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Take in a scenic sunrise while fishing, hunting, or camping at one of the local parks. But be sure not to miss, the famous **Preble County Pork Festival, Camden's Black Walnut Festival, Lewisburg's Derby Days, New Paris' Apple Fest, West Alexandria's Oktoberfest, Bullen Equestrian Center's major equestrian and quarter horse events, the U.S. 127 or National Road Yard Sales** -- or one of the dozens of other events. There is something for the whole family to enjoy here in Preble County!

A special thanks to the Preble County Commissioners, Rachael Vonderhaar, Adam Craft and David Haber for their support. Thanks also to The Register-Herald for producing the Preble County Visitors' Guide booklet!

We hope you visit often so you can experience everything Preble County has to offer.



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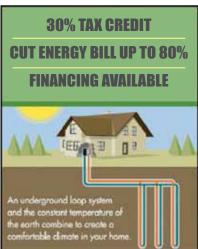
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Over the years, a total of 29 covered bridges were built in the county. Some were built for turnpikes, one for the railroad, one by a private enterprise, and some to replace original ones that were destroyed in a storm in May of 1886. After the storm, Everett Sherman, a covered bridge builder originally from Vermont, moved from Delaware County, Ohio, to Eaton. Sherman built covered bridges of the Childs truss and the kingpost truss type.

# **Roberts Covered Bridge**

The Roberts Bridge, built in 1829, is the 2nd oldest of the nation's six remaining double-barrel bridges and the only dual wagon bridge standing in Ohio. At its original Old Camden Road location, the bridge underwent numerous repairs and revisions. The rerouting of U. S. 127 resulted in Roberts Bridge being in an



isolated location, and it became the target of vandals. On August 5, 1986, the bridge was heavily damaged by fire. In 1988, The Roberts Bridge Restoration Committee started raising private funds for the project. A site along South Beech Street in Eaton was prepared and plans were made for moving the trusses. In February 1991, the trusses were placed on new footers and work on the protective covering began, mostly by volunteers working under the guidance of Architectural Reclamations, Inc. of Franklin, Ohio.



# **Brubaker Covered Bridge**

The 88 foot Brubaker Bridge was built in 1887 on what is now Brubaker Road. The Brubaker Bridge is located one mile northwest of Gratis near the Preble County Historical Society's Center. The bridge was renovated in 2006.

# **Dixons Branch Covered Bridge**

The Dixon Branch Bridge was built in 1887 to carry Concord Road across Dixon Branch, six and one half miles southwest of Eaton. In winter 1963 a windstorm damaged the bridge, destroying its roof. The Civitan Club of Lewisburg reconstructed it in Lewisburg Community Park. On July 4, 1964, Dixon Branch Bridge was rededicated during village Independence Day festivities.





# **Geeting Covered Bridge**

The Geeting Bridge, built in 1894, is the only covered bridge built in Monroe Township. The 100-foot bridge spans Price's Creek in the southeast corner of the township on Price Road, three miles west of Lewisburg.

# **Harshman Covered Bridge**

The 109 foot Harshman Bridge was built in 1894 across Four Mile Creek on Concord-Fairhaven Road in Dixon Township.





# **Christman Covered Bridge**

The 100 foot Christman Bridge was built in 1895. It spans Seven Mile Creek on the Eaton-New Hope Road near the northwest corner of Eaton. The bridge was renovated in 2007.

# **Warnke Covered Bridge**

The 51 foot Warnke Bridge was built in 1896 to replace an iron bridge. It crosses Swamp Creek on Swamp Creek Road northeast of Lewisburg. It was probably the last covered bridge built by Sherman who passed away shortly after its completion.





# **Hueston Woods Covered Bridge**

In May 2012, the Preble County Engineer's Office unveiled the county's newest covered bridge which gives the county the newest covered bridge in the state. With the addition of the Hueston Woods Covered Bridge, there are eight such bridges for enthusiasts to visit in Preble County.



# **Preble County Fairgrounds**

The Preble County Agricultural Society was founded in April 1850. The first fair was held in 1851 and was at the county courthouse while the livestock show was held on land known then as Bruce's Commons. The fairgrounds moved to various locations until 1866, when the Preble County Agricultural Society purchased 45 acres of the present site at 722 S. Franklin Street (Ohio 122.) Since 1970, there have been many improvements to the fairgrounds. Several new buildings including the Expo Building, new Secretary's Office, and the new Bullen Equestrian Center, have been erected in recent years. Today the Famous Preble County Fair boasts 4-H activities, harness racing, livestock shows, food vendors, truck and tractor pulls, entertainment, and much more during fair week, and the Fairgrounds hosts shows of all sorts throughout the year.

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# For information regarding exhibitor booths,

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# PREBLE COUNTY PARK DISTRICT

The Preble County Park District was established in 2003 and has a mission to create, preserve, protect, and manage a system of parks, nature preserves, green spaces, and outdoor facilities to be held in public ownership with a focus on local, natural, historical, and cultural resources maintained for the leisure use and enjoyment of present and future generations.

The Allen and Adaline

Garber Nature Center is Preble County's first county park. The land was donated to the county by former county resident Kenneth Garber to preserve the land as a nature conservancy in honor of his grandparents, Allen and Adaline Garber. The Preble County Park District developed and maintains the Nature Center which consists of 100 acres of mixed agricultural and wooded areas. Revenue from the agricultural products is used to defray the expenses of maintaining the property, which also includes a 12-room Garber farm house dating from 1870.

The Garber Forest at the rear of the property provides 33 acres for hiking, nature observation and

education. A mile-long loop trail and some shorter trails traverse the forest. A handicapped accessible boardwalk travels 400 feet from the rear parking lot to a viewing platform/picnic table at the Old Oak Tree, a 200 year old bur oak. The Eloo is our environmentally friendly, handicapped accessible restroom. Near the rear parking lot is the Sandpiper Wetland which was created October 2008. Ducks, herons, frogs, deer, raccoons, dragon flies, other insects, and even cattails have found the wetland.

The nature center also features a Picnic Pavilion with handicapped accessible picnic tables and the restored Garber farm house where the Park District maintains its office.

In 2016, the Wagers family donated 24 acres of land near Camden, known as the Devil's Backbone. Under the Wagers' care this area become a wildlife sanctuary with native plants and animals. The area is scenic with limestone formations and beautiful waterfalls. Hiking trails continue to be developed and the area will include a picnic area and restrooms.

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# PREBLE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY & OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTER

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Recently the society built a brand-new outdoor education and events center, to host educational groups, schools, homeschool clubs, scouting activities, small weddings, and other programs. You will also find 5 hiking trails on the property full of exploration, native plants, bridges, and a historic creek that runs through. You can also find a large outdoor amphitheater for concerts, theatre productions, dance recitals, and more. If you would like to schedule your group, small or large, please contact us to book your program. We have MANY incredible educational programs to choose from in 2024! From Pioneer Living to Beekeeping. The possibilities are endless. Our park is OPEN 7 days a week from dawn until dusk. Exhibit Tours can be pre-scheduled.





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Fort St. Clair was a regular and militia troops fort under General James Wilkinson, who built the supply post and defensive fortification in March 1792 in preparation for General "Mad Anthony" Wayne's campaign against the Indians of the Northwest Territory, following disastrous expeditions in 1790 and 1791. Built near a "fine spring gushing out of the bank," the 120-foot square palisade fort had a four-sided bastion at each corner. Future U.S. president William Henry Harrison served in the detachment that built the fort. On November 6, 1792, Miami Chief Little Turtle and approximately 200 warriors attacked a force of Kentucky militia under Major John Adair camped outside the fort. Six Kentuckians and an unknown number of Indians died in the skirmish. The fallen soldiers were buried fifty paces west of the fort, beneath, the "Whispering Oak."

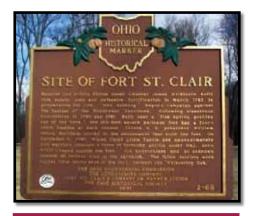
In 1921, the first Preble County Historical Society (1921-1935) was organized to plan a park at the site of Fort Saint Clair, to reclaim historical lands, and offer a chance to the young people of Preble County to acquaint them with early local history. A monument was erected at the site of the old fort bearing a bronze tablet, commemorating the historic battle on the 130th anniversary on November 6, 1922. In 1923, the State of Ohio, in cooperation with the Society, established Fort St. Clair State Memorial on 77 acres which included the original site of the fort. In 1933, 12 additional acres were acquired by the Society and deeded to the state.

The additional acreage, on the park's west side, makes up the nature preserve which is

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The Battlefield



In 1992, The Ohio Historical Society deeded Fort Saint Clair Park to the City of Eaton and, thus, it is no longer a state memorial.

forested by large beech, sugar maple and slippery elm trees with a profusion of wood undergrowth and woodland flowers. The historical area lies to the south. The major point of historical significance is the site of the fort.

To the west of the fort site is a small fenced enclosure, in which are the graves of the six men who fell in the battle on November 6, 1792. A large white oak tree stands by the graveyard and legend has it that when the wind rustles through the leaves of the tree, one can hear the story of the events that it witnessed. The tree, called "The Whispering Oak," was designated a Bicentennial Tree by the National Arborists Association and the International Society of Arboriculture in February 1976.

The recreation area lies in the northern section, separated from the historical area by Garrison Branch creek and a steep bank. Shelter houses, picnic tables, playground equipment, and restrooms are available in the area.

In 1992, The Ohio Historical Society deeded Fort Saint Clair Park to the City of Eaton and, thus, it is no longer a state memorial. The park is situated on Eaton's west side at the intersection of SR 122 and 355. It is open April-October during daylight hours. Picnic shelters can be reserved online at www.cityofeaton.org. Cabins can be reserved for events by calling 937-456-4125.

The Whispering Christmas Committee decorates the park with over two million holiday lights. The park is open December 1-31 from from 6-9:30 p.m. each evening. There is no admission charge, donations are welcome.

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www.todaysharvestfarm.com. Open Monday-Saturday, 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Seasonal produce, corn maze, gifts, wine, donuts, cider, plants and full onsite florist.

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# ANNUAL EVENTS

• National Road Yard Sales. You are able to shop at more than 800 miles of yard sales along historic US 40 at the Historic National Road Yard Sale. Typically held in late May to early June, the route spans from Baltimore to St. Louis. The National Road runs east and west through Preble County for 17 miles.

# • Route 127 Yard Sales.

The annual World's Longest Yard Sale is a popular annual event, starting on the first Thursday in August and continuing four days through the weekend, ending on Sunday. Route 127 runs north and south through Preble County for 20+ miles.

# 2024 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

\*All events subject to change, or be canceled, without notice.

# **February**

Feb. 1-29. Open rides at Bullen Equestrian Center. \$10/horse. 8 a.m.-dusk. Preble County Fairgrounds, Eaton. Details at https://www.facebook.com/bullenequestriancenter.

<u>Feb. 9-10.</u> Lewisburg Life Chocolate Walk, Lewisburg.

<u>Feb. 10-11.</u> McKinsey Cutting Horses. Indoor, Preble County Expo Center. Preble County Fairgrounds, Eaton. Details at https://www. facebook.com/bullenequestriancenter.

<u>Feb. 10.</u> Winter Farmers Market. Trinity Church, 511 N. Commerce St., Lewisburg. 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

<u>Feb. 17.</u> Forestry Hike at Preble County Historical Society & Nature Reserve. 10 a.m. Details at www.preblecountyhistoricalsociety. com.

Feb. 17. 1st Ohio Cowboy Mounted Shooting. Indoor, Preble County Expo Center. Preble County Fairgrounds, Eaton. Details at https:// www.facebook.com/bullenequestriancenter.

Feb. 23-24. Bulls & Barrels Rodeo. Indoor, Preble County Expo Center. Preble County Fairgrounds, Eaton. Details at https://www. facebook.com/bullenequestriancenter.

**Feb. 24.** Lewisburg Historical Society & Singer Blacksmith Shop Demonstrations. Lewisburg. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

### March

March 1-31. Open rides at Bullen Equestrian Center. \$10/horse. 8 a.m.-dusk. Preble County Fairgrounds, Eaton. Details at https://www.facebook.com/bullenequestriancenter.

March 8, 9 & 10. The One Act Play that Goes Wrong and An Actor's Nightmare. Produced by the Preble Players. Joy & Whimsy Depot, Lewisburg. Details and tickets at www.prebleplayers.org.

March 9. Lewisburg Life Spring Open House. Lewisburg.

<u>March 9.</u> Winter Farmers Market. Trinity Church, 511 N. Commerce St., Lewisburg. 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

March 15-17. Shaw Farm Production NCHS Cutting. Indoor, Preble County Expo Center. Preble County Fairgrounds, Eaton. Details at https://www.facebook.com/ bullenequestriancenter.

March 30. Lewisburg Historical Society & Singer Blacksmith Shop Demonstrations. Lewisburg. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

# April

April 1-30. Open rides at Bullen Equestrian Center. \$10/horse. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Preble County Fairgrounds, Eaton. Details at https://www.facebook.com/bullenequestriancenter.

April 2. Trail Club Night Hike at Preble County Historical Society & Nature Reserve. 7 p.m. Details at www.preblecountyhistoricalsociety. com.

<u>April 5-8.</u> Diamond Days. Total Solar Eclipse Event. Lewisburg.

April 7. Conservation Day/Total Solar Eclipse Event. Preble County Historical Society & Nature Reserve. Noon-6 p.m. Details at www. preblecountyhistoricalsociety.com.

April 8. City of Eaton's "Glow in the Park," Total Solar Eclipse Event. Seven Mile Park, 1601 Park Ave., Eaton. Noon-6 p.m. Visit www.cityofeaton. org for details.

April 8. Solar Eclipse Experience. Preble County Park District's Garber Nature Center. 9691 Ohio 503 N., Lewisburg. 1:30-4:30 p.m.

April 8. Winter Farmers Market. Trinity Church, 511 N. Commerce St., Lewisburg. 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

April 13. Eaton Parks & Rec's Kids Fishing Day. Free family event. Crystal Lake Park, 101 Water Street, Eaton. 9 a.m.-noon.

**April 13-14.** Preble County Chamber of Commerce Business Expo. Fairgrounds Expo Center. Eaton.

April 26-27. Camden Shop Hop. Spring Open House for Camden's five antique shops. Camden.

April 26. Lewisburg Historical Society & Singer Blacksmith Shop Demonstrations. Lewisburg. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

April 27-28. 1st Ohio Cowboy Mounted Shooting. Bullen Equestrian Center. Preble County Fairgrounds, Eaton. Details at https:// www.facebook.com/bullenequestriancenter.

**April 28.** Preble County 4H Tack Sale. Expo Center. Preble County Fairgrounds.

# May

<u>Saturdays beginning May 27.</u> Eaton Earlybird Farmers' Market. Corner of Somers & Barron Streets. Eaton. 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

May 1-31. Open rides at Bullen Equestrian Center. \$10/horse. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Preble County Fairgrounds, Eaton. Details at https://www. facebook.com/bullenequestriancenter.

May 2-5. Shaw Farm Production Spring Spectacular NCHA Cutting, Bullen Equestrian Center. Preble County Fairgrounds, Eaton. Details at https://www.facebook.com/bullenequestriancenter.

May 3. Lewisburg Life Block Party. Lewisburg. May 3. Joy & Whimsy Depot Spring Art exhibition opens. 200 W. Dayton St., Lewisburg.

May 4. Bird Walk with Tom Hissong. Preble County Park District's Garber Nature Center. 9691 Ohio 503 N., Lewisburg. 9 a.m.

May 5. Lewisburg Life Block Party. Lewisburg
May 5. Joy & Whimsy Depot Spring Art Exhibit.
Lewisburg.

May 10-12. Shaw Farm Production RSNC Sorting. Bullen Equestrian Center. Preble County Fairgrounds, Eaton. Details at https://www.facebook.com/bullenequestriancenter.

May 11. Bird Walk with Tom Hissong. Preble County Park District's Wagers Memorial Devil's Backbone Park. 1301 Ohio 725, Camden. 9 a.m.

May 11. Discover Preble County Family Game Day Tour. Preble County Historical Society & Nature Reserve. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Details at www. preblecountyhistoricalsociety.com.

May 13. Downtown Eaton Inc. Mother's Day Walk & Craft Show. Downtown Eaton.

<u>May 18.</u> New Paris Parks Foundation Car Show. New Paris Community Park. New Paris.

May 18-19. Ohio Buckskin Show. Bullen Equestrian Center. Preble County Fairgrounds, Eaton. Details at https://www.facebook.com/ bullenequestriancenter.

May 19. 4th Annual Cruise-In. Preble County Historical Society & Nature Reserve. 1-4 p.m. Details at www.preblecountyhistoricalsociety.com.

May 23-25. West Alexandria Jamboree. West Alexandria. Details at https://www.facebook.com/WestAlexandriaCelebrationCommittee.

May 25. Lewisburg Historical Society & Singer Blacksmith Shop Demonstrations. Lewisburg. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

May 25. Lewisburg Historical Society Speaker Series. 1 p.m.

<u>May 25.</u> New Paris Memorial Day Parade. Downtown New Paris.

May 25-26. BCSHA Open Show. Bullen Equestrian Center. Preble County Fairgrounds, Eaton. Details at https://www.facebook.com/ bullenequestriancenter.

May 27. Memorial Day Parades. Eaton, Camden

<u>May 29-31.</u> Historic National Road Yard Sales. U.S. 40 in Preble County

### June

Mondays. Lewisburg Farmer's Market. Tri-County North School. 5-7 p.m.

<u>Thursdays.</u> Camden Farmer's Market. Central Avenue. Camden. 5-7 p.m.

<u>Saturdays.</u> Eaton Earlybird Farmers' Market. Corner of Somers & Barron Streets. Eaton. 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

June 1-30. Open rides at Bullen Equestrian Center. \$10/horse. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Preble County Fairgrounds, Eaton. Details at https://www.facebook.com/bullenequestriancenter.

<u>June 1-2.</u> Historic National Road Yard Sales. U.S. 40 in Preble County.

June 7: Lewisburg Life Block Party. Lewisburg. 5-8 p.m.

June 8-9. Ohio Cowboy Mounted Shooting. Bullen Equestrian Center. Preble County Fairgrounds, Eaton. Details at https://www.facebook.com/bullenequestriancenter.

<u>June 15.</u> 20th Annual Buckeye Bridge Ride. Visit www.buckeyebridgeride.org for info.

June 15. Community Fun Fest/Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure Celebration. Downtown Eaton. Visit www.cityofeaton.org for details.

June 15: Ice Cream Social & Rubber Duck Regatta. Lewisburg Historical Society. Lewisburg.

<u>June 22.</u> Joy & Whimsy Depot Spring Art Sale. 200 W. Dayton St., Lewisburg. 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

June 22. Wonder Walk/Hike in Paint Creek with The Fossil Guy. Preble County Park District's Wagers Memorial Devil's Backbone Park. 1301 Ohio 725, Camden. 11 a.m.

June 28. Dive-In Movie Night at Main Street Aquatic Center. 541 W. Main St., Eaton. Visit www.cityofeaton.org for details.

June 28-30. Shaw Farm Production Big Bang NCHA Cutting. Bullen Equestrian Center. Preble County Fairgrounds, Eaton. Details at https://www.facebook.com/bullenequestriancenter.

<u>June 29.</u> Joy & Whimsy Depot Summer Art Exhibit Opens. 200 W. Dayton St., Lewisburg.

June 29. National Trail Alumni Annual Car Show. National Trail High School, 6940 Oxford-Gettysburg Rd., New Paris. Rain date, June 30.

**June 29.** Lewisburg Historical Society & Singer Blacksmith Shop Demonstrations. Lewisburg. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

June 29. Lewisburg Historical Society Speaker Series. 1 p.m.

# July

Mondays. Lewisburg Farmer's Market. Tri-County North School. 5-7 p.m.

Thursdays. Camden Farmer's Market. Central Avenue. Camden. 5-7 p.m.

<u>Saturdays.</u> Eaton Earlybird Farmers' Market. Corner of Somers & Barron Streets. Eaton. 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

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July 1-31. Open rides at Bullen Equestrian Center. \$10/horse. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Preble County Fairgrounds, Eaton. Details at https://www. facebook.com/bullenequestriancenter.

<u>July 4.</u> Party in the Park & Fireworks. West Alexandria. Details at https://www.facebook.com/WestAlexandriaCelebrationCommittee.

<u>July 5:</u> Lewisburg Life Block Party. Lewisburg. 5-8 p.m.

<u>July 5-7.</u> RSNC SFP Big Bank Sorting. Bullen Equestrian Center. Preble County Fairgrounds, Eaton. Details at https://www.facebook.com/bullenequestriancenter.

July 7. Old Fashioned Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks. Preble County Historical Society Amphitheatre. 4-10 p.m. Details at www.preblecountyhistoricalsociety. com.

July 7. Lewisburg Life Block Party. Lewisburg. July 7. Joy & Whimsy Depot Summer Art Exhibit. Lewisburg.

July 13. Tri-County North Community Association Steak Fry & Auction, Lewisburg Community Center, 4-6:30 p.m. dinner, auction at 7 p.m.

July 13. A Day in the Park. Eldorado Village Park, Ohio 726 (Main Street.) Eldorado. Craft and food vendors, games for children. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

July 13-14. Open Benefit Show for Preble County 4H Horse Program. Bullen Equestrian Center. Preble County Fairgrounds, Eaton. Details at https://www.facebook.com/bullenequestriancenter.

July 20. Lewisburg Comic Con. Lewisburg. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Details at www.lewisburgcomiccon.

July 27. Lewisburg Historical Society & Singer Blacksmith Shop Demonstrations. Lewisburg. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

<u>July 27.</u> Lewisburg Historical Society Speaker Series. 1 p.m.

July 27-31. Preble County Fair. Preble County Fairgrounds, 722 S. Franklin St., Eaton.

# August

<u>Mondays.</u> Lewisburg Farmer's Market. Tri-County North School. 5-7 p.m.

<u>Thursdays.</u> Camden Farmer's Market. Central Avenue. Camden. 5-7 p.m.

<u>Saturdays.</u> Eaton Earlybird Farmers' Market. Corner of Somers & Barron Streets. Eaton. 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Aug. 1-31. Open rides at Bullen Equestrian Center. \$10/horse. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Preble County Fairgrounds, Eaton. Details at https://www. facebook.com/bullenequestriancenter.

<u>Aug. 1-3.</u> Preble County Fair continues. Preble County Fairgrounds. 722 S. Franklin St., Eaton.

**<u>Aug. 1-4.</u>** U.S. 127 Yard Sales.

Aug. 2. Lewisburg Life Block Party. Lewisburg.
Aug. 8-10. Lewisburg Derby Days Festival.
Lewisburg.

Aug. 17-18. 1st Ohio Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association. Bullen Equestrian Center. Preble County Fairgrounds, Eaton. Details at https://www.facebook.com/ bullenequestriancenter.

Aug. 23, 24 & 25. Steel Magnolias. Produced by the Preble Players. Trinity Lutheran Church, Lewisburg. Details and tickets at www. prebleplayers.org.

Aug. 24. Old Fashioned Downtown Saturday Nite Car show. Downtown Eaton. Details at www. downtowneatoninc.org. <u>Aug. 24.</u> Joy & Whimsy Depot Summer Art Sale. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Lewisburg.

<u>Aug. 24-25.</u> BCSHA. Open Horse Show. Bullen Equestrian Center. Preble County Fairgrounds, Eaton. Details at https://www.facebook.com/ bullenequestriancenter.

Aug. 29-30. Ohio State Ponies of America. Bullen Equestrian Center. Preble County Fairgrounds, Eaton. Details at https://www.facebook.com/bullenequestriancenter.

Aug. 31. Joy & Whimsy Depot Fall Art Exhibit Opens. Lewisburg.

<u>Aug. 31.</u> Lewisburg Historical Society Speaker Series. 1 p.m.

Aug. 31. Lewisburg Historical Society & Singer Blacksmith Shop Demonstrations. Lewisburg. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Aug. 31. MHRB Overdose & Remembrance Ceremony. Fort St. Clair Park. 8-9 p.m. Contact PC MHRB for details: 937-456-6827.

# September

<u>Sept. 1.</u> Ohio State Ponies of America. Bullen Equestrian Center. Preble County Fairgrounds, Eaton. Details at https://www.facebook.com/bullenequestriancenter.

<u>Sept. 6.</u> Lewisburg Life Block Party. Lewisburg. <u>Sept. 7.</u> Gratis Car Show. Gratis.

Sept. 6-8. Ohio Paint Horse Open Show. Bullen Equestrian Center. Preble County Fairgrounds, Eaton. Details at https://www.facebook.com/ bullenequestriancenter.

Sept. 13-15. Applefest. New Paris.

<u>Sept. 13.</u> Lewisburg Haunted Caves open for weekends. Lewisburg. www. hauntedcaveatlewisburg.com.

<u>Sept. 21.</u> Historical Homes Wagon Ride. Lewisburg Historical Society.

<u>Sept. 21-22.</u> 52nd Annual Preble County Pork Festival. Preble County Fairgrounds, Eaton. 6:30 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday; 6:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday.

Sept. 28. Walk to Remember, Walk for Hope 5K Suicide Prevention & Awareness Run/Walk. Eaton Community Schools Wellness Center & Fort St. Clair Park. Eaton. Contact PC MHRB for details: 937-456-6827.

<u>Sept. 28.</u> Lewisburg Historical Society Speaker Series. 1 p.m.

**Sept. 28.** Lewisburg Historical Society & Singer Blacksmith Shop Demonstrations. Lewisburg. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Sept. 28-29. Preble County Historical Society Fall Gathering/Oktoberfest. All Day. Preble County Historical Society. Details at www. preblecountyhistoricalsociety.com.

Sept. 30. All American Quarter Horse Congress Cutting. Indoor, Preble County Expo Center. Preble County Fairgrounds, Eaton. Details at https://www.facebook.com/ bullenequestriancenter.

<u>Sept. 30.</u> Cowboy Fall Classic. Indoor, Preble County Expo Center. Preble County Fairgrounds, Eaton. Details at https://www. facebook.com/bullenequestriancenter.

# October

Weekends. Lewisburg Haunted Cave Open. 4392 Swisher Mill Rd., Lewisburg.

Oct. 1-5. All American Quarter Horse Congress Cutting, Indoor, Preble County Expo Center. Preble County Fairgrounds, Eaton. Details at https://www.facebook.com/ bullenequestriancenter. Oct. 1-20. Cowboy Fall Classic. Indoor, Preble County Expo Center. Preble County Fairgrounds, Eaton. Details at https://www. facebook.com/bullenequestriancenter.

Oct. 5. Eaton Parks & Rec Fall Family Day. Seven Mile Park. 1601 Park Ave., Eaton. Visit www.cityofeaton.org for details.

Oct. 12-13. Oktoberfest. Peace Park. West Alexandria. Details at https://www.facebook. com/WestAlexandriaCelebrationCommittee.

Oct. 19. Camden Black Walnut Festival Car Show. N. Main Street. Camden. 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Oct. 19-20. Black Walnut Festival. North Lafayette & Bloomfield Streets. Camden. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Oct. 20. Camden Community Concert. Shank Park, North Lafayette Street, Camden. 6 p.m.

Oct. 26. Harvest Fest & Creating in the 'Burg Annual Autumn Art & Music Porch Walk. Lewisburg. Noon-4 p.m.

Oct. 26. Lewisburg Historical Society & Singer Blacksmith Shop Demonstrations. Lewisburg. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Oct. 26. Lewisburg Historical Society Speaker Series. 1 p.m.

### November

Nov. 22-23. New Paris Olde Fashioned Christmas in the Village. New Paris.

**Nov. 27.** Fort St. Clair Whispering Christmas Jingle Jog 5K. Begins at Eaton High School, continues through Fort St. Clair. 5:30 p.m. Visit www.cityofeaton.org for details.

Nov. 29. White Christmas Celebration. Courthouse Plaza. Downtown Eaton. 6 p.m.

Nov. 30. Shop Small Saturday. Lewisburg.

**Nov. 30.** Lewisburg Historical Society & Singer Blacksmith Shop Demonstrations. Lewisburg. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

### December

<u>Dec. 1-31.</u> Whispering Christmas. Drive-thru lighting display. Fort St. Clair. Eaton. 6-9:30 p.m. <u>Dec. 1.</u> Lewisburg Life Christmas Open House. Lewisburg. Noon-5 p.m.

<u>Dec. 1.</u> Lewisburg Christmas Parade & Lighting at the Park. Lewisburg. 5:30 p.m.

**Dec. 6.** Christmas in the 'Burg. Lewisburg. 5-8 p.m.

<u>Dec. 7.</u> Eaton Athletic & Music Booster Music & Craft Festival. Eaton Community Schools, 600 Hillcrest Drive. Eaton.

<u>Dec. 7.</u> Holiday Open House. Brown Memorial Library. Lewisburg. 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

<u>Dec. 13, 14 & 15.</u> 5th Annual Holiday Happening: A Christmas Carol. Produced by the Preble Players. Joy & Whimsy Depot, Lewisburg. Details and tickets at www.prebleplayers.com.

<u>Dec. 14.</u> Christmas in the Village. West Alexandria. Details at https://www.facebook. com/WestAlexandriaCelebrationCommittee.

**Dec. 14.** Santa at the Caboose. Lewisburg Historical Society. Lewisburg. 4-6 p.m.

<u>Dec. 14-15.</u> Annual Jolly Days Dinners. Preble County Historical Society & Nature Reserve. 6 p.m. Details at www. preblecountyhistoricalsociety.com.

<u>Dec. 23.</u> Holly Jolly Holiday Party. Camden. 2-4 p.m.

<u>Dec. 28.</u> Lewisburg Historical Society & Singer Blacksmith Shop Demonstrations. Lewisburg. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.





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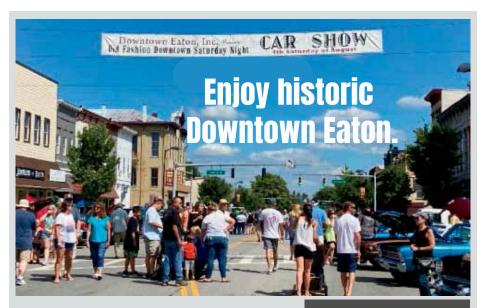
Eaton is centrally located and serves as the county seat of rural Preble County. Located just 5 miles south of 1-70, Eaton maintains a small town feel while enjoying a diverse blend of commerce, industry & agriculture.

# **Shopping & Dining**

A growing variety of shopping and dining opportunities are available, in our historic downtown area and in our more commercial district located to the north on U.S. 127. You'll find small, homegrown businesses and larger chain retailers and restaurants!

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# ABOUT PREBLE COUNTY

Preble County was established as a county in March 1808, five years after Ohio was admitted to the Union as the 17th state of the United States of America. The county was named for Commodore Edward Preble who served as the Commander of the American Naval Fleet in the Mediterranean during the Tripolitan War, as well as in the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812.

Eaton (the county seat) was named for William Eaton, the U.S. Consul at Tunis during the Tripolitan War. This war influenced not only the naming of the county and its only city, but the names of many streets and communities throughout the county as well.

In addition to the city of Eaton, there are several villages located in the county: Camden, College Corner, Eldorado, Gratis, Lewisburg, New Paris, Verona, West Alexandria, West Elkton, and West Manchester, and there are 12 townships: Dixon, Gasper, Gratis, Harrison, Israel, Jackson, Jefferson, Lanier, Monroe, Somers, Twin and Washington.

These communities are connected to each other and elsewhere by a network of roadways including I-70, U.S. 127, U.S.



There are 18 public schools in the county's five school districts, which provide primary and secondary education to nearly 8,000 children. Preble County has a new branch campu of Edison State Community College

35, U.S. 40, and 10 state routes.

Preble County has a new branch campus of Edison State Community College and several colleges and universities located in nearby counties also provide higher education, including Miami University, Wright State University, Earlham College, University of Dayton

and Sinclair Community College.
Nearly three quarters of Preble
County is farmland and it consistently
ranks in the top ten in hog and corn
production for the state of Ohio. Most of
the county's communities remain small
and the atmosphere is pleasantly rural.

Annual festivals and events draw visitors and participants from all over the state and beyond. Annual festivals and events draw visitors and participants from all over the state and beyond.



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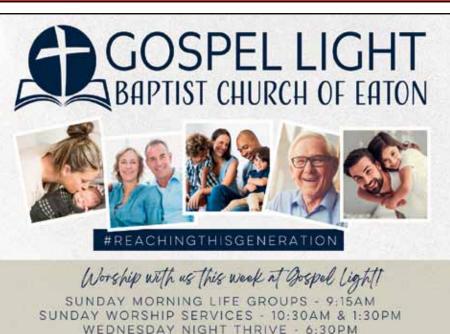
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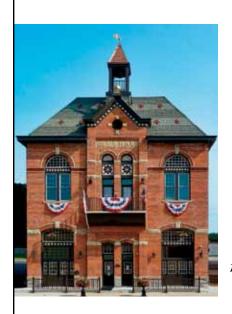
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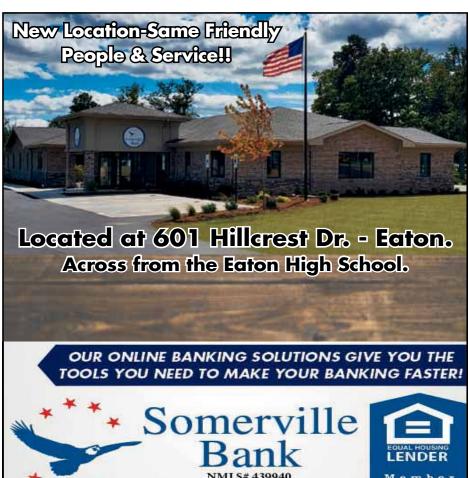
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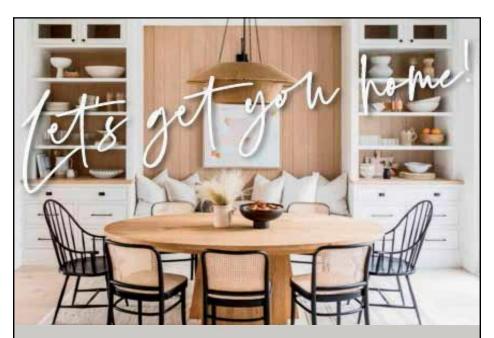
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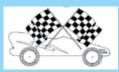
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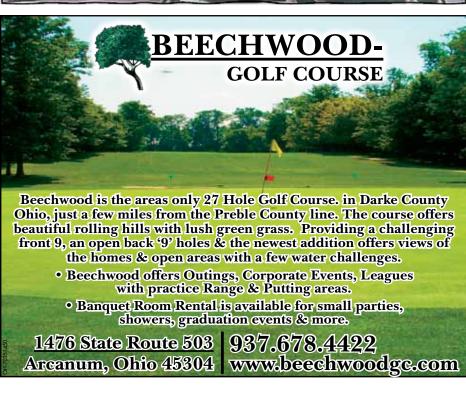
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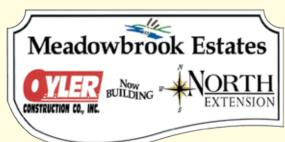
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