

ALLEN COUNTY

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30 — Rays Market Wine Tastings, 5-7 p.m. Thursdays, noon-2 p.m. Saturdays. 50 cents per sample. Rays Market, 890 S. Cable Road. (419) 224-0600.

Sept. 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30 — VINO Bellissimo Wine Tastings, 5-9 p.m. Thursdays, noon-4 p.m. Saturdays. Taste four different wines for \$2. VINO Bellissimo, 2720 Elida Road, Suite 144. (419) 221-1010.

Sept. 3-5 — Max's Water Dog Races/Swap Meet/Flea Market, 7 a.m.-8 p.m., Allen County Fairgrounds, 2750 Harding Hwy., Lima. Water dog races, dog treeing contest, wiener dog races, horseshoe pitching, cornhole contest. Karaoke contest all three nights. More than 800 flea market vendors will be selling antiques, new and used treasures and collectibles, guns, dogs, produce and mums. Food vendors. General admission \$6, children under 12 free. Parking free. Max McCluer (419) 225-8545, (419) 230-9134 or (419) 230-7405.

Sept. 3 — Lima Astronomical Society observing at Schoonover Observatory (419) 224-8222. Schoonover Park (670 N. Jefferson St., Lima. 8 p.m. M.D. Wilson, (419) 224-8222.

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Sept. 4 — Concert Under the Stars, Ottawa Metro Park Amphitheater (419) 221-1232. 8 p.m. 2632 Ada Road, Lima. Music of the Fabulous Five. (419) 221-1232.

Sept. 6 — Labor Day Community Garage Sale, Harrod, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., downtown Harrod. Bill Gossard (419) 648-5091.

Sept. 6 — Labor Day Parade, 10 a.m. Lineup at Northland at 9 a.m. Parade proceeds down Main Street to Lima's Town Square. Music, clowns, candy, bands, floats. Bill Allen, chairman, Allied Labor Council (419) 223-9891.

Sept. 8 — Lima/Allen County Civil War Study Club, New Creation Lutheran Church, 4785 Allentown Road. Tom Bowman (419) 999-4785.

Sept. 11 — Springbrook Gardens Dances, 8 p.m. Springbrook Gardens, 4240 N. West St., Lima. (419) 225-8451.

Sept. 11 — Lima Area Concert Band, Veterans Memorial Civic & Convention Center, Lima. (419) 228-7618. 7:30 p.m. Featuring Raquel Rodriquez, trumpet, assistant professor of trumpet at Northern Kentucky University. \$15. (419) 228-7618.

Sept. 11 — Kid Fest, Veterans Memorial Civic & Convention Center, Exhibit Hall. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Fun for the family with games and contests, workshops, food, prizes and more. Admission \$1, free for kids age 2 and under. Jolene, Lima News, (419) 993-2118.

Sept. 11 — Kings and Peasants, with Nathan Scott, The Meeting Place on Market. (419) 222-0985. 7 p.m. 220 W. Market St., Lima. Free live concert. Ensemble comprised of vocals, guitar, piano, cello and violin. (419) 222-0985.

Sept. 15 — Tea at Two, MacDonell House, 2 p.m. "A Trip to Israel." Jeanne Goldman will share her adventures as she traveled through the Middle East. \$12.50. Make check payable to The Allen County Historical Society. Call in reservation, then send payment to: Ruth Detrick, 830 N. McDonel St., Lima, OH 45801. Contact: Ruth Detrick (419) 228-7748 or Carolyn Detrick (419) 228-7618.

Sept. 16-19 — Rebel Run Rod and Custom Nationals, Allen County Fairgrounds. Registration begins at noon Thursday, with

gates open to the public at 1 p.m. Registration begins Friday-Sunday at 8 a.m. with gates open to the public at 9. Activities for the family. Musical acts, special guests, 50/50 drawings, swap meet, craft show, model car contest Saturday and drive-in movies all weekend. \$7 per day, children under 12 are admitted free. (888) 557-3235 or (419) 648-5999.

OCTOBER

Oct. 1-28 — Springview Manor Art Exhibit, The Meeting Place on Market, 220 W. Market St., Lima. This exhibit has been created with the assistance of Art Without Boundaries and is a celebration of age, wisdom and beauty and ability. (419) 222-0985.

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Oct. 2 — Lima-Live Singles Dance, 2010 Heritage Elementary School, doors open 7:30 p.m., dance 8-11:30 p.m. 816 College Ave., Lima. Admission \$8. Donations for beverages and snacks. Smoke/alcohol free. (419) 371-5702 or limalive-singles@yahoo.com.

Oct. 2 — Go Pink Event, Lima Mall, 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Speakers, fashion show and a run/walk. There will be a charge for the run/walk. The event will benefit the Susan G. Komen Cancer Center. (419) 331-1311.

Oct. 2 — Senior Living Expo, Veterans Memorial Civic & Convention Center, 3-7 p.m. Also, military band concert. Food, entertainment, games, prizes/giveaways, exhibits, workshops. Contact: Jolene, The Lima News (419) 993-2118.

Oct. 2 — Lima Symphony: Thunder and Lightning, Veterans Memorial Civic & Convention Center, 7:30 p.m. Strauss' "Thunder and Lightning Polka," Rimsky-Korsakov's "Capriccio Espagnol" and Beethoven's "Violin Concerto in D." Adult \$28, \$22; student \$142, \$11. (419) 222-5701.

Oct. 2 — The Great Pumpkin 5K Run, Woodlawn Cemetery. Walkers begin at 6 p.m., runners at 7. 1751 Spencerville Road, Lima. Cost for runners \$15 with T-shirt, \$10 without. Contact: Jacki Duffy or Mary Lou Paisley, Senior Citizens Services Inc., (419) 991-8811.

Oct. 2-3 — Tri-State Gun Show, Allen County Fairgrounds. 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday. Guns, knives, hunting equipment and associated collectibles. Adults \$4, children 14 and under free, must be accompanied by an adult. Manetta Sneary (419) 647-0067.

Oct. 2-3 — Apple Festival, Allen County Farm Park, noon-6 p.m. 1582 Slabtown Road, Lima. Traditional skills demonstrations, free entertainment, children's activities, crafters tent and more. Apples and cider for sale. Entertainment includes Vernon McIntyre's Appalachian Grass. Free parking and admission. Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District (419) 221-1232.

Oct. 2-3 — McCluer Animal Swap Meet and Flea Market, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., McCluer Farm, 6440 Harding Hwy., Lima. About 125 vendors. Clothing, jewelry, antiques and tools. Sheep, goats, chickens, ducks, dogs and more. Giant pumpkin contest, farmers market and food. Free admission and parking. (419) 230-9134.

Oct. 3 — Gymanfa Ganu, Gomer United Church of Christ, 7 p.m. The Welsh Singing Festival, the Gymanfa Ganu, is on the first Sunday in October. It is expressive of the soul of the Cymry,

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or Welsh, through the music of human voices blended in harmony. It is devoted to four-part singing of hymns and anthems. (419) 642-2681.

Oct. 7 — Broadway in Lima: " 'S Wonderful," Veterans Memorial Civic & Convention Center, 7:30 p.m. Five mini-musicals inspired by the real events occurring in and around the Gershwin brothers' lives. The pieces are set in such places and eras as New York City in 1916, Paris in the 1930s, Hollywood in the 1940s and New Orleans in the 1950s. \$45. Civic Center box office (419) 224-1552

Oct. 9, 23 — Springbrook Gardens Dance, 8 p.m. Springbrook Gardens, 4240 N. West St., Lima. (419) 225-8451.

Oct. 13 — Lima/Allen County Civil War Study Club, New Creation Lutheran Church, 4785 Allentown Road. Tom Bowman (419) 999-4785.

Oct. 20 — Tea at Two, MacDonell House, 2 p.m. "Halloween: Around the World." Join storyteller Rita Thelen for a whimsical look at the Welsh celebration of "Nos Calan Gaeaf" or Halloween. Enjoy a trip around the globe as we look at the history and traditions of one of the world's oldest and spookiest holidays. \$12.50. Make check payable to The Allen County Historical Society. Call in reservation, then send payment to: Ruth Detrick, 830 N. McDonel St., Lima, OH 45801. Contact: Ruth Detrick (419) 228-7748 or Carolyn Detrick (419) 228-7618.

Oct. 21 — Percussion Group Cincinnati, Bluffton University Artist Series, Yoder Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m. The three-member group uses everything from amplified cactus needles, newspapers and garbage cans to the traditional sounds of drums, cymbals and bells. (419) 358-3453.

Oct. 22-24 — McDonald's Youth Theatre: "Honk Jr.," Encore Theatre, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday. A musical by George Stiles and Anthony Drew. \$7. (419) 223-8866 or (800) 944-1441.

Oct. 23-24 — Rinaldi Auto Parts Swap Meet, Allen County Fairgrounds, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday. Auto parts swap meet, trade show and auctions. Door prizes and fun for all ages. \$5, 2-day pass \$7, children under 12 free. Free parking. Rollie Rinaldi, (419) 229-3278 or (419) 516-9337.

Oct. 29-Dec. 2 — John Rausch Art Exhibit, The Meeting Place on Market, 220 W. Market St., Lima. Artist and architect John Rausch has long found the spacious, open landscapes of his rural northern Ohio home of Findlay an inspiration and source of constant interest. Wherever his travels lead, the local landscape is subject to an expressionistic, often minimalist interpretation by this painter and photographer. (419) 222-0985.

ATTRACTIONS

Allen County Museum, 620 W. Market St., Lima — The museum offers exhibits for

all ages and includes Native American and pioneer displays; local history exhibits; a steam and electric railroad collection; fire-fighting equipment; mineral and fossil displays; library; and a scale model of George Washington's Mount Vernon home. Tour guides available for arranged tours. No admission fee. Donations welcomed. Open 1-5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. Closed Mondays and national holidays. (419) 222-9426 or www.allencountymuseum.org.

Children's Museum, 620 W. Market St., Lima — A hands-on facility that encourages "learning by doing." New exhibits and activities are developed annually. Part of the Allen County Museum complex. (419) 222-9426.

Canal Commission Museum, 111 W. Third St., Delphos — This folklore museum features exhibits on the canals and canal boat history in Allen County, as well as artifacts from life in Delphos since 1851. Walking tours of historic homes and buildings and refreshments available upon request. Groups by appointment. Admission is free. (419) 695-7737.

Postal Museum, 131 N. Main St., Delphos — Learn about mail processing, the development of the letter, stamps and postmarks. Enjoy a guided tour, videos, books and reference materials on every aspect of the post office. Find a 1906 Harrington rural coach, a rural mail sled, a 1/4 ton right-hand-drive Jeep, a 1963 Westcoaster and a 1957 Cushman mailster among the exhibits. Groups by appointment. Admission is free. (419) 695-2811.

Welsh Community Museum, 7365 Gomer Road, Gomer — The Welsh Community Museum was established to serve as a center for Welsh culture, local history and genealogy. Open 1:30-4 p.m. the second and fourth Sundays of each month. (419) 999-5820.

Veterans Memorial Park, Harrod — The park displays a 155mm M114 A2 howitzer cannon, an anchor from the USS Texas, an M60 A3 battle tank and a UH-1 Huey helicopter. The park was created in honor and memory of all Veterans who served in the United States armed forces. (888) 222-6075.

Lima Fire Fighters Memorial Museum, Elm and Shawnee streets, Lima — From a 19th century horse-drawn steam pumper to the hero-inscribed honor walk, the museum perpetuates this great history of selfless duty. View photos, newspaper accounts, even original equipment used to fight some of Lima's most devastating fires. Open for outdoor viewing during daylight hours. For tour arrangements call (419) 221-5164.

Lincoln Park Railway Exhibit, Elm and Shawnee streets, Lima — The exhibit features a Nickel Plate 779 — the last steam engine ever built in Lima, at the Lima Locomotive Works — a luxurious private car, built in 1883, a Nickel Plate caboose built in 1882 and an authentically equipped 1895 country station from the DT&I Railroad. Open for outdoor viewing during daylight hours. (419) 221-5195.

MacDonell House, Victorian Mansion, 632 W. Market St., Lima — This 1890s Victorian mansion has more than 15 rooms furnished in great detail and open to the public. This home and its decor are reminiscent of the great wealth brought into Allen County during the oil boom era. Guided tours available through the Allen County Museum. (419) 222-9426.

The Shay Locomotive Display, 620 W. Market St., Lima — A restored narrow-gauge geared locomotive, known as the Shay Locomotive, was built in 1925 by the Lima Locomotive Works and is located at the Allen County Museum. (419) 222-9426.

Spencerville Historical Museum, 119 E. Fourth St., Spencerville — (419) 647-4851.

Tilton Farm, 6555 Madden Road, Lima — As you enter the gate and travel the winding path to Tilton Farm, imagine yourself taking a step back in time. Barb Tilton, (419) 648-6835.

Artspace Lima, 65-67 Town Square, Lima — An art gallery and educational center housed in a turn-of-the-century brick building. Components are the Ellen Nelson Gallery, Time Warner Cable ArtZone, Gallery for Young People, and Gallery Shop. (419) 222-1721 or www.artspace-lima.com.

Children's Garden, 620 W. Market St., Lima — As a public garden space designed for children, it offers hands-on educational opportunities to learn about gardening and horticulture and provides children, families and the community with an attractive gathering place. (419) 222-9946.

Crouse Performance Hall, 7 Town Square, Lima — The 1,800-seat, state-of-the-art facility is the home for the Lima Symphony Orchestra, the Lima Area Concert Band, the Town Square Music Company, the Town Square Celebrity Series and community organizations. The hall has hosted Broadway and professional touring companies, Sesame Street Live, illusionist David Copperfield and a wide range of theatre, concert, dance and lecture events. Box office: (419) 224-1552 or (888) 377-0641.

Lima Locos baseball team — A locally owned and supported baseball team is part of the Great Lakes Summer Collegiate League. The Locos play a 40-game schedule, 20 at home and 20 on the road, against teams from Euclid, Sandusky, Columbus and Grand Lake Celina. This wood-bat league is one of 15 summer collegiate leagues in the country. The Locos season is from June to August. Games are played at the Shawnee High School Field. Call (419) 991-4701 for schedules.

Encore Theatre, 991 N. Shore Drive, Lima — Amil Tellers of Dramatics Inc. performs a summer musical, five regular season plays, and at least three McDonalds Youth Theatre productions each year at the Encore Theatre. Box Office: (419) 223-8866 or (800) 944-1441 or www.amiltellers.org.