

DELAWARE COUNTY

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24 — Perkins Observatory evening program, 9 p.m. Program content varies based on sky conditions, but may include a planetarium show, Observatory tours, and star gazing with the 32-inch Schottland Telescope. 3199 Columbus Pike (US 23 S.), Delaware. (740) 363-1257 or www.perkins-observatory.org.

Sept. 5, 26 — Delaware Flea Market, Delaware County Fairgrounds, 236 Pennsylvania Ave., Delaware. (740) 816-0829 or (740) 362-3851.

Sept. 6 — Labor Day Flea Market on the Square, 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Day full of activities on the square in Sunbury. Hunt for unique and antique treasures at the flea market and the shops around the square. Pit cooked beef and other food. Admission \$1 adults/teens, children 10 and under are free. (740) 965-3630.

Sept. 5 — Harmony in the Park, 7-8 p.m., Loosely Strung. City park gazebo at the corner of Park Avenue and Washington Street, Delaware. In case of rain, concert will be at Willis Auditorium, 74 W. William St., Delaware. (740) 362-9375 or (740) 369-8184.

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Sept. 11, 21 — Family Farm Chores, 9:30-11 a.m., advance registration required. A farm family cares for livestock, gathers and washes eggs, and milks the goats. Become a part of the family for one morning as you take your turn helping with morning animal chores. Dress for dirt. Stratford Ecological Center, 3083 Liberty Road, Delaware. (740) 363-2548 or www.StratfordEcological-Center.org.

Sept. 11-12, 18-19 — Jack Hanna's Fall Fest, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Join Jungle Jack Hanna and his animal friends for a festival of the harvest season. Demonstrations include basket weaving and pumpkin carving, kid friendly entertainment and seasonal treats. Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, 4850 W. Powell Road, Powell. (800) MONKEYS or www.columbuszoo.org.

Sept. 12 — Downtown Powell Street Market, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. A family shopping experience with more than 125 vendors lining the streets of downtown Powell with antiques, collectibles, arts/crafts, handmades, home-based business, flowers/plants, produce, edibles and more. (614) 396-3336 or visitpowell.com.

Sept. 12 — Run 4 The Jug 5K, 2:45 p.m. (Participants enter at US 23 fair gate). Starts at the Delaware County Fairgrounds through downtown Delaware. Registration: www.active.com or in person at Second Sole, 28 N. Sandusky St., Delaware.

Sept. 12 — All Horse Parade, 3 p.m. Starts at the Delaware County Fairgrounds through downtown Delaware. (740) 363-2920 or (740) 362-3851.

Sept. 16 — New Vistas in Astronomy, 8 p.m., "The Rise and Fall of the Infinite Universe" by Barbara Ryden. Lecture series geared toward a more adult audience. It is a mini-course in astronomy, in which OSU and OWU professors discuss their current research and new findings in their area of expertise. Perkins Observatory, 3199 Columbus Pike (US 23 S.), Delaware. (740) 363-1257 or www.perkins-observatory.org.

Sept. 18-19, 25-26 — Leed's Pumpkin Farm, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday; 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Farm and fun activities. 8738 Marysville Road, Ostrander. (740) 666-2020 or www.leedsfarm.com.

Sept. 18-25 — Delaware County Fair, daily entertainment, animals and exhibits, tractor pulls and other motor events, and wild class harness racing featuring the Little Brown Jug. Delaware County Fairgrounds, 236 Pennsylvania Ave., Delaware. (740) 362-3851, (800) 335-3247 or www.delawarecountyfair.com.

Sept. 22 — Jugette race, Delaware County Fairgrounds, 236 Pennsylvania Ave., Delaware. (740) 362-3851, (800) 335-3247 or www.delawarecountyfair.com.

Sept. 23 — Little Brown Jug, Delaware County Fairgrounds, 236 Pennsylvania Ave., Delaware. (740) 362-3851, (800) 335-3247 or www.delawarecountyfair.com.

Sept. 25, 26 — Thunder on the Creek, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. American Power Boat Association sanctioned event will be the finals of the season's points race and also the site for the APBA Mach Series (mid American championship hydroplanes). Alum Creek State Park, 3615 S. Old State Road, Delaware. (614) 445-6838 or www.thunderonthecreek.com.

Sept. 24, 25 — Fall Festival, crafts, games, wagon rides, boat rides, movies, decorated campsites and costume contests. Delaware State Park Campgrounds, 5202 US 23 N., Delaware. (740) 548-4631.

Sept. 25 — Harvest Fair, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Farm is transformed into a playground and celebration of the season. Make apple cider and paper, grind grain, ride on a horse-drawn wagon, play old-fashioned games and more. Enjoy home-grown food for lunch and of baked goods for sale. Stratford Ecological Center, 3083 Liberty Road, Delaware. (740) 363-2548 or www.StratfordEcological-Center.org.

OCTOBER

Oct. 1-2 — Fall Festival and Campout. Campsite decorating and costume contests, pumpkin carving, treats and crafts. Alum Creek State Park Campgrounds, 3615 S. Old State Road, Delaware. (740) 548-4631.

Oct. 1-3 — Showtime Horse Show, Delaware County Fairgrounds, 236 Pennsylvania Ave., Delaware. (740) 362-3851, (800) 335-3247 or www.delawarecountyfair.com.

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Oct. 2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, 29-30 — The Haunted Hollow, 7:30-11 p.m. It is recommended that children be 10 years of age and older to walk through the Haunted Forest. Olentangy Indian Caverns, 1779 Home Road, Delaware. (740) 548-7917 or www.olentangyindiancaverns.com.

Oct. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24, 30-31 — Leed's Pumpkin Farm, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday; 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Farm and fun activities. 8738 Marysville Road, Ostrander. (740) 666-2020 or www.leedsfarm.com.

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Oct. 3 — Big Walnut Heritage Days, 1-4 p.m., Myers Inn, Sunbury. (740) 965-3582.

Oct. 3 — Sunbury/Galena Rotary Country Cruise-In, Sunbury Square. (740) 965-4854 or (740) 602-5033.

Oct. 9, 19 — Family Farm Chores, 9:30-11 a.m., advance registration required. A farm family cares for livestock, gathers and washes eggs, and milks the goats. Become a part of the family for one morning as you take your turn helping with morning animal chores. Dress for dirt. Stratford Ecological Center, 3083 Liberty Road, Delaware. (740) 363-2548 or www.StratfordEcological-Center.org.

Oct. 9-10 — Ohio Dressage Society Horse Show, Delaware County Fairgrounds, 236 Pennsylvania Ave., Delaware. (740) 362-3851, (800) 335-3247 or www.delawarecountyfair.com.

Oct. 10 — Fall Festival at Miller's Country Gardens, noon-5 p.m., 2488 SR 37 W., Delaware. (740) 363-5021.

Oct. 10 — Pioneer Day, 1-4 p.m. Learn all about how early Ohio settlers lived and made do with the simple materials at hand. Square dancing and music, demonstrations, games and hayrides are included. Gallant Woods Preserve, 2151 Buttermilk Hill Road, Delaware. (740) 524-8600 or www.preservationparks.com.

Oct. 14 — New Vistas in Astronomy, 8 p.m., "Archaeoastronomy in the Southwestern United States" by Barbara Andereck. Lecture series geared toward a more adult audience. It is a mini-course in astronomy, in which OSU and OWU professors discuss their current research and new findings in their area of expertise. Perkins Observatory, 3199 Columbus Pike (US 23 S.), Delaware. (740) 363-1257 or www.perkins-observatory.org.

Oct. 16 — The Central Ohio Symphony season debut concert, 8 p.m., Ohio Wesleyan University, Gray Chapel, 61 S. Sandusky St., Delaware. (740) 362-1799, (888) 999-2676 or www.centralohiosymphony.org.

Oct. 22-24, 29-31 — Boo at the Zoo, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday. Trick-or-treat at candy stations scattered throughout zoo grounds and board the haunted train ride. Fortune-tellers, story-tellers and magicians. Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, 4850 W. Powell Road, Powell. (800) MONKEYS or www.columbuszoo.org.

Oct. 24 — Trick-or-Treat Trail, 1-4 p.m. Costumed characters will greet you as you wind your way along the Acorn Trail in search of treats. Also, hayrides and decorating pumpkins. Gallant Woods Preserve, 2151 Buttermilk Hill Road, Delaware. (740) 524-8600 or www.preservationparks.com

Oct. 30-31 — Delaware Kennel Club show, Delaware County Fairgrounds, 236 Pennsylvania Ave., Delaware. (740) 362-3851, (800) 335-3247 or www.delawarecountyfair.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) MONKEYS.

Delaware County Historical Society and Genealogy Soci-

ety 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 Worthington 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 but-tonbush 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.