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Using our voice

As you might imagine, electric cooperatives have a great story to tell.

We talk about our history, about rural neighbors who banded together to bring electricity to their homes and farms when no one else would.

We talk about the present, about the vital service we provide, and about our involvement in our communities — locally, nationally, and even internationally.

We talk about the future — about the challenges we see ahead; about how the cooperative business model helps us to make sound decisions; about how to keep the electricity co-ops provide affordable and reliable; about how we remain environmentally responsible; and about how we ensure that our employees return home safely to their families each and every day.

Talk about compelling. It feels like we should be shouting from the mountaintops. Fortunately, there are better ways to get those stories out. *Ohio Cooperative Living*, of course, is a great way to share co-op stories with our members. Sometimes, however, our story requires a broader audience, or maybe we need to get into some nitty-gritty details — and that's when we really get to stretch our voices.

For example, co-ops are active at statehouses around the country, and each spring, many of your co-op's leaders head to Washington, D.C. We need to be sure that elected officials hear our stories firsthand, and that our concerns are considered when policies that affect your co-op are enacted. Legislative conferences are a necessary tool to make sure our voices get heard — and acted upon.

We share a heritage with RFD-TV network (profiled this month on page 4). The name "RFD-TV" is a reference to "Rural Free Delivery," the United States Postal Service's system of delivering mail directly to rural patrons. Before RFD, farmers had a tough time getting mail delivery — sound familiar? Cooperatives were among the early investors that helped RFD-TV get off the ground. The network understands that co-op news is likely to affect a large portion of its audience, and they provide another platform to tell our story.

Our stories are good ones, and they're fun to tell — and using our voice is important to our future.



Pat O'Loughlin
PRESIDENT & CEO
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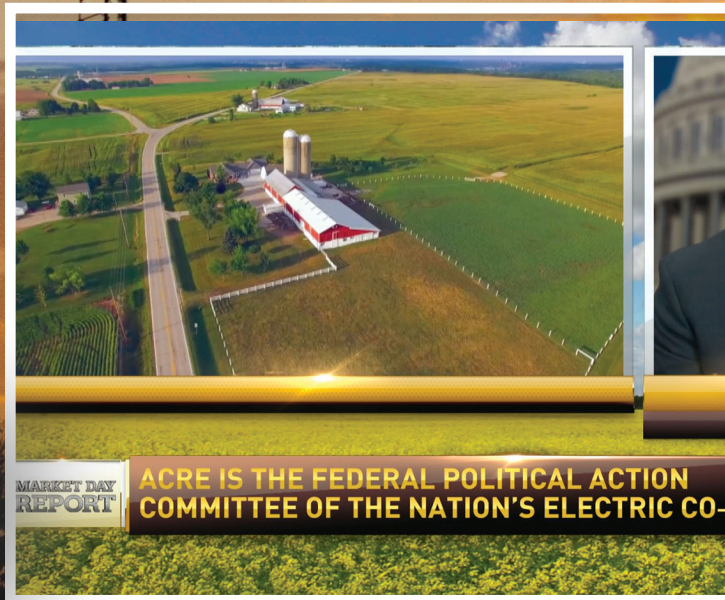
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CONNECTING CITY WITH COUNTRY

BY JEFF MCCALLISTER



Marc Armstrong, director of government affairs for Ohio's Electric Cooperatives, makes an appearance on RFD-TV to tout the state's successful drive for participation in ACRE Co-Op Owners for Political Action.

Electric cooperatives have a long history of providing service where there was an unfilled need. It's a story that especially resonates with Patrick Gottsch.

In the late 1990s, Gottsch, then a sales executive for a successful livestock auction, looked at cable television lineups around the country and noticed something missing: there was no rural-focused programming anywhere on the dial.

He dedicated himself to filling that void, and by late 2000, had successfully launched Rural Free Delivery Television (RFD-TV) on DISH Network. "At first, when we didn't have any money, all of our promotion was by word of mouth," Gottsch says. "People would tell their friends about this dumb old rural network they had seen, and it resonated with them. Most of our audience, since they were rural, were electric co-op members, and the co-ops took notice."

Soon, RFD-TV had an agreement with DirecTV, which had been founded with investments from the National Rural Telecommunications Council (NRTC) — mostly to provide television satellite programming to rural areas. NRTC had itself been founded by electric co-ops, the NRECA, and the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC). The network soon was being broadcast by nearly all cable providers, and today, RFD-TV is available in more than 52 million homes.

"One of our major goals is to connect city with country," Gottsch says. "A lot of people who live in urban areas grew up in rural areas. They still vacation in rural areas. But there's a wall being built between country and city, and so we need to do a better job communicating rural issues with people in the cities."

The increasing viewership numbers have allowed RFD-TV to provide programming that does just that. What started out as a channel that was known for reruns of rural-focused shows such as *Bonanza* and *The Lone Ranger* now provides six hours of live rural-focused news each weekday — including from news bureaus in Chicago and Washington, D.C. — as well as other original or exclusive shows.



MARKET DAY REPORT

"RFD-TV is an obvious and effective place for us to go to get our messages out when we have something we need to say to a wider rural audience beyond our own co-op or even beyond our own state line," says Patrick Higgins, director of communications at Ohio's Electric Cooperatives. "Electric cooperative members around the country know that news presented on *Market Day Report*, for example, will be relevant to them."

Ron Salyer, CEO of Pioneer Electric Cooperative in Piqua, was interviewed on Market Day to talk about ways electric cooperatives help members save money on their electric bills. Phil Caskey, CEO of Mount Gilead-based Consolidated Cooperative, has talked about efforts of cooperatives nationwide to bring broadband to rural areas. John Metcalf, CEO of Mid-Ohio Energy Cooperative in Kenton, talked about programs that get funding from co-op members' donations through Operation Round Up.

Officials from Ohio's Electric Cooperatives, the statewide organization that provides services to the Ohio co-ops, are also in demand: President and CEO Pat O'Loughlin, Vice President Doug Miller, and Government Affairs Director Marc Armstrong all have made multiple appearances on RFD-TV in recent months — including updates from the Legislative Conference in Washington (see story on page 6).

"I still read every email and letter that comes in to this company," Gottsch says. "In fact, we first added news shows because people wrote to say they were disillusioned by both local and national news, which did not cover rural areas unless there was some sort of disaster going on. So we invested heavily in that programming, and now people in rural areas turn to us first. Even people in urban areas are making sure they see what we talk about. We're chipping away at that wall."





CO-OPS GO TO WASHINGTON

The 2016 elections demonstrated the influence of rural voters — and, therefore, let elected officials know in no uncertain terms to pay attention to the needs of rural America.

While the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association has a team of government affairs professionals lobbying Congress every day, local cooperative leaders make an annual trek to Washington, D.C., every April so those federal policymakers hear directly from folks from their district or home state.

Co-ops from around the country send representatives to take part in the Legislative Conference, which this year wrapped up on May 1. Ohio's electric cooperatives usually send about 65 trustees, CEOs, and key staff members as part of a full-court press that also includes appearances on such outlets as RFD-TV's *Market Day Report*, to advocate for the policy positions that affect a co-op's business and the service co-ops provide to their members.

"The Legislative Conference lets members of Congress put a face to the issues that they've been hearing about from our lobbying efforts," says Marc Armstrong, government affairs director for Ohio's Electric Cooperatives.

This year, the topics discussed have included tax policy, broadband funding, and the Rural Development Program.



Cooperative leaders get a chance to speak to their representatives, including Sen. Sherrod Brown (above) and Sen. Rob Portman (below), about important issues during the Legislative Conference each April.

Taxes

Cooperatives are tax exempt, according to the IRS — if more than 85% of a cooperative's income comes from members paying their bills, the cooperative is exempt from federal income tax. A 2017 change in tax law threatens that exemption, however, for co-ops that receive funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Co-ops are asking to fix the law to preserve that status.

Broadband

Electric cooperatives provide power to many areas of Ohio that do not have adequate broadband connectivity. Access to reliable, high-speed internet is vital to maintaining quality education, operating a business, and most effectively managing a farm. Co-ops support broadband funding and policies that encourage rural broadband deployment.

Rural development

The United States Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Program offers loans, grants, and loan guarantees to support electric, communications, and water infrastructure, as well as first-responder services and equipment. The program helps create jobs and supports economic expansion that is desperately needed in rural Ohio, so co-ops have asked their legislators to support the Rural Development Program and the services it provides.





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Daylily *delights*

Hancock-Wood members make a name with an astounding array of perennial posies.

BY VICTORIA ELLWOOD
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CHARLIE HARPER, AND VICTORIA ELLWOOD



George and Ann Brickner (left) operate a plant nursery near Findlay that boasts more than 1,300 varieties of daylilies.



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Those alluring names are just a few of the thousands — literally thousands — of varieties of daylily. So captivating are these perennial posies, in fact, that Ann Brickner readily admits she is absolutely addicted to them.

"My favorite daylily is whichever one I'm looking at that very moment," says Brickner, donning a set of daylily-themed earrings. "I do like them all, but I'm really drawn to the showy varieties with double blossoms. There's one called Birthright that's a rich coral color and is just gorgeous."

Ann and her husband, George, along with their daughter, Michelle, own and operate Perennial Plant Peddler, a daylily and hosta plant nursery near Findlay that's served by Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative. The two acres of gardens on their property are surrounded by 180 acres of farmland, which George, who is retired from Marathon Oil, still farms with his brother.

The Brickners' business boasts more than 1,300 daylily varieties and sells about 900 types during the warm-weather months. Most of their named plants are registered with the American Daylily Society, and the business is an official show garden for that organization. Other daylilies that grace the Brickner gardens are hybrids grown experimentally by Ann and Michelle.

"I'm passionate about daylilies because there are so many varieties out there, and with hybridization you are limited only by your imagination and creativity," says Michelle, who helps run Perennial Plant Peddler on weekends and during the summer, when she's not teaching at Cleveland School of the Arts. "It's fun to imagine that maybe we could get a flower to look like this or like that. Could we make one that's newer? Or taller? Or rufflier? Or more colorful? It taps into my love of the visual arts."

Ann and George, who met at Heidelberg College and settled in the Findlay area more than 30 years ago, point to Michelle's fascination with flowers for fueling their garden-love. "As a kid, I'd sit around for hours looking at seed catalogs and say that I wanted to grow all of these different kinds of flowers," Michelle says. Once her dad retired, he proposed the business idea ... and Perennial Plant Peddler was launched.

It wasn't all smooth sailing at first. They call their first year "the year of the flood." The usually sedate Sand Run Ditch, which runs through their property and into the Blanchard River, overflowed that year in a major way.

"We had almost 3 feet of water all over our new daylily gardens, with wheat straw from the farm fields floating all over them," says Ann. "We just rolled up our pant legs and got to work."

They ended up not losing any of the young plants — partly because of the daylilies' hardiness. "It had been pretty dry out," Ann says, "and the plants were thirsty. After all that water, they just started to bloom like crazy."

They've been blooming ever since, providing a riot of color all summer long. Even though they are aptly named daylily because each blossom on a stem only lasts one day, with careful planning you can enjoy months of multihued flower beds. "Daylilies primarily bloom in July and August," Ann says, "but if you put in some varieties that bloom at different times, you can have flowers all summer."

Flag City Daylily Tour

The Brickners' nursery will be among seven stops on the fourth annual Flag City Daylily Tour in Findlay July 12–14.

The free, self-guided tour in and around town has been heralded as a "Daylily Ambassador of the U.S." by the American Daylily Society.

"We want to turn people on to these spectacular flowers," says Mike Anders, a retired professor of music at the University of Findlay, avid gardener, and co-founder of the event. "They are so much more than just the wild, orange daylilies you see in ditches along country roads."

Anders, in fact, grows about 2,000 varieties of daylilies on his property, which also is served by Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative and is a stop on the tour.

Daylilies are also very adaptable, he says. "They'll grow just about everywhere, even here in the Midwest. Even with my heavy, clay soil."





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Create your own butterfly farm

STORY AND PHOTOS BY TONI LELAND

Many gardeners fill their space with flowers to attract butterflies, but how would you like to have a garden where the complete life cycle takes place? You can grow and raise your own butterflies, from eggs to interesting caterpillars to the beautiful winged creatures. With the right habitat, you can enjoy *lepidoptera* all season long and even host the same species in your garden year after year.

Familiar and popular Ohio butterflies include the black swallowtail, the great spangled fritillary, the eastern tiger swallowtail, and the beloved monarch. If you've seen these butterflies in your neighborhood, you can plan a garden to attract them to your yard.

Most butterfly and moth species have defined needs for producing the next generation, and providing those requirements is the key to the perfect butterfly nursery. Butterflies love the sun, so your new garden (or chosen landscape bed) should ideally be in full sun. If that's not possible, look for a space that receives at least six hours of afternoon sun. Keep in mind that newly hatched butterflies emerge from early spring until fall, so be sure to include nectar plants that are in bloom throughout the season.

The life cycle of a butterfly comprises three stages: egg, larva, and adult. The goal for your garden is to have all three, so that you can nurture each stage. Your first priority is providing plants for the adult females to feed on as they prepare to lay their eggs. A garden filled

with flowers is important to attract those females, and knowing which nectar plants they prefer increases your chances for success. By also planting nearby "host" plants for newly hatched larvae, you're ensuring that your butterfly ladies will stick around to fill the nursery.

The beautiful black swallowtail butterfly loves the nectar of butterfly bushes, zinnias, marigolds, pincushion flower, and dame's rocket, but she will only lay her eggs on dill, celery, parsley, carrot, or Queen Anne's lace. Plant attractive nectar flowers near your herb or vegetable garden or add Queen Anne's lace or dill to an existing flower bed.

The great spangled fritillary and the smaller regal fritillary adults are partial to privet, zinnia, asters, bee balm, milkweed, and butterfly bush. This butterfly species lays her eggs only on violets. Violets grow low to the ground, so you can tuck them under the branches of a butterfly bush or among the zinnias, and the fritillaries will find them when they are ready to lay eggs.

Eastern tiger swallowtail butterflies are the most common swallowtail in Ohio. They're also drawn to the butterfly bush, but lay eggs on yellow poplar and wild cherry. If you have such a tree on your property, consider putting in a nectar garden nearby to encourage the adults to stay in your yard. If you don't have these trees but see eastern tiger swallowtails on a regular basis, then be sure to provide nectar sources for the females, even though you probably won't see a caterpillar or cocoon.

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monarch



Monarch butterflies are the darlings of the garden, and butterfly lovers are thrilled to find them in their flower beds. The most well-known of migratory butterflies, they travel from your Ohio garden to Mexico and back north again within their nine-month life span. The adults love the butterfly bush and other flowers, but to have monarchs raised in your garden, you must plant milkweed — the only host plant for monarch larvae.

All types of milkweed qualify, but the most frequently used are common milkweed (*Asclepias syriaca*) and

butterfly milkweed (*Asclepias tuberosa*). A bit of advice: These plants can take over quickly, so you might want to have a special bed just for the monarchs, so that you can control the milkweed. Planting a butterfly bush in the same bed with the milkweed provides an adult food source, a host plant for eggs, and a larval food source.

Many other butterflies abound in Ohio, as well — painted lady, buckeye, mourning cloak, viceroy, red admiral, and many varieties of skippers. A little extra research will help you include those beauties in your new butterfly garden.



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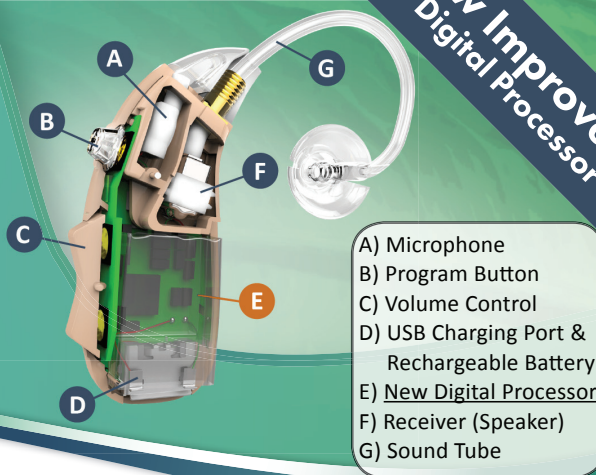


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The grand-prize winner will receive an Ohio-made KitchenAid stand mixer.

Two runners-up will receive consolation gifts.

Entry deadline: May 16, 2019

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- Entrants must be electric cooperative members or residents of an electric cooperative household.
- To enter, write down your recipe, including all ingredients and measurements, directions, and number of servings. Then tell us the basic story behind your recipe — when, why, or how YOU do meatless. Is your recipe a family tradition, passed down through generations, or did you make it up one day out of thin air? A good back story can never hurt!
- Submissions may be an original recipe or one adapted from an existing recipe published elsewhere, with at least three distinct changes from the published version.
- On each recipe, include your name and address, a phone number and email address where you can be contacted, and the name of your electric cooperative.
- Entries should be submitted by email to memberinteract@ohioec.org, or sent to Catherine Murray, care of Ohio Cooperative Living, 6677 Busch Blvd., Columbus, OH 43229.
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- Contest winners will be announced in the September edition of *Ohio Cooperative Living*.

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BASIL PESTO CHICKEN AND PASTA

Prep: 10 minutes | Cook: 40 minutes | Servings: 4

1/3 cup pine nuts	4 tablespoons olive oil (divided)
4 cups basil leaves, washed and packed	4 skinless, boneless chicken breasts
6 cloves garlic	12 ounces cherry tomatoes
2 ounces Parmesan cheese	14 ounces dry pasta of your choice, cooked

Lightly toast pine nuts in a dry skillet over medium heat, stirring often to avoid burning. To make pesto, use a food processor to blend pine nuts, basil, garlic, Parmesan, and 1 tablespoon olive oil. Smother top of chicken breasts with about half the pesto and place in baking dish. Arrange tomatoes around chicken and bake 30–40 minutes at 350 F or until chicken is cooked through. Cool chicken for 5 minutes, then slice. Add remaining tablespoon of olive oil to remaining pesto then toss with pasta. Top pasta with chicken and tomatoes. Serve hot.

Per serving: 725 calories, 31 grams fat (6 grams saturated fat), 62 grams total carbs, 2 grams fiber, 53 grams protein.



BRIGHT AND BOLD TABBOULEH SALAD

Prep: 10 minutes | Servings: 4

large bunch parsley (curly or flat leaf), chopped	1 lemon, juiced
1/2 cup mint leaves, chopped	2 green onions, finely chopped
1 large tomato, chopped	2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
1 small cucumber, chopped	1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup cooked and cooled bulgur, quinoa, or couscous	1/4 teaspoon pepper
	1 teaspoon olive oil

Combine parsley, mint, tomato, cucumber, and grains. Add the rest of the ingredients one at a time, tasting as you go. Serve cold as a simple salad or top with feta, chickpeas, Kalamata olives, grilled chicken, or fish.

Per serving: 217 calories, 2 grams fat (0.5 grams saturated fat), 42 grams carbs, 5 grams fiber, 8 grams protein.



CRISPY ROSEMARY POTATOES

Prep: 10 minutes | Cook: 30 minutes | Servings: 4 to 6

2 pounds redskin potatoes	2 tablespoons olive oil
1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon kosher salt	1/4 cup rosemary (fresh or dried)

Preheat oven to 450 F. Wash potatoes well and cut into 1-inch chunks. Rinse starch off potatoes, then place in a pot. Cover potatoes with water and add 1 tablespoon salt and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to simmer and cook until potato edges are soft but not cooked all the way through, about 5 minutes. Transfer potatoes to a heat-safe container with lid, drizzle with olive oil, then sprinkle with rosemary and remaining teaspoon salt. Cover container and shake to roughen edges of potatoes. Spread potatoes in single layer on baking sheet. Bake 30 to 40 minutes, flipping potatoes every 15 minutes until brown and crispy. Serve immediately.

Per serving: 183 calories, 6 grams fat (1 gram saturated fat), 30 grams total carbs, 6 grams fiber, 3 grams protein.





QUICK PICKLED GREEN BEANS

Prep: 5 minutes | Cook: 10 minutes | Chill: 1 to 4 hours

Servings: 10

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| 1 pound green beans, trimmed | 5 large sprigs fresh dill |
| 2 cups water | ¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper |
| 2 cups white vinegar | 4 cloves garlic, finely chopped |
| ½ tablespoon pickling salt | |

Place beans in large bowl. In a small pot, combine water, vinegar, pickling salt, dill, cayenne pepper, and garlic. Bring to a boil. Remove from heat and pour over beans. Cool to room temperature, then cover and chill 1 to 4 hours before serving. Store in an airtight container in refrigerator for up to 2 weeks.

Per serving: 46 calories, 1 gram fat (0 grams saturated fat), 8 grams total carbs, 3 grams fiber, 2 grams protein.

LOGAN COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

Tucked against the base of Mad River Mountain in Bellefontaine is one of Ohio's smallest co-ops, Logan County Electric Cooperative (LCEC). What the co-op might lack in size, however, it makes up for in service. General Manager Rick Petty and his staff prioritize connections with their more than 4,600 consumer-members in their mission to provide local, safe, reliable, affordable electricity.

High points

Bellefontaine boasts the highest point of elevation in Ohio — Campbell Hill, at 1,550 feet. Ohio Hi-Point Career Center sits atop the summit, giving the students inside an education with a view. Nearby is Mad River Mountain, which offers skiing, snowboarding, and snow tubing during the winter months. To the south, underground tours of Ohio Caverns and homestead tours of the Piatt Castles are available. Northwest lies Indian Lake, perfect for boating and fishing, but also the location of year-round events and activities for adults and families. Marmon Valley Farm to the southeast offers horseback riding for individuals or groups as well as summer camp opportunities for kids.

The co-op's small size doesn't mean it doesn't serve large consumers. The Honda plant in Russells Point is the co-op's biggest consumer. Additional large power consumers — including SpartanNash, Indian Lake Local Schools, Benjamin Logan Local Schools, Heartland Egg Farm, and World Class Plastics — enjoy reliable service from Logan County Electric Cooperative, as well.

The power of human connections

Petty strives to maintain strong connections to each of the co-op's consumer-members. "It's important to keep engaging members at a hand-to-hand, heart-to-heart level," he says. "We really try, at every touchpoint, to connect."

Petty's philosophy manifests in a variety of forms; it might be an invitation to members to attend informational sessions about high-speed internet, visiting schools to teach children about energy, or having a one-on-one conversation with a member over breakfast. The co-op also has a robust Operation Round Up program, allowing members to contribute to school programs, homeless and domestic abuse shelters, programs for special-needs children, and more.

Petty is a believer in actions, not just words. "The messaging isn't enough without the connection," he says. LCEC's commitment to its membership allows employees to provide the best possible service to their consumer-members and to remain an active, engaged part of the Logan County community.





MAPPING MINUTE

Happy May, everyone! Now that the cold winter is behind us and we look forward to summer, it's time to get outside and do some gardening or flower bed work. For this edition, I'll give you some tips to keep your flower garden local in more ways than one.

First and foremost, you need to plan your beds. What kind of plants do you normally put in your beds? Roses? Hosta? Marigolds? Why don't you add some West Virginia native plants to your roster this year? If you're wanting some shrubs, check out Sixteen Candles or Arrowwood. Want flowers? Plant some Blue Flag Iris or Queen of the Prairie. Not sure what you want? Go for a walk in the woods! Surrounded by wild plants, you might find inspiration for your flower beds. If you're walking on your own property, you can transplant some of these plants to your beds (please don't dig up plants from your neighbor's yard — it's not nice ... or legal).

If you would like a full list of West Virginia native plants, check online. I found a few websites that give full information on what this state has to offer. Also, if you're really into gardening or flowers, you can join a gardening club. And if you find yourself really into West Virginia native plants — well, there's a club for that as well.

Maybe you don't want any local flowers but still want those marigolds or roses. Check for a local greenhouse to source

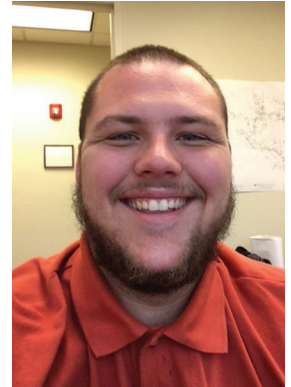
your plants. A Google search or maybe even a Yellow Pages lookup (do people still use Yellow Pages?) might dig up some results on a local grower who sells flowers. Let's support our community first! If all else fails, you can go to the big box store to purchase your flowers.

Okay, you've got your plans and plants together. Now what? Get them planted and enjoy! A few green tips that I can offer are to produce your own

compost and collect rainwater. Creating compost is a great way to boost your soil's nutrient content and rainwater collection is a great way to save on the cost of water for your plants.

This year, let's all have beautiful, locally sourced flower beds that are sustained with compost and rainwater. Oh, who am I kidding? I have a brown thumb. I'm off to find the most death-proof flowers and shrubbery I can find. But best of luck to you, though, really!

This has been your Mapping Minute!



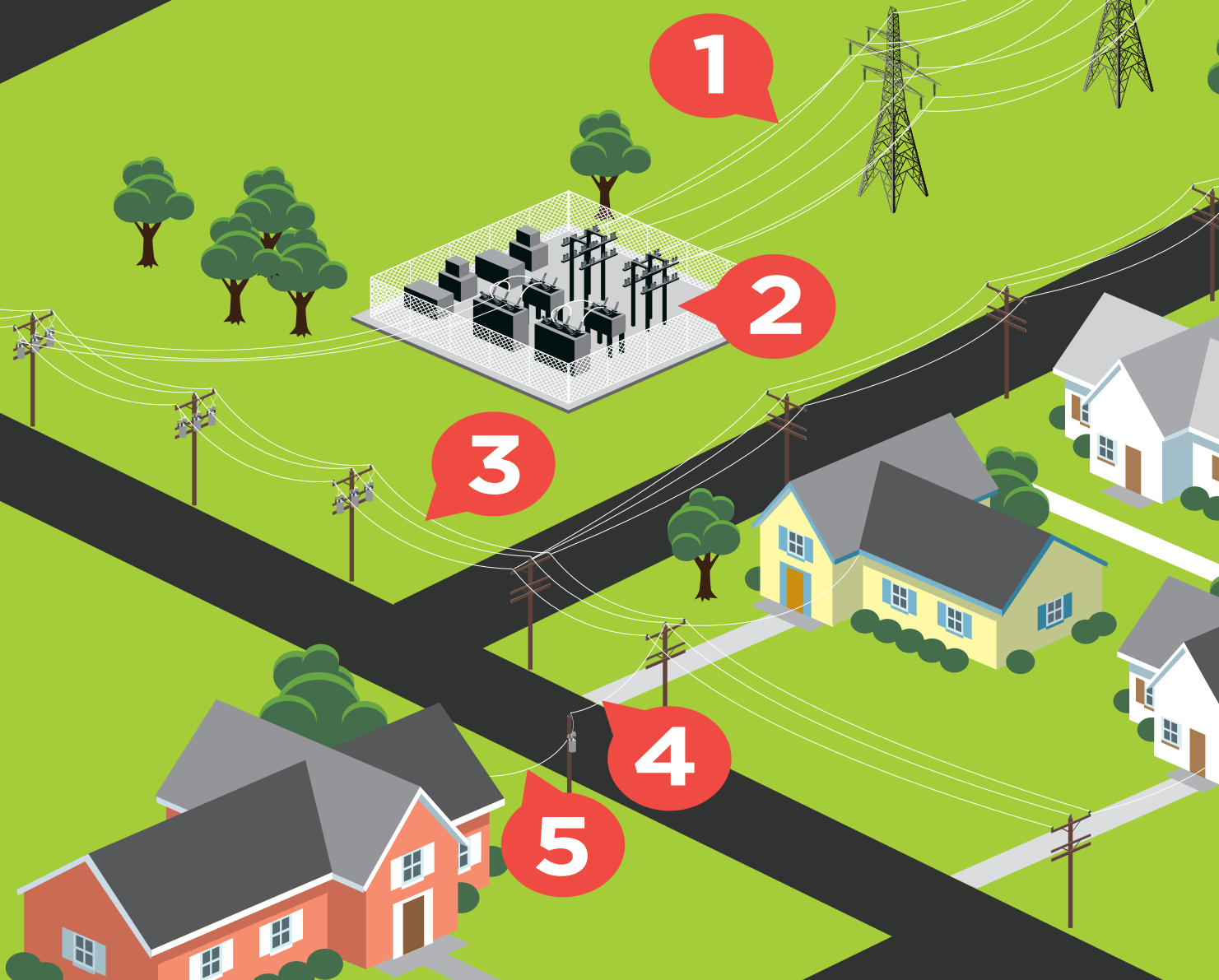
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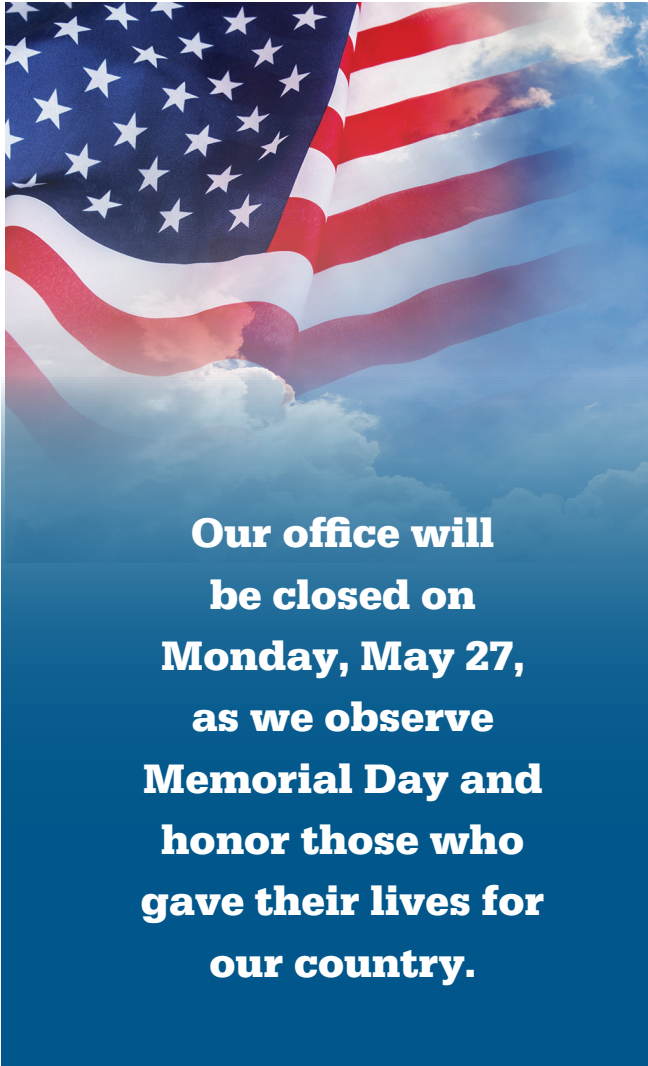
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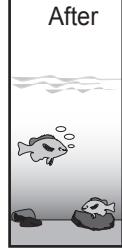
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National Veterans Memorial and Museum
is a salute to service and sacrifice.

BY DAMAINE VONADA



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A Vietnam veteran was exploring the then newly opened National Veterans Memorial and Museum (NVMM) when he saw another man, a veteran of World War II, and stopped him in his tracks with a “Thank you for your service.”

“It was a very moving moment,” says Shelley Hoffman, associate director of external affairs, who witnessed the scene. The poignant episode epitomizes NVMM’s unique mission: saluting every veteran from every branch of the U.S. military in every period of war and peace.

Neither a solemn war memorial nor a static weapons museum, NVMM pays tribute to the 40 million men and women who have served in the nation’s armed forces by collecting, preserving, and sharing their personal stories. “Most military museums have tanks or planes,” Hoffman says. “We have voices.”

Indeed, storytelling is the museum’s defining element, and the voices that resonate throughout its exhibits are those of dozens of veterans representing different races, backgrounds, and types of military service. Visitors witness former Marine Corps Sgt. Jason Dominguez, whose Ohio-based Lima Company lost 23 members in Iraq, talk about visiting a fallen comrade’s grave. They hear Spc. 4 John Flinn, an Army dog handler and Purple Heart recipient, recall the hostility he encountered after returning from Vietnam. They listen to the tug-at-your-heart words of Chris Moe, wife of Air Force pilot and prisoner of war Thomas Moe, describing their reunion after his torturous years in the Hanoi Hilton.

Located along the Scioto River in downtown Columbus, NVMM was the brainchild of the late John Glenn, who, before he was a United States senator from Ohio and before he was an astronaut, was a Marine Corps aviator. “It was Senator Glenn’s vision to create a museum that was not specific to a particular conflict or branch of service,” Hoffman says. After President Trump signed a congressional act into law on June 21, 2018, it officially became the first and only national veterans’ museum.

The Columbus Downtown Development Corporation oversaw NVMM’s construction and utilized more than \$80 million of private and public funding for a 53,000-square-foot museum building and an adjacent memorial grove. Designed



by Allied Works Architecture of New York, the circular building consists of exterior bands of concrete that evoke the strength of the nation's armed forces and culminate in a rooftop sanctuary with splendid views of the Columbus skyline. For the memorial grove, landscape architects from the OLIN design firm planned a 2.5-acre greenspace for remembrance and reflection.

Visitors enter through the Great Hall, a soaring space with enormous windows and wall-mounted gold letters that spell out NVMM's purpose: Honor, Connect, Inspire, Educate. "Senator Glenn came up with those objectives, and they're the pillars of the museum," says Hoffman. Suspended from the Great Hall's ceiling are giant photographs showing veterans as they look today, as well as when they were in uniform. Those powerful images that greet visitors make a statement about why NVMM strives to honor veterans' contributions, connect civilians to the nation's 20 million living veterans, and inspire and educate people about the value of service.

NVMM's permanent exhibits take visitors on a double journey through a gallery flanked on one side by a timeline of U.S. military history and on the other by themed alcoves that highlight common veterans' experiences — including "Leaving Home" and "Oath of Office" — and relate individual stories via audio and video recordings. Along the way are personal memorabilia and photos, boot camp hats and backpacks that folks can try on, and footlockers that open to tell firsthand tales of leaving family and friends. A multiscreen installation in the "Our Jobs"

alcove depicts the array of tasks performed aboard the Navy supercarrier *George H.W. Bush*, while an interactive "Where We Were" display lets visitors summon historical statistics about U.S. deployments.

In the Remembrance Gallery, colorfully striped windows mimic the campaign ribbons military personnel wear as badges of honor, but the focal point is a folded American flag surrounded by mirrors that give the illusion of infinite stars and stripes. Having been flown over the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery, that flag



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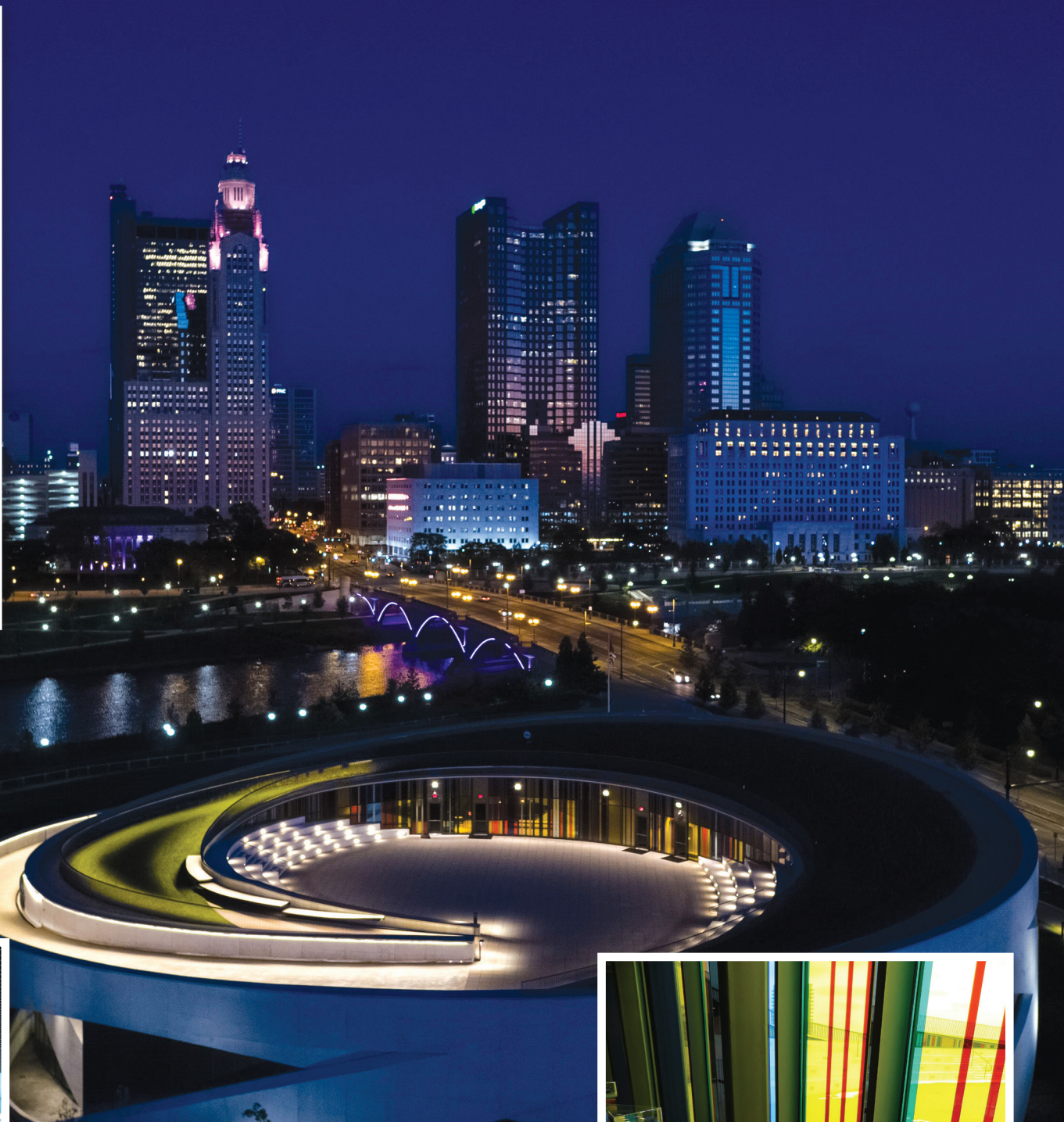
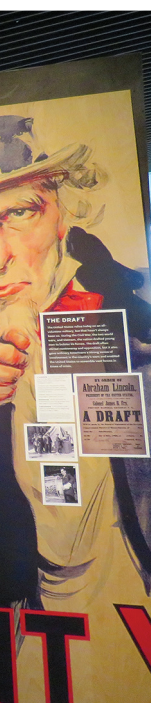


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represents the more than 2 million military members who lost their lives in service. Among them was Army Captain Leo Allen Bauer, and NVMM’s “Why We Serve” exhibit now showcases a 1964 letter he sent from Vietnam to his young daughters.

“Today I am part of the force that is fighting to preserve the United States and its freedoms for you and your children to enjoy just as Mother and I have, along with our parents and grandparents,” wrote Bauer. “I am here for many reasons — perhaps the biggest is love — love for my family, you two girls and your Mother; and for our country and its way of life.”

Ten months later, Bauer was killed in action, and his voice went silent forever.

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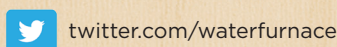


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OUT OF THE shadows

White lightning goes legit as legal moonshine distilleries thrive in Ohio.

BY BRIAN ALBRIGHT; PHOTOS COURTESY OF HOCKING COLLEGE

For centuries, moonshine has loomed large in the American imagination — the illegally produced liquor was a key part of the underground economy of many states in the South and in Appalachia. During Prohibition, backwoods moonshiners helped supply speakeasies across the country. NASCAR has its roots in the souped-up cars used by moonshine runners to transport booze. Moonshiners have been the subject of dozens of movies, hundreds of songs, and numerous TV shows, from *The Dukes of Hazzard* to *Moonshiners*, a reality show on the Discovery Channel.

In Ohio, New Straitsville was once considered the bootleg capital of the state, and the town still hosts an annual Moonshine Festival. However, until a few years ago, you couldn't legally drink moonshine at the festival. Thanks to changes in federal and state liquor laws, not only can you now buy moonshine there, you can buy it right off the shelf just about anywhere in the state. The first legal moonshine distillery opened in New Straitsville in 2014, and several more such operations have been launched across the

state ever since. "Moonshine is a big part of the culture and history of New Straitsville," says Betty Young, the president of nearby Hocking College, which bought the distillery as part of its new fermentation science program. "This was the first distillery opened under the new Ohio laws, and it is a historic town when it comes to moonshine."

Roots in Prohibition

Moonshine is a colloquial term for high-proof, unaged whiskey that, for most of the history of the country, was made and distributed illegally. While largely associated with states like Kentucky, West Virginia, and North Carolina, illegal stills also flourished in southern Ohio before, during, and after Prohibition. For years, bootleg liquor provided an important source of income in a part of the state with limited economic opportunity.

In Ohio, moonshine is primarily made from corn, which goes through a mash process. After the mash ferments, it is loaded into a still and heated to release the alcohol vapor. The vapor is collected and condensed into the whiskey. To get a higher proof, the moonshine often is re-distilled in a doubler or thumper.

"Moonshine is something you had to make quick. There's no time for aging or mellowing, so you had to make a better spirit that could be consumed straight off the still," says Vinnie



Carbone, owner of Canal Spirits Distillery in Canal Fulton, near Akron, where patrons can sample and purchase bottles of his Apparition moonshine.

Carbone was familiar with moonshine (his family hails from Kentucky), but spent most of his adult life working for the county sewer department. While that job wasn't glamorous, it did lead him to the vacant basement location where his still now sits. "Canal Fulton is a town full of history," Carbone says. "I had serviced this building and I knew it had an old basement that wasn't used. I approached the owner about renting it, and we struck a deal."

Taking advantage of the craft craze

With the recent explosion of small craft breweries and regional wineries, craft distilling seemed to be the next logical step. Hocking College bought the New Straitsville distillery a year ago and hosted its first event there during the 2018 Moonshine Festival. The college is currently working on a rebranding and development effort and plans to manufacture a variety of moonshines, as well as rum and a coffee liqueur.

As part of the fermentation science program, the facility will serve as both a business and a laboratory for

students to gain hands-on experience (they can also learn how to operate a brewery or winery).

According to Young, the college is helping to create a workforce for what is emerging as an important piece of the economic development puzzle in southern Ohio and other parts of the state. Microdistilleries can be tourist draws and help foster growth of other nearby businesses, such as restaurants. "We don't start anything here that doesn't lead to jobs or business development, and the fermentation program has been a great add-on to our culinary program," she says.

In addition to traditional moonshine, most distilleries offer flavored varieties — Canal Spirits sells apple pie and blackberry flavors, among others.

"That's part of the fun," Carbone says. "You get to see what you can create and make it different and interesting."

In New Straitsville, Hocking College plans to have a new moonshine product ready for release at this year's Moonshine Festival.

This year's Moonshine Festival will take place in New Straitsville, May 23–27. For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/Newstraitsvilleohio>.



Betty Young and Sean Terrell of Hocking College (left) cut the ribbon on the New Straitsville Distillery during the 2018 New Straitsville Moonshine Festival. Hocking College purchased the New Straitsville Distillery from its original owners, and plan to use the facility as a living lab for its fermentation science program. Opposite page: Hocking College students in period clothing pose with the distilling equipment in New Straitsville.



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LAKE ERIE Islands

Ohio's three most remote campgrounds each have a unique appeal.

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Whether you enjoy tent camping or drive the largest motorhome on the road, there's a campsite awaiting you on the Ohio islands of Lake Erie. Accessible by ferry, South Bass, Middle Bass, and Kelleys Island state parks offer a unique camping experience close to home.

No one knows the Lake Erie islands better than Steve Riddle. Raised on Middle Bass, Riddle spent a 30-year career managing the three island parks for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Today, he is the police chief of Put-In-Bay, the small village on South Bass Island.



"Of the three islands, South Bass appeals more to adults — people who enjoy nightlife, live music, gift shops, those sorts of things," Riddle says, "but there is also a part of the island that is alcohol-free and kid friendly."

As for Middle Bass Island, Riddle described it as having a much more remote feel. "There are far fewer people, and the island is not nearly as commercialized," he says. "In fact, there are only a couple of places to get something to eat and only one general store. Middle Bass draws people who simply want to kick back, relax, and enjoy the natural beauty of a Lake Erie island."

As for natural beauty, Kelleys Island is Riddle's favorite. "The island maintains a large natural area," he says. "There is no way to drive to that particular part of the island — you have to walk. A nearly mile-long boardwalk crosses various habitats and stretches from the middle of the island all the way to the shoreline."

Access to South Bass (Put-In-Bay) and Middle Bass islands is by passenger and vehicle ferry from the northern tip of the Catawba Peninsula. To access Kelleys Island, board the ferry from the Marblehead Peninsula. From either location, it's only a quick, 20-minute boat ride to the islands — the start of the fun!

All three islands are birding hot spots, attracting not only water birds but also many migrants, as various species use the islands as stepping stones across the lake during spring and fall.

Not to be forgotten is the world-class walleye fishing that surrounds the islands. Last summer's fishing was the best in years, and with walleye populations in the lake currently high, this summer promises to be just as good — so plan to take your boat along or hire a charter for the day.

There are Lake Erie sunsets aplenty waiting for you in 2019, and now is the time to make plans.

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For more information about camping at Ohio's Lake Erie islands state parks, go online to <http://parks.ohiodnr.gov>. Ferry information can be found at www.millerferry.com and www.kelleysislandferry.com.



South Bass Island

The most tourist-oriented of the three islands, South Bass hosts some 1.5 million visitors annually. Beginning your vacation with a visit to the top of the 352-foot Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial gives a spectacular view of all the Lake Erie islands, including those in Canada. Other family activities include museums, a butterfly house, mini-golf, cave tours, wineries, arcades, and of course, shopping. Nightlife at Put-In-Bay offers dozens of restaurants and pubs. Most visitors tour the island on rented golf carts or bicycles.



Kelleys Island

The largest of Ohio's Lake Erie islands, Kelleys is the most family-oriented. Its landscape is dominated by pristine rocky shorelines and pebbly beaches, and deep glacial grooves cut into the bedrock are evidence of massive, mile-thick glaciers that scoured the Great Lakes thousands of years ago. Hike miles of trails at the state park or, as on South Bass, tour the entire island by rented golf cart or bicycle.



Middle Bass Island

A smaller island than South Bass, Middle Bass is less frequented by summer visitors, therefore less developed and quieter. The shoreline state campground is not as large as on South Bass, but offers the same beautiful lake and shoreline views. Historic Lonz Winery is part of the state park and worth a visit. If you'd like to bring along a boat, a large, modern, state-owned marina is located near the campground.



KAYAK *kraze*

Whether for fun or exercise, relaxation or a different way to see wildlife and meet new people, kayaking on Ohio's lakes is a perfect way to get out and enjoy nature.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY CELESTE BAUMGARTNER



Ohio has a delightful abundance of lakes and rivers to explore, and a kayak is the perfect way to do it. A happy thing about lakes: There are no worries about paddling upstream or needing an extra car and a pickup place downstream. Just relax and enjoy the view, or make it aerobic and paddle hard.

If fishing is your fancy, wet a line and see what's biting. Like birding or nature watching? Take binoculars and a camera. From your kayak, you can spot that elusive bird flitting in the treetops, get close to the turtles sunning on rocks, and watch the fish swimming beneath you.

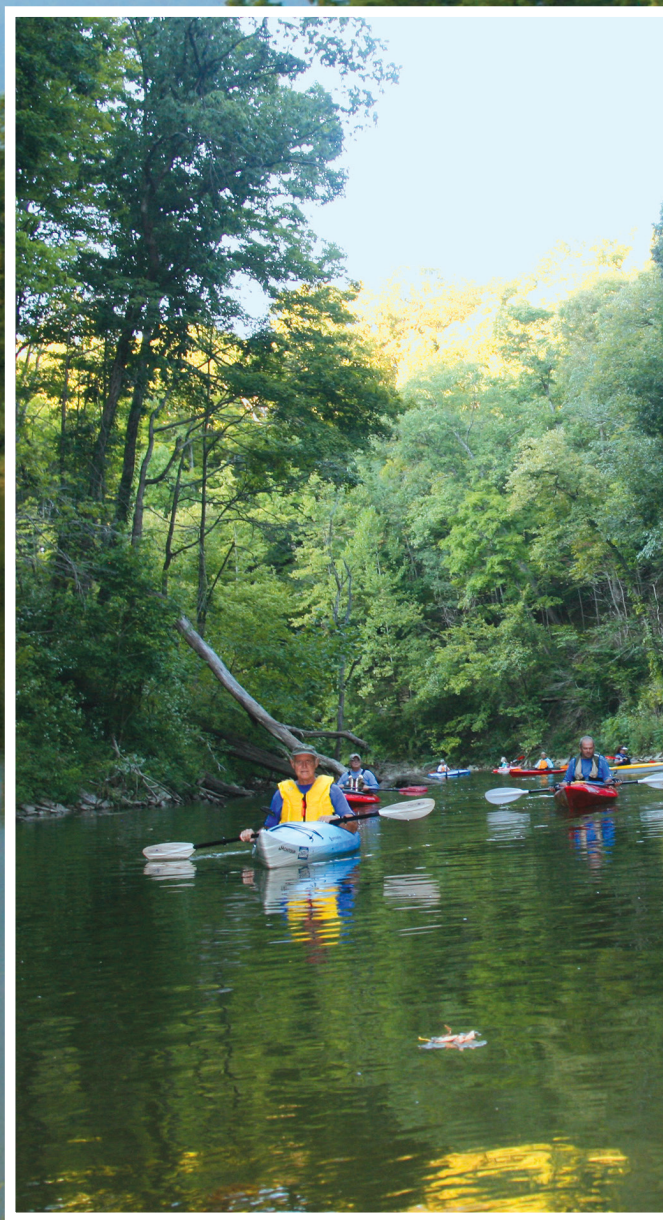
Plenty of Ohio's state parks have lakes, many rent kayaks, and all are worth investigating. "Most of our state parks have a water feature," says Susie Vance, spokesperson for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Parks and Watercraft. "With the increased popularity in paddling and the availability for accommodations, we've been able to put ADA-accessible kayak launches into many of our lakes." Keep in mind that if you have your own kayak, rather than a rental, you must have a registration for it — just like a boat — available through ODNR.

In mid- to late summer, the lotus flowers are blooming at Cowan Lake in Wilmington. It's an absolute profusion. In August or September, visit Adams County to see the freshwater jellies in pristine Mineral Springs Lake. The operators charge a small launch fee at this privately owned lake.

Kathy Jett likes being outside and has made some great friends kayaking. She helps to head up the weekly Tri-State Kayakers Meetup paddles at East Fork Lake.

"In the evenings when it's calm at dusk, the water can be like a sheet of glass," she says. "We've seen deer, owls, eagles and their nests, all the birds, turtles, fish. I've had two fish jump in my kayak!"

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Clendening Lake in Harrison County is a whopping 1,702 acres, mostly long, narrow, and — with a 9.9 horsepower limit — quiet. “It is incredibly scenic,” says Curtis Wagner, ODNR Division of Wildlife. “You feel transported to the Great North!”

Mogadore and La Due Reservoirs, near Akron, are also both still waters and popular for kayaking; La Due, in fact, is a hot spot for shorebird and waterfowl watching, Wagner says.

Mike Mainhart is an Ohio State Park naturalist and certified kayak instructor. He leads kayaking expeditions at Mosquito, Guilford, and Milton state parks.

“Mosquito Lake is awesome because it’s big,” he says. “There are so many different opportunities, depending on where the wind blows, plus it is such a huge fishing lake — great for kayak fishing. Big motors are allowed, but I like to kayak the shoreline because that’s where you see all of the cool stuff.”

Mosquito also is home to lots of bald eagles and osprey, and there are nesting boxes for prothonotary warblers. While Mainhart never paddles close enough to disturb the birds, it’s a great viewing opportunity, he says.

“It is awesome to paddle up and see these warblers from the water,” he says. “We also get a lot of migrating waterfowl in the spring. You can get close to the animals in a kayak. It’s great for photography.”

Mainhart is an avid kayak fisherman, and his free time often finds him casting a line at Pymatuning or Mosquito Lakes. “They are the best inland lakes for walleye fishing,” he says. “In the spring, we also do a lot of crappie fishing. Kayaks are great for getting to places that you can’t get to from the shore or in a boat.”

For info, visit <http://parks.ohiodnr.gov/boating> and pick your park. Be safe — go with a friend, or tell someone where you’re going and when you’ll return, and don’t forget your lifejacket!



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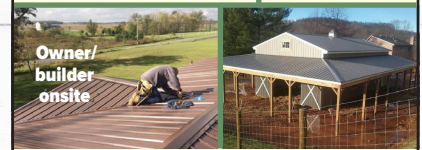
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MAY 18 – CMP Monthly Air Rifle and Air Pistol Matches, Camp Perry, 1000 Lawrence Dr., Port Clinton. Free admission and parking. Rental equipment available for a small fee. 419-635-2141 ext. 707, lsherman@thecmp.org (Lue Sherman), or www.thecmp.org.

MAY 18 – Antique Car Gathering, Sauder Village, 22611 St. Rte. 2, Archbold, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Nearly 100 antique cars will be on display in the Historic Village — most older than 1942, with some dating back to the early 1900s. 800-590-9755 or https://saudervillage.org.

MAY 18–19 – The Fantastic Tiffin Flea Market, Seneca Co. Fgds., 100 Hopewell Ave., Tiffin, Sat. 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Sun. 9 a.m.–3 p.m. Free admission and parking; handicap accessible. 250 to 400 dealers per show, featuring a wide variety of merchandise. 419-447-9613, tiffinfleamarket@gmail.com, or www.tiffinfleamarket.com.

MAY 19 – Shelby County Coin Club Coin Show, VFW Post 4239, 2841 Wapakoneta Ave., Sidney, 10 a.m.–3 p.m. 937-339-5437.

MAY 23–27 – Main Street Port Clinton Walleye Festival, Waterworks Park, Port Clinton. An array of free live

concerts, Kids' Fishing Derby, Grande Parade, educational programs/activities, Walleye 5K Run & Walk, carnival rides, and vendors. 419-734-5503, www.facebook.com/WalleyeFest, or www.walleyefestival.com.

MAY 24–26 – Buckeye Farm Antiques Annual Show, Shelby Co. Fgds., 655 S. Highland Ave, Sidney. International tractors and engines, threshing and corn shredding, corn shelling demo, truck and tractor pulls, large flea market. Car, truck, and motorcycle show Sun. 11 a.m.–4 p.m. 937-596-6812 or www.buckeyefarmantiques.com.

MAY 25–OCT. 12 – The Great Sidney Farmers Market, 109 S. Ohio Ave., every Sat., 8 a.m.–noon. Fresh produce, baked goods, jams and jellies, crafts, plants, and flowers. 937-658-6945 or www.sidneyalive.org.

MAY 27 – Memorial Day Horsemanship Clinic, Wyandot County Equine Rescue Facility, Indoor Arena, 4658 St. Rte. 199 S., Carey. With Hannah Campbell Zapletal, certified Monty Roberts instructor. Rain or shine. 419-294-4477.

MAY 27 – Memorial Day Service, Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial, 93 Delaware Ave., Put-in-Bay, 11 a.m. Free. 419-285-2184 or www.nps.gov/pevi/index.htm.

MAY 28–JUN. 2 – Alumapalooza, 420 W. Pike St., Jackson Center. A family-friendly festival for people who love Airstream travel trailers. Open to Airstream owners and non-owners alike. Informative seminars, fun presentations, trailer open houses, cooking demos, and factory tours. Runs concurrent with Jackson Center's Community Days festival. 813-200-8877 or http://alumapalooza.com.

MAY 29 – Bike Week Dice Run, 109 W. Lakeshore Dr., Kelleys Island. \$10 per person. Take a ferry ride to Kelleys Island (\$5), where registration begins at 10 a.m. Tour the island, making various stops to roll the dice. Return a completed scorecard to The Casino by 4:30 p.m. Drawing at 5 p.m. 419-746-2360 or www.kelleysislandchamber.com.

MAY 29–JUN. 1 – Dennison Railroad Festival, Historic Center Street District, downtown Dennison. Train exhibit, rides, food, games, activities, and entertainment for all ages. Car and Motorcycle Show on Sat., registration

beginning 10 a.m., judging at 12:30 p.m. Parade Sat. 5 p.m. 740-922-6776 or www.dennisonrailroadfestival.org.

JUN. 8–9 – Ghost Town Spring Crafts and Antiques Festival, 10630 Co. Rd. 40, Findlay, Sat. 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m.–4 p.m. A family event featuring crafts and antiques, live music by East of Cheyenne, performances by Wild West actors, food and beverages, and a 24-ft. climbing wall for the kids. Sat. car show. www.facebook.com/Ghost-Town-Findlay-Ohio-1525098627787387.

JUN. 8–9 – Power of Yesteryear Club Annual Spring Show, Wood County Historical Museum, 13660 County Home Rd., Bowling Green (off I-75, exit 179, east 1/2 mile). Set-up day is June 7. 419-819-9355, powerofyesteryear@gmx.com, or www.powerofyesteryear.org.

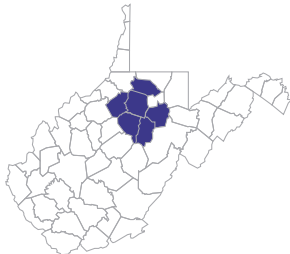
JUN. 9 – Free Events at Fort Recovery, Fort Recovery State Museum, 1 Fort Site St., Fort Recovery. Unveiling of new exhibits at 2:30 p.m. Speaker at 3 p.m. 419-375-4384 or find us on Facebook.

JUN. 15 – Antique Tractor Show, Sauder Village, 22611 St. Rte. 2, Archbold, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Historic tractors from the 1920s to the 1960s will be on display. Tractor pedal pulls for the kids, plus hands-on activities as part of Agriculture Adventures Week. 800-590-9755, aaron.hughs@saudervillage.org, or www.saudervillage.org.

JUN. 15 – Fulton County Breakfast on the Farm, Henricks and Krieger Dairy, 14692 Co. Rd. 16-3, Fayette, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. Free, but registration appreciated. This is your chance to visit a family dairy, learn about milk production, walk through fields, and gain understanding of how food is produced. Register at www.go.osu.edu/fultonbofregister2019. More information on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, or 419-337-9210.

JUN. 15 – "Take Me to the Rivers" Jazz Festival, Kingsbury Park, 118 Auglaize St., Defiance, 3:30–9:40 p.m. \$5; children and students free. Gates open at 3:30 p.m., music starts at 4 p.m.; kids' activities 4:30–6:30 p.m. Bring lawn chairs or blankets; bring cash for food, drinks, and memorabilia. www.defiancejazzfestival.com or www.facebook.com/events/330238640938818/.

WEST VIRGINIA



THROUGH OCT. 27 – Blennerhassett Voyage Package, North Bend State Park, 202 North Bend Park Rd., Cairo. \$130 package includes one night of lodging for two at

North Bend, plus two tickets for a sternwheeler ride to and from Blennerhassett Island, a wagon ride tour of the island, a tour of Blennerhassett Mansion, and passes for the Blennerhassett Regional History Museum. 304-643-2931, www.northbendsp.com, or www.blennerhassettislandsatatepark.com.

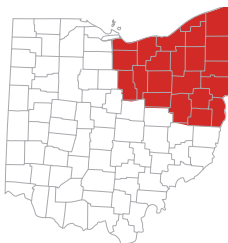
JUN. 1 – Taste of Parkersburg, corner of 3rd and Market Sts., Parkersburg, 5–11 p.m. Savor food, wine, and beer from local restaurants. 304-865-0522 or www.downtownpkb.com.

JUN. 7–9 – Fostoria Glass Society of America Convention and Elegant Glass Show, Moundsville Ctr. Bldg., 901 8th St., Moundsville. Held in the historic West Virginia State Penitentiary. 304-843-4128 or www.fostoriaglass.org.

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NORTHEAST



MAY 16-18 – Spring S Spree, Crowne Plaza Hotel, 7230 Engle Rd., Middleburg Heights. Hosted by Cuyahoga Valley S Gauge Association. Over 100 tables. Door prizes, raffles, and clinics. 440-243-4040 or www.sspree.info.

MAY 17 – Adult Swim: “Cheers to New Friends,” Greater Cleveland Aquarium, 2000 Sycamore St., Cleveland, 7-10 p.m. \$30-\$40 admission includes hors d'oeuvres, tasting tickets, and a souvenir glass. \$20 “designated driver” option available. Say hello to lovable pups and kittens looking for their “fur-ever” homes. 216-862-8803 or www.greaterclevelandaquarium.com.

MAY 18 – Birthday Celebration Luncheon for Cleveland and Northern Ohio Doll Clubs, Villa Croatia Party Ctr., 34900 Lakeshore Blvd., Eastlake, 10 a.m.–3 p.m. \$85. Handicap accessible. “Fashions Through the Decades” with speaker Pam Judd. Vendors, bingo, raffles/helpers, display and exhibit. Registration required. 440-785-4183, pdutchman@roadrunner.com, www.clevelanddollclub.wordpress.com, or www.dollclubs.com.

MAY 18 – Fairlawn Spring Avant-Garde Art and Craft Show, St. George's Fellowship Centre, 3204 Ridgewood Rd., Fairlawn, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. \$3, under 12 free. www.avantgardeshows.com.

MAY 18 – Heirloom Doll Society Doll Show and Sale, Williamsfield Community Ctr., 5920 U.S. 322, Williamsfield, 10 a.m.–3 p.m. Adults \$4, children \$2. Coupons not accepted. Free parking. Handicap accessible. Contact Lynne Anne Morrow at 440-344-7747 or circlemranch25@gmail.com.

MAY 18 – “200 Years of Fashion” Tea, Historical Society of Mount Pleasant, Elizabeth House Tea Room, 479 Union St., Mount Pleasant, 1 p.m. Adults \$9.50; under 12, \$5. Call to register: 740-633-1809.

MAY 24-26 – Great Lakes Fiber Show, Wayne Co. Fgds., Wooster. Free. Fiber-related crafts, competitions, wool fleece show and sale, knitting and crocheting. Also Angora rabbits, a sheep show, children's activities, and food. 740-686-2172 or www.greatlakesfibershow.com.

MAY 27-AUG. 1 – Fort Steuben Summer Concert Series, Berkman Amphitheater, Fort Steuben Park, 120 S. 3rd St., Steubenville, every Thur., 6:3–9:00 p.m. Bring a blanket and picnic basket and enjoy a free concert at this site overlooking the Ohio River. 740-283-1787 or www.oldfortsteuben.com.

JUN. 1 – Lorain County Beekeepers Association Field Day, St. Rte. 162, Spencer, 10 a.m., rain or shine. Free. Lunch tickets available for \$10; must be purchased in advance: gargas1@frontier.com. For more info, visit www.loraincountybeekeepers.org.

JUN. 1-2 – Ohio Valley Frontier Days, Historic Fort Steuben, 120 S. 3rd St., Steubenville, 10 a.m.–8 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m.–5 p.m. \$6, C. (6-12) \$3, under 6 free. Celebrating early American life with soldiers, surveyors, settlers, and Native Americans; crafts, games, music, presentations, and colonial dancing. 740-283-1787 or www.oldfortsteuben.com.

JUN. 11-14 – Greek Food Festival, Holy Trinity Greek Church, 300 S. 4th St., Steubenville. 11 a.m.–9 p.m. Experience the tastes and sounds of Greece with traditional foods, music, and dance plus tours of the beautiful church. 740-282-7770 or www.holytrinitygreekfest.com.

JUN. 7-9 – Bacon Fest, Kelley's Island Wine Co., 418 Woodford Rd., Kelleys Island. “Bacon takeover” menu served all weekend. Pig roast, bacon-themed cocktails, and fun activities. Prizes awarded for “Best Bacon Attire”! 419-746-2678, abbey.kiwineco@gmail.com, or www.kelleysislandwineco.com.

JUN. 8 – International Wine at the Mill Festival, Loudonville, noon–10 p.m. Enjoy nearly 100 varieties of

international and Ohio wines, domestic beers, live music, and great food. \$10 adults over 21, \$1 ages 10–20, under 10 free. 419-541-0161 or www.wolfcreekmill.org/events.html. See Facebook page for updates.

JUN. 8-9 – Quailcrest Farm Spring Garden Fair, Quailcrest Farm, 2810 Armstrong Rd., Wooster, Sat. 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m.–4 p.m. Over 60 artists and craftsmen among the gardens. 330-345-6722 or www.quailcrest.com.

JUN. 9 – Kelleys Island 5 & 10K Run/Walk, begins at Memorial Park, 112 Division St., Kelleys Island. Registration begins at 8 a.m., race at 10:45 a.m., followed by awards ceremony. Pre-registration \$20 online, ending one week before race day; day of race, \$25. 419-746-2360 or www.kelleysislandchamber.com.

JUN. 14-15 – Simply Slavic Festival, Federal Plaza East, downtown Youngstown, preview Fri. 7–11 p.m., Sat. 12 p.m.–midnight. Preview admission free. Sat. admission \$5, under 12 free. Showcases the rich traditions of the Mahoning Valley's diverse Eastern European community. Live music, folk dance performances, homemade food, children's learning areas, educational exhibits, and ethnic vendors. www.simplyslavic.org.

JUN. 15 – “The Babies Are Here” Open House, Our Little World Alpacas LLC, 16800 Cowley Rd., Grafton, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Free. Come see our newest crias (babies). Learn about alpaca care and feeding and about processing the fiber. Locally hand-knitted products for sale. 440-724-7070 or www.ourlittleworldalpacas.com.

JUN. 15 – Beachcliff Handmade Fest and Feast, Beachcliff Market Square, 19300 Detroit Rd., Rocky River, 11 a.m.–4 p.m. Free admission and parking. New festival featuring food from all your favorite Beachcliff restaurants. Come hungry and ready to shop! Includes an Avant-Garde Art and Craft Show with artisans/crafters selling their original handmade items. www.avantgardeshows.com.

JUN. 15 – Steubenville's Dean Martin Hometown Celebration, Fort Steuben Park, 120 S. 3rd Street, Steubenville, 9 a.m.–9 p.m. Street festival featuring music, vendors, food, entertainment, car show, 5K walk/run, and much more. 740-283-4935 or www.visitsteubenville.com.

SOUTHEAST



THROUGH SEPT. 27 – Rise and Shine Farmers Market, 2135 Southgate Pkwy., Cambridge, Fridays, 8 a.m.–noon. 740-680-1866.

THROUGH DEC. – Athens Farmers Market, 1000 E. State St., Athens, Wed. 9 a.m.–1 p.m., Sat., 9 a.m.–noon. Organic and conventionally grown fresh produce, meats, eggs, cheeses, honey, maple syrup, flowers and nursery plants, baked goods, breads, herbs, teas, jarred product, and much more. 740-593-6763 or www.athensfarmersmarket.org.

MAY 16-18 – Southern Ohio Forest Rally, Chillicothe, Portsmouth, and McArthur. Running in Shawnee Forest, Zaleski Forest, Scioto Trails Forest, and downtown

Chillicothe. The largest rally in the U.S. and Canada for the past two years. 740-844-3488 or www.southernohioforestrally.com.

MAY 17 – Bluegrass Concert: Donna Ulisse and the Poor Mountain Boys, Pennyroyal Opera House, I-70, exit 198, Fairview, 7 p.m. Doors and kitchen open at 5 p.m. \$15; children under 12 admitted half-price. Special guest: Chestnut Ridge. No advance ticket sales; come early for best seating. www.pennyroyalbluegrass.com.

MAY 24-26 – Feast of the Flowering Moon Festival, Yoctangee Park, Chillicothe, Fri./Sat. 10 a.m.–10 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Free. A family-oriented event featuring Native American music, dancing, traders and exhibits, mountain-men encampment depicting life in the 19th century, arts and crafts show, entertainment, and food. www.feastofthefloweringmoon.org.

MAY 24-26 – Muskingum Valley Trade Days, St. Rte. 78, Reinersville. Large flea market. 740-558-2740.

MAY 24-27 – Oak Hill Festival of Flags, Aetna Park, 316 W. Main St., Oak Hill. More than 2,000 flags on display and festive decorations around the town. Rides, crafts, food booths, an old car show, contests and games, historic exhibits like Oak Hill's one-room school, a quilt show, children's activities, and 5K run. 740-682-9956 or www.oakhillfestivalofflags.org/index.html.

MAY 29-JUN. 2 – National Road Yard Sale, throughout Guernsey and Belmont counties. Find bargains, antiques, fresh produce, furniture, and more as you shop the sales along Historic U.S. 40. www.oldstorefrontantiques.com.

MAY 31-JUN. 2 – Southern Ohio Farm Power of the Past: Antique Tractor and Machinery Show, Pike Co. Fgds., Piketon. Vintage tractors and farm equipment and demos. Hit and miss engines, working sawmill, wood carver and blacksmith, flea market and craft items, food, and kids' activities. Truck and tractor pulls Sat. 7 p.m., car show Sun. Parts vendors wanted. Contact Steve Dean (president) at 740-289-4124.

JUN. 8 – Ruff Truck, Fairgrounds, Old Washington. Race begins at 7:30 p.m. \$5 per person, under 11 free. 740-260-9909 or www.cambridgelions.com.

JUN. 8-9 – Lucasville Trade Day, Scioto Co. Fgds., 1193 Fairground Rd., Lucasville. \$3, under 13 free. Free parking. 937-728-6643 or www.lucasvilletradedays.com.

JUN. 15 – National Road Bike Show and Ribfest, Historic Downtown Cambridge, 11 a.m.–8 p.m. Enjoy bikes, ribs, and music all day! 740-439-2238 or www.downtowncambridge.com.

CENTRAL



THROUGH MAY 19 – Muskingum County K-12 Student Art Exhibition, Zanesville Museum of Art, 620 Military Rd., Zanesville, Wed./Fri./Sat. 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Thur. 10 a.m.–7:30 p.m. www.zanesvilleart.org.

THROUGH AUG. 3 – “Luminous: Encaustic Works by Barbara Vogel,” Zanesville Museum of Art, 620 Military Rd., Zanesville, Wed./Fri./Sat. 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Thur. 10 a.m.–7:30 p.m. www.zanesvilleart.org.

THROUGH OCT. 26 – Zanesville Farmers Market, Muskingum Co. Fgds., 1300 Pershing Rd., Zanesville, every Sat., 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Starting in June through September, the market is also open every Wed. 4–7 p.m. at North 3rd Street. www.zanesvillefarmersmarket.org.

THROUGH OCT. 27 – Rock Mill Weekends, Stebelton Park at Rock Mill, 1429 Rockmill Place NW, Lancaster, every Sat. and Sun., 12–4 p.m. Free. Tour the restored 1824 gristmill, and enjoy Hocking River Falls. Grinding demos on May 26. 740-681-7249 or www.fairfieldcountyparks.org.

MAY 17–18 – Ohio Camera Collectors Society Show, Sale, and Auction, Embassy Suites by Hilton, 2700 Corporate Exchange Dr., Columbus, Fri. 12–5 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m.–2 p.m. \$5 donation for admission; students with IDs

free. Location subject to change, so call beforehand. 740-358-6390 or <http://historiccamera.com/club/occs>.

MAY 19 – Dragonboat Race, Westbank Park, 181 S. Washington Blvd., Columbus, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. See the dragon dance, lion dance, Asian kites, and lanterns. <https://asianfestivaldragonboat.org>.

MAY 23–26 – Rowing Nationals, Dillon Lake, 5265 Dillon Hills Dr., Nashport. www.sraa.net.

MAY 25–26 – Asian Festival, Franklin Park, 1755 E. Broad St., Columbus, Sat. 10 a.m.–8 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Free. A celebration of Asian culture, including dance, music, martial arts, food, and more. <http://asian-festival.org>.

MAY 25–27 – Utica Sertoma Ice Cream Festival, Ye Olde Mill and Velvet Ice Cream Co., 11324 Mt. Vernon Rd., Utica. \$5 per car. Parade, music, pony rides, car show, games, arts and crafts, great food, and ice cream, of course! 740-892-3921 or www.sertomaicecreamfestival.com.

MAY 27 – Memorial Day Celebration, Veterans Memorial Park, 154 Commerce St., Lockbourne. Parade starts at noon, followed by a service honoring women in the military and all veterans. 614-491-3161.

MAY 29–JUN. 1 – Deercreek Dam Days Festival, Williamsport, Wed./Thur. 4–10 p.m., Fri. 4–11 p.m., Sat. 11 a.m.–11 p.m. Free admission. Fun for the whole family, with music, food, games, and rides for all ages. www.deercreekdamdays.com.

MAY 31, JUN. 1–2, 7–9 – High School Musical, Zanesville Community Theatre, 940 Findley Ave., Zanesville, Fri./Sat. 8 p.m., Sun. 2:30 p.m. Based on the Disney Channel original movie. 740-455-6487 or www.zct.org.

JUN. 2 – Zanesville Memorial Concert Band, Zane’s Landing Park, west end of Market Street (along river), Zanesville, 7 p.m. Free. www.zmcb.org.

JUN. 6–8 – Hot Air Balloon Festival, Coshocton Co. Fgds., 707 Kenilworth Ave., Coshocton, Balloon

launches at dawn and dusk, “night glow,” balloon race; entertainment, carnival rides, foods, and crafts. 740-622-4877, 800-338-4724, or www.visitcoshocton.com.

JUN. 7 – First Friday Art Walk, Zanesville, 5–8 p.m. Stroll the streets of downtown Zanesville while touring over 35 participating galleries, studios, and local businesses. www.artcoz.org.

JUN. 7 – PetFest, Victory Park, Lockville Road and Park Alley, Pickerington, 6–8 p.m. Free, family-friendly event. Food and pet-related vendors. Bring your pet, but use leashes, please. www.pickeringtonvillage.com.

JUN. 7–8 – Oorang Moorang: LaRue Goes Quackers, corner of St. Rtes. 37 and 95, LaRue, Fri. 5–10 p.m., Sat. 7–9 p.m. Car show, parade, and concert on Fri. 5K run Sat. 8 a.m., registration 7 a.m. Duck race on Scioto River at about 5 p.m. Contact Barbara Stofcheck at 740-262-3191.

JUN. 7–9 – Columbus Arts Festival, downtown riverfront, Columbus, Fri. 11 a.m.–10:30 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.–10:30 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Free. Nation’s top artists and craftspeople, music, theater, dance, art activities, and food from Columbus’s finest restaurants. 614-224-2606 or www.columbusartsfestival.org.

JUN. 9 – Summer Avant-Garde Art and Craft Show, Makoy Event Ctr., 5462 Center St., Hilliard, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. \$3, 12 and under free. www.avantgardeshows.com.

JUN. 13–15 – Washboard Music Festival, Main St., Worthington Park, Logan. Free. Ohio’s most unique music and arts festival. 740-277-1806, washboardfestival@gmail.com, or www.washboardmusicfestival.com.

JUN. 15 – Earth Angel Super Cruise-In Car, Truck, and Motorcycle Show, Fairfield Co. Fgds., Lancaster, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. \$15 in advance, \$18 at gate. New Frontiers concert at 7 p.m. Free with cruise-in admission; for concert only, \$5 grandstand seating, \$10 table seating. 740-332-4713 or www.earthangelfoundation.org.

SOUTHWEST



MAY 18 – Food Truck Rally, Miami Co. Fgds., North County Rd. 25A, Troy, 11 a.m.–9 p.m. Free admission. Teams of the area’s finest food trucks showcase their best dishes. 937-335-7492 or www.homegrowngreat.com/event/food-truck-rally-competition.

MAY 29 – “Oxford in Bloom” Garden Tour, Oxford, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. A tour of five privately owned gardens. \$15 in advance; \$17 day of tour. www.desfleurs.org.

MAY 30–JUN. 2 – Milford Frontier Days, American Legion grounds at 450 Victor Stier Dr., Milford. A big kickoff parade, great food, and family fun. 513-831-2411 or www.frontierdaysmilford.com.

JUN. 1 – Bradford Railroad Heritage Festival, downtown Bradford, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. \$5, under 13 free with a paying adult. Train layouts, model train and historical train vendors, children’s activities, entertainment, exhibits,

workshops, demos, and delicious food. 937-552-2196, 937-773-6825, or www.bradfordrrmuseum.org.

JUN. 1–2 – Troy Strawberry Festival, Great Miami River Levee and downtown Troy. Free parking and shuttle service. Strawberry cuisine and a variety of foods. Unique, handmade wares by over 125 top art and craft exhibitors. Strawberry pie eating contest, diaper derby, corn toss, children’s area, and free entertainment. 937-339-7714 or www.gostrawberries.com.

JUN. 7–8 – Banana Split Festival, Denver Williams Park, 1100 Rombach Rd., Wilmington, Fri. 4–10 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.–10 p.m. Free. Enjoy food booths, live music, games, 5K run, classic car cruise-in and car show, and, of course, banana splits! wilmingtonbanana@gmail.com or www.bananasplitfestival.com.

JUN. 8 – Canal Music Fest, Tipp City Park, 35 Parkwood Ave., Tipp City, 7 p.m. Free. Local 80s cover band Stranger and Dogs of Society present “The Ultimate Elton Rock Tribute.” Bring your chair and join us for an evening of tunes and good neighbors. www.tippcityartscouncil.com.

JUN. 8 – Old Fashioned Strawberry Festival, 4782 Cincinnati Brookville Rd., downtown Shandon, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Free admission. Celebrate everything strawberry! Enjoy fresh food and produce, including strawberry shortcake and ice cream. Local vendors and artists, antique tractor show, plus live Welsh harp music and organ music. 513-860-4194 or www.gettothebc.com/events.

JUN. 8 – The Village Gathering, Caesar’s Creek Pioneer Village, 3999 Pioneer Village Rd., Waynesville, 11 a.m.–8

p.m. \$5 donation per person; under 13 free. Buegrass, old-time, and dulcimer music at the log cabin village with crafts, artisans, and demos. Stages; jamming; open-mic kids’ stage. Square dance. Bring your own seating. 513-594-7855 or www.caesarscreekpioneerivillage.org.

JUN. 8–9 – Family Days at the Johnston Farm, Johnston Farm and Indian Agency, 9845 N. Hardin Rd., Piqua. Explore the family home of John Johnston with hands-on activities, costumed interpreters, and demos; visit the Historic Indian and Canal Museum; and take a relaxing ride on the *General Harrison of Piqua*. 800-752-2619, 937-773-2522, or www.johnstonfarmohio.com.

JUN. 8–9 – Hueston Woods Arts and Crafts Fair, Hueston Woods State Park, Pioneer Farm, 6929 Brown Rd., Oxford, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. \$4, under 12 free. Juried art show featuring artisans from the region. Showcased art includes paintings, stained glass, sculpture, photography, embroidery, furniture, and more. 513-523-8005 or www.gettothebc.com/events.

JUN. 13–SEPT. 13 – Sculptures on the Square, Prouty Plaza, downtown Troy. Twenty life-sized Seward Johnson sculptures will be featured along with other works of art by regional artists. 937-339-5455.

JUN. 15 – Vintage in the Village, 6 S. 3rd St., Tipp City. A new, reimagined, and exciting take on beloved festivals of the past. The festival will host unique booths featuring handmade, vintage, and antique items, as well as food trucks and children’s activities. www.downtowntippcity.org.

SENSORY OVERLOAD



- 1. Rafters of the poultry barn at the Ohio State Fair.
Emily Bartlett
South Central Power Company member
- 2. How farm kids take an allergy test! My grandson, Ryker Kenworthy.
Julie Puckett
Pioneer Electric Cooperative member
- 3. Sunset off Long Island on Indian Lake.
Rebecca Dixon
Logan County Electric Cooperative member

- 4. Beautiful summer flower.
John Erwin
Union Rural Electric Cooperative member
- 5. I was thrilled to capture this amazing double rainbow on camera with the American flag in the foreground.
Antoinette Hawk
Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative member
- 6. Our grandson, Grant, right before impact, realizing maybe this wasn't such a good idea.
Leslie Swonguer
Logan County Electric Cooperative member

- 7. Rowan Fyffe overwhelmed by goats.
Christina Stevens
South Central Power Company member
- 8. I stopped by to see if the flowers on the farm had bloomed. They had.
Alissa Painter
Lorain-Medina Rural Electric Cooperative member
- 9. Trevor Wilson and Jeffrey and Jaime Bolon, experiencing a multisensory moment with carrots fresh from the garden.
Patty and Larry Quaglia
South Central Power Company members



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