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Upcoming Events

Fall Events

- Home School Days**
Wednesday - Friday, September 7 - 9
- Apple Week**
Wednesday - Saturday, September 14 - 17
- Vintage Base Ball Tournament**
Saturday, September 24
- Fiber Arts Fest**
Saturday, October 1
- Monarchs and More Family Fun Day**
Sunday, October 2 - FREE at Little Lake Eric
- Fall on the Farm and Scout Day**
Saturday, October 8
- Historic Village Open**
Fall Hours - Sept. 7 til Oct. 29:
Wednesday - Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
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Toledo Museum of Art

Visitors to the Toledo Museum of Art will find one of the finest and most diverse collections of artworks in the country. Discover treasures ranging from ancient Egyptian pieces to contemporary art, including glass, sculpture, European and American painting, African and Asian art, graphic arts and decorative arts.

Other highlights include the Sculpture Garden outside and the architecturally renowned Glass Pavilion, located across Monroe Street.

Current exhibitions include "Seeing Stars, Divining Futures" (through June 18); "Our Belonging" (through Sept. 3); "Alexandra Daisy Ginsburg - Machine Auguries: Toledo" (through Nov. 26) and "Expanding Horizons: The Evolving Character of a Nation," (through Feb. 28, 2025).

In addition, a number of special events and programs are planned throughout the year. Visit the website for descriptions of current and upcoming Museum exhibitions and more info.

2445 Monroe St., Toledo
419-255-8000 or 800-644-6862, toledomuseum.org

Toledo Zoo

The Toledo Zoo, voted a top family-friendly destination and number-one zoo in the nation, boasts more than 10,000 mammals, fish, reptiles, amphibians, birds and invertebrates representing over 720 species.

Visitors from near and far come to the Toledo Zoo to stroll the scenic grounds and explore the historic WPA-era buildings. Among the Zoo's highlights are the Arctic Encounter, the Africa! exhibit, Nature's Neighborhood children's zoo, Tembo Trail, the Aquarium, the ProMedica Museum of Natural History and the Nancy L. and Martin Davidson Barnyard, an interactive exhibit where guests can meet alpacas, goats, pigs and other farm animals.

The Toledo Zoo's twin Polar bear cubs, Kallik and Kallu, recently went on exhibit in the Arctic Encounter with their mother, Crystal. The male cubs, born on Nov. 11, 2022, are Crystal's eighth and ninth cubs.

A wide range of programs, special events and activities add to the fun throughout the year including Mother's Day and Father's Day celebrations; Kidsapalooza (June 11); Music Under the Stars Sunday-night concerts (July 2-Aug. 13); Christmas in July (July 21-22); Wild About Art (Aug. 21-22); BUGFest (Aug. 26); Senior Discovery Days (September and October); Little Boo (Oct. 19-20) and Pumpkin Path

(Oct. 21-22); Pumpkin Stomp & Chomp (Oct. 28); Lights Before Christmas (Nov. 17-Dec. 31) and a Noon Year's Eve celebration (Dec. 31).

2 Hippo Way, Toledo
419-385-4040, toledozoo.org

Imagination Station

Visitors of every age can engineer a day of fun with hundreds of hands-on exhibits and demonstrations that bring science to life at Imagination Station.

The KeyBank Discovery Theater - located within the science center - features a massive, 58-foot, 4K screen that offers an exciting and immersive experience for movie-goers. Shows and showtimes are available at imaginationstationtoledo.org/keybank-discovery-theater.

A number of special exhibits, events and programs are offered throughout the year.

One Discovery Way, Toledo
419-244-2674, imaginationstationtoledo.org

Toledo Botanical Garden

A museum for plants, Toledo Botanical Garden offers visitors the opportunity to share, discover and enjoy nature's beauty. With more than 60 acres of display gardens and relevant plant collections, TBG is a place of beauty, tranquility and opportunities for exploration and reflection.

Green thumbs come to the Garden to learn more about the varieties of annuals and perennials nestled within the various beds and look for ways to incorporate new ideas into their home landscapes.

The Doneghy Inclusive Garden is an accessible, sensory experience of sights, sounds, tastes and textures.

Art lovers are inspired by the Artisan Village, original sculptures located throughout the Garden, and the annual Crosby Festival of the Arts, set for June 23-25 (crosbyfest.com). Music enthusiasts can groove to the smooth sounds of local jazz performers during the summer Jazz in the Garden concert series (Thursdays, July through September).

The Secret Forest, an engaging children's playscape, immerses young visitors in nature and adventure.

5403 Elmer Dr. Toledo
419-536-5566, metroparkstoledo.com

Toledo Mud Hens

The Toledo Mud Hens, the Detroit Tigers' Triple A minor league affiliate, play home games at Fifth Third Field in the city's Warehouse District from late-March through September.

Future major leaguers are among those



Polar Bears at the Toledo Zoo are a popular attraction.

(Photo courtesy of The Toledo Zoo)

on the Mud Hens' roster, and occasionally fans can see current Tigers sent down for rehab or to better hone their skills.

A number of special events, promotions and giveaways are held at games throughout the season, including fireworks held after a number of games. At every Sunday home game, Hens players sign autographs and kids get to run the bases after the game.

Fans can also enjoy the game with rooftop views of Fifth Third Field from beyond the outfield in Hensville, located Toledo's Warehouse District. Relax with a refreshing drink, have something to eat, or meet up with friends at Hensville's popular restaurants.

Hensville Park, located at the corner of Summit and Monroe, is the green gateway to Hensville and the Warehouse District, and hosts a variety of outdoor events, including movies, concerts and kids' activities.

406 Washington St., Toledo
419-725-HENS, milb.com/toledo

Toledo Walleye

The Toledo Walleye, an ECHL hockey league affiliate of the Detroit Red Wings and the Chicago Blackhawks, play from October until early April at the 8,000-seat Huntington Center, which is also home to a number of concerts, shows and special events throughout the year.

500 Jefferson Ave., Toledo
419-725-WALL, toledowalleye.com

ARCA/ Toledo Speedway

The ARCA Series has been racing at Toledo Speedway since 1963. Toledo

Speedway has long been known for being one of the best short tracks in the country with its half-mile semi-banked oval and quarter-mile figure eight in the middle. Fans can enjoy ARCA-sanctioned stock car racing on Friday nights, May through October.

5639 Benore Rd., Toledo
419-727-1100, toledospeedway.com

Tony Packo's Café

Tony Packo's is world-famous not only for its Hungarian-style hot dogs, but also for the hot dog buns, which have been signed by movie stars, other celebrities and U.S. Presidents. Packo's was also frequently mentioned by Toledo's Jamie Farr on the TV series M*A*S*H*.

In addition to the flagship eatery, Packo's has a location across from Fifth Third Field, home of the Toledo Mud Hens. 1902 Front St., Toledo
800-366-4218, tonypacko.com

Parkside Drive-In

The drive-in, located across from Pearson Park in Oregon, features two first-run films on two screens spring through fall. Food and concessions are available.

4500 Navarre, Oregon
419-635-7575
parkside-drive-in.com

Ntl. Museum of the Great Lakes

Located at the base of the Veterans Glass City Skyway Bridge in Toledo, the National Museum of the Great Lakes tells the awe-inspiring stories of our

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Great Lakes through breathtaking photography, more than 300 artifacts, a number of powerful audio-visual displays and 40 hands-on, interactive exhibits, including the 617-foot iron ore freighter Col. James M. Schoonmaker Museum Ship and the historic Museum Tug Ohio. (Museum ships open May-October.)

A number of special programs and events are held throughout the year.

Learn more, get updates on hours and visitor policies and take a virtual tour by visiting the website.

1701 Front St., Toledo
419-214-5000, nmgl.org

Fort Meigs State Memorial Park

Fort Meigs, a War of 1812 battlefield in Perrysburg, features a reconstructed fort and museum. Under the command of future President William Henry Harrison, Fort Meigs helped defend the Northwest Territory against attacks by the British and the Native Americans during the War of 1812.

A replica of America's largest walled fort, Fort Meigs offers several re-enactments featuring soldiers in period costumes throughout the year, and a number of special events, including After Dark Lantern Tours (July 29, Aug. 26); First Siege 1813 (May 27-28); Memorial Day Celebration (May 29); Crossbow to Cartridge (June 3-4); Brigade Napoleon (June 17-18); Independence Day 1813 (July 4); The 60 Years' War for Ohio: The American Revolution (Aug. 12-13); Life in Early Ohio (Sept. 23-24); Garrison Ghost Walks (Oct. 20, 21, 27 and 28); The World at War - Miniature Gaming Day (Nov. 4) and a Holiday Open House (Dec. 10) and more.

The reconstructed fort and Visitor Center & Museum are open April through October. The Visitor Center & Museum are open year-round. Closed Mondays and Tuesdays and holidays except Memorial Day and July 4. Visit the website for hours. 29100 W. River Rd., Perrysburg
800-283-8916, fortmeigs.org

Toledo Firefighters Museum

The Toledo Firefighters Museum brings to life over 150 years of firefighting history and tells the tale of the heroes of the Toledo Fire Division.

Located in the "Old Number 18 Fire House," the display includes many large pieces of vintage firefighting equipment, fire gongs, antique fire toys, vintage uniforms and more.

918 Sylvania Ave., Toledo
419-478-3473 (FIRE)
toledofirefightersmuseum.org

Hollywood Casino Toledo

Hollywood Casino Toledo, located just off I-75 on the banks of the Maumee River, offers more than 2,000 slot machine and table games, a poker room, a sports bar, restaurants and the Barstool Sportsbook & Restaurant.

777 Hollywood Blvd., Toledo
hollywoodcasinotoledo.com

Canal Experience

Step back in time at the Canal Experience and get a taste of life on the Miami and Erie Canal in 1876. Providence Metropark is located in what was once the canal town of Providence, Ohio. Today, the Metropark has one of the greatest concen-

trations of canal-era features in the country, including:

- The Volunteer, a reproduction of a mule-drawn canal boat.
- The Isaac Ludwig Mill, a working water-powered saw and gristmill.
- More than a mile of the original Miami and Erie Canal and towpath.
- Lock #44, one of the last functioning 19th century limestone locks.
- Scenic Providence Dam, constructed across the Maumee River to maintain water levels in the canal.
- Characters in period attire welcoming visitors to a time gone by.
- Visit the Heritage Center to view The Volunteer and Lock 44 in action.

Visit Providence Metropark May 2 through Oct. 30. Group reservations for tours of the Isaac Ludwig Mill welcome. Providence Metropark, Old US 24 at SR 578, Grand Rapids
419-407-9741, metroparkstoledo.com

Oregon Jerusalem Historical Society Brandville School

Built in 1882, the historic Brandville School has been restored and is now part of the Oregon-Jerusalem Historical Society complex. It was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1994.

Brandville School houses artifacts from Native Americans who lived in the Great Black Swamp area. There is also a military room with artifacts from all the major conflicts in which the United States has been involved, dating from 1812 to the present.

The Carriage House includes vignettes of the old Metzger General Store, a doctor's office and an old post office. The one-room schoolhouse will take visitors back to the turn of the 20th Century.

The historical society offers a number of special events and programs throughout the year.

Beginning April 5, the museum complex is open Wednesdays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. for tours, research and artifact collection. Call to arrange tours for groups tours. No charge; donations accepted.

1133 Grasser St., Oregon
419-902-5149, ojhs.org

Harbor View Historical Society & Museum

Located in the historical neighborhood of Harbor View in the city of Oregon, the Harbor View Historical Society and Museum continues to attract visitors from all over the country and Canada.

The Society Complex is situated on the land originally deeded to the Ottawa chief named OTT-TO-KEE (Autokee) for his assistance to the American Forces during the War of 1812.

Located nearly 100 yards outside of the Harbor View Yacht Club entrance on Autokee Street, the museum offers a glimpse of the War of 1812 and the Battle of Lake Erie in 1813.

The British long gun and the American carronade on display are from the 2003 movie "Master and Commander Far side of the World," starring Russel Crowe. The cannons allow visitors to get an up-close view of the cannons that were used at the Battle of Lake Erie in 1813. Other exhibits include "The United States Navy, Toledo from 1933 to 1997," and the nearly 100-year-old Harbor View Post Office that has provided service to the small communities on Maumee Bay.

The Museum hosts many other special attractions throughout the year.

Open Wednesdays 5-9 p.m. Admission is free.
2083 Autokee St., Oregon



Reenactors welcome visitors at the Canal Experience.

419-691-1517
harborviewhistoricalsociety.org

Historic Genoa

Among the many mercantile, entertaining, and historical treasures the Village of Genoa (founded in 1857) has to offer, the Historic Town Hall (built in 1883) is a must-see for a variety of reasons.

Located at 509 Main St., it is classified as the oldest free-standing municipal building in Ottawa County and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Built in the Gothic revival style, the structure features eight ornamental chimneys and a hand-carved sandstone mask of Dionysius, the Greek God of theater, which rests over the main entrance. The first floor houses the mayor's office and the village council chambers; the second floor is used by Genoa Civic Theater.

Genoa Privy, built to serve as Genoa's first school, is believed to be the only brick outhouse on the National Register of Historic Places. Downtown Genoa
genoaohio.org

Elmore Depot

The Elmore Historical Society purchased 1860s Elmore Depot in 1981, along with 2.5 acres of land. The society undertook an extensive renovation, and the building now houses memorabilia from Elmore's past.

In 1983, society members dismantled, relocated and rebuilt the 1940s Heckman log cabin, adding an elaborate flagstone fireplace and porch, and furnishing it with artifacts from its era.
Depot Park, Elmore
419-260-1282,
facebook.com/ElmoreHistoricalSociety

Schedel Arboretum & Gardens

Each year, the beauty and serenity of Schedel Arboretum & Gardens brings thousands to the 17-acre estate on the banks of the Portage River in Elmore.

The legacy of Joseph and Marie Schedel, the estate features an 1800s Manor House, upwards of 10,000 annual plants and flowers, an extensive bonsai collection and themed gardens including roses, perennials, tropicals, irises and peonies. Other highlights include a Japanese

garden, two lakes, numerous water features, a working vegetable garden and a fruit tree orchard.

Schedel is also home to the Blair Museum of Lithophanes, the largest collection of the 19th-century artform in the world. The McAlear Gallery, located in the Brown Welcome Center, features art exhibits each year showcasing the works of international, national and regional artists.

A number of special events, classes and programs are offered throughout the year. Learn more at schedel-gardens.org/calendar.html.

Regular hours through October are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Thursday 10-8 p.m., Sunday 12-4 p.m. Closed Mondays, Independence Day, Labor Day and Sept. 10 for annual fundraiser. 19255 W. Portage River South Rd., Elmore
419-862-3182, schedel-gardens.org

Woodville Historical Museum

Woodville Historical Museum, operated by the Woodville Historical Society, features materials and artifacts documenting the rich history of the small village located on the banks of the Portage River about 20 miles east of Toledo on US 20.

Museum visitors can learn about the 1900s oil boom, Native Americans in the Woodville area, lime plants, early schools, the Lake Shore Electric rail system that once traveled between Toledo and Cleveland and more.

107 E. Main St., Woodville
419-849-2349

Pemberville highlights

The Pemberville Opera House is the crown jewel in properties restored and maintained by the Pemberville Historical Society. The Opera House is a "Theatre on the Second Floor." Built in 1892 and completely restored in 1999, it is one of the oldest operating opera houses in the state of Ohio. An elevator tower was added in 2016 so the theatre space is accessible to all.

The opera house is home to annual events such as "Live! In The House" a concert series, the Children's Theatre Workshop, "For the Love of Art Show" and the annual Festival of Trees.

Pemberville's historic Pember-Furry

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House and One-Room School takes visitors back in time to the 19th century. Believed to be the community's oldest existing building, the Furry House was built by village founder James Pember, and eventually was home to long-time residents Jacob H. Furry and his daughter, Minnie.

Featuring unique architectural details and authentic period furnishings, the house sits adjacent to the One Room School, where Pemberville's youth learned "readin' and writin'" at the turn of the century. pembervilleoperahouse.org

Wood County Museum

Step back in time at The Wood County Historical Center and Museum.

The Museum is the site of the former County Infirmary, which operated from 1869-1971, and became a museum in 1975.

Visitors can expect a variety of educational experiences, including several exhibit rooms depicting the original uses of the building as well as a wealth of information on the significant history of Wood County and Northwest Ohio. Among exhibits are "Allure & Illusion: A Rose-Colored Romance," showcasing wedding dresses once worn by local community members; "For Comfort & Convenience," "A Clean Bill of Health: Societal Response to Disease," and "Chasing the White Rabbit: An Historical Look at American Mental Illness."

The 50-acre museum grounds, maintained by the Wood County Park District, are open to the public daily.

The center also offers a variety of special programs and events throughout the year, including historical teas, several Demonstration Days, Wood County Living History Day (Aug. 27); German American Day (Oct. 11) and more.

Visit the website and follow on social media for hours and updates.

13660 County Home Rd., Bowling Green
419-352-0967, woodcountyhistory.org

North Coast Veterans Museum

The North Coast Veterans Museum opened in 2004 as a tribute to those who have served in the uniformed service of the United States, especially those who have lost their lives in combat or training.

Military displays include weapons, uniforms, pictures, memorabilia, military accessories, tents and first aid from the Civil War to present.

The park also includes a Veterans' Memorial and a Public Safety Services Memorial. The memorial features a 36-foot, 7,000-pound antenna that sat atop the North Tower of the World Trade Center; black granite meditation seats and a One World Trade Center Sculpture. The pentagonal design is in honor of the U.S. Pentagon, and the design on the floor represent the Pennsylvania countryside and Flight 93. (Learn more at gibsonburgohio.org)
Williams Park, 411 North Main St., Gibsonburg
419-680-3217

Hayes Presidential Library & Museums

The Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library and Museums is the nation's first Presidential library. It houses 19th U.S. President Rutherford B. Hayes' Victorian mansion, the museum, presidential library, tomb, and a mile of paved walking trails through his 25-acre wooded estate, known as Spiegel Grove.

Exhibits include interactive components that better tell the story of 19th U.S. President Rutherford B. Hayes and First Lady Lucy Webb Hayes. The museum now has a Presidents Gallery, which has artifacts from other U.S. Presidents and has a replica of the Resolute Desk. The original is located in the Oval Office of the White House.

The latest special exhibit, "Resolute: The Spirit of Arctic Exploration," examines the Arctic's strange, treacherous environment and profiles the adventurers who tried to tame it. The exhibit will remain on display through Monday, June 30, 2024.

HPLM also offers a number of special programs and events throughout the year including genealogy classes, outdoor Verandah Concerts in the summer, a Presidential Book Club, the Hayes Train



The National Museum of the Great Lakes.

Special model train display, Horse-Drawn Sleigh Rides in Spiegel Grove during the holidays and more.

Corner of Hayes and Buckland Avenues, Fremont
419-332-2081, rbhayes.org

Ottawa County Museum

Visitors will enjoy historical displays about Ottawa County, including exhibits on Native Americans, early life and industries, Ford Tri-Motor, Lake Erie, military history from the Civil War through WWII, Camp Perry, and the "convict ship" Success. ADA accessible. Open Memorial Day-Labor Day, Tuesday-Thursday 12-3 p.m.; Labor Day-Memorial Day, Wednesday, 12-3 p.m. or by appointment.
126 W. Third St., Port Clinton
419-732-2237

Sauder Village

Connect with the past at Ohio's largest living-history village located at 22611 SR 2 in Archbold. Enjoy guided tours, period craftsmen, hands-on activities like arts and crafts and several annual events including Tractors, Tractors, Tractors (June 10), Naturalization Ceremony (July 1), Summer at the Village (July 15), Rug Hooking Week (Aug. 15-19), Home School Days (Sept. 6-8), Vintage Base Ball Tournament (Sept. 23), Explore the Crafts (Oct. 7), Fall on the Farm (Oct. 11-14), Woodcarvers' Show & Sale (Oct. 27-28) and more.

Families can experience the Roaring Twenties at the 1920s Main Street – part of the Walk Through Time Experience – a theater, candy shop, fire station, soda fountain, grocery store and much more.
800-590-9755, saudervillage.org

Green spaces

Metroparks Toledo

Metroparks Toledo preserves many of Lucas County's most unique natural areas, from the Oak Openings to the Lake Erie coastal zone. Among local parks are:

- **Pearson Metropark**, located at 761 Lallendorf Rd., Oregon, is one of the last remaining stands of the Great Black Swamp, a notorious forest that once blanketed much

of Northwest Ohio. The thick woods and location close to Lake Erie make Pearson a favorite stopover for a wide variety of migrating birds. Nearly 15 miles of trail in this 624-acre park provide remarkable access to the best birding anywhere. From birding to baseball to picnicking and fishing, there's something for everyone at Pearson.

Remember what life was like for those settling the Great Black Swamp in the 1860s at the Johlin Cabin, built in 1867. The cabin is part of an addition to the park, accessible from Seaman Road or the park's trail system. Known as Pearson North, this area includes an extensive wetland restoration.

- **Middlegrounds Metropark**, located at 111 Ottawa St. Toledo, includes a half-mile of river frontage that begins at the Anthony Wayne Bridge. The urban, 28-acre greenspace offers a 1.5-mile meandering walk/bike path and tranquil views of the Maumee River. Middlegrounds has a kayak cove with access to the river for those who bring their own boats, and a hub for the Veo Bike Share. There is also an off-leash dog area with separate fenced areas for large and small dogs.

- **Glass City Metropark**, located at 983 Front St., in downtown Toledo, connects East Toledo to the Maumee River and brings high-quality public greenspace, trails and programs to our riverfront. Glass City Metropark is a place to gather and celebrate as a community with adventure playgrounds, water play features, a kayak cove with an interactive boardwalk, picnic and party shelters, the Glass City Pavilion with a rooftop deck, an event lawn for up to 5,000 people, The Ribbon ice skating and roller skating trail, and the Market Hall building.

- **Howard Marsh Metropark**, 611 Howard Rd., in Curtice, showcases six miles of water trail for canoeing and kayaking and five miles of dike-top trails for hiking.

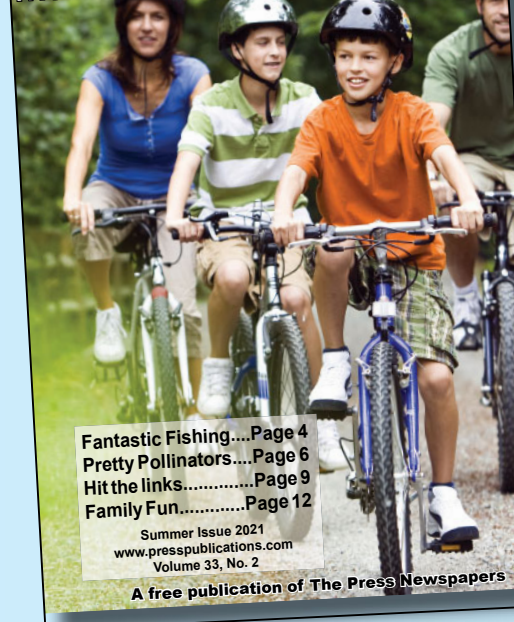
The Metropark, which was previously a working farm, is adjacent to the Metzger Marsh State Wildlife Area in a region that also includes Maumee Bay State Park, Magee Marsh State Wildlife Area and the

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Birding at Howard Marsh.

Explore Maumee Bay & Northwest



How Will 1.5 Million Visitors Find You? with EXPLORE!

Maumee Bay State Park attracts 1.5 million visitors every year and The Press provides visitors with **Explore**, the only tourist guide for Western Lake Erie.

The guide is distributed at Maumee Bay State Park and locations from Oregon to Port Clinton, from Genoa to Elmore and Woodville to Pemberville and more!

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Call 419-836-2221 to reserve your space

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Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge. Together, these local, state and federal public lands are known for their concentration of songbirds, or warblers, especially during spring migration.

The quarter-mile Madewell Trail extends into a marsh, and two overlooks provide access for fishing and viewing birds. The fishery is still being established.

For the paddler, there are two roll-off docks, kayaks available to rent by the hour using smartphone app (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day) and portages between marsh unit.

For hours and more information, call 419-407-9700 or visit metroparkstoledo.com.

Maumee Bay State Park at Cedar Point and North Curtice roads along the Oregon-Jerusalem Township border offers 1,336 acres of not only the finest of recreational facilities in the Midwest, but also a unique natural environment created by the convergence of the land and Lake Erie.

A resort lodge and cabins, and golf course are nestled among scenic meadows, wet woods, and lush marshes. More than 300 bird species have been observed here. Families will enjoy the campground, inland lake, nature center, accessible boardwalk trail, and the Storybook Trail.

419-836-1466, ohiodnr.gov/go-and-do/plan-a-visit/find-a-property/maumee-bay-state-park maumeebaylodge.com

Magee Marsh Wildlife Area supports an abundance of wildlife but is probably best known as one of the top birding spots in North America for migrating songbirds, especially warblers. More than 156 species of songbirds, including 37 species of warblers, have been seen at Magee Marsh during spring and/or fall migration.

Birding at Magee Marsh can be done year-round, but the second and third week of May typically provide the most diverse numbers of songbird species for bird watchers. The most popular destination is the boardwalk bird trail, located at the end



The Grotto at Our Lady of Lourdes.

of the wildlife area road.

At the Sportsmen's Migratory Bird Center (SMBC), visitors are greeted with numerous displays that depict the unique history, flora, and fauna of the area. Antique decoys, artifacts and photos provide a glimpse of the numerous waterfowl hunt clubs that once lined the lakeshore from Sandusky to Toledo covering about 30,000 acres. A wildlife habitat display offers visitors an understanding of what lives in a wetland.

13229 W. SR 2, Oak Harbor
ohiodnr.gov/discover-and-learn/safety-conservation/about-ODNR/wildlife

Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge provides valuable habitat for a diversity of waterfowl and other migratory birds, resident wildlife, and endangered and threatened species.

During migration, the Refuge may host as many as 38 different species of warblers. The shrubs along the boardwalk and trails directly behind the Visitor Center provide excellent views of a variety of warblers and other migratory birds.

The Visitor Center welcomes guests

and tells the Refuge story. Friends of Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge, the 501(c)3 non-profit that supports the Refuge, operates a Nature Store in the Visitor Center. Proceeds from the store help to support the Refuge with education and restoration initiatives.

The Refuge features hiking trails and a Wildlife Drive to explore. Check the website or call ahead for updates on safety restrictions in place and other info.

14000 W. SR 2, Oak Harbor
419-898-0014, fws.gov/refuge/ottawa

The Wood County Park District oversees 20 parks and nature preserves and more than 1,125 acres. Locally, visit Cedar Creeks Preserve, a 42-acre tract located at 4575 Walbridge Rd., Northwood. The park features hiking trails, allowing visitors to see a remnant Black Swamp woods, playground and picnic area.

419-353-1897, wcparks.org
The Sandusky County Park District includes 16 parks and over, 2,500 acres, including Wolf Creek Park, Blue Heron Reserve, Creek Bend Farm and others. White Star Park, located south of Gibsonburg on SR 300, has a quarry up to 40-feet deep that is

used by scuba divers as well as for non-power boating and fishing, a beach and a campground located across from the park's main entrance. The park also offers two 1870s-era historical log cabins, an extensive trail system and a constructed wetland area which is excellent for birding, especially in the spring and fall.

1-888-200-5577, lovemyparks.com

East Harbor State Park, 1169 N. Buck Rd off SR 269 in Marblehead, on the shores of Lake Erie, has unlimited opportunities for outdoor recreation, including boating, fishing, swimming, picnicking and camping. Nature enthusiasts will enjoy the abundance of waterfowl, shorebirds and other species of wildlife found in the park's scenic wetlands.

419-734-4424, 1-866-664-6727, odnr.gov

Marblehead Lighthouse State Park, 110 Lighthouse Dr., Marblehead, is one of Lake Erie's best-known and most-photographed landmarks. The grounds surrounding the lighthouse offer excellent views of Lake Erie, Sandusky Bay, Kelleys Island and South Bass Island. Visitors can climb to the top of the lighthouse during the summer season for spectacular views of the lake and its islands in the distance. History buffs will enjoy stopping by the replica lifesaving station with museum of US Coast Guard activities and visiting the gift shop. The area also offers picnic areas and restrooms.

419-734-4424 ext. 2, odnr.gov

Religious sites

The Grotto at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, in Genoa, features a replica of the Lourdes grotto constructed of "tufa," fossilized vegetation found in the "blue hole" at Castalia, Ohio, along with a statue of a praying Saint Bernadette Souberious looking admiringly at Our Lady. The grounds also include a small altar, an adjoining bell tower of tufa, arches and outdoor Stations of the Cross in hand-carved Italian bronze.

204 S. Main St., Genoa, 419-855-8501
Our Lady of Toledo Shrine is a place of prayer, quiet reflection and healing. All faiths are welcome. The garden and well are open during daylight hours.

655 S. Coy Rd., Oregon
419-697-7742

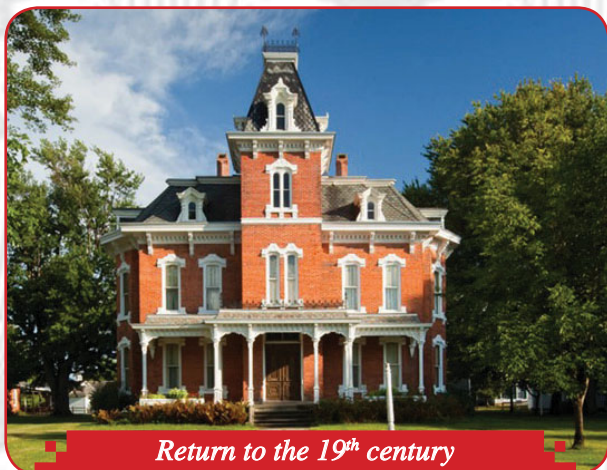
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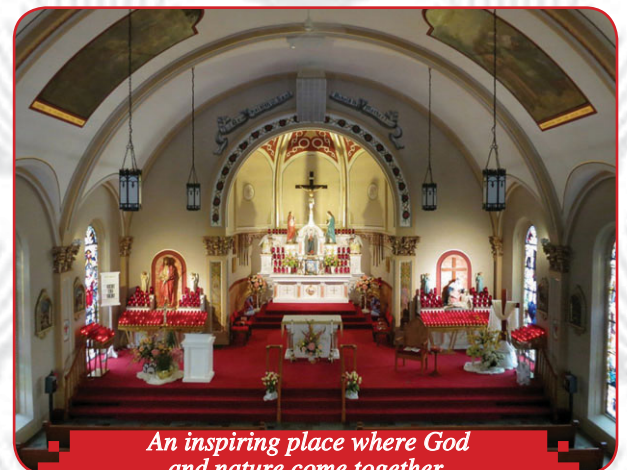
Located just 20 minutes from Lake Erie, you will find the residents of Bellevue waiting to welcome you to the Lake Erie vacation land. Uniquely nestled in the corner of four counties – Erie, Huron, Sandusky and Seneca – Bellevue sports numerous attractions, along with services for vacationing travelers. Come discover and enjoy the wide variety of attractions and activities available in Bellevue Ohio!



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Bellevue Area Tourism & Visitors Bureau, P.O. Box 63, Bellevue, OH 44811

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Cathedral is the primary church of Roman Catholic Diocese of Toledo, is Spanish Plateresque in design – the only one of its kind in North America. Thousands have been inspired by the graceful beauty of its piers and arches, the richly decorated nave ceiling with scenes from the Old Testament and by one of its most striking gems, the Rose Window.

2535 Collingwood Blvd., Toledo
419-244-9575, rosarycathedral.org

Sorrowful Mother Shrine is a Catholic shrine located on 120 acres in Bellevue. The shrine features more than 40 points of interest, including outdoor Stations of the Cross with walking paths through the woods, shrine, and grottos.

4106 SR 269, Bellevue
419-483-3435, sorrowfulmothershrine.org

African Safari Park

The Midwest's only drive-thru safari, African Safari is home to giraffes, zebras, and much more. Get ready for a wild time feeding exotic animals from your vehicle. Stop by the Walk-Thru Safari to learn about the animals during daily education programs, included with admission. This summer, African Safari Wildlife Park is going back in time – way back, as more than 20 moving, roaring, life-sized prehistoric creatures will be on display throughout the park's Walk-Thru Safari, as part of Dinosaur Takeover. Other activities include camel rides, Aviary Adventure, Rabbit Row, HogWILD Experience, educational animal programs and more.

Open through Nov. 26 (subject to change). Check the website for hours.
267 S. Lightner Rd., Port Clinton
800-521-2660,
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Fremont Speedway

Since 1951, Fremont Speedway has been the center of dirt racing in Ohio. The 2023 season will continue to provide the entertainment that has led Fremont Speedway to be known around the world as "The Track That Action Built."

From April through October, the speedway hosts exciting open-wheel racing that keeps fans on the edge of their seats, as 410 and 305 sprint cars and trucks battle wheel to wheel, sliding around the one-third mile semi-banked clay oval.

901 Rawson Ave., Fremont
419-333-0478, fremontohspeedway.com

Cedar Point

Cedar Point is "A Place Like No Other." The family destination is home to 70 rides, including record-breaking attractions like Steel Vengeance and Millennium Force. With beach activities, live shows, three kids' areas, overnight accommodations and a Lake Erie setting, it's easy to see why one day is not enough to discover all that Cedar Point has to offer. The centerpiece of the 154th season is the park's all-new midway area, The Boardwalk – a modern take on the park experience of yesteryear. Inside The Boardwalk, the Wild Mouse spinning family coaster joins Cedar Point's world-class lineup of roller coasters. Visit the website for updates on hours and special events.

1 Cedar Point Dr. (off US 6), Sandusky
41-627-2350, cedarpoint.com



African Safari Park.

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Cedar Point Shores Waterpark, features 18 acres of splish-splashin' family fun. Kids will love Lakeside Landing, where pint-sized slides, geysers, and fountains are fun to play around. The mythical Lake Erie monster, Lemmy, is ready to play at Lemmy's Lagoon. Test your courage on the four-capsule drop slide, Point Plummet; fill up on refreshing treats at Beaches & Cream; lounge in redesigned cabanas, and much more. Open May 26-Labor Day.

1 Cedar Point Dr., (off US 6) Sandusky
419-627-2350, cedarpoint.com

Merry-Go-Round Museum

Located in the former U.S. Post Office, the Merry-Go-Round Museum celebrates the history of carousels, the carvers who made the intricate horses and other animals, and enthusiasts who enjoy them.

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301 Jackson St., Sandusky
419-626-6111, merrygoroundmuseum.org

Ghostly Manor Thrill Center

This multi-attraction, family entertainment center was featured on The Travel Channel's "Best Places I've Ever Been," and Forbes Top 10 haunted attractions, and USA Today's Top 20 Haunted Houses. Open every day at noon, experience the scariest haunted house; Ohio's fastest virtual motion theater; a one-of-a-kind interactive 3D, black light miniature golf journey; a skating rink; or for those 12 years, or younger, bounce houses, and an indoor playground.
3319 Milan Rd. (US 250), Sandusky
419-626-4467, ghostlymanor.com

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4600 Milan Rd. (US 250), Sandusky
800-641-WOLF (9653), greatwolf.com/sandusky

Kalahari Waterpark Resort

Kalahari Resort boasts indoor water fun, hair-raising waterslides, world-class spas, kids' play areas, diverse dining options and much more.

Attractions include a Lazy River, Leopard's Lair, Mud Hut Swim-Up Bar, and more.
7000 Kalahari Dr. (off US 250), Sandusky
877-KALAHARI (525.2427), kalahariresorts.com/ohio

Seneca Caverns

Visitors to Seneca Caverns – "The Caviest Cave" – can walk natural stone steps and pathways through "The Earth Crack" and view the Ole Mist'ry River, the crystal-clear flowing stream which is part of the vast ground-water system which underlies the surrounds region. Seneca Caverns opened for its 90th anniversary season on May 6 and remains open through mid-October. Check the website for hours.
15248 E. TR 178, Bellevue
419-483-6711, senecacavernsohio.com

Lakeside Chautauqua

For nearly 150 years, Lakeside Chautauqua has welcomed families to the Lake Erie shore to nurture mind, body, and spirit.

Lakeside Chautauqua is a historic community in Northwest Ohio that strives to enrich the quality of life for all people through programming focused on the four Chautauqua pillars: arts, education, recreation, and religion.

From Memorial Day-Labor Day, Lakeside is a gated community with admission fees, although a variety of complimentary passes are available for shopping, dining, and worship opportunities.

From September-May, enjoy free entry to the Lakeside grounds. Many couples, families, groups, and retreats take the op-

portunity to reconnect during the peaceful months of fall, winter, and spring. A variety of accommodations are offered year-round.
236 Walnut Ave., Lakeside
419-798-4461, lakesideohio.com

Marblehead

Keeper's House – The oldest surviving home in Ottawa County offers visitors the chance to experience the history of lighthouse keepers. The 1822 home was the residence of the first three keepers of the oldest continually operated lighthouse on the Great Lakes.

9999 E. Bayshore Road, Marblehead

Johnson's Island Confederate Officers Prison Cemetery – The historic cemetery is the final resting place of more than 200 of the 9,000 Confederate soldiers once imprisoned here.

Gaydos Road, Marblehead
johnsonisland.org

Put-in-Bay/South Bass Island

Visitors have been flocking to the village of Put-in-Bay on South Bass Island for more than 150 years. Hundreds of thousands travel here annually to enjoy family-friendly activities, outdoor recreation and a large variety of special events. Many start their visit with a narrated tram tour. Others choose to explore on their own, renting a golf cart, scooter or bike.

Families will find plenty to keep the kids entertained including a butterfly house, miniature golf, gem mining, cave tours, arcades, a carousel and go-kart racing.
visitputinbay.org

Perry's Victory & International Peace Memorial

The memorial was established to honor those who fought in the Battle of Lake Erie during the War of 1812 and to celebrate the long-lasting peace between Britain, Canada, and the U.S. Visitors can ride an elevator to the 317- ft. high observation deck for a 360-degree view of the Lake Erie islands, including the U.S. and Canada. The grounds and Visitor Center are open seasonally. Visit the website for updates. The 210th Commemoration of the Battle of Lake Erie will be held on the island Sept. 8-10.

419-285-2184, nps.gov/pevi

Heineman's Winery

The oldest family-owned and operated winery in Ohio, Heineman's was founded in 1888 by Gustav Heineman, an immigrant from Baden-Baden, Germany. Visit the tasting room and wine garden, sample award-winning wines and tour Crystal Cave, the world's largest Celestine geode. Hours vary.

978 Catawba Ave., Put-in-Bay
419-285-2811, heinemanswinery.com

Kelleys Island

Kelleys Island is the second largest of the Lake Erie Islands, an archipelago shared between the United States and Canada. The island is roughly three-and-a-half miles north of the Marblehead Peninsula, and approximately 10 miles north of Sandusky.

The island is dominated by natural areas. It appeals to nature and bird lovers as well as those looking for a relaxing, quiet getaway. Its rocky shorelines, pristine beach, lush forests, fragrant vineyards, historical homes and friendly hospitality are inviting. Rent a golf cart or bicycle and encounter the world's largest, most spectac-

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ular glacial scoring, find Native American pictographs carved into a limestone boulder, hike miles of trails at the state park or build sandcastles at the beach. Downtown is the heart of the island where clothing and gift stores, miniature golf, karaoke, restaurants, and live entertainment bring rhythm to the island pace.

kelleyislandchamber.com

Glacial Grooves State Memorial

The world's largest accessible glacial grooves, embedded with fossils that are 350-400 million years old, are located on the north side of Kelleys Island, and can be viewed from a walkway and stairs. Open year-round during daylight hours.

739 Division Street, Kelleys Island
kelleyislandchamber.com/place/glacial-grooves/

Jet Express

The Jet-Express offers high-speed passenger ferries to Put-in-Bay, Kelleys Island and Cedar Point. Docks are located in Port Clinton and Sandusky.

Late-night service, group discounts and children's rates available. Service available May through October, weather permitting. 800-245-1538, jet-express.com

Miller Ferries

Miller Ferries offer passenger and vehicle service to Put-in-Bay or Middle Bass Island from Port Clinton (Catawba). Ferries operate year-round, weather permitting. Limited free parking available. ADA accessible.

5174 E. Water St. (SR 53 North), Port Clinton 800-500-2421, millerferry.com

Historic Lyme Village

Experience the past as you tour the 16 buildings of this 19th-century village, including an 1880s Victorian mansion, an 1836 farm home, log homes, barns, a one-room school, a general store, and more

A number of special events are held at the village. Visit the website or follow on social media for updates.

5001 SR 4, Bellevue
419-483-4949, lymevillage.org



Robert Jones, (left), and Matt Watroba, return to the Verandah Concert series this summer at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums. The duo, from the Detroit area, perform a celebration of traditional and popular roots music. The concert series, which takes place on Wednesdays during the summer, showcases a variety of genres. (Submitted photo)

Verandah Concerts to feature Irish, big band, bluegrass music

An Irish music band, folk singers and a group of ukulelists are among the performers who will be featured this summer during the Verandah Concert series at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums, located in Fremont.

The popular concerts take place twice a month on Wednesdays on the verandah of the historic home of 19th U.S. President Rutherford and First Lady Lucy Hayes.

Attendees are invited to bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating on the expansive lawn. Admission is free.

Each event begins with an ice cream social at 6:30 p.m. Donations can be made for the ice cream but are not required. Performances then start at 7 p.m.

The 2023 Verandah Concert schedule is:

- June 14 – Fostoria Community Band,

performing concert band music.

- June 28 – Bridge County Bluegrass Band, performing bluegrass music.

- July 12 – Robert Jones and Matt Watroba, performing a celebration of traditional and popular roots music.

- July 26 – Grand Royale Ukulelists of the Black Swamp (GRÜBS).

- Aug. 9 – Toraigh, performing traditional Irish music.

- Aug. 23 – North Coast Big Band, performing toe-tapping tunes of the World War II era.

Verandah Concerts are sponsored by Fremont Federal Credit Union. Additional funding by Countryside Manor and ProMedica Memorial Hospital.

If there is inclement weather, concerts could be canceled. For updates, visit rbhayes.org or call 800-998-7737.

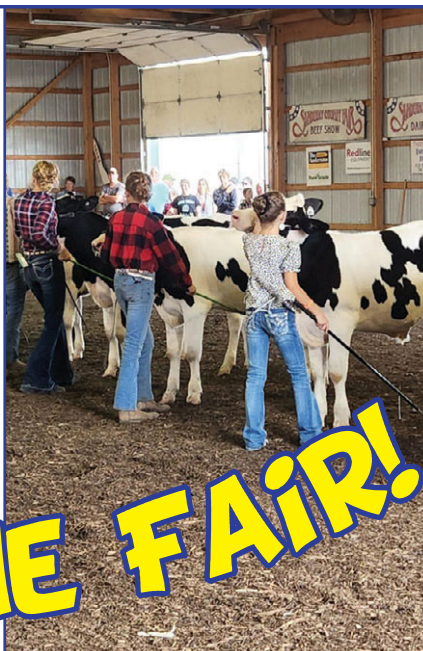
Updates also will be posted on the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums' social media pages.

Hayes Presidential will be open from 9 a.m.-8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays this summer. Hayes Home tours are offered on the hour from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The research library is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Hayes Presidential is America's first presidential library and the forerunner of the federal presidential library system. It is partially funded by the state of Ohio and affiliated with the Ohio History Connection.

Hayes Presidential is located at Spiegel Grove at the corner of Hayes and Buckland avenues.

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There is always something happening at the marsh

By Art Weber

Marshes are wonderful places. There are some people who haven't discovered the magic, who think of them as useless wastelands instead of what they really are – nature's seafood nurseries, wildlife preserves extraordinaire, economic engines attracting heavy tourism traffic, natural open spaces that improve our quality of life and excellent pollutant filters.

Preserving a marsh is all upside. We're fortunate to have saved a few choice wetlands before it was too late. Several are located virtually side-by-side in this area – Magee Marsh State Wildlife Area, Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge, Metzger Marsh State Wildlife Area, Howard Marsh Metropark, Mallard Club Marsh Wildlife Area, Cedar Point National Wildlife Refuge and portions of Maumee Bay State Park.

They are places where trees are sparse but grasses, sedges, and cattails can be luxuriant; places where the land meets water, resulting in a habitat that is uniquely both – yet it's neither, rather its own special habitat. Plants and animals that thrive in both land or water or both call it home.

For many animals, it is a place to nurture their young. Food is typically plentiful; cover is readily available.

For human visitors, it is a bustling place to witness. There is always something happening, something to be seen in the marsh. More in some seasons than others, but always something.

Onlookers have the advantage of long looks over watery vistas unburdened with tall trees. There's seemingly always something in flight, looking to feed or moving in flocks.

Birders have a special attraction to our marshes because they are so naturally rich and because they also happen to be right on a major migration flyway, and just happen to have the right stuff to host migration stopovers with wonderful accommodations for resting and refueling before making the big flight over Lake Erie.

The result is birders, naturalists, photographers, individuals and families who just plain love the outdoors converge on our marshes every year, especially around Mother's Day when the crowd favorites – the warblers – are passing through in great varieties and huge numbers. We are one of the very best places in the world to enjoy the show.

And now we have a new place to visit and enjoy the show.

A new marsh unit has been sculpted, diked, and readied for visitors at Howard Marsh Metropark – 200 additional acres of wetlands in the 1,000-acre Metropark.

Managing a wetland is not unlike being a farmer – managing invasives, water levels, access, nesting boxes and areas, all with the intent to ensure the wetland functions for many forms of life.

"Right now, we're drawing water off that unit, creating exposed open flats that shorebirds need for feeding," said Denis Franklin, who manages the marsh. "The perimeter areas are starting to be exposed, so we have some decent mud flats that are attracting shorebirds.

"We've already had reports of some visitors that birders love," he said.

Hudsonian godwits top that list right now, but there have been and will be many more species to enjoy and study. Black-necked stilts have had nesting success



Top photo, Trumpeter swans are very impressive birds with wingspans up to 10 feet. A flock typically spends most of the year at Howard Marsh. Bottom left, a pair of ospreys is again raising young on a nesting platform in Howard Marsh. Bottom right, among the over 130 species confirmed in Howard Marsh is the black-necked stilt, a long-legged shorebird well adapted to life in the marsh. (Photos by Art Weber)

at Howard in previous years, unusual in Ohio.

"We've observed the stilts moving back and forth between the marsh areas opened in 2018 and the new area, which we refer to as Phase II," Franklin said. "Sandhill cranes have also been observed. Sandhills have had a successful nest at Howard.

"The draw-down encourages some vegetation, but we have to wait and see if it's beneficial. For example, we want cattails not phragmites," he said.

Phragmites are an undesirable aggressive non-native invasive with little value to wildlife and a serious threat displacing desirable native plants.

"The vegetation will help protect our

earthen dikes from erosive wave action," Franklin said. "Every wetland is different; you have to understand the topography and your ability to move water in or out."

In a marsh, small differences in topography can make the difference between wet or dry.

"The topography in Phase II lends itself to more open water than other units," he said. "The old Cedar Creek channel runs through this unit, and we'll never pull down levels enough to expose the channel bottom. It's an ideal blueway for kayaks and canoes."

And kayaks and canoes are welcome. Those who don't own their own can rent one at the main parking area for the marsh.

Those who would rather walk are welcome on miles of trails and boardwalks that get visitors up-close-and-personal with wildlife.

There's so much to see, and, with the opening of Phase II, there's even more to like about Howard Marsh Metropark.

Like this.

"Over 180 species have already been observed at Howard Marsh," Franklin said. And it's only going to get better as desirable marsh vegetation takes hold and strategically placed tree plantings mature."

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Lake Erie to continue historic run of excellent fishing

Lake Erie anglers can expect the 2023 fishing season to provide more world-class fishing and lasting memories, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Wildlife.

After another year of strong walleye hatches, Lake Erie maintains its title as the "Walleye Capital of the World." Additionally, a stable yellow perch population in Lake Erie's west zone will provide good fishing in 2023, while low catch rates are expected to continue in the central and east zones.

"Lake Erie is known worldwide as a top fishing destination," said Travis Hartman, Lake Erie Fisheries Program Administrator for the Division of Wildlife. "With many species to pursue, Lake Erie is again a high-performing destination, thanks to science-based management, which guides regulations to ensure long-term angling opportunities."

Lake Erie walleye and yellow perch fisheries are managed through an inter-agency quota system. Each jurisdiction regulates its catches to comply with annually determined safe harvest levels that ensure sustainability. The most recent quotas were announced March 30.

Walleye

The walleye daily limit on Lake Erie is six fish per angler with a 15-inch minimum length requirement. Walleye hatch success has been exceptional for seven of the past nine years. Anglers will mostly catch abundant 2- to 5-year-old fish ranging from 15 to 24 inches. Larger fish from 2015 and earlier hatches will provide chances to reel in a Fish Ohio qualifying walleye (minimum 28 inches).

Abundant young fish will show up in the catch and range from 9 to 14 inches, with an increasing number of 2-year-olds reaching 15 inches as the season progresses. Anglers are encouraged to release these sub-legal fish with as little handling as possible so they can contribute to the future fishery.

"Our staff were pleasantly surprised to see the results of the 2022 walleye hatch index," Hartman said. "After another year of above-average results, we expect walleye anglers to find more high-performing fishing across the lake."

Yellow perch

Yellow perch abundance in the west zone from Toledo to Huron is increasing as a large year class of 2-year-old fish will join the population in 2023. The best success is anticipated during July through mid-August, when the water temperature is above 76 degrees, and again from mid-October through November as adult perch move to shallower water to feed at water tempera-



Excellent fishing news.

(Photo courtesy of Ohio Department of Natural Resources)

tures below 60 degrees. These two time periods provided a majority of angler yellow perch harvest in 2022. Abundant young perch from 7 to 9 inches will dominate the catch, with jumbo 12-inch and larger fish from older year classes also contributing to the catch.

The Lake Erie Committee sets conservative quotas each year to ensure sustainable spawning stocks that will allow the best opportunity for population recovery. Yellow perch daily limits remain as described in the 2023-24 fishing regulations through April 30, 2024, with a daily limit of 30 perch in the west zone, 10 in the central zone, and 30 in the east zone.

Bass

Smallmouth bass and largemouth bass fishing in 2023 will remain good, with the opportunity for trophy catches. The daily limit is five bass per day, with a 14-inch minimum size requirement from June 24, 2023, to April 30, 2024. During the spawning season, from May 1 to June 23, anglers may harvest one bass per day with a minimum size requirement of 18 inches.

Be alert

Erie is known for its sudden storms and pounding chop. Because it is shallow, waves can grow quickly and are often closer together than in larger, deeper waterbodies. Watch the weather carefully, check the forecasts before and during your trip and, when in doubt, head for a safe harbor.

Stay updated

The Ohio Division of Wildlife's free HuntFish OH app has all the features anglers need to enjoy a day on the water. Fishing licenses may be purchased through the app in a smooth, easy process. Multiyear and lifetime licenses are also available for purchase.

The app's map feature allows users to find boat ramps, wildlife areas, ODNR shooting ranges, license agents, and more.

Further, the app contains a weather widget, sunrise and sunset times, wind speed and forecasts, digital copies of the fishing and hunting regulations booklets, and links to Ohio state parks and boat registration information.

Updated Lake Erie fishing reports

are available at wildohio.gov or by calling 888-HOOKFISH (888-466-5347). Information is available from Division of Wildlife staff from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays at the Fairport Harbor station (440-352-4199) for the central basin and at the Sandusky station (419-625-8062) for the western basin.

The mission of the ODNR Division of Wildlife is to conserve and improve fish and wildlife resources and their habitats for sustainable use and appreciation by all. Visit wildohio.gov to find out more. Visit the ODNR website at ohiodnr.gov.

For information on lodging, charter boat services and local launch ramps, contact one of the following lakeshore visitors' bureaus:

- Sandusky County Visitors Bureau - sanduskycounty.org
- Ottawa County Visitors Bureau - shoresandislands.com
- Greater Toledo Convention and Visitors Bureau - visittoledo.org
- TourismOhio - 800-BUCKEYE, ohio.org

Lake Erie public boat ramps

For a complete list of public boat ramps and more access info please go to coastal.ohiodnr.gov/gocoast.

West Zone Boat Ramps

1. Cullen Park, 4526 Summit Street, at 101st Street, Toledo.
2. Bayshore Fishing Access, Bayshore Road, west of Wynn Road, Oregon.
3. Cooley Canal Launch Ramp, 780 block of Anchor Point Road, Curtice.
4. Metzger Marsh Wildlife Area, Bono Road, off SR 2, Curtice.
5. Portage River Access, West Lakeshore Drive, Port Clinton.
6. Catawba Island State Park, 4049 East Moore's Dock Road, Catawba.
7. East Harbor State Park, 1136 Buck Road, Marblehead.
8. West Harbor Public Ramp, 1955 N.E. Catawba Road, Port Clinton.
9. Mazurik Access Area, 8957 North Shore Road, Marblehead.
10. Dempsey Fishing Access, Bay Shore Road, Marblehead.
11. South Bass Island State Park, 1523 Catawba Avenue, Put-in-Bay.
12. Put-in-Bay Public Launch, Bayview Avenue, Put-in-Bay.
13. Middle Bass Island State Park, 1719 Fox Road, Middle Bass Island.
14. Kelleys Island State Park, 920 Division Street, Kelleys Island.
15. Shelby Street Public Launch, 101 Shelby Street, Sandusky.

Area's golf courses offer challenge, fun for all skill levels

The Maumee Bay area's many golf courses offer a wide range of skill levels and price ranges to appeal to any player.

Bayview Retiree's Golf Association, 3910 N. Summit St., Toledo. 419-726-8081

Twelve holes. Par 34. Snack bar available.

Chippewa Golf Club & Pro Shop, 23550 W. SR 579, Curtice. 419-836-8111, chippewa579.com

Eighteen holes. Par 71. Pro shop, club rental and snack bar/restaurant available.

Collins Park Golf Course, 624 Reineck Dr., Toledo. 419-691-3374, toledocitygolf.com

Nine holes. Par 36. Pro shop, club rental and restaurant/snack bar available.

Crosswinds Golf Club, 8205 Fremont Pike (U.S. 20), three miles east of I-75 in Perrysburg Township. 419-872-4653

Eighteen holes. Par 70. Pro shop, driving range, snack bar available.

Detwiler Golf Course, 4001 N. Summit St., Toledo. 419-726-9353, toledocitygolf.com

Eighteen holes. Par 71. Pro shop, club rental, driving range and snack bar available.

Eagle's Landing Golf Club, 5530 Bay Shore Rd., Oregon. 419-697-4653, eagleslandinggolfclub.net



Tee time at Maumee Bay State Park.

(Photo courtesy of Ohio Department of Natural Resources)

Eighteen holes. Par 72. Pro shop, club rental, large grass tee and chipping and putting greens, clubhouse and lounge.

Hidden Hills Golf Club, 4900 CR 16, Woodville. 419-849-3693, hiddenhillsgc.net

Eighteen holes. Par 72. Pro shop, club rental, restaurant/snack bar available.

Maumee Bay State Park Golf Course, 1750 State Park Rd. Oregon. 419-836-9009, maumeebaylodge.com/recreation/golf

Eighteen holes. Par 72. Pro shop, club rental, driving range, restaurant/snack bar available.

Oak Harbor Golf Club, 10433 W. Oak Harbor Southeast Rd. (CR 17), Oak Harbor. 419-898-1493, oakharborgolfclub.com

Eighteen holes. Par 72. Club rental, driving range, The Village Grill and Patio restaurant.

Ottawa Park Golf Course, 2315 Walden Pond Dr. (off Bancroft), Toledo. 419-472-2059, toledocitygolf.com

Eighteen holes. Par 71. Pro shop, club rental and restaurant/snack bar available.

Sugar Creek Golf Course & Driving Range, 950 W. Elmore Eastern Rd., Elmore. 419-862-2551.

Eighteen holes. Par 70. Driving range, dining and snack bar available.

Sycamore Hills Golf Course, 3728 W. Hayes Ave., Fremont. 419-332-5716, sycamorehillsgolf.com

Twenty-seven holes (three 9-hole layout). Par 70 and 72 (red course). Pro shop, club rental and repair, driving range, clubhouse snack bar and banquet area available.

EXPLORE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Never a dull moment – fairs, festivals, special events abound

Ongoing:

Mondays May 7-Oct. 16: Monday Night Cruise-in, Applebee's, 3007 Curtice Rd., Northwood, 5:30-7:30 p.m. cruisinzeake.com.

Second Friday of the Month, April-August: Northwood Nights, Central Park, 6000 Wales Rd., Northwood (behind the municipal building), 5-8 p.m. Food trucks, vendors, crafts, seasonal food/produce, live entertainment, beverage tent and more. northwoodoh.gov.

Select Wednesdays, May-Sept: Oregon Rollin' Food & Farm Market, 5401 Starr Ext. soccer fields. Farmers market, food trucks, vendors and more, from 5-8 p.m. Markets will be held on the first and third Wednesdays with the exception of July (no market the first week). The final market will be held Saturday, Oct. 28, in collaboration with ORec Honey Festival, 2-5 p.m. facebook.com/rollinfoodandfarm.

May

May 27-28: First Siege 1813, Fort Meigs State Memorial, 29100 W. River Rd., Perrysburg. U.S. and British soldiers as well as Woodland Indians recreate historic 1813 battles at Fort Meigs. fortmeigs.org.

May 27-29: 33rd Annual Flower Day Weekend, Toledo Farmer's Market, 525 Market St. (adjacent to the Erie Street Market), Toledo, rain or shine. Saturday and Monday are traditional market days with a spotlight on local produce, artisans, plants and flowers. On Sunday, market vendors will be joined by members of the Toledo Area Flower & Vegetable Growers for a fantastic display of plants. Various craft and food vendors will be on hand all three days. toledofarmersmarket.com/flower-day.

May 29: Memorial Day Commemoration, Fort Meigs State Memorial, Perrysburg, noon-5 p.m. Join Fort Meigs staff and volunteers in honoring our nation's fallen heroes. fortmeigs.org.

June

June 1: Cruisin' Night, downtown Pemberville, 6-8 p.m. Food, music, and more. 419-287-3274.

June 1, 27: Genoa Cruise-in Car Show, downtown Genoa, 5-8 p.m. Featuring music by DJ Cruisin Zeake. Cash prizes and gas cards awarded. genoaareachamber.com.

June 1-3: Genoa Homecoming, down-

town Genoa. Residents, former residents and visitors are invited to enjoy the celebration themed, "There's No Place Like Home" – based on favorite characters from "The Wizard of Oz." See Dorothies, Wicked Witches, Munchkins, Flying Monkeys and more up and down Main St. Entertainment, amusement rides, carnival games, food vendors, car show, Grand Parade, 5K and much more genoahomecoming.org.

June 2-3: Annual Village-Wide Garage Sales, downtown Oak Harbor. 419-898-0479. oakharborohio.net.

June 2-4: 50th Historic Old West End Festival, Toledo's Historic Old West End, (Robinwood/Bancroft/Collingwood/Monroe). King Wamba Parade, art fair, marketplace, yard sales, entertainment, food vendors and more. toledodldwestend.com/festival.

June 4: Annual British Return to Fort Meigs, Fort Meigs Memorial, Perrysburg, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Hosted by the Lake Erie British Car Club. Spectators will see MGs, Triumphs, Jaguars, Austin Healeys, Lotuses, and other British marques dating from the mid-20th century to the present. lebcc.org.

June 10: Spiegel Grove Squires Celebrity Vintage Base Ball Game, 1 p.m., vs. Pluggy's Town BBC, Hayes Presidential Library & Museums at Spiegel Grove, Fremont, rbhayes.org.

June 14: Verandah Concert, Hayes Presidential Library & Museums at Spiegel Grove, Fremont, 6:30-8 p.m. Featuring the Fostoria Community Band. The evening starts with an ice cream social at 6:30 p.m., followed by the performance at 7 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and choose a spot on the lawn. rbhayes.org.

June 17-18: Brigade Napoleon, Fort Meigs, Perrysburg. Behold the conflict that engulfed the rest of the world during the War of 1812 at the fort's newest living history event. fortmeigs.org.

June 21-24: Gibsonburg Homecoming Festival, Williams Park Playground & Quarry. Hosted by the Gibsonburg Volunteer Fire Department, the festival will include food, rides, music and more. gibsonburgohio.org.

June 22-24: Village-Wide Garage Sales, Elmore.

June 23-25: Crosby Festival of the Arts, Toledo Botanical Garden, Toledo. Featuring artisans, live entertainment, a selection of edibles, children's activities and more. crosbyfest.com.

June 24: GroveFest, Nature at the Grove, Hayes Presidential Library & Museums at Spiegel Grove, Fremont, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Enjoy hands-on activities, crafts, demonstrations and more. rbhayes.org.

June 25: Spiegel Grove Squires Celebrity

Vintage Base Ball Game, Celebrity All Star game, Hayes Presidential Library & Museums at Spiegel Grove, Fremont, 1 p.m. rbhayes.org.

June 25: 43rd Annual Portage River Festival, Elmore Historical Society Depot Grounds, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Entertainment, flea and craft market, contests and food. facebook.com/ElmoreHistoricalSociety.

June 28: Verandah Concert, Hayes Presidential Library & Museums at Spiegel Grove, Fremont, 6:30-8 p.m. The evening starts with an ice cream social at 6:30 p.m. followed by a concert by Bridge County Bluegrass Band performing at 7 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and choose a spot on the lawn. rbhayes.org.

June 29-July 1: Woodville's 81st 4th of July Celebration, Trailmarker Park, Woodville. Parade, 5K race, car show, amusements, and fireworks. woodville4th.com.

July

July 2-Aug. 13: Music Under the Stars, Toledo Zoo, Sunday evenings at 7:30 p.m. A Toledo summer tradition. toledozoo.org/events/music-under-the-stars.

July 3: Independence Day Celebration, downtown Oak Harbor. Small-town Independence Day fun beginning at 5 p.m. Food, entertainment, giant inflatables, Royal Duck Race, kids' games, a beer garden and fireworks. oakharborohio.net.

July 4: Independence Day 1813, Fort Meigs State Memorial, Perrysburg. See the celebrations of July 4, 1813, recreated. fortmeigs.org.

July 4: Independence Day Concert, Hayes Presidential Library & Museums at Spiegel Grove, Fremont, 2-3:30 p.m. Free. Featuring music by the Toledo Concert Band featuring members of the Toledo Symphony. rbhayes.org.

July 6: Cruisin' Night, downtown Pemberville, 6-8 p.m. Food, music, and more. 419-287-3274.

July 10-16: Lucas County Fair, Lucas Co. Fairgrounds, 2901 Key St., Maumee. Agricultural displays, entertainment, rides, food, demonstrations and more. lucascountyfair.com.

July 12: Verandah Concert, Hayes Presidential Library & Museums at Spiegel Grove, Fremont, 6:30-8 p.m. The evening starts with an ice cream social at 6:30 p.m. followed by a performance by Matt Watroba performing a celebration of traditional and popular roots music at 7 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and choose a spot on the lawn. rbhayes.org.

July 15: Summer at the Village, Sauder Village, Archbold, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Experience life on a farm more than 100 years ago. Learn about farm animals, enjoy

nature-themed activities, play old-fashioned games, and try a variety of hands-on activities in our historic homes and shops. saudervillage.org.

July 15: Community Garage Sales, village of Pemberville. pemberville.org

July 16: Vintage Base Ball, featuring the Spiegel Grove Squires vs. the Great Black Swamp Frogs, Hayes Presidential Library & Museums at Spiegel Grove, Fremont, 1 p.m. rbhayes.org.

July 17-23: 59th Annual Ottawa County Fair, Ottawa County Fairgrounds, 7870 W. SR 163, Oak Harbor. King and Queen crowning, livestock exhibits, entertainment, demolition derby, tractor pulls, rides, games, food, and more. ottawacountyfair.org.

July 25, Aug. 26: Fort Meigs After Dark Lantern Tours, Fort Meigs State Memorial, Perrysburg. Call for times. Tour the fort by lantern light. fortmeigs.org.

July 25: Genoa Cruise-in Car Show, downtown Genoa, 5-8 p.m. Featuring music by DJ Cruisin Zeake. Cash prizes and gas cards awarded. genoaareachamber.com.

July 26: Verandah Concert, Hayes Presidential Library & Museums at Spiegel Grove, Fremont, 6:30-8 p.m. The evening starts with an ice cream social at 6:30 p.m. followed by a performance by Grand Royale Ukulelists of the Black Swamp (GRÜBS) at 7 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and choose a spot on the lawn. rbhayes.org.

July 28-30: 39th Northwest Ohio Rib-Off, Lucas County Fairgrounds, Maumee. Local and national BBQ ribbers, national entertainment acts, amusement rides, vendors and more. This year's entertainment includes Little River Band with opening performance by Orleans on July 28; Gabby Barrett with opening performance by Locash on Saturday and Jump: America's Van Halen Experience on Sunday (Family Day). nworiboff.com.

July 29: Lindsey Sunflower & Homecoming Festival, Wendelle Miller Park, 240 S. Main St. 5K race, kids' games, live entertainment, craft vendors, food trucks, bingo, cake walk, Baby Royalty and Sunflower Contest, cornhole tournament and more. The Sun Flower & Creek Bend Farms will be hosting additional activities at their sites on this same day. sanduskycounty.org.

July 29: Stairway to Zeppelin Summer Concert, Sauder Village, Archbold. saudervillage.org.

July 29: Sculpture in the Village Arts & Wine Fest, Williams Park, Gibsonburg, 3-9 p.m. Art and sculptures, live entertainment, food pairings, craft and art vendors and Ohio wines. Free admission. Tasting tickets can be purchased for wine sampling. artsandwinefest.com.

July 30-Aug. 6: Wood County Fair, Wood County Fairgrounds, 13800 W. Poe Rd., Bowling Green. This year, the fair is celebrating 150 years of Fair Family Reunions. Featuring agricultural displays, entertainment, rides, food, demonstrations and more. Scheduled entertainment includes Easton Corbin on Aug. 4. woodcounty-fair.com.

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August

Aug. 3: Cruisin' Night, downtown Pemberville, 6-8 p.m. Food, music, and more. 419-287-3274.

Aug. 4-6: 5th Toledo Jeep Fest, downtown Toledo. Buckle up for an adventure and take part in free activities such as an All-Jeep Parade and car show through downtown, vendor midway area, family fun zones, music, food and more. toledojeepfest.com.

Aug. 9: Verandah Concert, Hayes Presidential Library, Hayes and Buckland, Fremont, 7 p.m. The evening starts with an ice cream social at 6:30 p.m. followed by music by Torigh performing traditional Irish music. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and choose a spot on the lawn. rbhayes.org.

Aug. 12: Fun Day in the Park, Brentwood Park, Northwood, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Sponsored by the City of Northwood Department of Recreation, Northwood Community Cares and Miracle League. Kickball tournament, inflatable soccer, water slide for kids, live entertainment, food, craft vendors, Golf Ball Drop with Northwood Rotary.

Aug. 12-13: The 60 Years' War for Ohio: The American Revolution, Fort Meigs, Perrysburg. Discover the American Revolution. fortmeigs.org.

Aug. 15-19: 27th Rug Hooking Week, Sauder Village, 22611 SR 2, Archbold. Exhibits featuring 500-800 contemporary and historic fiber art works displayed gallery-style, classes, vendors and more. saudervillage.org.

Aug. 16-19: Pemberville Free Fair, downtown Pemberville. Entertainment, contests, arts and crafts, parade, exhibitions and more. pembervillefair.org.

Aug. 17-19: 56th National Tractor-Pulling Championships, Wood Co. Fairgrounds, Bowling Green. pulltown.com.

Aug. 19-20: First Lady Lucy Hayes' Birthday Party, Hayes Presidential Library & Museums, Fremont, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Celebrate First Lady Lucy Hayes' birthday with a weekend of hands-on activities, a flower-arranging class and more. rbhayes.org.

Aug. 21-27: Sandusky County Fair,

Sandusky County Fairgrounds, Fremont. One of Ohio's largest county fairs featuring displays of arts and crafts, food, amusement rides, entertainment and more. sandusky-countyfair.com.

Aug. 25-27: 57th German-American Festival, Oak Shade Grove, Oregon. Northwest Ohio's oldest ethnic festival featuring food, music and entertainment, contests and more. germanamericanfestival.net.

Aug. 26: BUGFest, Toledo Zoo. A day of fun dedicated to the creatures that creep, crawl, float and flutter. toledozoo.org.

Aug. 26: Craft Beers & Cocktails at Spiegel Grove, Hayes Presidential Library & Museums, Fremont, 5:30-8 p.m. Sample a variety of craft beers from breweries around the region and enjoy cocktail samples, live music and food from area food trucks. rbhayes.org.

Aug. 29: Genoa Cruise-in Car Show, downtown Genoa, 5-8 p.m. Featuring music by DJ Cruisin Zeake. Cash prizes and gas cards awarded. genoaareachamber.com.

September

Sept. 1-4: Sandusky County Restorers of Antique Power (S.C.R.A.P.) Antique Tractor & Engine Show, White Star Park, SR 300, a mile south of Gibsonburg. Displays of antique tractors, engines, cars, trucks, motorcycles and farm equipment, demonstrations, live entertainment, food, a large flea market and more. s-c-r-a-p-inc.org.

Sept. 6-8: Home School Days, Sauder Village, Archbold. Connect children to local history; special admission deals for homeschool families. saudervillage.org.

Sept. 7: Cruisin' Night, downtown Pemberville, 6-8 p.m. Food, music, and more. 419-287-3274.

Sept. 8-10: 51st Greek-American Festival, Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 740 N. Superior St., Toledo. A celebration of the Orthodox faith, Greek culture, entertainment, food, pastry and hospitality. toledogreekfest.com.

Sept. 9: Grub N' Suds Motorcycle Festival, Depot Park, Elmore. Sponsored by the Elmore Historical Society and A.B.A.T.E. of Ohio Region 7, the festival features motorcycles, a poker run, live bands, bike games and contests with lots of food and beer. Visit Grub 'n Suds Motorcycle Rally Elmore, Ohio on Facebook.

Sept. 9-10: 19th Toledo Harbor Lighthouse Waterfront Festival, Maumee Bay State



The Genoa Homecoming.

Park, Oregon. Island music, food, nautical arts and crafts, children's activities, and more. toledoharborlighthouse.org.

Sept. 11: Gibsonburg 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony, Williams Park, time TBA. Gibsonburg remembers 9/11 at the Public Safety Service Memorial that was constructed with the antenna of the North World Trade Center. gibsonburgohio.org.

Sept. 23-25: Luckey Fall Festival, Basic Park, located on Adams Street in Luckey between Krotzer Avenue (SR 582) and Gilbert Road. An old-time fall festival weekend with entertainment, craft and flea markets, antique tractor pulls and displays, apple-butter making and more. luckeyfall-festival.com.

October

Oct. 14: Northwood Community Fall Festival, Central Park, Wales & Oram roads, Northwood. The event kicks off with a parade on Woodville Road, followed by the festival at Central Park with children's ac-

tivities, entertainment, games, food trucks and more facebook.com/northwoodfallfestival.

Oct. 14-15: Oak Harbor Apple Festival, downtown Oak Harbor. A family-oriented festival that celebrates apples in all their glorious forms with a Grand Parade, crowning of Apple Royalty, kiddie-tractor pull, talent show, classic car show, 5K Apple run, food, entertainment and more. oakharborapplefestival.com.

Oct. 21: Pemberville's Harvest Gathering, downtown Pemberville. beekersgeneral-store.com.

Oct. 27-28: Woodcarver's Show & Sale, Sauder Village, Archbold. A special weekend filled with unique artistry and family fun. Founder's Hall will feature skilled carvers showcasing handcrafted wood art. saudervillage.org.

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