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# A Message from The Editor



Fall is here and it's another of my favorite times of the year. Campfires crackle in anticipation of the tasty s'mores soon to be enjoyed while leaves of radiant fall colors crunch beneath your feet as you hike through the woods.

This year marks the 100th Anniversary of the Allegheny National Forest (ANF) in northwestern Pennsylvania. The best and easiest way to witness nature in all her glory is to visit Kinzua Bridge State Park where you can walk out far into the forest and view the trees from above through the glass floor at the end of the skywalk. Take some photos for lasting memories of the colors.

Part of the celebration will include a hiking challenge of 100 miles. Participants are encouraged to keep a log of their miles and to complete 100 miles by September 24, 2023, at which time they will be awarded with a commemorative item. Enthusiastic hikers will complete the task long before that.

A Centennial Party on September 24, 2023, will conclude the celebration. Twin Lakes Recreation Area will host the party with live music, as well as winery, brewery and food vendors. Admission to the event is free of charge.

Fall weather has warm days and cooler evenings, making it a perfect time to get outside and experience something new. Save a s'more for me!

*Douglas M. Kish, M.A.*

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# A GIFT TO *our Nation*

By Linda Devlin

In 1923, President Calvin Coolidge presented a gift to the people of the United States. He established the Allegheny National Forest in northwestern Pennsylvania with the mission of protecting the watershed of the Allegheny River while providing public lands for all to enjoy. One hundred years ago these lands needed care and protection. The land had been ravaged by wildfires and clearcutting.

Now in 2023, after 100 years of being a National Forest, the Allegheny National Forest is a 514,029-acre healthy hardwood forest, home to abundant wildlife, songbirds, wildflowers, American Bald Eagles, and osprey. In the northern section of the Forest, the Allegheny Reservoir offers boating, canoeing, and kayaking. Outdoor recreation sites include 14 campgrounds, cabins, and an extensive, four-season trail system for hiking, biking, mountain biking, ATV and snowmobiling in season.

To recognize and celebrate this 100-year milestone, multiple events are scheduled including the Centennial 100-mile Hiking Challenge, the ANF Centennial Geocache Trail, and the "100-year birthday" party for the ANF on September 24, at historic Twin Lakes.

## Fall in the Forest and Nearby Kinzua Bridge State Park

During the fall, the tree-covered hillsides will change from green to a beautiful patchwork of color, sparkling yellow, brilliant orange and ruby red. Two premier sites for "leaf peeping" are the Kinzua Bridge State Park and the Allegheny National Forest.

Located within the Kinzua Bridge State Park is the Kinzua Sky Walk, "one of the top 10 most scenic skywalks in the world," according to The Culture Trip, U.K. The skywalk extends 624 feet into the Kinzua Gorge, at a height of 225 feet, and it features a partial glass floor at the end of the skywalk. The Kinzua Bridge Visitors Center has a series of interpretive displays explaining the history of the skywalk which is the reinvention of six of the historic towers of the Kinzua Viaduct left standing after the tornado of 2003.

There are three trails at the park, picnic tables, a food truck, and a train themed children's playground. The park is open from 8 am to 6 pm daily until the winter season. Admission and parking are free. Fall color usually peaks in the first two weeks of October. The park is located at 296 Viaduct Road, Mt. Jewett, PA.

Bigger is better, and during the fall, the sheer size of the Allegheny National Forest makes it a premier destination for fall leaf peeping. Add the diversity of the species of trees, and you have an unbelievable world of fall color.

In the ANF, the Longhouse National Scenic Byway, a 27-mile loop, offers three developed overlooks: Rimrock, Kinzua Point, and Jakes Rocks. Rimrock also features a picnic area and a trail through massive rock formations to the edge of the Allegheny

Reservoir. Jakes Rocks offers a world class mountain biking trail near the developed overlook.

## Centennial Hiking Challenge - Hike 100 Miles to Commemorate 100 Years

Hike 100 miles of the best and most beautiful trails in the Allegheny National Forest in honor of the ANF Centennial. Begin your challenge by downloading your trail log from [www.fs.usda.gov/detail/allegheny/learning/history-culture](http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/allegheny/learning/history-culture). It is recommended to choose from the trails listed on the website, but you can choose others within the Allegheny National Forest making sure they add up to 100 miles.

As you are hiking, remember to mark the date, trail name, and miles hiked on your log. When you complete 100 miles, bring your hiking log to the Allegheny National Forest Visitors Bureau, 80 E. Corydon Street, Bradford, PA, or one of the ranger stations in Bradford, Marienville, or Warren, Pennsylvania, to receive commemorative items, while supplies last. The hiking challenge ends Sept. 24, 2023. The ranger station addresses can be located online at: [www.fs.usda.gov/.../allegheny/about-forest/offices](http://www.fs.usda.gov/.../allegheny/about-forest/offices).

## ANF Centennial Geocache Trail

The ANF Centennial Geocache Trail has been established to provide an opportunity to connect the American public to the outdoors, encourage families to explore the national forest, and to provide educational and recreational opportunities for the users of the trail. All caches are published on [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com). Participants will need to register on [geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) to retrieve the coordinates and other location information. Then pick up a passport from the ranger stations or download at [www.pennsoil.org](http://www.pennsoil.org). Follow the instructions to be eligible for an ANF Centennial Souvenir Token trackable on [geocaching.com](http://geocaching.com).

## Celebrating 100 Years - It's a Party!

On September 24, from 11 am to 7 pm, a Centennial Party for the Allegheny National Forest will be held at Twin Lakes Recreation Area. Twin Lakes is a historic site, built by the CCC boys of the Civil Conservation Core. A 1-mile hiking trail circles the lake and during the celebration there will be acoustical artisans playing at various locations along this trail. In addition, forest service employees will have interpretive stations where folks can see first-hand examples of the conservation and wildlife work now underway in the forest. The lake will be open for swimming and fishing.

Live music will be playing all day. A winery, brewery, and other food vendors will be onsite. Children's face painting and corn hole games will add to the fun. Retail vendors will be selling commemorative items. A cake, giveaways, and a living history presentation about Gifford Pinchot, the father of forestry, will round out the day's events. Admission is free. Twin Lakes is located along Twin Lakes Road, Wilcox, PA. Camping reservations can be made by calling the non-profit group, Friends of Twin Lakes at 814-389-3019.

## Plan Your Trip

Throughout the decades families have enjoyed creating memories while camping, hiking, or driving our scenic byways. To help plan your fall trip to enjoy the Centennial events and the beauty of fall in the forest, order a free copy of the Allegheny National Forest Adventure Guide & Map by calling 800-473-9370 or [www.VisitANF.com](http://www.VisitANF.com).



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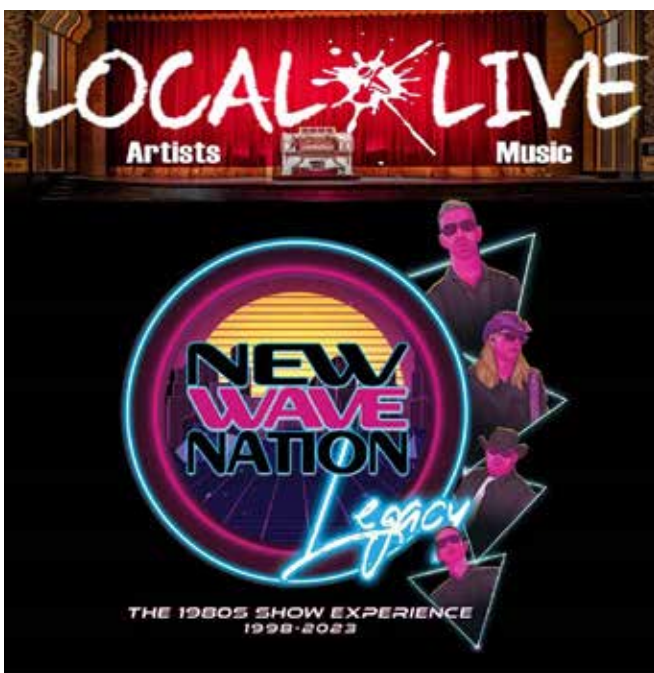
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# DISCOVER HOCKING HILLS' ONE-OF-A-KIND WORKS OF ART

By Trish Mann

Hocking Hills has long been known for its rugged, natural beauty. But did you know it is also a mecca for artists longing to share their unique interpretation of the charm and scenery that attracts visitors from all over? A Visit to Downtown Logan, Ohio, offers the perfect place to discover the region's resurgence in arts and crafts.

One of the local spots leading the way is Homegrown on Main. Partnering with local artists, authors, and the Hocking Hills Artists and Craftsman Association (HHACA),

Homegrown on Main offers one-of-a-kind art, live demonstrations, and workshops. Their store has a vast array of pottery, soaps, blown glass, photography, paintings, jewelry, and more. The artists' dedication to their craft and surroundings plays out in the countless displays of breathtaking works of art.

The influx of visitors looking for unique pieces has led to increased business growth throughout the charming town of Logan. Artists in the Hocking Hills region are finding new homes to display their work in numerous shops around the city. From exceptional art pieces to hand-crafted items, Logan offers a shopper's paradise.

The Hocking House Fine Craft Gallery and Art Gardens is a must-stop for all garden lovers and is located just five minutes outside the city. An 1850s log cabin sets the stage for a showcase of garden art, plant arrangements, art walkways, and custom patios, all designed and handmade by the artist. The cabin inside also displays an assortment of other acclaimed artists' crafts.

Fall in Hocking Hills is a nature lover's paradise and the perfect time to stop by the HHACA Fall Show. The 2023 Hocking Hills Artists and Craftsman Show occurs September 23-24. This free event is popular with locals and tourists alike.

The HHACA is an association of craftsmen and artists who reside in the Hocking Hills region and share a united passion for their work and exceptional items.



Past wares have included distinct items such as nature illustrations, fiber arts, stained glass, woodworking, fused glass, acrylic paintings, rug art, river tables, pine needle baskets, and much more. Each item is hand-crafted out of love for the art form with attention to detail.

Throughout the region, artists have been honing their craft over the years, surrounded by the magnificent Hocking Hills. Now, their work is becoming known for others to behold. Beauty is not just in the hills but in shops along the streets of Logan. You may have come for the scenery, but this captivating area has much more to discover.

Your visit would only be complete by seeing these stunning works of art in person. And what better way to remind you of your time spent in Hocking Hills than to take a piece of Appalachian art home with you? For more information on Hocking Hills and everything the area offers, please visit [www.explorehockinghills.com](http://www.explorehockinghills.com).





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By Tyson Compton

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Beech Fork State Park is the perfect place for relaxation or adventure. Enjoy the outdoors while making lasting memories. This 3,144-acre park offers hundreds of campsites, miles of hiking trails and plenty of exciting lake activities for the whole family to enjoy until the sun goes down. The sprawling 720-acre lake has 31 miles of shoreline where you can cast a line and catch some of West Virginia's most popular sport fish.

Located 27 miles south of Huntington, Rustic Ravines offers deluxe cabin rentals and special event planning, as well as guided ATV rides. You'll also find hiking, kayaking and canoeing, a 3D bow range, fishing, and a pet and horse-friendly resort. Bring the entire family and all your toys and get away from it all!

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Adventure opportunities also abound in the downtown Huntington area. Decipher your way to safety at The Lost Escape Room. Grab a locally brewed beverage at The Peddler. Go retro-gaming at Old North Arcade.

After you play, take advantage of all that the Huntington area has to offer in local dining. For a sampling of restaurants and even more activities, check out the website of the Huntington Area Convention and Visitors Bureau at [www.VisitHuntingtonWV.org](http://www.VisitHuntingtonWV.org). Then redefine your adventure!

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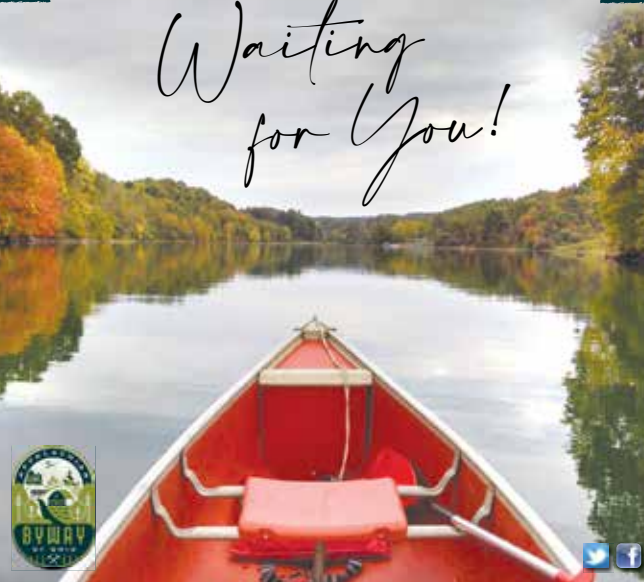
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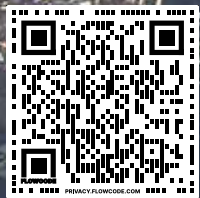
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# A MEMORIAL THAT TRAVELS:

## The Story of The Wall That Heals

By **Candy S. Collins, BS**

The Vietnam War was a divisive time in our Country. Over 58,000 servicemen and servicewomen lost their lives. On Veterans Day 1996, the Veterans Memorial Fund unveiled a traveling replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. Its purpose is to help heal.

"March 29, 2023 marked the 50th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War," stated Caldwell Mayor Misty Wells. "Noble County has six names on the Memorial Wall that made the ultimate sacrifice. We are honored to be hosting the traveling Wall that Heals this very special year. We are planning an event to remember the soldiers that served and the families of those who never made it home."

The Wall That Heals, a three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and a mobile Education Center, will be viewable in Caldwell, Ohio, October 19-22. The exhibit is free and open 24 hours a day. It pays tribute to over 3 million Americans who served in the U.S. Armed Forces in the Vietnam War. The wall itself includes the names of 58,281 men and women who died while serving in the war.

Like the original memorial, The Wall That Heals is erected in a chevron shape, and visitors are invited to do rubbings of individual service members' names. The names are listed in order of date of casualty and alphabetically on each day. Beginning at the center/apex, the names start on the East Wall, working their way out to the end of that wing, picking up again at the far end of the West Wall and working their way back into the center/apex. The first and last casualties are side by side at the apex of the Memorial.

The Wall That Heals allows the lives enshrined on the Memorial to exist one more time among family and friends. It provides veterans unable to travel and face The Wall a chance to find the courage to visit and begin the healing from the comfort of their community.

Mobile Education: The mobile education center features a timeline of "The War and The Wall." It provides

additional information about the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. It allows visitors to have a better understanding of the legacy.

Displays include Hometown Heroes - photos of members on The Wall who list their home of record from the local area. The photos are part of The Wall of Faces, an effort to put a face to every name inscribed on The Wall.

*In Memory Honor Roll* - photos of local Vietnam veterans honored through VVMF's *In Memory* program, which honors veterans who returned home and later died.

A replica of the *In Memory* plaque that resides on the grounds of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial site in Washington, D.C., reads: "*In Memory of*



LEFT: Visitors at The Wall That Heals  
LEFT INSET: Name rubbing  
BELOW: Tour of the mobile education center to students



OPPOSITE PAGE, TOP: Candlelight vigil at The Wall That Heals

OPPOSITE PAGE, BOTTOM: Mobile education center

ABOVE: The Wall That Heals Truck

RIGHT: In Memory Plaque

FAR RIGHT: A veteran touches The Wall That Heals

*the men and women who served in the Vietnam War and later died as a result of their service. We honor and remember their sacrifice."*

Items left behind - displays items representing those left at The Wall in remembrance of those on The Wall.

Since The Wall That Heals debuted, the exhibit has been on display in more than 700 U.S. communities. In 1999 it toured the Four Provinces of Ireland, and a visit to Canada in 2005. The Wall that Heals is a program of VVMF, the nonprofit organization that built the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., in 1982. It is the



only traveling exhibit affiliated with The Wall in Washington, D.C., and includes the largest Wall replica that travels the country. To see if The Wall That Heals is coming to a town near you, visit [vvmf.org/The-Wall-That-Heals](http://vvmf.org/The-Wall-That-Heals).

About VVMF: the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) is the nonprofit organization that built the Vietnam Veterans Memorial (The Wall) in Washington, D.C., in 1982. VVMF continues to lead the way in paying tribute



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# FALL ACTIVITIES IN THE New River Gorge National Park and Preserve

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Colorful adventure is waiting for you this autumn in America's newest national park, the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve. From exciting outdoor activities and annual events to beautiful sights and cozy cabin getaways, here are our favorite ways to spend this vibrant season in the Gorge.

**Thelonius Step**  
Photo courtesy of Adventures on the Gorge

## Raft the Gauley River

Fall is often characterized by cooler temperatures and bright foliage, but here in the New River Gorge, we identify this time of year with our world-famous whitewater! For six weekends in September and October, the Gauley River has scheduled, controlled water releases from the Summersville Dam. This period of time is known as Gauley Season, West Virginia's fifth official season. Thrill seekers count down to this chance to raft 26 miles of the wildest rapids. Known as the "Beast of the East," the Gauley is consistently ranked one of the top five in the world to raft and in the top three to raft in the United States. The river consists of two distinct sections, the Upper and Lower Gauley.

The Lower Gauley is similar to the Lower New, with Class III-V rapids, but the Upper Gauley is truly a wild ride, featuring iconic Class V rapids – the "Big 5" – Insignificant, Pillow Rock, Lost Paddle, Iron Ring and Sweet's Falls.

These sections are typically each run separately as a full day trip, although you can raft the entire 26-mile Upper and Lower Gauley together as a Marathon Trip. The first release date for the 2023 season is on September 8, with the season ending on October 22. Gauley trips fill up quickly, so book yours now with one of our local outfitters.

## Take in the Fall Foliage

With shades of red, orange and yellow leaves painting our already amazing landscape, autumn in the

Gorge is an unforgettable experience. Combine the vibrant foliage with endless opportunities for outdoor adventure, and you've got a fall getaway that's truly one-of-a-kind.

Explore miles of winding trails on a scenic hike or mountain bike excursion. Long Point Trail, one of our favorite routes, offers an incredible angle of the New River Gorge Bridge, and the Arrowhead Trail System's diverse terrain is perfect for riders of all ages. Saddle up for a horseback ride through the forests or take a drive along Midland Trail to discover rushing waterfalls, wonderful overlooks and other local gems.

There are also plenty of more adventurous activities that will provide unique views of the seasonal landscape. For a stunning aerial view, scale our sandstone cliffs on a guided rock climbing trip or walk under the New River Gorge Bridge, 850 feet above the New River on a Bridge Walk tour.

## Enjoy the Seasonal Events

Start your fall off with the Oak Leaf Festival from August 31 to September 3 in Oak Hill. This fun-filled weekend has entertainment for all ages, including live music, local vendors, a car show, a grand parade, fireworks and more. During the festival, shop a gigantic collection of books on the lawn of the Historic Lewis House.

Another event during Labor Day weekend is the West Virginia Craft Brewery Showcase. Head to ACE Adventure Resort on September 2 and go on a brew tour featuring

West Virginia's best craft breweries. Tickets include a commemorative glass, five tastings and live music on the deck all day long with The Company Stores, Matt Mullins & The Bringdowns, Long Point String Band and Whiskey & Wine.

End your September at the Montgomery Fall Festival on September 24. The festival includes live entertainment, a cruise-in, local vendors and children's activities. Throughout autumn, enjoy live music, weekly markets and drive-in movies. Check out our calendar for more information on upcoming events.

## Attend West Virginia's Largest Single-Day Festival

Appreciate the peak fall view from the New River Gorge Bridge and watch as professionals BASE jump and rappel from the structure at one of the largest extreme sports events in the world. That's right, save the date for Bridge Day on October 21, 2023. Bridge Day is the only day of the year that pedestrians are allowed on the renowned New River Gorge Bridge. The iconic structure is the longest single-arch bridge in the Western Hemisphere.

In addition to watching thrilling BASE jumping and rappelling, there are other events during the popular weekend, including the Bridge Day Chili Cook-Off, Taste of Bridge Day, Active Southern West Virginia's Bridge Day 5k Run and more. Visit Bridge Day's website at [OfficialBridgeDay.com](http://OfficialBridgeDay.com) for a full list of activities as well as festival rules, schedules and shuttles.

## Stay Cozy in the Gorge

Make your autumn getaway last a little longer with an overnight stay at one of our local accommodations. Whether you want to snuggle up in a wooded cabin, camp under the stars or stay close to all the adventures at a hotel or bed-and-breakfast, we've got an exceptional place for you.

No matter the direction you travel, there's always something to discover in the Gorge. Request a copy of our free travel guide to help plan your unforgettable trip to the New River Gorge this fall. Check the website [NewRiverGorgeCVB.com](http://NewRiverGorgeCVB.com).



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# How One Ohio Cemetery Continues to *Inspire the Living*

By Trish Mann



Lake View Cemetery in Cleveland, Ohio, has been drawing visitors and residents for over one hundred and fifty years. This 285-acre resting place is home to Presidents, dignitaries, and local members of the community. But it is more than a final resting place for the deceased. It is a resting place for the living.

In the mid-1850s, church graveyards were increasingly getting overcrowded, and many urban areas struggled with crowded unkept conditions for the deceased. Additionally, there needed to be more opportunity for the cemeteries to expand due to increased demand for land and subsequent rising costs. Many soon realized the need for space beyond the confines of the city.

The gently rolling hills and forested valleys drew developers to the land now known as Lake View Cemetery. Modeled after elaborate English gardens, Lake View was designed as a garden cemetery and is one of the largest in the United States.

Paying homage to nature, the roadways, monuments, statues, and landscaping were designed to create a tranquil yet vibrant cemetery while honoring those who have passed. Carefully crafted gardens of trees, shrubbery, and flowers highlight the already natural beauty of the land and additionally serve educational purposes.

Upon entering the majestic gates of the cemetery, you will be surprised by the life encountered here. Tour the grounds by trolley or with naturalists as you discover the wild side of things around here. On concert days, music lifts from the treetops. Other days are reflective, and you may encounter a guided meditation. Enjoy a twilight tour or take a walk in the winter garden.

It is also a place of peace and tranquility. Sculptures silently tell stories of heartbreak intermingled with joy. Reflections on Wade

Pond calm our souls while a jukebox fashioned out of a headstone for Alan Freed brings smiles as we fondly reflect on the impact the lives of those buried here have had on our lives.

The gardens live and breathe throughout each season with their beauty. Spring sun brings the daffodil hill to life, giving way to summer blossoms before bowing to the rich autumn hues of the majestic maples and oaks. The winter landscape glistens under the frost creating a monochromatic backdrop for exquisite art and architecture.

The Wade Memorial Chapel's stained-glass shimmers with opulence and depth at any time of the year. Designed by Fredrick Wilson and constructed by Tiffany, the window, known as the *Flight of the Souls*, remains a testament to the artistry and beauty of his work. A mosaic on the Chapel wall symbolizes the law of the Old Testament, and the east wall depicts the fulfillment of the laws of the prophets through the birth of Christianity.

The cemetery is a nonprofit and is the final resting place for dignitaries and average citizens. Founders never intended to be selective but rather inclusive. President Garfield and John D Rockefeller are memorialized here, along with Elliot Ness and Alan Freed. Lake View has no religious affiliation or ethnicity and welcomes all who come here.

Lake View's carefully designed architecture and grounds are not only for the deceased but as a respite for the living, serving as a poignant link between humanity and nature. For more information on visiting or supporting this prized historical gem, visit [www.lakeviewcemetery.com](http://www.lakeviewcemetery.com).



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# FUN AND FRIGHTS IN TERROR TOWN

By Sadie Stringer

Ah, Fall. That refreshing time of year when the air becomes crisper, temperatures begin to drop, the leaves transition into warm and cozy shades of red and orange, and – I feel like I’m forgetting something – oh, yes, Halloween. Apple picking and warm apple cider are perfectly fine autumnal activities and, don’t get me wrong, Thanksgiving does have its merits; but the real star of Fall is Halloween.

What is more quintessential to the Fall season than horror, hauntings, and terrific apparitions; cue “Thriller” by Michael Jackson. If you’re looking for a wickedly fun outing this autumn, then Terror Town outside of Williamsburg in Clermont County is the place to be.

Each year, Halloween lovers flock to Terror Town to immerse themselves within the ghostly town of Bravado, mirrored after an old west settlement. Though Bravado may initially have been a holy place, townspeople thought it had “always been built on death and decay” and were proven right as “The Cultists” arrived to drag the town toward a living hell (“The Story of Bravado”). Townspeople who refused conversion went missing only to be returned as tortured zombies that now wander the streets looking for new townspeople to convert.

And if that isn’t spooky enough for you, some say that a prophet arrived to open a portal to hell itself and warn of Bravado’s eventual descent. Brave visitors can learn more about the haunting of Bravado and other ghastly ghost stories on Terror Town’s website, [allhallowsevellc.com](http://allhallowsevellc.com), including the backstory on the proprietors of the haunted experience which ironically is rooted in benevolent charities.

While the fully immersive haunts may not be for everyone, there are varying levels of immersion within Terror Town; color coded wristbands will determine which level of hell you’ll venture through as you follow the trail through town. If you’re in need of a break from the horror, or if you’re a wimp when it comes to all things scary like me, there will be saloons and stores available to rest your weary souls. You can get a taste for the macabre in the shops and at “The Black Market” providing fiendishly delicious chocolate skulls and other distressing treats and occult souvenirs. The town will also feature a movie theatre showing cult classic horror films for those who would rather watch horrific tales unfold than be a part of them.

Tickets to this event are already on sale. To avoid the fright of missing out it is recommended you sell your soul for tickets sooner rather than later. The Terror Town experience will run every Friday and Saturday evening September 1 through November 4. Due to the level of immersion and the content of the live action role playing taking place, Terror Town is strongly recommended for those 18 and older with the minimum age being 16.

Say Halloween horror and gore aren’t your thing, or you have young kiddos, there are still plenty of other activities that are more family oriented in Clermont County. Owensville will be hosting the 44th annual Pumpkin Run Nationals. Not into cardio? No problem. The only things running here will be the vintage cars showcased at this largest vintage car expo in southern Ohio.

Each year thousands upon thousands of visitors descend on Owensville the first weekend in October to participate and view the variety of vintage and restored vehicles. The street vintage car club that created the Pumpkin Run Nationals, Fastiques Rod & Custom, an affiliate to the National Street Rod



Church raining blood



Red bracelet bearer receiving orbital lobotomy



Leading town folk with torch



Boom team - gatling gun

Association, was founded in 1973 and to keep with tradition, all vehicle entries to the car show cannot be younger than 1974.

There will be food vendors and a swap meet for guests to enjoy as they peruse the eclectic collection of vehicles on display. Interested in entering? Check out their website, still taking submissions, at [pumpkinrunnationals.com](http://pumpkinrunnationals.com). Each car in the showcase is entered to win a grand prize. This year’s winner will drive off the Clermont Fairgrounds in style as the grand prize will be none other than a 1934 Ford Coupe. How chic.

As always, all proceeds from the event will go to several local and national charities including the local Shriner’s Children’s Hospital. Prior years have seen upwards of 1.2 million dollars in donations. Talk about a great time with great cars for a great cause.

There is more family fun to be had in Loveland at Blooms & Berries Farm Market for their annual Fall on the Farm running September 17 through Halloween. Fall on the Farm will feature two different corn mazes spread out over 5 acres featuring classic Blooms & Berries items, hayrides galore, a pumpkin patch that will be sure to have perfect pumpkins for carving, and baked goods and sweet treats including their famous Carmel Apple Cider Float that is seriously drool worthy. Throughout its six-week run, there will be half off Toddler Tuesdays and half off Grandparent Thursdays.

Want to enjoy the farm fun without the little ones? Check out their Sips and Sunflowers sunset picnic; this event is for those 21 and older and will feature live music from The Dunby Four and access to hayrides and the corn mazes. During the weekends, guests 21 and older will also have access to the picturesque Beer Garden.

Regardless of your taste in Fall festivities, Clermont County has the event perfect for you and the family.



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## Carroll County BRINGS HISTORY TO LIFE WITH 3 Entertaining Festivals

By Trish Mann



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Carroll County comes alive in the fall with three exciting festivals. I have had the good fortune to visit these festivals many times over the years, and they each put their spin on autumn, history, and the area's beauty. Explore the breathtaking scenery and hospitality while enjoying fabulous food, history, crafts, and activities for all ages.

Atwood Fall Festival takes place on October 6,7,8 at Atwood Lake Park in Mineral City. Set among the rolling hills on the border of Tuscarawas and Carroll Counties, the festival is adjacent to the recently renovated Atwood Lake Park campgrounds. Upon arrival, the inviting smell of open campfires mingled with funnel cakes and hot cider aromas greets you. Fall foliage envelops the lake creating a mosaic of oranges, reds, and yellows.

But save some money for crafts. There are fun and funky fall and Christmas decorations for every decor. Pumpkin cutouts for the front porch, detailed haunted houses, and old-fashioned ceramic Christmas trees will delight young and old. Past festivals have included Native American crafts and interactive dance, a petting zoo, and radio-controlled airplane demonstrations.

The Algonquin Mill Festival is the following weekend, October 13,14,15, four miles south of Carrollton. Step back in time and explore history throughout the festival with antique car shows, steam-powered engines, horse-drawn wagon rides, and much more among the historic buildings of the pioneer village. Exclusive crafters bring the past to life with demonstrations such as candle dipping, chair caning, broom making, and blacksmith. Other specialty craft vendors are also on hand for all your shopping interests.

The cool fall air entices the appetite for homemade sauerkraut and pork, always a crowd favorite. Other tempting offerings include such delights as bean soup, apple butter, and barbeque chicken. And we can't forget the freshly churned ice cream, good no matter the temperature!

The Great Trail Festival takes place on two weekends, August 26-27 and Sept 2,3,4. This celebration of history, folk art, and country crafting occurs in rural Malvern, where you can still see buffalo roaming. The name comes from an old trail named the Great Trail, which connected Ohio with Lake Erie and the

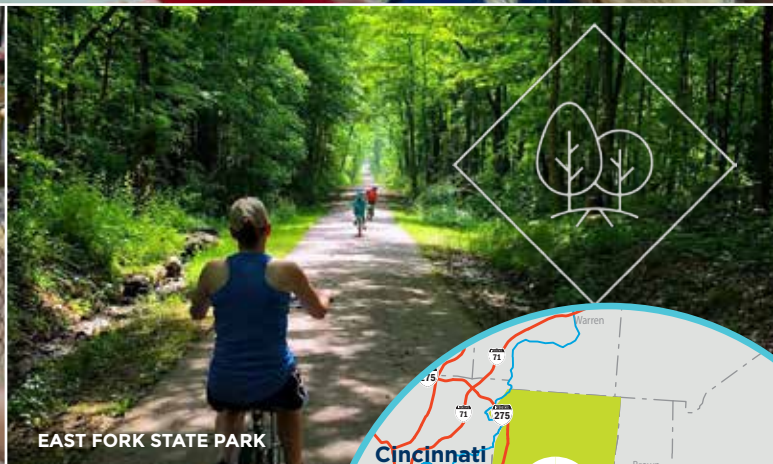
inland plains. Enjoy a full itinerary of live music, clog dancing, fiddlers, and Scottish pipers. But leave time for the Tomahawk Throwing Championship and battle reenactments. The festival is a testament to the past, with living history breathing life into today.

As the fall winds blow through the trees, you will follow the delicious scent of kettle-cooked food. Popcorn, homemade delights, and many contemporary offerings are enough to drive your senses wild. My fondest memory is a cinnamon-teased apple dumping. The taste still warms me to this day.

As autumn takes hold across Ohio, we long to connect, explore and revel in our collective history. Life slows down on the two-lane roads, and the welcoming people have discovered a way to share their land's beauty, tranquility, and history with others through these delightful festivals. Carroll County is always at the top of my list of places to see and explore. Years may pass, but the nostalgia remains. My children are grown, but the festivals remain a favorite family tradition. Take time from your busy schedules to discover the beauty of Carroll County.



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# FROM FUNCTIONAL TO DECORATIVE:

## Exploring the Diversity of Glass Art

By **Candy S. Collins, BS**

Explore the world of glass at Studio Arts & Glass fall event on September 8 and 9 from 10 am to 5 pm. One can expect to find both functional and decorative pieces to complement a home or office setting. "The event is meant to create excitement for the fall season," said Wendy Joliet, owner of Studio Arts & Glass.

It will showcase fall items from adorable mini glass pumpkins to stunning sunflower glass bowls. The sunflower glass bowls, food safe, make the perfect addition to your party filled with your favorite chips and dip. The object's brilliance will undoubtedly impress many as the radiance illuminates and intensifies its hues.

Everything in the studio is handmade by talented artists giving it that special touch. Discover other beautiful pieces of glass, such as the hand-blown Tree of Life glass bulbs. Each has its distinctiveness. Additional seasonal decorations include glass sunflower lamps, pumpkins, and goblins.

Mike Peterson of Wooster, Ohio, is a must-see, as he will demonstrate his pottery skills on-site. Enjoy a wide range of fall pottery from witches, pumpkins, and ghouls.

A class will be offered on the event day involving a charming fall arrangement. Call 330.494.9779 to reserve your spot.

Studio Arts & Glass has provided unique glass pieces for over 40 years. Their studio is in North Canton, Ohio, where you will find an awe-inspiring gallery of artwork with artists' works



from around the US and Canada. Discover hand-blown glass items, fused glass, lead glass, jewelry, pottery, and more.

The studio's specialty is stained glass windows, and they have been providing beautiful work throughout the United States for churches, businesses, restaurants, and finer homes. A couple of the expert restorations include commissions from the Ohio State House and Frank Lloyd Wright's home.

For more information on Studio Arts & Glass, visit [www.studioartsandglass.com](http://www.studioartsandglass.com). Be sure to follow them on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/Studioartsandglass](http://www.facebook.com/Studioartsandglass)) for up-to-date events and classes. Tour groups are welcome but are encouraged to call ahead to schedule a time.



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## YOUR GUIDE TO

# Zanesville-Muskingum County Autumn Events

By Candy S. Collins, BS

Leaves are falling, and autumn is calling in Zanesville-Muskingum County. You are covered this fall season, from pumpkin patches, and corn mazes to ghost tours.

"Fall is one of the absolute BEST times to explore Muskingum County; the fall foliage, the cooler weather, touring the Wilds, hiking the trails, cruising the Muskingum River aboard the Lorena Sternwheeler and the tasty treats of local favorites makes for an incredible getaway," said Kelly Ashby, Director of Visit Zanesville.

Board the Lorena Sternwheeler for a relaxing fall cruise as it travels up the Historic Muskingum River Water Trail. Enjoy the smells of autumn's crisp air and listen as the sternwheeler paddles its way down the river leaving ripples in the water. Linger around the scenic woodlands full of vibrant color throughout the foliage.

The Lorena Sternwheeler is 104 feet long, 17 feet wide, and can carry 45 passengers. It is available for public rides, birthday parties, anniversaries, twilight cruises, and charters. For more information on fall cruises, visit [www.visitzanesville.com/Lorena/](http://www.visitzanesville.com/Lorena/).

Head over to the family-owned McDonald's Greenhouse and Corn Maze for fall memories with the entire family. Find your way out of the five-acre corn maze, wander through the pumpkin patch, looking for the best one, and enjoy a relaxing hayride.

Kids will enjoy a pedal tractor track, a gaga ball pit, a giant shelled corn "sandbox," a petting zoo, a jumping pillow, and more. Take a walk-through of Bambi's home, the Enchanted Forest, and indulge in some apple cider. Garden mums and fall décor can be purchased on your way out. For more information and hours of operation, visit [www.mcdonaldsgreenhouse.com](http://www.mcdonaldsgreenhouse.com) or call 740-819-5814.

Another excellent place to visit is PV's Pumpkin Patch. Paul and Wendy Vensil live on the land where Paul's family has lived since 1874. When Paul was younger, his grandfather would call him PV (hence the name PV). In 2017, Wendy created the idea for a pumpkin patch as a fun place for children to love.

Seven years later, Wendy has three different varieties of pumpkins and many activities for children to enjoy. Start your visit with a wagon or barrel ride through a spooky



Gant House Scarecrow



Haunted House



Hiking

Halloween trail in the woods. Other activities include a child-friendly zipline, playset, jumping pad, duck races, corn box, basketball gravity, a pumpkin slingshot, a hay bale maze, a petting zoo, and more.

No fall activity is complete without a corn maze, and two adorable dragons guard the maze. Enjoy food concessions on the weekends, and be sure to stop and check out the gift shop full of fall finds. For hours of operation, visit [www.pvpumpkinpatch.com](http://www.pvpumpkinpatch.com).

Apples and apple cider are necessary during autumn, and Yearly Orchards in Adamsville provide both. For over 55 years, Doug and Betty Yearly have built a 100-acre orchard empire with one of the largest varieties of apples and peaches in Ohio. They are open from August through Christmas (or until the apples are gone). One may visit the orchard Monday-Saturday, 8 am to dusk, and Sunday, 2 pm to 6 pm.

Mark your calendar for the National Road and Zane Grey Fall Festival Saturday, October 7. Enjoy a time of crafts, pumpkins, games, music, hotdogs, snacks, drinks, and spinning demonstrations. It will be a fun-filled day of memories.

The National Road and Zane Grey Museum contains exhibits highlighting important pieces of the area's history. The National Road exhibit--America's first

federally funded highway, which opened the doors to the west, also known as America's first "Main Street." The Zane Grey exhibit--a locally born Western author who wrote over 80 novels that have been made into 110 movies. Lastly is the Art Pottery, Ceramics, and Tile--The area is sometimes known as the "Pottery Capital of the World" because of the rich clay deposits. An array of pottery pieces and decorative tiles are on display in the museum's center.

Nothing says fall like a bit of spookiness. Keep your eyes open as you explore Zanesville's supernatural activity and history. Guided tours scripted by Gary Felumlee's book, *Ghosts in the Valley the Return*, gives a range of traditional stories and individual experiences of the phenomena. Tours are offered with a reservation every Friday and Saturday throughout October. For more information and times, visit [www.visitzanesville.com](http://www.visitzanesville.com).

Once you finish touring the supernatural's of downtown Zanesville, try your fate at Nashport's Trail of Terror. Embark on a half-mile trail deep in the woods if you dare. But watch your step and keep your eyes peeled for some of the scariest scenes. Zanesville-Muskingum Counties is the place to be this autumn season, with many activities to attend. A complete list of activities can be found at [www.visitzanesville.com](http://www.visitzanesville.com), including Prospect Place, a Haunted House, Downtown Zanesville First Friday, Free Trail of Treats Collegial Woods, a scarecrow contest, and Mt Perry Train Rides.

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A visit to scenic Mill Creek MetroParks will transport you as you take in the beautiful kaleidoscope of color provided by Mother Nature. Hiking trails, waterfalls, rock formations and bouldering, Fellows Riverside Gardens and Lanterman's Mill are waiting to be explored.

Celebrate the fall harvest at local farm markets. White House Fruit Farm in Canfield is a destination sure to please. For over 90 years, the Hull family has grown and sold fresh produce and homemade specialty

foods in one of Ohio's largest and best farm markets. Starting September 9 and 10, Fall Harvest Weekends begin with tons of family fun with pumpkins, wagon rides, seasonal décor in their gift barn, and fall food vendors and so much more. Be sure to take home some of their freshly pressed apple cider. And don't forget the donuts! Their blueberry donuts are legendary!

Fall is also the time local vineyards are busy harvesting. The Vineyards at Pine Lake and Mastropietro Winery will have vines loaded with grapes that the winemakers will use to create future vintages. Enjoy their outdoor patios for beautiful views of fall color while sipping and sampling.

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Sitting just thirty miles outside of Columbus lies Circleville, Ohio. Home to the renowned Circleville Pumpkin Show, taking place every year on the third Wednesday in October and running through the following Saturday. The town has become the heartbeat for all things pumpkin, from storefronts and porches to main street and beyond.

In 1903, Mayor George R. Haswell held a small pumpkin and corn exhibit to celebrate the harvest season. Pumpkins took center stage, even back then, and the first exhibit was called "The Pumpkin Show." The festival was immediately a hit, and in 1905 the first ride was included, and the attractions continued to grow. In the following years, merchants and townspeople gathered to ensure that the festival improved and evolved into what it is today.

This pumpkin festival is one you don't want to miss. Festivities kick off with the annual weigh-in of pumpkins from around the state, with multiple ones coming in at over 1,000 pounds, and one of the largest in 2014 at 1,964 pounds. Wow! That is a lot of pumpkin. The size of everything in Circleville is over the top.

Lindsey's Bakery makes the "world's largest pumpkin pie" annually. The pie requires over one hundred pounds of pumpkin,

twenty-six gallons of milk, and fifteen dozen eggs. The pie pan was so big it had to be moved to a tent in the street.

But the fun doesn't stop there. Oh no, it is just the beginning. Come for the pumpkin and stay for the parades, all seven of them. Each parade has a unique theme, and Saturday is a night parade complete with bands and floats. Bring your appetite.

Each year the town becomes a mecca for pumpkin-related food, from the obligatory pumpkin pie and donuts to the more extreme, such as pumpkin buckeyes, pumpkin pierogies, and even pumpkin burgers. Vendors try new ways to make mouthwatering pumpkin-themed food. What have they come up with this year?

And that's still not all the fun and excitement. There are over fifty rides, cooking demonstrations, and live music, including jazz, country, and pop. And, of course, there is a pie eating contest, pumpkin toss, hog calling, pageants, pumpkin carving, and all the food and craft items throughout the fall festival.

Circleville, Ohio, has created a legacy for their town that continues to be a beacon for the community. The Greatest Free Show on Earth, as it is fondly referred to, is a non-profit that strives to promote goodwill among the community and visitors alike. You can't call yourself a true Ohioan if you haven't been to The Greatest Free Show on Earth—The Circleville Pumpkin Show. Visit [www.pumpkinshow.com](http://www.pumpkinshow.com) for all the latest information and the pumpkin show schedule.

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# 3 OHIO HAUNTED HOUSES REINVENT THE WOW FACTOR ON FRIGHT AND FUN

By Trish Mann

Ohio has set the bar for the best and scariest haunted houses for decades, and now they are taking it to new frights, I mean heights. Haunted Houses are the ultimate celebration of all things Halloween. From the terrifying to the creepy, they have succeeded in giving us all nightmares that leave us wanting to return year after year.

The Haunted Schoolhouse and Laboratory: Celebrating 50 years, the Schoolhouse and Laboratory in Akron have created terror on every level and are the nation's longest-running, original haunted house. The Schoolhouse takes its victims through three floors of blood-curdling action before leaving you at the mercy of the mad scientists in the laboratory. Be especially wary of the Telsa

Coil—shooting sparks at you that makes the hair on your arm stand up. Hmm, it sounds like something Frankenstein got a jolt out of.

If you think you have experienced it before, you are in for a surprise. Over the past couple of years, as of 2017, the new owner has been busy renovating existing scenes and creating new opportunities for spine-tingling, harrowing excitement for everyone.

Paying tribute to its history as a working lab, the Haunted Laboratory has been redesigned to elaborate and exaggerate its history with homage to the experiments that once took place inside these walls. The building has been returned to much of its original architecture, giving

it an authentic spine-chilling appeal. The Monster Midway is the perfect place to meet up with friends, take a breather, or enjoy the attraction with a little distance between you and your darkest fears. Midway offers games, photo ops, gift shops, food trucks, and Beer Before Fear. Come early for a drink or stop in during your time in the Schoolhouse.

Factory of Terror: Located in Canton, it is a three-time world record winner for the largest indoor haunted house in the world. Over a mile long, the factory will take you deep into the unknown and make you excited, amazed, and petrified all at the same time.

Five shows demonstrate exceptional talent, elaborate sets, and high-tech animatronics designed with your fear factor in mind. The owner pays particular attention to consistently upping the attractions with recent changes and technological advances. Layette 13 has undergone significant scene changes, and Massacre on Mahoning has added a coffin maze to the delight of the underworld.

A new mirror maze will have you seeing double and triple in this visually manipulating version of a mind game, questioning what is real as you clamor for your escape.

Guests can take a break throughout the attraction at one of the five bars on the Midway. Visit Carnevil before entering and then stop by Poison Ivy's for a break. The Forsaken Bar on Bourbon at the Factory will have you experiencing the

housed inside. The factory may have been resurrected from the dead, keeping you safe from the weather. But it is everything inside that will haunt your days to come.

Blood Prison: The Ohio State Reformatory in Mansfield is infamous for its paranormal activity all year, but imagine what Halloween does for this old



New Orleans French Quarter like never before. The last stop is One Eyed Jacks Pirate Bar, where they hopefully don't make you walk the plank. One Eyed Jacks is the perfect spot to celebrate making it out alive with dancing, food trucks, and a visit to the gift shop.

The Bullseye Axe Bar is a full-service bar in the All-American Axe throwing venue. Stop in and watch some axe throwing or try it yourself for an additional cost. Lanes are available throughout the year on Fridays and Saturdays with reservations.

Don't let the weather hold you back from your fate. The entire attraction is

gothic building. Visit the only haunted house located in an actual prison! Over the years, many men died in this prison, either from disease, murder, or suicide. Tread lightly as you embark so as not to wake the Warden's Widow. If she knows you are there, beware of her blood-curdling scream and take it as a warning. At 6' 7", the widow and her Elite Guards are what nightmares are made of.

Feel the chill? You are entering solitary. Experts worldwide have experienced the sudden and unexplained chill that lets you know you are not alone. Known as the Hole, after a riot in the 1950s, guards put 120 violent men, six each, into cells meant



for one man. Overcrowded conditions in isolation can make even the sanest of men maniacal. Not all who entered the hole came out alive—many claim to hear their voices within the walls.

While the prison offers the ideal backdrop for all things terrifying, The Blood Prison will have you questioning your sanity and fearing for your life. Amazing special effects, experienced actors, and a rich history of death, despair, and the paranormal lend authenticity to an already macabre experience. Keep your eyes and ears open. You never know what you will experience in Blood Prison. Many have made it out of the Ohio State Reformatory Prison, and others did not.

Gruesome discoveries, madness and mayhem, danger, and the unknown await you at these bone-chilling haunted houses. Don't let the season get by without some panic and fear to get your blood flowing. To plan your trip, visit the websites at the Haunted Schoolhouse & Laboratory, Factory of Terror, and Blood Prison for the latest hours and days of operation.

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## Fall into Fun:

### Exploring Streetsboro’s Autumn Activities

By Candy S. Collins, BS



Experience the captivating charm of fall in Streetsboro, Ohio. A destination that boasts breathtaking foliage, abundant apple harvest, and picturesque parks.

“Come Experience, Explore, and Enjoy, a Memorable Fall in Streetsboro,” said Lisa Wild Director of Streetsboro Visitors & Convention Bureau.

Embark on an exciting fall adventure by visiting Derthick’s Corn Maze. Every year, this must-see attraction features a brand-new and distinctive design. Test your skills at archery or human foosball while taking part in other fun activities including games, swings, air cannons, and jump pads. The maze will be available to visitors every weekend from September 15 through October 29. Everyone will undoubtedly have a thrilling experience filled with priceless memories. Visit <https://www.derthickcornmaze.com> for more details.

After successfully navigating the maze, venture over to Monroe’s Orchard, where the air is filled with a sweet aroma of freshly made apple cider. Engage in the timeless tradition of picking your own apples and witness the joy of children as they discover the most succulent and ideal apple.

Indulge in the quest for the perfect carving pumpkin or a unique decoration for your home amidst the captivating pumpkin patch. Immerse yourself

in a vibrant assortment of pumpkins, showcasing a wide array of sizes, shapes, and colors. Monroe’s Orchard hosts their annual Apple Harvest Festival every year, which is sure to get you in the mood for autumn. The festival takes place on September 30, October 7, and 14. For additional information, visit [www.monroesorchard.com](http://www.monroesorchard.com).

When the air is crisp and the surroundings are picture-perfect, fall is particularly special. It is the perfect time for a leisurely stroll through one of the three state parks. Delight in the natural splendor of West Branch State Park as you explore its scenic trails on foot, by bike, or even by boat. Marvel at the unique rock formations that grace Nelson Kennedy Ledges State Park. Or immerse yourself in the tranquil ambiance of Wingfoot Lake State Park, where a serene lake is nestled among lush trees and swaying grasses. Fall in Streetsboro offers a captivating invitation to embrace the beauty of nature at its finest.

Before the season disappears, be sure to visit one of the county or city parks in Streetsboro to immerse yourself in the breathtaking fall views. For more information about Streetsboro, its activities, parks, recreation, and amazing events, visit [www.StreetsboroVCB.com](http://www.StreetsboroVCB.com) and make the most of your fall experience.



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# Celebrate Autumn in Coshocton County, Ohio

By Mindy Brems

For more than a half century, celebrations of autumn have taken place in the rolling Appalachian Foothills of Coshocton County, Ohio, an easy drive from Columbus, Cleveland and Pittsburgh.

There are more than 1000 farms in Coshocton County, and the Fall Farm and Foliage Tour allows special access to a few of them. This annual event is free and family-friendly, taking participants on a self-driven tour to learn about agriculture while enjoying the fall colors. Maps are distributed at the Coshocton County Fairgrounds on Saturday, October 21 & Sunday, October 22.

Past tours have included visits to century, livestock, horse and dairy farms, fish hatcheries, cheese houses, timber and furniture makers, vineyards and historic sites. A lunch stand is also part of the day. This annual event is sponsored by the local OSU Extension Office, USDA

Farm Service Agency of Coshocton County and the Soil and Water Conservation District.

Make it a weekend and stay for the Apple Butter Stirrin' Festival. Host to a wide variety of artisans and food vendors, this event returns for its 52nd year with the sights, sounds and scents of autumn. Smell fresh apple butter

simmering over an open fire and stroll to the sound of bluegrass music from days gone by.



Visit historic buildings and interact with the village smithy, doctor, teacher and weaver. Events throughout the weekend include children's activities, eerie Spirit of Roscoe tours, Monticello III horse-drawn canal boat rides, canal-era crafts and children's activities. This event is held in Historic Roscoe Village, America's Canal Town.

Coshocton County has plenty of activities to enjoy, including the Three Rivers Wine Trail, Geocaching, disc golf, hunting and a 105-mile motorcycle route.

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# The Barn Artist

## Sandusky County Historic Barn Mural Trail

Imagine driving through the charming landscapes of Sandusky County, Ohio, and stumbling upon stunning works of art that grace the sides of historic barns. These larger-than-life murals tell captivating stories of the county's past, celebrating its rich heritage and the hardworking folks who shaped it.

The Sandusky County Visitors Bureau partnered with Scott Hagan, the artist behind these magnificent masterpieces, and he has transformed ordinary barns into living canvases. With his expert brushstrokes and unwavering passion, he has breathed new life into these rustic structures, creating a visual tapestry that showcases the heart and soul of Sandusky County. As you embark on this trail, prepare to travel across the Sandusky County Countryside covering around 40 miles and passing by 7 barns, with the entire trip taking a little over an hour to complete. Each mural is like a window into history, capturing moments that defined the county's identity. From scenes of early settlement and agricultural growth to tributes to local heroes, the barn murals will mesmerize you with their vivid colors and attention to detail.

Whether you're a history enthusiast, an art lover, or simply seeking a unique adventure, the Barn Trail promises to leave an indelible mark on your heart. The trail's breathtaking beauty, combined with its profound connection to the past, will make it a highlight of your visit to Sandusky County.

So, grab your camera, gather your loved ones, and set off on a journey that blends art, history, and barns into unique canvases. [www.sanduskycounty.org/barns](http://www.sanduskycounty.org/barns).

Article by David Thornbury  
Sandusky County Visitors Bureau



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# ENJOY A FALL ROAD TRIP TO CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY, — NEW YORK —

By Elaine Kish

Our friends at Chautauqua County Visitors Bureau have provided us with a calendar of fall events in their area. They invite everyone to travel to that area to experience the fall foliage and spend some enjoyable time at the various events. You might even want to stay the night. For a complete list of fall events, check the website [www.tourchautauqua.com](http://www.tourchautauqua.com) or call 716-357-4569.

## Findley Lake Harvest Festival September 1-3, 2023

Route 426 and Route 430,  
Findley Lake, NY 14736

This Labor Day celebration includes vendors, crafters, an art show, live music, food, a beer tent, wine tasting, and a kids' carnival. The Findley Lake Library Club holds a book sale in The Waterwheel.

## Busti Apple Festival September 23-24, 2023

Busti Historical Society,  
3443 Lawson Rd, Jamestown, NY 14701

This festival is a two-day event held rain or shine. All ages will enjoy old-time craft demonstrators, a working grist mill, and the 1840s miller's house restoration project, while taking in the over 100 hand-made craft vendors, food, fresh baked pies, apple cider, apples and horse drawn carriage rides. No pets, please. Parking adjacent to event.

## Panama Rocks Foliage Festival September 30-October 1, 2023

Panama Rocks Scenic Park,  
11 Rock Hill Rd, Panama, NY 14767

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## Harvest Moon Cemetery Tours October 20-21, 2023

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EXPERIENCE  
**Potter-Tioga's  
Fall Festivals and Events**

By **Candy S. Collins, BS**

Potter and Tioga Counties in Northern Pennsylvania are known for their stunning panoramic of fall foliage views. Several events are scheduled to get you in the Fall spirit, starting with the First Annual Crooked-Cross Gravel Ride. On Saturday, September 23, gather your family and friends and start your adventure on a 40-Mile Taunt or a 70-Mile Dare through parts of the infamous Pennsylvania Grand Canyon.

The 40-Mile Taunt is 40-43 miles with an easy 4000-foot elevation. The 70-Mile Dare is 67-70 miles with a 5700-foot elevation.

One aide station will be provided on each course halfway through. They will be stocked with water, electrolyte replacement, and simple snacks. Be sure to pack a light backpack with essentials. If you have never embarked on this type of adventure, you can contact them beforehand.

After the race, celebrate your accomplishment with a home-cooked meal, music, and brews through their friends at Log Yard Brewing in Kane, PA. All riders will receive one complimentary drink ticket. To keep the fun going, consider staying at one of their campsites. For more information, visit [www.crookedcampground.com](http://www.crookedcampground.com).

Enjoy a two-day event, September 29-30, at the Coudersport Courthouse Square's event, for the Falling Leaves Festival. Community members and visitors alike come together to celebrate fall. A parade will take place on Saturday morning featuring floats, bands, antique cars, ATVs, UTVs, and more. Throughout the weekend, vendors will be on-site for all your arts and crafts needs and delicious foods. For more information, visit <https://www.visitpottertioga.com/event/falling-leaves-outdoor-show/>.

The Pennsylvania Lumber Museum will host its annual Fall Antique and Collectible Show at the Pennsylvania Lumber Museum on October 7-8. Browse various items, from

furniture, glassware, coins, books, clothing, and collectibles. A selection of historic trade demonstrations,

including a run of the museum's re-created 19th-century steam-powered circular sawmill in operation. Access to all the museum exhibits is included in the admission fee (\$5 adult / \$3 youth / free for museum members). Food and drinks will be available for purchase. For more information, visit [www.lumbermuseum.org](http://www.lumbermuseum.org).

Be sure to mark your calendars for October 8 for the Green Monster Trail Challenge, designed for runners and hikers of all ages. This event showcases the beauty of the mountains of Tioga State Forest just north of the PA Grand Canyon. Pick from a 15k, 25k (with 4000-foot ascent), or 50k (with 8000-foot ascent) race.

This course will challenge the most conditioned athlete. You will encounter challenging single-track trails, steep climbs, and technical descents, which are unforgiving. One may come across a log or two to hurdle and stream crossings. A post-race lunch is included with music and entertainment. Also included are race day t-shirts, finisher medals, and maintained aid stations.

With fall also comes spooky times for added fun. Join the Spooky Lantern Tours (Pennsylvania Lumber Museum), where you walk with only the light of a lantern. Listen to ghost stories and trick-or-treat along the trail. Enjoy decorating a pumpkin and making a pinecone bird feeder to take home. Refreshments are provided in the museum's program room. Costumes are encouraged, and the event takes place on October 21 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

One thing is for sure the Potter-Tioga region is the place to be this fall. From breathtaking mountain views to ghost stories, there is something for everyone. Visit [www.visitpottertioga.com](http://www.visitpottertioga.com) for a list of their fall happenings and accommodations.





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# How to Enjoy Shores & Islands Ohio This Fall

By Jill Bauer

Fall in love with Shores & Islands Ohio all over again in the autumn, when the summer crowd goes home, but the attractions and events keep going. Milder weather allows visitors to continue to enjoy the beauty of the coastline and the seasonal changing colors. Warm, bright, sunny days and crisp, cool evenings mean fall is here and it is one of the most enjoyable times to experience the Shores & Islands region. With the summer season behind us, you might be wondering what there is to do here now? And the answer is... plenty! You'll fall for the area's many autumn opportunities. Here are just a few ideas to get you started.

## Cedar Point's HalloWeekends

Cedar Point knows how to celebrate the season. Enjoy not-so-scary fall activities for the whole family, your favorite rides and attractions, live entertainment, and more on select days and nights this September and October. If you want to face your fears, immerse yourself in chilling mazes, spine-tingling scare zones, thrilling shows, and more.

## Core Values

Does it get more autumn than apple-picking? Whether a family tradition or a new adventure, be sure hit up a local orchard for the best fruits of the season. Quarry Hill Orchards is a family-owned fruit farm since 1929, offering self-pick opportunities as well as wagon rides and special events. If you're not into doing the work yourself, visit the market barn where not only can you choose from a wide variety of apples and other fresh produce, you can also enjoy cider, baked goods, dry goods and other pantry items from around Ohio, and fabulous gifts items such as farm shirts and hats. This time of year, you can also pick up hearty mums, pumpkins, and gourds for your fall decorating needs. The adjacent Edison Woods Metropark is a great place to observe the changing colors of the leaves with a stroll through the wooded trails and the Adventure Walkway boardwalk.

## Get Scared Out of Your Gourd

'Tis the season for spooks and scares. For the grown-ups and more mature youth, an often-favorite part of fall is Halloween and the discovery of all things frightening. If you'd like to learn a little local history and lore, while hearing about hauntings and other mysterious happenings, there are often area walking tours to consider and a driving ghost tour with Firelands Adventure Tours. Of course, fans of haunted houses will not want to miss a visit to Ghostly Manor Thrill Center, home to the original Ghostly Manor haunted house, a *Forbes* magazine Top 10 haunted attraction and one of USA Today's Top 20 Haunted Houses.

Filled with special effects, ghosts lurk in every corner as you wander through this "old mansion." This is also home of the Lake Erie Fearfest, a special haunted outdoor addition to the original Ghostly Manor, available only in the fall.

## I'll Drink to That

Fall is the perfect season to visit a Lake Erie winery, brewery, or distillery to taste craft beverages made from the fruits harvested each year. These establishments vary from tasting rooms to gourmet dining rooms to expansive farm lands with outdoor seating. Check out the Shores & Islands Cheers Trail for 21 craft beverage-makers, happy to welcome your tasting experience this season. You can even earn points towards fun prizes when you download the Cheers Trail digital passport to your phone and check in at participating locations along the way. Please enjoy the Cheers Trail responsibly.



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## Fall into Fun

A variety of special events are planned for fall. A German-tradition Oktoberfest, along with the Island Hops and Vine Festival, offer fun celebrations along with a variety of Halloween activities for all ages. Don't miss the annual downtown Sandusky Witches Walk, where hundreds of witches parade the street and dance around the fountain at Schade-Mylander Plaza. The Put-in-Bay Road Races are a fun way to enjoy the island while it's filled with vintage sports cars. Real racing action takes place at the Put-in-Bay airport, where race-viewing is free! Ohio's largest one-day festival is celebrated each fall in Vermilion with the return of the Woollybear Festival - attend to learn the woollybear's prediction for the winter weather ahead. Be sure to check out [SHOREsandISLANDS.com/events](http://SHOREsandISLANDS.com/events) for the latest on what's happening in the region for the fall season.

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# Discover Marietta's Colorful Past

## ABOARD THE Valley Gem Sternwheeler

By Candy S. Collins, BS

Experience the rich history of Marietta, one of Ohio's oldest communities, as you embark on a serene cruise along the Muskingum and Ohio rivers this autumn. Discover the breathtaking beauty of the surroundings while aboard the Valley Gem Sternwheeler, a paddle-wheel boat that provides a glimpse into river life of the past. Immerse yourself in Marietta's captivating history as you enjoy a narrated sightseeing tour during your voyage.

Previously known as the Riviera, an enchanting dockside barge restaurant, the venue has been transformed into Major/Riviera, an exquisite event space. Soon the Riviera passenger barge will be propelled along the river by the Major Sternwheel Towboat, which is currently undergoing preparations.

Get ready for a range of exciting events aboard the Major/Riviera, including themed nights with live entertainment, book clubs, mixology classes, theater productions, and more. Meanwhile, the Valley Gem Sternwheeler hosts special occasions like country night, the roaring 20s, and the delightful String Sunday, held three times a year. This cruise provides the perfect setting to unwind, listen to music, and leisurely venture down the river.

Mark your calendar for the must-attend Safari Cruise in September, featuring an enticing menu curated by Executive Chef Casandra Clark, showcasing delectable wild game meat dishes. Don't miss out on this extraordinary experience aboard the Valley Gem Sternwheeler as you journey through time and savor exceptional cuisine.

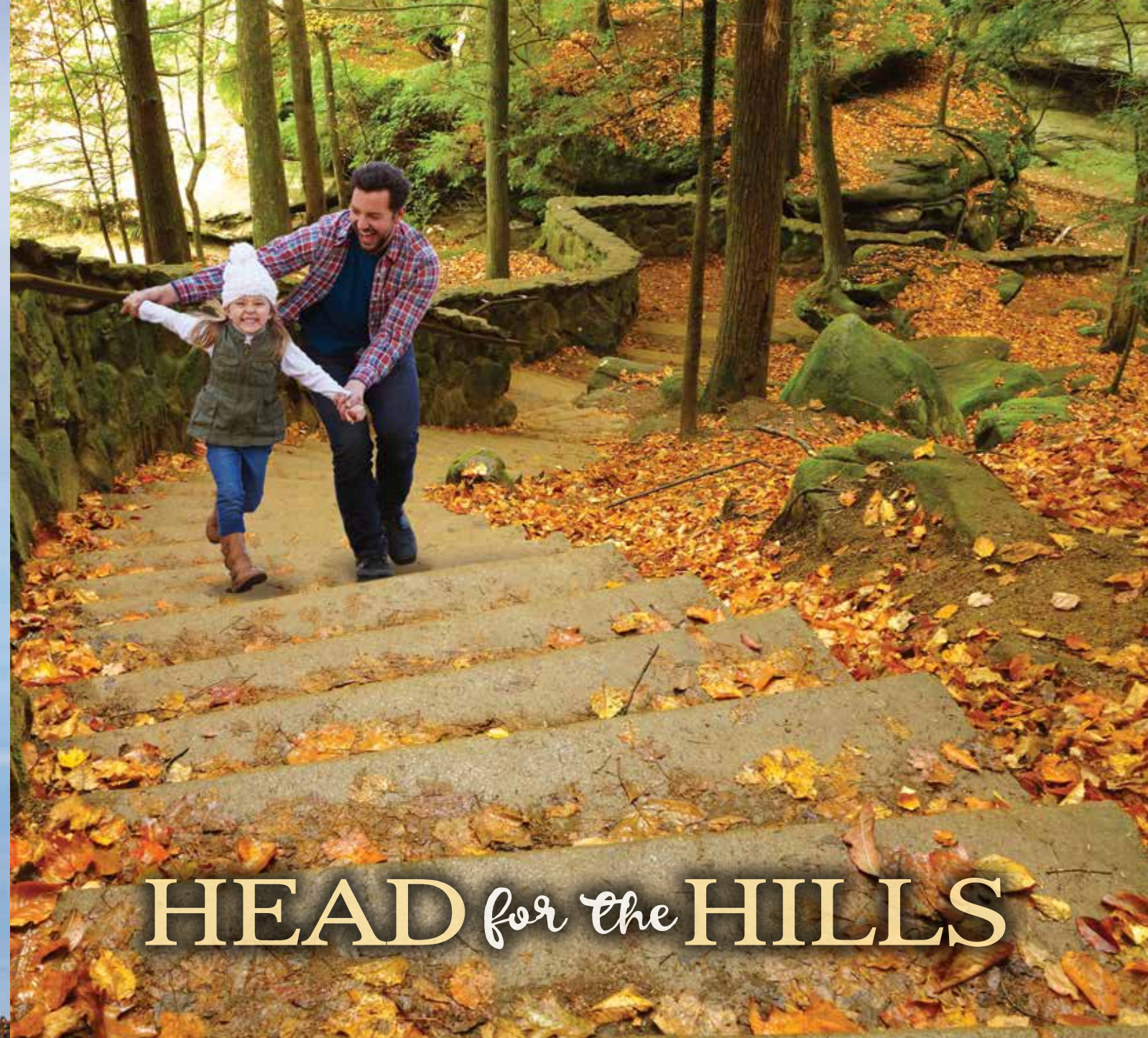
Embarking on an educational adventure aboard the Valley Gem is an extraordinary and unforgettable experience for school groups. Students will venture into the captivating history of the settlements along the river. While aboard, the knowledgeable captain orchestrates a live narration explicitly tailored for young minds, ensuring a perfect blend of education and entertainment.

Experience a variety of individual and group tours aboard the Valley Gem Sternwheeler. Take your upcoming corporate event, wedding, reunion, or anniversary to new heights by embarking on an unforgettable adventure on this magnificent vessel. Visit <https://www.valleygemsternwheeler.com> for reservations and further information on upcoming events and trips.

Captain James "Jim" Sands had a dream fifty years ago, and the river called his name. Tired of the construction life, he wanted a job that allowed him to be with his family more. This began the Valley Gem that he and his wife, Peggy, risked everything to build the business.

The Valley Gem was operating in 1973 and carried 98 passengers. They soon realized they needed a bigger vessel, and Jim began designing a new Valley Gem. It launched in April 1989 and continues to operate today, carrying up to 290 passengers.

Since Jim's passing in 1998 and Peggy's in 2016, their youngest son Jason (J.J.) and wife, Heather, currently run the business. The business has gone through changes. Awnings, air conditioning, and food services have been added.



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