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Escape to Bob Evans Farm

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Guests may also visit the Bob Evans Farm Festival, an annual celebration of the harvest season which attracts thousands with its entertainment, traditional arts and crafts, farm contests, rides, food, children’s activities and demonstrations. The 49th annual Bob Evans Farm Festival is slated for Oct. 11-13.

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Escape to West Virginia State Farm Museum

The West Virginia State Farm Museum opens for its season in April and closes in December with a finale of over one million Christmas lights on display.

The farm museum is located at 1458 Fairground Road, directly across from the Mason County Fairgrounds north of Point Pleasant, West Virginia. Seasonal hours (April 1-Nov. 15) are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m., Sundays. Admission is free.

When it isn’t hosting special events like antique tractor pulls or steam engine shows, the museum is open for self-guided tours of a bygone era. Visitors step back in time, taking in everything from a one-room schoolhouse to a blacksmith shop. The Christopher H. Bauer Memorial Museum, which opened in 2015 at the museum, features trophy and exotic animals, along with a display of unique firearms, knives and hunting tools.

In October, the museum hosts its annual Country Fall Festival with this year’s event slated for Oct. 5-6. Admission and parking are free. The festival includes several family-friendly events, demonstrations and exhibits open to all. In addition, molasses, apple butter and apple cider making take place with the end products being sold while supplies last.

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For just $8 admission price (2 years and younger free) you can bring your entire family to take part in all that is fall! Noble Family Farms is closed Monday-Wednesday, and open Thursday-Friday 3 p.m.-7 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-7 p.m., and Sunday 1 p.m.-7 p.m. Located at 11210 State Route 335 Minford. Call 740-280-CORN.

Escape to South Shore for fall decor

There’s nothing like harvest time to get you in the mood for pumpkins, mums and the last bit of fresh vegetables from the garden. K.C. Hardin Greenhouse and Garden Center, located in South Shore, Ky., is a five-generation family business established in 1918, located on U.S. 23 in South Shore. Seasonally, Hardin’s has vegetable plants that are started and grown on the farm, a complete line of perennials, and the largest variety of annuals in the tri state area that are also grown on the farm. Just in time for fall, the greenhouse has a selection of winter hardy pansies, a wide selection of mums, and a variety of other fall decor.

Hardin’s is open in the fall Monday-Saturday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday 12 p.m.-6 p.m. Located at 123 Greenhouse Road South Shore. 606-932-4238.

Escape to Downtown Pomeroy, Ohio

Hundreds of shoppers are expected to pack downtown Pomeroy, Ohio on Nov. 4 for the annual Christmas Open House shopping event.

The open house is held each year on the first Monday of November to officially kick off the Christmas shopping season. Shoppers from around the county and around the region will pick up their holiday decor, Christmas gifts and many other items for the quickly approaching Christmas season. Many merchants hold prize drawings as well as offer store specials and even refreshments.

Stop by stores like Front Paige Outfitters, Hartwell House, The Fabric Shop, Finder’s Keepers and Weaving Stitches. Refuel at River Roasters while searching for those unique bargains.

Get into the holiday spirit in historic downtown Pomeroy. Event is slated for 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
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‘SPACE’ lands in Gallipolis

An unprecedented traveling exhibition on space exploration had landed in Gallipolis at the Dr. Samuel L. Bossard Memorial Library.

“SPACE: A Journey to Our Future,” an interactive exhibit produced by Evergreen Exhibitions in educational collaboration with National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and as seen at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum will be on display at the library through Jan. 5, 2020.

The 5,000-square foot SPACE exhibition has traveled to major science centers and museums across North America. The purpose of SPACE is to present educational elements in scenic environments that will fuel one’s imagination in the future of space exploration.

SPACE examines amazing discoveries and explorations from the past and introduces visitors to today’s explorers who are shaping our future destiny in the universe. Most of the emphasis in the content relates to current and future exploits in human spaceflight. The exhibit features child-friendly interactives, immersive environments and state-of-the-art technology to bring this epic story to life. Highlights will include opportunities to touch pieces of the Moon and Mars, ride a self-powered centrifuge, tour a full-scale future Moon habitat and work station, get an up-close view of next-generation spacecraft and technology and interactively plan a trip to Mars.

There will be no admission charge to view this exhibition. The general public can make online reservations by visiting https://www.bossardlibrary.org/. Reservations are not required but are encouraged in order to guarantee entry into the exhibit. Upon visiting the self-paced, self-guided exhibition, visitors may take as little or as long as needed to view the displays and artifacts. Groups such as school/college classes, youth groups, homeschoolers, civic groups, troops, etc., can make a group reservation by contacting Lynn Pauley or Library Director Debbie Saunders at 740-446-7323 ext. 229 or 235.

When the library hosted the three-month run of the Bodies Revealed human anatomy exhibition in 2016, visitors came from at least 34 different states as well as from 59 of Ohio’s 88 counties.

Of the nearly 20,000 visitors to the Bodies Revealed exhibit, over 6,000 were students. The library hopes to exceed those attendance numbers during the four-month run of “SPACE: A Journey to Our Future.”

For more information about this exhibition and other library programs, visit the library at 7 Spruce Street, Gallipolis or online at https://www.bossardlibrary.org/.
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Lighting up the holidays

Though the days are shorter in winter, the lights are a little brighter in Gallipolis.

The annual Gallipolis In Lights holiday display illuminates the downtown skyline with over 1,500 lighted Christmas balls dangling from high atop the trees in City Park. An outdoor audio system allows for holiday tunes to play throughout the park as visitors take in over 160 decorated Christmas trees. Children visit with Santa Claus and a live nativity is held Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays starting Dec. 1.

The display is free of charge with the official lighting ceremony at 7 p.m., Nov. 27.

Through the partnership with the Gallipolis in Lights Committee, the Gallia County Convention and Visitors Bureau has developed a new group package for tour bus operators and other group leaders throughout the region. The bureau reaches out to these organizations and inviting them to experience our Gallipolis in Lights display each holiday season. The goal is to not only bring these groups for the lights displays, but also to discover the downtown shopping and dining opportunities as well as overnight bookings in lodging facilities.

Groups that book their tour through the bureau will received discount cards from local businesses to be used during their visit to Gallipolis and Gallia County. This packaged deal is also offered to families or other groups with five or more people.

“We are excited for this opportunity to bring folks to Gallipolis during this holiday season and look forward to helping groups book their tour to our town,” according to the Gallia County CVB.

If you would like additional information or to book your tour (groups of five or more), please contact the bureau at 1-800-765-6482 or info@visitgallia.com.

The display will be up and lit until Dec. 31.

Gallia County Wine Country

The Napa Valley has nothing on the Ohio Valley when it comes to wine.

From sweet to dry, from reds to white, wine lovers have a variety of choices and multiple wineries to visit in Gallia County.

First up, Merry Family Winery and Craft Brewery just off U.S. Route 35 in Bidwell is a staple in Gallia County Wine Country. Owners Tim and Lisa Merry planted their first grape vines in the year 2000. By 2006, Merry Family Winery opened for business, specializing in handcrafted wines produced and bottled at the winery. The winery offers a large...
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In 2012, the Merry’s added the Old Mill Craft Brewery and Hop yard specializing in small batch craft beers.

“We grow our own hops. Some of our hops are from hop rhizomes that were brought over from Slovakia in the early 1800’s by Tim’s great grandparents when they immigrated to America,” Lisa said.

“We are not just about wine and craft beers. We also make homemade root beer soda based on Tim’s great grandmother’s recipe, the flavor is very much reminiscent of root beer from an old fashioned soda shop,” Lisa continued. “During the summer months many customers enjoy our homemade root beer floats. Our homemade root beer is also available for sale at the Mothman Museum in Point Pleasant, West Virginia.”

It was that family connection that first gave the Merry’s the inspiration to open a winery. According to Lisa, making beer, wines and brandies has been a family hobby for generations.

For more information on Merry Family Winery, call 740-245-9463 or visit www.merryfamilywinery.com.

**Twisted Vine Family Vineyard**, located at 1375 Carter Road in Patriot, is definitely a family affair.

What began as a gesture of love with the planting of a few grapevines has led to a family vineyard built upon four generations of land stewardship.

According to the owners of Gallia’s latest winery, “nestled in the rolling hills of Southern Ohio, our family began to produce handcrafted wines from our farms vineyard, orchard and berries in 2008. Each member of our family, from oldest to youngest, contributes to maintaining the vineyard and producing wine.

The hand-crafted wines are produced on site in small batches with attention to detail. The owners produce a variety of wines from both grapes and fruit. Wine varieties that are available include Merlot, Reisling, and a sweet Concord among many others. They also serve locally made cheeses and bread, as well as sweet treats for dessert. Offered are tastings, flight boards, glasses or wine by the bottle.

The outdoor seating area provides views of the vineyard while allowing for either intimate or group gatherings, with special events featuring evenings of live music. The vineyard’s vision is to provide...
a welcoming and enjoyable atmosphere where everyone can enjoy a glass of wine and friendship.

For more information on Twisted Vine Family Vineyard, visit www.twistedvinefamilyvineyard.com or call 740-256-1923.

The ‘Jewel of Second Avenue’

The Ariel Opera House is the shining star at the very heart of a region that cherishes its heritage. Gallipolis not only preserves its past, it polishes it and puts it on display.

The “jewel of Second Avenue,” the Ariel-Ann Carson Dater Performing Arts Centre is an 1895 opera house built by the Ariel Odd Fellows Lodge. Beautifully restored with astounding acoustics, the Ariel Opera House is now the permanent home of The Ohio Valley Symphony (OVS), the only professional orchestra in the southeast Ohio River Valley Region. The OVS pulls musicians from seven states and Canada and was recently featured on national television with folk singer Michael Johnathon (visit michaeljohnathon.com/symphony to watch at home).

The 2019-20 Season will see on the Ariel stage three exciting maestros conducting the OVS in six concerts featuring world class soloists. Shows set for the remainder of 2019, include, “Fabulous Flute,” set for Oct. 26, performed by the OVS with Maestro Keitaro Harada with Lindsey Goodman, flute; “Salute to our Veterans,” Nov. 9, performed by the OVS with Maestro Tim Berens with Broadway tenor Mike Eldred; “The Christmas Show,” Dec. 7, performed by the OVS with Maestro Steven Huang, featuring “Maestro For A Moment” fundraiser. Last year’s show sold out.

The Ariel was intended for a variety of uses, performances of course, but also as the secular gathering place of the community hosting political debates, town meetings, style shows, etc. The Ariel has been restored to carry on those same functions in today’s world and is also serving as a mini-convention center hosting a variety of commercial and entertainment events. The main auditorium has 465 seats and dressing rooms below stage; the second floor Banquet Hall accommodates 100 with adjoining Parlors and Ballroom; the third floor Ariel Chamber Theatre seats 130. The third floor Ariel Conference Room features a state-of-the-art Web-Ex™ video-conferencing system. All spaces are available for rent.

Authentic historic reproduction of the original 1895 carpeting installation was the most recent phase of restoration, with thanks to consultation with textile experts affiliated with the League of Historic American Theatres. Now restored to her former grandeur, the Ariel retains the nineteenth century look but boasts the most up to date amenities such as Wi-Fi throughout, a modern elevator, and is ADA accessible. Visit arieloperahouse.org for more information or call 740-446-ARTS.

For more information on these events and attractions, contact the Gallia County Convention and Visitors Bureau at 1-800-765-6482 or info@visitgallia.com. Visit the GCCVB’s website at www.visitgallia.com.
A celebration
200 years in
the making

This year marks Meigs County’s 200th birthday and the celebrations and events began in January and continue throughout the calendar year.

Formed in 1819 from portions of Gallia and Athens counties, Meigs County was named in honor of former governor Return Jonathan Meigs Jr.

On Jan. 21, 1819, the Ohio government authorized the creation of Meigs County. It was a few months later in April 1819, that the first county government meeting was held, according to journal entries kept at the commissioner office.

In the Meigs County Historical Society newsletter, MCHS President James K. Stanley states, “According to Hardesty’s Historical & Geographical Encyclopedia Illustrated, on January 21, 1819, the Ohio ‘General Assembly passed an act to erect the county of Meigs’ — which was created from part of Athens and Gallia Counties — and The Pioneer History of Meigs County Ohio states that Meigs County was formed on April 1, 1819, the first county officials were elected on April 5, 1819, and newly-elected county commissioners conducted the county’s first official meeting on April 30, 1819.”

The County’s first Courthouse, which still stands today, was constructed in 1823 in Chester. The courthouse served as the seat of county government until 1840. By June 1841, the county seat had been moved to Pomeroy, in a building where Trinity Church is now located on Lynn Street. The current courthouse opened in 1850, and is unique in that it has ground floor entrance on all three levels.

Several events and celebrations are being planned for 2019 to commemorate the anniversary. Each month the Bicentennial Committee will be unveiling a Bicentennial Historical Marker to recognize a historic place or event. One maker will be placed in each of the county’s 12 townships, the first being in Salisbury Township. For more on upcoming unveilings, see the calendar of events for Meigs County in this magazine.

For more on the Bicentennial and to stay up to date on events taking place visit the Meigs County Bicentennial on Facebook.

Story by Sarah Hawley
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Small town charm and shopping

With its revitalized shopping district, downtown Pomeroy in Meigs County offers stores selling that personalized and eclectic gift found nowhere else. All across Meigs County local merchants are getting creative on catering to the needs of customers with special events planned throughout the coming months. For example, the Mystery Harvest Quilt Shop Hop started 13 years ago with quilt shop owners from Kentucky, Ohio, and West Virginia joining together to promote their love of quilting. Each year, a “mystery” of unique fabric, patterns, demonstrations, and refreshments makes the event a favorite of quilters from all around. Participating this year is the Pomeroy Fabric Shop, 110 Main St., Pomeroy with the “hop” set for Oct. 2-5. Then, on Nov. 4, the annual Christmas Open House, featuring extended hours and store specials offered by local merchants, offers shoppers an unofficial kickoff to the holiday shopping season.

Following the trail of history

Home to Ohio’s only significant land battle during the Civil War, Meigs County has a unique history reflected in lives lived along the river. The Meigs County Museum in Pomeroy (opening soon at its new location in Middleport) houses thousands of artifacts ranging from the prehistoric period to the present that give life and deeper meaning to local, regional and even national history. Rotating exhibits tell the story of city and rural life; the founding of the county; political history; natural disasters; Meigs County’s place in the nation, world and even outer space, plus much more. Go to www.meigschs.org for more information.

Buffington Island, located in Portland, is the site of the only Civil War battle fought in Ohio. Re-enactments and ceremonies commemorated the Battle of Buffington Island are observed here.

John Downing Jr. House is located in downtown Middleport. It was the home of a prominent riverboat captain, “Major” Downing. He worked with Samuel Clemens, or Mark Twain, who stayed at the current day bed and breakfast.

William H. Grant House is also in Middleport. William Grant pioneered concrete architecture in Meigs County. This house is one of his concrete creations. Another noteworthy fact about the house is that many years later, Johnny Appleseed visited the house and converted the Grants to Swedenborgianism.

Meigs County Fairgrounds Grandstand and Racetrack is just off the State Route 7. The
The grandstand was finished in 1889 or earlier and is the only curved grandstand at an Ohio county fairgrounds.

The Middleport Public Library was built in the early twentieth century and is a Carnegie library. Andrew Carnegie donated money to build over 2,500 throughout the world and Middleport was not only lucky enough to get one but also have it still functioning today.

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Located near Alfred, **Reeves Mound** is another Native American mound. The archaeological site is believed to have been built by the Adena people.

**Music in the foothills**

Meigs County is home to a rich musical tradition from the foothills, literally, to the river banks. Pomeroy’s **Court Street Grill** has offered a stage to nationally-known touring acts and local talent for years - along with tasty bar food. **Charlie’s Red Star Blues Barn** on 3270 Cotterill Road, Pomeroy, hosts a unique music series in an even more unique barn venue with shows presented by the Foothills Music Foundation. Meigs County is also home to the **Fur Peace Ranch**. Known around the world, the ranch combines live music with guitar workshops, cabins, a music library, a museum, a 200-seat concert hall and Company Store.

For more information contact Meigs County Visitor & Convention Bureau, 238 West Main, Pomeroy, Ohio 45769, 1-740-992-2239.
Scioto County, Ohio

Discover Fuhrmann’s Orchards

Nestled between the Greater Portsmouth Regional Airport and Wheelersburg is a special place where one can find fresh apples (so many varieties), peaches, and vegetables, according to season. When looking for somewhere to find some of the best homegrown items along the river, Fuhrmann’s Orchards a farmer’s dream.

Fuhrmann’s Orchards boasts on their Facebook page, “Growing Quality Southern Ohio Fruit Since 1958.” Fuhrmann Orchards LLC began with a few apple trees on a family acreage by Pete and Susan Fuhrmann. Now encompassing over 120 acres, Paul and Leanne Fuhrmann and their five children (Lora Lee, Abby, Melanie, Andrew, Jeremy) take great pride in growing some of the best tasting, freshest, locally grown fruits and vegetables for the families of the tri-state area.

According to their website on Facebook the Fuhrmann’s state, “We are passionate about the fruits and vegetables we grow because farming is our life and a full-time job.” Paul and Leanne are graduates of Purdue University and specialize in Horticulture production and marketing, and agriculture economics. The Fuhrmann’s also state, “Everything we sell has been grown on our orchard and it has all been hand-picked by us. We pick our produce at the peak of ripeness for the best taste and quality in every bite.”

“We are one of the only orchards left in the tri-state area.” Abby Fuhrmann says. “I would love for people to value our orchard more and make a point to come more than once. It’s actually an amazing and special thing to have apples, peaches, fruit and vegetables grown right here in Scioto County.”

Fuhrmann’s is open mid-July until Christmas, which Abby says is sometimes a misconception because people think as soon as Halloween is over, that they...
close and have no more apples. They haven't even finished picking varieties until November 15th.

Fuhrmann's Orchards specializes in apples, peaches, nectarines, melons, pumpkins, corn, beans, peppers, berries, tomatoes, gourds, and squash. Locally grown and picked at the peak of ripeness for the best tasting fruit and vegetables, their orchard is comparable to any larger orchard or farm across the country.

Apple Varieties they grow: Ginger Gold, Zestar, Blondee, Gala, Early Fuji, Golden Supreme, Honey Crisp, Jonathan, Crimson Crisp, Cortland, Summer Rambo, Jonagold, Evercrisp, Golden Delicious, Mutsu, Red Delicious, Melrose, Encee, Braeburn, Cameo, Winesap, Law Rome, Granny Smith, Evercrisp, Fuji, Summerset, Pink Lady, Goldrush and Arkansas Black.


Fuhrmann's Orchards offers school tours of the orchard in the fall, where youth can learn about apples, go into the orchard and see the apples on the trees, see how they wash and package the apples, and even take an apple home with them. School Tours occur in September and October, and are open to all ages and can adjust the tour, as needed. Their largest age group is K-1st grade, but they have...
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accommodated middle school and also high school culinary students, along with home school. They also offer Girl Scout, Boy Scout, church groups, flower clubs, gardener clubs, etc. tours morning and evening.

Fuhrmann’s Orchards even hosts a Customer Appreciation Day Apple Fest in October that aims to celebrate local agriculture and serve as a customer appreciation day you can visit their Facebook page for more details.

Most people say how they love fresh grown fruits and vegetables, and yet they are usually store-bought fresh. That is nothing comparable to biting into a fresh homegrown apple from Fuhrmann’s Orchard.

Fuhrmann’s Orchard is located at 510 Hansgen Morgan Road, Wheelersburg, Ohio.

Story by Kimberly Jenkins

Arts, music and festivals

Scioto County also celebrates a history rich in art and music. The Southern Ohio Museum and Cultural Center, 825 Gallia Street, Portsmouth, houses three permanent collections and frequently rotates exhibits from all over in their main gallery. The museum is free and open to the public. For more information about current exhibits and hours of operation, please call 740-354-5629 or visit www.somacc.com.

In addition to the museum, the Vern Riffe Center for the Arts, 940 2nd Street in Portsmouth hosts musicians and performers at all levels. From local high schools and children’s theaters, to national acts like Landau Eugene Murphy and the Oak Ridge Boys. For a current schedule of events, ticket information and more, please visit www.vrcfa.com Or call the McKinley Box Office at 740-351-2600.

Port City Café and Pub, 424 Chillicothe Street in Portsmouth hosts live music each and every weekend throughout the year. Grab a friend, a drink and a delicious meal all while enjoying local talent. For a list of performances, you can go online to www.theportcitypub.com/events.

Each month at the Scioto County Welcome Center, 342 2nd Street in Portsmouth, the Boneyfiddle Project hosts a “Final Friday” concert on the third Friday of every month. The event is free and open to the public, the only request is that you bring a lawn chair or a blanket since the event will be held outside. The acts range from local artists, school groups and well known performers in the Tri-State. The event runs May through September. For updates, you can follow “Final Friday in Boneyfiddle,” on Facebook.

For the visual artists, Main Street Portsmouth hosts “Street Art Saturday,” on the first Saturday of the month along 2nd Street in Portsmouth. Each month, artists are invited to set up outside of a business and paint, draw, and sell their items. Performing artists are also invited to set up. The event runs from 2 until 5 p.m. For more information, please email director@mspohio.com.
Scioto County also features two community theaters, the Portsmouth Area Art Council Children’s Theatre and the Portsmouth Little Theatre. Each of these non-profits hosts shows for children, families and adults throughout the year. For more information and show schedules, you can visit www.ptlilive.com and www.paac4kids.org.

There are so many things to do, places to go and people to see in Scioto County. While this list offers a glimpse of the diversity of Scioto County, it just skims the surface.

River front fun

One of the most notable attractions in Scioto County are the Floodwall Murals. Spanning over 2,000 feet, the murals in Portsmouth have become a popular attraction for visitors and tourists. Progress on the murals continues to be made, with new additions and touch-ups being added frequently. Located along Front Street, these murals portray the history of Portsmouth from the mound building Indians to the present day, and use a 20-foot high, 2,000 foot-long flood wall as a canvas. The project runs the length of the historic district and includes over 55 different scenes. In 1992, the planning stages of the Flood wall Mural Project began with the formation of an ad hoc committee, which later registered as a non-profit organization – Portsmouth Murals, Inc. (PMI). Robert Dafford, an internationally known muralist from Lafayette, Louisiana, was contracted for the project. The first mural was completed in 1993. The murals are arranged chronologically from east to west, starting with the depiction of the Mound Builders.

If you’d like to see the murals for yourself, follow the green mural signs posted in the city on Washington Street (Rt. 23 South) leading to the murals on Front Street. For an audio tour of the murals, you can dial 740-621-8031. After the introduction, each mural is a “stop.” For more information about the murals, you can visit the Scioto County Visitors Bureau at 342 Second Street in Portsmouth.

After you’ve visited the murals, there are a variety of businesses nearby throughout the Boneyfiddle Historic Arts district, located along Second Street. With several restaurants, from the Boneyfiddle Pie Factory, serving both pizza and dessert pies, to the Portsmouth Brewing Company, Ohio’s oldest brewery – specializing in craft beers and a delicious menu of wings, sandwiches and pizzas. To beat the heat of summer, you can always swing by Brain Freeze for frozen yogurt or visit the Second Street Dairy Bar for a sweet treat. The district also boasts a variety of unique antique stores, like Ghost in the Attic, Rustic Charm, and PackRats.

Fall colors and outdoor adventure

If you’re looking to get out of the city, there are plenty of woodland escapes for camping, hiking, fishing, kayaking, canoeing or just relaxing. Below are just a few of the places you can visit and their amenities:

**Brush Creek State Forest**, Park size: 13,502 acres, Total trail length: 3 miles + 15 miles bridle trail. Brush Creek offers fishing, seasonal hunting with license, mushroom hunting and more. For more information and directions, please visit forestry.ohiodnr.org.

**Raven Rock (State Nature Preserve)**, Park size: 95 acres, Raven Rock is a popular hiking destination located in West Portsmouth. A permit is required. Contact Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources for a permit and directional information at 1-866-OHIOPARKS or visit www.trekohio.com.

**Shawnee State Forest**, 13291 U.S. 52 West Portsmouth, Ohio, Park size: 63,747 acres, Total trail length: 60 miles + 60 miles bridle trails. Shawnee State Forest is dog friendly and offers fishing, hunting, camp sites, restrooms and horse camps. For more information, please contact 740-858-6652.

**Shawnee State Park**, 4404 State Route 125, Portsmouth, Ohio 45663–9003, Park size: 1,095 acres, Total trail length: 13.2 miles. Shawnee State Park offers dog-friendly areas, bridle trails, fishing, an archery range, camp sites and restrooms, swimming, golfing, boating and also has a nature center that offers a variety of activities for all ages. Shawnee State Park is also an area favorite for bird-watching. In addition, the site also features a large lodge and conference center with indoor swimming.

For more information find the Portsmouth-Scioto County Visitor’s Bureau on Facebook or visit at 342 2nd Street, Portsmouth, Ohio. Call 740-353-1116.
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The art of tourism

Though not everyone may have known the late Bob Roach of Letart, West Virginia, they most certainly knew his work. Roach, who died in 2015, was an artisan when it came to stainless steel with his unique pieces known around the world, particularly the famed Mothman statue that sits in Gunn Park in downtown Point Pleasant.

Roach’s steel statues also appear in an impressive family of historical figures in Point Pleasant’s Riverfront Park. His sculpture of Jesus Christ also ended up at Heights United Methodist Church on North Main Street in Point Pleasant. Even more of his work appears in his native Bend Area at the New Haven Fire Department and Wahama Junior/Senior High School in Mason, West Virginia.

Back in the early 2000’s, Charles Humphreys of Main Street Point Pleasant had the idea for the Mothman statue.

“I went to see Bob Roach because I knew he could make it and he’d been a buddy of mine for years,” Humphreys said. “At first he wasn’t too interested in a creature, but after I talked to him a little, he agreed to make it. The first two pieces he brought to me to show me were the (statue’s) feet, from there on out I went to see him (as the statue progressed).”

Humphreys said a lot of research went into figuring out just what Mothman might look like, with Roach very much a part of that process and then it became about his talent taking over.

“He could do about anything, especially with metal and built that with stainless steel ... it’ll be here a thousand years unless someone throws it in the river and even then it’ll still be here another thousand years down there,” Humphreys said about the statue and how it was meant to last.

This partnership with Humphreys led to Roach sculpting the historical figures at Riverfront Park, including Chief Cornstalk, Col. Lewis, Daniel Boone, Mad Anne Bailey and Lord Dunmore, all of which are connected to the history of not only Point Pleasant, but Mason County and the Ohio Valley.

“All of those statues economically add to Point Pleasant,” Humphreys said. “Every day there are people out there taking pictures with them and you’ve got to give Bob a lot of credit. He was good at what he did and it was so unique.”

Humphreys pointed out the sculptures were not prefabricated or molded, they
were all made by hand and as Humphreys pointed out, “that makes a difference.”

Humphreys said when Roach was alive, he seemed “definitely surprised” by the reception his Mothman statue received around the globe.

“Neither of us thought it would grow into what it is, but I knew it would make a difference in Point Pleasant. I knew people would come to see it,” Humphreys said.

And come to see it, they have. On any given day, no matter the temperature or weather conditions, someone is taking a photo with Point Pleasant’s most infamous resident.

Story by Beth Sergent.
Fall festivals

Home to fall festivals and fun, in October, Mason County offers Battle Days at Tu-Endie-Wei State Park and Main Street Point Pleasant, West Virginia. Commemorate the Battle of Point Pleasant which some argue is the first battle of the American Revolution. Learn about life on the frontier during this free festival. Take in educational displays, listen to reenactors bringing pivotal figures to life, attend a Colonial Ball, pay tribute to the early militiamen who died in the battle during a memorial ceremony attended by representatives from across the country.

The Country Fall Festival, in Point Pleasant, West Virginia, and the Mason Harvest Festival in Mason, West Virginia also offer opportunities to celebrate Autumn. The Country Fall Festival, held each year at the West Virginia State Farm Museum, offers visitors a glimpse at life in a simpler time. Quilt show, self-guided tours of the museum grounds, antique tractor pull and more. The Mason Harvest Festival welcomes all to celebrate the season with games, food, inflatables, pumpkin painting, music, etc. Festival dates and more information appear in the Calendar of Events for Mason County in this guide.

Following the trail

In Mason County, visitors can follow a one-of-a-kind trail that stitches together communities with the unique language of quilt squares. The first quilt trail in West Virginia began in Mason County in 2001. Currently, there are 30 quilt squares on area barns spread across multiple driving trails. The first barn to participate belongs to Mollie Yauger and her husband Raymond and has a Maple Leaf design, located 12 miles south of Point Pleasant on U.S. 35. A square representing a log cabin rests at the West Virginia State Farm Museum. A pineapple quilt square greets visitors to the Mason County Tourism Center with the pineapple being a traditional symbol of hospitality. This underscores how the quilt square visually represents concepts and meaning to quilters and homesteads. The list goes on and on. For those who wish to find Dreama's Star, Turkey Tracks, Postage Stamp, Hunter's Star, Lucky Star, Hole in the Barn Door, Mariner's Compass, Star of Bethlehem, the county's Mail Pouch barns and more, stop by the tourism center located at 200 Viand Street, Point Pleasant, West Virginia, for the official map.

Point Pleasant River Walk

With its 800-seat amphitheater, historic flood wall murals and 900-foot dock for vessels of any size, Riverfront Park in Point Pleasant is a “must see” when visiting the historic city along the Ohio River. The park includes a Riverfront pavilion for events and picnics and plays host to many community events.

The Riverwalk Flood Wall Murals, painted by well-known artist, Robert Dafford, can be viewed at Riverfront Park, allowing visitors to witness the history of Point Pleasant, including a large sequence depicting The Battle of Point Pleasant on Oct. 10, 1774. The murals portray the lives of the area’s earliest residents, the Shawnee, as well as lives of those Europeans who settled in what was then Western Virginia. The murals, a project which began in 2005, was completed over five subsequent summers, costing around $800,000. The paint, which at the time cost $200 a gallon, came from Germany and had a 50-year guarantee though it was proven to last 150 years.
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World’s Only Mothman Museum

The World’s Only Mothman Museum allows visitors to not only grab some paranormal merchandise but sift through archives explaining the mysterious sightings of Point Pleasant’s most famous resident. Memorabilia from the “Mothman Prophecies” film also on display and photographs about the Silver Bridge Disaster. The museum is open seven days a week and welcomes visitors from all over the world. The truth is out there and it may just be at the Mothman Museum. For more information go to www.mothmanmuseum.com. Located on the corner of Fourth and Main streets in the heart of downtown Point Pleasant.

Fall colors in the park(s)

Tu-Endie-Wei State Park sits at the confluence of the Ohio and Kanawha rivers, commemorating those that fought and died at The Battle of Point Pleasant. Includes the battle monument, “the magazine” and tours of the historic Mansion House in season. The name “Tu-Endie-Wei” is a Wyandotte word meaning “point between two waters.” Visit tu-endie-wei.statepark.com for more information. The park is home to the Battle Days Festival in October.

Fort Randolph is located at Krodel Park in Point Pleasant, approximately 1 mile from the sites of the original two forts that shared its name. The fort hosts the annual Siege of Fort Randolph each May and hosts several events throughout the summer, allowing visitors to connect with re-enactors and experience life on the early frontier. Regular Fort hours for this year are Friday - Sunday, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Admission to the Fort is free. The Fort will be open to the public on weekends from May 17 - Labor Day weekend. For more info, visit fortrandolph.org

Letart Nature Park is a hidden gem for nature lovers, and those who would rather hike in the woods than be on social media. Located outside Point Pleasant behind the Letart Community Building, the Letart Nature Park sits on about 200 acres of public land. The park currently has two major trails on the property with many others that branch off from the beaten path. There’s a trail head behind the community center. Find the Letart Nature Park Development Organization on Facebook for more information. The nature trail is free and open to the public to explore.

Krodel Park is home to a newly paved walking trail over a mile long which circles a picturesque 22-acre lake. Picnic shelters, club house, gazebo, fishing, playground, camping, kayak rentals and splash pad.

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In Boyd County, they have several parks, and one of the favorites is Central Park in the Center of Ashland. The park has Indian Mounds, tennis courts, baseball fields, sand volleyball
Shopping opportunities

Boyd County boasts a variety of antique shops. Local favorites include: Reggie’s Attic located 3001 Greenup Ave., Rivertown Antiques & Collectibles 406 Main Street in Greenup, Salisbury Farm Antiques 9220 Cambell’s Branch, Catlettsburg. You can also check out White Eagle Collector’s Mall at 509511 Bellefonte Street, Russell, Ky.

For more information on local events and places to visit while in the area go to www.tourggreenupcounty.org

Historic homes and more

One of the most notable attractions in Greenup County is the historic McConnell House. Built by master craftsmen and slaves during the pre-Civil War era, this is one of the oldest standing homes in the region. The McConnell House is located just off of US 23 in Wurtland, and was completed in 1834. The original owner passed away just weeks after completion. The house was built as a four room farm house with several buildings sitting adjacent on the property including a coal house and a one room brick law office. The house has switched hands several times through out the years and is now owned and operated by the Heritage Arts, Science and Tourism Center. The property is now being restored and is available to tour as well as being available to rent for private functions. For more information, you can visit www.mcconnellhouse-ky.com, email mcconnellhouseky@gmail.com or call 606-833-9098.

You can also visit the Bennett’s Mill Covered Bridge which was built in 1855, located north of Kentucky 10. For more information call, 606-473-6514. Other historic sites include, the Greenup County War Memorial located along US 23 in Wurtland and the Jesse Stuart State Nature Preserve along KY 1, call 606-326-1667 to learn more.

Finding fall colors

There’s no excuse to stay inside when visiting Boyd and Greenup counties, with ample opportunities to connect with nature.

Greenbo Lake State Resort Park located at 965 Lodge Road in Greenup features a 36-room lodge, primitive/electric camping sites of which nine are reserved specifically for equestrian camping. It also features it’s own restaurant, Angler’s Cove, which is open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner. The new 10-acre scuba refuge will allow divers to use the lake April through October and other designated times from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Divers are required to present their open water certification or have an instructor with them that has an approved certification. Other types of accepted certifications would include Advanced and Rescue Diver. Divers are also required to have a dive buddy and display his or her own diver-down flags. Water depth averages 25 feet. Daily fee of $12. Boating and fishing are also permitted on the lake.

For more information on local events and places to visit while in the area go to www.tourggreenupcounty.org and www.visitashlandky.com.
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Tuppers Plains, OH 45783
740-667-3161

Point Pleasant
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Point Pleasant, WV 25550
304-674-8200

Gallipolis
164 Upper River Road
Gallipolis, OH 45631
740-446-2265

Hurricane
3572 Teays Valley Road
Hurricane, WV 25526
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Where to stay Along the River

Scioto County

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West Portsmouth, Ohio 45663
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Holiday Inn Downtown Portsmouth
711 2nd Street
Portsmouth, Ohio 45662
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Quality Inn & Suites
5100 Scioto Trail
Portsmouth, Ohio 45662
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260 Jackson Pike
Gallipolis, Ohio 45631
740-446-4140

Comfort Inn
950 South Second Avenue
Portsmouth, Ohio 45662
740-353-8880

Super 8 Motel
151 Upper River Road
Gallipolis, Ohio 45631
740-446-0241

Regency Inn
1094 Lincoln Pike
Gallipolis, Ohio 45631
740-446-8080 or 800-800-0800

Guest Cottage
Raccoon Falls
Vinton, Ohio 45686
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1094 Lincoln Pike
Gallipolis, Ohio 45631
740-446-7417

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260 Jackson Pike
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444 State Route 7 S
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Bed & Breakfasts
Briarstone Farm
4219 Hannan Trace Road
Pomeroy, Ohio 45769
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53 Main Street
Vinton, Ohio 45686
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Cabins
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Raccoon Creek Side Cottage
292 Main Street
Vinton, Ohio 45686
740-388-8327

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Greenup/Boyd Counties

HOTEL
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965 Lodge Rd., Greenup, Ky. 41144
606-473-7324

Budget Inn Motel
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Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott Ashland
10945 Route 60, Ashland, Ky. 41102
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12700 KY-180, Ashland, Ky. 41102
606-928-2815

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Ashland
13131 Slone Court, Ashland, Ky. 41102
606-929-1720

Mason County

HOTEL
The Historic Lowe Hotel
401 Main Street
Point Pleasant, West Virginia 25550
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Pomeroy Jr. Fairgrounds
114 Butternut Avenue
Riverside Motel
Pomeroy, Ohio 45769
740-353-9115

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Whispering Pines
Pomeroy, Ohio 45769
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Rio Grande, Ohio 45674
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Whispering Pines
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Patriot, Ohio 45658
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Pomeroy, Ohio 45769
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Bed & Breakfast
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Pomeroy, Ohio 45769
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Redwing Retreat
37606 Vance Road
Pomeroy, Ohio 45769
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Riverview Guest House
2462 Water Street
Syracuse, Ohio 45771
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Syracuse, Ohio 45771
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Fall Calendar of Events

Meigs County

October

Mystery Harvest Quilt Shop Hop, Oct. 2-5, fabric, fun and prizes! A unique experience for quilters with 10 shops across 3 states participating. A “mystery” of unique fabric, discounts, patterns, demonstrations, and refreshments, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Wednesday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, The Fabric Shop, 110 W. Main Street, Pomeroy, Ohio.

Reunion on the River, Oct. 4-5, sponsored by Meigs Local Alumni, parade, food, crafts, vendors, inflatables, games, and live local music! Downtown Pomeroy/Court Street. Contact: Meigs Local Alumni Association on Facebook.

Tuppers Plains VFD 5K, Oct. 5, registration 9 a.m.; race 10 a.m., 42040 Main Street, Tuppers Plains, Ohio.

Art in the Village, Oct. 5, free annual art exhibit showcasing local artists, including student art, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Riverbend Arts Council, 290 North 2nd Avenue, Middleport, Ohio.

Meigs County Toy Run, Saturday, Oct. 5, sign up at Sonny’s in Pomeroy 10 a.m. - noon, $10 per person. All proceeds go toward purchasing Christmas for Meigs County children.

Pomeroy Fire Dept Chicken BBQ, Oct. 6, call ahead orders need called in before 10 a.m., starts at 11 a.m., 125 Butternut Avenue, Pomeroy, Ohio.

Big Bend Farm Antiques Club Tractor Parade, Oct. 12, rain or shine, 9:30 a.m., Meigs County Fairgrounds, 41850 Fairgrounds Lane, Pomeroy, Ohio.

Bicentennial Township Marker Ceremony, Orange Township, Oct. 16. Each month this year, the Bicentennial Committee is unveiling an historical marker in one of the county’s twelve townships to mark an historic place, person, or event. For location and more info, please check for updates on the Meigs County Bicentennial Facebook page.

Forked Run Halloween Campout, Oct. 18-19, 63300 State Route 124, Reedsville, Ohio.

Kountry Resort Campground Craft Show, Oct. 19, free, 9 a.m., 44705 Resort Road, Racine, Ohio.

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Elaine Grimm Hunt - Fifth Ward
Brad Deal - Seventh Ward
Amber Tatterson, City Clerk
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Big Bend Farm Antiques Club Regular Competition Pull, Oct. 19, 6 p.m., Meigs County Fairgrounds, 41850 Fairgrounds Lane, Pomeroy, Ohio.

Fur Peace Ranch Concert, Oct. 19, Rory Block and Cindy Cashdollar (Sisters Of Slide), doors open 7 p.m.; concert 8 p.m., 39495 St. Clair Road, Pomeroy, Ohio.

Treat Street, Oct. 24, 6:30-8 p.m., costume judging at 7:30 p.m., Main Street, Pomeroy, Ohio.

Reedsville Trick or Treat, Oct. 24, 6-7 p.m.

Tuppers Plains Trick or Treat, Oct. 24, 6-7 p.m.


Trick or Trunk & Games, Oct. 25, 6 p.m., Portland Community Center, 56896 State Route 124, Portland, Ohio.

“Nightmare on Main Street” Haunted House, Oct. 24-26. Celebrate the fun and scare of Halloween with a tour through the annual haunted house. Cost: $5 per person, per visit. Wolfe Mountain Entertainment, 320 E Main Street, Pomeroy, Ohio. 7-9 p.m.

November

Quarter Auction, Nov. 2, 2 p.m., Portland Community Center, 56896 State Route 124, Portland, Ohio.

Meigs Chamber & Tourism Annual Awards Gala, Nov. 2, annual dinner and awards celebrating Meigs County Chamber members, businesses and community leaders. Kountry Resort Campground, 44705 Resort Road, Racine, Ohio.

Fur Peace Ranch Concert, Nov. 2, Shadows of the 60’s – Tribute to the Temptations and Four Tops, doors open 7 p.m.; concert 8 p.m., Pomeroy, Ohio. See Pomeroy Merchants Association Facebook page for more info.

Christmas Open House, Nov. 4, people visit Meigs County from all over for this annual kickoff of the Christmas shopping season at downtown Pomeroy merchants, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Pomeroy, Ohio. See Pomeroy Merchants Association Facebook page for more info.

Bitanga’s Breakathon and Craft Show, Nov. 8 - 9, the Blakeslee Center in Middleport, Ohio, Friday evening concert by Jake Dunn and the Blackbirds. Saturday Breakathon, Craft Show and more.

Fur Peace Ranch Concert, Nov. 9, Electric Hot Tuna, doors open 7 p.m.; concert 8 p.m., 39495 St. Clair Road, Pomeroy, Ohio.

Bicentennial Township Marker Ceremony, Chester Township, Nov. 20. For location and more info, please check for updates on the Meigs County Bicentennial Facebook page.

Annual Turkey Dinner, Nov. 23, Rutland Fire Dept Fundraiser, $8 eat in or carry out, delivery also available. 5 p.m., Meigs Elementary School, 36871 State Route 124, Middleport, Ohio.

Forked Run State Park Hunter’s Dinner, Nov. 24, 63300 State Route 124, Reedsville, Ohio. For more info call the main office at Burr Oak State Park.

Riverbend Talent Revue, Nov. 28, annual local talent show, showcasing talent of the tri-county area. Cost: $5. Starts 7:30 p.m. Riverbend Arts Council, 290 North 2nd Avenue, Middleport, Ohio. Contact: Mary Wise, 740-992-2675.

December

Pomeroy Christmas Parade, Dec. 1, 2 p.m., Main Street, Pomeroy, Ohio.

Reedsville Christmas
**Sternwheelers in Pomeroy.**

**Tree Lighting**, Dec. 2. Santa will be in town! From 6:30-7 p.m., Belleville Locks & Dam, Reedsville, Ohio.

**Portland Community Center Feeding Deer Hunters**, Dec. 2-7, 5:30 p.m., 56896 State Route 124, Portland, Ohio.

**Ugly Christmas Sweater Jingle Games**, Dec. 5, Charity Bag/Basket Games, 5 p.m., Syracuse Community Center, 2244 Seventh Street, Syracuse, Ohio.

**Coolville Community Choir**, Dec. 6, an evening of Christmas music. Starts 7 p.m. Bethel Worship Center, 39872 State Route 7, Reeds-ville, Ohio.

**Chester Courthouse Christmas Open House**, Dec. 7, performance by Eastern Bell Choir, starts 1 p.m., Chester Courthouse, 46450 State Route 248, Chester, Ohio.

**Breakfast with Santa**, Dec. 7, sponsored by Racine Fire Department, 10-11:30 a.m., 302 5th Street, Racine, Ohio.

**Racine’s Christmas in the Park**, Dec. 7, parade, tree lighting, hot chocolate, Santa, bonfire and more, 6 p.m. is parade lineup; 6:30 p.m. parade begins, Star Mill Park, 716 5th Street, Racine, Ohio.

**Bicentennial Township Marker Ceremony, Rutland Township**, Dec. 18. The final unveiling of an historical marker in one of the county’s twelve townships which marks an historic place, person, or event. For location and more info, please check for updates on the Meigs County Bicentennial Facebook page.

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**October**

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**River Rat Beer & Music Festival**, Oct. 5, Gallipolis City Park, Gallipolis, Ohio. Lineup of 14 artists performs from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. for a full day of music, representing folk, blues, country, and indie rock. Accompanying the musical talent, the River Rat Beer and Music Festival will offer a selection of Ohio craft beers. For updates and ticket information, find the festival on Facebook.

**Bob Evans Farm Festival**, Oct. 11-13, Bob Evans Farm, Rio Grande, Ohio. Celebrate fall “down on the farm” with a weekend of family, fun, food, music, rides, unique artisans and more, during the 49th annual festival that attracts thousands each year. Open daily from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Admission is $5 for adults while those ages 5 and under are free. Day Rides are $5 ages 12/under; $10 ages 13/over. All buses (chartered/school) free on Friday of the festival.

**Rockets Over Rio**, Oct. 12, University of Rio Grande, held during, but separate from, the Bob Evans Farm Festival, on the campus of the University of Rio Grande. Free admission.

**Fall Fest**, Oct. 19, 4 p.m. - 10 p.m., Gallia County Junior Fairgrounds. Power Wheels Parade, Haunted House and more.


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**The Ariel-Ann Carson Dater Performing Arts Centre**, Nov. 9, “Salute to our Veterans” performed by the Ohio Valley Symphony with Maestro Tim Berens with Broadway tenor Mike Eldred.

**Veterans Day Parade**, Monday, Nov. 11, 12:30 p.m., downtown Gallipolis. Program and presentation at Gallipolis City Park to follow.


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**The Ariel-Ann Carson Dater Performing Arts Centre**, Dec. 7, “The Christmas Show” performed by the Ohio Valley Symphony with Maestro Steven Huang, featuring “Maestro For A Moment” fundraiser. Last year’s show sold out.

**Seasonal events**

*French 500 Flea Market*, Gallia County Junior Fairgrounds, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., free admission and parking. Oct. 11-13; Nov. 1-3.

**First Fridays** takes place the first Friday of May, June, July, August, September and October in downtown Gallipolis. Special events, shopping, entertainment.

Call 1-800-765-6482 or visit info@visitgallia.com for more information.
Mason County

October

**Battle Days Festival**, Oct. 4-6, Tu-Endie-Wei State Park in Point Pleasant, West Virginia. Events for Friday, Oct. 4 are: 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., school demonstrations, 7:30 p.m. Lantern Tour. Events for Saturday, Oct. 5: 11 a.m. Battle Days Parade Main Street, noon - 4 p.m. Colonial demonstrations; 2 p.m. Descendants Memorial for Battle participants; 8 p.m., Colonial Governors Ball at Sacred Heart Catholic Church fellowship hall; Events for Sunday, Oct. 6, 10 a.m., Colonial Church Service, 2:30 p.m., Memorial Service. Free Admission.

**Mason Harvest Festival**, Oct. 12, noon to 4 p.m., Stewart-Johnson VFW/Lottie Jenks Memorial Park, Front Street, Mason, West Virginia. Free admission. Family-friendly event celebrating the season with games, food, inflatables, pumpkin painting, music, etc.

**Harvest Fest/Tales in the Tavern**, Oct. 26, 4-8 p.m., Fort Randolph at Krodel Park, Point Pleasant, West Virginia. Visitors at the fort will be able to listen to stories having more of a thrilling nature than a scary one, punching a surprise twist at the end. Many of the stories will be set in the colonial era. All of the stories will be suitable for children as this event is all-around family friendly which is free of charge, but donations to the fort are welcomed and appreciated. Visitors will be able to explore the grounds of the fort, seeing reenactors busy with various activities. Food, such as beans, will be cooked on an open flame and other snacks will be available as well. For more information go to https://fortrandolph.weebly.com/.

**Point Pleasant Halloween Block Party**, Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m., Riverfront Park and Downtown Point Pleasant, West Virginia. Free food, candy, games, music and costume contests. This tradition continues to grow, allowing a safe space for trick-or-treaters of all ages. Free admission. Family-friendly event.

November

**Antique Tractor Pull**, Nov. 2, West Virginia State
Point Pleasant's annual Halloween Block Party.

Farm Museum. Starts 1 p.m. Located at 1458 Fairground Road, Point Pleasant, West Virginia. Free admission. While at the tractor pull, explore the grounds of the farm museum which celebrates local history and culture from a bygone era. The museum has several displays that will be open for touring, including the new Christopher Bauer Museum, which is a massive collection of big-game trophies and more.

**AMVETS Veterans Day Parade**, Nov. 2, Main Street Point Pleasant, West Virginia, 1 p.m. Celebrate those who have and are serving our country by attending the country's only Veterans Day Parade.

**Christmas Fantasy Light Show**, Nov. 15-Dec. 31, Krodel Park, 1186 Charleston Road, Point Pleasant, West Virginia, 6-9 p.m., nightly. Free admission. Donations appreciated to help fund the show. An annual tradition returns to light up Krodel Park just outside Point Pleasant. From Nativity scenes, to Santa Claus, to even Mothman, come visit this Christmas Light extravaganza. Drive around the park multiples times to take it all in.

**Mason/New Haven Christmas Parade**, Dec. 7, Mason, West Virginia, noon. Christmas arrives in the Bend Area with the annual parade and other family-friendly activities to be announced.

**Christmas on the Frontier**, Dec. 7, Fort Randolph, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fort is located at Krodel Park, 1186 Charleston Road, Point Pleasant, West Virginia. Visitors can experience Christmas as celebrated on the colonial frontier this holiday season at this free event. This is the final event of the year presented by the Fort Randolph Committee. Refreshments will be provided. Reenactors will be dressed in 18th Century period clothing and will be discussing, as well portraying, Christmas traditions and customs on the frontier.
Scioto County

October

Collectif9, Oct. 3, at the Vern Riffe Center for the Arts at 7:30 p.m. Known for pushing the boundaries of their music, Collectif9 is a Montreal-based classical string band that has forged into uncharted territory. The nine-member group of classically trained string players formed back in 2011 and have been shaking things up ever since. Their bold performance style is heavily influenced by popular music, combining rock-inspired vitality with audio-visual elements such as lighting and amplification. Tickets are available through the McKinley Box Office, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information or questions, please contact the box office at 740.351.3600 or go online to www.vrcfa.com.

Main Street Portsmouth’s Boneyfiddle Sidewalk Sales, Oct. 5. For more information call the MSP office at 740-464-0203.

Trade Days at the Lucasville Fairgrounds, Oct. 5-6. Large swap meet at the Scioto County Fairgrounds in Lucasville, Ohio! Come out and find just about anything you’re looking for! For more information call (937) 728-6643 or visit their website at http://www.lucasvilletradedays.com.

The 38th Annual John Simon Sorghum Makin’ Festival, Oct. 5-6 at the John Simon Farm, 8721 Pond Creek/Casey’s Run Road in Portsmouth. Open daylight to dark and no admission charge. Free parking in the field along the creek. Event includes sorghum making, apple butter making, old-time music and lots of vendors! For more information call 740-259-6337.

Lucasville Giovanni’s Dinner Concert, Oct. 7, featuring Tiffany Porter-Kennedy, Sincere Revival and Lifted. Doors open at 6 p.m, concert begins at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $10 and include pizza or sandwich, chips and drink. Pre-sale tickets for reserved seating can be purchased at the Lucasville Giovanni’s on US 23.

SOMC’s Light it Pink Water Lantern Launch, Oct. 7, to benefit the Breast Cancer Compassion Fund which assists local cancer patients with transportation, medication, wigs etc. Find the event on Facebook or call 740-356-5000 for more information.

The Friends of Greenlawn present another historical reenactment, Oct. 12-13, focusing on local women buried in the cemetery. Watch the group’s Facebook page for additional information.

The Portsmouth Wind Symphony’s Fall Concert, Oct. 17. The Sounds of the South, 7 p.m. Opening season with the music from the SOUTH ... well, at least south of Portsmouth, like the American South and South America! Even if you’ve never traveled down south, we bet you’ll recognize a few of these tunes. Adult - $10 SSU Student w/ID - $5 Child over 12 - $5 Child 12 and under - Free . All concerts take place in the main theater of Shawnee State University’s Vern Riffe Center for the Arts in Portsmouth, Ohio. Contact at the McKinley Box Office at (740) 351-3600.

The 39th Annual Dirt Track World Championship, Oct. 17-19, at Portsmouth Raceway Park will once again cap off the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series season in 2019 paying $100,000 to win. For more information visit www.thedtwc.com or find Dirt Track World Championship on Facebook. You can also get information by calling Portsmouth Raceway Park - Track: (740) 354-FAST, Office: (740) 858-6661 or Track Promoter - Donna Rayburn - Phone: 740-821-1161.

Cirque D’Art presents Hotel California, Oct. 18-19, in the museums Hopkins Theater. For more information, call the Southern Ohio Museum at 740-354-5629.

Southern Ohio Walk to End Alzheimers, Oct. 19. at Shawnee State University. Check in is at 10 a.m. and the Walk is at 11 a.m. Register for free at alz.org/walk.


Habitat for Humanity’s Harvest of Hope Dinner and Auction Fundraiser. Oct. 19 Find Scioto County Habitat for Humanity on facebook or at their web page http://sciotohabitat.org

Cirque D’Art presents
Hotel California, Oct. 25-26 in the museums Hopkins Theater. For more information, call the Southern Ohio Museum at 740-354-5629.

The Color Purple, Oct. 30, at the Vern Riffe Center for the Arts at 7:30 - Based on Alice Walker's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel and the Amblin Entertainment/ Warner Bros. motion picture, The Color Purple is now adapted for the stage by Tony & Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist and Adele on stage at 7 pm. Find PLT on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram or at www.pllive.com.

SOMC’s Winter Wonderland Ball, Nov. 15, at the SOMC Friends Center. This black-tie, formal event features a four-course meal and entertainment. For more information, call 740-356-5000.

Sunday Classics Concert, Nov. 17, at the Southern Ohio Museum presents Michael Chertok at noon. For more information, call the Southern Ohio Museum at 740-354-5629.

Train Show, Nov. 23-24. Part of SOMC's Winter Wonderland annual celebration at the Friends Community Center. For more information, call 740-356-5000.

Polar Express Pajama Party, Nov. 26, at the SOMC Friends Center and part of SOMC's annual Winter Wonderland celebration. For more information call 740-356-5000.

December
Southern Ohio Museum’s Holiday Open House, Dec. 5 at 5:30 p.m., featuring River Currents opening reception and the Farmer and Adele on stage at 7 pm. For more information, call the Southern Ohio Museum at 740-354-5629.

The DePue Brothers, Dec. 10, at the Vern Riffe Center for the Arts at 7:30 p.m. The DePue Brothers band encompasses a vivid blend of bluegrass, classical and rock genres. Hailing from Bowling Green, Ohio, these brothers are the founders of the term “grassical” music. As a family, the band has been making music together for almost 40 years. Join the VRCFRA for their holiday show, Magical Grassical Christmas, which has been deemed a seasonal celebration of many holiday favorites. Tickets are available through the McKinley Box Office, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information or questions, please contact the box office at 740.351.3600 or go online to www.vrcfa.com.

Tour of Historic Churches, Dec. 13, presented by the Portsmouth Business and Professional Women. Tours start at the Scioto County Courthouse at 6 pm. Music and snacks at the courthouse. Tours leave every 15 minutes.

The Portsmouth Wind Symphony’s Christmas Concert, Dec. 14. The Sounds of the North Pole, That Is! Starts 7 p.m. Where else would our Christmas concert music come from except from the North Pole? We know Santa will be busy at work preparing for the big night; but perhaps we could persuade him to stop by and see us... Adult - $10 SSU Student w/ ID - $5 Child under 12 - $5 Child 12 and under Free. All concerts take place in the main theater of Shawnee State University's Vern Riffe Center for the Arts in Portsmouth, Ohio. Contact at the McKinley Box Office at (740) 351-3600.

Greenup County & Boyd County
October
Greenup Old Fashioned Days, Oct. 3-5, downtown Greenup 54th Annual Greecup Old Fashioned Days October 3rd-5th, celebrating a long-held tradition of music, events, and fun. Events include parade, live music, talent show, and more.

Trick or Treat at Central Park – October, held at Tennis Courts, no cost to public, canned food donations accepted, 6-7:30 pm. Festival, games, and candy are provided for the children in a safe, friendly environment.

9th Annual Trail Run and Hike Against Hunger, Oct. 5. The new, historic Iron Ore Trail at Armco Park is the latest destination for this year’s 4 mile hike and 8 mile Competitive Trail Run. The run will start at the trail head east and make one complete lap for our hikers and two complete laps for our trail runners. We will have awesome race t-shirts, goodie bags, free refreshments and free hotdogs and fresh corn on the cob for all participants. Saturday, Oct. 5, 9 a.m. – noon, Armco Park Trail Head East 1119 Armco Park Dr Ashland, Ky.

Paramount Arts Center, Oct. 19. Welcome to the mysterious and cramped, dark show of The Vampire Circus. A visual vortex set in an abandoned cemetery where an extraordinary circus comes back to life. The show features a motley collection of off-the-wall characters and incomparable acrobats. Come meet the Vampires...we’ll leave the
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Sept. 27, 28, Oct. 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26, 31, Nov. 1, 2, 7 PM - 11 PM. Admission $8 per person/ Free Parking. 14804 US 23 Greenup, Ky.

**November**

- **Chonda Pierce, Still Laughing Tour**
  Thursday, Nov. 7, 7 p.m., Doors at 6:15 p.m., Paramount Arts Center 1300 Winchester Avenue Ashland, KY 41101.

- **Fall Craft & Vendor Event**
  Nov. 9, Sat, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., Kyova Tri State Mall, 10699 US-60 Ashland, Ky.

- **Dream Night Talent Search**
  Paramount Arts Center, Saturday, Nov. 7 at 7:30 p.m., is a premiere opportunity for emerging artists (singers, singer-songwriters, musicians) to showcase their unique skills for the chance to win; $1,000 dollars, a huge amount of exposure, a front of the line pass audition to America’s Got Talent and/or to NBC’s Little Big Shots, Senior Big Shots, The Voice, American Idol and extensive publicity, possible management, agency or label deals and so much more.

- **The Festival of Trees and Trains**
  at The Paramount Arts Center, Nov. 22-Dec. 1, is located in downtown Ashland, Ky. on the main thoroughfare of the city, noon - 9 p.m., Saturdays 11 a.m. - 9 p.m., Sundays noon - 6 p.m. Thanksgiving 4 p.m. - 9 p.m. The Festival of Trees and Trains is the largest annual fundraiser of the Paramount Woman’s Association. The event was created to support the Education Department of the Paramount Arts Center, which provides an enriching, creative and theatrical outlet for our community. Tickets are general admission $6.50 Adults $5.50 Children (12 & Under) Ages 3 and under are free, tax included. Family Night $12 (limit 5) Tuesday, Nov. 26 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. (Ashland Christmas Parade). Group Rate $4.50 Each (50 or more) By email reservation only tickets available for purchase at the door.

- **Annual Christmas Parade**
  Nov. 24, noon – 4 p.m., Ashland Plaza Ashland, Ky

- **December**
  - **Michael Bolton**
    Dec. 14, at the Paramount Arts Center December 14, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. From “When a Man Loves a Woman” to “How Am I Supposed to Live Without You” and more, Michael Bolton’s time, love and tenderness has created the soundtrack of our lives. Join the Grammy Award winner for an evening of timeless hits and a musical journey through pop, rock, soul, standards and even classical, specially arranged for symphony orchestra.
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