

DELAWARE COUNTY

JANUARY

Through Jan. 18 — Exhibit: "Drawing With Laughter," 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. A cartoon exhibit featuring well-known syndicated cartoonists. The Arts Castle, 190 W. Winter St., Delaware. (740) 369-2787 or www.artscastle.org.

Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27 — Evening Program, Perkins Observatory, 8 p.m. May include planetarium-style show, tours of the observatory, and/or observing with the 32-inch Schottland telescope and other telescopes, weather permitting. 3199 US 23 S., Delaware. (740) 363-1257 or www.perkins-observatory.org.

Jan. 13-Feb. 20 — Exhibit: "Mixed Messages," 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Ohio Wesleyan fine arts studio faculty exhibition, Richard M. Ross Art Museum, 60 S. Sandusky St., Delaware. (740) 368-3606.

Jan. 14 — Alex Lyons Equipment Auction, Delaware County Fairgrounds, 236 Pennsylvania Ave., Delaware. (740) 362-3851 or www.delawarecountyfair.com.

Jan. 19 — New Vistas in Astronomy, 8 p.m., "Triple Stars and the Merger of Compact Objects" by Todd Thompson, mini-course in astronomy. Lecture series geared toward adult audience. 3199 US 23 S., Delaware. (740) 363-1257 or www.perkins-observatory.org.

Jan. 23-Feb. 17 — Exhibit: "Reflections," master glass artist Cary S. Ferguson displaying hand-blown cut glass masterpieces. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. The Arts Castle, 190 W. Winter St., Delaware. (740) 369-2787 or www.artscastle.org.

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Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24 — Evening Program, Perkins Observatory, 8 p.m. May include planetarium-style show, tours of the observatory, and/or observing with the 32-inch Schottland telescope and other telescopes, weather permitting. 3199 US 23 S., Delaware. (740) 363-1257 or www.perkins-observatory.org.

Feb. 4 — The Rose Ensemble, 8 p.m., vocal musicians strive to stir emotions, challenge minds and lift spirits performing "Land of Three Faiths: Music of Mediterranean Jews, Christians and Muslims." Ohio Wesleyan University Gray Chapel, University Hall, 61 S. Sandusky St., Delaware. \$20. \$5 senior citizens and non-Ohio Wesleyan student with a valid ID. (740) 368-3629.

Feb. 9 — New Vistas in Astronomy, 8 p.m., "In Search Of: The Eruptions of Massive Stars" by Christopher Kochanek, mini-course in astronomy. Lecture series geared toward adult audience. 3199 US 23 S., Delaware. (740) 363-1257 or www.perkins-observatory.org.

Feb. 13-14 — Blooded Horse Sale, Delaware County Fairgrounds, 236 Pennsylvania Ave., Delaware. (740) 362-3851, (800) 335-3247 or www.bloodedhorse.com.

MARCH

March 1-April 6 — Exhibit: "The History of the Future/La Historia del Futuro," 50 black-and-white photographs by art-photographer Michael Berman and photojournalist Julian Cardona. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Ohio Wesleyan fine arts studio faculty exhibition, Richard M. Ross Art Museum, 60 S. Sandusky St., Delaware. (740) 368-3606.

March 4, 11, 18, 25 — Evening Program, Perkins Observatory, 8 p.m. May include planetarium-style show, tours of the observatory, and/or observing with the 32-inch Schottland telescope

and other telescopes, weather permitting. 3199 US 23 S., Delaware. (740) 363-1257 or www.perkins-observatory.org.

March 5, 19 — Maple Sugar Days Tours, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Guided walk through the forest that will involve you in the process of turning clear sap into maple syrup. Reservations are required for hour programs that start every half hour. \$3. Stratford Ecological Center, 3083 Liberty Road, Delaware. (740) 363-2548 or www.stratfordecologicalcenter.org.

March 7-April 9 — Exhibit: "REview, REpurpose, REcycle: Found Objects in Art," 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. Ohio artists showcased in the exhibit have given ordinary objects new purpose. The Arts Castle, 190 W. Winter St., Delaware. (740) 369-2787 or www.artscastle.org.

March 9-13 — Buckeye Dulcimer Festival, all-level teaching sessions for the mountain and hammered dulcimer, beyond basic on the clawhammer banjo, fiddle, pennywhistle and autoharp, plus "Band-it," a multi-instruments workshop for learning to play as a band. Recreation Unlimited, 7700 Piper Road, Ashley. (740) 747-2326 or www.buckeyedulcimerfestival.com.

ATTRACTIONS

Alum Creek State Park, 3615 S. Old State Road, Delaware — Camping; hiking, bridle and mountain bike trails; boat rental and launch ramps; fishing and hunting; picnicking; swimming; snowmobiling; sledding; ice skating; ice fishing; and ice boating. (614) 548-4631.

The Arts Castle, Delaware County Cultural Arts Center, 190 W. Winter St., Delaware — The more than 150-year-old castle is one of the landmarks of Delaware history. It was built in 1846 of stone from the Blue Limestone Quarry. The center offers classes, workshops, performances and exhibitions. The Gallery Shop offers hand-crafted works by American artists. Gift shop open 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. (740) 369-ARTS.

Black Wing Shooting Center — An indoor-outdoor shooting facility, offering trap, skeet, pistol and rifle shooting. Registered trap and skeet shoots, leagues, options, calcuttas, bowling pin shoots and others are offered throughout the year. Training and corporate/team outings are also available. 3722 Marysville Road (SR 36), Delaware. (740) 363-7555.

Chiller North Ice Rink — Ice skating and hockey facility, which also offers public skating. Try the ice during a Monday-Friday Noon Skate, Friday Night Meltdown, or a Saturday and Sunday afternoon or evening. The facility also features meeting and party space, hockey leagues, skating lessons, corporate events and birthday party packages. 8144 Highfield Drive, Lewis Center. (740) 594-0009.

Columbus Zoo, 9990 Riverside Drive, Powell — Open 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Memorial Day Weekend-Labor Day. Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Labor Day-Memorial Day Weekend. (614) 645-3400 or (800) MON-KEYS.

Delaware County Historical Society and Genealogy Society Library, Annex and Nash House Museum, 157 E. Williams St., Delaware — Open 2-4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday Jan. 15-Nov. 15. (740) 369-3831. For special tours, call (740) 369-4900 or (740) 369-4969.

Delaware State Park, 5202 US 23 North, Delaware — Camping; nearby wildlife area; fishing and hunting; hiking trails; swimming; summer nature programs; boat rental and launch ramps; sledding; ice rink; cross-country skiing; ice fishing. (740) 369-2761 for park office, (740) 363-4561 for camp office or (740) 363-6102 for marina.

Highbanks State Nature Preserve, on US 23, 4 miles north of Worthington within Highbanks Metropark. Features scenic shale bluffs along the Olen tangy State Scenic River.

Martin-Perry Homestead, 103 E. Olen tangy St. — Home to the Powell-Liberty Historical Society, the homestead is a late 1800s house typical of the period. The house is open for tours 1-4 p.m. on the fourth Saturday and Sunday of each month and has children's programs. Other tours by appointment. (614) 848-6210.

Nash House Museum, 157 E. William St., Delaware — A home built in the 1870s, furnished with treasures from eras gone by. The annex also features Delaware County artifacts. For hours, call (740) 369-3831.

Olen tangy Indian Caverns, 1779 Home Road, off US 23,

Delaware — Tours of historic three-level caverns. Museum with Indian artifacts and geological displays. Frontierland with gem mining, gift shop, snack bar and 18-hole mini-golf. (614) 548-7917.

Perkins Observatory, Ohio Wesleyan University, US 23 South, Delaware — Public programs include planetarium shows in Computer Theater, observatory tours, astronomy slide show, 32-inch telescope observations. Call first for dates and tickets. (740) 363-1257.

Radnor Heritage Museum, SR 203 and Radnor Road, Radnor — Open 1:30-4:30 p.m. first and third Sunday of each month April-October. (740) 595-3398 or (740) 595-3319.

Seymour Woods State Nature Preserve, north of Columbus on US 23 about 8 miles north of I-270 — Area features spring woodland wildflowers and summer field wildflowers.

Stratford Woods State Nature Preserve, north of Worthing-

ton on US 23, then to Powell Road and then 5 miles west to Liberty Road and north to the Stratford Ecological Center Inc. — Privately owned. Permit required. Area features spring wildflowers and buttonbush swamps. (614) 363-2548.

Sunbury Square, Sunbury — The Myers Inn and Old Towne Hall are on the National Register of Historic Places. Booklets for walking tour available at Sunbury Community Library.

Zoombezi Bay — Newly renovated water theme park, now owned by the Columbus Zoo. The 22.7-acre water park occupies the former home of Wyandot Lake. It features 15 water slides, a wave pool, an action river, a lazy river, private cabannas, a kiddie play pool and more. Season is Memorial Day to Labor Day. Daily opening at 10:30 a.m. Located next to the Columbus Zoo. www.columbuszoo.org or (800) 666-5397.