

# Discovery Guide 2018-2019

## Summer Moon Festival — July 18-22

The Wapakoneta Summer Moon Festival is set to take over downtown Wapakoneta and the Armstrong Air and Space Museum July 19-22. The festival kicks off on Wednesday with the Miss Summer Moon Festival scholarship pageant and continues the rest of the week. Hendy and Brother Believe Me will be performing on Thursday night. There is a car show on Friday as well as performances by Rebel Roots and The Staples. Food and drink vendors will offer a variety of tasty treats and beverages. Saturday features performances by Alison McClintock, Breakline, Minor Blues, Repeating Arms, Acoustic Edge and Another Round. In addition to events downtown, the Armstrong Air and Space Museum will have a slew of activities scheduled for the weekend. For more information, visit [Wapakoneta.com](http://Wapakoneta.com).

## Celina IC Festival — July 20-22

This festival is put on by Immaculate Conception Parish in Celina and features three days of fun, food and fellowship. It includes a prize raffle with the opportunity to win a new vehicle, kids games, rides, live music, a cake wheel and other raffles are offered throughout the weekend. Hungry festival goers will have plenty of food and beverage vendors available to sample. Friday starts the weekend off with a new and used item auction. Saturday's lineup features a cornhole tournament, Exploit and the T102 Country Star Playoffs. Sunday's slate features a cruise in as well as the prize raffle for the chance to win a new 2018 vehicle. Chicken dinners will be available on Saturday and Sunday. For more information, visit [Celina-IC.org/IC-Festival](http://Celina-IC.org/IC-Festival).



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## **Celina Lake Festival — July 27-29**

The Celina Lake Festival brings visitors to Lake Shore Park, which is near the banks of Grand Lake St. Marys. The three-day event features a variety of activities for children and adults alike. A large craft show pairs vendors with shoppers looking for hand-crafted items. A classic car show and cruise in will leave automobile enthusiasts entertained for hours on Friday, in addition to the Amphicar splash. Live music and entertainment will be offered throughout the weekend with the annual parade through town taking center stage on Saturday. Decades Band will hit the stage on Friday. Lynyrd Skynyrd Experience will perform on Saturday. Saturday also will feature a car show in downtown Celina. For more information, visit [LakeFestival.com](http://LakeFestival.com).

## **New Bremen Firemen's Picnic — July 28**

This year marks the 97th year of the New Bremen Firemen's Picnic. The event, which takes place at the Crown Pavilion, is the longest running picnic in Auglaize County. It serves as a major fundraiser for the department and helps offset the cost of equipment and vehicles. Live music, whiffle ball, corn hole, bingo and a wood carving auction highlight the schedule. There is plenty of food and drink for those looking to enjoy a summer evening. For more information, visit [NewBremen.com/events/firemen's-picnic](http://NewBremen.com/events/firemen's-picnic).

## **Uniopolis Fireman's Picnic — July 27-28**

This annual event serves as one of the major fundraisers for the Uniopolis Fire Department. Friday night will feature a car show and cruise in as well as a quarter auction. Saturday is the main event and will offer free inflatable for the kids, Bingo and raffles. Chicken dinners will be available for purchase as well as other food and beverage options, including hamburgers and tenderloins.

## **Auglaize County Fair — July 29-Aug. 4**

The Auglaize County Fair is the centerpiece of the summer festival season and takes place at the Auglaize County Fairgrounds. Each year, thousands of people go through the turnstiles and take in all the fair has to offer. From 4-H auctions and projects to a lively entertainment tent and grandstand fun, the Auglaize County Fair offers a unique array of fun for everyone. The Auglaize County Junior Fair King and Queen Coronation takes place on July 30 as well as a Cheerleading Competition in the grandstands. Harness racing tops the schedule for July 31 and August 1 while a demolition derby takes center stage on Aug. 2. Karma's Pawn will kick things off in the entertainment tent at 7 p.m. on Sunday, July 29th. The popular band Another Round will hit the entertainment tent on Aug. 5 with The Naked Karate Girls taking the stage on Aug. 4. The Monster Trucks and Thrill show will headline the final day on Aug. 4. For more information, visit [AuglaizeCountyFair.org](http://AuglaizeCountyFair.org).

## **Coldwater Community Picnic — Aug. 2-5**

The Midway will once again feature a variety of popular kids rides and games. Romer's Catering will offer chicken dinners for sale on Sunday. The festival offers a coloring contest, a talent show and a 5K run as well as a variety of other activities throughout the weekend. On August 2nd entertainment will feature Kyle Koesters and Roger DeMange & Rick Heyne followed up by the DeMange Brothers. There will be a cruise in on August 3rd. For more information, search Coldwater Community Picnic on Facebook.

## **St. Marys SummerFest — Aug. 10-12**

Taking place in Memorial Park in downtown St. Marys, SummerFest packs a lot of action into the weekend. The festival kicks off with the opening ceremony at 6:45 p.m. Thursday followed by Super and Sounds in the Park. SummerFest is widely known for having some of the best live entertainment in the region. On Friday, Shelby County Line will be performing in the gazebo and Another Round takes the stage in the entertainment tent. Saturday will see Brother Believe Me hit the entertainment tent while The Hopslop String Band performs on the gazebo. Sunday brings Agent 99 to the Gazebo and Saw Creek to the entertainment stage. The annual parade will return Saturday afternoon and will take over Spring Street. There also will be a community expo as well. For more information on all the events visit [StMarys-SummerFest.com](http://StMarys-SummerFest.com).

## **Mercer County Fair — Aug. 10-16**

The Mercer County Fair is set to take over the Mercer County Fairgrounds Aug. 10-16. In addition to 4-H livestock and other projects, the fair offers a unique blend of fun and entertainment for all ages. Kids rides and games dominate the landscape but there also is plenty of entertainment for adults. Neal McCoy and Joe Diffie will top the live performance at the fair by taking the stage at 8 p.m. Aug. 10 for a show in the grandstands. For more information, visit [MercerCountyFair.com](http://MercerCountyFair.com).



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## Bremenfest — Aug. 17-19

Bremenfest takes place along the banks of the Miami and Erie Canal in downtown New Bremen. The festival opens at 6:30 p.m. Friday with the opening ceremony at the Crown Pavilion followed by the crowning of Little Miss Bremenfest and Miss Bremenfest. The Bremenfest 5K will take place Friday night. Another Round will take the stage at the Crown Pavilion Friday night. Saturday features a slew of activities including the annual chili cook-off and mud volleyball tournaments. Karma's Pawn will close things out in the Crown Pavilion on Saturday. On Sunday, the annual Bremenfest parade tops the agenda as well as a dodgeball tournament and entertainment by The Remedies. For more information, visit [Bremenfest.com](http://Bremenfest.com).

## Waynestock — Aug. 18


Waynestock, a Christian music event put on by Wayne Street United Methodist Church, will return at 2 p.m. Aug. 19 at Skip Baughman Stadium. The event is free to the public. There will be a free will donation to benefit the Mercer County House of Hope and the District 8 Fellowship of Christian Athletes. This year's lineup includes The Young Escapem Ryan Stevenson, 7eventh Time Down and Citizen Way. For more information, visit [WaynestockLivingForTheRock.com](http://WaynestockLivingForTheRock.com).

## Fryburg Homecoming — Sept. 2

This annual event is known around the region for its famous mock turtle soup. The soup is cooked in a large kettle over an open flame. The festival also offers tasty chicken noodle soup for those who want another option. There will be kids rides and games, a kiddie tractor pull, bingo as well as hourly raffle prize drawings. The \$1,000 cash prize will be drawn later in the night. The event serves as a fundraiser for St. John Catholic Church in Fryburg.

## New Bremen Pumpkinfest — Sept. 21-22

This festival, which takes place at the Crown Pavilion in New Bremen, is the perfect fall festival. What started out as a giant pumpkin contest has transformed into a festival that now spans three days and has something for everyone. Friday offers visitors a chance to take in live music and sample offerings from food and beverage vendors. On Saturday, the artisan showcase opens and offers visitors a chance to browse handcrafted items from a slew of vendors. There are activities for children and live music inside the pavilion throughout the day. For more information, visit [NewBremenPumpkinfest.com](http://NewBremenPumpkinfest.com).





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## Grand Lake St. Marys Marathon/ Half Marathon — Sept. 29

This marquee event returns of its fourth year. Come to St. Marys and Celina to cheer on the more than a thousand participants in this race. The full marathon starts and ends in Celina while the half marathon will end in downtown St. Marys. There will be activities planned at both ending locations. Visit [grandlakemarathon.com](http://grandlakemarathon.com) for more details or to register.

## Wapak Wingfest — Sept. 22

Wing chefs from across the region will converge on the Wapakoneta American Legion Post to do battle at the 17th annual Wapak Wingfest. Vendors will be in attendance serving up their best offerings to hungry visitors. The event features music throughout the day as well as a poker run and baggo (cornhole) tourney. There will be 50/50 drawings every two hours as well. For more information, visit [Wingfest.org](http://Wingfest.org).

## Minster Oktoberfest — Oct. 5-7

Held in Centennial Park, Minster's Oktoberfest highlights the area's rich German heritage. The festival kicks off Friday with the opening of food and beverage tents as well as one of the largest arts and crafts displays in the region. Live music from the gazebo and Spass Platz highlight the evening's festivities. The opening ceremony will be held at noon on Saturday. Saturday starts with the Little Miss Oktoberfest and Miss Oktoberfest. St. Augustine's Church will host a celebration mass highlighting the village's German heritage. Live music will be offered throughout the day. Sunday will see the return of the annual Oktoberfest 10K and parade through the village. For more information, visit [MinsterOktoberfest.com](http://MinsterOktoberfest.com).



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