

Lawrence County, Ohio Calendar of Events 2012

**Hanging Rock-Ironton-Coal Grove-
South Point-Burlington-
Chesapeake-Proctorville-Athalia**



**Come On Home
To A Great Place to Live, Work, and
Play!**

*For further information or to add your event to this list,
please contact:*

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APRIL

"Vesuvius Challenge"

Date: April 7th Time: 9AM

Lake Vesuvius, Wayne National Forest at State Route 93 in Pedro, Ohio

Race day registration from 7:30-8:45 a.m. Participate in a four mile run/walk or one mile walk. Men and women age groups. Top three male and female overall. No duplication of awards. Food and door prizes. First 125 to register receive a free T-shirt. Race begins at the Iron Furnace Shelter.

Registration fee of \$15 prior to April 1; \$20 day of race

To register, call Susan Runyon, 740-643-1401

Lawrence County Museum Opening

Date: April 11 Time: 1PM-5PM

506 South 6th Street, Ironton, Ohio

The museum will open with a Military Exhibit and a special appearance by Nannie Kelley Wright

Free (donations accepted)

Lawrence County Museum: 740-532-1222

Hanging Rock Trails

Date: April 15-Dec. 15

April 17th- First Saturday Event at

Hanging Rock Trailhead

Wayne National Forest, State Route 93 in Pedro, Ohio

Enjoy 24 miles of trails in the Wayne National Forest at Hanging Rock. Also 51 ponds at the former strip-mine site. Take U.S. 52 west to exit Ohio 650 at Hanging Rock (in between Ironton and Haverhill exits).

Questions, call Jerry and Ellen Gammon, 740-533-1630 or visit www.hratvclub.com.

Wheelin' Sportsmen Fishing Derby

Date: April 19th Time: 10AM-2PM

Lake Vesuvius, Wayne National Forest at State Route 93 in Pedro, Ohio

This is a free fishing event for people with mental and physical challenges, and is hosted by the Wayne National Forest, National Wild Turkey Federation and partners. Fishing poles and bait will be provided to people with challenges, though participants are welcome to bring their own. A hot dog lunch will be served by City National Bank and the OUS Nature Center.

Ranger Station: 740-534-6500

MAY

Ironton Volunteer /Cleanup Day

Date: May 5th Time: 9AM-12PM

Downtown Ironton, Meet at Farmer's Market

Come out and join the community volunteers to help beautify and clean-up downtown Ironton!

Free

Dan Palmer: CAO 740-532-3534

Ironton in Bloom Plant Sale for Mother's Day

Date: May 12th Time: 8AM-2PM or everything sold

Farmers Market Downtown Ironton

Contact: Viviane Vallance : 740-377-4550

Lake Vesuvius Fishing Derby

Date: May 19th

Lake Vesuvius, Wayne National Forest at State Route 93 in Pedro, Ohio

This is a free fishing day for kids age 4 to 16. It will be held on the boardwalk at Lake Vesuvius. Registration will open at 8:30, fishing will begin at 9:30, and the event will end around 1:00. The event will include fishing, contests, prizes, a chance to learn more about fish and fishing and a visit from Smokey Bear. A free hot dog lunch will be provided. Participants should bring their own rod/reel, bucket, and bait (some poles & bait are available for children who don't have their own). This event is sponsored by the Wayne National Forest, Lawrence County Bass Club, Ohio University Southern Nature Center, Izaak Walton League and other local partners. Ranger Station: 740-534-6500

Spring Tea at the Lawrence Co. Museum

Date: May 15th Time: 2PM

506 South 6th Street, Ironton, Ohio

Please reserve early as seats are limited.

\$15/person

Lawrence County Museum: 740-532-1222

Gus Macker Basketball Tournament

Date: May 19th-20th Time 8AM-5PM

Downtown Ironton

America's original 3v3 basketball tournament! The Macker is designed so that anyone can ply, male or female, young and old, short and tall, the most experienced or no experience at all. Since 1987, The Macker tour has expanded, holding a total of 972 tournaments with over 2.2 million players – male and female from 7 years old to 50+ and more that 23 million spectators.

Register: www.macker.com, Lawrence CVB: 740-377-4550

Navy Night

Date: May 24th Time: 7PM

Center Street, Riverfront-Downtown Ironton

A salute to our men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice and those that are still in active duty fighting for our country

Free

Lou Pyles: 740-533-3826

Woodland Cemetery Veteran's Memorial Service

Date: May 27th Time: 2PM

Woodland Cemetery, Lorraine Street, Ironton, Ohio

A tribute to our many veterans who sacrificed their lives for our freedom

Free

Lou Pyles: 740-533-3826

St. Joe Charity Fair

Date: May 26 28th Time: Sat. Noon -12, Sun. 1PM-

11PM, Mon. 8Am-1PM

St. Joe High School, 6th and Quincy Street, Ironton, Ohio

Bake sale, food vendors, live music, games, and rides to support the local school.

Free

Sissy Clyse or Chris Monte: 740-532-0485

Memorial Day Parade

Date: May 28th Time: 10AM

Downtown Ironton, Ohio

143 years old in 2009! This parade is the oldest continuous running Memorial Day parade in the Nation with over 2000 participants and over 30,000 spectators

Free

Lou Pyles: 740-533-3826

Rock N Rally ATV Festival

Date: May 29th-31st Time: All Day

Hanging Rock ATV Trails, Hanging Rock, Ohio at State Route 52

A GPS Scavenger Hunt will be go on all weekend. A Hoot Owl Ride is planned from 8-11 p.m. Friday. A poker run will be 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. Ride will go into Ironton and will move on to the village of Hanging Rock and Wayne National Forest, then finish in the village of Hanging Rock with prizes given for first, second and third places. Another Hoot Owl Ride is planned for 8-11 p.m. Saturday. A cornhole tournament will be on Sunday. us@hratvclub.com

JUNE

Appalachian Uprising

Date: May 31st-June 2nd Time: All Day

Eden Valley Farm, Scottown, Ohio

One of the nation's fastest growing music festivals. Join us again for some great bluegrass and folk music. Headliners for the weekend include such popular acts as Infamous Stringdusters on Thursady, Jessica Lea Mayfield, The Dave Mayfield Parade and the 14-time Grammy Award-winning Lawrence County, Ky. native Ricky Skaggs and Kentucky Thunder on Friday. Saturday Mountain Heart and The Punch Brothers will headline along with Johnny Staats and the Delivery Boys and from Elliott County, Ky. Don Rigsby and Midnight Call. Other acts are Austin, Texas, group, Atomic Duo and popular local acts as Tyler Childers and Sasha Colette The Magnolias, The Vespers, Billy Two Shoes, Cumberland River Band, Melvin Goins

and Windy Mountain, Chris Jones and the Nightdrivers
Make sure you don't miss a minute of the red hot talent we
have coming in June!!!
\$110/3day tickets, Thursday \$35, Friday \$40, Sat. \$45
216-326-3293 or www.appalachianuprising.net

14th Annual Lawrence County "Iron Masters" Antique Engines, Tractor, and Farm Equipment Show

Date: June 15th-16th Time: All Day
Ironton Hills Plaza-Ironton, Ohio 93 Exit
Bring your antique vehicles and enjoy the company of
many other collectors in the area. Trophies will be
awarded. The Kiddie Pedal Tractor Pull will be held on the
15th beginning at 2 p.m. and a parade will begin at 11 a.m.
through downtown. Sponsored by Temco Tractor Parts.
Event is free.
Don Mootz: dwmootz@gmail.com. Or 532-4974

Over the Backyard Fence Tour

June 24th Time: 1PM-4PM
Join the Ironton In Bloom organization as we tour the
Beautiful backyards of Ironton. Refreshments will be
Served at the Lawrence County Museum.
\$10/person and can be purchase Weber's, Lawrence
Chamber of Commerce, Merle Norman, All That Beauty
Salon, any Ironton in Bloom member
Contact:irontoninbloom@zoominternet.net

JULY

Coal Grove Family Fun Days

Date: July 1st-3rd Time: All Day
Paul Porter Park, Coal Grove
It is a 3 day festival of entertainment and activities. Each
day events will be 4 p.m.-10 p.m.
Contact: Carol Gool 740-532-3690

Lawrence County Fair

Date: July 7-14th Time: All Day
County Fairgrounds of State Route 7 in Proctorville, Ohio
Join the festivities with the sale of livestock from our local
4H Club, crafts, vendors, and local and national musical
performers!
Visit: lawrencecountyohiofair.com.
Admission-\$8 Daily \$6 Ride Passes Per Day
-Monday July 9 is \$5 admission night
-\$30 Weekly Pass
-Tuesday July 10 Veterans & Active Military Day
Servicemen and women are free
-65 Years and Older - Free

AUGUST

Canoe Caper

Date: August 11 Time: 9AM-1PM
Symmes Creek

Enjoy good food, music and fellowship, and lend a hand
cleaning up the Chesapeake Boat Ramp. The day ends with
a raffle for great prizes including a Mad River Canoe.
Funds generated by this event are used to further the goals
of establishing the Arthur S. Ferguson Jr. Canoe Trail and
raising awareness of the value of Symmes Creek.
Event is free. Raffle tickets can be purchased to support
the organization.

Grayson Thornton: 740-643-0522

Rally on the River

Date: August 16-18th Time: All Day until 12AM
Downtown Ironton, Ohio
This event offers motorcycle enthusiasts activities,
vendors, car shows, bike shows, musical entertainment and
food all weekend! But the rally also offers riders a chance
to explore the Tri State of Ohio, Kentucky, and West
Virginia. Discover small river towns nestled along the Ohio
River; revel in the metropolitan life Huntington offers, and
cruise the scenic by-ways through the hills and valleys of
the region.
One day \$5, 3 days \$10 also costs are incurred for the
poker run and gold rush.
rallyontheriver.com or Lawrence CVB: 740-377-4550

SEPTEMBER

Ironton Co-op Club Craft Show

Date: Sept. TBA
Ironton City Center, 3rd Street, Ironton, Ohio
Arts, crafts, food and creative fun! All proceeds go towards
education and civic programs in the community.
\$1/person
Lou Pyles: 740-533-3826

Sorghum Festival

Date: September 15th Time: All Day
Willow Branch Road/ County Road 161 next to new South
Point High School.
Learn to make sorghum and apple butter. Enjoy bluegrass
music, clogging, and wagon rides for kids.
Free
Ivan Smith: 740-894-4294

Historical Cemetery Walk/ Ghost Tour

Date: September 29th Time: 5PM
Woodland Cemetery, Lorraine Street, Ironton, Ohio
Beware the ghosts of our historical ancestors and key
citizens during this candlelight tour of the history of
Ironton, Ohio!
\$2/map of cemetery
Lawrence County Museum: 740-532-1222

OCTOBER

38rd Annual Art Exhibit

Date: October 6th Time: TBA

Judging from 12: noon until 1:30. Awards ceremony at
2:30 p.m.
Central Christian Church, 1541 S. 7th St., Ironton, Oh
Local artist competition sponsored by the Ironton Artist
Association. Entry fee is \$20. for 4 pieces of fine art or
photography plus one piece for the "Special Category"
Pati Payne: 740-533-1516

Oktoberfest-Chesapeake

Date: October 13th Time: 9AM-All day
Village of Chesapeake
Visit and enjoy various German bands, crafts, and
traditional games and activities! Distance Run at 8AM
Free
Mayor Gilpin: 740-867-3131

Historic Haunted Tunnel

Date: October Fridays and Saturdays Time: 7PM-11PM
Historic Tunnel on State Route 93 off of Downtown
Ironton exit.
Come hear the story of the fiery crash of a school bus and
hear the screams and feel the spirits!
\$5/person
Lou Pyles: 740-533-7104

Historical Society Annual Bean Dinner

Date: October 20th Time 11A.M.-6P.M.
Lawrence County Museum, 506 S. 6th St.
Old fashioned feel with traditional music
Contact: Lawrence County Museum: 740-532-1222

Halloween Parade

Date: October 22nd Time: 7PM
Downtown Ironton, 3rd and Center Streets to 2nd and
Vernon Street
A fun filled parade as ghost and goblins, witches and
princesses take the street!
Free
City of Ironton: 740-532-3833

NOVEMBER

Christmas Tea at the Lawrence Co. Museum

Date: TBA Time: 2PM
506 South 6th Street, Ironton, Ohio
Please reserve early as seats are limited.
\$15/person
Lawrence County Museum: 740-532-1222

Christmas Parade

Date: November 26th Time: 6PM-9PM
Downtown Ironton, Ohio
Come join the fun of opening up the holiday season for
the community with Santa Claus!
Free
City of Ironton: 740-532-3833

DECEMBER

Candlelight Church Tour

Date: Dec. 1st Time: 5:30p.m.
Downtown Ironton, Ohio
Local churches open their doors for a short message or
song to all guests of the tour. Tour will begin at First
Baptist Church and end at the Museum.
Free
Lawrence County Museum: 740-532-1222

*Please check our website www.lawrencecountyohio.org as more events
may be added throughout the year.*