

Summer fun

Celebrate America at these local events

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As the United States marks its 250th anniversary this summer, there is no need to stray far to participate in events joining in the celebration.

The Carey and Wyandot County/Upper Sandusky America 250 committees and Sycamore organizations have announced the following upcoming events taking place locally.

Bus tours.
Historical tours of the northern circuit of Wyandot County will be offered Saturday, June 27, and Sunday, June 28.

Saturday tours will be from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m. and Sunday's tour will be 1-5 p.m. with multiple buses available.

Tours will depart from Wyandot County Visitors Bureau and buses will drive by the following historic sights: Wyandot County Courthouse, Wyandot County Museum, Old Mission Church, Wyandot County Fairgrounds, Battle Island Monument, Indian Mill and bridge, Tarhe Monument, Parker Covered Bridge, Overland Inn in McCutchenville, Waterworks Park in Carey, the Basilica of Our Lady of Consolation, Shrine Park and the Crawford Monument on the return trip to Upper Sandusky.

The deadline to sign up for the tours is Thursday, June 25. Reservations can be made by phone by calling Wyandot County Visitors Bureau at 419-294-3556.

The event is free and all ages are welcome to participate. Anyone in a wheelchair is asked to specify the need for a bus with a lift when making reservations.

Sponsors of the tours include Wyandot County Visitors Bureau, Wyandot County Council on Aging, Wyandot County Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Vancrest of Upper Sandusky and Westbrook Assisted Living and Nursing Home.

Summer Festival.

The Sycamore American Legion Post 250 will celebrate Independence Day a weekend early with its Summer Festival on Saturday, June 27, in downtown Sycamore.

A 5K, children's activities, hot dog eating contest, cornhole tournament, beer garden and live music are among the planned activities.

The 5K will begin at 10 a.m. at Veterans Memorial Park.

Children's activities will be available downtown from 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

The beer garden will open from 4:30 p.m.-midnight with a cornhole tournament and live music by the local Eric Sowers Band and Old Skool, a tribute band to throwback dance songs.

History talk.

In honor of America 250, Mohawk Historical Society has invited Henry Stobbs, retired Mohawk High School history teacher and U.S. Army first sergeant, to speak at the museum Sunday, June 28, at 2 p.m.

Stobbs, who also does reenactments, has traced his earliest American ancestors' arrival to Virginia in 1623. His Revolutionary War ancestors include fifth great-grandfather Corporal Erasmus Tippettt of North Carolina and Tennessee, who served in the second company of the North Carolina Dragoons; fifth great-grandfather Captain Asa Bryan of Johnston County, North Carolina, who fought at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse; and fourth great-grandfather Lieutenant Hugh Henry Jr.



of Virginia and Tennessee who served as a leader in the Pittsylvania County militia. Henry along with three of his brothers fought with Clark's Illinois Regiment to capture Kaskaskia in Quebec on July 4, 1778.

Stobbs' presentation will be followed by a question and answer session and refreshments. Tours of the museum will be available until 4 p.m.

First Thursday.

"Celebration of America" is the theme of Wyandot Chamber of Commerce's First Thursday, July 2.

The family-friendly event will begin at 5 p.m. in downtown Upper Sandusky.

Activities include food trucks, farmers market vendors, live entertainment, bounce houses, childrens' activities, downtown shopping and DORA drink specials.

Wyanstock.

Wyanstock, the Wyandot County music festival, will be Friday and Saturday, July 3 and 4, at Wyandot County Fairgrounds.

The event will have a celebrate America 250 theme and will include music, fireworks, local craft brews, foods, arts, camping and raffle items.

Performing July 3 from 2-11 p.m. will be Uprising, Fritz Acoustic, Bacon, Bourbon & Vinyl, Tom's Kitchen Table, Grey Deceptive, Brother Believe Me. The lineup for July 4, performing from noon-midnight, includes The Fret Mashers, James Adkins, Violet Vinyl, Jimi Vincent Band, Last Minute, My Cousin Eddie, Modern Relics, Analog Youth and Bassnotik.

Tickets are \$15 each for all

weekend. **Fourth of July parade.**

All of Wyandot County is invited to participate in the Wyandot County Fourth of July parade in Upper Sandusky on Saturday, July 4.

Lineup will be in the parking lot in front of Upper Sandusky High School beginning at 9 a.m. with judging at 10:30 a.m.

The parade will step off at 11 a.m. and conclude at Upper Sandusky Fire Station.

Applications to register for the parade can be picked up at Mid-Ohio Chiropractic and Acupuncture, 714 N. Sandusky Avenue, Upper Sandusky.

Following the parade, bouncy houses will be located at John Stewart Methodist Church.

County homecoming picnic.

Wyandot County Council on Aging will host a homecoming picnic at Waterworks Park in Carey Thursday, July 30, beginning at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon.

Yard games are planned and Acquired Taste, a barbershop quartet, will perform.

The event is geared toward those 60 and over, although multigenerational attendance is encouraged if attendees want to bring their grandchildren. Wyandot County Council on Aging asks that those under 60 contribute a \$5 donation for lunch.

Reservations for lunch are appreciated by Monday, July 27, by calling 419-294-5733.

Carey Fest.

Carey Fest is celebrating America 250 with the theme of "Star Spangled Celebration."

The annual festival will begin with the pre-Fest

Thursday, Aug. 6, at Waterworks Park with the Carey Area Chamber of Commerce's Business Expo, family activities, food trucks and fireworks.

The festivities will continue Friday and Saturday, Aug. 7 and 8, in downtown Carey from 4 p.m.-midnight each day with games, concessions, live entertainment, a parade, 5K and more.

Country music's Montgomery Gentry and Elektrik Circus, a rock tribute band, will headline the event. Elektrik Circus will be on the main stage Friday, Aug. 7, and Montgomery Gentry will perform Saturday, Aug. 8. The Eric Sowers Trio, a veteran Carey Fest performer, will open for Montomery Gentry. Tickets are for sale online through Eventbrite.

National Holocaust Traveling Museum.

National Holocaust Traveling Exhibit will be on display at Upper Sandusky Community Library Aug. 19-Sept. 30.

This 1,100-square-foot traveling exhibition is based on the exhibition that opened in 2018 at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. The Americans and the Holocaust traveling exhibition addresses important themes in American history, including Americans' responses to refugees, war and genocide in the 1930s and '40s. The exhibition challenges the commonly held assumptions that Americans knew little and did nothing about the Nazi persecution and murder of Jews as the Holocaust unfolded.

Drawing on primary sources from the 1930s and '40s, the exhibition focuses on the stories of individuals and groups of Americans who took action in response to Nazism.

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Featuring:
Elektrik Circus

SATURDAY, AUG. 8
Featuring:
MONTGOMERY GENTRY
Also Eric Sowers Trio at 7 p.m.

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• TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE •

Special pre-fest activities
Thursday, Aug. 6, at Waterworks Park
Includes the Chamber of Commerce Business Showcase & fireworks at dusk

9:30 p.m. **FIREWORKS** 9:30 p.m.