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# Discover 419

## October 2022

### Ride the rails this October

By Angela LaRosa  
The Courier

Northwest Ohio Railroad Preservation is ready to get passengers all aboard for family fall fun. The hands-on rail museum is located at 12505 County Road 99 in Findlay.

The museum features exhibits and seasonal events of various kinds throughout the year, and the spooky part of the fall season is no different.

Ride various fall-themed trains throughout the end of October and enjoy the fall-tastic events the NWORP puts on to make “off the rail” memories for the whole family, such as picking up the perfect pumpkin or taking a ride on the Trick-or-Treat Train.

Take a ride on the Halloween Express and check out the jack-o-lanterns, ghouls and



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during this  
night-time ride around the  
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Amaya Coburn, 3, of Ada, tries to pick up a pumpkin to bring back to the Pumpkin Train at the Northwest Ohio Railroad Preservation in October 2021.

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The only program reserved for law enforcement, Cops and Kids Go Back to School hosts a picnic for families and provides them with the school supplies required for a successful school year, mental health resources, haircuts, self-care and food.

**Cops and Kids Go To College**

Following the tragic loss of Officer Douglas Akers in 2018, the Foundation honors his memory in the form of a scholarship. The amount and eligibility requirements of the scholarship are being developed.

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The FOP participates in or sponsors community events such as the annual Findlay Halloween Parade, Flag City Mascot Olympics and Night Out, Bikes, Books & Badges Bicycle Rodeo, Children's Mentoring Connection Bowling for Kids, Hancock County Fair, and Findlay Service League's Purse Bingo. Each of these events provides an opportunity for our cops & kids to spend quality time together.

**Cops and Kids Get Creative**

In partnership with local artmaking businesses, the FOP invites children to create with a lodge member. Whether it's doing a Book & Brush at Painter's Pottery or painting canvases with Awakening Minds Art, our members are making memories with our kids.

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Brady Beck and his mother, Alicia Beck, of Findlay, wait for an HO-Scale train to pass by Sunday as part of Northwest Ohio Railroad Preservation's Flag City Train Show in February. The show featured three scale train models set up by preservation volunteers



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Halloween ride is perfect for the whole family.

Northwest Ohio Railroad Preservation, operated by volunteers, incorporates a variety of interests for longtime rail fans and initiates alike, from model-size to full-scale and historic memorabilia. Children and adults can ride the rails on their choice between

two historic trains with a dressed-for-the-occasion conductor.

Always a family favorite, the NWORP offers quarter-scale train rides, a gift shop, a museum and a variety of scale rail layouts. Their full-size rolling stock includes a caboose, a boxcar and a small diesel switch engine, all on display.

Admission to these activities is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children under 12. Rides on the weekends vary between Friday through Sunday evenings.

For more information on all that NWORP offers, visit their website —

[nworp.org/events](http://nworp.org/events)



A train carries passengers around the Northwest Ohio Railroad Preservation grounds after stopping at a pumpkin patch Sunday, Oct. 18. (KEVIN BEAN / The Courier)





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Nov 26-Dec 22  
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Opening Saturday, Nov 26  
(Small Business Saturday)

## OCTOBER CLASSES

Register at [www.FindlayArtLeague.org](http://www.FindlayArtLeague.org)

**Cartoonist 101: Creating Original Characters Using Shape Language for Animation and Illustration**-Tuesday, 7-9 pm, Oct 4; Tuition: \$25, all necessary materials provided (but students may bring their own sketchbooks or digital work pads), intermediate skill level or above. Instructor: Sherwin Pagal Quiambao

**Hand Build a Large Ceramic Bowl**-Wednesdays, 7-8:30 pm, Oct 5, 12, 19; Tuition: \$65, all materials provided, all skill levels welcome. Instructor: Marcie Allen

**Drawing Pumpkin Still Life with Watercolor**-Wednesdays, 7-8:30 pm, Oct 5, 12, 19, 26; Tuition: \$50, all materials provided, all skill levels welcome. Instructor: Janealla Killebrew

**Creating a Felted Pumpkin**-Saturday, 9-10:30 am, Oct 15; Tuition: \$20, all materials provided, all skill levels welcome. Instructor: Janealla Killebrew

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# Festival turns 50

## Woollybear celebrating 5 decades of fun

By **BILL THEISEN**

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### VERMILION

One of the most popular one-day festivals in Ohio will soon return.

The Woollybear Festival will take place on Sunday, Oct. 2 and marks the event's 50th year.

Historically, the festival takes place on a Sunday in October when the Cleveland Browns do not have a home game. This year, the Browns will be in Atlanta, squaring off against the Falcons.

The Woollybear Festival features food, fun and live entertainment. The festival also features a parade and the Woollybear 500, a race between caterpillars.

Woollybear began in 1973 as a fundraiser for the Parent Teacher Association of Firelands-Florence Township Elementary School, according to the event's webpage.

The first festival took place in Birmingham and attracted 2,000 people. It remained there for eight years before growing too large for the tiny hamlet to handle.

That is when the festival moved to Vermilion.

The idea behind the festival was using the woollybear to predict the severity of the oncoming winter season, similar to Punxsatawney Phil predicting when spring will begin.

Legendary Cleveland weatherman Dick Goddard was the man with the idea. He continued to be closely associated with the festival until his death in 2020. He made his final Woollybear appearance in 2019.

Cleveland television personality "Lil" John Rinaldi appeared at the festival last year and provided commentary for the Woollybear 500.

### Want to go?

**What:**

50th annual  
Woollybear Festival

**Where:**

Vermilion

**When:**

Sunday, Oct. 2  
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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# Museums draw tourists, keep them here

## Exhibits show off local history

By **TOM JACKSON**

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There's no doubt that Cedar Point, the best roller coaster amusement park in the world, is Sandusky's biggest tourist draw.

But local museums in Sandusky also do their part to draw tourists to the area, and to give people who came to Sandusky a reason to stick around and spend time in the city.

### Merry-Go-Round Museum

Location: 301 Jackson St.

Kurri Lewis, the executive director and curator of the Merry-Go-Round Museum, says he knows his museum contributes to the local tourism scene.

The museum, located at the intersection of Washington and Jackson streets in downtown Sandusky in a former Post Office building, houses a working carousel and a collection of vintage carousel animals, many of them obtained or borrowed from collections around the country.

Lewis said the museum draws from 35,000 to 40,000 visitors a year, and the vast majority seem to be tourists rather than local residents.

Many of them discover the museum when they are drawn to Sandusky for other reasons. It's clearly visible for people

strolling through Washington Park. The museum has billboards on two roads that are on the way to Cedar Point, with one on Cleveland Road and the other on Tiffin Avenue. The museum tries to use social media to catch the attention of visitors.

But there are also people who have a serious interest in carousels and carousel animals, and for them, the Merry-Go-Round Museum is reason enough to make Sandusky a destination. Lewis said he recently met a couple from New York traveling to California, going coast-to-coast to visit museums devoted to carousel animals and to look at carousels.

And it helps that members of roller coaster clubs feel an affection for amusement parks generally, and like to stop at the Merry-Go-Round Museum when making a pilgrimage to Cedar Point.

Sandusky's museums such as the Merry-Go-Round Museum and the Sandusky Maritime Museum, another reason to come to downtown Sandusky, serve as tourist destinations because of two forms of support: Staffers who dedicate themselves to their museums and museum supporters and volunteers in the local community.

Lewis, 35, who hails from the Findlay area, has made the museum his career since taking a degree in history from Findlay University. During his senior



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The Merry-Go-Round Museum in Sandusky.

year in college, he interned at the Hancock County Historical Society, and the experience got him interested in working at museums.

The Merry-Go-Round Museum hired Lewis as curator and he took over as the executive director when the previous director left.

Members are a key asset of the museum. Memberships start at \$40 (for seniors and students) and go up from there. All members get free admission to the museum whenever they

like and other perks are added depending on the membership level. The museum has about 200 members.

"Members are a huge asset," Lewis said.

The money they provide is of course welcome, but Lewis said they also help attendance by bringing in family members who have come to Sandusky from out of state. So the members are important because they bring in people who otherwise would not have come in, Lewis said.



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Stands on display at the Merry-Go-Round museum.



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A camel at the Merry-Go-Round Museum.



# Here is a look at other Sandusky museums:

## Maritime Museum of Sandusky

Location: 125 Meigs St.

Sandusky has a rich history associated with Lake Erie, including shipwrecks, a nearby War of 1812 naval battle, boat building and rum smuggling across the lake during Prohibition days. Visitors can explore such topics by visiting the Maritime Museum of Sandusky, 125 Meigs Street at East Water Street.

The museum's latest director, Molly Sampson, has been adding to the museum's exhibits. And in fact, the museum's main building isn't big enough to hold all of the museum's assets. Visitors also are invited to walk into a nearby building that houses the museum's boat collection.

The museum's big annual fund-raising event is the Big Splash Raffle, set for August 19 and 20 this year.

The museum also invites local residents to become members, with rates starting at \$30. Members get free admission to the museum, a quarterly newsletter, a discount in the gift shop and other perks.



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Historical photographs on display at the Sandusky Maritime Museum.



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A 1955 Lyman Runabout boat sits at the Sandusky Maritime Museum.



The Follett House Museum in Sandusky.

Tandem Media Network photo/ERIN CALDWELL

## Follett House

Location: 404 Wayne St.

The Follett House Museum, a 19th century mansion at 404 Adams Street, was the home of Oran Follett and his wife, both abolitionists; Follett was known for publishing the Lincoln-Douglas debates in his newspaper.

Their former home now serves as a local history museum run by the Sandusky Library. The library's museum services manager, Jeremy Angstadt, runs the museum and often organizes local history tours and events. The Follett House houses artifacts of local history and boasts a widow's walk on the roof that provides a view of Sandusky.

Normal museum hours during the summer are Thursday through Saturday and admission is free; group tours also can be arranged.





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The Cooke-Dorn House in Sandusky.

### Cooke-Dorn House

Location: 1415 Columbus Ave.

The Cooke-Dorn House, 1415 Columbus Ave., was the home of Eleutheros Cooke, Sandusky's first lawyer, and the father of Jay Cooke, who helped the Union finance its war campaigns during the Civil War. Free admission is available Thursday through Saturday, and tours are available at other times.

Erie County Historical Society website

Web location: [eriecountyo-hiohistory.com](http://eriecountyo-hiohistory.com)

No, the Erie County Historical Society, unlike many other local historical societies, does not maintain a local museum.

But the historical society's website at [www.eriecountyo-hiohistory.com](http://www.eriecountyo-hiohistory.com) serves as a kind of "museum without walls" and is a useful resource for tourists

and for local residents interested in history.

For example, the website offers walking tours for historic areas of Sandusky (and also Kelleys Island, Milan and Vermilion).

The website also lists various events and tours in the area that are of interest to history buffs, and it has links to dozens of historical markers. If you want to find the marker where Notre Dame football great Knute Rockne got married in Sandusky (Rockne worked at Cedar Point) or find the location of Fort Sandusky, the website is your ally.

The historical society sells memberships, providing the opportunity to meet other people who are the kind of folks who stop their cars to read roadside historical markers.

# Contribute to the breast cancer cause

## Save Your Pumpkins event to take place in October

By Firelands Health

### SANDUSKY

You have the opportunity to contribute to the breast cancer cause by participating in the upcoming Save Your Pumpkins 5K Run/Walk hosted by the North Coast Healthcare Collaborative.

The collaborative consists of four area health systems: The Bellevue Hospital, Firelands Health, Fisher-Titus and Magruder Hospital.

The event will take place at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 8. It will begin at Battery Park, at 701 E. Water St., in Sandusky.

Awards will be given for the top three male and female runners and walkers in each age group.

Day-of registration cost is \$25. Each participant who registers by Friday, Sept. 23, will receive a complimentary T-shirt along with a \$5 registration discount.

All proceeds will benefit

foundations at each of the North Coast Healthcare Collaborative health systems. Funds will be used for patient support, breakthrough equipment and research to prevent, diagnose and cure breast cancer.

Donations from friends and family who do not wish to race, but would still like to support the cause, are encouraged.

Whether you knew it or not, you probably know someone in your circle that has been

affected by breast cancer.

Breast cancer is the most common reportable cancer among women in Ohio. According to the American Cancer Society, it is estimated that more than 290,000 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed in the United States this year.

Visit [firelands.com/saveyourpumpkins](http://firelands.com/saveyourpumpkins) to learn more about the event and to register online.



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People take part in the Save Your Pumpkins 5K Run/Walk event in 2021. The event takes place again this year, scheduled for Oct. 8 in Sandusky.





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Local Dining .....	<b>Logan's Irish Pub</b>	Wings/Boneless .....	<b>Jack-B's</b>
Meat Shop .....	<b>Miller's Meats, BBQ, &amp; Catering</b>		



## Health & Wellness

Golf Course ..... **Hillcrest Golf Club**  
 Health and Fitness Center ..... **Mind Body Fitness**  
 Health Store ..... **Apple-A-Day**  
 Martial Arts Studio ..... **Academy of Martial Arts Studies**  
 Massage ..... **Journey Salon & Day Spa**  
 Yoga ..... **The Lavender Hour**

## Healthcare

Chiropractic Practice ..... **Kirk Chiropractic**  
 Dental Practice ..... **Anderson Family Dentist**  
 Hearing Aid Center ..... **Findlay Hearing Center**  
 Mental Health Services ..... **NAMI Hancock County**  
 Optometry Practice ..... **Eyes on Main**  
 Pharmacy ..... **Kroger Pharmacy**  
 Physical Therapy Center .... **NWO Orthopedics & Sports Medicine**  
 Podiatric Practice ..... **NWO Orthopedics & Sports Medicine**  
 Urgent Care ..... **Physicians Plus Urgent Care**

## Home Care & Services

Carpet Cleaning Company ..... **Xtreme Carpet Care LTD**  
 Concrete Company ..... **Heitmeyer Concrete**  
 Construction Company . **Metzger Brecheisen Company**  
 Electrical Company ..... **Beltz Home Service Co.**  
 Flooring Company ..... **House of Color**  
 Heating/AC Company .... **Tom Hiatt's Plumbing & Excavating Co.**  
 Home Builder ..... **Metzger Brecheisen Company**  
 Home Improvement Center ..... **Menards**  
 Landscaping Company ..... **Feasel's**  
 Moving Company ..... **Two Men and a Truck**  
 Pest Control Company ..... **Mauger Exterminating Company**  
 Plumbing Company ... **Tom Hiatt's Plumbing & Excavating Co.**  
 Roofing Company ..... **J. Alexander Roofing**  
 Trash/Junk Service ..... **Rumpke Waste & Recycling**

## Pets

Boarding ..... **VCA Findlay Animal Care Center**  
 Pet Grooming Services .... **Pampered Pooch Salon & Spa**  
 Pet Supplies ..... **Legacy Lawn & Pet**  
 Veterinary Office ..... **VCA Findlay Animal Hospital**

## Professional Services

Bank ..... **Premier Bank**  
 Child Care Services .... **YMCA Child Development Center**  
 Credit Union ..... **Hancock Federal Credit Union**  
 Customer Service ..... **Chick-fil-A**  
 Funeral Home ..... **Coldren-Crates Funeral Home**  
 Hotel ..... **Hancock Hotel**  
 Insurance Agency ..... **Hitchings Insurance Agency**  
 Photography Studio ..... **Country Roads Photography**  
 Place to Work ..... **Heavenly Pizza - Findlay**  
 Real Estate Agency ..... **Key Realty - Findlay**  
 Realtor ..... **Scott Keller**  
 Senior Living/Nursing Home ..... **Birchaven Village**  
 Tax Prep Services ..... **Ridge & Company CPA**

## Shopping

Bedding & Mattress Store ... **Rettig Furniture & Mattress**  
 Clothing Store ..... **Kohl's**  
 Farm Supply Store .... **Legacy Farmers Cooperative**  
 Floral Shop ..... **Sink's Flower Shop & Greenhouse**  
 Furniture ..... **Rettig Furniture & Mattress**  
 Gift Shop ..... **RooBarb Studios**  
 Grocery Store ..... **Meijer**  
 Jewelry Store ..... **Michael Eller Diamonds**  
 Local Store ..... **Brinkman's**  
 Nursery/Garden Center ..... **Garden Central**  
 Outdoor Furniture ..... **Granary Gift & Furniture Barn**  
 Shoe Store ..... **Dave's Running Shop**  
 Sporting Goods Store ..... **DICK'S Sporting Goods**  
 Thrift/Resell Store ..... **Habitat For Humanity Restore**

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