

# MARION COUNTY

## JANUARY

**Jan. 1 — Art & Culture Walk**, downtown Marion, 4-8 p.m. (740) 244-9567.

**Jan. 9 — Post-Holiday Restorative Yoga**, Palace Theatre, 276 W. Center St., (740) 383-2101. 1-4 p.m. Workshop fee is \$25. [www.artspalace@marionpalace.org](http://www.artspalace@marionpalace.org).

**Jan. 9 — Golf cart races**, Marion County Fairground, 220 E. Fairground St., (740) 383-2558. Sponsored by Marion County International Raceway. [www.marioncountyfairgrounds.com](http://www.marioncountyfairgrounds.com).

**Jan. 22-23-24 — “Big River,”** winter musical at the Palace Theatre, 276 W. Center St., (740) 383-2101. 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday. \$19 and \$22, children 10 and younger \$12. [www.marionpalace.org](http://www.marionpalace.org).

**Jan. 24 — Bridal Extravaganza**, Majic Radio in cooperation with Hearts Entwined Bridal Shop, coliseum on the Marion County Fairgrounds, 220 E. Fairground St., (740) 383-1131. 1-5 p.m., fashion show at 3. Phone Lorie for additional information. [www.marioncountyfairgrounds.com](http://www.marioncountyfairgrounds.com).

**Jan. 29-31 — Marion County Great Outdoors Sportsman Show**, 288 America Blvd., (740) 397-7788. 1-8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday. \$4 adults, children under 12 free. [www.ohiosportsmanshow.com](http://www.ohiosportsmanshow.com).

**Jan. 30 — Lights, Camera, Amateurs**, Palace Theatre, 276 W. Center St., (740) 383-2101. [www.marionpalace.org](http://www.marionpalace.org).

**Jan. 31 — “Jack and the Beanstock,”** Palace Theatre, 276 W. Center St., (740) 383-2101. Performed by the Columbus Children’s Theatre. 3 p.m. \$8. [www.marionpalace.org](http://www.marionpalace.org).

## FEBRUARY

**Feb. 2 — Ground Hog Day with Buckeye Chuck**, Clear Channel Marion, 1330 N. Main St., (740) 383-1131. Buckeye Chuck, Ohio’s official weather-predicting groundhog, will check for his shadow. Come before the sun comes up. Hot drinks and Spam burgers.

**Feb. 4-6 — “The Male Intellect, The 2nd Coming,”** Palace Theatre, 276 W. Center St., (740) 383-2101. 7:30 p.m. \$22. [www.marionpalace.org](http://www.marionpalace.org). **Feb. 5 — Art & Culture Walk**, downtown Marion, 4-8 p.m. (740) 244-9567.

**Feb. 11 — -Family**, a smaller performing group of Raise Production, whose mission is to “preserve, perpetuate, and promote ongoing professionalism within the field of gospel music.” The Five Nights On Campus performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. on the OSU Marion Campus, 1465 Mt. Vernon Ave., in Morrill Hall Auditorium, (740) 389-6786. [www.marion.ohio-state.edu](http://www.marion.ohio-state.edu).

**Feb. 13 — Marion Noon Kiwanis Pancake Day**, Tri-Rivers Career Center, 2222 Marion-Mt. Gilead Road, (740) 387-2637. All the pancakes 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Feb. 13 — Valentine’s Sweetheart Event**, “Disco & Diamonds,” Marion Country Club, 2415 Crissinger Road, (740) 386-6008. 6 p.m. with cash bar and chocolate fountain, surf and turf dinner 7 p.m., 8 p.m. auction, dancing with live entertainment 9-11 p.m. Proceeds benefit Heart of Ohio Mentoring Programs. \$80 per couple.

**Feb. 20 — Kids Fest**, Marion Centre Mall, 1509 Marion-Waldo Road, (740) 389-5785. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Inflatable rides, costume characters and stage entertainment. [www.marioncentre.com](http://www.marioncentre.com).

**Feb. 21 — 4 The Record**, May Pavilion inside the Palace Theatre, 276 W. Center St., (740) 383-2101. A cappella music. 3 p.m. \$10. [www.marionpalace.org](http://www.marionpalace.org).

**Feb. 22 — Bridal Show**, All Occasions Catering & Banquet Facility, 6989 Waldo-Delaware Road, Waldo, (740) 726-2008. 1-4 p.m., style show at 3. \$2. [www.classalloccasions.com](http://www.classalloccasions.com).

**Feb. 26 — Four Score & 7**, for ages 3-5, Palace Theatre, 276 W. Center St., (740) 383-2101. [www.marionpalace.org](http://www.marionpalace.org).

**Feb. 27 — Rush of Fools**, contemporary Christian artist, Palace Theatre, 276 W. Center St., (740) 383-2101. 7 p.m. \$15. [www.marionpalace.org](http://www.marionpalace.org).

## MARCH

**March 5 — Art & Culture Walk**, downtown Marion, 4-8 p.m. (740) 244-9567.



View of the Palace Theatre in Marion.

**March 6 — Marion Catholic Auction/Dinner-Dance**, John M. Boler Activity Center, 1001 Mt. Vernon Ave., (SR 95), (740) 389-2381. 6 p.m.-midnight, silent and grand auction. Profits benefit Marion’s Catholic Schools.

**March 7 — New York Theatre Ballet**, Palace Theatre, 276 W. Center St., (740) 383-2101. Act I will be Edye Cook’s Ballet Co. and Act II will be the NYTB’s “Cinderella.” 3 p.m. \$20 and \$24. [www.marionpalace.org](http://www.marionpalace.org).

**March 11 — “Ordinary Mary’s Extra Deeds,”** Palace Theatre, 276 W. Center St., (740) 383-2101. [www.marionpalace.org](http://www.marionpalace.org).

**March 11 — Russian Duo**, Five Nights on Campus at OSU Marion, 1465 Mt. Vernon Ave., (740) 389-6786. Mysterious

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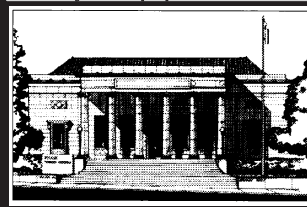
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sounds of the balalaika underscored by the expressive range of the piano. [www.marion.ohio-state.edu](http://www.marion.ohio-state.edu).

**March 12 — Andy Cooney's Forever Irish**, Palace Theatre, 276 W. Center St., (740) 383-2101. 8 p.m. \$20 and \$24, children under 10, \$12. [www.marionpalace.org](http://www.marionpalace.org).

**March 14 — Midwest Vocal Fest**, Palace Theatre, 276 W. Center St., (740) 383-2101. A cappella music festival. 3 p.m. \$10. [www.marionpalace.org](http://www.marionpalace.org).

**March 20 — Ohio Indoor Performance Association**, Harding High School, 1500 Harding Highway E., (740) 387-9326. Indoor color guard and drumline groups from across the state in competition. [www.ohiocircuit.com](http://www.ohiocircuit.com).

**March 26-27 — Night At The Museum**, Heritage Hall, 169 E. Church St., (740) 387-4255. A flashlight tour of the museum. 7-9:30 p.m. Children must be accompanied by an adult. [www.marionhistory.com](http://www.marionhistory.com). **Big Island Wildlife Area**, five miles west of Marion off SR 95 — Wetlands and prairie areas. Large pond area. Bird watching, fishing, hunting. (800) 371-6688.

**Buckeye Telephone Museum**, 581 Bellefontaine Ave., Marion — A volunteer group of telephone retirees and employees working to preserve the telephone industry's history. Some items on display are 30 various open-wire insulators, 18 wall-mounted magneto crank phones, mechanical central, office switching gear, Ohio telephone exchange maps and charts and telephone directories dating back to 1902. The non-profit organization is funded by public donations. A \$1 donation per person is suggested. Tours by appointment. (419) 927-8676.

**Claridon Prairie**, east of SR 98 and north of SR 309 — A natural prairie strip along the Conrail tracks managed by the Marion County Historical Society. (800) 371-6688.

**Crum Strawberry Farm**, 3314 Marion Edison Road, Marion — Pick your own strawberries and red raspberries. Open May-October. (740) 389-2161

**Etowah**, 429 Mount Vernon Ave., Marion — Completed in 1908, this mansion was once the home of Marion industrialist George W. King, founder of the Marion Power Shovel Co. President Harding entertained dignitaries there. Now the home of Central Christian Church. Listed on National Register of Historic Places in 1996. (740) 387-5120.

**Harding Home & Museum**, 380 Mount Vernon Ave., Marion — Home erected in 1891 before the marriage of Florence King and Warren G. Harding, the 29th president. Harding memorabilia and original furnishings. Open Saturday before Memorial Day to Labor Day weekend 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, noon-5 p.m. Sunday. Open September and October 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday. (740) 387-9630, (800) 600-6894, [www.hardingfriends.org](http://www.hardingfriends.org).

**Harding Memorial**, US 423 at Delaware Avenue and Vernon Heights Blvd., Marion — Tomb for the remains of President and Mrs. Harding built of Georgian marble. Open dawn-dusk all year.

**Henry A. True Home & Library**, 149 E. Church St., Marion — Home of the True family, one of Marion's earliest settlers. Thousands of volumes of Ohio and U.S. history. Tours by appointment, by calling (740) 387-6140.

**Heritage Hall**, South State and East Church streets, Marion — Former Post Office houses Marion County Historical Society Museum and Wyandot Popcorn Museum. It contains Harding Presidential Collections, Marion County history exhibits and the Rinker/Howser Resource Center. Open 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday May-October, Saturday-Sunday November-April. (740) 387-4255.

**Huber Machinery Museum**, Marion County Fairgrounds, Marion — A memorial to Edward Huber, inventor of the wood revolving hay rake. Also, early gasoline tractors, corn shredder, separator/threshers, orchard tractors, a combine and other machinery. Tours are 1-4 p.m. Saturdays and by appointment. (740) 389-1098.

**Killdeer Wildlife Area**, northwest edge of the county west of Harpster — Wetlands and prairie areas with bird watching, fishing, hunting. (800) 371-6688.

**Lawrence Orchard**, 2634 Smeltzer Road, Marion. Pick your own apples and peaches at this family-owned orchard. Annual Apple Fest is last Saturday in September with entertainment, crafts, hayrides and mazes. Open July-December. (740) 389-3019.

**Linn School**, SR 4 north of Marion — One-room school was built in 1897 and restored in 2003, rescued by two brothers, Oliver and Merle Hamilton. The Hamiltons restored the building, interior included, to the period of 1909-1913 when they attended the school. They donated it to the Marion County Historical Society to use for educational programs. Reflects a time when tin lunch pails, pot-bellied stove, McGuffy readers, desks with inkwells and foldup seats and a recitation bench were the norm. Tours are by appointment. Contact: Marion County Historical Society (740) 387-4255.

**Marion County International Raceway**, LaRue — Entertainment and automobile racing April-October, 7 p.m. Sundays. (740) 499-3666, [www.mcir.com](http://www.mcir.com).

**Marion Union Station**, 532 W. Center St., Marion — An original railroad station built in 1902. On display are railroad items, history and a caboose. Open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday and weekends by appointment. (740) 383-3768.

**Mural in downtown Marion**, corner of Prospect and Center streets — Renowned artist Eric Grohe is creating a mural in the heart of one of Marion's downtown parks.

**Mysterious Revolving Ball**, Marion Cemetery — A 5,200-pound granite ball that sits atop a pedestal and rotates. In 1929, it was featured in "Ripley's Believe It or Not."

**OSU Marion Prairie Nature Center**, south side of campus — Replanted native prairie grasses and nature center on the OSU-Marion campus. (800) 371-6688, (740) 389-OSUM, [www.marion.ohio-state.edu/prairie/MainPage.htm](http://www.marion.ohio-state.edu/prairie/MainPage.htm)

**Palace Theatre**, 276 W. Center St., Marion — Built in the late 1920s, the theater has a Spanish courtyard theme. Live state performances and movies. (740) 383-2101, [www.marionpalace.com](http://www.marionpalace.com)

**Quarry Nature Park**, Fairground Street off Hillman-Ford Road, Marion — Opened in 2002, park offers shelter houses, handicapped-accessible trails, fishing, gravel nature trails and bird watching.

**Shamrock Vineyard**, 111 Rengert Road, Waldo — The vineyard produces at least 10 varieties of fine wines. It is locally owned and operated, with 2,500 gallons of wine produced each year. Open 1-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday January through March, 1-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday April-December. (740) 726-2883.

**Stengel True Museum**, Washington and State streets, Marion — Built in 1864, the home now contains collections of early guns, Indian artifacts, pottery and glassware and other primitives. Open 1-4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

**Veterans Memorial Coliseum**, fairgrounds — Home to concerts, motocross races, rodeos, dances, antique shows and other activities.

**Veterans Memorial Park, Marion** — The only park in the United States built specifically to honor those who fought in every war in which the U.S. has been involved. A separate monument is devoted to each war.

**World War II Veterans Memorial**, Marion Cemetery, 620 Delaware Ave. — The memorial has four sections: the Eagle Cascade entrance; the Canopy of Trees; the Plaza of Heroes; and the Memorial Monument itself. (740) 387-7050.

**Wyandot Popcorn Museum**, South State and East Church streets, Marion — The popcorn museum is under a circus tent filled with antique popcorn wagons and concession models dating from 1890-1940, all operational. Open 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday May-October, Saturday-Sunday November-April. (740) 387-4255, [www.wyandotpopcornmus.com](http://www.wyandotpopcornmus.com).