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Be ready for the holiday, no matter your Valentine

Events cropping up across the 419 for all tastes

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Picture this — you wake up on a Saturday feeling relieved that the week is over, you turn over and hear your significant other wish you a happy Valentine's Day. Your heart stops ... because you've completely forgotten about the holiday!

To help eliminate this nightmare from becoming real, it's best to start preparing for the holiday now. There are many events happening close to home to help celebrate the special day.

For singles and couples alike, The

Phoenix Brewing Company in Mansfield, Ohio, is hosting its "Cupid is stupid: Fall in love with a beer instead" event on Feb. 14.

"Valentine's Day isn't for everyone, but beer is," as written on the event page.

The rotating beer experience costs \$27 a person, and you must RSVP on The Phoenix Brewing Company's website before the event.

They have two times available: 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.



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SAVE THE DATE



Small Works Gallery Show

March 3-24, Opening Reception on Friday, March 6, 6-8 pm

FEBRUARY/MARCH CLASSES [Register at www.findlayartleague.org](http://www.findlayartleague.org)

Homeschool Spring Art: Grades 1-4-Tuesdays, 1:00-2:15 pm, Feb. 10, 17, 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24; Tuition: \$80, all materials provided. Instructor: Cindy Meadows

Homeschool Spring Art: Grades 5-12-Tuesdays, 1:00-3:15 pm, Feb. 10, 17, 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24; Tuition: \$80, all materials provided. Instructor: Cindy Meadows

Young Adult Pottery, Ages 9-17-Saturdays, 9-10:30 am Wheel, 10:30-noon Glazing, February 14, 21, 28; Tuition: \$150, all materials provided, all skill levels welcome. Instructor: Cindy Meadows

Hand-building Clay Class-Valentine Heart Bowl-Saturday, 1:00-3:00 pm, February 14; Tuition: \$15, all materials provided, all skill levels welcome. Instructor: Cindy Meadows

Parent & Child (or 2 Adults) "Play-in-Clay" Wheel Throwing-Saturday, 1:00-3:00 pm, February 21; Tuition: \$100 (for two), all materials provided, all skill levels welcome. Instructor: Cindy Meadows

Intermediate Potter's Wheel-Thursdays, 7:00-9:00 pm, February 26, March 5, 12, 19, April 2; Tuition: \$180, all materials provided, must have previously taken Beginning Pottery or equivalent (18+). Instructor: Marcie Allen

Hand-building Clay Class-Mini Reindeer-Saturday, 1:00-3:00 pm, February 28; Tuition: \$15, all materials provided, all skill levels welcome. Instructor: Cindy Meadows

Young Adult Pottery, Ages 9-17-Saturdays, 9-10:30 am Wheel, 10:30-noon Glazing, March 14, 21, 28; Tuition: \$150, all materials provided, all skill levels welcome. Instructor: Cindy Meadows

Hand-building Clay Class-Sgraffito-Saturday, 1:00-3:00 pm, March 14; Tuition: \$15, all materials provided, all skill levels welcome. Instructor: Cindy Meadows

Parent & Child (or 2 Adults) "Play-in-Clay" Wheel Throwing-Saturday, 1:00-3:00 pm, March 21; Tuition: \$100 (for two), all materials provided, all skill levels welcome. Instructor: Cindy Meadows

Colored Pencil Drawing: Apple-Saturday, 9:00 am-1:00 pm, March 21; Tuition: \$45, supplies required (see online class listing for details), all skill levels welcome (15+). Instructor: Mike Fink

Hand-building Clay Class-Lamb Finger Sculpture-Saturday, 1:00-3:00 pm, March 28; Tuition: \$15, all materials provided, all skill levels welcome. Instructor: Cindy Meadows

POTTERY PARTIES

Looking for a fun event with friends, family, or coworkers?

Plan a Pottery Party!

2 hours of clay time, projects picked up 3-4 weeks after the party.

Contact the Findlay Art League at findlayartleague.org for details and to schedule day and time.

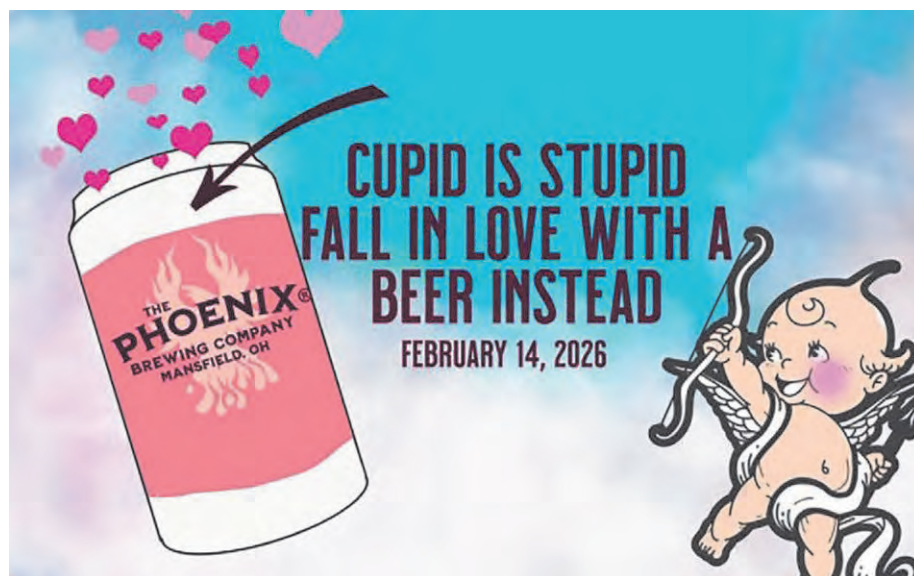


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Phoenix Brewing Company's Valentine's Day-themed "Cupid is stupid" event.

At the event, you will get to try five Phoenix beer samples, rotate through five tasting stations, meet the brewers, vote for your favorite, have snacks and take home a Phoenix Brewing glass.

Located at 131 N. Diamond St., the event is open for those 21 and older, and you must bring a valid ID with you.

Galentine's Day, on Feb. 13, is a day dedicated to women and female friendships.

"Grab your besties and join us at Mon Coeur Bakery on February 13, 2026, for a night dedicated entirely to the girls," as written on the event page.

Mon Coeur Bakery, located at 119 E. Crawford St. in Findlay, is partnering with Ma Vie Events to host a Galentine's Day celebration.

Starting at 4 p.m., they are offering a "girl dinner" menu, cocktails, permanent jewelry and a flower bouquet bar.

The event is free and does not require an RSVP; the only thing required is to "leave the boys at home."

Moving up to Toledo, author and Toledo native Jo Segura will be at the Main Library downtown, at 325 Michigan St., to discuss her work and "all things romance" as part of the library's popular Romance-Con.

"Jo's books draw upon aspects of her life, such as her Mexican heritage and her fascination with archaeology. Now living in the Pacific Northwest, Jo is a Toledo native, and the Toledo Library will always hold a special place in her heart," as written on the event page.

The event will take place on Feb. 11 from 6:30-8 p.m.

Segura has written many romance novels, like "Raiders of the Lost Heart," "Temple of Swoon" and "The Lust Crusade," to name her Indiana Jones-inspired titles.

Books will be available to be purchased, and a signing and photo opportunity will follow the talk and Q&A. You can register for the event on the library's website.

Now, for kids, Erie MetroParks is hosting a "Bee Mine" event all about pollinators on Feb. 11 from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

"Buzz into Valentine's Day with Miss Hannah as we learn all about pollinators and why they're so important," their website states.

The event will take place in the Roger Johnson Nature Center at Osborn MetroPark, located at 3910 Perkins Ave., in Huron.

Kids will get to learn and make a craft, but they must be accompanied by an adult. The event is free and does not require an RSVP.

To make sure you're prepared for Valentine's Day with your significant other, family and friends, you can find out more about all of these events on their websites.



FEBRUARY

LOCAL EVENT CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 6



WINTER ARTWALK

Downtown Findlay

Discover artists and their work throughout Downtown Findlay from 5-9 pm

Local shops, restaurants, and businesses will showcase creativity, along with our key art hubs: Findlay Art League, Marathon Center for the Performing Arts, and Jones Building Artists' Studios. Artwalk allows visitors to experience art up close.

FEBRUARY 7

9 am @ Camden Falls



POLAR BEAR CHALLENGE

Camden Falls Reception & Conference Center 2460 S St Rt 231, Tiffin

Celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Polar Bear Jump at 9 am

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FEBRUARY 7



OILERS MEN'S BASKETBALL

University of Findlay Niekamp Arena 113 College St, Findlay

The Oilers take on the Tiffin Dragons at 3 pm!

Don't miss this rivalry matchup that always delivers unforgettable action.

FEBRUARY 8



FALLIN' IN LOVE CRAFTER & VENDOR MARKETPLACE

Old Millstream Centre 1017 E Sandusky St, Findlay

Spend a fun-filled afternoon from 11 am - 4 pm with FREE admission

Shop 70+ vendors for tasty handmade treats, delicious baked goods, cozy sweatshirts, unique jewelry, and more!

This information was pulled from community websites and was considered current at press time. We apologize for any information that may have been changed/updated after this edition was printed.



ARLINGTON STORYTIME

Arlington Branch Public Library 232 N Main St, Arlington

Free fun for your little ones from 11 am - 12 pm

Sing, rhyme, and read along, then enjoy crafts and activities with a new theme each week. Children will have so much fun; they may not even realize they're building important early reading skills. This program is designed for children and their caregivers.



BGSU WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Stroh Center 1535 E Wooster St, Bowling Green

This heated regional showdown against The Rockets begins at 2 pm

The I-75 rivalry continues as the Bowling Green State University Lady Falcons face the Toledo Rockets in what promises to be a competitive conference matchup.



JOURNEY TO BELONGING

Black Heritage Library & Multicultural Center 817 Harmon St, Findlay

This event is from 9 am - 12 pm

Journey to Belonging: Empathy and Understanding for Immigrants is not a training for immigrants, it's for everyday people who want to better understand immigration and the experiences of those who come to the United States seeking safety, opportunity, and a new beginning. Tickets are \$30 for non-members and free for members of the Center. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door.



BG WINTERFEST

Bowling Green City Park and Veterans Building 520 Conneaut Ave, Bowling Green

Family fun awaits from 9:30 am - 11 pm

Guests of all ages will enjoy a variety of winter-themed activities, including local culinary favorites. Plenty of family-friendly activities available during the day, and the evening brings live music, carriage rides and a 50/50 drawing. Alcohol sales begin at 11 a.m. Tickets are \$10 for the evening events, benefiting the Bowling Green Parks and Recreation Foundation and Winterfest.



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The presidency is the highest office an individual can hold in the United States. Though that's the same for everyone who earns a spot in the Oval Office, each presidency is unique, and some presidents have even set records during their time at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

Shortest term

William Henry Harrison has the record for the shortest term in office. Inaugurated on March 4, 1841, at the age of 68, Harrison served for just 31 days. He was the oldest man elected president at the time, and he died from pneumonia shortly after winning the election. Historians believe Harrison perished from the illness after delivering a two-hour inaugural address in the freezing weather without a coat. James A. Garfield has the second shortest term, as he was in office only 199 days before dying from complications after being shot.

Longest term

Franklin D. Roosevelt spent more time in office than any other American president. FDR was elected four times, beginning in 1933. Roosevelt's lengthy time in office contributed to the ratification of the 22nd Amendment in 1951, which established term limits that limited presidents to two four-year terms.

Youngest president

Theodore Roosevelt had the honor of being the youngest president to take office. He assumed the presidency in 1901 following the assassination of William McKinley. Roosevelt was 42 years and 322 days old at the time. However, John F. Kennedy holds the record for the youngest person to ever be elected president. Kennedy was just 43 years and 236 days old at the time of his inauguration in 1961.

Oldest president

Joseph Biden is the oldest person to hold the office of U.S. President.

On his final day in office in 2025, President Biden was 82 years old.

Non-consecutive terms

Grover Cleveland and current American president Donald Trump are the only presidents to serve non-consecutive terms. Cleveland was both the 22nd and 24th Commander in Chief, while President Trump was elected in 2016 and then again in 2024.

Offered resignation

Richard Nixon is the only president to resign from office. After the 1972 break-in at the Democratic National Committee headquarters in the Watergate complex, Nixon's administration headed a massive cover-up, which revealed abuse of power and obstruction of justice and led Nixon to resign in 1974 to avoid impeachment.

Presidential impeachment

Three presidents had impeachment proceedings brought against them: Andrew Johnson, Bill Clinton and Donald Trump. In fact, Trump was impeached twice. However, none of the impeachments led to a president's removal from office, which requires a two-third vote from Congress.

Highest IQ

With a score of 175, Harvard University graduate John Quincy Adams is credited with having the highest IQ among American presidents. President Adams also was fluent in seven languages.

Physical characteristics

James Madison, the shortest president, was 5-feet-4-inches tall, but had the third-highest IQ. At 6-feet-4-inches, Abraham Lincoln was the tallest president. Lincoln and Warren G. Harding both share the title for having the biggest presidential feet, coming in at a size 14 shoe.



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