

# Lawrence County, Ohio Calendar of Events 2010

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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South Point, Ohio 45680*

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[www.lawrencecountyohio.org](http://www.lawrencecountyohio.org)*



## APRIL

### Relay for Life "Vesuvius Challenge"

Date: April 10th 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](http://www.hratvclub.com).

### Wheelin' Sportsmen Fishing Derby

Date: April 15th 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

### Ohio's Regional Museum Night

Date: April 17th Time: 8:30AM  
506 South 6th Street, Ironton, Ohio  
Meet with other regional historians and tour exhibits at the Lawrence County Museum.  
Free (donations accepted)  
Lawrence County Museum: 740-532-1222

## MAY

### Ironton Volunteer Day

Date: May 1nd Time: 9AM-5PM  
Downtown Ironton  
Come out and join the community volunteers to help beautify and clean-up downtown Ironton!  
Free  
Randy Lilly: [lillyrs@yahoo.com](mailto:lillyrs@yahoo.com)

### Lake Vesuvius Fishing Derby

Date: May 22nd  
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 on May 22.  
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

### Lawrence County Museum Appraisal Fair

Date: May 29th Time: 1-4PM  
506 South 6th Street, Ironton, Ohio  
The Lawrence County Museum will be sponsoring an appraisal fair with certified appraisers. Bring your antiques and other prized possessions!  
Free (donations accepted)  
Lawrence County Museum: 740-532-1222

### Navy Night

Date: May 27th 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 28-29th 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 31st Time: 10AM  
Downtown Ironton, Ohio  
141 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

## JUNE

### Rock N Rally ATV Festival

Date: June 5th Time: All Day  
Hanging Rock ATV Trails, Hanging Rock, Ohio at State Route 52  
Join us for the poker run, pig roast, GPS hunt, ATV parade, camping, safety training throughout the trails of the Wayne National Forest!  
[us@hratvclub.com](mailto:us@hratvclub.com)

### Appalachian Uprising

Date: June 3-5th 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. Of course you can't talk mandolin without talking Sam Bush. The Grammy, AMA and IBMA award winner is a sure bet for some world class mandolin pickin'. Bobby Osborne joins Sam in the IBMA Hall of Fame. Drew Emmit is considered to be one of the most innovative and energetic mandolin players on the scene today. Bryan Simpson, of Cadillac Sky. Former West Virginia Player of the Year, Chris Davis, with Marty Raybon and Full Circle, Danny Roberts with The Grascals, and Dwight McCall with J D Crowe are great additions to this amazing group of talent we have in store for you.  
Talking banjo, we have the current IBMA (actually the last two years) banjo player of the year, Kristin Scott Benson, of The Grascals. Banjo legend J D Crowe is sure to please. Scott Vestal, who plays with Sam Bush Band, John McEuen, of The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, former Longview banjo player Joe Mullins and Appalachian artist Randy Wilson, are guaranteed to deliver some of the finest banjo

picking Eden Valley Farm has seen.

Make sure you don't miss a minute of the red hot talent we have coming in June!!!

\$90/3day tickets preorder or \$100 at gate or \$35/day  
216-326-3293 or [www.appalachianuprising.net](http://www.appalachianuprising.net)

### **Gus Macker Basketball Tournament**

Date: June 12-13th Time: 8AM-5PM

Downtown Ironton

America's original 3v3 basketball tournament! The Macker Tournament is designed so that anyone can play: 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 than 23 million spectators.

To register: [www.macker.com](http://www.macker.com)

Lawrence CVB: 740-377-4550

### **How to Care for Your Garden: Ironton Garden Club**

Date: June 19th Time: 2PM

506 South 6th Street, Ironton, Ohio

Visit with the Ironton Garden Club at the Lawrence County Museum and share gardening tips and ideas! Free (donations accepted)

Lawrence County Museum: 740-532-1222

### **12<sup>th</sup> Annual Lawrence County “Iron Masters” Antique Engines, Tractor, and Farm Equipment Show**

Date: June TBA 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 given by weight classes. The Kiddie Pedal Tractor Pull will be held on the 20<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 10 a.m. and a parade will begin after lunch through downtown. Sponsored by Temco Tractor Parts.

Event is free.

Don Mootz: [dwmootz@gmail.com](mailto:dwmootz@gmail.com).

## **JULY**

### **Lawrence County Fair**

Date: July 10-17th 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](http://lawrencecountyohiofair.com).

*Admission*-\$8 Daily \$5 extra on special event nights

-\$30 Weekly Pass

-\$35 Agricultural Society Pass

-65 Years and Older - Free

-\$200 Camping - due by June 1st

### **Over the Backyard Fence Tour**

Date: July 18th Time: 1PM-5PM

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 purchased at CAO, M&M Realty office in Ironton, and the City Building.

Contact: [irontoninbloom@zoominternet.net](mailto:irontoninbloom@zoominternet.net)

### **Ice Cream Social**

Date: July 24th Time: 6p.m.

Lawrence County Museum, 506 N. 6th Street, Ironton, Ohio 45638

Lots of old time music featuring guitars, fiddle, and banjo performed by local artists.

Lawrence County Museum: 740-532-1222

### **Cincinnati Belle Riverboat Cruise**

Date: July 30th Time: 7PM-10PM

Ohio River at the Ironton Boat Ramp

Enjoy the scenic Ohio River on this cruise on the beautiful Cincinnati Belle! The event includes dinner and entertainment.

\$100/person or \$1000/table of 8. Other sponsorship levels also available

Joan Terry: 740-532-3534

## **AUGUST**

### **Canoe Caper**

Date: August 14th 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 20-22nd 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.

Event is free but costs are incurred for the poker run and gold rush.

[rallyontheriver.com](http://rallyontheriver.com) or Lawrence CVB: 740-377-4550

### **Meet Lawrence County Historic Characters**

Date: August 21st Time: 1PM

506 South 6th Street, Ironton, Ohio

The Lawrence County Museum will be hosting character re-enactments of our ancestors and forefathers! Meet Nannie Kelly Wright, John Campbell and many more. Free (donations accepted)

Lawrence County Museum: 740-532-1222

## **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 18th 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 25th Time: 6PM

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

### **Vesuvius Furnace Festival**

Date: September TBA Time: Fri 4PM-10PM, Sat 9AM-6PM

Wayne National Forest, State Route 93 in Pedro, Ohio

Celebrate the history of the Iron Furnace with Civil War re-enactments, outdoor theater, nationally acclaimed Brass Band, and live local music!

Free

Ranger Station: 740-534-6500

## **OCTOBER**

### **34rd Annual Art Exhibit**

Date: October TBA 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 9th Time: Noon-All day

Village of Chesapeake

Visit and enjoy various German bands, crafts, and traditional games and activities!

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

### **Halloween Parade**

Date: October 25th 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: November 20th 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 29th 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. 4th 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](http://www.lawrencecountyohio.org) as more events may be added throughout the year.*