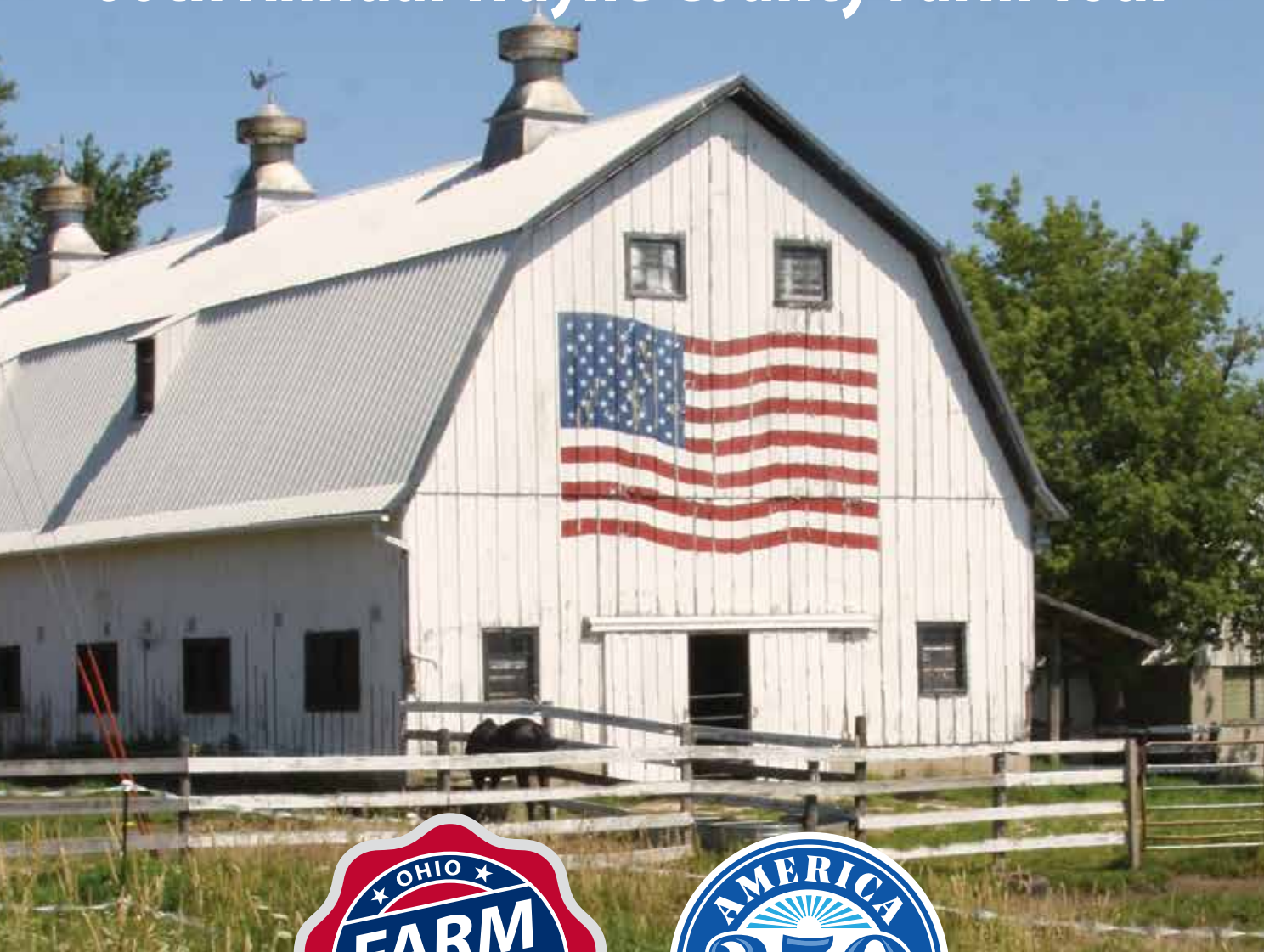


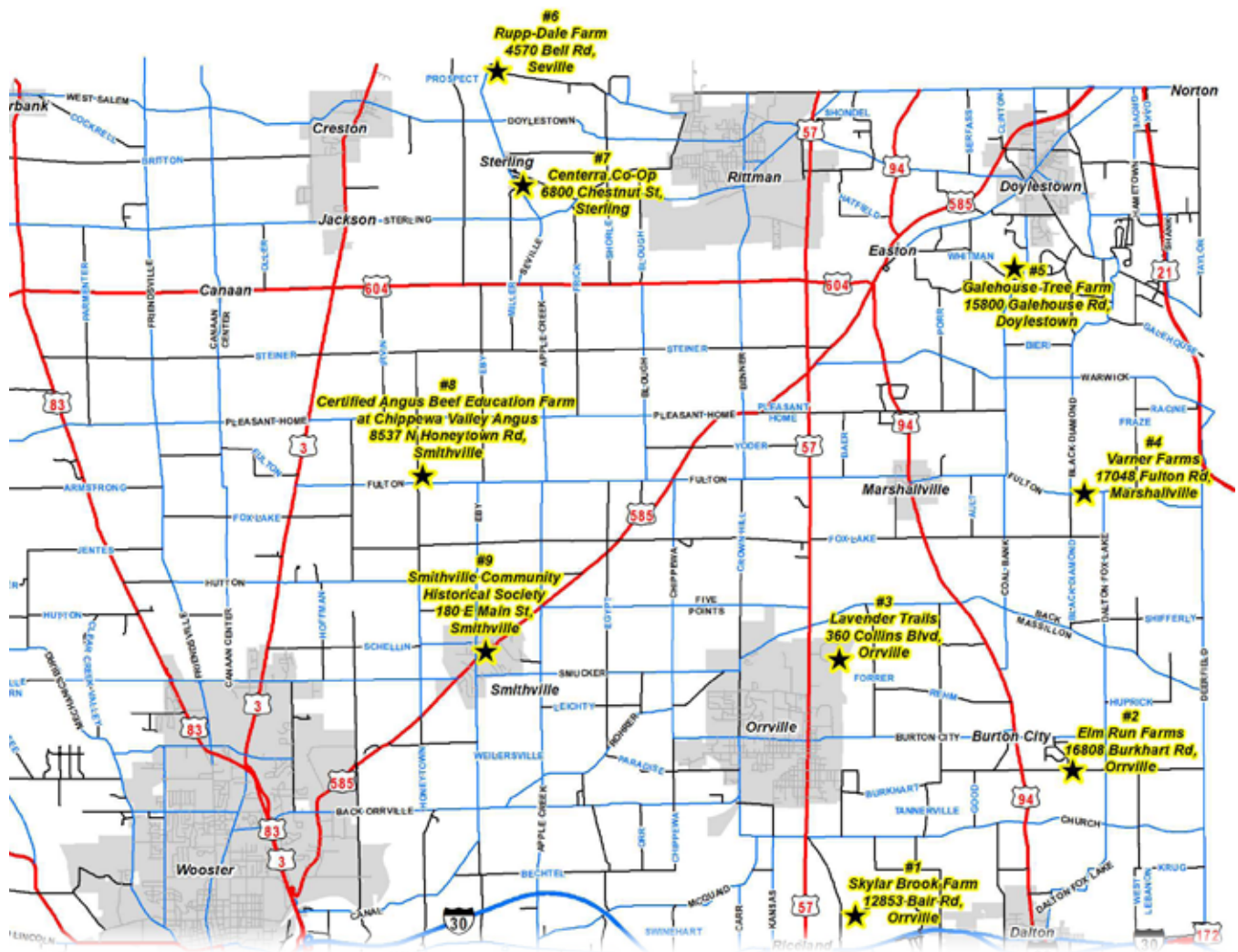
60th Annual Wayne County Farm Tour



A tour of northeastern Wayne County

Dates: October 10 and 11, 2026 | Time: Noon to 5 PM





Food offered during the Farm Tour

#1 BBQ offered by Munsey's Meats & More as well as homemade ice cream

#2 Burgers, chicken patties and hot dogs *This stop is closed on Sunday.*

#3 Upscale Variety food truck

#4 Hot dogs, chips, and baked goods will be available by donation. Warm and cold beverages will be available for purchase from local coffee trailers, Awakening Coffee Co. on Saturday and Barnyard Brews on Sunday.

#5 On the Go Gyros offering roasted lamb sandwiches, "on the go" gyros, chicken gyros, lamb bratwursts and hot dogs with all of the fixings. Food will also be available for purchase in the gift shop (popcorn, caramel corn, hot cider, hot cocoa and coffee).

#6 The Wayne County 4-H milkshake stand offering milkshakes and floats

#7 Holy Leiderhosen offering Bavarian-American fare that includes burgers, brats, fries, pretzel bites, sauerkraut balls, Dutch Babies and more.

#8 Free samples of a Certified Angus Beef brand product. Holcomb's Classics kettle corn and lemonade for purchase.

#9 BAMtastic EatZ food truck *This stop is closed on Sunday.*



As our nation celebrates America 250, we're proud to celebrate a milestone of the 60th anniversary of the Wayne County Farm Tour! According to our records, this historic tour began in 1966 with the Wooster Camera Club. Wayne County Farm Bureau assumed responsibility for organizing the tour in 1980 and has proudly continued that tradition ever since. Over the past six decades, countless members of Wayne County Farm Bureau have supported the farm tour by helping the planning committee, volunteering as tour hosts, or doing both! In honor of our nation's agrarian heritage and in tribute to the continued agricultural production in Wayne County, the committee felt it appropriate to co-list this year's Farm Tour alongside the America-250 celebrations taking place around the county. The 2026 tour offers a wide variety of stops that highlight both family-owned farming operations and agriculture-related businesses. With great food and activities at each location, we hope this year's tour offers something for everyone, no matter their age or connection to agriculture.

This year's tour takes visitors through the northeast quadrant of Wayne County featuring Green, Baughman, Chippewa and Milton townships. The scenery throughout these townships is beautiful at this time of year. The gently rolling hills provide a picturesque landscape that is an added bonus to a full day of exploring. Simply driving on these roads is relaxing and enjoyable. As you travel the route, please remain alert, as hillcrests and curves can block your vision of slow-moving vehicles such as horse-drawn buggies, bicyclists, and farm equipment. We want your day to be filled with nothing but pleasant memories. If you are one of our returning visitors – welcome back! If this is your first visit to our annual tour – we are glad you are joining us! Enjoy the day as we celebrate Wayne County agriculture, 60 years of the Wayne County Farm Tour, and America's 250th anniversary.

Sincerely,

Elmer Baer, Christian Steiner, Rachael Ramsier and Sean Fitzsimmons
Wayne County Farm Bureau - Farm Tour Committee



#1 Skylar Brook Farm

12853 Bair Rd. Orrville, OH 44667

After more than two decades of hard work and steady growth, Skylar Brook Farm has grown into a thriving 40-acre destination featuring evergreen trees for Christmas and landscaping, a herd of alpacas, and a picturesque event center that hosts weddings, corporate gatherings, graduation parties, and other special occasions throughout the year. It is owned and operated by Dave and Christy Forrer.

Visitors will have the opportunity to explore the farm through wagon rides that showcase the acres of evergreen trees while others can visit the alpaca barn to learn more about these incredible animals. A variety of farm equipment will also be on display, giving guests a closer look at the machinery that helps keep the operation running year-round.

The farm store will be open throughout the event, offering an assortment of unique alpaca



products, including clothing, accessories, and gifts. Members of the Skylar Brook Farm staff will be available to answer questions and share information about the farm's history, its animals, and the many services it provides.

The event will also feature several local businesses and community partners that play an important role in supporting the farm. Guests can meet representatives from Trent Nationwide Insurance, Shane's Bees, whose hives are located on the farm,

The Bouquet Shop, Chocolates by Erin, and Stifel Adams Reichert Wealth Management.

Food and refreshments will also be available during the event. Munsey’s Meats & More will serve barbecue from its popular BBQ trailer, while visitors can enjoy homemade ice cream produced by the farm’s restored 1942 John Deere-powered ice cream maker. Ice cream will be available in exchange for a donation.

The open farm event offers an opportunity for families, neighbors, and visitors to experience firsthand the dedication and passion that have transformed Skylar Brook Farm into one of the area’s unique agricultural destinations. From evergreen trees and alpacas to local vendors and family-friendly activities, the event celebrates

not only the farm’s accomplishments but also the community partnerships that have helped make its success possible. Handicapped parking can be found at the main entrance. All others should follow the signs to our event parking lot located just north of the main entrance.



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#2 Elm Run Farms

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Elm Run Farms has been family-owned since 1893 - for five generations. The farm has seen many changes over the years, and fifth-generation owner Ken Ressler has returned the focus back to the basics of healthy and sustainable farming. Ken has decades of experience as a cattle nutrition consultant and has seen firsthand the importance that proper nutrition has in raising healthy cattle.

We believe food should be grown as naturally and sustainably as possible. It may not be as fast and easy as modern methods, but we like to think it's the better way, and we believe it yields a premium product.

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and turkeys are raised in open-air shelters. All animals are GMO free. Chickens, turkeys, and hogs are given a certified non-GMO feed to supplement their foraging. All of our products are nitrite- and nitrate-free, MSG-free, and gluten-free.

We also make maple syrup on our farm – with over 1,100 taps, and using a traditional wood-fired evaporator. We've often been told that our maple syrup is "some of the best I've ever tasted!"

Our farm products will be available for sale, as well as burgers, chicken patties, and hot dogs for lunch/dinner. You can visit the sugarhouse where we make our maple syrup and take a hay wagon farm tour. Kids activities will be available.

Elm Run Farms is proud to provide naturally-raised food to our neighbors in Wayne, Ashland, Medina, Cuyahoga, Holmes, Lorain, Stark, Summit, and Geauga counties and everyone in the great state of Ohio.





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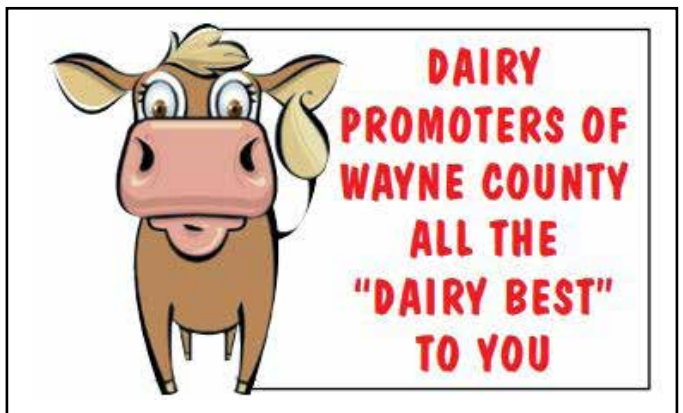
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#3 Lavender Trails, LLC

360 Collins Blvd, Orrville, OH 44667

Lavender Trails, LLC is owned and operated by Jim and Amy Duxbury, along with their two sons, Macintyre and Parker. We officially began our lavender adventure in 2018 with a purpose.

We felt the need to try and leave our own humble mark in Wayne County. We began by choosing a brownfield which is “a former industrial or commercial site.” We have a 4-acre plot of land located in the industrial park in Orrville, Ohio (only one of its kind!).

Jim and Amy are excited to welcome everyone to the farm and will be conducting tours on the hour and half hour to tell their story and answer any questions. Since they are both retired school teachers, be ready to learn more than you ever wanted to know about lavender!

Although there will be no lavender blooming in October, there will be dried lavender bundles for sale as well as some fall flowers options for U-cut and photos. We will have a scavenger hunt and bunnies on site for petting, and Upscale Variety will be serving food and drinks. Our outdoor store will be up and running with products that include lavender honey and white balsamic vinegar with lavender.

Throughout our lavender season, we supported The Alzheimer’s Association and will continue to take donations for the Wayne – Holmes Chapter.





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#4 Varner Farms

17048 Fulton Rd. Marshallville, OH

Varner Farms is owned and operated by Dan and Alissa Varner, with help from their children, Owen and Molly, and plenty of support from their extended family.

We established our farm in 2019 as a small, family-run homestead. In that same year, we began commercially growing organic gourmet garlic to sell directly from our farm, to local businesses, and online.



In 2022, we expanded by growing and selling chrysanthemums. We started with 350 mums that first year and now in 2026, we've grown to 1,400! Every single mum plug is potted by hand as a family, and then we care for them all summer

long until they are ready for sale from August through October. You can buy our mums at farmers markets, local businesses, and right here on the farm. We have a self-serve roadside Farm Stand located beside our front mum field, where customers can pull in, pick out their own mums, and pay at the stand. The Farm Stand is open seasonally from August through October.

Over the years, we've also expanded into growing a variety of fall favorites, including pumpkins, gourds, Indian corn, and other autumnal produce. These are available at our Farm Stand as they become ready throughout the fall season.

For the upcoming tour weekend on Oct. 10-11, we are excited to share our farm with you! You'll be able to look around and see what a working hobby Homestead looks like. There will be garlic-planting workshops at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. daily. We will be selling our homegrown mums, autumnal produce, pumpkins and Indian corn. In addition, our daughter Molly will be selling some of her handmade jewelry and crafts.



This also will be your Family-Friendly Fall Fun stop!! We will have a straw bale maze for kiddos and grown-ups alike, a grain pit for the kids to play around in, fall seasonal games, cornhole and other fall fun stuff. Plus, there will be cider-making demonstrations throughout both Saturday and Sunday.

Hot dogs, chips, and baked goods will be available by donation. Warm and cold beverages will be available for purchase from local coffee trailers, Awakening Coffee Co. on Saturday and Barnyard Brews on Sunday.



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#5 Galehouse Tree Farms

15800 Galehouse Road, Doylestown, OH

Galehouse Tree Farms has been in operation since 1932. The farm includes four properties with about 200 of the acres planted in evergreens (primarily Christmas trees) which totals to approximately 180,000 trees. The remaining acreage is in grain production and woodlots.

Galehouse Tree Farms employ a staff of 4 to 20 people depending on the season. Most employees are local area residents, high school and college students. During the holiday season our regular staff is augmented by additional family members.

The farm's main sales are in retail Christmas trees (cut-you-own, ready-cut, and live trees), accessories, ornaments, collectibles and gift items inside the Tree House. The farm also sells cut trees and greens wholesale. Balled and burlapped (live trees) evergreens are sold wholesale and retail year-round for landscaping and screening.

During the Farm Tour, attendees will have the opportunity to view the following demonstrations:

- Tree digging
- Shaking and baling cut trees
- Wreath and roping making
- Sneak peek tours of the Christmas tree fields that will be open during the 2026 season
- See all of the varieties we grow in our “avenue of trees”!

Galehouse Tree Farm's gift shop will be open for attendees to browse. Popcorn, caramel corn, hot cider, hot cocoa and coffee will be available for purchase. On the Go Gyros will also be onsite offering roasted lamb sandwiches, “on the go” gyros, chicken gyros, lamb bratwursts and hot dogs with all of the fixings.



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#6 Rupp-Dale Farm LLC

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Rupp-Dale Farm is owned and operated by the Rupp and Garrison families. Most of the farm is located in Guilford Township of Medina County but some property does extend to Wayne County. This is a 5th generation dairy farm and the family milks 550 cows and raises their own heifer replacements. In addition to the cows, they farm about 1,800 acres of corn, soybeans, wheat and hay. A 40 stall rotary milking parlor and 360 free stall cow barn was built in 2025. The new parlor began operation in March of 2026.

Attendees of the Farm Tour will have the opportunity to view the new cow barn and rotary parlor. Afternoon milking will take place from 2-5 p.m. The Wayne County 4-H milkshake stand will be on-site selling milkshakes and floats as well.



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#7 Centerra Co-op - Sterling Feed Mill & Sommer's Wild Bird Food

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Centerra Co-op was created in 2017 after Town & Country Co-op merged with Western Reserve Cooperative. Centerra primarily operates in northeast Ohio and western Pennsylvania. The Sterling site includes both the feed mill as well as some offices which are located in the old Maibach Furnishings building on Kauffman Ave.

Farm Tour attendees will have the chance to tour Centerra's Sterling Feed Mill, which produces some of the livestock feed they sell, but primarily manufactures wild bird seed for their Sommer's

and Nature's Blend brands, as well as for private label blends sold by third-party retailers. This location underwent a \$14 million renovation in 2023. Attendees will be able to view the robotic bagging system - a system that helps with efficiency and accuracy. There will also be an opportunity to create your own bird food blend.

Holy Leiderhosen will be offering Bavarian-American fare that includes burgers, brats, fries, pretzel bites, sauerkraut balls, Dutch Babies and more.





#8 Certified Angus Beef Education Farm at Chippewa Valley Angus

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Chippewa Valley Angus is a seedstock farm raising registered Angus cattle and was founded by Rod and Laurie Ferguson in 1992. Laurie still operates and raises Angus cattle today, and with her team at Chippewa Valley Angus sells registered Angus bulls and females every year to commercial cattlemen around the Ohio Valley Region.

Visitors will have the opportunity to take part in a wagon ride and tour of the farm every hour and taste a bite of Certified Angus Beef® brand product, while having the chance to see some of the Chippewa Valley Angus cattle on display. Holcomb's Classics will be on-site selling their famous Kettle Korn and fresh lemonade for purchase.

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#9 Smithville Community Historical Society

This stop will be closed on Sunday.

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Smithville Community Historical Society is a non-profit organization inviting everyone to experience the history of Smithville and Green Township through our events and tours.

The Pioneer Village contains 11 buildings. Live demonstrations can be seen at the Pottery, Blacksmith and Tin Shop. A mural painted by Ruston Baker is visible behind the caboose. Other buildings have displays about the 1800s and the Smithville area. A jacquard coverlet display is located in the Church of God.

Down the street is our second campus which contains the Heritage Center, the historic Mishler Weaving Mill and the Greater Akron Model

T Museum. Inside the Heritage Center is a schoolroom, camera display and Mishler family exhibit. Adjacent is a cemetery where American Revolutionary soldier John Davidson is buried.

In the Mishler Mill, guests can see rag rugs and dish towels being made on the looms. A gift shop is located there selling woven items and pottery.

Our annual Harvest Fest will be Saturday, Oct. 10. There will be harvest activities, live demonstrations, music, BAMtastic Eatz food truck and a craft vendor market. Buildings in the Pioneer Village, the Model T Museum and the Mishler Mill will be open.

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