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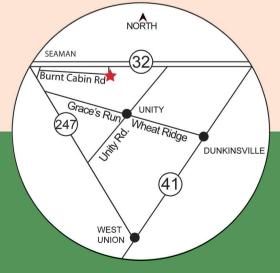
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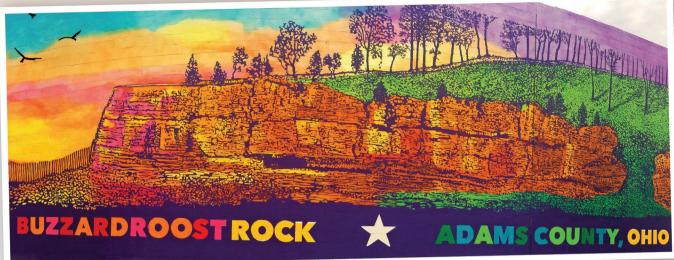












Buzzardroost Rock mural in West Union

he Adams County Travel & Visitors Bureau accomplished much during this past summer. A new quilt square was raised, replacing one of the original quilt squares that was once on a barn that was heavily damaged during a windstorm years ago.

Thanks to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, the Ohio Department of Transportation and the Adams County Travel & Visitors Bureau, two new canoe/ kayak access sites on Ohio Brush Creek were opened to the public.

Tourism is increasing in Adams County, and I can't help but remember those who laid the foundation for its success. The obituary page of the local paper noted the passing of Billy Lee Smalley, who built Mineral Springs Lake in Adams County and opened it in 1973.

Heritage Ohio and state Sen. Joe Uecker recently honored Mary Crosset, who along with her late husband, Bob, converted an 1826 brick farmhouse into Murphin Ridge Inn in 1989.

To this distinguished list, you would have to add Ken and Mary Moyer, who came to Adams County in 1972 to establish a winery and restaurant on the banks of the Ohio River; John and Judy Lewis of Lewis Mountain Herbs, who started the Olde Thyme Herb Fair in 1987; Bill and Grace Lafferty, who restored the historic 1804 Bradford Tavern and reopened it in 1963 as the Olde Wayside Inn, serving delicious food that drew people from all over southern Ohio; Roy Keim, who in the mid-1970s started selling Amish baked goods from the back of a buggy at the corner of Burnt Cabin Road and State Route 32; another Amish family, Harry and Lydia Miller, who opened a bakery on Wheat Ridge Road in 1977; the late Steve Kelly, a local historian, who documented the historical landmarks of old Adams County; and, of course, Donna Sue Groves, whose vision of quilts on a barn in Adams County turned into a national phenomenon.

It is on those shoulders we stand today.

Tom Cross, Executive Director, Adams County Travel & Visitors Bureau, West Union, Ohio (937) 544-5639, (877) 232-6764 Like us on

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Cover: A sunset paints brilliant colors in the sky over Serpent Mound. Photo by Tom Croce

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Sept 8 & 9th - Opening Weekend (Buy Local, Hay Bale Decorating Contest, Grass Powerd Poultry & Meats, Case Equipt)

Sept 22nd - Pirates of the Corn-ibbean Day

Sept 29- Princess & Superhero day

October 6th - 12pm-5pm (Get Lost For A Good Cause Day, \$1.00 off ticket admission with donation of non perishable food item)

October 13th - (4-H PROUD DAY!, support local 4h Program - percentage of ticket sales will be donated to county 4H program)

October 27th - (Fall-O-Ween on the Farm) Trick-or-treating Maze style, Character day!

October 28th - (2nd Annual Pumpkin Smash)

This Schedule is subject to change or become modified

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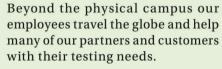
Imagine spending your day working in a state of the art facility, testing jet engines that propel passengers across the sky at hundreds of miles an hour, and then spending your lunch break outside watching deer graze in a nearby field. This is a typical day for a Peebles Test Operation (PTO) employee.

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of a small business where we know everyone's name at the Christmas party.

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Since then, the PTO Team has been involved in the development and certification phase testing that are on the cutting edge of aviation. The production phase involves assurance testing of new engines to guarantee they meet strict requirements before shipment to GE customers. And finally, field return testing is performed to validate maintenance and upgrades to engines already in service.



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Technology Meets Nature

Because of the terrain, abundant water and restrictions on entry, PTO has developed into the largest privately owned natural area in the state totaling over 7,000 acres. This environment allows for a number of wildlife species to flourish. This is evident in recent years when biologists visiting the site have identified over 500 species of plants, 37 species of reptiles, 25 species of mammals, and over 100 species of birds, many of which are state listed as rare or endangered.

GE PTO takes great pride in ensuring the protection of our pristine environment as the facility continues to thrive. In addition to the forested land GE-PTO maintains four acres of man-made wetlands, several acres of natural wetlands and two streams. One stream running through the facility is considered one of the most pristine habitats in the state.

The local schools, universities and scientists often come to this area to study the wildlife in this unspoiled habitat.

Ecomagination At Work

The Peebles facility has very specific goals regarding future Green House Gas (GHG) emissions reductions, which follow a closely monitored set of metrics. In GE's recent ecomagination report, the company made a public commitment to reduce GHG emissions

GE holds all of its businesses to this company-wide goal, including the Aviation business – the organizational home of the Peebles facility.

Today's engines are ever more fuel efficient, carrying passengers and cargo to the far corners of the globe with less fuel burn than ever before. PTO continues to play a strong role in the certification and acceptance testing of these engines.



March

- **3** 16th annual Adams County Amish Bird Symposium. (937) 544-5639, adamscountytravel.org
- 17 Spring Equinox Drumming at Soaring Eagle Retreat. serpentmound.org
- **31** 26th annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt at Wilson Children's Home. (937) 544-2511

April

- **6** Showing of the documentary "Pieced Together," the story of the Quilt Trail by Julianne Donofrio, at West Union Elementary. 5:30 to 8 p.m. (937) 544-5639
- **7** Loose Thread Quilters Quilt Show at Peebles United Methodist Church, 1370 Measley Ridge Road, Peebles. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (513) 218-3373
- **14** Spring Driving Classic Tour VI presented by Diehl Insurance. springclassicdrivingtour.org/

- **14** 8th Annual Quilt Show at Stone Chapel Church, 89 Trefz Road, West Union. (937) 544-3438
- **28** Bentonville Anti-Horse Thief Society Banquet. (937) 549-3360

May

- **4** Wheat Ridge Amish School Benefit Auction & Supper. 4 p.m. (auction at 5 p.m.). (937) 544-7566
- **4-6** Spring into Spring Arts & Crafts Fair at Gallery 32 Antiques, 2586 Burnt Cabin Road, Seaman. (513) 767-1974
- **7-8** Free Fishing weekend.
- **12** Ohio Brush Creek Sweep. (937) 544-1010
- **19** Scioto Brush Creek Sweep. (937) 544-1010

June

9 Reptile Day at Serpent Mound. arcofappalachia.org

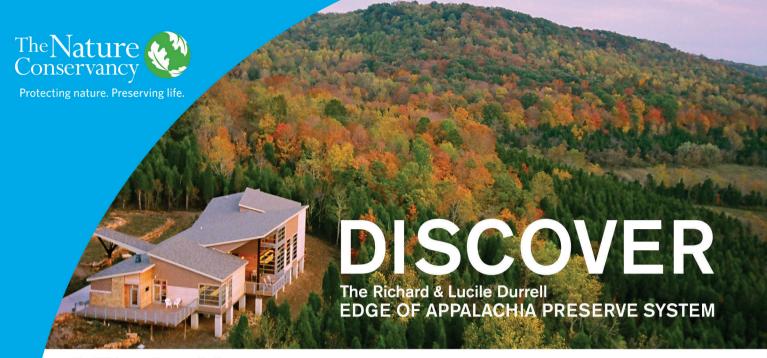
- **16** Ohio River Sweep. (937) 378-3431, Ext 104. orsanco.org/river-sweep
- **21-24** Summer Solstice Celebration at Soaring Eagle Retreat. **serpentmound.org**
- 23 Summer Solstice at Serpent Mound. arcofappalachia.org

July

- **4** Fourth of July Celebration & Lion's Club Parade. Parade at 10 a.m. Olde Wayside Inn.
- **8-14** 127th annual Adams County Fair, West Union. adamscountyfairground.org

August

- **3-5** River Days at Manchester. Fireworks on Aug. 4. (937) 779-7818
- 4 River Rats Boat & Jet Ski Poker Run on the Ohio River in Manchester. Run starts at 1 p.m. Registration required. (937) 217-3000



The Wilderness Preserve Trail

Hike this 2.5-mile loop trail and experience the most diverse region of the preserve.

Buzzardroost Rock Preserve Trail

Traverse the front of the Appalachian Escarpment to a rock promontory situated 400 feet above the Ohio Brush Creek. This is a 4.5-mile round-trip trail.

Lynx Prairie Preserve Trail

Walk 1.6 miles and meander through multiple prairie Conservancy for more than 50 years. openings in an otherwise forested area.

Joan Portman Trail/Buckeye Trail

Experience a panoramic view of the Ohio Brush Creek Valley on this 1.5-mile, round-trip trail extending through prairie and forest. The 1,400-mile Buckeye Trail continues eastward from the overlook but is designed for long-distance and through-hikers only. It does not return to the parking area.

George Rieveschl Jr. Creek's Bend Overlook

Stop by the preserve's visitor information area to learn more about the preserve, get maps, or launch a canoe on Ohio Brush Creek.

Please visit cincymuseum.org/nature or nature.org/edgeofappalachia for more information and directions. Trying to reconnect with nature? Drive 75 miles east of Cincinnati and you'll run into a 20,000-acre nature preserve that boasts more than 1,100 recorded plant species as well as striking geological formations like cliffs and promontories. Home to more than 100 rare plant and animal species, The Richard & Lucile Durrell Edge of Appalachia Preserve System in Adams County, Ohio protects 11 unique preserves, four of which are recognized as National Natural Landmarks. Explore the largest privately owned natural area in Ohio, protected by Cincinnati Museum Center and The Nature Conservancy for more than 50 years.

Edge of Appalachia Eulett Center

The Eulett Center is available to rent for conferences, business meetings and community events.

Edge of Appalachia Advanced Naturalist Workshops

Advanced Naturalist Workshops offer field training for those interested in nature study and help to continue the study and cataloging of preserve resources.



Cincinnati Museum Center

cincymuseum.org



CALENDAR

2018 Calendar of Events



- **11** Perseids Meteor Shower Viewing at Soaring Eagle Retreat. **serpentmound.org**
- **18** Cowboy Copas Memorial Concert. (937) 587-2043 (date tentative; please check adamscountytravel.org for updates)
- 18 Walk to End Alzheimer's at Adams County Fairgrounds. alz.org/walk

- **24-26** Winchester Homecoming Festival. (937) 403-1315
- **25** Archaeology Day at Serpent Mound. **arcofappalachia.org**

September

- 1 21st Annual Amish School Benefit Cookout, Miller's Bakery & Furniture. (937) 544-8524
- **6** Adams County Junior Fair Beef Barbecue, Ohio Valley Career & Technology Center. 4:30-7:30 p.m. (937) 205-0842
- **6-9** 42nd Bentonville Harvest Festival. (937) 549-3360
- 8 Astronomy Night at Serpent Mound. arcofappalachia.org

- 8 Erwin Farms & Corn Maze. 1365 Coon Hill Road, Winchester. (937) 515-0084
- **13-16** 51st annual Peebles Old Timers Days. (937) 587-3749
- 15 Forgotten Way Farm & Corn Maze, 4675 Eckmansville Road, Winchester. (937) 386-4048
- **19-22** 105th Anniversary of the Seaman Fall Festival. (937) 386-2083
- **20-22** 7th annual Skinny Fest Bluegrass Festival, 1266 Hamilton Road, Lynx. **skinnyfest.net**
- 22 Autumn Equinox Drumming at Soaring Eagle Retreat.
 serpentmound.org

10th Annual Wheat Ridge Olde Thyme Herb Fair & Harvest Celebration

Friday thru Sunday
October 12th, 13th, 14th, 2018
10am - 5pm

Enjoy the fall harvest along with 175 artisans, craftspeople, antiques, fall harvest decorations, herbs and herbal products, locally produced and from-scratch foods, and shooting the pumpkin cannon.

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28 Wheat Ridge Amish School Benefit Auction & Supper. 4 p.m. (auction at 5 p.m.). (937) 544-7566

28-29 Adams County Heritage Days & Pioneer Shoot, John T. Wilson Homestead. johntwilsonhomestead.org

29 16th annual Jack Roush Day at the Riverbarn, US 52, Manchester. Optional date is Oct. 6, depending on NASCAR schedule.

29-30 Draft Horse, Mule & Pony Field Days and Antique Tractor Show at Glen-Dale Park, Fawcett. (937) 587-3293

October

6 41st Annual Miller's Anniversary Customer Appreciation Day & Cookout, Miller's Bakery & Furniture. (937) 544-8524 **12-14** Wheat Ridge Olde Thyme Herb Fair & Harvest Celebration. (937) 544-8252

November

11 Veterans Day Ceremony, Adams County Courthouse. 11 a.m. (937) 544-5005

24 Adams County Christmas, Adams County Courthouse. 5:30 p.m.

December

1 Peebles Christmas Celebration and Christmas tree lighting. 6 p.m.

15 Audubon Christmas Bird Count, Edge of Appalachia Preserve. (937) 544-2880

21 Winter Solstice Sunset Observance. **serpentmound.org**

Other Area Events...

Sept. 7-9 17th Rarden Whitetail Deer Festival. rardendeerfest.com

For additional and updated events: adamscountytravel.org

For Red Barn Concerts dates: redbarnconventioncenter.com

For more Serpent Mound events: arcofappalchia.org







ADAMS COUNTY VISITOR MAP

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- 6 Gallery 32 Antiques
- 7 Peebles Flower Shop & Antiques

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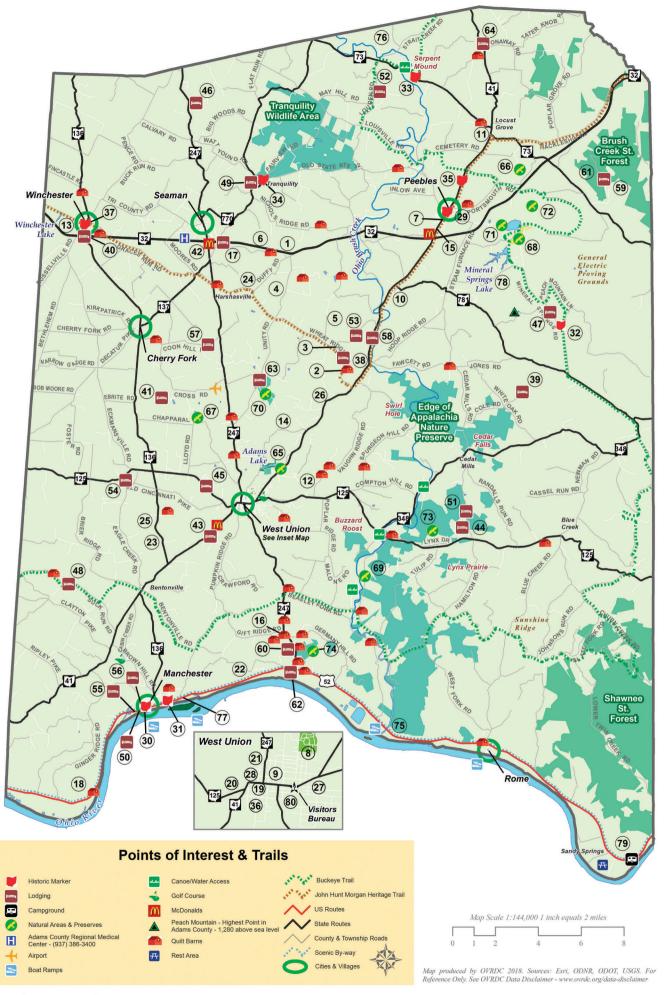
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QUILT BARNSAll 20 original squares ready for viewing

he Hourglass Quilt Square is back up again after a windstorm several years ago damaged the barn on which the original Hourglass quilt was painted.

The Hourglass quilt, painted by Charles Reed, was one of the original 20 quilts painted on barns across Adams County, creating a "Clothesline of Quilts" in 2001. The new location for the Hourglass Quilt is 32901 State Route 41, less than a quarter-mile south from the original location.

"We felt it was important to keep the Hourglass quilt as close to the original location as possible," Tom Cross, Adams County tourism director, says. "Luckily, we found a big red barn close by whose owners were more than happy to allow the travel bureau to hang a quilt there."

The barn's owners, Dean and Mary Brown, had the barn repainted before the new quilt was added.

The new Hourglass quilt was painted by Neil Miller, who matched the colors as close to Charles Reed's artwork as possible. Using a lift, the quilt square was attached to the barn in August by Allen Miller Construction from Wheat Ridge.

In 2016, the Adams County Travel & Visitors Bureau added the Brown Goose Quilt Square to the side of the newly repainted Kirker Covered Bridge on State Route 136. The original Brown Goose quilt was located on a barn at the corner of Eckmansville and Cherry Fork roads in Wayne Township, but new siding on the barn covered the original quilt.

Last spring, the Ohio Nature Conservancy led a rebuilding of the quilt



barn on Weaver Road by Eugene "Gene" Kitchen of Lynx, who also painted a fresh copy of the original quilt square, Old Maid's Puzzle, and nailed it up where the old faded quilt once hung above the barn doors.

The project met the goal of the Travel & Visitors Bureau to have all of the original quilt squares back up on barns to once again complete the driving tour of Adams County's "Clothesline of Quilts."

Many more barns have added quilt squares since the original 20 quilt barns. All known quilt barns are denoted by a red barn symbol 🤷 on the map inside this visitors guide.

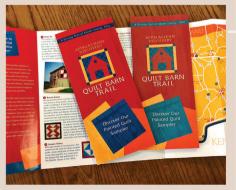




From top down: Construction workers hang the new Hourglass Quilt Square on a barn off State Route 41 in northern Adams County; the original Hourglass Quilt Square before a windstorm destroyed the barn; Brown Goose Quilt Square on Kirker Covered Bridge on State Route 136; and Old Maid's Puzzle Quilt Square on Weaver Road.

New brochure available

New, updated Adams County Quilt Barn Trail brochures are now available from the Adams County Travel & Visitors Bureau. The new brochures have all of the current locations and a map of the 20 original Quilt Barns in the "Clothesline of Quilts" driving tour. To request one, call (937) 544-5639 or email info@adamscountytravel.org.



WHEAT RIDGE FESTIVAL

A unique harvest celebration



he Wheat Ridge Olde Thyme Herb Fair & Harvest Celebration, one of Adams County's largest annual events, brings together more than 150 craftsmen and artisans for three days of crafts, antique farm machinery, herbal products and other natural items.

The fair is the creation of Herb and Kim Erwin, along with their son, Brad, on the family farm. During most of the year, it's a working farm with cattle and hay fields, but for three days in October, the Erwins turn their property into a celebration of farm life and the nearby Amish countryside.

"We enjoy it, but it's a year-round effort, and we're always trying to improve it," Kim savs.

The Erwins launched the festival 10 years ago and get a lot of help from the Amish community. "It feels like the whole community is involved," Kim says.

The nearby Amish community is heavily involved in the festival—baking from scratch, pressing fresh apple cider and preparing home-cooked meals to support the local Amish schools. Two barns on the farm contain an assortment of eccentric and often unusual antiques. Herbs, lavender, medicinal teas, soaps, lotions and other natural-earth products

also are offered at the festival.

The artisans typically offer unique metal yard art, woodcrafted items, handmade pottery, sewn items from quilters and weavers, homemade jams, cheese, maple syrup and other



Doris Swayne picks out some decorations at the Wheat Ridge Olde Thyme Herb Fair & Harvest Celebration.

farm products. There's entertainment, too-from musical acts performing a variety of genres, such as Creole, Celtic, country and more.

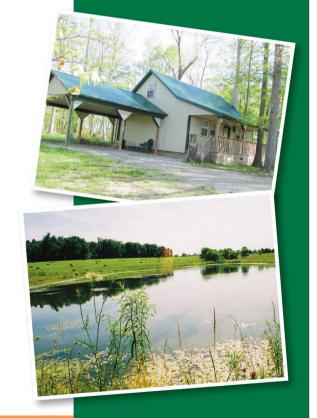
This year's festival dates are Oct.12 to 14, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. ■

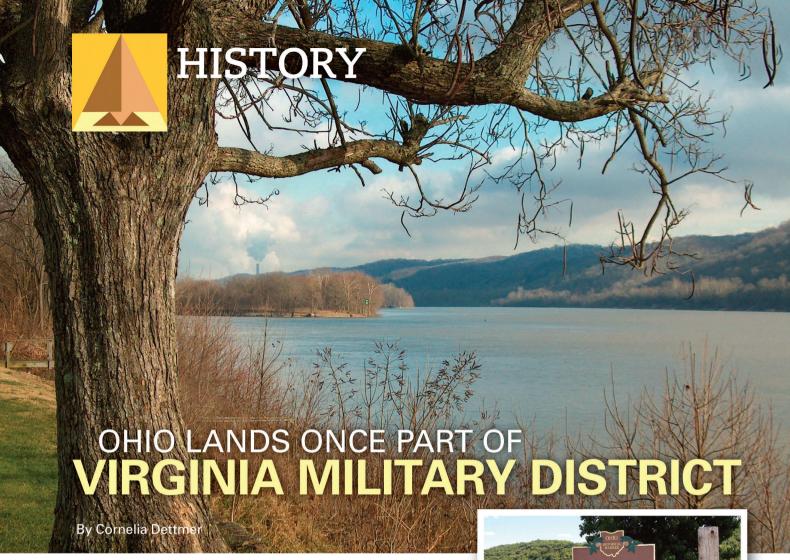


Get away from it all at this two bedroom, two bath secluded cabin in the woods one hour east of Cincinnati in Adams County. Family owned and operated 266 acre certified organic farm for 100 years. This is the perfect cabin for a family vacation or weekend hunting retreat. Hunting is not allowed on the farm, but the pond is available for fishing. Built in 2009 and fully furnished, you will have all the comforts of

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he original English colonial grants allowed Virginia to claim lands extending westward to the Mississippi River. After the Revolutionary War, the other states felt that Virginia was too large. They persuaded the state to cede lands west and north of the Ohio River to the US government to form the Northwest Territory in 1787 when the Articles of Confederation were ratified.

But a portion of the land was reserved by Virginia to pay its Revolutionary War soldiers, who received land bounties for their service. More than 4 million acres became the Virginia Military District, which extended north from the Ohio River and between the Little Miami and Scioto rivers. Adams County was the first area to be settled in the District.

To claim his land, a soldier had to obtain a certificate of service, acquire a warrant from the Virginia Land Office, choose his land and then have it surveyed.

In the 1780s, it was still dangerous to enter the District because of American Indian activity. An enterprising surveyor, Nathaniel Massie, recruited 25 surveyors from Kentucky to move to Ohio in exchange for free land. They built a civilian fort, Fort Massie, in the village of Manchester, named after Massie's ancestral home in England. That became the first settlement in the Virginia

Military District and the fourth-oldest permanent settlement in Ohio. Decedents of these men still live in the area, and their kin were buried in the Founders Cemetery in Manchester.

The fort had natural protection with the river and islands on the south, swamps on the east and north, and a slough to the west. The fort was never attacked, but there are interesting surveyor stories concerning encounters with American Indians. Andrew Ellison was captured and taken to northern Ohio, was later ransomed for a blanket by a trader and then walked home to Manchester.

Land warrants were issued until 1803, when Ohio became a state. Because of haphazard surveying methods using a metes and bounds system, claims overlapped, and other areas were not

Top: A winter view of the Manchester islands in the Ohio River. Above: A historical marker erected in 2001 explains how Manchester became the fourth-oldest settlement in Ohio when Nathaniel Massie founded the village as a base for his surveying operations.

occupied. The old survey descriptions often cited trees, large rocks and streams as boundaries. Many lawsuits resulted from disputed claims.

Finally, in 1852, all unclaimed land was given to Ohio State University to be used to raise money for the school.

Cornelia Dettmer is a doctor who had a clinic in Manchester and was its former mayor.

Adams County Museums, Historical Societies & Heritage Trails

Adams County Heritage Center, West Union, noon to 4 p.m. Thursday and Saturday. (937) 544-8522

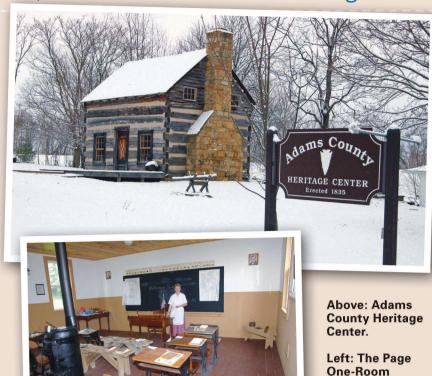
Adams County Historical Society & Adams County Genealogical Society, West Union. (937) 544-8522

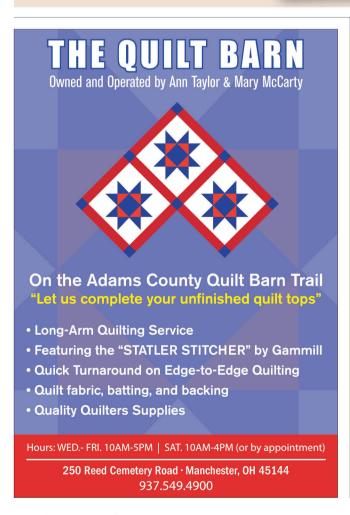
House of Phacops, 29894 State Route 41, Locust Grove. (937) 205-3810

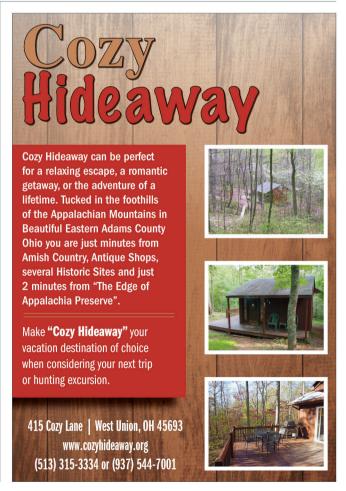
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Page One-Room Schoolhouse Museum, at the intersection of Page School and Vaughn Ridge Road, West Union. Check events calendar. Closed during winter. (937) 587-2043

John Hunt Morgan Heritage Trail, from Winchester through Locust Grove, a 32-mile self-guided driving tour retracing Morgan's 1863 raid across Adams County. Interpretive signs at Winchester and Locust Grove explain the historical events of that time.

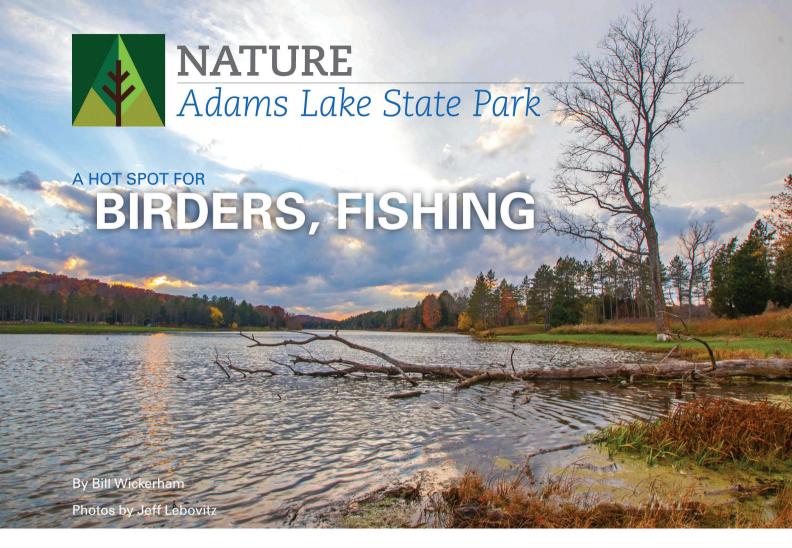






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ny trip to Adams County would not be complete without a visit to Adams Lake State Park.

The 47-acre lake was built in the 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) to provide water for the village of West Union. Adams Lake is one of the most scenic and biologically interesting areas in the county.

The park provides places for family reunions, picnics and events. Picnic tables are located throughout the mostly shaded park. Finding a secluded location is usually easy even on the busiest of holidays, and the playground keeps the children occupied. For bigger groups, a large shelter house can be reserved but

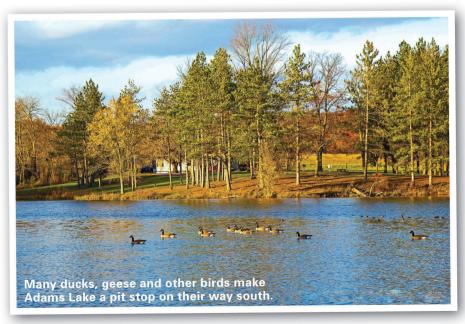
otherwise is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Adams Lake is a popular destination for waterfowl and a local hot spot for birders, especially during the winter. With few large bodies of water in the area, most waterfowl passing through stop at the lake.

Often overlooked is the lake's bass fishing. Five-pound and larger bass are caught and released by lucky fisherman every summer. Regulations restricting bass to a 15-inch minimum have helped the fishery. Other species include crappie, channel catfish and bluegill. Fishing is also productive at the pool below the dam.

Perhaps the most popular is rainbow trout, of which more than 2,000 are released every March by the Ohio Division of Wildlife. Adams Lake has the distinction of being the first lake in Ohio stocked with trout every year. The lake has a boat ramp and is restricted to electric motors only.

One of the more interesting aspects of the park is the 26-acre Adams Lake Prairie State Nature Preserve. Interpretive signs along the trails explain all



the features of this unique preserve. A quarter-mile trail leads to a sparsely vegetated dry prairie surrounded by second-growth oak-hickory and red cedar woodland. Some of the interesting plants found growing at the barren prairie include spider milkweed, prairie dock, shooting star, green milkweed, Carolina buckthorn, American aloe, slender blazing star and large summer bluets.

Other visitor facilities, including restrooms and drinking water, are available in the park. Future plans for Adams Lake State Park include a primitive camping area with cabins, improved boat dock, a hiking trail and upgraded restrooms. The improvements are scheduled to be completed by the end of 2018.

For more information about Adams Lake, contact Shawnee State Park at (740) 858-6652. Adams Lake State Park is located one mile north of West Union on State Route 41.

Bill Wickerham is the wildlife specialist for the Adams Soil and Water Conservation District. Jeff Lebovitz is an amateur photographer and owner of the Sunshine Store in Adams County.









Top: A young angler shows off his catch at Adams Lake, which is the first lake in Ohio stocked with trout each year.

Above and left: Bridges span parts of the park, and a 26-acre nature preserve provides opportunities to view many plants and animals.



By Celeste Baumgartner



Top: Children get a close-up view of a hawk during Regional Association for the Protection and Treatment of Raptors (RAPTOR) Inc.'s live birds-of-prey show.

Right: A packed room listens as an expert discusses some of the habits of birds.

Below right: Ken Wagner's one-of-a-kind birdhouses for sale.

e all love Ohio, but come January's wintry cold, with the Christmas bird counts completed and warbler watching months away, birders get restless. Here's a solution: the Adams County Amish Bird Symposium, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. March 3. Now in its 16th year, the symposium is an annual birding celebration for beginners and experts alike.

Come in out of the cold. Start the morning with fresh coffee and donuts from Miller's Bakery, see birding friends, hear world-class speakers. Shop vendor booths for binoculars, books, birdhouses, and bird and nature art of every kind. See Regional Association for the Protection and Treatment of Raptors (RAPTOR) Inc.'s live birds of prey. Then tuck into all of that a delicious Amish lunch. End the day with an Adams Lake

State Park field trip to look for ducks and waterfowl.

The symposium started in 2003 in the basement of an Amish home.

"We thought it would be maybe 25 people; we were slammed," Chris Bedel, Cincinnati Museum Center's director of Edge of Appalachia Preserve, says. "We took on another place and filled that one. We had to keep upsizing to where we are today."

Tom Cross, executive director of the Adams County Travel & Visitors Bureau, says the event tops out at 300 people: "We have moved to the Wheat Ridge Amish Community Building, the largest facility around. We have to bring in generators because there is no electricity."

Bedel chalks the event's popularity

up to the fact that people of all kinds, everywhere, love birding. "Birds are one of the more 'in your face' creatures' that live amongst us," he says. "You see them every day, you can attract them, you can almost can get them to come land on the railing in front of you."

Celeste Baumgartner is a freelance writer and regular contributor to Country Living magazine. Reprinted with permission from Country Living magazine. ■





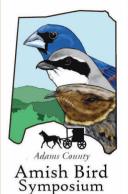
Top: Bird-spotting scopes are available for viewing our many winged friends.

Above: A white-crowned sparrow is among species that can be seen during the symposium.

This year's experts

The speakers for the 2018 symposium are:

- Bill Creasy & Bob Staggenborg, The Nature Guys. Join Bill and Bob for a live recording session for their podcast Nature Guys, as they share stories about the bird that reportedly almost became our national symbol.
- Robert Hershberger, Birding in the Bobolink Area of Ohio. Chasing birds up and down the county roads in Holmes and surrounding counties his whole life, Robert has a total of 349 bird species on his Ohio list. Robert's goal is to inspire young birders in nature and the birding world.



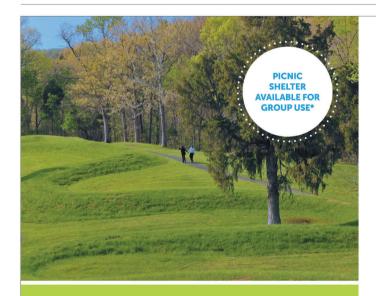
- the birding world.

 Ethan Rishing, Experiences As a Young Birder in Ohio. A shout-out to those who have invested in his development as a young birder and a heartwarming glimpse
- Judy Semroc, Chimney Swifts: Nature's Amazing Insectivores. The program illustrates
 the natural history and reasons for the marked population decline of chimney swifts.
 Learn how our help is much needed now and what you can do to aid this special and
 much loved species.

of local, grass-roots efforts having an impact on the future of conservation.

Chris Bedel, the Cincinnati Museum Center's director of Edge of Appalachia Preserve, sums up the Amish Bird Symposium: "I think the coolest thing about it is just to see so many people converge on little rural Adams County for a top-notch nature-based event. We have 300 people here that drive past the Amish and out to rural America to hear world-class speakers."

The annual Adams County Amish Bird Symposium always occurs on the first Saturday in March. For information on the 2018 Amish Bird Symposium, go to adamscountytravel.org. Look for information about the 2019 bird symposium (occurring March 2) beginning in January.



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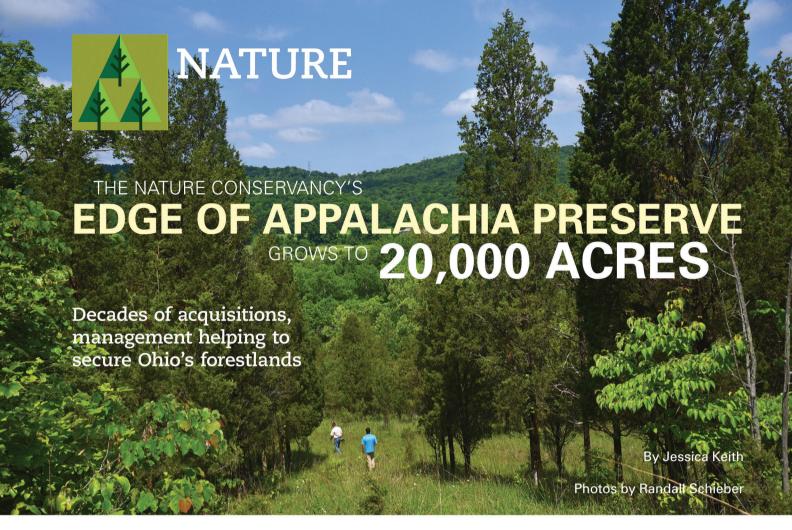


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t was more than a decade ago when Terry Seidel, the Nature Conservancy's director of protection, contacted the owners of a 1,000-acre parcel of forestland in Adams County, adjacent to the Conservancy's Edge of Appalachia Preserve.

The land was outstanding: a large tract of unbroken forest, host to a number of rare and endangered species, and home to almost all of Smoky Run—a healthy stream draining hilltop waters into the Ohio River.

After numerous meetings with multiple family members and discussions with the local township, vision became reality in 2016, when an agreement with the family was formalized.

"From the beginning, I sensed we shared a similar vision for the property," Seidel says. "It was important to the family that their land not be cut up into smaller parcels or managed poorly."

Landowner Bill Twarogowski says he's pleased that the Conservancy now stewards his family's property.

"I'm so excited that it's now part of the preserve," he says. "I know it's in good hands."

Situated on bluffs overlooking the

Ohio River, the stunning property fills in important ecological gaps within the preserve, which got its start almost 60 years ago.

The preserve's story starts with a single woman. Dr. E. Lucy Braun was petite, outspoken and smart as a whip. Born in 1889, she was just the second woman to earn a Ph.D. from the University of Cincinnati, where she would go on to teach botany.

She spent decades studying the unusual mixture of forests and prairies along the edge of the Appalachian Mountain range—where the preserve earns its name—and voiced concerns about the impact of human activity on the ecologically rich and sensitive area. By 1959, she'd convinced Cincinnati garden clubs to donate money to the Conservancy in order to purchase its first property in Ohio.

That 42-acre tract, now known as the E. Lucy Braun Lynx Prairie Preserve, has since blossomed into the 20,000-acre Edge of Appalachia Preserve. Celebrated for its prairie openings, mature forests, waterfalls, promontories and clear streams, "the Edge" is the largest privately owned protected natural area in the state.

Together with preserve partner Cincinnati Museum Center, the Conservancy has worked to ensure that the region's spectacular natural areas are protected and provide opportunities for hiking, wildlife-watching, canoeing and fishing. Its efforts are helping to enrich the quality of life and the economy of the local community, and protecting clear air and water for generations to come.

The construction of three trails at the preserve over the next couple of years will provide new opportunities for visitors to explore Adams County's rich natural heritage.

"One of the trails will become part of the statewide Buckeye Trail and North Country National Scenic Trail," says Seidel, who's overseeing the project that will create an 11-mile footpath in the preserve.

In the meantime, the preserve's existing 10 miles of trail and the Ohio Brush Creek await the hikers and paddlers seeking to discover the natural beauty of Adams County.

Jessica Keith is the associate director of marketing at The Nature Conservancy. ■



Above: A beautiful view of a valley in the Appalachian foothills awaits visitors when they venture to Buzzardroost Rock in the Edge of Appalachia Preserve. The preserve has grown to 20,000 acres and is the largest privately owned protected natural area in Ohio.

Opposite page: Hikers take advantage of Portman Trail in Edge of Appalachia Preserve.



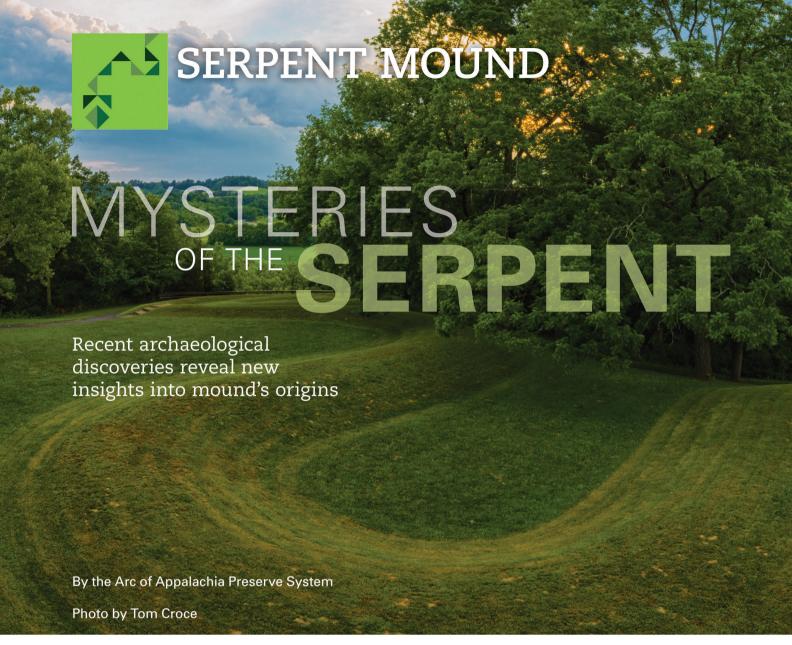
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n Adams County, just outside Peebles, lies a giant earthen serpent that has evoked reverence and wonder in its beholders throughout time.

This earthwork, stretching over 1,348 feet of ground, is the largest surviving example of a prehistoric effigy mound in the world. The creativity, artistry and skill of its ancient architects are preserved in the mound's undulating curves and coils.

Although we know for certain that American Indians built the mound, what we don't know is the exact era of its origin. Most archaeologists roughly estimate its initial construction took place either 1,000 or 2,000 years ago—the two conjectured dates corresponding roughly to the two ages of burial mounds found near the Serpent. The question "Who built Serpent Mound?" has helped to motivate a number of research studies at Serpent Mound in

a continuing effort to establish a defensible timeline.

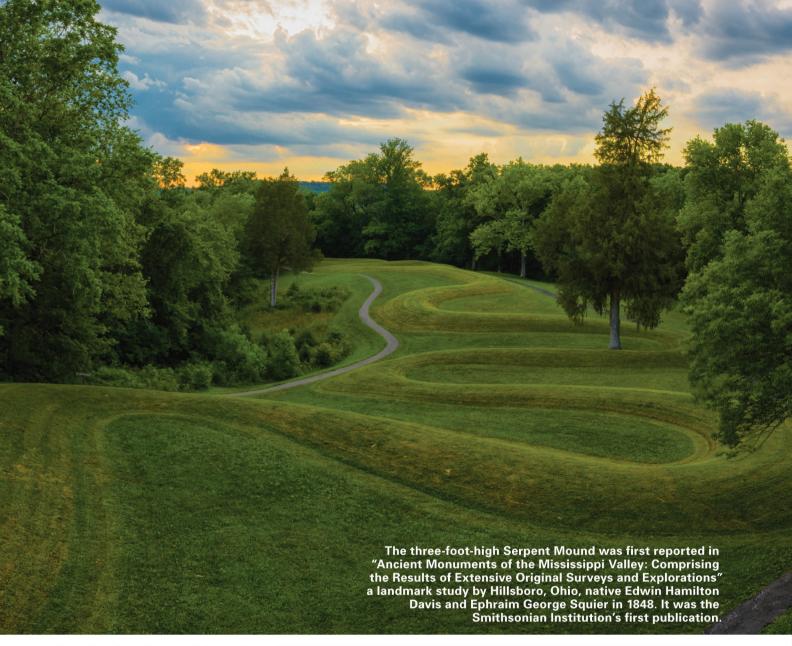
One of several recent studies took place in 2012, when Jarrod Burks, an Ohio archaeologist with a Ph.D., conducted a magnetic survey of the mound. In doing so, he discovered evidence below ground of a "lost coil" along the east side of the Serpent's neck. The additional coil is no longer visible and does not appear in any of the earliest maps made of the mound in the 19th century. Burks speculates that the coil might have been part of the Serpent's original design but was later erased during a time of deliberate renovation. The reasons for such a major redesign are, of course, unknown.

Using the same technology employed to detect the lost coil, Burks returned to Serpent Mound in 2016 to conduct an extensive archaeological survey of the entire ridgetop containing Serpent Mound and many of the other park fea-

tures. That survey, which took a full two months to complete, created a composite look at the archaeological footprint of the site. Burks' report, which has just recently been published, reconfirms the earlier supposition of a prehistoric village most likely associated with the Fort Ancient culture, a culture that lived in Ohio from roughly 1000 to 1650 AD. What's more, his findings show that the village footprint might be much larger than was previously suspected.

Meanwhile, although new information on the Serpent's past continues to be revealed through Burks' studies and others, speculation about the exact age of Serpent Mound continues.

One doesn't have to be an archaeologist to understand and appreciate Serpent Mound's significant American Indian legacies. In 2017, interpretive signs were installed throughout the park to educate visitors about Serpent



Mound's rich indigenous history, including the incorporation of the latest research findings.

Serpent Mound is open to visitors every day of the year. For museum hours and detailed visitor information: www.arcofappalachia.org/visit/serpent-mound/.

Spotlight on photographer Tom Croce

The cover and inside photos of Serpent Mound are the work of photographer Tom Croce.

"I believe that photography is an intimate experience. It begins with the act of seeing, it is the art of noticing and seeing the beauty in nature and creating an image that evokes an emotion."

Tom's work includes a wide range of subjects. To view his collection of photos, go to www.tomcrocephoto.com. You can reach him at (513) 218-1614.

Upcoming park events

Serpent Mound, 3850 State Route 73 in Peebles, is open year-round from 9 a.m. to dusk, winter weather permitting. Parking is \$8/vehicle. More information: (800) 752-2757, arcofappalachia.org/serpent-mound-events/

May 6, June 3, July 1, Aug. 19, Aug. 25, Sept. 23 and Oct. 21: Music at the Mound with award-winning Ohio songwriter Steve Free, 1 p.m.

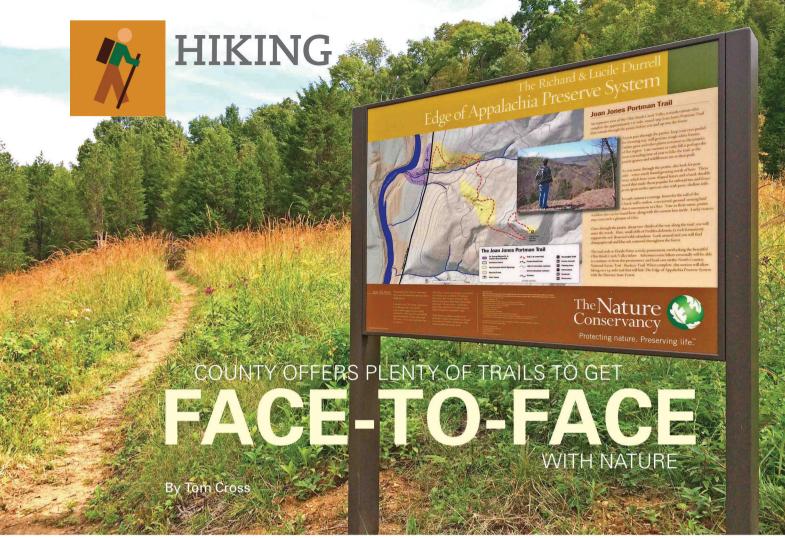
June 9: Return of the Snakes to Serpent Mound, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Live reptile displays and educational presentations on Ohio's native snakes.

June 23: Summer Solstice Celebration & BBQ Dinner (please pre-register); archaeology lecture by Brad Lepper: "Effigy Mounds – a World View"; guided tour of mound, followed by quiet hour preceding sunset.

July 15: Archaeology lecture by Dave Minney: "Fort Ancient & Their Landscape – Not a Passive Force," 1 p.m.

Aug. 11: Astronomy Day with the Cincinnati Observatory. Daytime lectures and nighttime telescope viewing of the celestials.

Aug. 25: Archaeology Day, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., artifact collections on display and American Indian skills demonstration; Andrew Sawyer will present "Fort Ancient – New Discoveries Revealed."



The trailhead to Joan J. Portman Trail leads to a 1½-mile hike.

County, and the trails crossing nature preserves are open year-round, making each visit as different as the seasons. Most hikes are easy to moderate in difficulty, and the views are spectacular. Each trail is well maintained and marked. At some trailheads, hikers will find a bulletin board with preserve notes, rules and an area map.

Buckeye Trail: In Adams County, portions of the Buckeye Trail are being rerouted through the Edge of Appalachia Preserve. The trail goes through Shawnee State Forest, past Davis Memorial and Serpent Mound. Directions: Its route is marked on the map in this visitor guide.

Johnson Ridge State Nature Preserve: A 1.2-mile trail through semi-mature oak-hickory woods. Prairie openings with blackjack and post oaks, milkweed and false indigo. **Directions:** From West Union, go north on State Route 247 for 2.3 miles, right on Unity Road for 1.7 miles,

right on Marjorie Johnson Road for 0.7 miles to trailhead, and parking on left.

Davis Memorial State Nature Preserve: Two loop trails about one-halfmile each connecting with the Buckeye Trail for a total of two miles of hiking. Hikers will see a display of spring wildflowers, geological formations and fall colors. Directions: 3677 Davis Road, Peebles.

Shoemaker Preserve: A 1½-mile trail follows Cedar Fork Creek, which has geological formations, spring wildflowers and a large natural arch. **Directions:** 165 Pine Gap Road, Peebles.

Robert A. Whipple State Nature Preserve: A moderate 1¾-mile hike among the Ohio River hills. Early spring wildflowers such as the large flowered trillium, limestone cliffs and sinkholes are some of the sights along this scenic trail. During the fall and winter, when the leaves are gone, hikers can view the Ohio River valley. Directions: 1194 State Route 247, Manchester.

Chaparral Prairie State Nature Preserve: The three-quarter-mile

Hawk Hill Loop Trail winds through the prairie and features a brilliant display of late-summer wildflowers such as false indigo, Prairie dock and rattlesnakemaster. The prairie is best viewed in late summer. Recent land acquisition doubled the size of the preserve and added two additional hiking trails. **Directions:** 209 Hawk Hill Road, West Union.

Adams Lake State Nature Preserve: Two short loop trails for about a half-mile of hiking. The Prairie Dock Trail is best hiked in late summer to view prairie wildflowers and large anthills built by the Allegheny mountain ant. The Post Oak Trail features a short hike through an oak-hickory forest. **Directions:** 14633 State Route 41, West Union.

Lynx Prairie Trail: The 1½-mile loop trail now begins at Cline Road south of Lynx. The Lynx Prairie is a National Natural Landmark and is best viewed in summer when the prairie is blooming and features more than 200 species of plants and prairie flowers. Directions: From



West Union follow State Route 125 east into Lynx, then turn right (south) onto Tulip Road for 0.8 miles to Cline Road, turn east on Cline Road, and proceed to trailhead and parking.

Wilderness Trail: A 2½-mile loop trail through the 1,200-acre preserve reveals an unbroken forest with limestone cliffs, white cedar and more than 50 rare plants and flowers. Great spring wildflowers and fall foliage are just some of the sights hikers will observe. Directions: From West Union, follow State Route 125 east into Lynx, turn left onto Lynx Road, turn left onto the first gravel road, and proceed to trailhead and parking.

Buzzardroost Rock Trail: The two miles one way to Buzzardroost Rock

is the most popular hike in Adams County. A hike to the Roost and back rewards hikers with a spectacular view of the Brush Creek valley. Spring wildflowers, fall colors and, during winter, the surrounding landscape lay bare all of its unique geological features for everyone to see—including

the nearby Tiffin cliffs. Excellent hiking year-round. **Directions:** From West Union, follow State Route 125 east for about seven miles toward the village of Lynx. Watch for the trailhead sign on the right as you go up a large hill, turn right off State Route 125 to trailhead and parking.

Joan J. Portman Trail: At just over 1½ miles round trip, the Portman Trail begins at Creek's Bend on Waggoner Riffle Road and climbs to Flood's Point, named for Revolutionary War soldier William Flood and whose grave is nearby. The area is part of a land grant that Flood received for his part in the Revolutionary War. The end of the Portman Trail coincides with the Buckeye Trail, which is being rerouted

through the preserve's Sunshine Corridor. When completed, the trail will be 14 miles long and conclude at Shawnee State Forest. **Directions:** From West Union, follow State Route 125 east for 5.8 miles, and turn right on Waggoner Riffle Road for 2.3 miles to trailhead and parking.

Chalet Nivale Preserve: Two loop trails meander through the low floodplain of Scioto Brush Creek. The trails provide panoramas of the surrounding hill country. A trail map is displayed at the entrance of the preserve. Directions: 1272 Bacon Flat Road, Peebles.

Plum Run Prairie Preserve: Visitors to the preserve can hike a 1½-mile trail through a large native tall-grass prairie and enjoy a succession of wildflowers from June through August. **Directions:** 714 Mendenhall Road, Peebles.

Three additional hiking trails are planned for Adams County: Cedar Falls Trail, Rock Hollow Trail and the Tecumseh Trail. The new trails are expected to be open within the next couple of years.

Tom Cross is the Adams County director of tourism and has hiked all over Adams County. ■





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OUTDOORS

Many keep coming for fish, game



ne of the cherished gems of Adams County is Ohio Brush Creek. The winding flow of water runs for almost 60 miles, including through the heart of Adams County, before emptying into the Ohio River.

With two new public-access points for canoeists and kayakers, spending a summer day floating down the creek can almost feel like paradise. Large smallmouth bass, white bass and many other species of game fish are available for anglers.

Hunting season is popular in Adams County. Sportsmen and sportswomen from all over the globe make their way to Adams County each fall for the whitetail deer season—and not just for the bucks. Many hunters say, "Man, the bodies on these deer are huge!"—providing an opportunity to fill the freezer with some of the best natural-grass- and grain-fed meat nature has to offer.

Deer season always seems to take the spotlight, but Adams County has a plethora of other game species to pursue. Squirrels and rabbits occupy almost every woodlot and hedgerow, and the ruffed grouse and bobwhite quail are making a comeback. Eastern wild turkeys are widely scattered across the county, and with a two-tom limit in the spring, it can make for a nice late April day chasing gobblers and picking morel mushrooms in the hills of Adams County.

Whether you come to visit for the woods or the water, Adams County will be sure to impress.

Nathan Dailey operates Dailey's Outfitters, off State Route 32 just west of Peebles. (937) 587-DEER. Hunting information packets with maps are available from the Adams County Travel & Visitors Bureau; to request one, call (877) 232-6764.

Hunting, fishing, etc.

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Public Fishing Areas

Ohio River
Ohio Brush Creek
Adams Lake
Winchester Lake
Tranquility Wildlife Area ponds

Public boat ramps and canoe/kayak launches are marked on the map within this guide.

Ohio Brush Creek Canoe Access (*new) State Route 73 bridge over Ohio Brush Creek at Serpent Mound

*State Route 125 bridge over Ohio Brush Creek east of West Union



14-year-old Alan McCoy, with a 14-point buck that he harvested in 2017.

*State Route 348 bridge over Ohio Brush Creek east of West Union

Edge of Appalachia Creek's Bend access on Waggoner Riffle Road

Ohio River Boat Ramps & Campgrounds

Brush Creek Boat Ramp & Campground: Nine miles east of Manchester on U.S. 52. Fee charged for launching and camping. (937) 205-7732

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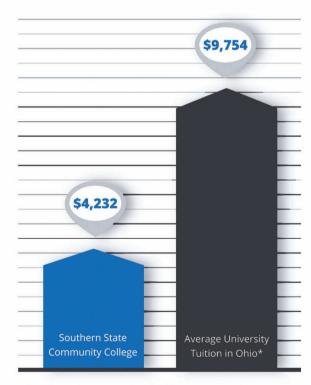


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Above: Canoe launch at State
Route 348 bridge.
Left: From left, Ty Pell, Adams
County commissioner; James
Zehringer, Ohio Department of
Natural Resources director; Tom
Cross, Adams County tourism
director; Dan Beasley, Ohio
Department of Transportation;
and Diane Ward, Adams County
commissioner, open the canoe/
kayak access point at the State
Route 348 bridge.

long-awaited ribbon-cutting ceremony for the two new canoe/kayak access sites on Ohio Brush Creek in Adams County finally arrived in April 2017.

The new access points give enthusiasts more options on where to set afloat on the creek.

Ohio Brush Creek is a beautiful free-

flowing stream and considered one of the gems in southern Ohio.

The joint project—by the Adams County Travel & Visitors Bureau, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and the Ohio Department of Transportation—culminated April 20 last year, when officials from Adams County and the two partnering state departments

were on hand to cut the ribbon and take the three-mile float from the new State Route 348 bridge access point to the other new access site at the State Route 125 bridge, where another ribbon-cutting occurred.

The genesis for the two access sites occurred when Adams County tourism director Tom Cross met with

Mike Miller, then the Department of Natural Resources' watercraft chief, at a steelhead fishing camp in northwest Ohio in 2015. That fall, Miller contacted Cross and said a grant for \$10,000 was available for developing the canoe access sites.

Plans began the following spring, and permission from the Department of Transportation was required before construction at the two bridges could begin. Work on the sites began in late summer of 2016. Later, ODNR Director James Zehringer added \$5,000 to the grant to complete the project at both sites. Construction at the final access site was completed the last week in November. The project came in under budget by \$2.73.

The two access sites complement a canoe launch site already downstream, on Waggoner Riffle Road at the Nature Conservancy's Creek's Bend recreation area at the Edge of Appalachia Preserve. It's approximately a three-mile float between each canoe launch, and from the State Route 125 bridge, it is 8.5 miles to the Ohio River. Ample parking is available at the sites and at Creek's



Canoeists head downstream to State Route 125 access site.

Bend, which includes a sheltered picnic area, overlook and restroom.

Canoes by Adams County Soil & Water and contributions by Ty Pell & Associates helped make the event possible.

The two new canoe access sites will open recreational opportunities for both visitors and residents, and will provide a boost to eco-tourism and appreciation of Adams County's outdoors for years to come.

The project is one of many undertaken by the Adams County Travel & Visitors Bureau to enhance and develop tourism in Adams County.

The Department of Natural Resources says canoes and kayaks are the fastest-growing segment of watercraft usage.



For a hot cup of coffee or a refreshing lunch while traveling in Adams County stop at The Greene Beanery Coffee House and Roastery. The owner, Cheryl Greene, roasts coffee on the premises and she is passionate about bringing the finest quality of freshly roasted coffee beans to the region and sharing each savory roast with customers and community. It is located 1/4 of a mile north of intersection S.R. 32 and S.R. 41 in Peebles, and provides an assortment of coffee from numerous coffee growing regions and is roasted and ground on location.



Cheryl's passion toward coffee is much more than simply how it tantalizes the taste buds. There is something about having a cup of hot coffee in your hands while reading or sitting that promotes warmth and a peaceful feeling inside. Coffee serves as an invitation to come together with family and friends who can spend time laughing and talking about the everyday cares of life.

In addition to freshly roasted coffee the Greene Beanery menu also includes Espresso Beverages, Frappes and Smoothies as well as other hot and cold beverages. Fresh muffins, scones and cookies are offered, as well as cinnamon rolls on select days and Amish Glazed Donuts on Saturdays. Delicious lunch options are also available with a variety of sandwiches, sides and soups.

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MURAL OF BUZZARDROOST ROCK

BRIGHTENS DOWNTOWN WEST UNION

his summer, members and supporters of the Adams County Arts Council were hard at work bringing color to county seat of Adams County.

Led by artist Suzanne Michele Chouteau, professor of art at Xavier University, a team worked to prepare the wall, setting up scaffolding and painting the colorful mural of an Adams County landmark, Buzzardroost Rock.

The mural, 19 feet tall and more than 62 feet long, graces the outside west wall of Foster's law office at 228 N. Market St. in West Union, across from the entry of the National Bank of Adams County.

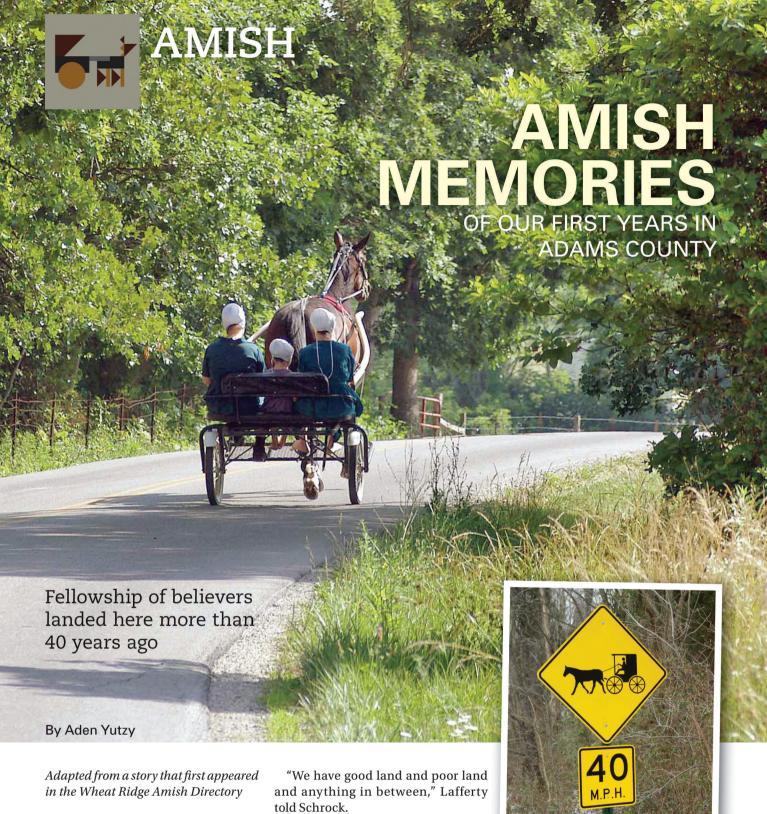
Buzzardroost Rock is an iconic local

landmark five miles east of West Union. It is part of the Buzzardroost Rock Preserve owned by the Cincinnati Museum Center and the Nature Conservancy. A public hiking trail of about two miles to the overlook atop Buzzardroost Rock is located on the south side of State Route 125 near Lynx.

The mural is dedicated to the memory of ecologist Lucy Braun, who taught at the University of Cincinnati from 1914 to 1948. Lucy studied the rare and unusual plants of Adams County, and her work was published in the Ohio Biological Survey in 1928. Identifying Buzzardroost Rock as an area worth protecting, she worked with a new organization,

the Nature Conservancy, to buy the Buzzardroost in 1960, thereby creating the first acquisition of what would later be known as the Edge of Appalachia Preserve. In 1967, Buzzardroost Rock was dedicated as National Natural Landmark.

The mural was dedicated in a ceremony Nov. 5, 2017. The mural was sponsored by the Adams County Arts Council and was funded with a grant from Ohio Arts Council. The production team included Chris Bedel, preserve director for the Edge of Appalachia, Elijah Bedel, Anita Harover, Brad Gray, Doug and Susan Ruehl, Alan and Peggy Foster, and the Cincinnati Museum Center.



ccasionally, someone asks us the question, "How did we ever end up settling in Adams County?"
The first seven families moved to the county from Milroy, Indiana. One of Harvey Schrock's harness shop customers, Bill Lafferty of West Union, invited him to come to Adams County to look around. Schrock had made it known to Lafferty that several Milroy families wanted to relocate.

The old locals that were around back then are almost all gone. Lee Shriver, Joe May, Lee Young and Ernest Butz were usually around to help with the unloading when the first families moved in. They not only helped those moving in, but they also made us feel welcome.

Dan and John Troyer moved first—Aug. 24, 1976. Next, my family moved to Adams County on Sept. 30, and

Top: A buggy filled with Amish family members is led by a horse on Unity Road. The third and fourth generations of Amish in Adams County are continuing to preserve their families' way of life.

Above: A sign reminds auto drivers to slow down for horse-drawn carriages on the road.



Above: Unity Parochial School, an Amish schoolhouse, provides education in the area.
Right: An Amish family arrives at a school benefit dinner and auction. The Amish community in Adams County is composed of about 100 households.

Schrock's family came on Oct. 21.

Beforethe Schrocks moved, a frolic—an Amish volunteer social/work event—was organized to tear off the A-shaped roof from their house and put a full upstairs on top. The walls were assembled and were laying in the yard. Frolic day was here, and plenty of help was ready



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to go. The only holdup was the electrician didn't show up to disconnect the electric wires from the house. Dan Troyer, the carpenter, was in the mood to get things done

and right now. He shot off the wires with a shotgun, and we were soon in the construction business and had the upstairs in the dry by evening.

Several weeks before our family moved, Roy Raber and his son Dennis, and myself and several of our boys, came in from Milroy to get some buildings in shape to put hogs in. We stayed several days, and Roy Raber was the cook. We had plenty to eat, especially the one evening when we had enough fried potatoes to feed a thrasher crew.

Next, the Harry Miller family moved in on Nov. 3, followed by the Raber family Nov. 11. The seventh and last family to move in that first fall was the Ivan Troyer family on Nov. 23. Six out of the seven families lived fairly close together, and our family lived at the west end of the settlement.

The first Amish church service occurred Oct. 3, 1976, at Dan Troyer's house, with only four families being there: both Troyer families, our family and the Willis Stutzman family, who were visitors from Dover, Delaware.

According to my wife Katie's diary, the coldest day that first winter was Monday, Jan.17, 1977, when it was 19 below zero. The day before, the Troyer families and our family, with baby Steven, were to attend church in Bellefontaine at Freeman Yutzy's place. Yutzy had to get a neighbor to jump-start our driver's cold van before we could start for home. We were all relieved when that cold journey was over.

In 1977, we remodeled the farmhouse. During that summer, our water system was very simple with a garden hose and nozzle sticking in through the bathroom window. Our water pipes froze the previous January.

The first couple of years, we helped each other a lot with putting up buildings and also with farmwork. Through the years, that gradually changed, and we have become more independent.

Aden Yutzy's family is one of the first Amish families to move to Adams County. Aden and his sons operate a pallet mill and machine shop on Unity Road.

Adams County Amish Business Directory - 2018

The Adams County Wheat Ridge Amish community offers many shops and services—from furniture, dry goods and bakeries to builders and craftsmen. All Amish businesses are closed Sunday.

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620 Wheat Ridge Road, West Union (937) 544-7831

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4830 Unity Road, West Union (937) 544-9984

Cedar Ridge Sales

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Duffy Road Wood Products

380 Duffy Road, Peebles (937) 386-0086

Fox Hollow Pallet

3519 Graces Run Road, Winchester (937) 386-2872

Hillcrest Fencing

2260 Bailey Road, Peebles (937) 386-9990

Hilltop Cabinet

1553 Tater Ridge Road, West Union (937) 387-1908

Hochstetler Construction

1493 Wheat Ridge Road, West Union (937) 544-4624

Keim Family Market

2621 Burnt Cabin Road, Seaman (937) 386-9995

L&R Woodworking

1700 Tater Ridge Road, West Union (937) 386-0594

Mast Construction

1735 Freeland Hollow Road, West Union (937) 544-2323

Miller's Bakery & Gifts

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Miller's Furniture

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2045 Tater Ridge Road, West Union (937) 386-0177

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1720 Freeland Hollow Road, West Union (937) 544-7260





Above: Steve Hedrick added two solar arrays at Mound View Farms, producing 15,000 watts of electricity, which is the majority of the power needs of the property. Left: Peppers are among the organically certified produce grown on the farmland.

from its location: It sits on a 266 ridge overlooking Serpent T

It has been called that since Amy Hedrick's great-grandfather, William Crawford, bought the original farm in 1914.

Mound in Adams County.

The homestead has been continually farmed for more than 100 years. Amy and her husband, Steve, bought the

farm more than 40 years ago and have lived there since. It is called Mound View Farms because it consists of two adjoining farms plus some additional acreage that the Hedricks

bought later. The farm now consists of 266 acres.

Three houses and two cabins are located on the farm. The original house has been remodeled and is occupied by the Hedricks' son, Scott, and his family. The house that Steve and Amy occupy is where Amy grew up. There is a small house on the farm where the Hedricks' daughter, Amanda, and her son live. One cabin is

a log structure that the Hedricks built themselves from logs on the farm. It is on a point that overlooks the Serpent Mound valley. The fifth residence is a cabin that is rented on a daily basis to people visiting the county. The Hedricks have been renting the cabin for almost 10 years and have met a lot of interesting people. Visitors interested in renting the cabin can check out the Mound View Farms cabin rental Facebook page.

The Hedricks have farmed the land for more than 40 years. One change they made is obtaining the designation "certified organic" for the farm. The certification was not simple to obtain, they say, but they had a head start by already operating the farm according to organic standards.

The Hedricks' farm contains 40 certified organic beef cattle as well as a small herd of low-line Angus cattle. The family sells beef from the herd as well as some pork and chicken products from the hogs and chickens they raise. A small herd of Jersey milk cows are milked for their own use. All of the crops (corn, wheat, oats, hay, soybeans and pasture) are also certified organic. A number of beehives also are a part of the farm.

The Hedricks say they are strong believers in people's health being directly impacted by what they eat, and they attempt to educate the public on healthy eating. They raise a large garden, and almost everything they eat is produced on their farm. The Hedricks do a lot of canning and freezing, and they make cheese and butter from their milk.

Mound View Farms is self-sustaining. The Hedricks produce all of the feed required by their livestock. The only big purchases they make are chicken litter (by the semi-truck load), seed and diesel fuel for the equipment.

The Hedricks operate the farm with a lot of older machinery and repair all of it in their workshop. They burn wood that's cut from the farm to heat their house. They also produce the majority of their electricity with two solar arrays that were added in the past few years. The Hedricks have one of the largest residential solar setups in the county, with 60 panels that can produce more than 15,000 watts of power.

Mound View Farms owners Steve and Amy Hedrick welcome groups for tours of their farm. To schedule a visit, contact the Hedricks at sehedrick@frontier.com or by calling (937) 587-3489. ■

Clockwise, from top: Farm machinery, such as the combine harvester shown here, are maintained and repaired at the Mound View Farms' workshop; farm owners Amy and Steve Hedrick; the Hedricks employ farming methods that allow it to be designated "certified organic," considered a more healthful way to eat; beehives on the farm not only provide a supply of honey but also provide a supply of nature's crop pollinators.





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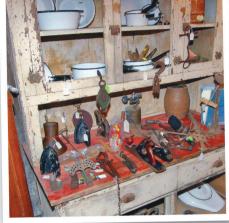
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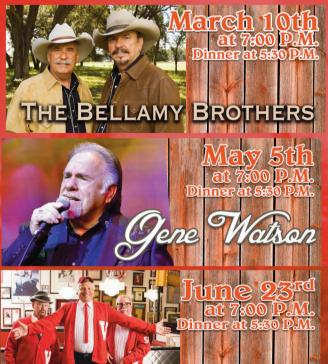
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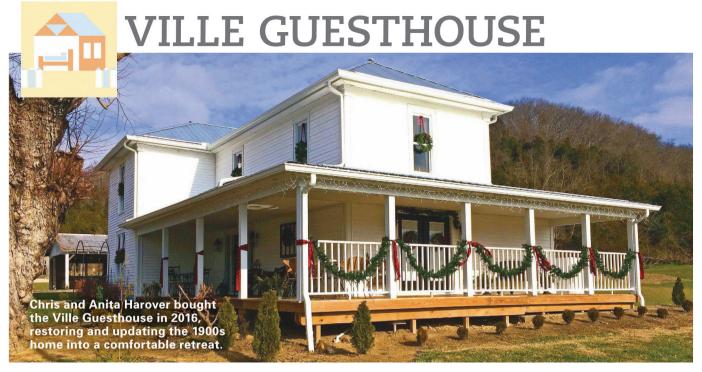
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"We always loved the style of the home and the big twisted water maple in the side yard. I was thrilled to see the inside when it came up for sale," Anita says.





The unique woodwork on the stairway reminded Anita of her grandparents' late-1800s farmhouse.

"It definitely needed a lot of work," she says. "But the results were worth it."

The house now has all modern amenities but still has that homey farmhouse feel. Nestled in the foothills of Adams County and within walking distance to the Ohio River, the guesthouse boasts many activities, including boating, fishing, kayaking, canoeing, golfing, hunting and hiking. There are trails on the property that have breathtaking views of the Ohio River Valley.

The Ville Guesthouse is only 20 minutes from the Adams County Amish community and 10 minutes from two golf courses. The historic home has a wraparound porch, and guests have access to a private boat dock and pier on the Ohio River where one can enjoy a glass of wine and a beautiful sunset.

The Ville Guesthouse is at the corner of U.S. 52 and State Route 247. More information: the villeguesthouse.com

Heritage Ohio recognizes Murphin Ridge Inn

In 1989, Mary and the late Bob Crosset ventured into Adams County, saw the potential of the Appalachia region of Ohio and wanted to provide a place for others to stay and enjoy the beauty of the region. What sprouted from that wish was the Murphin Ridge Inn.

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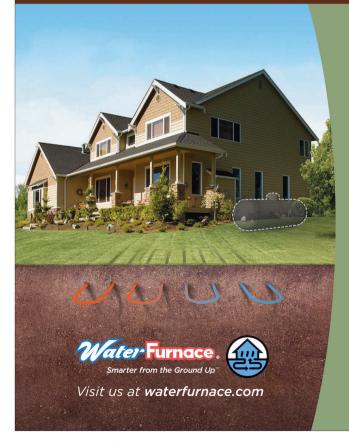
Ohio's Hill Country Heritage Area and Heritage Ohio recognized the Crossets for their efforts in heritage preservation and development in December 2017 at a Statehouse luncheon.

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Mary Crosset, who, with her late husband, Bob, started the Murphin Ridge Inn, shows her award with state Sen. Joe Uecker.

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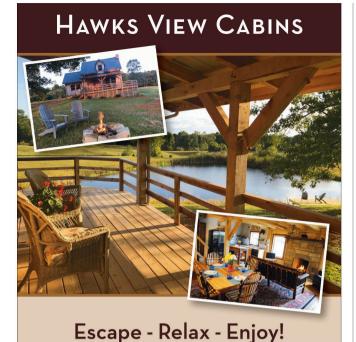
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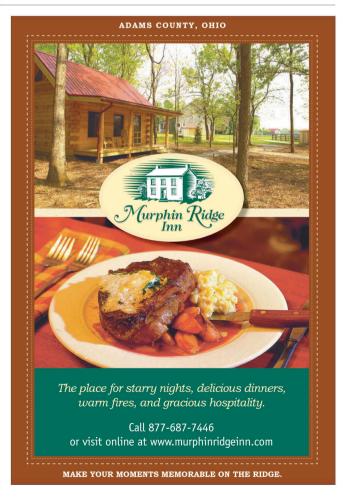














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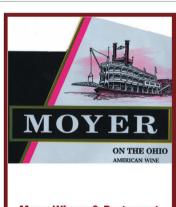
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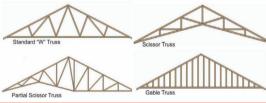
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