

summer fun

Hunting for summer fun?

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Hunting for some summer fun? Why not try a scavenger hunt? There are two this summer right here in Wyandot County, and all of the clues are ready for a family-friendly adventure.

The local chambers of commerce are hosting a scavenger hunt featuring Wyandot County destinations and Dorcas Carey Public Library's community-themed event highlights Carey businesses.

Where in Wyandot County?
Carey Area Chamber of Commerce and Wyandot Chamber of Commerce are organizing Where in Wyandot County scavenger hunt for Saturday, July 16. In addition to the thrill of the hunt, there will be snack-themed swag bags, food trucks and a chance to win a gift card basket, say Cassie Miller and Sherri Wagner, directors of the Carey and Wyandot chambers of commerce respectively.

"We're excited because we're teaming up as a whole county," Wagner says.

"This is the first event that the chambers have gone in on together as far as I know," according to Miller.

The hunt will begin at 10 a.m. at the senior depot in Carey.

Participants will be given a clue at the depot and have to figure out their next destination. When they arrive at that place, they will receive another clue until they have visited all

eight places, Miller explains. The Chambers also plan to donate \$50 to each of the destinations for their participation.

The destinations are located within Wyandot County, according to Wagner. The drive time has been taken into consideration and all of the clue locations can be visited within four hours.

"It's family friendly. We recommend that they bring their kids along to explore Wyandot County," Miller adds.

"It's kind of like a staycation day," adds Wagner.

Food trucks will be parked at Carey Senior Depot from 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. so that the hunters can have lunch when they return.

To be entered in the grand prize drawing at 2:30 p.m., participants must complete a form with the tickets they collect and include their name and phone number.

The cost to participate in the scavenger hunt is \$50 per carload of four. Each extra hunter is \$15.

Registration can be completed online at www.careychamber.com under "events" or by calling Miller at 419-396-7856.

Community Scavenger Hunt.

Dorcas Carey Public Library is hosting a scavenger hunt through July 22.

This is the library's fourth year to hold the event, which started in 2017 and was skipped two years due

to the pandemic.

"Our goal is to have something for the adults and teens to participate in and hopefully send a little more business to the little local businesses and introduce people to places they may not have visited before," says assistant librarian Mandy Huston, "and it's free."

The scavenger hunt is "for all tweens, teens or adults," Huston says. "They can do it as a family or a group."

Participants find the Community Scavenger Hunt flyers hanging in participating local businesses and collect the slips from the flyers. "The more places they visit, the more chance they have of winning. They don't have to visit all, but are encouraged to for more chances to win," Huston explains.

Only one slip per business counts as an entry and a name and phone number need to be included on the back of each slip so that the library can contact the winner, she adds.

Slips are returned to the library to be entered for a drawing for one of the two community gift baskets. One basket is for adults and the other is for tweens and teens. "They're full of generous donations from the local businesses participating in the scavenger hunt as well as the Carey Area Chamber of Commerce and Blankets to Love," says Huston.

Forty-two businesses in Carey are scavenger hunt locations - Angelo's Pizza, Art Connections, Beck & Martin, LLC, Burson-Bakies Insurance Agency, Carey Ace Hardware, Carey Brewing Station, Carey Chiropractic Center, Carey Ford, Carey Pizza Palace, Carey Post Office, The Coffee Shop, Dietz Chiropractic, Dorcas Carey Public Library, Edward Jones - Dan Beach,

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The list of participating businesses is also available at the library.

Did you know ... ?

- Scavenger hunts became popular in the United States during the 1930s.

- Elsa Maxwell, a gossip columnist, is credited with popularizing scavenger hunts. She was known to host lavish, high-society parties.

- In 1927, Maxwell hosted a party in Paris and asked the guests to find certain items during the event. Some included music hall star Mistinguett's shoe, a black swan from the Bois de Boulogne and a red pom-pom from a French seaman's hat. Before the night was over, it is said Mistinguett had to entertain barefoot at the Casino de Paris, a ferocious swan sent two people to the hospital and Elsie de Wolfe, interior decorator and wife of British diplomat Sir Charles Mendl, had been accused of theft by the French Navy.



Ellen Lebay, Carey postmaster, from left; Mike and Dawn Patterson, owners of Houk Hardware and Market 113; Cassie Miller, director of Carey Area Chamber of Commerce; and Sheri Walter of Mathern-Welty Insurance are among the vendors who contributed to the gift baskets for Dorcas Carey Public Library's Community Scavenger Hunt.

Area Festivals



Wyanstock Friday and Saturday, July 1 and 2

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St. Mary's/Kirby Fest Saturday and Sunday, July 30 and 31.

Carey Fest pre-fest Thursday, Aug. 4 at Waterworks Park; Aug. 5 and 6 downtown



Carey and Wyandot chambers of commerce representatives Cassie Miller, from left, Sherri Wagner, Virginia Blankenship and Sara Lou Binou point to possible locations for the "Where in Wyandot County?" scavenger hunt.

How to conserve energy

Reduce energy use and keep air conditioners on



Air conditioning (AC) is a welcome luxury come the dog days of summer. Few people can imagine getting through a hot summer afternoon without turning their air conditioner on and that can make July and August some of the more costly months on the calendar in regard to energy consumption.

Though the months of July and August may not seem well-suited to cutting energy consumption, there are ways to conserve that don't require turning off the AC.

- Reconsider the location

of your thermostat. The Performance Building Institute, Inc. notes that thermostats are sensitive to heat. Thermostats located near heat-generating appliances like lamps, televisions and computers may be fooled into thinking a home's interior is warmer than it actually is. That will keep a temperature-controlled air conditioner running longer and more frequently than is necessary. If possible, move the thermostat to a part of the home where there are no electronics and appliances.

- Emphasize maintenance of the air conditioner unit. Even the most energy efficient unit will be forced to work harder and consume extra energy if it's not well maintained. The Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy notes that Energy Star-certified HVAC equipment can yield annual energy savings of 10 to 30 percent. But such products must be maintained. Annual maintenance appointments with an HVAC technician can ensure the unit is clean and refrigerant levels are correct, helping it run as efficiently as possible.

- Embrace natural ways to keep a home's interior cool. Cranking the AC is not the only way to maintain a comfortable temperature inside a home during the months of July and August. Closing curtains on especially warm days keeps the sun out and makes it easier to maintain

comfortable temperatures inside without lowering the temperature on the thermostat.

Avoiding the stove on hot nights and preparing cold meals or firing up the grill outside is another way to keep the house cool.

- Address insulation issues. Cracks around windows and doors affect the temperature inside the home, making it colder in winter and warmer in summertime. Seal cracks around doors and windows to keep the cool air in during the summer. Keeping that air in should allow you to raise the temperature on your thermostat without compromising comfort.

Come the dog days of summer, conserving energy needn't come at the cost of comfort. Various strategies can help people reduce their energy consumptions and keep their air conditioners on.

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- Where in Wyandot Scavenger Hunt - 7/16/2022, Carey Senior Depot
- Carey Business Expo - 8/4/2022, Waterworks Park
- Scholarship Dinner Fundraiser - 10/9/2022, Moreno's Casual Dining
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