

ALLEN COUNTY

JANUARY

Jan. 13, 20, 27 — Friday Nights at the City Club, 5:30-9 p.m., The City Club, 144 S. Main St., Lima. Hors d'oeuvres by the Civic Center Catering Network, wines and beverages and local music. www.limaciviccenter.com or (419) 224-5222.

Jan. 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28 — Rays Market Wine Tastings, 4-6 p.m. Fridays, noon-2 p.m. Saturdays, Rays Market, 890 S. Cable Road, Lima. 25 cents per sample. Shelly Kelly (419) 785-2168.

Jan. 13 — Bluffton University Colloquium, 4 p.m., Bluffton University, Stutzman Lecture Hall, Centennial Hall, 1 University Drive, Bluffton. "Neuroleadership: Good Science or Passing Fad?" by George Lehman, professor of business. (419) 358-3453.

Jan. 13-15, 20-22 — "Leading Ladies," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Encore Theatre, 991 North Shore Drive, Lima. Jack and Leo, washed-up Shakespearean actors performing in the Moose Lodges of Pennsylvania Amish country, hear of a nearby elderly lady about to die and leave her fortune to her long-lost English nieces. The two resolve to pass themselves off as the two women and get the cash. Adult \$14, senior \$12, high school and younger \$9. (419) 223-8866.

Jan. 14 — Carl Rust in Concert, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., The Meeting Place on Market, 220 W. Market St., Lima. Rust was born in Kentucky and grew up in northwest Ohio. He graduated from Lima Senior High School and earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Ohio State. He has been writing and performing music for 20 years, and has produced seven albums of original music, with the eighth to be released later this year. (419) 222-0985 or info@meetingplaceonmarket.com.

Jan. 14, 19, 21, 26, 28 — Vino Bellissimo Wine Tastings, 5-10 p.m. Thursdays, noon-4 p.m. Saturdays, Vino Bellissimo, 2720 Elida Road, Lima. Taste four wines \$2-\$5. Mark Reineke, (419) 221-1010.

Jan. 17, 24, 31 — Vino Bellissimo Beer Tastings, 5-9 p.m., Vino Bellissimo, 2720 Elida Road, Lima. Try four beers for \$1. Mark Reineke (419) 221-1010.

Jan. 19 — STOMP, Broadway in Lima, 7:30 p.m., Veterans Memorial Civic & Convention Center, 7 Town Square, Lima. STOMP is the winner of an Olivier Award for best choreography (London's Tony Award), a New York Obie Award, a Drama Desk Award for unique theatre experience, and a special citation from Best Plays. STOMP uses everything but conventional percussion instruments — trash cans, tea chests, plastic bags, plungers, boots and hubcaps. \$49 plus \$4 service fee. (419) 224-1552.

Jan. 21 — Lima Symphony: Mozart by Candlelight, 7:30 p.m., Trinity United Methodist Church, 301 W. Market St., Lima. Hundreds of glistening candles and the magnificence of Mozart's music. The program will open with the overture to "Cosi fan tutte" and conclude with Mozart's "Symphony No. 40 in G minor." Adult \$20, student \$10. (419) 222-5701.

Jan. 22 — Winter Wonderland, 2 p.m., Heritage Park family shelter, 2092 Reed Road, Lima. Dress warmly for a hike to enjoy the beauty of the woods in the wintertime. A warm fire and hot drink will be available after the hike. Registration required by Jan. 19. (419) 221-1232.

Jan. 24 — Bluffton University Forum, 11 a.m., Bluffton University, Yoder Recital Hall, 1 University Drive, Bluffton. "Stories from the Road" by James Nagle, storyteller from Lyndhurst. (419) 358-3453.

Jan. 26 — Pridonoff Piano Duo, 7:30 p.m., Bluffton University, Yoder Recital Hall, 1 University Drive, Bluffton. Elisabeth and Eugene Pridonoff formed the acclaimed duo in 1982. Each a professor of piano and artist-in-residence at the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, they are often compared to the great husband-wife piano duos of Josef and Rosina Lhevinne and Vronsky and Babin. \$25 for adults, \$20 for senior citizens and \$15 for faculty and staff. www.tickets.bluffton.edu or (419) 358-3453.

Jan. 27 — Bluffton University Colloquium, 4 p.m., Bluffton University, Stutzman Lecture Hall, Centennial Hall, 1 University Drive, Bluffton. "Gadgets and the Curves They Throw You" by Michael Edmiston, professor of chemistry and physics and chairman of the natural and applied sciences division. (419) 358-3453.

Jan. 28 — W.A.R. Wrestling. Doors open 6 p.m., bell time 7 p.m., UAW Hall, 1440 Bellefontaine Ave., Lima. Live professional wrestling. Reserved ringside \$15, \$10 general admission. Tickets available at Rigali's Pizza Village and Groamy CDs & Tapes. (419) 230-4879 or promotingohiowrestling@yahoo.com.

Jan. 29 — B & B Auto Parts Swap Meet, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Allen County Fairgrounds. Admission \$5. Bob McDonald (419) 331-3837.

Jan. 31 — Bluffton University Forum, 11 a.m., Bluffton University, Founders Hall, 1 University Drive, Bluffton. Bluffton students whose cross-cultural experience was in Northern Ireland. (419) 358-3453.

FEBRUARY

Feb. 1 — Growing Up Wild Workshop, Ohio State University at Lima, 1-4 p.m., OSU Lima Campus, Galvin Hall, 4240 Campus Drive, Lima. Free workshop is geared for adults interested in providing nature-based learning experiences for children, ages 3-7. This workshop focuses on wildlife and provides ideas for activities, crafts, songs and experiences appropriate for young children. A 128-page resource guide will be provided. Registration required by Jan. 20. (419) 221-1232.

Feb. 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25 — Vino Bellissimo Wine Tastings, 5-10 p.m. Thursdays, noon-4 p.m. Saturdays, Vino Bellissimo, 2720 Elida Road, Lima. Taste four wines \$2-\$5. Mark Reineke, (419) 221-1010.

Feb. 3 — Legacy Five in Concert, 7 p.m., Lima Baptist Temple, 982 Brower Road, Lima. Reserved seating \$12 and \$15. (419) 227-2525.

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Feb. 4-5 — Tri-State Gun Show, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, Allen County Fairgrounds, 2750 Harding Hwy., Lima. Guns, knives, hunting equipment and associated collectibles. Admission adults \$5, children 14 and younger free, but must be accompanied by an adult. Manetta Obringer (419) 647-0067.

Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28 — Vino Bellissimo Beer Tastings, 5-9 p.m., Vino Bellissimo, 2720 Elida Road, Lima. Try four beers for \$1. Mark Reineke (419) 221-1010.

Feb. 11 — Elvis Lives! Broadway in Lima, 8 p.m., Veterans Memorial Civic & Convention Center, 7 Town Square, Lima. Live concert celebration of one of the greatest musical performers. \$45 plus \$4 service fee. (419) 224-1552.

Feb. 12 — Ronald W. Richards Music Series, 3 p.m., Trinity United Methodist Church, 301 W. Market St., Lima. Trinity's music department choirs and instrumentalists will present "Trinity's Own." A free will offering will be received to support the Ronald W. Richards Scholarship Fund. (419) 222-7381 or (419) 227-0800.

Feb. 12 — J & M Collectibles Motorcycle Swap Meet, 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Allen County Fairgrounds. Admission \$6. Age 12 and younger free. Mary Godwin (419) 795-4185.

Feb. 17-19 — "Bridge to Terabithia," Encore Theatre, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, 991 North Shore Drive, Lima. McDonald's Youth Theatre. \$8. (419) 223-8866 or (800) 944-1441.

Feb. 18 — Lima Symphony: The Romance of Spring, 7:30 p.m., Veterans Memorial Civic & Convention Center, 7 Town Square, Lima. Berlioz's "Le Corsaire Overture." Piano soloist and winner of the 2009 Friends of the Symphony Young Artists Competition, Scott Cuellar, will perform the 24 variations of Rachmaninoff's "Rhapsody on the theme of Paganini." Also, Schumann's "Spring Symphony." Adult \$28-\$22, student \$14-\$11. (419) 222-5701.

Feb. 18-19 — Honoring Our Native Heritage Powwow. Grand entry: Saturday 1 and 6 p.m., Sunday 1 p.m., UAW Hall, 1440 Bellefontaine Ave., Lima. Host drums for the powwow are

Sky Hawk and Eagle Boy. Drums by invitation only. Bud Eagle Wolf, Native American flutist, performing at 12:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Auction at 3 p.m. Saturday. Native American crafts, dancing, singing and food. Adults \$5; age 5-12, \$3; age 62 and older, \$3; age 5 and younger, free. Phyllis Davis (419) 203-0377 or Jackie Musto (419) 999-2594.

Feb. 23 — The OSU Flute Troupe, 7:30 p.m., Bluffton University, Yoder Recital Hall, 1 University Drive, Bluffton. Established in 1985 by Katherine Borst Jones, professor of flute at Ohio State, the troupe consists of both undergraduate and graduate flute majors. \$25 adults, \$20 senior citizens, \$15 faculty and staff. www.tickets.bluffton.edu or (419) 358-3453.

Feb. 24-25 — Paranzino's Building Materials Auction, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday in Ag and Fine Arts building, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday in Merchant and Youth Exhibits building, Allen County Fairgrounds, 2750 Harding Hwy., Lima. Building materials auction open to the public. Tom Paranzino (330) 549-3133.

Feb. 25 — Maple Fest Volunteer Training, 9 a.m.; pancake breakfast 9:30 a.m., McElroy Environmental Education Center, 2355 Ada Road, Lima. Sample a variety of maple treats and products and review the facts and the fiction behind the production of maple syrup. Come prepared to go outside. Tips and techniques for leading school groups and weekend hikes. Experienced and new volunteers are welcome. Registration required by Feb. 23. (419) 221-1232.

MARCH

March 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, 31 — Vino Bellissimo Wine Tastings, 5-10 p.m. Thursdays, noon-4 p.m. Saturdays, Vino Bellissimo, 2720 Elida Road, Lima. Taste four wines \$2-\$5. Mark Reineke, (419) 221-1010.

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March 3 — Lima Symphony, 10 a.m., Lima Public Library, 650 W. Market St., Lima. Program designed with younger children in mind, and presented by small groups of musicians from the Lima Symphony Orchestra. Open to the public. (419) 228-5113.

March 3-4 — Tri-State Gun Show, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, Allen County Fairgrounds, 2750 Harding Hwy., Lima. Guns, knives, hunting equipment and associated collectibles. Admission adults \$5, children 14 and younger free, but must be accompanied by an adult. Manetta Obringer (419) 647-0067.

March 4 — Lima Symphony Family Concert, 3 p.m., Veterans Memorial Civic & Convention Center, Crouse Performance Hall. The production of "Beethoven Lives Upstairs" features a lively exchange of letters between a young boy and his uncle about the "madman" who has moved upstairs. More than 35 excerpts of the master's music, including the "Moonlight Sonata," "Fur Elise" and the Fifth and Ninth symphonies. Two actors share their anecdotes and observations based on true incidents from the composer's life. \$10. (419) 222-5701.

March 6, 13, 20, 27 — Vino Bellissimo Beer Tastings, 5-9 p.m., Vino Bellissimo, 2720 Elida Road, Lima. Try four beers for \$1. Mark Reineke (419) 221-1010.

March 8 — OSU Music Concert, 8 p.m., The Ohio State University at Lima, Martha W. Farmer Theatre for the Performing Arts, 4240 Campus Drive, Lima. The University Chorus and University Chorale under the direction of Matthew Young will perform in a joint concert with the University Concert and pep bands under the direction of Richard Sherrick. Free. (419) 995-8600.

March 9-11 — Lima Noon Optimist Home Show, 6-9 p.m. Friday, noon-9 p.m. Saturday, noon-5 p.m. Sunday, Allen County Fairgrounds, 2750 Harding Hwy., Lima. Free. Jeff Donley (419) 516-0100 or Nancy (419) 236-1757.

March 10 — Lima Beane Barbershop Chorus, 2 and 7:30 p.m., Veterans Memorial Civic & Convention Center, Crouse Performance Hall. Theme is "Piracy On A High 'C'." The chorus along with quartets from the chorus will be singing songs about pirates, the sea and women. \$15. Box office fees may apply. All reserved seating. Box office (419) 224-1552, Terry Reichenbach (419) 306-0374 or terryr@fairpoint.net.

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; firefighting 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.allen-countymuseum.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 folkore 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 West-coaster 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.artspacelima.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 col-

legiate 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.