

RICHLAND COUNTY

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 3 — Ghost Hunt, Ohio State Reformatory. Admission price is \$65 per person which includes access to the building 8 p.m.-dawn and a late dinner of pizza and soda. Water, soda, coffee and hot chocolate available during the evening. For ages 21 and older. Security provided by a uniformed police officer. Building contains hazards, including steep steps, uneven surfaces and lead-based paint. It is not recommended for pregnant women. (419) 522-2644 or www.mrps.org. 100 Reformatory Road, Mansfield.

Sept. 4-5 — Brush and Palette Art Show and Sale, Kingwood Center, 900 Park Avenue W., Mansfield, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., meeting hall. (419) 522-0211 or www.kingwoodcenter.org.

Sept. 10 — Simply Sinatra! Mansfield Symphony, 8 p.m. Renaissance Theatre. (419) 522-2726 or visit www.mansfieldtickets.com. 138 Park Avenue West, Mansfield.

Sept. 10-12 — Richland Camera Club Photo Show and Contest, Kingwood Center, 900 Park Avenue W., Mansfield, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., meeting hall. (419) 522-0211 or www.kingwoodcenter.org.

Sept. 11-12 — Colonial Soldiers Weekend, Wolf Creek/Pine Run Grist Mill, SR 3 South, Loudonville. www.wolfcreekmill.org.

Sept. 11 — Apple Festival, Johnny Appleseed Heritage Center, 2 miles south of Mifflin on SR 603, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Johnny Appleseed appearing at 4 p.m. Crafters, vendors and children's activities. Admission: donation to Heritage Center or non-perishable food or paper product for Ashland County Foodbank.

Sept. 15-18 — Bellville Street Fair, Main Street in Bellville, starts daily at 1 p.m. www.sites.google.com/site/bellvillestreetfair.

Sept. 17-18 — Ohio State African Violet Society Show, Kingwood Center, 900 Park Avenue W., Mansfield, 1-5 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, meeting hall. (419) 522-0211 or www.kingwoodcenter.org.

Sept. 17-19 — Great Mohican Indian Pow-Wow, Mohican Reservation Campground & Canoeing. Dancing, music, storytelling and other activities. Free parking; no pets; no alcohol. Mohican Reservation Camp & Canoe, 23270 Walley Road S., Loudonville.

Sept. 18 — Oak Hill Cottage's Basement to Attic Tour, Oak Hill Cottage, 310 Springmill St., Mansfield, 4 and 7:30 p.m. \$12 per person. Price includes a set of Oak Hill notecards. Get a behind-the-scenes look at all the nooks and crannies in the museum. (419) 524-1765 or www.oakhillcottage.org.

Sept. 25-26 — Ohio Heritage Days, Malabar Farm State Park, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Outdoor living history and crafts festivals. Vintage farm machinery, traditional live music, civil war demonstrations, buck skimmers camp and food. Malabar Farm State Park, 4050 Bromfield Road, Lucas. (419) 892-2784 or www.malabarfarm.org.

Sept. 25-26 — Mansfield China Painters Show, Kingwood Center, 900 Park Avenue W., Mansfield, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., exhibit hall. (419) 522-0211 or www.kingwoodcenter.org.

Sept. 25 — Heritage Barn Dance, Malabar Farm State Park, 7-10 p.m. (419) 522-0211 or www.kingwoodcenter.org.

Sept. 25-26 — "A Chorus Line," The Renaissance Theatre, 138 Park Ave. W., Mansfield. 8 p.m. Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday. The longest running American musical in Broadway history. Behind-the-scenes look at struggling Broadway dancers. Winner of 12 Tony Awards. (419) 522-2726 or visit www.mansfieldtickets.com.

OCTOBER

Oct. 1 — Final Friday Concert, Temple Court parking lot, 5:30 p.m. Refreshments will be available.

Oct. 2-3, 9-10 — Prairie Peddler Festival, 3170 SR 97, Butler. 170 craft shops, plus food and entertainment. www.prairietown.com.

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Oct. 3 — Bird Show, Mohican Lodge. Every Saturday until

November, the Ohio Bird Sanctuary puts on a two-bird show at the Mohican State Park Lodge. 8 p.m., about an hour. Free and open to the public. www.mohicanstateparklodge.com.

Oct. 8-10, 15-17 — "Louie" dinner theater, Malabar Farm State Park. 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday. First there was the murderess "Ceely." Then there was the eccentric "Phoebe." Now Mark Sebastian Jordan's Mansfield Trilogy concludes with "Louie." Malabar Farm State Park, 4050 Bromfield Road, Lucas. (419) 892-2784 or www.malabarfarm.org.

Oct. 10 — Living Mansfield, Camp Mowana, 3-7 p.m. Follow the "Drinking Gourd," a reenactment of the Underground Railroad in Richland County in the 1850s. Camp Mowana, 2276 Fleming Falls Road, east of Mansfield off US 42. Participants as runaway slaves walk a two-mile path encountering several situations representing the obstacles faced in those days. Tours begin every 10 minutes. Free; donations benefit local historical societies. Reservations are required at www.paullintern.com/UGRR.html.

Oct. 17 — The Teddy Bear Concert Series, Mansfield Symphony, 2-2:45 p.m. (419) 522-2726 or www.mansfieldtickets.com.

Oct. 22 — The Del McCoury Band, Mansfield Symphony, 8 p.m. Nine-time IBMA Entertainer of the Year, McCoury is one of the top bluegrass performers. (419) 522-2726 or www.mansfieldtickets.com.

Oct. 22-23, 29-31 — "Dracula: The Comedy," Mansfield Playhouse, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday. The comedy takes place several years after the famous Dracula incidents. The count is now reformed and no longer feeds on innocent victims. 95 E. 3rd St., Mansfield. (419) 522-2883 or www.mansfield-playhouse.com.

Oct. 23-24 — Living Mansfield, Oakland Inn, 6:30 p.m. "1831 — A dinner theater of historic proportions" at the Oakland Inn, Oakland Lutheran Church, corner of Crall and Oliversburg roads, three miles north of the Reformatory. Enjoy a festive meal in the hospitality of Jacob Zeiters, proprietor of the Oakland Inn, as he tells stories of Richland County in 1831 and as his family serves the guests. \$15. Reservations at www.paullintern.com/1831.html.

Oct. 23 — A Little Night Music, Mansfield Symphony, 8 p.m. Saturday, 6 p.m. Sunday. A chamber concert in which you are stepping into a living room to share what is important to the featured musicians, both in music and in life. (419) 522-2726 or www.mansfieldtickets.com.

Oct. 26 — Downtown Trick or Treat and Halloween parade, downtown Mansfield, 5-6 p.m.

Oct. 29-30 — Count: The Legend of Dracula, Mansfield Symphony, 8 p.m. Bram Stoker's classic gothic horror masterpiece has been re-envisioned and re-imagined in this stunningly original new adaptation, choreographed by Bobby Wesner with story adapted by Michael Thomas. A multi-media event, it combines rock, pop and industrial music with video imaging and the innovative Neos Dance Theatre. (419) 522-2726 or www.mansfieldtickets.com.

Oct. 31 — Spoken Images, Kingwood Center, 900 Park Avenue W., Mansfield, 2:30 p.m., meeting hall. (419) 522-0211 or www.kingwoodcenter.org.

ATTRACTIONS

Carousel Magic!, 44 W. Fourth St., Mansfield — Craftsmen use time-honored techniques to carve and finish wooded carousel horses. Tours pertaining to history, styles and construction of carousels. Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. (419) 526-4009.

The Infield, Lexington — Family entertainment center featuring a quarter-mile go-kart track, miniature golf, batting cages, video game arcade, kids' race track and play area and restaurant. Open April-October 11 a.m.-10 p.m. six days a week. (419) 884-4386.

Fowler Woods State Nature Preserve, six miles northwest of Olivesburg on Olivesburg-Fitchville Road just south of Noble Road — Old-growth woods with spring wildflowers.

Kingwood Center, 900 Park Ave. West, Mansfield — A 47-acre display garden and cultural center. Historic mansion and landscaped grounds, renowned for the formal gardens and floral displays. Free, self-guided tour. (419) 522-0211.

Living Bible Museum, 500 Tingley Ave., Mansfield — From Creation to the judgement throne, 26 life-sized dioramas are accompanied with special effects and an audio text. Ohio's only wax museum. Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily April-December, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday January-December. Also includes Diamond Hill Cathedral, non-denominational services at 11:30 p.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Wednesday. Life-size wax re-creation of the last supper. (419) 524-0139.

Malabar Farm State Park, 4050 Bromfield Road, Lucas — Estate of Pulitzer Prize-winning author/conservationist Louis Bromfield. The 32-room home is open for guided tours year around. Special events and festivals are scheduled throughout the year. Open 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 1-March 31 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. April 1-Oct. 31. (419) 892-2784.

Mansfield Art Center, 700 Marion Ave., Mansfield — Features newest works in all media by contemporary Ohio artists. Open 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, noon-5 p.m. Sunday. In January-February open 11 a.m.-5 p.m. weekends only. (419) 756-1700.

Mansfield Fire Museum, 1265 W. Fourth St., Mansfield — A museum of fire-fighting history with reproductions of a turn-of-the-century fire station. Open 1-4 p.m. Sunday. (419) 529-2573.

Mohican Canoe Livery & Fun Center, Loudonville — Canoe, kayak, raft or tube on the Mohican River. Go-kart, adventure golf with 36-hole challenging course, camping. Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Sunday April 1-Nov. 1. (419) 994-4097 or (800) 662-2663.

Oak Hill Cottage (Shane's Castle), Mansfield — Built in 1847, the house is the boyhood home play site of author Louis Bromfield. His memories of the home was the basis for "Shane's Castle" in the 1924 novel "The Green Bay Tree." Open 2-5 p.m. Sunday.

Ohio Genealogical Society Library, 713 S. Main Street, Mansfield — A 30,000-volume research library for local history and family history in Ohio, including census, Bible records, obituaries, First Families of Ohio, and manuscript resources. Volunteers are on duty to assist in compiling family history. Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. (419) 756-7294. Library catalog online: www.ogs.org.

Plymouth Area Museum, Plymouth — Information on the first 1910 Plymouth car and the Silver King tractor. Open 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday Memorial Day-Labor Day and seasonal hours Thanksgiving-Christmas. Other times by appointment. (419) 687-5411.

Renaissance Theatre, Mansfield — The historic theater is home to the Miss Ohio Scholarship Pageant, the Renaissance Broadway Series, the Summer at the Renaissance Series and the Mansfield Symphony Orchestra's concert season. (419) 522-2726.



View of Oak Hill Cottage in 1910.

www.rparts.org.

Richland B & O Bike Trail, Mansfield — This popular 18.3-mile bike trail was built on a railroad track of the former Baltimore & Ohio Railway. It passes through the communities of Mansfield, Lexington, Belleville and Butler and traverses some of the most scenic parts of North Central Ohio. Open year round.

Richland Carrousel Park, Mansfield — First new hand-carved, wooden carrousel to be built since the early 1930s. Open 11 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. Free admission. (419) 522-4223.

Richland County Museum, Lexington — An 1850s schoolhouse. On display are tools, clothing, children's toys, furniture and paintings. Open 1:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday May-October. (419) 884-2230.

The Ohio State Reformatory, 100 Reformatory Road, Mansfield — This castle-like prison was built in 1886. Three major motion pictures have been filmed on the location, including "The Shawshank Redemption" in 1993. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, it is now in the process of being fully restored. Open 1-4 p.m. Sundays May-October.