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Fun getting lost in the corn maze craze

Family-friendly attraction has become fall tradition

By: Jeannie Wiley Wolf
Photos provided

PANDORA — Most of the year, it's just an ordinary farm field.

But come September, this piece of land at Suter's Produce transforms into an intricate maze.

"It's kind of a neat thing that people have chosen to spend some time outside with us in the fall," said family member Tom Suter, who has taken charge of the seasonal attraction.

The current maze, called "A Zoo for You," features a zoo theme with a turtle, lion, elephants, a polar bear, flamingos, a gorilla, swinging monkeys, a penguin, panda bear and koala bear cut into a roughly 8-acre field near the farm market and Morning

Star Cider Press on Putnam-Allen County Line Road (Putnam County Road 5) about 3 miles south of Pandora.

Corn stalks in the larger-than-life puzzle reach 9½ to 10 feet tall.

This season, the attraction opened earlier in September. The maze, cider press and activities like corn cannons, wagon basketball, human hamster wheels, pumpkin patch and hayrides will be open on Saturdays and Sundays through Nov. 1.



Pumpkins and gourds are offered for sale for people looking to do some seasonal decorating.

The Suter family has been celebrating fall with visitors for more than 50 years. But it all started, said Tom, with the cider press. His parents, Jerry and Nancy Suter, are celebrating their 51st year of making cider the old-fashioned way by grinding up apples and pressing the fruit until the juices run.

The star of the show is the press that was built in 1888 by the Boomer and Boschert Press Co. of Syracuse, New York.

Seth Basinger originally brought the press to Pandora. As a boy, he had helped at another press down the road which is now long gone. When they closed, he wanted to keep pressing cider so he bought the current press from two men in Columbus Grove.

Seth dubbed it the "Morning Star Cider Press" in honor of a now defunct Lima newspaper.

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When Seth's son, Clyde, was at the Putnam County Fair in 1951, he saw a Case industrial stationary engine and bought it new for \$350.

Seth was upset his son had spent so much money, but they went ahead and installed it. And Clyde said after they used it one time, his dad apologized to him and said it had been a wise thing to do.

The Suters were neighbors to the Basingers. Tom's great-grandfather began growing fruits and vegetables at the site in the 1930s.

The farm used to have an apple orchard, but after about 26 years, it had exhausted its

— a picture maze that depicted a pig, cow, dog, tractor and barn.

"We got fancier and added more pictures and made the maze a little bigger. It just kind of grew in popularity and now it's our 28th year," said Tom.

He said the maze is long enough that visitors feel a sense of accomplishment when they make their way through it, but it's not so long that "it's just grueling and wandering in a cornfield."

Pictures of mazes from each year since 1999 can be seen on the business' website.

"We try to pick something that would just kind of seem fun. Sometimes if there's a big anniversary or something, we'll kind of play on that," he said.

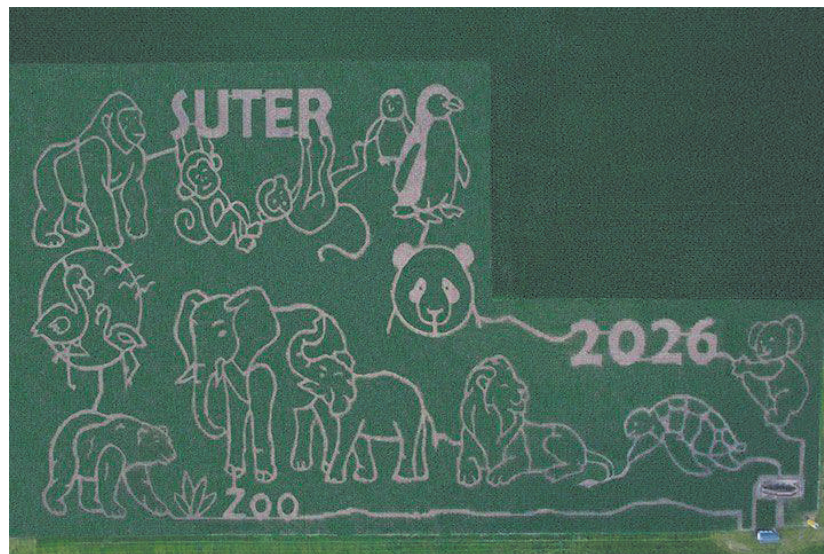
the puzzle to offer help if someone gets lost. Visitors receive a paper map to follow at the start, and several years, a cousin came up with a way to use a phone's GPS to show where they are in the maze.

There are also a series of 15 stamps to collect and match up with that particular area of the design.

On average, it takes about an hour to go through the entire maze, said Tom.

And if completing the full maze is too much, there is an early exit about one-third of the way through, he said.

For anyone who would just like to enjoy being on the farm, snacks are available including kettle corn, cider slushies and fresh doughnuts.



This year's theme for the 8-acre corn maze is "A Zoo for You" which features pictures of animals found in a zoo.

lifespan. They now buy apples to make the cider, and the former orchard became the site for a corn maze in 1999.

Jerry came up with the idea for the first maze after hearing a presentation at a meeting. He had been a math teacher at Bluffton High School for a couple of years between college and becoming a full-time farmer.

"He's always been into math and mazes and science type things so when he heard that somebody put a maze in a cornfield, that intrigued him, and he thought it would be fun," said Tom.

They made a small first maze that year and put a picnic table out front.

"The first year we didn't have any pictures in it. It was just a labyrinth-style where it's just kind of you go up, left, right, north, south, east," Tom explained.

The original maze was laid out using flags and a garden hose.

A few people seemed to like it which gave them more confidence for the second year

In 2019, the maze paid homage to the 50th anniversary of the historic Apollo 11 Moon mission with images of an astronaut, rocket and lunar roving vehicle.

"Typically, we're just trying to find a fun theme and then think of what kind of animals or pictures or images would represent that theme in a fun way, and then try to put them together in a neat way that also is a challenging but fun corn maze," said Tom.

Making it in and back out of the maze can be difficult for some people, depending on their sense of direction, he noted.

"You're trying to make your way through a cornfield. And when you're in there, you don't always know right where you are in a picture," he said.

Tom designs the maze in the off season using a theme the family selects. Past designs have included medieval times, pirates, Egypt, the Wild West and dinosaurs. Twice a circus theme has been used.

He said workers are stationed throughout



Visitors can watch staff make fresh doughnuts throughout the day.

It's a family-friendly attraction that he would take his own children to, according to Tom.

"That has always been our focus, from 1999, from the start. We've always said we don't want to do haunted things. Our focus is always going to be on family, friendly fall fun," he said.

Suter's, at 4678 Road R, is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturdays and 1-7 p.m. on Sundays. The last maze admission and hayride departure is 6 p.m. There's no admission charge, but there is a cost for the maze, hayrides, food and cider.



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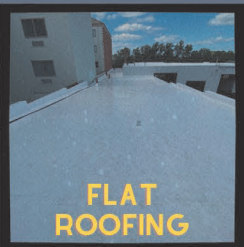
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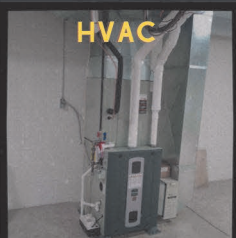
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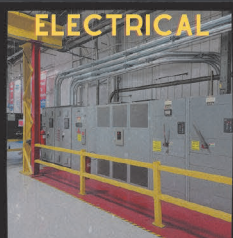
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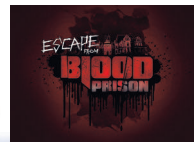


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What can be better than spending a day with friends, decked out in costume as you accumulate a mountain of sweet treats? That's what trick-or-treaters do every Halloween, and sometimes the cache of candy is more than a person can consume in a lifetime. When October rolls into November and Thanksgiving is on the horizon, few people want to be staring at a witch's cauldron full of chocolate bars. Rather than be wasteful and throw it away, they can utilize that candy in many different ways.

- **S'mores cookie:** Turn miniature chocolate bars into a campfire treat with a cookie

twist. Press premade cookie dough into a round cast iron skillet and bake until cooked throughout. Add chopped up pieces of chocolate and marshmallows on top, and place under the broiler a few minutes until melted and gooey. Slice up to serve or dig in with spoons.

- **Confectionary pizza:** Purchase premade pizza dough or make your own. Bake the dough on a pan with no toppings. Afterwards, spread a layer of peanut butter or hazelnut spread on top. Then set up a fixings bar with various candies

that others can add to their pizza slices. Options include chocolate candies, miniature pretzels, marshmallows, or gummy candies.

- **Stained glass cookies:** Turn hard candies (like Jolly Ranchers®) into works of art. Fill sugar cookie cutouts with hard candies in the middle. When the cookies bake, the candies will melt and then turn soft after cooling.

- **Candy-topped brownies:** Brownies are delicious on their own, but they're even better with some embellishments. Mix chopped caramels

into the batter, or add other candies for flavor and fun.

- **Candy bark:** Melt down any chocolate you may have and spread it on a baking sheet. Sprinkle chopped up leftover candy on top and allow to cool. Break into pieces for a homemade chocolate bark.

- **Gingerbread house:** Save the candy in a zip-top bag for freshness and reserve for decorating gingerbread houses around the holidays.

- **Birthday piñata:** If there is a birthday on the horizon, use the Halloween candy to stuff the piñata.

- **Parade route:** Veteran's Day parades are held each November. Start a new tradition in town where donated candy will be tossed out to the crowd by those marching in the parade.

- **Donate:** Various organizations will gather and ship leftover candy to troops stationed overseas or donate the goods to first responders, veterans and others.

It's fun to gather treats on Halloween. But when the collected candy is simply too much to eat, there are various ways to put it to good use.

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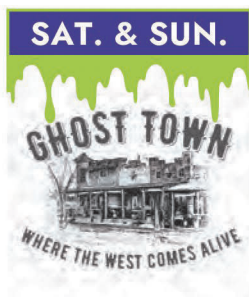


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OCTOBER 27



COPS & KIDS FINDLAY HALLOWEEN PARADE

South Main Street Findlay

Things kick off at 7 pm

Fort Findlay FOP Lodge #20 Foundation has announced plans for its annual Halloween event, inviting the community to celebrate one of Findlay's favorite seasons. The parade will observe this year's city-wide theme, "Celebrating 250 years of American Champions," encouraging participants to recognize and celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States through creative floats, costumes and displays. Parade registration is open until Oct. 17.

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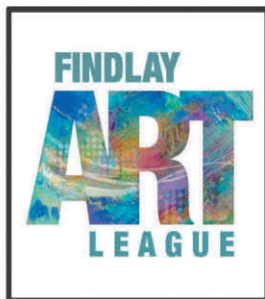


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October Colored Pencil Rose: Sat, Oct 10 at 9:00 AM-1:00 PM Cost: \$45 Supplies
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October Pottery Jack-o-Lantern Pinch Pot - Fun for All!: Sat, Oct 10 at 10-11AM
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 Instructor: Marcie Allen

October Water Pigments Old Town Pump: Sat, Oct 10 at 2:00 PM-4:00 PM Cost:
 \$40 All materials provided All skill levels welcome. No experience necessary. 18+
 Instructor: Patty Brown

October Acrylic Pour Rainbow Swipe: Fri, Oct 16 at 6:00 PM-7:30 PM Cost: \$65
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 Instructor: Thomas Craley

October Watercolor Spooky Landscape - Fun for All!: Sat, Oct 31 at 1-2PM
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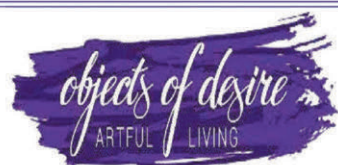
November Colored Pencil Marble: Mon, Nov 2 at 9:00 AM-1:00 PM Cost: \$45
 Supplies Required. All skill levels welcome. No experience necessary. Ages 15+
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People thinking of adding a furry friend to their family may have some common questions about pet adoption. Answering those questions before bringing a dog home can help prospective pet owners make the best decision for themselves and the dog that might become the newest addition to their families.

Are all dogs the same?

While all dogs need a loving home and regular attention from their owners, different breeds have different temperaments and character traits. Dogs also have different energy levels and sociability. Some dogs may

be high energy and enjoy the company of people and other animals, while others may prefer less active days spent exclusively with their families. Before adopting a shelter dog, it's important for prospective owners to consider which temperament will best suit their household. Compatibility is an important variable when choosing a dog, so people considering adoption should try to get a handle on a dog's temperament prior to initiating an adoption.

Will the dog adapt immediately?

It can take awhile for a dog to adapt to a new home. Preparing the home in advance to ensure it is welcoming and dog-ready can increase the chances the dog will adapt more quickly. But even that is not a given. When picking a space for the dog, experts advise choosing a secure and quiet space, which can allow the dog to gradually acclimate to its new home in a calm setting.

Can I walk in and adopt a dog?

While each facility is different, hopeful dog owners typically will be vetted by officials at a local shelter before they are allowed to adopt. It's the goal of shelter officials to place a dog in a safe, loving and caring home, so officials typically inquire about a prospective owner's

home and home life during the vetting process. Some may even schedule a visit to a potential owner's home to check if there are other pets already living there, as some dogs are best suited to homes without other animals. Officials also may arrange a meet and greet between the dog and all residents of the home where the dog might end up. Compliance with the vetting process is important, and non-compliance may compromise the ability to adopt.

Are shelter dogs already trained?

Some shelter dogs are trained and some are not. But even trained dogs may backslide upon entering a new environment. So prospective dog owners looking to adopt should be ready and willing to train the dog they ultimately adopt. Training requires consistency and commitment. Training also helps dogs feel secure, which is why it's so important that prospective dog parents be willing to do whatever is required to train or re-train a dog after adoption.

Adoption is a great way to find a dog. Prospective dog owners are urged to ask questions about the process of adoption and to get to know any dog they might adopt prior to bringing the animal home.

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Mental Health Services	NAMI Hancock County
Pharmacy	Kroger
Physical Therapy Center	NWO Orthopedics and Sports Medicine
Podiatry Practice	NWO Orthopedics and Sports Medicine

Best of Findlay
2026 WINNERS

Home Care & Services

Appliance Store	Ralph's Joy of Living
Asphalt Company	Clean-Line Sealing & Striping
Carpet Cleaning Company	Xtreme Carpet Care
Concrete Company	Heitmeyer Concrete
Construction Company	Rooster Roofing
Deck & Fencing Company	Combs Findlay Fencing
Electrical Company	Beltz Home Service Co.
Flooring Company	Xtreme Flooring Solutions
Heating/AC Company	Harold E Shuck
Home Builder	Metzger Brecheisen Company

Home Improvement Center **Menards**
Landscaping Company **S&S Landscaping**
..... **& Tree Service**
Lawn Care Services **Holbrook Grounds Company**
Paint Store **Sherwin-Williams**
Pest Control Company **Mauger Exterminating Co**
Plumbing Company **Harold E Shuck**
Roofing Company **Rooster Roofing**

Pets

Boarding	CJ's Canine Country Club
Dog Training	Precious Pearl Dog Training
Pet Grooming Services	Pampered Pooch Salon & Spa
Pet Supplies	Omni Feed and Supply
Pet-Friendly Business	Jolly Dipper
Veterinary Office	Flaa City Mobile Vet

Shopping

Bedding & Mattress Store	Rettig Furniture & Mattress
Clothing Store	Kohl's
Collectibles Store	RooBarb Studios
Farm Supply Store	Tractor Supply Co.
Floral Shop	Sink's Flower Shop
Furniture Store	Rettig Furniture & Mattress
Garden Center	Garden Central
Gift Shop	Dietsch Brothers
Grocery Store	Meijer
Hobby Store	Hobby Lobby
Jewelry Store	Michael Eller Diamonds
Local Store	Dietsch Brothers
Outdoor Furniture Store	Rettig Furniture & Mattress
Shoe Store	Dave's Running Shop
Sporting Goods Store	DICK'S Sporting Goods
Thrift/Resell Store	Transformations Thrift Store

Professional & Life Services

Bank	Huntington Bank
Child Care Center	Almost Home Infant Care & Preschool Education
Credit Union	Hancock Federal Credit Union
Customer Service	A Place of Joy
Funeral Home	Coldren-Crates Funeral Homes
Hotel	Hancock Hotel
Insurance Company	Bowman-Ray-Eoff Insurance Agency
Law Firm	Whitman Law Office
Mortgage Services (Tie)	Hancock Federal CU & Millstream Area CU
Nonprofit	Cancer Patient Services
Photographer	J. Warrington Visual Creations
Place to Work	50 North
Real Estate Office	Berkshire Hathaway Home Services Koehler Realty
Realtor	Chelsea Steinman
Senior Living	Birchaven Village
Service Club	Findlay Moose Lodge #698
Tax Prep Services	Coward, Pinski & Associates



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82,587 NOMINATIONS

The contest kicked off in July with 82,587 nominations from readers for their favorite Findlay businesses across more than 100 categories.

139,902 votes were cast to decide the winners!

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We encourage you to continue to support all of our amazing local businesses!

139,902
VOTES CAST

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Corn Maze Days

**Come get
lost in our
maze!**



**Over
4 acres
of fun!!**

Corn Maze Activities

OPEN WEEKENDS

September 26 - October 25
Saturday 11-5 & Sunday 1-5

- Corn Maze - \$5.00
- Wagon Ride to our 1880's Barnyard Pumpkin Patch - \$3.00
- Corn Wall \$3.00

OR Get them ALL for one low price!

COMBO \$10.00

- Combo includes one **FREE** Corn Cannon shot per person!

Cider Slushies
Yummy Snacks
& more!!

Kids 2 &
under are
FREE!

GROUP RATES
\$1.00 OFF per person
for 10 or more

Glow-in-the-Dark

PAINTBALL WAGON RIDE

ALIEN INVASION



Saturday Nights in October

October 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31

7:30-11:30pm

\$20.00

**Blast away at targets & moving
aliens as you ride aboard our
22-Gun War Wagon!**

\$20 per person includes 200 rounds
of ammo; \$5 ea. additional
100 rounds



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