayer. On the last day, a pilgrimage is made with a likeness of the Virgin Mary from the church to the nearby Shrine Park that houses a much larger 75 ft Mother Mary statue. The annual pilgrimage to the park attracts thousands from all over the country and sometimes world.

Our Lady of Consolation hosts weekly mass services at 5 p.m. Saturdays and at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Sundays.

OLD MISSION CHURCH

Upper Sandusky

Built in 1824, the Old Mission Church was the first Methodist Episcopal Church in America, according to John Stewart United Methodist Church, the organization that manages and maintains the historical site.

The building cost just a little over a thousand dollars to build and was paid for with federal funds.

Members of the Wyandotte Native American tribe worshipped at the church until 1843, when they were forced to move west to reservations after the passing of the Indian Removal Act of 1830.

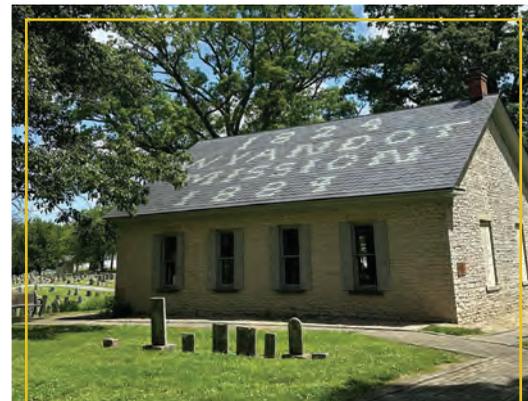
Old Mission Church celebrated its 200th anniversary of the building in 2024 and was added to the National Registry of Historic Places in 1976.



Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation



Andrew's Raid



Old Mission Church

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ART TATUM CELEBRATION COLUMN

Downtown Toledo, located outside of the Huntington Center

The Art Tatum Celebration Column, located in downtown Toledo, is a 27-foot spiraled column sculpture made out of powder-coated stainless steel and glass created by Cork Marcheschi, which depicts the piano keys of esteemed jazz pianist Art Tatum.

LIVE EVENT

MAPLE AND MAIN ART & MUSIC FESTIVAL

May 31-June 1

*Orlander Park
6930 W. Sylvania Ave.*

Sylvania

The Maple & Main Art and Music Festival, established in 2011 by Sylvania Arts, is an annual celebration that draws more than 5,000 visitors to downtown Sylvania. This vibrant event showcases unique musical performances and hosts over 80 artist booths offering a diverse range of creations, including glass art, ceramics, jewelry, and paintings.

Can't Miss
**COMMUNITY
EVENTS**

TOLEDO TATTOO FESTIVAL

May 16-18

**Glass City Center
401 Jefferson Ave.
Toledo**

The Toledo Tattoo Festival is an annual event that brings together over 200 tattoo artists from across the globe to showcase their unique designs and love for the craft. Those attending the festival have the opportunity to be tattooed by various local and traveling artists and buy merchandise.

LUCAS COUNTY FAIR **JULY 7-13**



MERCER COUNTY

ICONIC

MARIA STEIN SHRINE

2291 St. Johns Road, Maria Stein

Situated in Maria Stein, Ohio, the Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics boasts one of the largest collections of Holy Relics in the United States. It contains over 1,200 Saint relics and five pieces of the True Cross. Additionally, the shrine includes a spacious gift shop and a bake shop.

LIVE EVENT

CELINA LAKE FESTIVAL

July 25-27

Lake Shore Drive, Celina

The Celina Lake Festival is one of Mercer County's most significant community events. Visitors can enjoy fireworks over the lake, a grand parade and the Amphicar Splash-In. Amphicars are a series of cars built in Germany between 1961 to 1968; these cars can run on water. Other activities include a car show, kiddie tractor pulls, craft show, cruise in, a patriotic boat parade and cardboard duct tape boat races.

Can't Miss
**COMMUNITY
EVENTS**

BOARDWALK FEST

July 18-19

725 West Bank Road, Celina

Boardwalk Fest is a yearly family-oriented celebration organized by the Boardwalk Grill and Boardwalk Village. This festival offers live music, food trucks and various dining choices, pop-up retail shops, and games in a tropical atmosphere.

MERCER COUNTY FAIR **AUG. 7-13**

IRON TRIANGLE RAIL PARK

Fostoria

Iron Triangle Rail Park in downtown Fostoria hosts a former train depot that today can be used to view the over 100 freight trains that pass through the city every day.

The park was built in 2013 and is currently managed by the Fostoria Rail Preservation Society, using state funds.

The park is a little over 5 acres and features a covered shelter with restrooms and a fully unobstructed view of the tracks and the trains that cross it every day. Perfect for the railroad and railway aficionado.

CIVIL WAR MUSEUM OF OHIO

Tiffin

The Civil War Museum of Ohio, at 217 S. Washington St. in Tiffin, was originally used as a post office when it was built in 1915. The building is over 10,000 square feet and houses several exhibits about and related to the American Civil War that is said to have started at Fort Sumter in April 1861. Over 620,000 people are estimated to have died in the bloody four years.

The museum holds a theater that shows a 20-minute documentary about Ohio's role in the war that was produced by the museum. Also on site is a research library that is free for visitors to use.



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MARBLEHEAD LIGHTHOUSE

110 Lighthouse Drive, Marblehead

Perhaps Ottawa County's best-known land, Marblehead Lighthouse State Park, offers tours from noon to 4 p.m. every day in the summer, at \$3 per person (children 6 and under are free). Tours run every 20 minutes. There are also picnic tables, restrooms, a museum, a life-saving station and a gift shop. It's also a scenic spot for a sunrise and sunset.



PERRY'S VICTORY AND INTERNATIONAL PEACE MEMORIAL

Summer season operating hours, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily through Sept. 7

93 Delaware Ave. in Put-in-Bay

The memorial in downtown Put-in-Bay on South Bass Island is 352 feet above Lake Erie, and going to the top offers one of the area's best views. Take time also to check out the visitor center and to stroll around the town's various nearby downtown attractions.

LIVE EVENTS

BASH ON THE BAY

*Put-in-Bay Airport, South Bass Island
3 p.m. Aug. 13-14*

The biggest country music concert in northern Ohio features headliners Luke Bryan and Sam Hunt. Supporting acts are Ashley McBryde, Kin Faux and Alex Miller (for Bryan's August 13 show) and Russell Dickerson, Bret Michaels, Austin Williams and Preston Cooper (for Hunt's August 14 show).

LAKESIDE BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

*115 W. 3rd St., Lakeside-Marblehead
Aug. 9-10*

The inaugural Lakeside Bluegrass Festival will feature multiple artists. Performers will include fiddler Michael Cleveland and his band, The Special Consensus, Cutter & Cash and The Kentucky Grass and also Mike Marshall and Darol Anger. For information and tickets, see lakesideohio.com.

CHAUTAUQUA JAZZ WEEK

*Fountain Inn Aigler Room and Orchestra Hall,
Lakeside in Marblehead*

June 9-13

Several days of workshops, lectures, and concerts are planned to celebrate one of America's premier music forms, jazz. Artists include Dwight Bailey, Chris Coles, Sam Blakeslee and Evelyn Wright. More information at lakesideohio.com.

PORT CLINTON SUMMER BASH

*110 Madison Street, Port Clinton
2 p.m. to 11 p.m., June 14*

The Fleetwood Mac tribute band Rumours will perform, and there will be kids activities, a cornhole tournament, raffles and more.

Can't Miss COMMUNITY EVENTS

BIGGEST WEEK IN AMERICAN BIRDING

May 9-18

Oak Harbor

With events in various locations

The big area celebration for birdwatchers returns with a series of events and special guests. For a full schedule of events, please www.biggestweekinamericanbirding.com.

PORT CLINTON WALLEYE FESTIVAL

May 22 through May 26

1000 Waterworks Park Dr., Port Clinton

Expect free live concerts, a Kids Fishing Derby, a parade, carnival rides, more than 130 vendors and more when the 44th Annual Main Street Port Clinton Walleye Festival takes place. Find information at www.mainstreetportclinton.org.

FOUNDER'S DAY JOSE DERIVERA CELEBRATION

June 14, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

DeRivera Park, downtown Put-in-Bay

A free concert and other activities honor Jose DeRivera, a Hispanic merchant who bought South Bass Island, Middle Bass, Sugar, Gibraltar, Ballast, and Starve Islands for the sum of \$44,000 in 1854. For information on this and other Put-in-Bay events, visit putinbay.com.

PYRATE FEST

June 27-29

Downtown in Put-in-Bay

The return of one of Put-in-Bay's top festivals will include a marketplace and displays, activities for kids, black powder firing demonstrations and cardboard boat races.

OTTAWA COUNTY FAIR **JULY 14-20**

Coaster season in the 419

CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CEDAR POINT IN 2025

Story and photos by [Justin Dietz](#). [CPFooodBlog.com](#) (@FUNFoodBlog on X)

It is no secret that millions of guests visit the 419 area code each season for the mega Cedar Point amusement park that boasts a huge selection of roller coasters, rides and live entertainment.

Most guests visiting in 2025 will experience not one, but two major new attractions that will forever change the landscape of roller coaster riding in Ohio.

Here's what park guests can expect this season:

TOP THRILL 2 REOPENS

The first is the Top Thrill 2 roller coaster that opened in 2024 for a week before being shut down for the season. After a year of manufacturer revisions to the track and ride vehicles, the park has stated they fully anticipate the ride to be open when guests return May 3.

Guests will be triple-launched forward, backwards and then over the top hat element 420 feet in the air. The new ride is quite different from the original Top Thrill Dragster roller coaster and offers some unique viewpoints not to be duplicated anywhere else in the world.

The park has also taken the off-season to ensure lockers will be free for Top Thrill 2, making it easy for guests to ride.

NEW ROLLER COASTER DEBUTS

Also debuting later in summer is the new Siren's Curse roller coaster.

Offering a unique tilting mechanism at the top of the lift hill, the roller coaster is set to break records as the tallest, longest and fastest tilt coaster in North America. The attraction will also be the first to go underground and features an onboard light and sound package that will immerse the guest in the experience.

Siren's Curse will also be family-friendly for those riders 48" and taller. Lockers will be incorporated into the queue and free to guests for storing smaller items like keys and wallets.

ENTERTAINMENT ON OFFER

For those guests not enticed by high thrills, the 2025 lineup on entertainment offerings will bring about a variety of stage

acts that includes celebrating the Peanuts 75th Anniversary.

In addition to the Bands in Residence program, which brings in musical talents from across the U.S., the stages will also be filled with the Class of '99 Yearbook at the Jack Aldrich Theatre, Lusty Lil's Western Roadshow at the Gossip Gulch Stage, Rock this Way at the Red Garter Saloon, Country Crossroads at the Palace Theatre, and the Rockabilly Show at the BackBeat Stage.

LIGHT UP FOR THE 4TH

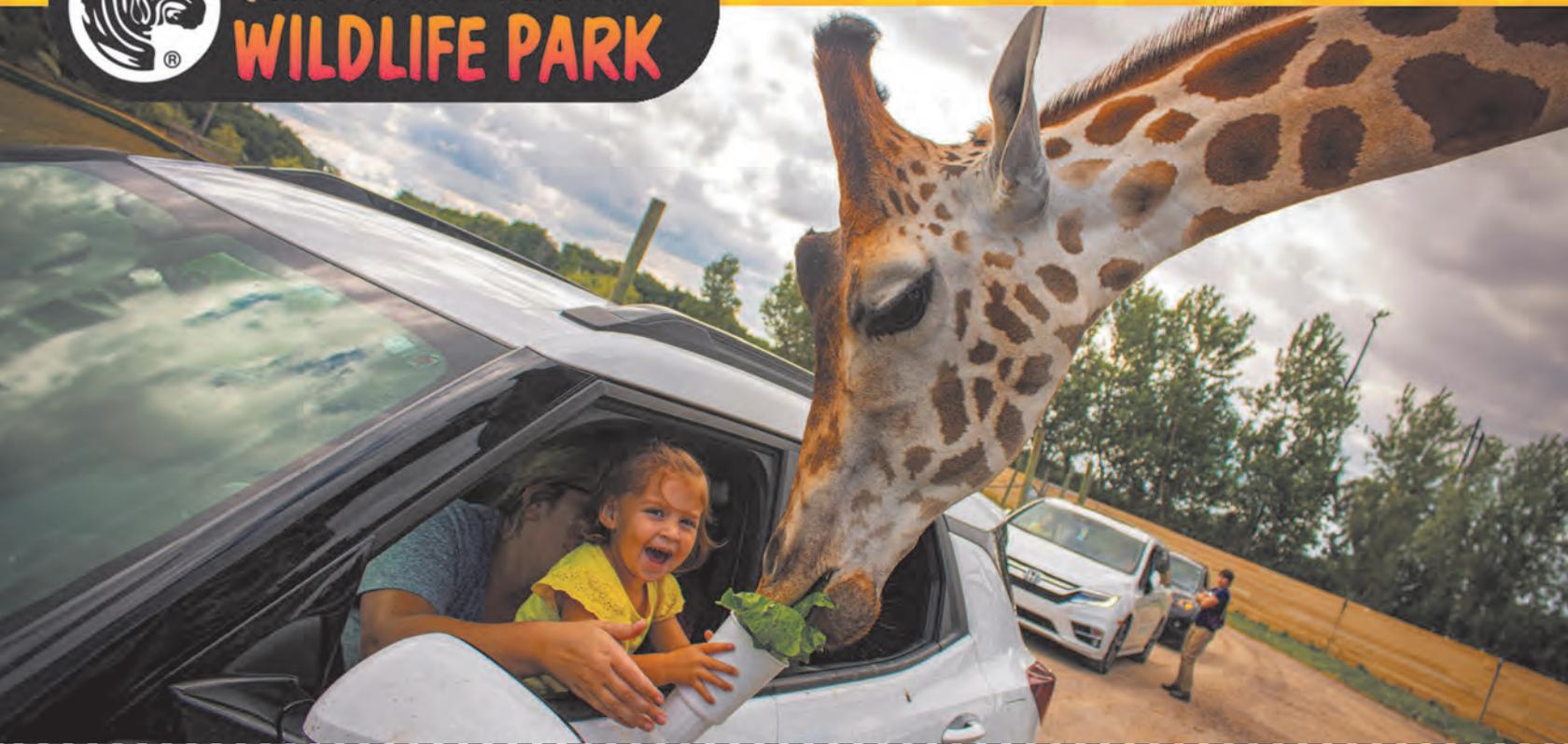
The July 4th holiday falls on a Friday this year, which surely means many guests will be heading to Cedar Point for the return of "Light Up The Point." For two nights the park will offer fireworks once the sun goes down.

BOARDWALK NIGHTS

For guests visiting July 18-August 17 (dark Tuesdays), the focus shifts to the nightly Boardwalk Nights. This newly reimagined event debuted in 2024 and amazed guests with tons of excitement in The Boardwalk area of the park (in front of the giant Ferris Wheel).

The old-school nostalgia was buzzing with live acts and performers, new menu items, and interactive entertainment that had guests coming back for multiple visits to try and see everything on the midway.





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JOHN PAULDING SUMMER BLAST

Date TBD

The Square in Paulding, Ohio

The John Paulding Summer Blast is a chance for the county to come together, socialize with music and fun. In years prior, the event has included fireworks, games, parades, food and drinks. As of the date of print, a date and details of this year's event had not been announced. Check back to the Community Revitalizing Paulding Facebook page for more information.

PAULDING COUNTY



ICONIC

THE OLD PAULDING JAIL

112 S. Williams St. Paulding

The old Paulding Jail was built in the 1870s, giving it a long history. Some of the most notable stories involve paranormal activity. While under its restoration process in 2013, the building owners found a bricked over area in the basement. After investigation, they found lost evidence of an unsolved murder.

LIVE EVENT

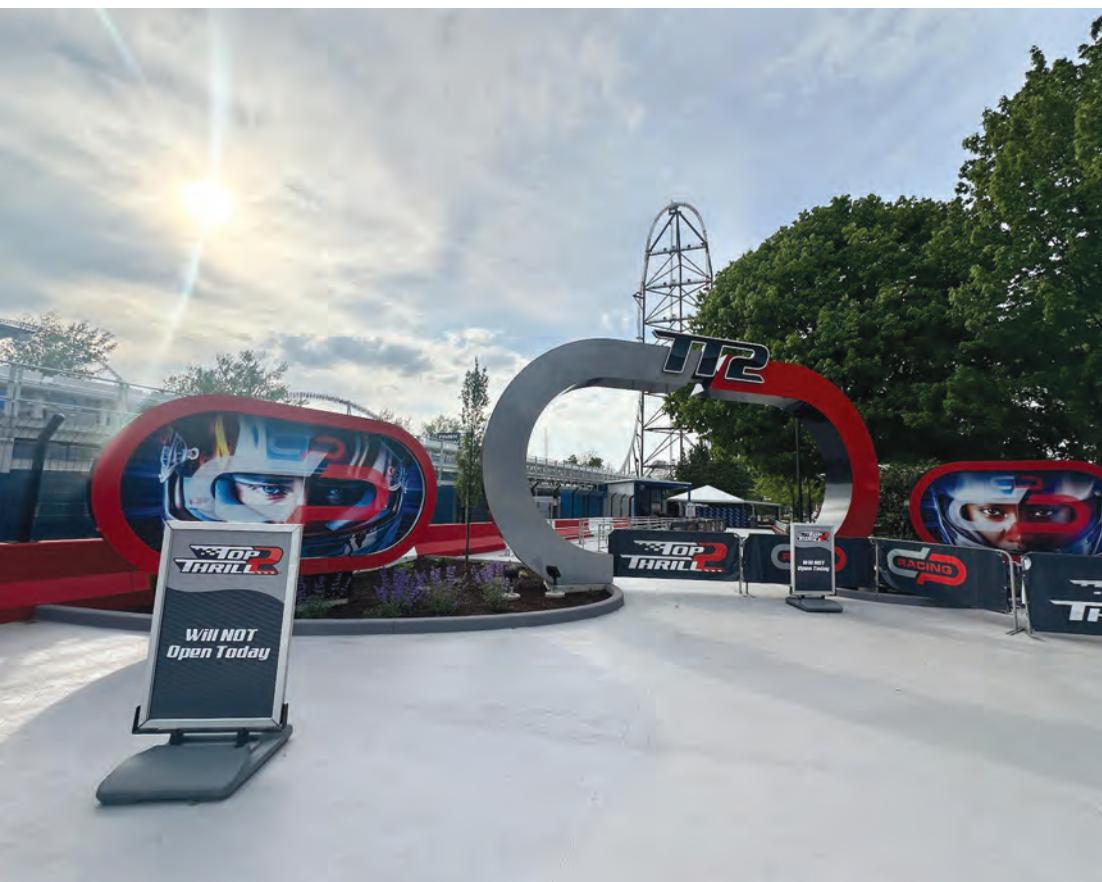
ANTWERP DAY IN THE PARK

Aug. 9

Riverside Park, Antwerp

Along with food and drink vendors, in past years, the event has hosted a "Holly Kobee Turtle Trot," Pancake & Sausage breakfast, and a parade.

PAULDING COUNTY FAIR **JUNE 7-14**



BEACHES IN THE 419

Waterside spots to visit this summer

By Scott Cottos, Denise Grant and Tom Jackson

You don't need to go to the East or West Coast to hit the beach this summer.

There are plenty of spots to lounge and swim in the water in this neck of Ohio.

If you do, take heed of the potential dangers of swimming in various bodies of water — including checking water monitoring agencies for cleanliness and if the area has lifeguards available.

Here's a handful of spots you can visit:

WHITE STAR QUARRY

925 S. Main St., Gibsonburg

The White Star Quarry, located in Gibsonburg, offers beachgoers an oasis of crystal clear, bright blue water in the 419 area code.

Christina Warden, administrative supervisor and human resource coordinator for the Sandusky County Park District, said the swim beach is small - only about 300 feet across - but makes a good day destination for families. Warden said there are always certified lifeguards on duty during swimming hours, a small concession stand for snacks and no alcohol is permitted on the beach.

White Star Quarry is within the boundaries of White Star Park in Sandusky County. The 800-acre park is also regularly patrolled, Warden said.

White Star was a quarry operation that mined limestone. It was developed with Federal Land & Water Conservation Fund money and the sale of scrap metal from the site. The White Star Quarry is the location of White Star Quarry Beach, scuba diving, shelter rentals, fishing opportunities, boating (only hand-powered and electric motors are allowed), and an .8-mile trail that circles the quarry.

The quarry is a 15-acre lake with an average depth of 40 feet. The center of the quarry approaches 50 feet. There are two "holes": one near the wall close to the main diving entrance and the other at the bottom of a stone crusher that are 60 feet and 80 feet, respectively.

Warden said the park is a popular destination for scuba divers.

HARRISON LAKE STATE PARK

26246 Harrison Lake Road, Fayette

Harrison Lake State Park is a good destination for outdoor enthusiasts and history buffs who'd like a place to take the whole family - including the dog - for a swim to cool off during a day of summertime activities.

In 1941, a dam over Mill Creek was completed, and Harrison Lake was created. The lake and surrounding area were maintained primarily for hunting and fishing purposes until 1950, when Harrison Lake was established as a state park.

The area comprising Harrison Lake State Park was at one time part

of a vast wetland. The park still harbors unique natural features associated with wetlands. Great blue herons, common egrets, songbirds, several species of reptiles and amphibians and small mammals can be sighted at the park.

The park features camping, with pets permitted on all sites, boating, fishing, picnicking, hiking, disc golf and more.

The main swim beach is 150 feet long. A designated "dog swim area" is located near the campground, west of the main swimming beach.

"Because the lake is smaller and shallower, it tends to warm quicker in the season and be warmer than larger bodies of water with beaches," said Donald Gurzynski, park manager. "Due to the bank height and trees surrounding the lake, the water's surface is not as affected by weather conditions and remains calmer on blustery days."

Due to the lake's remote location, Gurzynski said park visitors often can find themselves alone on the beach on a weekday.

"Almost as if you were on your own private beach," he said.

EAST HARBOR STATE PARK

1169 N. Buck Road, Lakeside Marblehead

East Harbor State Park provides public access to the beaches of Lake Erie.

The park features a 1,500-foot sand beach on Lake Erie. Swimming is permitted in designated areas. Other amenities include modern restrooms, changing rooms, outdoor showers and vending machines. Dogs are not permitted on the swim beach.

"There are not many beaches along the Lake Erie shore that are open to the public. The beach at East Harbor has a nice, gradual slope and is protected by four breakwaters," said Mike Monnet, parks and watercraft manager. "You can wade out there a long way, and the water will still only be waist high."

Monnet said the calm water makes it a good location for families with children and seniors.



Harrison Lake State Park



White Star Quarry



East Harbor State Park

Beaches continued on page 42 >

Can't Miss COMMUNITY EVENTS

OKTOBERFEST OTTAWA

Sept. 28

The EndZone

North Walnut Street, Ottawa Live music, food trucks and local vendors serving German food! Ottawa Brewing Company will be serving craft beer.



PUTNAM COUNTY



ICONIC

MURALS AT THE REX

Murals in downtown Ottawa depict historical highlights, yet tie together different periods. One mural celebrates agriculture with scenes of fields, major crops and animals in Putnam County.

LIVE EVENT

THURSDAYS AT THE REX

Downtown Ottawa

Live music, food trucks and market will be offered from 5-8:30 p.m. on Thursdays in June through August at The Rex in downtown Ottawa.

PUTNAM COUNTY FAIR **JUNE 23-28**

RICHLAND COUNTY



ICONIC

SHAWSHANK TRAIL

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LIVE EVENT

PUBLIC GHOST HUNT AT OHIO STATE REFORMATORY

100 Reformatory Rd., Mansfield

Recurring event

Explore the historic Ohio State Reformatory while hunting for ghosts. The recurring hunts include access to the building from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m.

RICHLAND COUNTY FAIR **AUG. 3-9**

Can't Miss COMMUNITY EVENTS

LEXINGTON BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL

Aug. 14 - 17

Lexington Community Park

The Lexington Blueberry Festival, held at Lexington Community Park, is Ohio's only festival of its kind! Family fun abounds with popular events such as parades, blueberry bash, kids' games, pageants, various rides and craft vendors and many live entertainments. It's a four-day event centered around blueberry foods and games and topped off with fireworks Saturday night. Admission and parking are free.



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DOWNTOWN FREMONT FARMERS MARKET

Various dates June-September

Downtown Fremont

Purchase fresh produce and meet with members of the community at this series of farmers' markets. Check out the full list of dates and locations at downtownfremontohio.org/farmers-market.

CIVIL WAR DAYS AT HISTORIC LYME VILLAGE

July 26

The John Wright Victorian Mansion

5001 Ohio 4, Bellevue

Transport yourself back in time to the early 1860s at this event at Historic Lyme Village. People can visit the museum and see living historians demonstrating period dress, cooking, etiquette, games, weapons demonstrations and more. Learn more at lymevillage.org.

LINDSEY SUNFLOWER AND HOMECOMING FESTIVAL

July 26, 1-9 p.m.

240 S. Main St., Lindsey

This event brings music, food and much more to the small community of Lindsey. Attendees can check out wares from more than 40 craft vendors, take part in a 5K race, play bingo, partake in a cornhole tournament, and more. Learn more at lindseyhomecomingfest.blog.

RIVER OF ARTS FESTIVAL

Sept. 26-27

Downtown Fremont

The River of Arts Festival will be a two-day event bringing art, music, food and more to downtown Fremont. Organizers say members of the community and families can attend to celebrate what makes everyone unique. Learn more at downtownfremontohio.org/river-of-arts-festival.

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SANDUSKY COUNTY



ICONIC



Spiegel Grove, Fremont

Located in Fremont, Ohio and is just a few miles from Exit 91 of the Ohio Turnpike. The museum is open year-round, although dates and hours may vary seasonally. Hayes Presidential is the nation's first Presidential library, opened to the public in 1916 and celebrated its centennial anniversary in 2016. It was the residence of President Rutherford B. Hayes, a lawyer and American Civil War veteran, who lived there with his family. It is located at Spiegel Grove at the corner of Hayes and Buckland avenues in Fremont, Ohio.



253 Southwest Street, Bellevue

Open noon to 4 p.m. daily Memorial Day through Labor Day

This museum is a must-stop location for rail enthusiasts. The Mad River & NKP Railroad Museum preserves the history of Bellevue's railroading past and has a number of exhibits for guests to view, including historic engines and train cars.

LIVE EVENTS

VINTAGE "BASE BALL" GAMES

10:30-1:30 p.m. on June 21; 1 p.m. on June 22, June 29, July 20, Aug. 17, Aug. 24, Sept. 7
Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library & Museums

Spiegel Grove, Fremont

See baseball like you've never seen it before. People can watch games of "base ball" — spelled with two words as it was in the 19th century — at home games for the Spiegel Grove Squires. The Squires, made up of volunteers who learned the 1860s-era rules and playing methods. Admission to the games, which happens on the lawn behind the Hayes Home, is free.



FREMONT COMMUNITY AMPHITHEATER EVENTS

Various dates

209 S. Arch St., Fremont

The Fremont Community Amphitheater, which first opened last year, has a slate of events for the summer. Events include jam and open mic sessions, local theater performances and more. For a full event list, go to downtownfremontohio.org/fremont-community-amphitheater.





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Can't Miss COMMUNITY EVENTS

TIFFIN-SENECA HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Sept. 19, 20 and 21

In its 46th year, the festival features two venues - Heritage Village, located at Tiffin's Hedges-Boyer Park and the downtown portion. Visitors to the living history village can hear the boom of cannons, visit with reenactors portraying the area's settlement in the early 1800s as well as the Civil War era. People can also listen to period music and enjoy children's activities and food. The downtown portion features music, a parade, food, children's activities and more.

TIFFIN ZOMBIE RUN

Oct. 18, 10 a.m. to noon

The ninth annual Tiffin Zombie Run 5k run/walk and 1 mile walk fundraiser is on Saturday, October 18, 2025, at Steyer Nature Preserve, 5901 North County Road 33, Tiffin, OH. Registration begins at 9:00am and the race will start at 10:00am. The award ceremony begins at 11:00am. All proceeds will be used to support CASA of Seneca, Sandusky, and Wyandot Counties. CASA trains people in the community to advocate for abused and neglected children in court. CASA volunteers make sure the best interest of the child does not get overlooked throughout the court process.

TIFFIN TREE LIGHTING

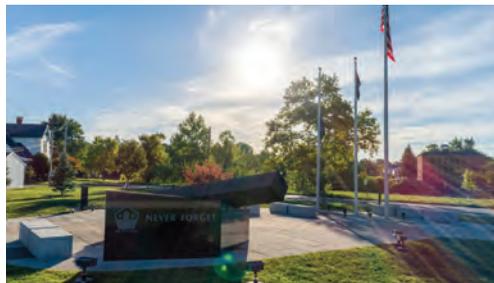
Dec. 5, 5:30 p.m.

Kick off the holiday season with the lighting up of the community holiday tree in downtown Tiffin! When the switch is flipped, thousands of lights will brighten up the night for all to enjoy! The tree will also be decorated with ornaments from local 5th graders and businesses. Nearly 500 ornaments will hang proudly on the tree for the season. Prior to the lighting, enjoy live music, remarks from community leaders, a visit from Santa, and more! Stay tuned for more details and we will see you there!

SENECA COUNTY



ICONIC



TIFFIN POLICE AND FIRE ALL PATRIOTS MEMORIAL 201 Water St., Tiffin

It features a beam from the World Trade Center and memorializes Tiffin first responders who have died in the line of duty. It is an outdoor memorial that is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



THE RITZ 30 S. Washington St., Tiffin

A historic 1928 vaudeville era movie palace renovated in 1998, the Ritz serves the Northwest Ohio region as a performing arts center hosting national headliners, touring productions, dance, comedy, family shows, community theatre, and more. Restored almost to the original condition in 1998, four original textone murals are breath taking as they adorn each side of the stage. A mammoth 1,200 lb. chandelier made of 20,000 Czechoslovakian crystals hangs impressively in the fine arts center.

LIVE EVENTS

THIRD THURSDAYS

Downtown Tiffin

Every third Thursday, Downtown Tiffin hosts a themed event. The events typically showcase local businesses and offer special promotions, entertainment and food offerings that mirror the theme.

THURSDAY NIGHT TUNES AT THE EAST GREEN

155 E. Market St., Tiffin

Thursday Night Tunes will take place every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. from June 20 to August 15 (aside from Thursday, July 4). Local musicians from varying genres will take the stage at the Tiffin East Green Amphitheater to showcase their talents and bring an engaging soundscape to Downtown Tiffin.

THE POIGNON PROJECT

227 E. Perry St., Tiffin

The magical art of glassblowing is alive and well at the Poignon Project. They offer a wide variety of handmade glass items including ornaments, marbles, sculptures, stemware, jewelry and many great glass products. Glass blowing classes allow you to experience the art form yourself. The Poignon Project also features other mediums of work for viewing.

23RD ANNUAL FOSTORIA RAIL FESTIVAL Sept. 27

Sponsored by Fostoria Rail Preservation Society, the annual festival welcomes visitors to Fostoria High School, 1001 Park Ave., Fostoria, and Fostoria Elementary School, 1202 H L Ford, Dr. Visitors can see model train layouts, buy and sell train items, take part in a photo contest and can take a train ride. The cost is \$6 per person and children under 10 get in free.

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He said people visit the park on foot, by car, bike, or boat. East Harbor is situated on a peninsula stretching into the waters of Lake Erie. The park also lies on the fringe of Ohio's prairie marsh zone. These wetlands are remnants of the Great Black Swamp, which once covered an area 120 miles long and 30-40 miles wide.

Nature enthusiasts enjoy viewing an abundance of waterfowl and shorebirds in the park's scenic wetlands, as well as from the swimming beach and picnic areas along the lake. East Harbor also offers a large campground and boating, hiking and fishing amenities.

CEDAR POINT BEACH

Cedar Point, Sandusky

You know about the roller coasters and the rides at Cedar Point, but the beach also is a major attraction.

The mile-long beach is a private beach, but it's included with park admission and season passes and is one of the perks for overnight visitors staying at Hotel Breakers.



Cedar Point Beach

The offerings at the beach include the Hotel Breakers Beach Club, which offers activities such as beach volleyball and cocktails at the Sand Bar. There are also "beach bungalows," partially shaded areas with chairs and a couch, a coffee table, a fire pit and food and beverage service, and boardwalk cruiser tours by pedicab. Jet ski rentals also are available.

NICKEL PLATE BEACH

1 Nickel Plate Drive, Huron

Nickel Plate Beach, located at 1 Nickel Plate Drive in Huron, is known for having a particularly large sandy beach that provides a view of the Huron Lighthouse. It features picnic shelters and tables, grills, a play area for kids, a ping pong table (bring your own paddles and balls), corn hole boards (bring your own balls) and beach volleyball courts (bring your own play equipment).

Paddle boarding, kayaking and beach gear rentals are available at the Paddle Shack. Paddle Shack also rents group games such as Spikeball, Kan-Jam, Ladder Golf, Giant Yard Pong, beach darts and sports balls.

Beach hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Memorial Day through Labor Day. No lifeguard is available, so swim at your own risk and beware of dangerous currents. There's a \$7 daily parking fee per vehicle, with season parking passes available from the City of Huron for frequent visitors.

Dogs are banned at the beach. Portable restrooms are available.

VERMILION MAIN STREET BEACH

400-469 Main St., Vermilion

Vermilion Main Street Beach is located in downtown Vermilion. The beach features a kayak/canoe launch, benches, an ADA mobility mat, a restroom and a concession stand. View the beach from a webcam at www.discoververmilion.org.

Notice also that visiting the beach puts you in the middle of Vermilion, a pleasant small city that's very walkable and has good dining and shopping options.

WATERWORKS PARK

Near Ohio 163 heading west to downtown Port Clinton

Port Clinton City Beach, located near downtown Port Clinton off of East Perry Street (e.g., Ohio 163), offers a sandy beach, a playground, picnic tables, a basketball court, picnic tables, charcoal grills and restrooms. You can bring your pet, too, if the animal is on a leash. Your visit to the beach also provides easy access to shopping and dining in the city's walkable downtown area.

GILBOA QUARRY

3763 Old State Route 224, Ottawa

Gilboa Quarry, with its clear, spring-fed waters, has been known for its diving opportunities for many years.

Within the last few years, non-divers were given a space to call their own in the form of a small, quarry-side beach on which people can do nearly anything that can be done on nearly any other waterside, sandy area.

"It's a nice little area," manager Cheyenne Klausing said. "I wouldn't say it's huge, but I wouldn't say it's entirely super small. It's a nice little space."

The quarry, which bills itself on its website, www.gilboaquarry.com, as "the premier Midwest destination for divers of all levels, freedivers and snorkelers," features a number of fish and underwater attractions that have been installed, such as replicas of an airplane, a helicopter and even a school bus.

Now, too, there's something for those who prefer shallower waters and relaxation in the sun.

"It's all one area," Klausing said. "We have different areas of entry for the scuba area, but then we have our beach part that is also connected to the quarry and is another entry point to the water. It's kind of, like, for families who are looking to hang out while their spouse is diving or their children are diving. They just kind of hang out on the beach and wait for them."

Mike Williams, who opened the quarry in 1990, sold it in 2021 to Full Tank, LLC, which is based in Pequot Lakes, Minnesota. It is open year-round, though it will be "in season" on May 16 through mid-October.

"I start using the beach as soon as the weather gets nice," Klausing said. "I like to kind of lay out there. After work, I'll go paddleboarding. It just depends really, on the weather, but when we start getting nice days, we'll start seeing people using the beach. My mom loves to come out; she brings my aunt and they'll hang out."

Klausing said many people bring "floaties" to use in the water, and paddleboards and kayaks may be rented.

She added that the fun isn't limited to humans.

"My dog loves to play at the beach," she said. "It's her favorite spot. She likes to pounce on all the fish down there."

She added: "It's quite nice. The water is crystal-clear, too. And it's very warm. The water gets up to, like, high 70s in the summer. It's like bathwater."

More information is available at www.gilboaquarry.com or by calling 419-456-3300.



Gilboa Quarry

Can't Miss COMMUNITY EVENTS

FREEDOM TRUCK MEET

June 13-14

1055 S. Washington St., Van Wert

Fun for the whole family! Show and shine, dirt drags, monster truck rides, burnout contest, Dyno, cruise route, DJ, on-site camping, power wheels racing, food vendors, meet & greets and more! A portion of the proceeds gets donated to Riley Children's Cancer Foundation. Learn more about this event by visiting colemotorstruckmeet.com

VAN WERT COUNTY



ICONIC

LINCOLN RIDGE FARMS

6588 Pollock Ridge, Convoy

Find year-long fun at Lincoln Ridge Farms. Pick your own fruits and veggies from May - November, including strawberries, peaches, apples and pumpkins. The farm also has two self-serve stands, one at the farm and another in Antwerp beginning in May.

LIVE EVENT

VAN WERT LIVE

Various locations

Whether you're trying to catch a play or enjoy a concert, Van Wert Live is full of endless possibilities. Venues are scattered around the Van Wert area, including the Niswonger Performing Arts Center, the Fountain Park Amphitheatre and the grandstands at the fairgrounds. For a list of events and locations, visit vanwertlive.com

VAN WERT COUNTY FAIR **AUG. 26-SEPT. 1**

Can't Miss COMMUNITY EVENTS

STONEY STOCK SUMMER MUSIC FEST:

Aug. 9

The Stoney Stock Summer Music Fest is an annual music festival hosted by Stoney Ridge Winery, 7144 Country Road 16, Bryan, featuring local musical talent, food vendors and a fun atmosphere.

WILLIAMS COUNTY



ICONIC

THE LOCKPORT COVERED BRIDGE

22598-22500 County Rd I- 25, Stryker

The Lockport Bridge is almost entirely made of wood. There are no steel beams supporting the bridge and the few non-wood components of the bridge include a lightweight concrete deck supported by wooden structural members, a tin roof covering the pedestrian walkway on the bridge's south side, concrete abutments and a few steel tension wires.

The completed bridge opened to traffic on June 19, 1999.

The Lockport Bridge differs little from historic covered bridges except for its size. It meets modern bridge requirements by being large enough and strong enough to allow a semi truck to pass through the span.

The Lockport Covered Bridge is about 5 miles west of Sauder Village and north of Stryker, near the Goll Woods Nature Preserve.

LIVE EVENT

BRYAN JUBILEE

June 19-21

This carnival-style event takes place downtown Bryan for three days and features rides, games, food vendors and more.

WILLIAMS COUNTY FAIR **SEP. 6-13**



WOOD COUNTY

ICONIC

FORT MEIGS

29100 W. River Road, Perrysburg

Visitors can get a taste of the War of 1812 at Fort Meigs, which was constructed in 1813 under the direction of General William Henry Harrison, who would go on to become the ninth president of the United States. Fort Meigs is known as the largest reconstructed, wooden-walled fortification. The fort withstood two attacks by the British during the War of 1812. The fort was rebuilt in 2003, with a new visitor center and museum added. In addition to the 3,000-square-foot museum, the building includes a store and classrooms that are available for rent. Four interactive, blockhouse exhibits detail the history of the fort, and interpreters dressed in War of 1812 uniforms conduct daily musket demonstrations and talks throughout the summer. The fort hosts reenactments May through August.

LIVE EVENT

THE SECOND ANNUAL FAMILY FUNKTION

Toledo-area band The Funk Factory will host the event June 13 and 14 at the Poe Road Music Sanctuary in Grand Rapids. Camping, art exhibits, food trucks and vendors are scheduled for the two-day event, which will also include a diverse lineup of music talent. The full lineup is still a work in progress, but among the performers will be rock band Leadfoot Granny, which in recent months has released its first album and drawn many favorable reviews. With its members hailing from Perrysburg, Bloomdale and Rossford, Leadfoot Granny has a summer tour in the state of Washington planned.

Can't Miss COMMUNITY EVENTS

NATIONAL TRACTOR PULLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Aug. 14-16

The Wood County Fairgrounds become Pulltown, USA each summer, with thousands attending the world's largest tractor-pulling event. A variety of activities are included in the championships, which began as the National Tractor Pull in 1967. Since then, crowds estimated at 65,000 have gone to the fairgrounds through the weekend to witness pulls involving tractors, trucks, diesels and pro stocks. The Bowling Green-based Northwestern Ohio Tractor Pullers Association directs the event, which includes a total purse of \$250,000, along with contingency prizes.

WOOD COUNTY FAIR JULY 27-AUG.3

OLANDER PARK

6930 W. Sylvania Ave., Sylvania

Olander Park does not lack for things to do.

And among them is the availability of a manmade lake with a beach that lies in wait for the season to open on Memorial Day weekend.

The beach sits alongside Olander Lake, which covers about 28 of the park's 60 acres. As well as supplying a place for sun worshipers and recreational swimming, the lake may be traversed by paddleboat or kayak and be of service to those aiming to catch fish.

The beach will be open on Wednesdays through Sundays during the season, with admission priced at \$5 for those who live in the Sylvania school district and \$7 for those who reside outside the district. Youngsters age 2 and under are admitted free.

Erika Buri, executive director of Outdoor Sylvania Community Parks, said buoys separate swimmers and boaters and lifeguards are on duty at all times.

"There's never any time when we aren't paying attention," Buri said. "We have a shallow area and then we also have kind of a cordoned-off tot area, so if you have little ones, we have a great place for them to swim where they cannot physically get into deeper water. That's a really great feature.

"There are some really nice shelters and picnic tables on the beach. The lake is spring-fed, so it's extremely clean and we get it tested each week with the health department. Our numbers are always super low, so it's a great lake to go swimming in."

The lake, which was formed from a quarry that closed in the mid-1950s, has been available to swimmers for more than 30 years, Buri said.

"Interestingly, we actually get more folks from outside the Sylvania school district who are swimming than we do residents because, I

think, the city has a lot of options. There are several country clubs and there's a swimming quarry at another pool that's owned by the Sylvania recreation program, and the YMCA is right down the street and its pool is pretty busy in the summer.

"But we have pretty good attendance -- enough to still justify having it open, but it's not super packed, usually."

Indeed, Olander Park offers playgrounds for youngsters, sand volleyball and other activities.

"Olander has the advantage of having really nice walking trails," Buri said. "... You could come and just spend the whole day at the park and go swimming and walk around and have a picnic and it would be just a great day out and about. If I didn't work here — and even sometimes because I do — it would be a great way to just spend the day outdoors with my family."

Those fishing on Lake Olander must be licensed and are required to abide by state laws.

"It is great for fishing, so that's a whole other reason to just come and spend the day at Olander Park," Buri said. "There are just so many options beyond swimming for things to do. It's kind of a gem. A lot of people don't know about it, and we try to keep it affordable so folks can come out and spend the day and enjoy the water, and I would love for folks to come out and explore."



Olander Park



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WYANDOT COUNTY

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INDIAN MILL STATE MEMORIAL AND MILLING MUSEUM



7417 Co. Hwy 47, Upper Sandusky

Located on the banks of the Sandusky River about a mile and a half north of Upper Sandusky, the former gristmill once owned by the Wyandotte Nation of American Indians now houses a museum of Wyandot heritage and milling history. The original sawmill and dam were built in 1819 with a gristmill added the following year, primarily as a reward for the Wyandotte Indians siding with the U.S. government in the War of 1812. The Wyandottes had their grain and lumber milled there for free. Both mills were located 300 feet upstream from the current site. The mill - located 4 miles north of Upper Sandusky off Ohio 67 North on County Highway 37 - is open the first weekend in May through the end of October. Hours are 1-4:30 p.m. Friday through Sunday.



MCCUTCHEM OVERLAND INN MUSEUM

283 Ohio 53 North, McCutchenville

The McCutchen Overland Inn Museum at 283 Ohio 53 North, was dedicated as a stagecoach museum in 1967. The original log cabin was built in 1829 by Col. Joseph McCutchen and was used as a hotel and later a stagecoach stop on the Harrison Trail. This passage was formerly an Indian Trail that extended from the Scioto River in Columbus north to Lake Erie. The building, which was restored and furnished with antiques from the stagecoach era, was dedicated as the restored Overland Inn in 1967. Museum hours are 1-4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and weekdays by appointment. For tour information, contact the Wyandot County Historical Society at 419-294-3857 or email wycohs@sbcglobal.net.

LIVE EVENTS

TUNES BY THE TRACKS

The Shawshank Woodshop
226 S. 8th St.,
Upper Sandusky

An evening of fun and music begins at 6 p.m. June 7. The event will feature music provided by the 3rd Floor Band. There will also be local food trucks and drinks from Traum Brewing. The cost is \$10 per person. Children 10 and under will be admitted free. The musical evening is being sponsored by the Wyandot County Community Foundation.

WATERWORKS BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

Waterworks Park
711 W. Findlay St., Carey

Gates open at 6 p.m. June 13. Music starts the following day at noon. This festival features traditional, modern and gospel bluegrass bands including the Muddy Creek Mountain Band, Union Town, Crabgrass, Hammertowne, Lincoln Highway Bluegrass Band and the Lincoln Mash and Heather Alley Band. Admission is \$35 per person.

OLDE FASHIONED ICE CREAM SOCIAL

July 12, noon-4 p.m.
Wyandot County Museum
130 S. 7th St., Upper Sandusky **FEST**
Aug. 1-2, 3-9 p.m. daily.

Downtown Carey

Hosted by the Wyandot County Historical Society, the annual ice cream social features an opportunity to step back in time and visit the chance to see the museum which is housed in the 14 room Beery-McConnell home that was built in 1852-1853, and Charlotte's Schoolhouse next door. The one-room schoolhouse was constructed about 1895 and served students southeast of Dunkirk until a consolidated brick school structure was built in the 1920s. The building was then used for storage until 1966 when it was donated to the historical society. The Upper Sandusky Community Band will perform and there will be a car show. Ice cream and food items will be available for a nominal fee.

Can't Miss
**COMMUNITY
EVENTS**

WYANSTOCK

July 4-5

Wyandot County Fairgrounds

10171 Ohio 53 North, Upper Sandusky

What could be better than a summer weekend full of live music, local foods, arts and brews. The Wyandot County Young Professionals will again bring the festival to the Wyandot County Fairgrounds. Performers during the two-day event will include Fritz Acoustic, Newgrass Station, Gopher Baroque Band, Bourbon & Vinyl, Tomacco, Last Minute, Left of Center, The Fret Mashers, James Adkins, Micah Kesselring, Bootleg City Band, Modern Relics, The Moonbats, Glass Forest, Zack Attack and Bassnotik. Camping is available. Admission is \$15 either day or for the weekend. Parking is free. Proceeds support local scholarships and charitable causes.

CAREY FEST

Aug. 1-2, 3-9 p.m. daily

Downtown Carey

The summer festival features music, games, activities for kids and food. Country singing star Conner Smith will headline the festival the evening of Aug. 2. Smith's song list includes "Somewhere in a Small Town," "I Hate Alabama," "Learn From It," "Take it Slow" and the "Creek Will Rise." The Eric Sowers band will open for Smith. General admission for the concert is \$25.

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Dec. 6

Downtown Upper Sandusky

There's no better place to find your festive spirit than at the Wyandot Chamber of Commerce's "Home for the Holidays." This annual celebration is designed to bring the community together in a heartwarming holiday atmosphere. There will be activities and entertainment for all ages.

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Events IN THE 419

May 23-25
NORWALK
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Uptown Norwalk
Main St., Norwalk
Friday 5-10 p.m.
Sat.-Sun. 10 a.m.-10 p.m.
Annual community festival held over Memorial Day weekend. Activities for all ages. No cost to attend.



May 23-26
LAKESIDE
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND IN LAKESIDE

800 Maple Avenue
Lakeside, OH 43440
Fun for the whole family, enjoy the music of CeCe Teneal's Divas of Soul, a plant sale, swimming, pickleball, tennis, shuffleboard, mini golf, a cookout and more. lakesideohio.com/calendar



May 24
LAKESIDE
CECE TENEAL'S DIVAS OF SOUL

Hoover Auditorium
115 W. Third Street
Lakeside, OH 43440
At 7:30 p.m., CeCe Teneal celebrates the chart-topping music of Aretha Franklin, Gladys Knight, Tina Turner, Whitney Houston and more. lakesideohio.com/calendar



May 31
LAKESIDE
POINT OF GRACE

Hoover Auditorium
115 W. Third Street
Lakeside, OH 43440
Dove Award-winning Contemporary Christian trio, Point of Grace, sings hits "I'll Be Believing," "How You Live (Turn Up the Music)" and "Circle of Friends" at 7:30 p.m.
lakesideohio.com/calendar

June 6
FINDLAY
BOOGIE ON THE BLOCK

Marathon Center for the Performing Arts
200 W Main Cross St., Findlay
5-10 p.m.
Music from Doc Robinson and Amelia Fairharts. Food trucks, beer tents, and family area. Findlay's biggest block party kicks off the summer season. Tickets are \$7 for general admission, \$3 for youth. Tickets at MCPA.org



June 7
LAKESIDE
THE TEXAS TENORS

Hoover Auditorium
115 W. Third Street
Lakeside, OH 43440
Emmy Award winners' 15th Anniversary Tour stop in Lakeside promises rousing patriotic, country, classical and pop favorites at 7:30 p.m.
lakesideohio.com/calendar

June 10
FINDLAY
2025/2026 SEASON REVEAL PARTY

Marathon Center for the Performing Arts
200 W Main Cross St., Findlay
5:30 p.m. Celebrate our 10th anniversary season as MCPA unveils the spectacular 2025/2026 season lineup.

June 11
FINDLAY
RIVERSIDE CIVIC CONCERT SERIES

Allen P Dudley Memorial Bandshell
231 McManness Avenue, Findlay
7 p.m. Free admission. Enjoy the sounds of summer at the Riverside Civic Concert Series, featuring performances by talented community bands and choirs every Wednesday night through July 16!



June 13
LAKESIDE
BRIA SKONBERG WITH THE CLEVELAND JAZZ ORCHESTRA

Hoover Auditorium
115 W. Third Street
Lakeside, OH 43440
Rising star trumpeter and vocalist Bria Skonberg is joined by Northeast Ohio's premier jazz orchestra at 7:30 p.m.
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June 14
LAKESIDE
LAKESIDE COLLECTOR CAR SHOW

Hotel Lakeside Lawn
150 Maple Avenue
Lakeside, OH 43440
From 1-7 p.m. get an up-close look at 50+ vintage cars at this fun family event. lakesideohio.com/calendar



June 14
LAKESIDE
MICHAEL CAVANAUGH 'GENERATIONS OF ROCK'

Hoover Auditorium
115 W. Third Street
Lakeside, OH 43440
Talented singer and pianist returns to celebrate over 50 years of rock & roll and the songs that defined each decade at 7:30 p.m.
lakesideohio.com/calendar

June 25-28
GIBSONBURG
GIBSONBURG HOMECOMING FESTIVAL

Williams Park Gibsonburg
410 Stone Street, Gibsonburg
Enjoy a small-town fair with rides, food, raffles, games, and live entertainment each night. Saturday come see the parade at 12 p.m. and stay for the fireworks at 10 p.m.!



June 28
SAM BUSH
 Hoover Auditorium
 115 W. Third Street
 Lakeside, OH 43440
 Grammy-winning artist, mandolinist and originator of progressive bluegrass music entertains with “Girl of the North Country,” “Play by Your Own Rules” and “In Tall Buildings” at 7:30 p.m. lakesideohio.com/calendar

July & August
 VERMILLION
SATURDAYS IN THE PARK
 10-2 p.m. Market in the park
 Fresh produce, artisan crafts and community

July 1
 FINDLAY
LUNCHTIME LIVE KICKOFF
 Waterfall Pavilion at Riverside Park
 231 McManness Avenue, Findlay
 11:30-1 p.m. Free admission. Have lunch at MCPA's Lunchtime Live series. Enjoy live music and food trucks every Tuesday afternoon starting July 1!



July 4
 LAKESIDE
FOURTH OF JULY IN LAKESIDE
 800 Maple Avenue
 Lakeside, OH 43440
 Celebrate the holiday with a parade, cookout, concert in the park, fireworks and more family fun.
lakesideohio.com/calendar



July 5
 LAKESIDE
ABBAMANIA & NIGHT FEVER
 Hoover Auditorium
 115 W. Third Street
 Lakeside, OH 43440
 Step back in time with this lively tribute to the music of ABBA and the Bee Gees at 7:30 p.m.
lakesideohio.com/calendar

July 6
 MILLBURY
CAR SHOW
 Millbury Classic Cars and Trucks Museum
 26929 Cummings Rd., Millbury
 9-1 p.m.
 All makes and models welcome! \$5 registration or pet food or toy donation! All Car Show proceeds and 20% of Museum entry will go to Wood County Humane Society. Food trucks ,Raffles & Prices, and Music.



July 10
 LAKESIDE
KEYNOTE SPEAKER: JOHN QUINONES
 Hoover Auditorium
 115 W. Third Street
 Lakeside, OH 43440
 Creator and host of ABC's “What Would You Do?” delivers a powerful message of believing in oneself, never giving up and always doing the right thing at 7:30 p.m.
lakesideohio.com/calendar



July 12
 LAKESIDE
AN EVENING WITH MARTY STUART & HIS FABULOUS SUPERLATIVES
 Hoover Auditorium
 115 W. Third Street
 Lakeside, OH 43440
 Country Music Hall of Famer and five-time Grammy winner known for rockabilly, country rock and bluegrass music performs at 7:30 p.m.
lakesideohio.com/calendar

Saturday, July 12
 VERMILLION
ALL WASHED UP
 Exchange Park
 10-12 p.m. Driftwood Art Fest & Contest.
 Activities for kids and more!



July 18
 LAKESIDE
RHONDA VINCENT & THE RAGE
 Hoover Auditorium
 115 W. Third Street
 Lakeside, OH 43440
 Grammy-winning bluegrass singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist returns to Lakeside to perform at 7:30 p.m. lakesideohio.com/calendar



July 19
 LAKESIDE
THE DIRTY DOZEN BRASS BAND
 Hoover Auditorium
 115 W. Third Street
 Lakeside, OH 43440
 Grammy Award-winning and New Orleans-based band blends a “musical gumbo” of bebop jazz, funk and soul at 7:30 p.m.
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July 20
 LAKESIDE
LAKESIDE WOODEN BOAT SHOW
 Hotel Lakeside Lawn & Dock
 150 Maple Avenue
 Lakeside, OH 43440
 Fun for the family, Lakeside's waterfront transforms into an outdoor showroom of classic wooden boats from noon-4 p.m.
lakesideohio.com/calendar



July 24
 LAKESIDE
KEYNOTE SPEAKER: KATE BOWLER
 Hoover Auditorium
 115 W. Third Street
 Lakeside, OH 43440
 Four-time New York Times bestselling author, podcast host and Associate Professor of American Religious History at Duke University delves into the cultural narratives constructed around success, suffering and capacity for change at 7:30 p.m.
lakesideohio.com/calendar



July 24-26
 LAKESIDE
LAKESIDE CRAFT & ART SHOW
 Hotel Lakeside Lawn
 150 Maple Avenue
 Lakeside, OH 43440
 Dozens of exhibitors will line Lakeside's waterfront to sell photography, paintings, woodcarvings, handmade jewelry, garden art and home décor. Rain or shine, shop from 9-5 p.m. during this three-day show.
lakesideohio.com/calendar



July 25
 LAKESIDE
CLEVELAND BALLET
 Hoover Auditorium
 115 W. Third Street
 Lakeside, OH 43440
 Nationally recognized ballet company committed to innovation, diversity and creativity makes its Lakeside debut at 7:30 p.m. lakesideohio.com/calendar





July 26
LAKESIDE
LAKESIDE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERT POPS

Concert with Jeans 'n Classics
Hoover Auditorium
115 W. Third Street, Lakeside, OH 43440
The Lakeside Symphony Orchestra, led by Music Director and Conductor Daniel Meyer, performs the music of Billy Joel with Jeans 'n Classics. lakesideohio.com/calendar

July 26
GIBSONBURG
SCULPTURE IN THE VILLAGE ARTS & WINE FESTIVAL

Williams Park, Gibsonburg
410 Stone Street, Gibsonburg
Sip on local wine and craft beer while enjoying dozens of sculptures from throughout the country, Vendors, and live entertainment, all at Williams Park! 3- 9 p.m. \$20 for first 5 tastings, \$5 for next 5 artsandwinefest.com



August 2
LAKESIDE
BRUCE HORNSBY

Hoover Auditorium
115 W. Third Street, Lakeside, OH 43440
Three-time Grammy winner Bruce Hornsby performs hits "The Way It Is," "Every Little Kiss" and "Mandolin Rain" at 7:30 p.m. lakesideohio.com/calendar



August 9-10
LAKESIDE
LAKESIDE BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

Hoover Auditorium
115 W. Third Street
Lakeside, OH 43440
Two-day festival of national bluegrass stars featuring headliners Michael Cleveland & Flamekeeper, The Special Consensus, Cutter & Cash and The Kentucky Grass, Tessa Lark, Mike Marshall and Darol Anger. lakesideohio.com/calendar

Saturday, August 2
VERMILLION
CHALK IT UP
Victory Park
10-2 p.m. Beautiful chalk artwork by local artists.
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August 16
LAKESIDE
ELIADES OCHOA

Hoover Auditorium
115 W. Third Street, Lakeside, OH 43440
International superstar of Cuban folk music and four-time Latin Grammy winner Eliades Ochoa performs at 7:30 p.m. lakesideohio.com/calendar

August 21
FINDLAY
LIVE @ ARMES CONCERT KICKOFF

Marathon Center for the Performing Arts
200 W Main Cross St, Findlay
7:30 p.m. -Billy Pilgrim kicks off the Live @ Armes concert lineup at MCPA! Jam to folk, soul, and rock with concerts one Thursday a month! Tickets at MCPA.org



August 23
LAKESIDE
LAKESIDE ANTIQUE SHOW

Wesley Lodge
510 Central Ave., Lakeside, OH 43440
More than 85 dealers will display antiques indoors and outdoors from 9-5 p.m. lakesideohio.com/calendar



August 23
LAKESIDE
BRASS TRANSIT 'THE MUSICAL LEGACY OF CHICAGO'

Hoover Auditorium
115 W. Third Street, Lakeside, OH 43440
Brass Transit returns to Lakeside to pay tribute to the legendary Rock & Roll Hall of Fame band Chicago at 7:30 p.m. lakesideohio.com/calendar



August 29-September 1
LAKESIDE
LABOR DAY WEEKEND IN LAKESIDE

800 Maple Avenue
Lakeside, OH 43440
Fun for the whole family, enjoy a Neil Diamond tribute concert with Matt Vee & The Killer Vees, concerts in the park, swimming, pickleball, tennis, shuffleboard, mini golf, a cookout and more. lakesideohio.com/calendar



September 5-7
LAKESIDE
LAKESIDE SUMMER SPLASH FAMILY WEEKEND

800 Maple Avenue
Lakeside, OH 43440
Lakeside is extending the fun after Labor Day weekend. Enjoy a concert with country music star Craig Morgan, view the West Ohio Corvette Show, splash in the pool, play mini golf and more. Tickets to the concert include access to the pool and mini golf all weekend long.



September 6
LAKESIDE
CRAIG MORGAN

151 W. Third Street,
Lakeside, OH 43440
Headlining Lakeside's Summer Splash Family Weekend, country music star Craig Morgan thrills with fan favorites "Bonfire," "Redneck Yacht Club" and "That's What I Love About Sunday" at 7:30 p.m. lakesideohio.com/craigmorgan2025



September 27-November 2
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October 4-5
FINDLAY
38TH CHRISTMAS IN OCTOBER ART & CRAFT SHOW

Hancock County Fairgrounds
1017 E Sandusky St., Findlay
Saturday 10-5 p.m. Sunday 11-4 p.m.
Admission Saturday 8-10 a.m. early bird \$8. General \$6 Children 12 & under free Enjoy shopping through nine buildings, and outdoor booths from eight states. Lots of great food trucks, entertainment and more.



October 11
LAKESIDE
LAKESIDE-MARBLEHEAD LIGHTHOUSE FESTIVAL

800 Maple Avenue
Lakeside, OH 43440
Fun for the whole family, enjoy Marblehead Lighthouse tours, live entertainment, arts & crafts vendors, hayrides, farmers' market, a pumpkin-decorating contest and more. Free admission and parking. lakesideohio.com/calendar



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- July 22 / Kyle White
- July 29 / Bliss
- August 5 / James Adkins
- August 12 / Ryan Parker
- August 19 / Joel Starkey

FREE
EVENTS!

RIVERSIDE CIVIC CONCERT SERIES

Allen P. Dudley Bandshell
at Riverside Park, Findlay, OH
@ 7 PM

- June 11 / Findlay Civic Band
- June 18 / Fostoria
Community Band
- June 25 / Findlay Civic Band
- July 2 / Black Swamp Pipes &
Drums
- July 9 / Polish American
Concert Band
- July 16 / Lake Plains
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