

CRAWFORD COUNTY

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 4 — Hobo Days at the old T&OC railroad station, 301 S. Sandusky Ave., Bucyrus. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Authentic hobos, entertainment, crafts, vendors and hobo bands. (866) 562-0720 or tourism@cybrtown.com.

Sept. 11 — Lincoln Highway Pontiac car show, Bucyrus.

Sept. 11 — Unger Farm Heritage Day, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Unger Park, Nevada Road, Bucyrus. Petting zoo, horse-drawn wagon tours, hobo band, mule plowing, chuck wagon meals, wood carving demonstration and children's activities. Tractor parade starting at the corner of Spring and Mansfield streets at 10:30 a.m.

Sept. 11 — Special Wish Chili Cookoff at Haydocy Motors, Bucyrus, in memory of Lynsey Hunter. Chili cookoff, Jaws of Life demonstration, activity blow-ups for kids, fly-overs, Red Cross blood drive and Salvation Army food bank drive. 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sept. 12 — Chatfield Firemen chicken barbecue.

Sept. 19 — Eliminators Car Show, Bucyrus. All types of restored cars are invited to participate. More than 40 awards to be presented by Ronald McDonald. Olde Tunes will be playing. Show will be rain or shine. Registration 1-3 p.m., show 1-5. Awards will be given at 4:30. (866) 562-0720 or tourism@cybrtown.com.

Sept. 30, Oct. 1-2 — Galion Oktoberfest street festival. Four stages of continuous entertainment, food vendors and a ride midway.

OCTOBER

Oct. 16 — Halloween Family Fun Night, 7-9 p.m., Lowe-Volk Park Nature Center. Face painting and kids' crafts, hayrides and campfire, night hike in the woods plus Halloween treat bags. Come dressed in costume, www.crawfordparkdistrict.org or (419) 683-9000.

ATTRACTIONS

Brownella Cottage, 132 S. Union St., Galion — Original home and furnishings of Bishop William Montgomery Brown. Houses Galion Historical Museum. 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sundays May-October. Weekday group tours by appointment year round. (419) 468-6734 or (419) 468-6947.

Bucyrus Historical Society, 202 S. Walnut St. — Features memorabilia from founding families of Bucyrus, plus items from America's wars, and souvenirs from aviatrix Loretta Schimmoler, a friend of Amelia Earhart. Open 1-4 p.m. Monday and 2-4 p.m. Sunday April-December. (419) 562-6386.

Carl's Gas Station, 836 Hopley Ave. — A place to enjoy the historic Sinclair gas station, vintage cars and memories from the 1950s. (419) 562-8225.

Cooper's Mill, 1414 N. Sandusky Ave., Bucyrus — Step back in time and watch old-fashioned apple butter, jams and jellies cooking over a wood fire. Features homemade fudge and gift shop. Open 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday. (419) 562-4215.

Crestline Shrunken Memorial, 211 N. Thomas St. — Features items from Crestline's beginnings. Special features are the Railroad Room and the Indian Room. Open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays Me-

STEP INTO THE MANUFACTURING WORLD OF ANOTHER ERA!



This Copper Shop, where work was begun in 1874, is the last of the Old Copper Shops in America still making its original product - Applebutter Kettles - primarily by hand.

In the shop the original patterns are in use; experienced coppersmiths are at work; the blacksmith shapes handles at the old forge. New products are in the making — old products are on display.

The shop is in the original building erected in 1873.

D. PICKING and COMPANY
119 S. WALNUT STREET

BUCYRUS, OHIO 44820
(419) 562-6891

PRIMITIVE CROSSROADS CRAFT BARN

1201 New Washington Road, Bloomville 419-284-3106
(Between SR 100 & SR 19 In Lykens Twp.)

FALL OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, Sept 21st through Sunday, Sept. 26th

• Storewide Sales • Refreshments • Door Prizes

- Handmade Furniture & Shelves • Raggedies • Framed Prints
- Signs • Rugs • Soybean Candles • Bead Banners • Custom Orders - Lighting
- Seasonal Items • Wreaths & Floral Arrangements • Americana
- Saltbox - Farm - Northwoods • Doilies - Olde Century Paint

Hours: 10-5 Tues. through Sunday

morial Day-Labor Day. (419) 683-3904.

D. Picking & Co., 119 S. Walnut St., Bucyrus — Last of the old copper shops in America still making original product, apple butter kettles, primarily by hand. Tours 10-11 a.m. and 12:30-2 p.m. Monday-Friday. (419) 562-6891.

Heckert Nature Preserve, on the south side of SR 19, halfway in between Bucyrus and Galion, contains unusually large and well preserved wetland areas.

HideAway Bed & Breakfast Inn, 15 minutes north of Marion — Featured in the New York Times, the inn welcomes tours for picnics and watching the resident great horned owl and bald eagles. (800) 570-8233

J & M Trading Post, 6867 Leesville Road, Leesville — The Rev. Lee's General Store, circa 1830. Historic setting near famed Indian fighter Col. Crawford's Capture Site Monument. Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, closed Sunday. Open holidays by chance. (419) 683-4307

Lowe-Volk Park, on SR 598 three miles north of Galion, is 38 acres in size and features one and one-half miles of hiking trails that visit three streams including the start of the Sandusky River, a picnic area, catch and release fishing in the pond and streams, fern

covered sandstone ledges, forests, wetlands and open fields. The **Lowe-Volk Park Nature Center** features a classroom, 17 interpretive nature and local history exhibits, live reptile and amphibian displays, a bird feeder and butterfly garden observation room. Center is handicapped accessible and has restrooms available.

Sears Woods State Nature Preserve, one mile southwest of Bucyrus on SR 4, then two miles west on Mt. Zion Road. The 98-acre natural area features one of the best preserved forests in Ohio. The hiking trails are more than a mile in length and visit a small meadow and large forest, with some of the trail along the Sandusky River.

Unger Park, on Nevada Road about one mile west of the square in Bucyrus, is 53 acres in size and features more than two miles of hiking trails that are open daily from sunrise to sunset. Visitors can see a prairie, forest, wetland, pond, and the Sandusky River. The trails connect to Aumiller Park and the Friendship bridge over the Sandusky. September

puter Theater, observatory tours, astronomy slide show, 32-inch telescope observations. Call first for dates and tickets. (740) 363-1257.