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ALLEN COUNTY

ICONIC

ALLEN COUNTY MUSEUM
620 W. Market St., Lima
The Allen County Museum offers a broad look at county and regional history. The museum includes the main museum building, as well as the Children's Discovery Center and MacDonell House– marking its significance as more than a small local-history stop. In the summer, the museum expands its hours to give families and out-of-town visitors more opportunities to visit. Between the history exhibits and the children's space, it works as both a traditional museum visit and a family-friendly indoor destination.

LIVE EVENT

KOE WETZEL LIVE AT THE ALLEN COUNTY FAIR
Aug. 22, 8 p.m.
Allen County Fairgrounds
2750 Harding Highway, Lima
Country-rock performer Koe Wetzel is scheduled to headline a summer concert at the Allen County Fairgrounds in Lima, an artist who has been described as a blend of country, rock, hip-hop, and 90s grunge.

ALLEN COUNTY FAIR **AUG. 21-29**
2750 HARDING HIGHWAY, LIMA

Can't Miss COMMUNITY EVENTS

CURTAIN CALL - SUMMER SERIES
June 4-Aug. 6
5-7 p.m. on Thursdays
Veterans Memorial Civic and Convention Center, 7 Town Square, Lima
The Curtain Call - Summer Series offers a steady run of free summer concerts on the Civic Center's Happy Daz Patio. The weekly shows provide a consistent option for live music in downtown Lima throughout the summer.

ASHLAND COUNTY

ICONIC

ASHLAND CHAUTAUQUA
At Ashland Chautauqua, audiences witness history in its most compelling form, first person historical portrayals. Nationally-recruited scholar/actors take on the roles of historical figures, appearing in costume and presenting exciting living history performances. Each of the scholar/actors appear in a major evening performance in character on stage at the Myers Band Shell at Brookside Park in Ashland, Ohio. Additionally, each scholar/actor presents a daytime youth program and an adult lecture workshop during their weeklong residency in Ashland County. Visit www.ashlandchautauqua.org for more information.

LIVE EVENT

ASHLAND ALE FEST
June 20
1256 Center St., Ashland
Live music, food trucks and craft brews from around the state of Ohio. Downtown Ashland is the place during this event!

ASHLAND COUNTY FAIR **SEPT. 20-26**
2042 CLAREMONT AVE., ASHLAND

Can't Miss COMMUNITY EVENTS

ASHLAND BALLOON FEST
June 25-28
1256 Center St., Ashland
The Annual Ashland Balloon Fest will have another fabulous weekend in 2026. Hot air balloons, food and merchant vendors, live entertainment and activities for kids, spectacular balloon glows and so much more.

AUGLAIZE COUNTY

Can't Miss COMMUNITY EVENTS

NEW KNOXVILLE 2026 INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION
June 26-27
New Knoxville
A list of events will take place around New Knoxville for a two-day celebration. A list of events was not announced at the time of writing, but last year's schedule included fireworks, food trucks, live music, a raffle and more.

ICONIC

THE HELMET
1 Perry St., Wapakoneta
The Helmet is an 11-foot-tall NASA spacesuit helmet art piece. The helmet is an engraved image of the moon landing mission, a large footprint and four handprints from the Apollo 11 Navy Frogman, the people who recovered the astronauts who walked on the moon.

LIVE EVENT

WTF SMOKE SHOW TRUCK MEET
May 14-16
Auglaize County Fairgrounds
1001 Fairview Drive, Wapakoneta
WTF Smoke Show Truck Meet is a three-day event, with the first day used for campground setup and a party, full of truck activities and competitions like burnouts, pulls and drags. There will also be food and apparel vendors.

AUGLAIZE COUNTY FAIR **AUG. 2-8**
1001 FAIRVIEW DRIVE, WAPAKONETA

CRAWFORD COUNTY

Can't Miss COMMUNITY EVENTS

BUCYRUS BRATWURST FESTIVAL
Aug 13-15, 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.

ICONIC

BUCYRUS COPPER KETTLE WORKS
119 S. Walnut St., Bucyrus
This historic business has been in operation since 1874. Bucyrus Copper Kettle Works has kept the tradition of making handmade copper items in the same location for over 140 years.

LIVE EVENTS

FIRST FRIDAYS
5-8 p.m.
June 5 Galion
July 3 Bucyrus
Aug. 7 Crestline
Shop from local vendors, grab food, enjoy live music and children's activities and more.

CRAWFORD COUNTY FAIR **JULY 20-25**
610 WHETSTONE ST., BUCYRUS

Hometown pizza places are worth a look

TRY A SLICE OF THE 419

By Jolena Gioiello, Naomi Carillo and Kayla Trevino
All photos provided

Big chain pizza shops are a dime a dozen anywhere you go.

So why not try the local flavor and support one of these Ohio businesses the next time you and your family are looking to dine on casual Italian cuisine?

VILLAGE PIZZA HOUSE

510 E. LUCAS ST., CASTALIA

Village Pizza House is not just a place for customers to get a variety of menu items including, pizza, pasta, subs, foldovers, salads, wings and ribs.

It is also a long-standing symbol of the community.

When she was in high school, current co-owner Cindy Veliz and a friend heard the shop was opening. They trained at Pizza House West then took on their official Village Pizza positions when the shop opened in 1977.

After working for the shop for 10 years, Cindy, and her husband Raul Veliz, decided to buy the business. The restaurant is in its 38th year of operation under husband and wife and two local high school graduates.

"We lived in Castalia and we wanted to stay in Castalia and I like the business," Cindy said. "It was something that was fun and just something good to do."

Raul was not an original employee of the shop like Cindy was but she said he eventually fell in love with it the way she did.

In 2005, Cindy and Raul knocked the small business down to expand it to what it is today. The original pizza shop building was small and connected to the current space which was a storage unit.

Cindy said longtime residents of Castalia would recognize the former storage unit as the place where hunted house fundraisers would be hosted.

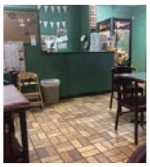
The shop is not only a big part of Cindy and Raul's life, but it has also impacted many others within the Castalia community and surrounding areas.

"Our kids worked there, a lot of Margaretta kids worked there and a lot of other area kids have worked there," Cindy said. "Through the years we have met a lot of different people. Not only are we generations, my husband and I am our kids, the people who work for us and their kids have worked too.

Cindy said it's a great place to work and it's a great place to be.

"This many years later and we are still here," Cindy said. "That tells you we put our heart and soul into it. Thirty-nine years later, it's still a growing business."

Cindy said the "great tasting and good quality food" would draw 419 visitors to her shop.



PIZZA WHEEL

103 N. BUCKEYE ST., BELLEVUE

The Pizza Wheel's current ownership falls onto Cassidy Zieber but the shop has been open since 1975.

"We are always hearing how good our food is. Even with changing hands the few times it has, the recipes have never changed at all," Zieber said.

Visitors and community members alike already know the name of Pizza Wheel. Raving reviews from every aspect of the restaurant from the food to the customer service can be found online.

• Reviewer Kelsey Rose said "Wow, my family and I stopped here after visiting the Seneca Caverns and we were blown away! We got the Supreme pizza, taco pizza, cheeseburger pizza, boneless wings, mozzarella sticks and garlic bread. Everything was delicious and the prices were good for this economy. What really was our favorite thing was the customer service. They were so friendly and helpful."

• Reviewer Paige Marie said "The girl who took my order was wonderful and very polite. When I picked it up the woman who checked me out efficient and my order was ready when I got there. The pizza was amazing. We had the super deluxe and BBQ chicken along with the cheese boats. Everything was amazing! It was my first time trying and I will definitely be back."

• John Probst said "We get pizza from all over central and northern Ohio. Pizza Wheel is one of our favorites."

Zieber's shop sells all the classic menu items including pizza, subs, boneless wings, salads and dessert pizza. Pick up a slice Monday through Thursday 4-9 p.m. or Friday through Saturday 4-11 p.m.

HEAVENLY PIZZA

1132 TIFFIN AVE., FINDLAY
69 W. MARKET ST., TIFFIN

Heavenly Pizza has been serving its communities for years. The locally owned business has become a staple for the area through its charitable initiatives and its unique approach.

Joshua Elchert and his wife opened the Findlay store in 2009. On March 4, Findlay's Heavenly Pizza location celebrated its 15th anniversary.

"As we've grown, it's nice to have a good team of people where we are bouncing ideas off of each other," Elchert said. "We've all built what we have together as a team, to not acknowledge them would be a disservice to them."

Heavenly Pizza's faith-driven mission is more than just serving pizza, but also its commitment to involvement and community outreach.

Can't Miss COMMUNITY EVENTS

FAMILY FUN FRIDAYS
June 5 and Aug. 7
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Several locations in Defiance
Defiance Main Street and the Visitors Bureau will host two Family Fun Fridays this summer, both setup as downtown scavenger-hunt days for families. Participants start at the bureau office on Clinton Street and work their way through a themed hunt tied to the city.

DEFIANCE COUNTY

ICONIC

OLD FORT DEFIANCE PARK
320 Fort St., Defiance

Located where the Auglaize and Maumee rivers meet sits the historic site of Fort Defiance, built by General Anthony Wayne in 1794. The site is now one of the city's most recognizable public spaces, offering a mix of local history and river views. The area includes interpretive elements tied to the original fort, and the broader grounds remain closely tied to the story of how Defiance got its name.

LIVE EVENT

DEFIANCE FIREWORKS CELEBRATION
July 3

Kingsbury Park, 118 Auglaize St., Defiance

Defiance's Fireworks Celebration begins with an evening of family fun at Kingsbury Park, with food and children's activities scheduled from 4-9 p.m. ahead of the fireworks display. The celebration is tied to the community's Independence Day observation at the confluence, with viewing areas at Kingsbury Park, Pontiac Park, and Old Fort Defiance Park.

DEFIANCE COUNTY FAIR AUG. 22-29
530 S. MAIN ST., HICKSVILLE

"We try to be present in as many different nonprofit things as we can to give back to the community that supports us so much, we want to be able to give back to them," said Elchert.

At their previous location, they developed an after-school program where children could receive a free piece of pizza along with a bottle of water. Building upon that spirit of giving back to the community, the store created the Heavenly Pizza Legacy Foundation. And Heavenly Pizza gives back in more ways than just food assistance. Partnering with Bless Up and Bloom, the store hosts an annual Heavenly Haircuts event. Hair Stylists in the community volunteer their time or business sponsor hair stylists to come and give free haircuts to children before the start of the school year. The pizza shop also provides free slices during the event.

"It helps just to drop people in. People with food insecurity, are going to come in for a meal, and then they receive the message and get a way to help in possibly dealing with some of the addictions or issues that they deal with in their personal life," Elchert said. "We've had people over the years come in and share their stories where not necessarily because of the pizza, but the pizza is what drew them into an organization and the impact that organization has had on them since. It's been pretty cool to be a part of that."

While their main mission is to provide community service, they do have delicious food. Unlike traditional pizza shops, Heavenly Pizza has its signature 26 by 18 inch 'Jumbo Pizza'. Another fan favorite is their 'Sweet Sauce' made in-house. The sauce is a healthier alternative compared to other pizza stores offering a milder, less acidic taste.

LEFT FIELD PIZZA
7889 COUNTY ROAD 10, NEW RIEGEL

Left Field New Riegel is a family-owned and operated pizzeria. It hosts regular events such as trivia nights and live music, making it a popular spot for both locals and visitors.

The pizzeria is known for its baseball themed specialties, including the following:

Biggie Sticks - Dough stretched into a deep dish pan and covered with mozzarella cheese.

The Knuckle Ball - Dough balls stuffed with mozzarella cheese and pepperoni.

Fowl Ball - Dough balls stuffed with grilled chicken, bacon and mozzarella cheese.

The Heater - Dough balls stuffed with jalapeños and cream cheese, served with a spicy house blend dipping sauce.

Ty Cobb Salad - Grilled chicken with bacon, egg, red onion, tomato, cheddar cheese and croutons over a bed of iceberg lettuce.

Seventh Inning Stretch Salad - Iceberg lettuce with banana peppers, red onions, mushrooms, pepperoni, mozzarella cheese, black olives and croutons.

JAC AND DO'S
283 S. WASHINGTON ST., TIFFIN

Jac and Do's Pizza in Tiffin has been a beloved local pizzeria for over 50 years. Richard Valentine took over the Tiffin location in 1970. It has remained a family-run business.

Jac and Do's Pizza offers a variety of specialty items, including: Garlic Cheese Bread, Pepperoni Pizza, Cheese Pizza, Taco Pizza, and Antipasto.

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FATHEADS FAMILY RESTAURANT,
218 WASHINGTON ST., REPUBLIC

The atmosphere at Fatheads Family Restaurant makes them a unique eatery. The dining area is decorated with antique items, while the bar features a baseball theme.

Founded in 1994 by Dennis and Patricia Mattson, the restaurant was named after Dennis's nickname to ensure it was memorable. The building originally housed a grocery store that the Mattsons kept along with opening up a pizza shop with it. It transitioned fully into a restaurant within its first year. In January 2025, their son, Chad, took over the business, though Patricia continues to work there several days out of the week.

Chad explained they make their own dough and sauce for the pizzas. He also shared that their best seller is the Fatheads special which includes pepperoni, sausage, ham, bacon, onions, mushrooms and mild banana peppers. Chad also expressed that he will continue to focus on the quality of his products. "Consistency has a lot to do with it. Over the years we haven't changed any recipe and I won't," Chad stated.

JAC & DO'S FOSTORIA
117 N. MAIN ST., FOSTORIA

After speaking with Pratt and Jennifer Robinson, owners of Jac & Do's in Fostoria, they would agree on the competitive pizza market in the area, however they believe their dine-in experience sets them apart.

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WINERIES & BREWERIES

Can't Miss COMMUNITY EVENTS

OHIO BIKE WEEK
May 29-June 6
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 10-11
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 19
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

ICONIC

Near the Erie County Courthouse, downtown Sandusky
Do you have the time? No watch or phone necessary, just look to the giant functional clock at the center of this greenspace in downtown Sandusky. Also featuring the current month and day, crafted from shrubbery.

1933 Mills St, Sandusky
It's Sandusky's golf course located in city limits and enjoyed by school golf teams and local golfers alike. Open from April 1-November 15, this 9-hole course can be enjoyed by all.

LIVE EVENTS

PARTY AT THE PIER + LANGE TRUST SUMMER CONCERTS
Multiple dates between June 11-July 30
Jackson Street Pier, 233 W. Shoreline Drive, Sandusky
Summer Thursdays are times of music and fun in Sandusky. Organizers are bringing back Party the Pier Concerts for the sixth straight year. Here's a lineup of shows, with all happening at 7 p.m.: June 11 – Legend of New Country: Wallen & Wilson; June 18 – 24K Magic: Tribute to Bruno Mars; June 19 – Trouble Man: Tribute to Marvin Gaye + fireworks; June 25 – American Vanity (formerly Burn the Jukebox); July 2 – Straight On: Tribute to the Music of Heart; July 3 – Arrival From Sweden: Tribute to ABBA + drone show; July 4 – DJ Chosen; July 9 – Rumours: Tribute to Fleetwood Mac; July 16 – Mallrats (a 90s tribute); July 23 – E5C4P3: The Journey Tribute; July 30 – Carlos Jones and the Plus Band.

STARS & STRIPES CELEBRATION
July 4
Downtown Sandusky, centered around Washington Park
It's an annual celebration that takes on the added significance of America 250. 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 6
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
Saturdays between July 4 and Aug. 29
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
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 this July and gives visitors a chance to pick up a variety of products, including handcrafted artisan goods and other consumable products from local vendors. The event is sponsored by Main Street Vermilion, which is also celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2026. Here's an additional slate of special events for this year's market: July 4: Opening Day; July 11: Vettemilion; July 18: Touch a Truck; Aug. 1: Lions Corn Roast; Aug. 8: Companion Dogs for Independence & Lions Corn Roast.

ERIE COUNTY FAIR **AUG. 10-16**
3110 COLUMBUS AVE., SANDUSKY

SUMMER EVENTS

PARTY AT THE PIER

FREE concert series
from June - August
7PM | Jackson Street Pier

SUNSET CELEBRATIONS

FREE every Wednesday
from June - August
Sunset | Jackson Street Pier
Live music & artist performances

SANDUSKY FARMERS MARKET

Saturdays from June - October
8AM | Columbus Avenue, Sandusky
Local growers, makers, bakers & more

HURON LAKE FRONT MARKET

Family-friendly waterfront market
Saturday, June 6, 2026
Huron Lake Front Park & Beach

HURON FARMERS MARKET

2nd & 4th Tuesdays from June - August
4PM-7PM | Huron Lake Front Park
Local growers, makers, bakers & more

FIND MORE EVENTS

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Jac & Do's has existed in Fostoria for many years, though it has seen various owners and periods of vacancy. While the Robinsons initially planned to open a food truck, their direction changed when Pratt decided to turn his passion for cooking into a career. After he attended culinary school and earned three degrees, this shifted Jennifer and his focus to a new venture. They officially opened Jac & Do's on April 20, 2024.

Despite having no prior experience in the food industry, the Robinsons invested significant time in learning the trade by consulting with former employees, and continually conducting research through books and videos. They place a high priority on using fresh ingredients; they make their own dough and sauce, slice their own meats, and hand-cut all vegetables. Looking ahead, one of their primary goals is to create a garden to have truly locally sourced ingredients to use.

Their bestselling pizzas are:

-Pepperoni

-Deluxe: pepperoni, sausage, mushrooms, green olives, onions, and green peppers.

-Taco: refried beans, seasoned beef, shredded lettuce, onions, black olives, diced tomatoes, and cheddar cheese.

While they have kept some recipes from the previous owners, they have expanded their menu to offer more variety, including a recently added pickle pizza.

Both Pratt and Jennifer are Seneca County natives and shared how customer feedback and taste tests helped refine their menu to better serve the community. "Our main importance is our customers," Pratt stated, emphasizing their commitment to quality and variety.

The Robinsons have cultivated a warm, family-oriented atmosphere especially since their children work alongside them. Their long-term goal is to expand Jac & Do's to other locations while maintaining a "hometown feel" and staying active in the community. They are particularly proud to witness the growth of downtown Fostoria and being a part of it.

FOSTORIA PIZZA PALACE

1610 N. COUNTY LINE ST., FOSTORIA

Likewise, Fostoria Pizza Palace continues to follow the original recipes. Fort Ball Pizza Palace opened its Fostoria storefront in 1981. Tom Daniel, who grew up working at the restaurant, purchased the business in 1992. Since then, the business has moved into its third building, moving to County Line Street in 2022. This new location has significantly benefited operations by adding much needed space.

Daniel noted that they will remain a carryout-only establishment, as this format works best for them. In fact, because they were already carryout-focused when COVID-19 occurred, they did not need to pivot their operations and were able to gain new customers during that time. The move to the newer location has further supported this growth.

Daniel emphasized that the primary focus is on customer satisfaction and product quality. They use fresh ingredients, including handmade sauces and pizza dough prepared daily. Their best-selling pizzas include traditional pepperoni, pepperoni and bacon, meat eater, taco, and buffalo chicken. Margie Daniel, co-owner, noted that their pizza often becomes a long-standing tradition for customers. Many children who grow up eating their pizza return as adults to share the experience with their own families.

When asked about being a business in Seneca County, Margie shared, "It's family orientated [in Seneca County]. Any business you have here in Seneca County, you know someone or you can get help to do something or you can grow or expand or ask questions on what to do that's what I like about Seneca County. It's family, there's a lot of growth." The Daniels take great pride in using local suppliers for their business. For instance, the flour they use is milled from Mennel Milling. "The shop has been here for 45 years for a reason. We'll continue to go as long as we can," Margie stated.

REINO'S PIZZA & PASTA

73 E. MARKET ST., TIFFIN

Another pizzeria that is long-lived is Reino's Pizza & Pasta. Reino's is currently a third-generation, family-owned restaurant and

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stands as the longest continuously family-run business in Seneca County. Initially, with early beginnings in 1950, the founder, Francis Joseph "Frankie" Reino, originally opened a burger joint called "The Lighthouse Restaurant." He later transitioned to pizza, and sold the first pizza in Tiffin in 1951.

Similarly to other pizzerias, Reino's also make their own dough and sauce. After talking to Johnny Reino, one of the owners and grandson of Frankie, he shared that the best sellers of pizza are:

-Frankie's original: mozzarella, provolone, parmesan cheese, whole peeled tomatoes and hard stick pepperoni

-Nabolidon old world: thin and crispy baked right on the stone, topped with fresh herbs, chopped garlic, cracked pepper, extra virgin olive oil, parmesan cheese and two additional toppings

-MST loaded chicken chunk: MST creamy garlic parm sauce, MST chunks, bacon, banana peppers, pineapple, homemade coleslaw and with Griff or kitchen sink sauce.

Although being a long-standing business, Reino's run into challenges and competition just like any business. Johnny shared, however, restaurant people are the best because they get each other. "My goal this year is to provide great service to our community and stability for my employees," Johnny stated. Looking ahead, Johnny expressed that Reino's is excited to participate in the Pizza Palooza event. He also shared that he has a long-term vision of wanting to reach 100 years in business.

While all the highlighted pizzerias offer diverse menus of more than just pizza, it is their pizza that truly represents them.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2026

7:00 - OPENING ACT

8:00 - TROUBLE MAN: A TRIBUTE TO MARVIN GAYE
Experience the soul.
Feel the legacy.
Step into the timeless groove of Marvin Gaye.

9:30 - FIREWORKS

FRIDAY, JULY 3, 2026

7:00 - OPENING ACT

8:00 - ARRIVAL FROM SWEDEN: THE MUSIC OF ABBA
Direct from Sweden, this 10-piece live band recreates the music of ABBA.

9:30 - DRONE SHOW

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FULTON COUNTY

ICONIC

FULTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE
210 S Fulton St #102, Wauseon
This is the third and current building, and was completed in 1872, designed in an Italianate style. The courthouse stands as a Fulton County landmark and was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1975.

LIVE EVENT

BARNEY OLDFIELD DAY
June 20, taking place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Museum of Fulton County and Welcome Center.
Barney Oldfield was born in Wauseon, Ohio, and was known for being an American automobile-racing driver and an actor in the early 1900s. The event will feature Oldfield's movies, a car show and races at Oakshade Raceway.

Can't Miss COMMUNITY EVENTS

THE NATURALIZATION CEREMONY
Sauder Village
July 4
In the previous year the ceremony sworn in 75 people from 33 countries as United States citizens.

FULTON COUNTY FAIR SEPT. 4-10
8514 SR 108, WAUSEON

FAMILY TAKES ON U.S. 250 FOR AMERICA 250

Traveling over 500 miles down federal highway, from Ohio to Virginia

By **Jason Werling**

Editor's note: Jason Werling, a former photographer for the Sandusky Register newspaper, traveled the entire length of the U.S. 250 highway — from Sandusky, Ohio, southeast to Richmond, Virginia — in 2011 with his young sons and chronicled the journey in the newspaper. Nearly 15 years later and to commemorate America 250, Werling and his now college-age sons are making the more than 500-mile journey once more this May.

How do you celebrate a 250th birthday? How about a road trip?

It's been almost 15 years since the Werling boys took their first road trip on U.S. 250 with their dad, me, and you all joined us in the pages of the Sandusky Register.

My two boys, Will and Payton, and I drove from the start of U.S. 250 in Sandusky to the end of the route in Richmond, Virginia back in 2011. Will was 5 and Payton was 4 at the time. Now young men, they are 20 and 19-years-old respectively and both are taller than me.

We decided to bring the trip back this year as America celebrates its 250th birthday, and what better way than to celebrate the U.S. route that bears the 250 badge and starts/ends right here in Sandusky?

Just as we did before, the trip will be printed in the daily pages of the Sandusky Register and we will have live updates on Facebook. Search "U.S. 250 Road Trip with the Werling Boys" to follow our progress starting on Monday, May 18. We will travel Ohio on Monday, West Virginia on Tuesday, and Virginia on Wednesday. The trip will be bookended with a visit to Cedar Point on Sunday and Kings Dominion in Richmond on Thursday, two Six Flags parks at each end of the route.

As they also did back in 2011, Shores & Islands Ohio will be joining us as a sponsor as we share "Lake Erie Love" along the way. If you'd like to celebrate with us and be a part of the trip, we still have sponsorship opportunities available. If you have any suggestions of places we should stop this time around, please reach out via the Facebook page for the event.

We can't wait to take you on the 500+ mile journey next month and I can't wait to let them drive some of those miles this time around.

From the retail-lined stretch in Sandusky, to the country roads through the mountains of West Virginia, through the college towns in Virginia, we look forward to celebrating the 250th birthday of America in three of her 50 states.

TOP: The U.S. 250 Pit Stop is located in Dillonville, Ohio, about 15 miles northwest of Wheeling, West Virginia. Perhaps the Werling boys will make another pit stop here nearly 15 years later?
BOTTOM: The Werling boys — father, Jason, and sons/brothers Will and Payton — of Sandusky, are traveling more than 500 miles down the length of U.S. 250 to commemorate America 250.

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LIVE EVENTS

FLAG CITY SLUGGERS

Findlay's community baseball team is back for its second season! The season opens June 5 and runs through July 25. Home games are played at the Marathon Diamonds, 3430 N. Main St., Findlay. More information is at www.flagcitysluggers.com.

MILLSTREAM SPEEDWAY

7805 Township Road 95, Findlay

Northwest Ohio's historic dirt track reopened in 2024 and has been attracting visitors to Hancock County to watch racing. The 2026 season begins with Ohio Sprint Speedweek on June 14. More information and schedule at www.millstreamspeedway.net.

BOOGIE ON THE BLOCK '26

June 5, 5-10 p.m.
Marathon Center for the Performing Arts
200 W. Main Cross St., Findlay Parking Lot

Don't miss Findlay's biggest block party! A local tradition since the early '90s, this summer kickoff features two live bands, refreshing drinks, food vendors, and family-friendly fun.

Can't Miss COMMUNITY EVENTS

RALLY IN THE ALLEY

510 S. Main St., Findlay

Summer concert series featuring local musicians kicks off the season on June 12, continuing on Fridays through July 31. Free and open to the public.

FLAG CITY BALLOONFEST

Aug. 7-9
Emory Adams Park
1827 S. Blanchard St., Findlay

This festival features around 40 hot air balloons and hot air balloon rides, along with live music, food vendors and impressive nighttime glow events.

OKTOBERFEST: SEPT. 26

Downtown Findlay

Celebrate local German heritage at the largest one-day event in Hancock County. The family-friendly festival includes live traditional German music and entertainment along with contests and the Kinderplatz Kids Zone. Authentic German food is available, along with more than 40 craft and German beers.

VILLAGE FESTIVALS

Get outside of Findlay and enjoy visiting Hancock County's villages at the Arlington Homecoming Festival (July 17-18), the McComb Cookie Festival (July 17-18) or Vanlue Fest (July 23-25).

HANCOCK COUNTY FAIR **SEPT. 1-7**
1017 E. SANDUSKY ST., FINDLAY

UNIVERSITIES FOR YOU AND I

Higher education institutions offer amenities for all, not just students

By **Sara Arthurs, Jolena Gioiello and Ziyah Piltz**

When communities drive past their local colleges and universities, they most likely imagine what life is like for the students enrolled.

They walk to class, study with their peers and prepare themselves for their future careers.

But what do these institutions have to 419 locals and visitors?

A good bit, it turns out.

Here are some college amenities in the 419 that are open to all:

BGSU FIRELANDS

1 UNIVERSITY DRIVE, HURON (ERIE COUNTY)

Whether it's a student who needs a break from classes or a campus visitor looking for something to do, Bowling Green State University Firelands' James H. McBride Arboretum is a popular site for photos, walks and quiet visits.

The arboretum was created to develop and demonstrate horticulture and natural landscape for education, enrichment and enjoyment, according to the university's website.

Established in partnership with Erie MetroParks in 1983 and named after the campus' first dean, James McBride, the arboretum is a 42-acre area open year-round to visitors. It includes a paved walking path around Parker Lake, wood trails and a prairie. Across the acreage is a collection of over 200 species of trees, shrubs and flower plants.

Springtime is the best time of year to experience all the arboretum has to offer. It is the most active time for nature as trees flower and seasonal growth emerge.

Next to the arboreum is the Cedar Point Center, a conference and event space for meetings, receptions, proms, banquets and other community gatherings hosted throughout the year.

The two features are often used together for events. For example, the arboreum is a great place for wedding or prom photos before guests head inside for their events.

UNIVERSITY OF FINDLAY

1000 N. MAIN ST., FINDLAY (HANCOCK COUNTY)

The University of Findlay has a beautiful campus and a close relationship with the Hancock County community.

The highlight for visitors is the Mazza Museum, which hosts the world's largest collection of original artwork by children's book illustrators. The museum's goal is to promote literacy and enrich the lives of all people through the art of picture books.

Six galleries exhibit more than 300 works at any time. Mazza gives world-class artists and authors a platform to share their creative process, along with a permanent home for the preservation and care of their contributions to their craft.

Visitors will develop an understanding of how artists use pictures to illustrate the words and meaning of a story. As they stroll through the museum, they will see every aspect of the process, from the first sketches to the final original artwork that became part of the book.

Mazza nourishes and inspires in people of all ages an enthusiasm for books and art and how they impact life. By visiting Mazza, children experience a cultural interaction they can appreciate.

The picture books the museum highlights can be a child's first step toward a lifelong love of reading. The beautiful illustrations capture the imaginations of young readers as they learn to recognize the meaning behind the images, along with reading and understanding language.

The museum also works closely with educators, providing tools to inspire excitement for reading in the classroom and beyond. Acting as a resource, the museum offers workshops, research materials, teaching aids and story kits that assist with the learning process. Educators can also attend conferences where they can hear stories directly from artists and learn more about literature, education, writing and illustration.

Director Dan Chudzinski hosts a free sketching class for adults from 5:30-6:30 p.m. every Tuesday. Registration is not required.

Mazza, in cooperation with the Imagination Station of Toledo, will host a summer STEAM camp June 8-12 for children in grades 5-8. The theme is "Intergalactic Problem Solvers."

A summer art camp for elementary and middle school students will be held July 20-24. The theme is "Nature Studio".

For more information on events, or to register, visit mazzamuseum.org/events.

The Mazza Museum is located in the Virginia B. Gardner Fine Arts Pavilion, 201 College St., Findlay.

BLUFFTON UNIVERSITY

1 UNIVERSITY DRIVE, BLUFFTON (ALLEN COUNTY)

Bluffton University offers a scenic, welcoming campus experience set within the heart of the friendly village of Bluffton, home to about 4,000 residents.

Situated on 234 acres of rolling land, the campus blends academic spaces with natural beauty, including a forested landscape featuring more than 100 varieties of trees and the peaceful flow of Little Riley Creek, which gives the grounds a retreat-like feel.

Visitors can explore the 160-acre nature preserve, complete with wooded and grassland trails, a small lake and diverse wildlife habitats, as well as enjoy features like the campus tree walk and art walk that highlight Bluffton's connection to both nature and creativity.

The campus reflects a close-knit, welcoming community where visitors can experience both small-town charm and a thoughtfully designed natural setting.

The nature preserve is located at 10535 Augsburger Road, Bluffton. More information can be found at bluffton.edu/about/our-campus/nature-preserve.aspx.

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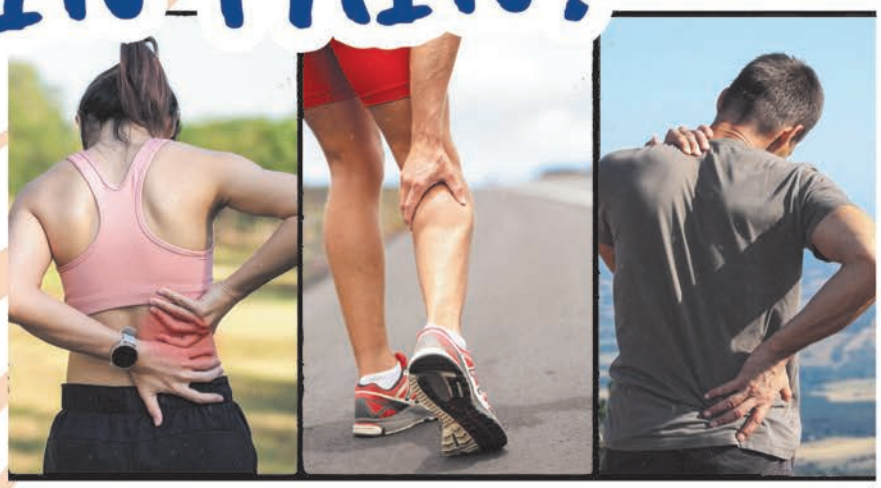

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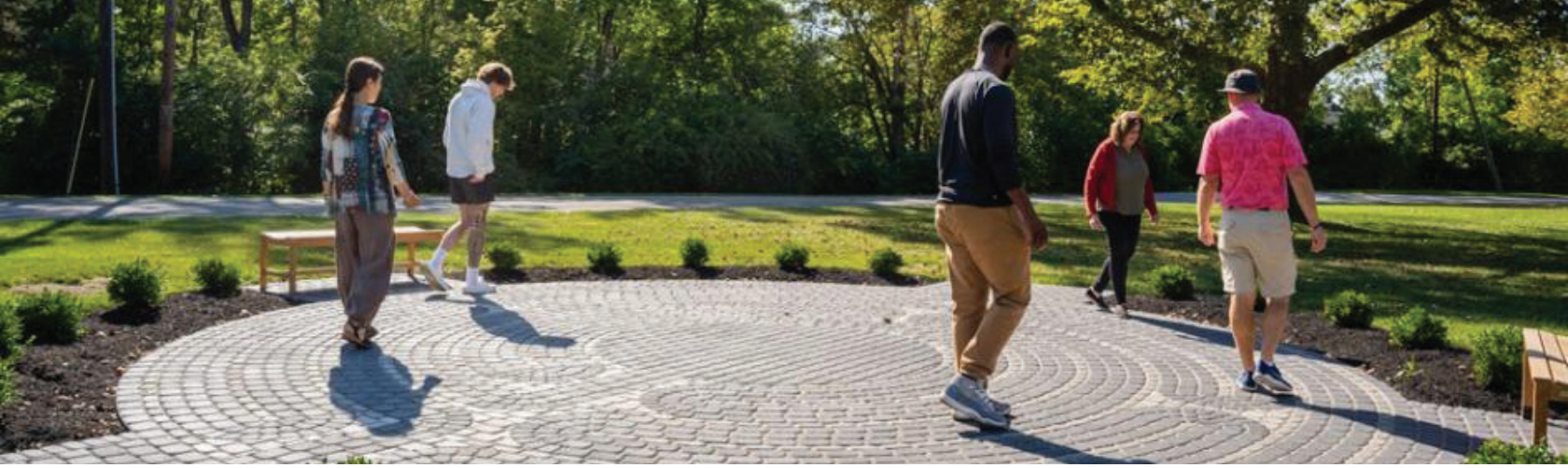

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HARDIN COUNTY

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EATS ON THE STREET
July 18, 5-10 p.m.
Downtown Kenton Historic Courthouse District Come to the Kenton Historic Courthouse District to celebrate the premier event of the summer, Eats on the Street Food Truck Fest. There will be a car and bike show, kids zone, food and drinks. VooDoo Haze will be the opening band with the Shifferly Road Band headlining the festival. All proceeds from the event will benefit the work of the Kenton Historic Courthouse District. Follow www.facebook.com/KentonHistoricCourthouseDistrict to stay up to date on Eats on the Street.

ICONIC

TRACTOR PULLING SEASON
Tractor pulling season is right around the corner. The Hardin County Tractor Pullers have released the 2026 schedule. The season kicks off at 6 p.m. June 13 with the Ada War Memorial Park's spring pull in Ada. Other contests include: June 26 — Putnam County Fair pull, Ottawa, 7 p.m.; Aug. 1 — Northwest Ohio Antique Machinery Show pull, Findlay, 6:30 p.m.; Aug. 8 — Ada Farmers and Merchants Picnic pull, Ada, 6 p.m.; Aug. 13 — Richland County Fair pull, Mansfield, 7 p.m.; Sept. 6 - Hancock County Fair pull, Findlay, noon; Sept. 11 — Hardin County Fair pull, Kenton, 7 p.m.; Sept. 19 - Delaware County Fair pull, Delaware, Ohio, 5:p.m.; and Sept. 26 — Ada Fall Brawl, Ada, 3:00 p.m.

LIVE EVENT

WILSON FOOTBALL FACTORY
517 E. Highland Ave., Ada
Ada is home to the Wilson Sporting Goods Football manufacturing facility and museum. Wilson Sporting Goods has been manufacturing leather game footballs in Ada, OH since 1955. Visitors can see where all-leather NFL game footballs are manufactured and learn about the history. The facility offers one hour tours, a museum and full retail store. Watch footballs being built from scratch by skilled crafters. The museum contains historical artifacts from the NFL and Wilson's history. Visit the Ada factory by booking tours online. A portion of every $15 ticket goes directly to support local youth sports programs. Admission is always free for first responders and military personnel. Visitors are welcome to enjoy Ada's retail experience with or without booking a tour. For more information, visit www.wilson.com/en-us/explore/football/ada-ohio-factory?f6

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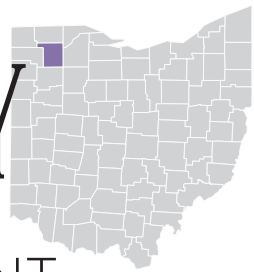


Can't Miss COMMUNITY EVENTS

HAMLER COUNTRY FEST
May 15–16
Hamler Park Grounds
100 S. 1st St., Hamler
A two-day country music festival featuring national and regional performers, camping, food vendors and contests. The event fills the park grounds with a lively crowd and a friendly, small-town atmosphere. It's one of Henry County's biggest annual draws and a tradition for music fans across northwest Ohio.

ICONIC

MARY JANE THURSTON STATE PARK
1466 State Rte 65, McClure
A 105-acre riverside park along the Maumee River, known for its wooded trails, quiet fishing spots and scenic overlooks. Visitors come for the boat launch, shaded picnic areas and access to the Buckeye Trail. The park's mix of forest, water and wildlife makes it a standout destination for hikers, paddlers and birdwatchers. It remains one of Henry County's most recognizable outdoor attractions.

LIVE EVENT

FIELD OF DREAMS DRIVE-IN THEATER
V602 Township Road 6, Liberty Center
A seasonal drive-in that screens double features from late spring through early fall. Families spread out on blankets and lawn chairs while enjoying classic concessions and themed nights. The venue blends nostalgia with small-town charm, offering new releases and throwback favorites. It's a signature Henry County summer experience.

HENRY COUNTY FAIR **AUG. 13-20**
821 S. PERRY ST., NAPOLEON

BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY MAIN CAMPUS

1001 E. WOOSTER ST., BOWLING GREEN (WOOD COUNTY)

Bowling Green State University, home to more than 19,600 students, is located 30 miles from Toledo in Bowling Green, which was ranked one of America's Best College Towns by WalletHub.

The campus offers a variety of spaces the public might enjoy. The Marine Biology Laboratory and the Herpetarium, both located at 217 Life Sciences Building, may appeal to those interested in wildlife.

The marine lab offers a chance to view more than 66 genera of marine life including sea anemones, corals, starfish, sea urchins, snails, crabs, lobsters and algae, as well as a wide variety of marine fish. The animals in the lab are maintained by students mainly for class study and research projects, but are also present for the appreciation of visitors and other students.

The herpetarium includes more than 30 species of animals, including snakes, lizards, frogs and a tortoise. Its mission is to promote appreciation of biological diversity as well as the understanding and respect of organisms encountered through the field of herpetology (the study of reptiles and amphibians).

The BGSU Planetarium is a 114-seat public science theater serving BGSU students, area schools and the public.

Set under a 40-foot dome, the state-of-the-art SciDome video system fills the dome with video that immerses visitors in the cosmos and shows the sky as it would be seen from any place on the Earth at any time. The location is 112 Physical Sciences Lab Building.

Many of these facilities have limited or varying hours in the summer. Visitors are advised to call ahead, as in some cases visits may need to be scheduled.

BGSU also offers a variety of youth summer camps on subjects ranging from creative writing to exploring nursing careers to marine biology, along with a variety of camps focused on athletics and music. More information on these can be found at bgsu.edu/pre-college-programs.html.

HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY

310 E. MARKET ST., TIFFIN (SENECA COUNTY)

Heidelberg University is another walkable campus that offers an easy stop for visitors, both indoors and outdoors.

The campus blends historic academic buildings with open green space, making it a common place for a casual walk, a place to sit and enjoy lunch, or a quieter place to spend some time near the center of Tiffin.

Areas around the central campus connect easily to surrounding neighborhoods, giving it more of a public feel than a closed off university setting.

Among the more recognizable features is the campus labyrinth, which provides a quiet place to walk and spend time, along with a number of sculptures placed throughout the grounds that add visual interest.

The university also recently opened Frann's Fieldhouse, which has become a key part of campus activity and adds to the overall footprint of facilities visitors may notice while walking through campus.

The fieldhouse is host to a number of different events to the public, including open-walk days as well as others, for those who want to get active but prefer to stay indoors.

In the summer, Heidelberg hosts several camps and smaller-scale events that bring visitors onto its campus. The setting remains open and accessible during the summer, making it a straightforward stop for visitors looking to spend time outdoors or incorporate a visit to Tiffin.

Heidelberg University

TIFFIN UNIVERSITY

155 MIAMI ST., TIFFIN (SENECA COUNTY)

Tiffin University brings a steady mix of music and events to the community during the summer. The East Green Amphitheater serves as a central spot for outdoor concerts, with a lineup that includes visiting groups and regional performers across a range of styles.

Shows scheduled throughout the summer feature everything from jazz and vocal ensembles to rock and pop-influenced performances, with shows held at campus venues such as The Marion Center and The Wall Street Pub and Grille.

In addition to the concerts, the campus sees regular activity through a wide range of summer camps that draw students and families into the area. Academic camps can be held regarding a variety of subject areas, while athletic camps are held for basketball, football, track and field, volleyball, and tennis.

The mix of performances and camps creates a consistent presence on campus and offers visitors several ways to experience the university during the summer months.

UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO

2801 BANCROFT ST., TOLEDO (LUCAS COUNTY)

The University of Toledo's main campus is one of its biggest draws for visitors, with a walkable layout that mixes historic buildings and open green space.

University Hall, completed in 1931, anchors the campus and gives it a distinct historical look, while sculptures placed throughout the campus create additional points of interest. Several designated photo spots with smartphone stands have been added to campus.

University of Toledo

Just off the main campus, the Stranahan Arboretum offers a quieter outdoor option. The 47-acre site includes landscaped gardens, wooded areas, ponds, and prairie space, and is open to the public free of charge.

On campus, the Ritter Planetarium and Brooks Observatory provide another public-facing experience, with regular weekend programs and telescope viewing nights that give visitors a chance to see inside a research-grade observatory.

The university's largest summer event is Art on the Mall, this year scheduled for July 26. The event brings in over 100 artists for a daylong outdoor show and is free to attend, with parking available for visitors.

Later in the summer the university typically hosts a Movie Night at the Glass Bowl, but details for this year's event have not yet been announced at the time of writing.

HURON COUNTY

Can't Miss COMMUNITY EVENTS

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL
Memorial Day weekend, May 23-24
Uptown Norwalk
It's almost festival time in Norwalk. Celebrate all things strawberries along with rides, games, crafts, music and more! It's Norwalk's annual multi-day celebration and is must attend for all Huron County residents and those wishing to visit the Maple City. It's organized by the Norwalk Jaycees.

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE
July 4
E. Main St., Norwalk
Join Huron County area organizations and residents for this annual celebration of the nation's independence, sure to take on an additional significance this year during America's 250th anniversary. The event is sponsored by the Norwalk Lion's Club.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IN NORWALK
Aug. 4, 4-7 p.m.
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.

MARKET ON MAIN
Several Fridays in mid-late summer, dates TBA
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.

ICONIC

FIREFIGHTERS AND WORLD TRADE CENTER MEMORIAL
Shady Lane Drive, Norwalk
Anyone wishing to pay respects to firefighters who made the ultimate sacrifice, including those who gave their lives in the Sept. 11, 2001 terror attacks, consider visiting this solemn memorial in Norwalk. Honoring Huron County firefighters who died in the line of duty with a 54-inch bronze statue of a firefighter kneeling, this memorial also features an approximately 14-foot section of a beam from the World Trade Center.

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
Weekly on Wednesdays, June-Sept. Dates, acts TBA.
Norwalk Amphitheatre,
Veterans Memorial Lake Park
205 S. Old State Road
After its breakout year, Norwalk is again hosting its summer concert series at the Norwalk Amphitheatre. Check the Norwalk Area Visitor's Bureau Facebook page for updates on showtimes and acts.

49TH ANNUAL NIGHT UNDER FIRE
July 31-Aug. 1
Summit Motorsports Park
1300 Ohio 18, Norwalk
Head down to Summit Motorsports Park to watch 60 of the fastest drag racers around go head-to-head in this annual landmark racing event in Norwalk. Learn more and get ticket information at summitmotorsportspark.com.

HURON COUNTY FAIR **AUG. 16-22**
940 FAIR ROAD, NORWALK

OFF THE BEATEN PATH

Nature's hidden gems in the 419

By **Denise Grant and Elizabeth Keefe**

Northwest Ohio is normally associated with popular sites such as Cedar Point, Ohio Caverns or the entertainment and cultural destinations in downtown Toledo. But there are also quieter, less-visited natural areas nestled between these well-known attractions.

Across the area code, there is a network of preserves and wildlife areas that offer peaceful escapes into some of the region's most ecologically rich landscapes.

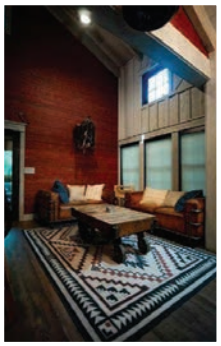
CANNALEY TREEHOUSE VILLAGE

3520 WATERVILLE SWANTON ROAD, SWANTON

Tucked into the Beach Ridge area of Oak Openings Preserve, Cannaley Treehouse Village is the only public treehouse village in the United States — a one-of-a-kind overnight escape suspended in the treetops.

Cannaley Treehouse Village was created after Metroparks Toledo set out to "connect more people with nature" and began imagining new ways to draw visitors into the outdoors. Inspired by the childhood magic of treehouses, the park district envisioned a treetop lodging experience and identified newly acquired land in Swanton as the ideal setting.

In partnership with Nelson Treehouse & Supply, the builder featured on Treehouse Masters, the concept took shape as a linked network of treehouses, tent platforms, and canopy-walk features designed to be accessible to both individuals and groups.



Above: A treehouse with a wraparound deck and enclosed slide stands among the trees at Cannaley Treehouse Village in Oak Openings Preserve.
Left: The interior of one of the Cannaley Treehouse Village cabins features a rustic living space with leather seating and forest views.

Community donations exceeded the $1.5 million fundraising goal, making the project possible, and the village officially opened in July 2020, quickly becoming one of the most in-demand destinations in the Metroparks system. Mondays and Tuesdays were later designated as free "Community Days" so nonprofits and youth programs—like the annual Connections Camp—could stay at no cost.

Visitors can choose from a collection of elevated, fully equipped treehouses: a six-person cabin, an ADA-accessible six-person cabin, an ADA-accessible four-person cabin, and two smaller two-person treehouses. All are outfitted with electricity, heat and air conditioning, with restrooms and shower facilities nearby. The village also features connecting boardwalks, a canopy bridge, a crow's nest and a shared campfire area for group gatherings.

For those wanting a more rustic experience, three raised tent and hammock platforms offer a minimalist way to sleep among the trees.

The village sits at 3520 Waterville Swanton Rd., Swanton, OH 43558, within the Oak Openings Preserve.

All five private treehouses and the tent/hammock platforms can be reserved through Metroparks Toledo's online system, with overnight stays available year-round. The entire village can also be rented for four weekends each year for special events. Rates vary by unit and residency, but generally fall in the $200–$220 per night range for treehouses, plus taxes and a refundable deposit.

THE BUTTERFLY HOUSE

11455 OBEE ROAD, WHITEHOUSE

A Blue Morpho rests on a leaf inside the Butterfly House, the most common species raised here, with thousands released into the greenhouse each season.

After a few years of stops, starts and unexpected setbacks, the Butterfly House is set to emerge again for the 2026 season — and its fans are all aflutter.

The Butterfly House is a warm, greenhouse-style attraction filled with free-flying butterflies from around the world, offering a peaceful place to wander among flowers and watch butterflies glide through the air. Visitors can stay as long as they like, and soft classical music adds to the calm, garden-like atmosphere.

Located at 11455 Obee Road in Whitehouse, the Butterfly House sits next to the Corn Maze and The Stables at Wheeler Farms. The seasonal attraction opens May 1 and welcomes visitors through July 26, operating Thursdays through Sundays.

Admission is $10 for adults, $9 for seniors, and $8 for children ages 4 to 11. Children 3 and younger are admitted free.

The attraction was closed in 2020 and 2021 during the pandemic, remained closed in 2022 because of storm damage, reopened in 2023 and then faced another unexpected shutdown last year when environmental issues kept the greenhouse from opening.

"It's been a challenging few years for the greenhouse, but we're excited to welcome everyone back," said Jane Robertson, lead event associate. "It

Chrysalises are pinned in the Butterfly House's containment room, where visitors can watch butterflies emerge before they are released into the greenhouse.

really shows how delicate the ecosystem is for the butterflies that live here."

The Butterfly House typically hosts more than 30 species of butterflies and moths each season, giving visitors a close look at colors, patterns and behaviors they might never see in the wild. The Blue Morpho is one of the biggest draws, known for its bright, iridescent wings.

"We raise the most of this species, so it's possible to see a sea of 10 or more Blue Morphos flying in a wave around the greenhouse," she said.

Another standout is the Lebeau's Silk Moth, which arrives as a large cocoon and emerges with a wingspan of nearly five inches. Its size can surprise visitors who aren't expecting a moth that big resting quietly among the plants.

Butterflies arrive as chrysalises packed carefully in boxes and are pinned in a visible containment area until they emerge. Visitors can watch a butterfly spread its wings for the first time before it's released into the greenhouse. Once inside, the butterflies feed on flowering plants, sweet bananas, oranges

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LUCAS COUNTY

ICONIC

TOLEDO MUSEUM OF ART
2445 Monroe St., Toledo
Founded in 1901, the museum houses more than 30,000 works of art, spanning from ancient artifacts to contemporary pieces. Its main building features a grand classical design, while the adjacent Glass Pavilion highlights Toledo's deep connection to the glass industry through stunning glass art from around the world.

LIVE EVENT

TOLEDO JEEP FEST
Aug. 7-9
Downtown Toledo
The Toledo Jeep Fest is a three-day, citywide event every August in downtown Toledo, celebrating the long-standing bond between the Jeep brand and the city where it has been manufactured since 1941. The festival includes a Vendor Midway, an Indoor Jeep Exhibit, an All-Jeep Parade, kids' activities, food and entertainment.

LUCAS COUNTY FAIR **JULY 13-19**
1406 KEY ST., MAUMEE

Can't Miss COMMUNITY EVENTS

WHITEHOUSE CHERRY FEST
June 11-13
Downtown Whitehouse
This three-day festival in downtown Whitehouse provides free entry and parking, featuring a variety of kid and family-friendly activities, vendors and food options.

MERCER COUNTY

ICONIC

GRAND LAKE ST. MARYS STATE PARK
834 Edgewater Drive, St. Mary's
Originally built as a feeder reservoir for the Miami & Erie Canal, Grand Lake St. Marys was the world's largest reservoir at the time of its construction.
The region played a key role in opening the Northwest Territory, as the St. Marys River was a vital link between the Great Lakes and the Ohio River. The park offers 52 miles of shoreline for boating and fishing, along with a family campground, a swimming pool and picnic areas.

LIVE EVENT

CELINA LAKE FESTIVAL
July 24-26
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.

MERCER COUNTY FAIR **AUG. 13-19**
1001 W. MARKET ST., CELINA

Can't Miss COMMUNITY EVENTS

BOARDWALK FEST
June 19-20
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.

MORROW COUNTY

Can't Miss COMMUNITY EVENTS

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
June 27, 8-10 a.m.
Flying Squirrel Preserve
7130 Co. Rd. 121, Fredericktown
Attend this event, which acts as a fundraiser to support Morrow County Parks District.

ICONIC

WORLD WAR I VICTORY SHAFT OBELISK MONUMENT
Intersection of High and Main (U.S. 42) streets, Mount Gilead
During World War I, Morrow County residents purchased the most War Savings Stamps per capita of any county in the country. The monument, which serves to commemorate the citizens of Morrow County who served in the Great War, was awarded to the county by the Ohio War Savings Committee. The Victory Shaft was dedicated in 1919 in Mount Gilead with speeches from several people including then Sen. Warren G. Harding.

LIVE EVENT

VINTAGE DAYS MARKET
June 6, Noon to 6 p.m.
Cote Winery, 5102 U.S. 42, Mount Gilead.
Find vintage vendors, specialty sandwiches, music, wine and more at this summertime event.

MORROW COUNTY FAIR AUG. 31-SEPT. 7
195 S. MAIN ST. (U.S. 42), MOUNT GILEAD

OTTAWA COUNTY

ICONIC

PERRY'S VICTORY AND INTERNATIONAL PEACE MEMORIAL

93 Delaware Avenue, Put-in-Bay, South Bass Island

An American fleet commanded by Oliver Hazard Perry inflicted a crushing defeat on the British navy during the War of 1812. The towering monument that bears Perry's name remembers the victory but also honors many years of peace with Canada. Visiting the site is free, but if you can, you'll want to buy a pass to go up to the top and admire the great view of South Bass Island from the observation deck.

MARBLEHEAD LIGHTHOUSE

110 Lighthouse Dr., Marblehead

A big draw for tourists and local alike, the Marblehead Lighthouse is much-photographed historic landmark that dates to 1821. Now a state park, the attraction invites visitors to climb up the lighthouse also to visit a replica lifesaving station and a gift shop. The nine-acre site has picnic tables and views of Lake Erie and Sandusky Bay.

LIVE EVENTS

BIGGEST WEEK IN AMERICAN BIRDING

May 8-17

Events in various locations

Birders flock to Ottawa County and environs every year to witness the spring bird migration in an event organized by Black Swamp Bird Observatory. Please visit biggestweekinamericanbirding.com for festival information, an events schedule and tips on how to take part. The website also has plenty of resources for local birders.

BOOM AT THE BAY

July 4

Put-in-Bay, South Bass Island

Expect a big fireworks display on the night of July 4, with rockets launched from a barge towed out into the middle of the bay. While the fireworks should be viewable from much of downtown, the best viewing locations are considered to be on the lawn of the Perry's Victory Memorial and along the seawall.

WALLEYE FESTIVAL

Memorial Day weekend, May 23-25

1868 E. Perry St., Port Clinton

Waterworks Park on the shore of Lake Erie near downtown Port Clinton is the site for one of Ohio's biggest outdoor festivals. Look for free live concerts, Kids Fishing Derby, a parade, educational programs and activities, carnival rides, and more than 130 vendors from around the nation. For more information, visit mainstreetportclinton.org.

OTTAWA COUNTY FAIR

July 19-26

7870 W. Ohio 163, Oak Harbor

A fun week of activities, including livestock displays and sales, carnival rides and fair food, returns to the fairgrounds. Official Ottawa County Fair Hats have gone on sale, and look for more information soon from the fair's official website at ottawacountyfair.org. While a full schedule isn't available yet, the fair typically provides nightly entertainment such as truck pulls, demolition derbies, or motocross, plus live music and a beer tent.

Can't Miss COMMUNITY EVENTS

FIRELANDS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERT

July 4

Marblehead Lighthouse

The Firelands Symphony Orchestra will provide a free, patriotic pops concert at the Marblehead Lighthouse, at 6 p.m. July 4 at 110 Lighthouse Dr., Marblehead. Following the concert, hang around to watch the Cedar Point fireworks display. Please bring a chair or a blanket to sit on.

JOHNSON'S ISLAND 'POP UP' MUSEUM

July 18, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Johnson's Island Clubhouse

The Friends and Descendants of Johnson's Island Civil War Prison will host its annual "Pop Up" Museum at the Johnson's Island Clubhouse near the Confederate Stockade Cemetery, showcasing artifacts from the prison and Civil War era. Tours of the cemetery, as well as the former prison site, will be hosted at various times throughout the day.

1928 FORD TRI-MOTOR RIDES

July 31 through Aug. 2, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Put-in-Bay Airport, 1494 Langram Road, Put-in-Bay, South Bass Island

Ride a vintage airliner in an event organized by Liberty Aviation Museum near Port Clinton. Tickets are $100 for adults, $75 for children.

PORT CLINTON LIGHTHOUSE FESTIVAL

Aug. 15, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Waterworks Park, downtown Port Clinton

The annual event will include lighthouse tours, nautically themed art, and educational programs, food and merchandise vendors, music by the Ottawa County Bluegrass Band and other entertainment and a display of wooden boats. The event is always held on the third weekend in August.

OTTAWA COUNTY FAIR **JULY 19-26**

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and nectar placed throughout the exhibit. Pentas are a favorite plant for many species.

The indoor environment is predator-free, which allows butterflies to live longer than they would outdoors. Most live two to three weeks after emerging, depending on the species.

Sheldon's Marsh State Nature Preserve is located at 2715 Cleveland Road West (U.S. 6) in Huron. The 472-acre preserve attracts nearly 300 bird species and hosts a wide variety of wildflowers and wildlife.

SHELDON MARSH STATE NATURE PRESERVE

2715 CLEVELAND ROAD WEST (U.S. 6) HURON

This 472-acre preserve attracts nearly 300 bird species and hosts a wide variety of wildflowers. Spring is an excellent time to visit the marsh.

From mid-April to June, the woodland floor blooms with wildflowers such as Dutchman's breeches, cut-leaved toothwort, and spring beauties, followed by trout lilies, trilliums, wild ginger and wild geraniums.

During spring migration, Sheldon Marsh also welcomes a variety of neotropical and shorebirds, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

EDISON WOODS METROPARK

10186 CEYLON RD, BERLIN HEIGHTS

Edison Woods spans about 1,300 acres, featuring sandstone cliffs, wetlands, woodlands, and meadows. It hosts a variety of seasonal wildflowers, rare plants, amphibians, and reptiles. The MetroPark covers roughly 550 acres of wetlands and 400 acres of restored native grasslands.

HOFFMAN FOREST METROPARK

5159 HUFF RD, BERLIN HEIGHTS

Like Edison Woods, Hoffman Forest provides visitors with the opportunity to observe a diverse range of bird, wildlife, plant, and tree species. The 40-acre park features grassy trails that meander through established forests and creek environments.

The Magee Marsh Wildlife Area, which is located along Ohio 2 in Oak Harbor, encompasses roughly 2,200 acres of coastal wetlands, forests, and marsh habitat.

One of the five trails located at the Augusta-Anne Olsen State Nature Preserve, 4934 W. River Road, in Wakeman, is pictured. The nature preserve is home to an abundance of spring wildflowers as well as a rather large oak-maple tree forest.

AUGUSTA-ANNE OLSEN STATE NATURE PRESERVE

4934 W. RIVER ROAD, WAKEMAN

This scenic route features five beginner-friendly walking trails and a large section of the Vermilion River Gorge. Alongside an abundance of spring wildflowers, the preserve also supports a locally significant oak-maple forest and a mixed floodplain community.

BLUE HERON RESERVE

2134 COUNTY ROAD 260, VICKERY

This 160-acre property in the northeast corner of Sandusky County, bordering the Lake Erie marshes, is a haven for bird enthusiasts, according to the Sandusky County park district.

The constructed wetlands and wet woods provide an ideal habitat for migrating warblers and waterfowl. Bald eagles are also a common sight. Blue Heron Reserve is part of the Lake Erie Birding Trail, which spans the entire Ohio shoreline and includes 88 sites.

MAGEE MARSH WILDLIFE AREA

OHIO 2, OAK HARBOR

The Magee Marsh Wildlife Area, which is located along the southern shore of Lake Erie in Ottawa County, encompasses roughly 2,200 acres of coastal wetlands, forests, and marsh habitat.

Lake Erie functions as a natural barrier, causing migratory birds flying north in spring to stop here to rest and feed before crossing. Magee Marsh offers a spectacular display during spring and fall migrations, with over 300 bird species recorded. In spring, visitors can see bald eagles, owls, ospreys and a wide variety of hawks.

The forested beach ridge on Magee is a vital habitat for more than 150 species of migrating songbirds, including 36 warbler species, as they pause to rest and refuel on their journey.

In addition to birds, the wetland is home to muskrats, raccoons, skunks, mink, beavers, and foxes. Cottontail rabbits, fox squirrels, river otters, coyotes, and white-tailed deer are also present, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

PAULDING COUNTY

Can't Miss COMMUNITY EVENTS

PAULDING COUNTY FALL FESTIVAL
Sept. 11-12
501 Fairground Dr, Paulding
The festival will include craft and merchandise vendors, food vendors and specialty and homemade goods. The event will help celebrate the 250th anniversary of America while also paying tribute to the 25th anniversary of 9-11. In addition, a traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall will also be part of the festival.

ICONIC

PAULDING RESERVOIR
901 McDonald Pike, Paulding
Paulding has a 67-acre reservoir that provides water and houses a variety of fish, including bluegill, saugeye, perch and more. Visitors can participate in several activities, like boating and hunting, after stickers and permits are purchased from the village office.

LIVE EVENT

KOI DRAG RACING
June 7, 6-10 p.m.
Paulding County Fairgrounds
503 Fairground Dr.
The event will feature side-by-side drag races and classes for everyone at the race. $10 per class, $20 for diesel trucks, hot gas and Open Trucks. Registration and practice starts at 4 p.m. and eliminations start at 6 p.m. More information is available at the KOI Drag Racing website, koidragracing.com, or by calling 859-576-7380.

PAULDING COUNTY FAIR **JUNE 6-13**
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PUTNAM COUNTY

ICONIC

FIREMAN'S MONUMENT

245 E. Main St., Ottawa

In front of the Putnam County Courthouse stands what is believed to be Ohio's first fireman's monument, an 18-foot-tall figure depicting a firefighter carrying a lantern and a rescued child. The monument was first erected in 1915 — four years after a fire at a blacksmith shop in Ottawa claimed the lives of two volunteer firemen, John Kreiger and Joseph N. Hermiller Jr. The bronze-coated zinc statue was created by J.W. Fiske and Co., New York, and dedicated to Putnam County firemen — in memory of Kreiger and Hermiller — on Thanksgiving 1915. The statue was repaired and rededicated in 2005, and a new retaining wall with the names of all 12 volunteer fire departments in Putnam County and the year each was established was erected.

LIVE EVENT

CONTINENTAL FALL FESTIVAL

Sept. 25-26

The Continental Fall Festival is an annual event held in downtown Continental that showcases the spirit of the community. The event features games and activities for all ages. There will be a karaoke contest, live bands, a parade, 5K run, amusement rides, trivia and a sidewalk chalk art contest along with line dancing, a pancake and sausage breakfast and ax throwing. Visit continentalfallfestival.com/ for more information.

PUTNAM COUNTY FAIR **JUNE 22-27**

1490 E. 2ND ST., OTTAWA

Can't Miss COMMUNITY EVENTS

FORT JENNINGS FORT FEST

Aug. 14-16

Fort Jennings was a military outpost during the War of 1812. Fort Fest began in 2012 to commemorate the 200th anniversary of Fort Jennings being constructed under the supervision of Col. William Jennings. Although it was meant to be a one-time event, people requested that it continue. The festival is now held for three days in the village park and features exhibits from all over the United States including the Vietnam-era helicopters of the Huey 269 organization. The event will also include the Chained Eagles of Ohio which lists the names of service men from Ohio who served in Vietnam and are still listed as POW-MIA, re-enactors, Camp 1812 for kids through sixth grade, and an accurate one-sixteenth replica of the same memorial in Arlington National Cemetery. Visit fjfortfest.com/event/ for more details.

RICHLAND COUNTY

ICONIC

MALABAR FARM STATE PARK

4050 Bromfield Rd, Lucas

The dream of sustainable agriculture for the Pulitzer Prize-winning author and conservationist, Louis Bromfield. Visitors can see the Farm, tour the Big House, hike nature trails, drive atop Mt. Jeez and participate in recreational activities like those done in Bromfield's time. The park has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1973. It was also the wedding site of Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall on May 21, 1945.

LIVE EVENT

FINAL FRIDAY CONCERT SERIES IN THE BRICKYARD

Historic Carrousel District in downtown Mansfield

This series will occur on the last Fridays of each month between May-September from 5:30-10:30 p.m.

RICHLAND COUNTY FAIR **AUG. 9-15**

750 N. HOME RD., MANSFIELD

Can't Miss COMMUNITY EVENTS

INKCARCERATION MUSIC AND TATTOO FESTIVAL

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July 17-19

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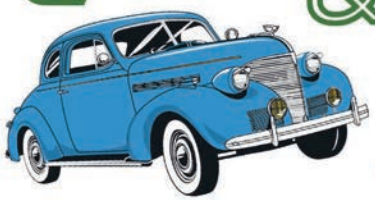

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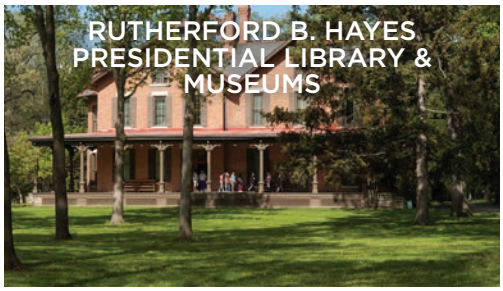

Spiegel Grove, Fremont
Located in Fremont, Ohio and is just a few miles from Exit 91 of the Ohio Turnpike.
The museum is open year-round, although dates and hours may vary seasonally. Hayes Presidential is the nation's first Presidential library, opened to the public in 1916 and celebrated its centennial 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.

5001 State Route 4, Bellevue
Open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, June through August. Last tour daily is 4 p.m.
Take a step back into history. Historic Lyme Village replicates life in the Firelands region of Ohio from its first settlers in the early 1800s. It features a number of historic structures, including the John Wright Mansion and the John Seymour House. The village hosts a number of events each year, including Civil War Days — a reenactment of a soldier's camp — Pioneer Days and Christmas in the Village. Visit lymevillage.org for a full list of events and dates.

LIVE EVENTS

JULY 4TH CONCERT AND PICNIC

Full hours, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 4. Concert is from 2-3:30 p.m.
Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library & Museums
Spiegel Grove, Fremont
Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture" is great on its own, but add a volley of cannon fire to the mix and you have the makings for a memorable Fourth of July experience. Listen to the beautiful music from the Toledo Concert Band on the lawn of Spiegel Grove, the former private residence of U.S. President Rutherford B. Hayes and his family. Civil War re-enactors mingle amongst the crowd, and during the "1812 Overture," cannoneers positioned on the lawn blast off powder charges. Bring a chair or blanket to sit on. The cannons are quite loud, so those with hearing considerations might consider bringing ear protection.

HISTORIC BARN MURAL TRAIL

Year-long
Various locations
Get behind the wheel of your vehicle and travel to a number of historic barn structures featuring interesting murals. The Sandusky County Visitor's Bureau says this trail is made possible through private donors and that its first barn was painted in 2003, and another painted recently commemorates this year's America 250 anniversary. For a full list of barn mural locations to visit, sanduskycounty.org/barns.

Can't Miss COMMUNITY EVENTS

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.

GREEN SPRINGS INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION AT THE PARK

July 3, Time TBA
Green Springs Community Park
499 E. County Road 113, Green Springs
Celebrate the nation's independence and America 250 at this event on July 3. This annual celebration, which includes a fireworks display, is expected to be a fun evening for the family

CIVIL WAR DAYS AT HISTORIC LYME VILLAGE

July 25-26, All day
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.

RIVER OF ARTS FESTIVAL

Sept. 25, 6-9 p.m.; Sept. 26, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Fremont Community Amphitheatre
209 S. Arch St., 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.

SANDUSKY COUNTY FAIR
AUG. 24-30
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SENECA COUNTY

Can't Miss COMMUNITY EVENTS

SENECA COUNTY FAIR
July 27 to Aug. 2
Seneca County Fairgrounds,
100 Hopewell Ave., Tiffin
Now celebrating its 184th year, the Seneca County Fair is one of Ohio's oldest and longest-running county traditions. The fair draws more than 50,000 visitors over the course of the week and features livestock competitions, 4-H and FFA exhibits, grandstand entertainment, rides and a full lineup of food vendors. It is a cornerstone of agricultural heritage and community pride in Seneca County.

TIFFIN-SENECA HERITAGE FESTIVAL
Sept. 18 to 20, downtown Tiffin and Hedges-Boyer Park
Now in its 46th year, the Heritage Festival is one of Ohio's most longstanding community celebrations and draws visitors from across the state each fall. The festival features a Living History Village where craftspeople in period clothing demonstrate traditional trades alongside Civil War historical re-enactors. Downtown Tiffin fills with arts and crafts vendors, ethnic food, amusement rides and continuous live music throughout the weekend. General admission is free, with a nominal fee for the Living History Village.

DOWNTOWN TIFFIN THIRD
THURSDAYS Monthly, third Thursday
5 to 8 p.m., downtown Tiffin
Downtown Tiffin's Third Thursday series brings the community together once a month for themed events throughout the downtown district. The 2026 season opened April 16 with an "Arts, Beats, and Eats" theme, featuring live musicians at multiple locations downtown, local artists selling glassware, jewelry, paintings, photography and more, and food and DORA drink specials at area restaurants and bars. Each month carries a different theme, with activities spread across participating businesses. Visit downtowntiffin.org for the full schedule.

SENECA COUNTY PARK DISTRICT: 30TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR
Monthly events throughout 2026, Various nature preserves across Seneca County
The Seneca County Park District, which manages 12 preserves, 25 miles of trails and more than 900 acres of natural land, is marking three decades of service to the community in 2026. Formed in 1996, the district is celebrating by hosting special programming on the 30th of each month at its nature preserves, tying local observances to the national 250th anniversary of the United States. A yearlong Forest Friends scavenger hunt is also running across all 12 preserves, with a small prize for those who find all 12 by year's end. Log sheets are due by January 15, 2027. Visit senecacountyparks.com for details.

ICONIC

THE RITZ THEATRE
30 S. Washington St., Tiffin
Opened in December 1928 to a packed house of more than 1,500 patrons, the Ritz Theatre has been a centerpiece of Tiffin's cultural life for nearly a century. The venue hosts a wide range of programming throughout the year, including touring concerts, theatrical productions, classic film screenings and the ongoing Friday Night Live series. Each summer, the Ritz partners with Missoula Children's Theatre to offer a youth performance camp open to students in grades K through 11. For a full schedule, visit ritztheatre.org.

SENECA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
100 Hopewell Ave., Tiffin
The Seneca County Fairgrounds anchor community life year-round, serving as home to the annual Seneca County Fair and the Tiffin Flea Market, which draws shoppers from across the region and has built a reputation as one of the largest outdoor flea markets in Northwest Ohio. Visit senecacountyfair.org for fair schedules and upcoming events.

LIVE EVENTS

THE RITZ THEATRE PERFORMANCE SERIES
Ongoing throughout 2026
30 S. Washington St., Tiffin
The Ritz Theatre's 2026 lineup spans tribute concerts, theatrical productions, classic film nights and local performances. The Friday Night Live series continues as a regular fixture for live music in downtown Tiffin, and Ritz Players productions offer community theater throughout the year. Check ritztheatre.org for current show dates and tickets.

EAST GREEN CONCERTS: THE FOUNDATION SERIES SELECT SATURDAYS
June through August, 8 p.m.
Frost-Kalnow Amphitheater at the East Green, 155 E. Market St., Downtown Tiffin
The East Green's 2026 summer programming has expanded into three distinct series at the Frost-Kalnow Amphitheater in downtown Tiffin. The Foundation Series, presented by the East Green Foundation, anchors the season with four curated performances celebrating jazz, blues and soul. The 2026 lineup features The Detroit Retro Society on June 27, Nashville-based vocalist Haley Schattschneider on July 11, The Cleveland Vocal Project on August 1 and vocal jazz quartet The Bean Tones on August 15. All concerts are free, family-friendly and begin at 8 p.m. Attendees are welcome to bring blankets and chairs. The East Green also hosts the Tiffin Community Series and weekly Thursday Night Tunes, presented by Tiffin Parks & Recreation, throughout the summer. Visit eastgreenconcerts.com for the full lineup across all three series.

SENECA COUNTY FAIR **JULY 26-AUG. 2**
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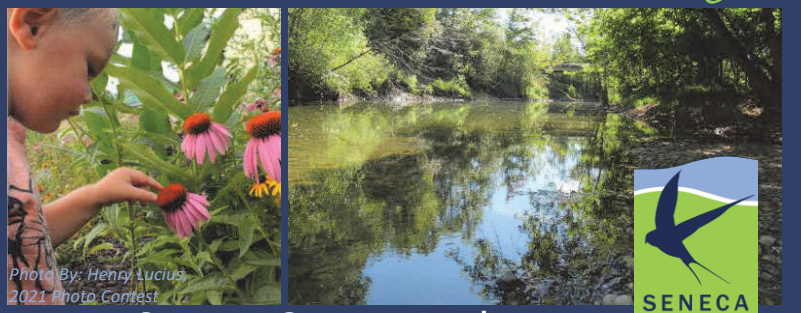
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VAN WERT COUNTY

Can't Miss COMMUNITY EVENTS

2026 RAILROAD HERITAGE WEEKEND MODEL RAILROAD SHOW & SWAP
July 17-18
Friday, 4-10 p.m.
Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
This two-day event draws hundreds of visitors around the Midwest who share a passion for trains.

ICONIC

THE NISWONGER PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
10700 OH-118, Van Wert
Described as one of a kind and road trip worthy. Ideas for this center started in 2001, and more recently, the center has been rebranded to provide entertainment opportunities in a multitude of venues. Currently, according to their website, the Van Wert Live hosts over a hundred concerts, shows, and events yearly in its 1,200 seat Van Wert County Foundation Saltzgaber Music Hall at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center.

LIVE EVENT

THE MAIN STREET VAN WERT BLOCK PARTY
July 24, 4-10 p.m.
Fountain Park
There will be live entertainment, vendors, food trucks and a car show.

VAN WERT COUNTY FAIR **SEPT. 1-7**
1055 S. WASHINGTON ST., VAN WERT

WILLIAMS COUNTY

Can't Miss COMMUNITY EVENTS

MONTPELIER BEAN DAYS
July 17–18,
Main Street, Montpelier
A quirky, beloved tradition, Bean Days brings food, games, live entertainment and a full weekend of activities to downtown Montpelier. The event celebrates the village's agricultural roots with a mix of classic festival fun and local flavor. Families return each year for the parade, vendors and unmistakable small-town charm. It's one of Williams County's most distinctive community festivals.

ICONIC

GOLL WOODS STATE NATURE PRESERVE
5484 County Rd. 26, Archbold
One of the least-disturbed woodlands in northwest Ohio, Goll Woods features towering 200- to 400-year-old oak trees and a rare remnant of the historic Black Swamp forest. Visitors can explore more than five miles of quiet trails that wind past wildflowers, old-growth stands and scenic views of the Tiffin River. The preserve's massive bur oaks and white oaks are among the largest in the state, creating a cathedral-like canopy in summer.

LIVE EVENT

EDGERTON SUMMER FEST
June 21–22,
Downtown Edgerton
A lively two-day celebration that fills downtown Edgerton with live music, food vendors, a parade and family activities. The festival has grown into one of the county's most energetic summer gatherings, drawing residents from across the region. Its small-town setting and friendly crowds give it a welcoming, community-driven feel.

WILLIAMS COUNTY FAIR **SEPT 12-19**
619 E. MAIN ST., MONTPELIER

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

BLACK SWAMP ARTS FESTIVAL
Sept. 11-13
Downtown Bowling Green
Creativity of all sorts is celebrated at the Black Swamp Arts Festival in downtown Bowling Green each year. The free event fills the streets with juried art, live music, vendors and food.

WOOD COUNTY FAIR **AUG. 2-9**
13800 W. POE ROAD, BOWLING GREEN

Can't Miss COMMUNITY EVENTS

NATIONAL TRACTOR PULLING CHAMPIONSHIPS
Aug. 20-22
The Wood County Fairgrounds in Bowling Green 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.

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Schedule of 2025 Events
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WYANDOT COUNTY

ICONIC

STEPPING STONES PARK

640 Eliot St., Upper Sandusky

Located along the Sandusky River on the north side of Upper Sandusky, the park is so named for the "stepping stones" used to cross the river. The park offers a mile of paved trail for bikes, scooters, roller blades or walks with family or friends. Park visitors often report viewing local wildlife including birds, deer, turtles, salamanders, squirrels and other small animals known to frequent waterways. Pack a picnic, take a hike or take an afternoon paddle, Stepping Stones Park has something for everyone.

SPRINGVILLE MARSH STATE NATURE PRESERVE

12250 TR 224, Carey

Springville Marsh State Nature Preserve offers almost a mile of boardwalk on 267 acres of marsh land. Visitors are invited to witness local wildlife including a diverse array of plant life, many of which were established in the area just after the Ice Age. Plant life growing in the wetland includes Fen orchids, Kalm's lobelia, Ohio goldenrod, shrubby cinquefoil and cat tails.

The third largest inland wetland in Northwestern Ohio, the marsh continues to be nourished by calcium-rich springs, despite previous disruption by both the agricultural and industrial industries.

The preserve is open from sunrise to sunset and visitors are reminded pets are not permitted. No public restrooms are available.

LIVE EVENTS

PAWZFEST

June 7, Noon-3 p.m. Saturday
Harrison-Smith Park
525 E. Wyandot Ave., Upper Sandusky

Pawzfest, hosted by the Wyandot County Humane Society, at Harrison-Smith Park in Upper Sandusky, is an annual dog walk and fun day.

Bring a donation of dog or cat food for the humane society and participate in a dog walk and other fun activities including food trucks, raffles and much more.

2026 FOOD TRUCK AND SIDEWALK SALES

June 4,5 and 6, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
East Findlay St., Carey

Browse deals from local businesses, say hello to neighbors or grab a bite from local food trucks,this event, hosted by the Carey Chamber of Commerce, promises to be fun for the family. Shop 'til you drop in downtown Carey.

Can't Miss COMMUNITY EVENTS

SHAWSHANK WOODSHOP OPEN HOUSE

May 16, 1-5 p.m.
228 South 8th St., Upper Sandusky

The movie that put Upper Sandusky on the map returns to the Star Theater 7 p.m. May 15 and 16 with nearby Traum Brewing offering Shawshank-themed brews in honor of the America 250 celebration.

From 1-5 p.m. March 16, the Shawshank Woodshop is set to host an opening of the Wyandot County time capsule from 1976 and a discussion of what should be included in a new time capsule that will be opened in 2076. Revolution-era reenactors will be on display showcasing period weaponry and dress.

Live music will be provided by the Fret Mashers.

WYANSTOCK

July 3, 10 p.m.; July 4, noon-midnight
10171 SR 53, Upper Sandusky

This year promises to be a blast with nonstop music from Uprising, Bourbon &Vinyl, Brother Believe Me, Fritz Acoustic, RM201, The Fret Mashers, Violet Vinyl, Last Minute, My Cousin Eddie and more.

Come for the music, stay for the fun.

WYANDOT CLASSICS AND CRUISERS AUTUMN CRUISE

Sept. 26
Downtown Upper Sandusky

The Autumn Cruise returns for its 25th year to feature classic cars 20 years or older. In 2025, the event showcased almost 800 vehicles and event organizers hope to break the record this year. Whether bringing a car or just admiring those on display, cruise on through downtown Upper Sandusky for an afternoon of fun.

CHRISTMAS IN CAREY

Dec. 4, 5-8 p.m.
Downtown Carey

Get in the spirit of the holidays with Christmas in Carey, a five-block party in downtown Carey. Browse deals at local businesses, grab some snacks and maybe even see the big guy himself. Christmas in Carey promises to make the holiday season jolly.

WYANDOT COUNTY FAIR **SEPT. 14-19**

10171 OHIO 53, UPPER SANDUSKY

Events IN THE 419

May 13
FINDLAY
FOOD TRUCKS AT MCPA
Marathon Center for the Performing Arts
200 W Main Cross Street
Findlay, OH 45840
11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., enjoy a rotating lineup of local food trucks serving up everything from savory favorites to sweet treats. Grab lunch, relax indoors or outside and make the most of your midday break. This event will continue each month on the first Wednesday through September 2.

May 21
LAKESIDE
ORCHESTRA HALL
122 W. Second St.
Lakeside, OH 43440
Ohio Goes to the Movies is a statewide celebration highlighting films connected to the state. As an official partner, Lakeside will host a screening of the 1985 film "The Purple Rose of Cairo" starring Mia Farrow and Jeff Daniels. Free admission and parking.

May 22-25
LAKESIDE
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND IN LAKESIDE
800 Maple Avenue
Lakeside, OH 43440
Fun for the whole family, enjoy the music of The Drowsy Lads and Uptown "A Celebration of Motown & Soul," a plant sale, swimming, pickleball, tennis, shuffleboard, mini golf, a cookout and more.

May 23
LAKESIDE
UPTOWN "A CELEBRATION OF MOTOWN & SOUL"
Hoover Auditorium
115 W. Third Street
Lakeside, OH 43440
At 7:30 p.m., experience the smooth stylings of classic R&B blended with the fresh hits of today.

May 28-June 1
LAKESIDE
THE VIETNAM TRAVELING MEMORIAL WALL
Hotel Lakeside Lawn
150 Maple Avenue
Lakeside, OH 43440
For America's 250th Anniversary, Lakeside will be the only community in Ohio to host this sacred memorial. Veterans receive free admission to view the wall upon presenting a valid Veteran ID (valid for 2 hours). Parking is an additional fee.

May 30
LAKESIDE
BOB DYLAN BIRTHDAY BASH
Hoover Auditorium
115 W. Third Street
Lakeside, OH 43440
Celebrate the legendary songwriter's 85th birthday with renditions performed by Northeast Ohio's top musicians at 7:30 p.m.

June 5
FINDLAY
BOOGIE ON THE BLOCK
Marathon Center for the Performing Arts
200 W Main Cross Street
Findlay, OH 45840
5-10 p.m. Music from Corduroy Road and Wastin' Neon. 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 6
LAKESIDE
LIVE FROM LAUREL CANYON "SONGS & STORIES OF AMERICAN FOLK ROCK"
Hoover Auditorium
115 W. Third Street
Lakeside, OH 43440
Tribute to the iconic music of The Mamas & The Papas, The Doors, James Taylor, America, Carole King & more at 7:30 p.m.

June 10
FINDLAY
RIVERSIDE CIVIC CONCERT SERIES
Allen P. Dudley Memorial Bandshell
231 McManness Avenue
Findlay, OH 45840
7 p.m. Free admission. Enjoy the sounds of summer at Riverside Civic Center Concert Series, featuring performances by talented community bands and choirs every Wednesday night through July 15!

June 12
LAKESIDE
EMMET COHEN TRIO
Hoover Auditorium
115 W. Third Street
Lakeside, OH 43440
Acclaimed American jazz pianist and composer performs with his namesake trio at 7:30 p.m.

June 13-14
FINDLAY
NORTHWEST OHIO RAILROAD FAMILY FUN WEEKEND
12505 CR 99
Findlay, OH 45840
1-4 p.m., an entire afternoon of family fun! Train rides, miniature golf,

June 13
LAKESIDE
FOREVER SIMON & GARFUNKEL: A TRIBUTE
Hoover Auditorium
115 W. Third Street
Lakeside, OH 43440
Relive timeless classics of rock & roll's bestselling duo, including "The Sound of Silence," "Bridge Over Troubled Water," "Mrs. Robinson" & "I Am a Rock" at 7:30 p.m. |

June 16
FINDLAY
2026/2027 SEASON REVEAL PARTY
Marathon Center for the Performing Arts
200 W Main Cross Street
Findlay, OH 45840
5:30 p.m. MCPA unveils the spectacular 2026/2027 season lineup, featuring an exciting mix of unforgettable performances!

June 19
LAKESIDE
APOLLO'S FIRE
Hoover Auditorium
115 W. Third Street
Lakeside, OH 43440
Grammy-winning musicians on fiddle, cello, Celtic harp, lute and vocals return to Lakeside to bring to life the legends of Scotland and Ireland at 7:30 p.m.

June 20
LAKESIDE
20TH ANNUAL 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.

June 20
LAKESIDE
THE LABRA BROTHERS
Hoover Auditorium
115 W. Third Street
Lakeside, OH 43440
At 7:30 p.m., experience Latin funk and soul sound featuring high-energy percussion, saxophone and smooth bilingual harmonies

June 23-July 9
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June 26
LAKESIDE
OPUS 216
Hoover Auditorium
115 W. Third Street
Lakeside, OH 43440
Talented string ensemble performs any genre, including Top 40, jazz, classical and original music at 7:30 p.m.

June 26 & July 31
VERMILION
MOVIES IN THE PARK
Showse Park at dusk
Enjoy family-friendly films under the stars in Vermilion's beautiful park.

June 27
LAKESIDE
THE STRAY CATS' LEE ROCKER
Hoover Auditorium
115 W. Third Street
Lakeside, OH 43440
Legendary bassist of this Grammy-nominated band performs rockabilly classics "Rock This Town" and "Stray Cat Strut" at 7:30 p.m.

July & August
VERMILION
MARKETS IN THE PARK
Victory Park
A vibrant weekly gathering of local vendors, fresh finds and community charm in the heart of downtown, Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in July and August.

July 2
LAKESIDE
THE RALEIGH RINGERS
Hoover Auditorium
115 W. Third Street
Lakeside, OH 43440
Emmy-nominated handbell choir returns to Lakeside to dazzle audiences with innovative arrangements at 7:30 p.m.

July 3
LAKESIDE
THE ULTIMATE TRIBUTE TO ELVIS FEATURING MIKE ALBERT & THE BIG "E" BAND
Hoover Auditorium
115 W. Third Street
Lakeside, OH 43440
Experience an unforgettable night of rock & roll music with a powerful tribute to Elvis Presley at 7:30 p.m.

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

July 7
FINDLAY
LUNCHTIME LIVE
Waterfall Pavillion
231 McManness Avenue
Findlay, OH 45840
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., enjoy a free midday concert series featuring talented local musicians. Bring your lunch or grab something from a local food truck, relax and take in live music in the park! Join us every Tuesday through August 25.

July 9
LAKESIDE
KEYNOTE: SCOTT TONG
Hoover Auditorium
115 W. Third Street
Lakeside, OH 43440
Veteran American journalist and radio host currently co-hosting the national news program "Here & Now" shares personal stories at 7:30 p.m.

July 11
LAKESIDE
MICKY DOLENZ "60 YEARS OF THE MONKEES"
Hoover Auditorium
115 W. Third Street
Lakeside, OH 43440
Grammy-nominated icon performs hits "I'm a Believer, "Daydream Believer" & "Last Train to Clarksville" at 7:30 p.m.

July 16
LAKESIDE
KEYNOTE: KWAME ALEXANDER
Hoover Auditorium
115 W. Third Street
Lakeside, OH 43440
New York Times bestselling author explores the power of words, creativity and storytelling at 7:30 p.m.

July 17
LAKESIDE
CLEVELAND BALLET
Hoover Auditorium
115 W. Third Street
Lakeside, OH 43440
Nationally recognized ballet company committed to innovation, diversity and creativity performs at 7:30 p.m.

July 18
LAKESIDE
BLIND BOYS OF ALABAMA "SONGS IN THE KEY OF LIFE"
Hoover Auditorium
115 W. Third Street
Lakeside, OH 43440
At 7:30 p.m., Grammy Award-winning group brings their soaring gospel sound to the stage in "Songs in the Key of Life," a powerful celebration of Stevie Wonder's iconic 1976 album.

July 19
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 12-4 p.m.

July 23
LAKESIDE
88BIT: 8-BIT VIDEO GAME MUSIC ON 88 KEYS
Hoover Auditorium
115 W. Third Street
Lakeside, OH 43440
Cleveland pianist Rob Kovacs performs note-for-note arrangements of classic video game soundtracks at 7:30 p.m.

July 23-25
LAKESIDE
LAKESIDE CRAFT & ART SHOW
Hotel Lakeside Lawn
150 Maple Avenue
Lakeside, OH 43440
Dozens of exhibitors will line Lakeside's waterfront, showcasing a mix of photography, paintings, woodcarvings, handmade jewelry, garden art and home décor. Rain or shine, shop from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. during this three-day show.

July 24
LAKESIDE
THE BARRICADE BOYS
Hoover Auditorium
115 W. Third Street
Lakeside, OH 43440
London West End quartet of former Les Misérables stars delivers high-energy harmonies and a mix of musical theatre, pop, rock and swing at 7:30 p.m.

July 25
LAKESIDE
LAKESIDE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Concert Pops
Concert "Total Eclipse of the Chart: '80s Favorites"
Hoover Auditorium
115 W. Third Street
Lakeside, OH 43440
The Lakeside Symphony Orchestra, led by Music Director and Conductor Daniel Meyer, performs chart-toppers of the 1980s at 7:30 p.m.

August 1
LAKESIDE
HERMAN'S HERMITS STARRING PETER NOONE
Hoover Auditorium
115 W. Third Street, Lakeside, OH 43440
Legendary 1960s British Invasion band led by original frontman performs timeless hits "I'm Into Something Good," "Mrs. Brown, You've Got a Lovely Daughter" and "Can't Help Falling in Love" at 7:30 p.m.

August 1
VERMILION
CHALK IT UP!
Victory Park
Adding color to the community, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

August 7
VERMILION
VERMILION BEACH MARKET
Sherod Park
An Anne Naugle Event, 3-8 p.m.
vermilionbeachmarket.org

August 8-9
LAKESIDE
LAKESIDE BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL
Hoover Auditorium
115 W. Third Street
Lakeside, OH 43440
Two-day festival of bluegrass music featuring The Del McCoury Band with The Travelin' McCourys and The Special Consensus.

August 8
VERMILION
VERMILION BEACH MARKET
Sherod Park
An Anne Naugle Event, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
vermilionbeachmarket.org

August 14
LAKESIDE
A NIGHT IN ITALY
Hoover Auditorium
115 W. Third Street
Lakeside, OH 43440
At 7:30 p.m., four vocal soloists and an orchestra perform iconic Italian opera, folk and classic hits, accompanied by stunning visuals that bring Italy to life.

August 20
LAKESIDE
KEYNOTE: DR. RAE WYNN-GRANT
Hoover Auditorium
115 W. Third Street
Lakeside, OH 43440
"Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom Protecting the Wild" co-host shares insights about STEM, equity and the power of nature at 7:30 p.m.

August 21
LAKESIDE
RODNEY CROWELL
Hoover Auditorium
115 W. Third Street
Lakeside, OH 43440
Grammy-winning songwriting legend behind some of Americana's most iconic hits performs at 7:30 p.m.

August 22
LAKESIDE
LAKESIDE ANTIQUE SHOW
Wesley Lodge, South Auditorium, Wo-Ho-Mis Lodge & Outdoors
510 Central Ave.
Lakeside, OH 43440
More than 85 dealers will display antiques indoors and outdoors from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

August 22
LAKESIDE
JUDITH HILL
Hoover Auditorium
115 W. Third Street
Lakeside, OH 43440
Grammy-winning vocalist from the "20 Feet from Stardom" film sings at 7:30 p.m.

August 28
LAKESIDE
RUMOURS
Hoover Auditorium
115 W. Third Street
Lakeside, OH 43440
Local tribute band delivers a faithful re-creation of Fleetwood Mac's iconic hits, including "Dreams," "Go Your Own Way" & "The Chain" at 7:30 p.m.

August 28 & September 25
VERMILION
MOVIES IN THE PARK
East Exchange Park at dusk
Enjoy family-friendly films under the stars in Vermilion's beautiful park

September 4-7
LAKESIDE
LABOR DAY WEEKEND IN LAKESIDE, Ohio
800 Maple Avenue
Lakeside, OH 43440
Fun for the whole family, enjoy concerts with Harvest – Tribute to Neil Young and The Sounds of Soul, swimming, pickleball, tennis, shuffleboard, mini golf, a cookout and more.

September 4
LAKESIDE
HARVEST – TRIBUTE TO NEIL YOUNG
Hoover Auditorium
115 W. Third Street
Lakeside, OH 43440
Celebration of the legendary singer with hits like "Heart of Gold," "Old Man" & "Rockin' in the Free World" at 7:30 p.m.

September 5
LAKESIDE
THE SOUNDS OF SOUL
Hoover Auditorium
115 W. Third Street
Lakeside, OH 43440
Motown and classic soul hits brought to life with smooth harmonies, infectious grooves and show-stopping energy at 7:30 p.m.

September 26-November 1
MANSFIELD
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October 10
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.

November 7
VERMILION
LANTERN PARADE
Begin at Main Street Beach
A special walk through downtown, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

November 28
VERMILION
SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY
Downtown
Start at 685 Main Street at 10 a.m.

December 4
VERMILION
LIGHT UP VERMILION
Downtown
Celebrate the holidays with friends, family and neighbors, 5-8 p.m. Holiday Drone Light Show begins at 8 p.m.
View from Main St.

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