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Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Festival
2nd Weekend In October

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Covered Bridge Festival comes to downtown Jefferson on Oct. 8-9

BY STEFANIE WESSELL

Gazette Newspapers

JEFFERSON - The Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Festival will return to downtown Jefferson and throughout Ashtabula County on Oct. 8-9.

Activities will be held on East Jefferson Street for the two-day, free-admission festival on Oct. 8-9. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The festival includes official souvenirs, crafts, entertainment, demonstrations, contests, a parade and great food.

New activities this year include a Lego covered bridge contest, troll costume contest, baked goods contest and chili tasting contest.

"Our traditional Miniature Covered Bridge Building contest has a new twist - all entries must be made of Legos," said Covered Bridge Festival Committee President Michele Victor.

Part of the festival will be held in Giddings Park.

The festival's first Chili Cook-off will be held the Saturday of festival. Additionally, bakers are asked to bring their best baked goods to the festival on Saturday morning for the Baked Goods Competition.

New merchandise will be for sale, including a new Christmas ornament and festival t-shirt featuring Creek Road Covered Bridge in Conneaut.

Additionally, the covered

bridge throw has been newly designed and now features all 19 bridges, including Liberty Covered Bridge and Riverview Bridge.

Both days are packed with musical entertainment, including Saturday's headliner, Jess Kellie Adams.

"She brings her band from Nashville, where she has been recording for years," Victor said.

At Giddings Park will be the food vendors, Ashtabula County Bi-Centennial Bell, the Mini Bridge, antique cars, antique engines, apple-butter making demonstrations, souvenirs and the Entertainment Stage. Inside Giddings Hall will be crafters.

Across the street, the Jefferson United Methodist Church will be the location for the pancake breakfast from 9 a.m. to noon both days.

People craving their annual bean soup by the Jefferson Rotary Club may find it at the Jefferson Fire Department.

The Henderson Memorial Public Library plans to have kids' activities.

The Jefferson Depot will be open for people to tour the 1890 village from 1-4 p.m. both days.

Visitors coming for the two-day festival should be sure to stop at downtown Jefferson for some of these events in between touring the bridges in the county.

Learn more about the festival at <http://www.covered-bridgefestival.org/index.html>.



FILE PHOTOS

Alaina Shimek, Ashtabula, shows off her butterfly face paint at the 2021 Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Festival at Giddings Park in Jefferson.



Sara Wojtowecz works on a carving as part of her Chainsaw Chix presentation at the 2021 Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Festival at Giddings Park in Jefferson.



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Welcome to the 38th Annual Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Festival

As fall approaches, the festival committee and I are excited to welcome you to the Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Festival, which ALWAYS takes place the second full weekend in October! Last year's festival was AMAZING - with great weather and huge crowds, and we anticipate this year will be even more spectacular.

Our Festival is TRULY unique because we are really 20 Festivals! Each of our covered bridges has a mini festival with non-profit groups set up to promote their causes and sell some items to raise money for their organizations. As well, we have a large Central Festival in Giddings Park in Downtown Jefferson full of food vendors, crafters, entertainers, car and steam engine shows, bands, contests, children activities and so much more.

On Saturday our Parade starts at 10 a.m. with a theme of "Ashtabeautiful." Our Grand Marshals this year are Shelby and Ed Jewett, who have been Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Festival board members since its beginning almost 40 years ago! Watch for them throughout the festival!

This year our headline musical act is Jess Kellie Adams, a Nashville recording artist with a fantastic band! And we are also bringing back The Chainsaw Chix! These two ladies will perform several times, so make sure you don't miss their performances!

Another new event this year will be the addition of the Ashtabula County Jr. Bridgers, This group is comprised of children from around our county and they will be providing children's games and activities! These kids are learning about our bridges and would love to meet you at Central Festival!

We hope you have an amazing weekend and enjoy yourself and the beauty that will surround you. Please pack for the elements-don't forget your sunglasses, a jacket, and an umbrella! Come celebrate with us and find out why Ashtabula County has the title of the "Covered Bridge Capital of Ohio!"

Michele Victor

President

Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Festival Committee

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Covered Bridge Festival Parade to kick off the event Oct. 8

BY GABRIEL MCVEY

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JEFFERSON – The Covered Bridge Festival will kick off with a parade on Saturday, Oct. 8, giving the community a fun and family-friendly event to mark the occasion.

Ginger Whitehead, executive director of the Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Festival, said the lineup of this year's parade is still in the works, but in years past the parade has typically drawn a number of 4-H clubs, Scout troops, local businesses, baton-twirling groups, veterans' organizations and more.

Last year saw the return of the festival parade after a COVID-19 hiatus in 2020 and was fairly brief – and this year is looking about the same as far as participation goes, according to Whitehead.

The parade usually draws quite a crowd of onlookers along the route, though Whitehead joked she's never seen it.

"I'm down at the park, so I don't get to see the route, but

they line up to see it," she said.

The parade will run a bit earlier this year than last, according to Whitehead, with the parade lineup meeting at Jefferson High School at 9:30 a.m., kicking off at 10:30 a.m. and ending at Giddings Park at 10:45 a.m.

The parade route will run from the high school down Mulberry Street, turn east onto West Jefferson Street and then ending at Giddings Park, where the Troll Contest judging will take place at the Covered Bridge Pavilion.

Erie Heights Brass Ensemble will be kicking off the musical entertainment at the parade's end and the Chainsaw Chix will also be putting on a demonstration as well.

Anyone with small children who enjoys supporting your community, won't want to miss this year's Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Festival parade.

For more information on this year's Covered Bridge Festival parade, or to sign up a club, business or organization to participate, please contact the festival office by calling 440-576-3769.

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Friday, Oct. 7

3-6:30 p.m. - Drop off Lego bridges for judging at the tent marked "Mini Bridge Contest" in Giddings Park, by the back wall of the school building.

6:46 p.m. - Judging of mini-bridge contest

Saturday, Oct. 8

9 a.m. - Noon - Pancake Breakfast at Jefferson United Methodist Church, 125 E. Jefferson St. - Wesley Hall entrance.

9-10:45 a.m. - Drop off entries for baked goods contest at the tent marked "Contests" by the back wall of the school building in Giddings Park.

9:30-10:30 a.m. - Parade lineup at Jefferson Area High School.

10 a.m. - Festival/Craft Building open.

10 a.m. - Kids' activities begin.

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Car Show/Antique Engine Show at Giddings Park.

10-11 a.m. - Chainsaw Chix performance by antique engines area

10-11 a.m. - Erie Heights Brass Ensemble.

10 a.m. to noon - Scribbles and Giggles

10-11:45 a.m. - Drop off entries for chili contest at the tent marked "Contests" by the back wall of the school building in Giddings Park.

10:30 a.m. - Parade leaves Jefferson Area High School.

10:45-11 a.m. - Parade arrives at Giddings Park.

10:45-11 a.m. - Troll contest judging at the Covered Bridge Pavilion.

11 a.m. - Baked goods contest judging.

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. - John King as Abraham Lincoln strolling the grounds.

12 p.m. - Chili contest judging.

12-1:30 p.m. - Jess Kellie Adams.

1-2 p.m. - Chainsaw Chix performance by antique engines area.

1-4 p.m. - 1890 tours at Jefferson Depot.

1 p.m. - Cornhole tournament between the Giddings Law Office and the school building.

3-4 p.m. - Chainsaw Chix performance by antique engines area.

3:30-5 p.m. - Jess Kellie Adams

5 p.m. - Festival closes

Sunday, Oct. 9

9 a.m. to noon - Pancake Breakfast at Jefferson United Methodist Church, 125 E. Jefferson St., Wesley Hall Entrance

10 a.m. - Festival opens/Craft Building opens

10 a.m. - Kids' activities begin.

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. - Antique Engine Show.

10-11 a.m. - Church service by Jefferson Nazarene Church.

11 a.m. to noon - Chainsaw Chix performance by the antique engines area.

12-1:30 p.m. - The Two Kings

Noon to 4 p.m. - John King as Abe Lincoln strolling the grounds.

1-4 p.m. - 1890 tours at the Jefferson Depot.

1-2 p.m. - Chainsaw Chix performance by the antique engines area.

2-5 p.m. - Thunder Creek Band

3-4 p.m. - Chainsaw Chix performance by the antique engines area.

5 p.m. - Festival closes

Daily Displays

On The Village Green - Giddings Park (GPS location 100 East Jefferson Street): Official Covered Bridge Festival souvenirs, food vendors, Ashtabula County Bi-Centennial Bell, The Mini Bridge, antique cars / antique engines, apple-butter making demonstrations

Giddings Hall (behind the police station): Inside crafters

Jefferson Fire Department: Bean soup by the Jefferson Rotary Club

Henderson Memorial Public Library (54 East Jefferson Street): Kids' activities, sidewalk chalk painting

Jefferson Depot: 1890 tours from 1-4 p.m. both days



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Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Committee organizes photo contest

BY STEFANIE WESSELL

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JEFFERSON - There are 19 covered bridges throughout Ashtabula County, with the 19th bridge being the pedestrian Riverview Bridge, and each bridge has its own unique historical background.

Fall is a perfect season to start taking photos to enter the Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Festival Committee's photo contest.

The Committee holds a contest every year, and the winners will appear in the annual Covered Bridge Calendar. They will receive recognition in the calendar and will receive a prize.

As you're out taking photos, keep in mind the typical rules of the contest:

—Photos must be of complete bridges. No partial bridge photos will be accepted.

—Your name, address, phone number and the name of the bridge must be on the back of each photo on a piece of paper that can be removed. The committee cannot submit winning photos to the printer if you write on the back. Do not write on the back of the photo.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Steve Lux is the winner of the Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Committee's calendar contest, with his photo of Harpersfield Bridge.



Haley Cregut's photo of Netcher Bridge won placement on the back cover.

—The photos must be clear and up to date. No old photos will be judged.

—The entry fee is \$5.

You may submit as many photos as you would like for one fee. Entries without the fee will not be judged.

—All photos become the property of the Covered Bridge Festival.

Photos may be sent to the Covered Bridge Office, 25 W. Jefferson St., Jefferson, OH 44047.

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Bridge Activities 2022

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Caine Rd. Bridge is hosted by the Krieger family. They will have the Peterson's family doing kids' activities. There will be a bounce house. Girl Scout Troop 80014 will be doing a lemonade stand/bake sale. Donation only. The Baptist church is sending their diaper ministry. The Kreiger family will be doing hot dogs and chips by donation to raise money for cystic fibrosis. There will be a 50/50 raffle and raffle baskets.

Creek Rd. Bridge is the featured bridge this year. It will be on our shirts and is the new Christmas ornament. Creek Rd. Bridge will be hosted by Conneaut Rotary Club. They will have information about Rotary, a basket raffle and maybe selling cider and donuts, and will be selling our souvenirs.

Doyle Rd. Bridge will be hosted by Boy Scout Troop 41. The Jefferson troop will be serving fresh cobbler, coffee, tea, hot chocolate all by donation. There will be a photo setup.

Giddings Rd. is hosted by Denmark Pioneers 4-H Club.

Graham Rd. Bridge will be hosted by the Pierpont Beautification Committee and the Pierpont Community Action League during the festival. They will decorate the bridge for fall and have baked goods, water, pop, apple cider, hot dogs, chili, coffee and possibly donuts for sale.

Harpersfield Bridge will not have its usual activities during the Festival because of the construction going on. You can access the park from the north or south, but there will be a lot of machinery and pieces of the bridge around, so please be respectful of the worksite if you visit.

Liberty St. Covered Bridge: Helping Hands Farm Animal Rescue will be raising money to help care for farm animals at the shortest covered bridge in America. Donations of food and drinks by Gray's Auto Sales and Ashtabula Giant Eagle will be sold to help support Helping Hands Farm Rescue. There will be a coloring contest for kids under 12, and a Lucky Ducks game for all ages. There will also be tickets available for a Queen of Hearts game. At the bridge entrance there will be displays and props for photo opportunities.

Mechanicsville Rd. Bridge is hosted by the Zaebst family for their 4-H group. They will have baked goods, hot foods and candy.

Middle Rd. is open with no activities.

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Newly-designed Covered Bridge Festival throw includes all 19 covered bridges

BY GABRIEL MCVEY

Gazette Newspapers

JEFFERSON – Just in time for the 2022 Ashtabula Covered Bridge Festival, enthusiasts have a chance to pick up the newly-designed throw that includes the two most recent covered bridges in the county added since the last throw was designed in 2008.

Ginger Whitehead, executive director of the Covered Bridge Festival, said it had been a goal to design and make a new throw since the Riverview bridge was first opened in 2016.

The 50-by-65-inch Afghan includes both the Riverview Covered Bridge and the Liberty Street Bridge.

The 100-percent cotton throw makes for a great accent to a chair or sofa and makes for a nice, warm cover for snuggling.

The new throw is available for sale at a price of \$60 at coveredbridgefestival.org under the “store” tab.

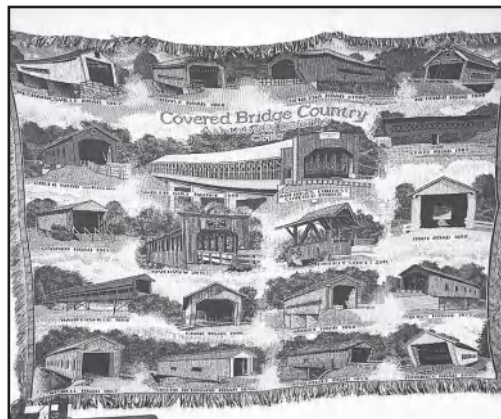


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A newly-designed throw is available from the Covered Bridge Festival now featuring all of the county's scenic and historic covered bridges.

Enjoy the festival - but please, no trespassing!

The Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Festival Committee invites the community to tour the covered bridges of Ashtabula County this weekend, but the committee also asks that community members please respect people's private property and not trespass.

Many of the bridges are located near homes or other private properties, and the festival committee wishes to continue having good relations with the bridges' neighbors.

How to enter contests

If interested in entering the baked goods contest, chili cookoff contest, Lego covered bridge contest and Cornhole Tournament, download the forms at <https://coveredbridgefestival.org/contests>.

Drop-off instructions are included on the registration forms.



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Covered Bridge Festival to feature new contests

BY ERIC HRIN

Gazette Newspapers

JEFFERSON - A Lego version of everything seems to be built these days, so why not covered bridges?

The Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Festival is getting in on the Lego craze by adding a Lego Covered Bridge Contest to this year's festival.

The festival had held a Mini Bridge Contest for years, so the Lego contest seemed like something different.

"We're hoping it will give it a different look," Ginger Whitehead, director of the festival, said. "We wanted to shake it up. And Legos is big these days."

A baking contest and chili contest were also added.

Whitehead said contestants can make anything they like in

the baking contest.

"We didn't really narrow it down for the first year," she said.

According to the festival website, people can drop off entries for the baked goods contest at the tent marked "Contests" by the back wall of the school building in Giddings Park from 9 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 8.

The website notes that entries for the chili contest can be brought to that location from 10 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. on Saturday.

For the Lego contest, contestants can drop off their Lego Bridges for judging at the tent marked "Mini Bridge Contest" at that location from 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7, according to the website. The judging takes place at 6:46 p.m.

Whitehead hopes the contests will be a hit.

"I think people usually like to enter things like that," she said.

She said the contests will offer winners ribbons.

New Lego Miniature Covered Bridge Contest set for Covered Bridge Festival

BY STEFANIE WESSELL

Gazette Newspapers

JEFFERSON - Ashtabula County residents can use their artistic sense to participate in the Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Festival's Lego Miniature Covered Bridge Contest.

The contest is new this year.

"Our traditional Miniature Covered Bridge Building contest has a new twist - all entries must be made of Legos," Covered Bridge Festival Committee President Michele Victor said.

Lego bridges can be dropped off for judging at the tent marked "Mini Bridge Contest" in Giddings Park, by the back wall of the school building, from 3-6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7. The judging will take place that night. Bridges can be picked up after the festival, between 4-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9.

There is a \$5 entry fee.

Bridges do not have to be modeled after one of the Ashtabula County covered bridges.

A registration form can be picked up at the Covered Bridge Office in Jefferson or found online at <https://coveredbridgefestival.org/contests>.

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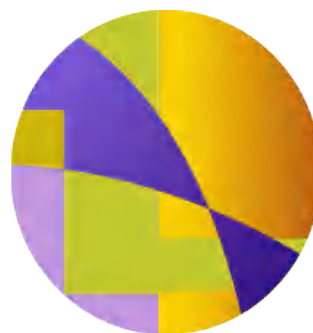
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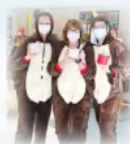


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New chainsaw carver lined up for Covered Bridge Festival

BY ERIC HRIN

Gazette Newspapers

JEFFERSON - A move opened up a new path in life for Aya Blaine.

"She moved from Osaka (Japan) to a more of a mountain environment in Japan and had small trees on that property, so she bought a chain saw," Jen Watson, founder of the Chainsaw Chix, said of the 47-year-old, who currently lives in New York. She came to America from Japan 14 years ago.

Now, Blaine, a chainsaw artist with the Chainsaw Chix, is bringing her talent to the Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Festival.

Watson said Blaine, who was born and grew up in Osaka, has been carving probably close 15 to 16 years.

A niche she "carved out for herself" is gallery-quality human faces and dog portraits, according to Watson.

Watson said Blaine, who is an animal lover and does portraits of every breed, is a skilled artist who can sketch someone in about five minutes.

"She's very talented," Watson said.

At the Covered Bridge Festival, Blaine will be doing a variety of quick-carve pieces, such as owls and cats.

Her personality is a winning one.

Watson said she's high-energy and very positive.

"She's very fun to be around," she said. "I think they'll love her. In Osaka, they're known for stand-up comedians. Everyone is always in a good mood and super fun. She brings that here."

Watson said Blaine's culture will come through, as it would with anyone.

"Everybody's culture shines through, I think," she said. "Japanese culture is centered around kindness, so I'll think you'll see that."

The chain saw carver from Chainsaw Chix, Sara Wojtowecz, who usually shows up at the covered bridge festival was unable to make it this year because she has events that overlap and has to stay in New York, according to Watson.

Ginger Whitehead, director of the festival, said she is excited about having Blaine.

"[Wojtowecz] was great, but it's always nice to have someone different," she said.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Aya Blaine will be doing a variety of quick-carve pieces, such as owls and cats.





Plenty of food choices at festival

BY STEFANIE WESSELL

Gazette Newspapers

JEFFERSON - Guests to the Covered Bridge Festival won't leave hungry, as there will be plenty of food to choose from during the two-day event in downtown Jefferson.

The Jefferson Rotary Club will be serving up its bean soup, an always-popular staple of the festival, at the Jefferson Fire Department.

The Jefferson United Methodist Church will serve a pancake breakfast from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday.

Most other food vendors will be at Giddings Park.

Enjoy gyros and sausage sandwiches? Then Fat Papi's has

you covered.

Just Wing'n It is a food truck that serves wings and more. If you are craving BBQ, give Dan's Backyard Barbecue a try. Colvin Concessions has burritos, pulled pork nachos, bbq sandwiches and more.

Twizted Eggrolls offers a "twizt" on normal egg rolls, with flavors ranging from Philly Steak to Cheesecake.

That doesn't include all of the food offered at the covered bridge locations as well.

2022 food vendors include:

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Kelloggsville United Methodist Church to hold Fall Festival on Oct. 8

Kelloggsville United Methodist Church, 4763 Monroe Center Rd., Conneaut, will hold a Fall Festival on 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday Oct. 8, the same weekend as the Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Festival.

The church's famous covered bridge chili will be for sale, as well as hotdogs roasted over a campfire. There will be a bake sale and silent auction, as well as a



live music and vendors of handcrafted gift items, such as crochet, soaps, woodcraft, dog treats, sewn items, stained glass, jewelry and more.

The church is near State Road Covered Bridge. Held outside rain or shine in the church parking lot.

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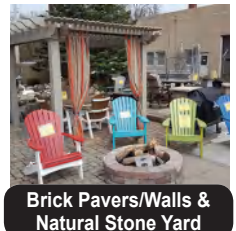


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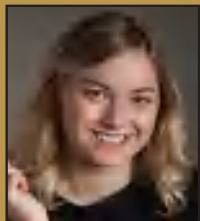


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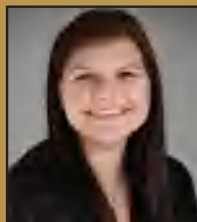
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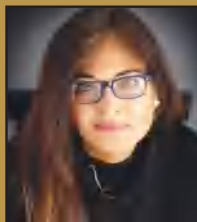
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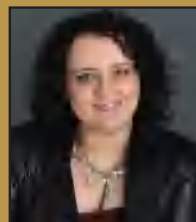
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Come and see history on display in Giddings Park at the Covered Bridge Festival in Jefferson

BY AARON CULL

Gazette Newspapers

JEFFERSON – The Covered Bridge Festival is set to take place on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 8 and 9.

The Covered Bridge Festival includes a self-guided tour of Ashtabula County's rich selection of covered bridges.

The festival will also take place in Giddings Park and throughout downtown Jefferson, where there will be food and craft vendors, antique car and engine shows and more.

One of the highlights of the Covered Bridge Festival is the Antique Engine Show, hosted by the Ashtabula County Antique Engine Club.

The show can be seen on Saturday and Sunday, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

The Antique Engine Shows will both take place in Giddings Park at the intersection of East Jefferson Street and Market Street in downtown Jefferson.

Ted Seifert, coordinator with the Antique Engine Club, gives a bit of what to expect during the Antique Engine Shows.

"There will be some of our smaller engines and tractors from the engine club grounds in Williamsfield," he said. "I say they're smaller because we have some engines at the club that literally weigh multiple tons! So these smaller engines

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Scribbles and Giggles to stroll grounds

JEFFERSON - Scribbles and Giggles will stroll the grounds during the Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Festival.

Also known as Tammy Johnson and Judy DeJong, Scribbles and Giggles are two animated storytellers. When they're not "clowning around," they are both pre-school teachers.

They have been animating stories for more than 16 years, beginning when they discovered that the children they were teaching enjoyed their storytelling antics.

"We want children to love reading, and we can help foster that by showing them that reading is fun. They step into the story," Johnson said.

"We enhance the story by including magic tricks, balloon animals, knock knocks, riddles, props and clown skits, as well as songs and games that relate to [the story]."

Scribbles and Giggles take their show on the road when they stroll the grounds and talk with children and adults.

"We always have stickers and prizes in every pocket so that even the smallest listener can take part and share a laugh or two," Johnson said.

Scribbles and Giggles will stroll the grounds at Giddings Park from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 8.



SUBMITTED PHOTO
Scribbles and Giggles, animated storytellers, will roam the grounds at the Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Festival.



Troll costume contest is Saturday

The troll costume contest will begin after the parade on Oct. 8. Judging starts at 11 a.m.

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The 2 Kings will return to the 2022 Covered Bridge Festival

BY GABRIEL MCVEY

Gazette Newspapers

JEFFERSON – Sunday afternoon, Oct. 9, will see a popular musical duo return to the Ashtabula Covered Bridge Festival for the first time since 2018 when The 2 Kings duo hits the stage.

Arnel Addun, the founder of the duo, lives in Geneva and has been singing and playing with The 2 Kings for around 15 years and playing for guitar for over 20.

The pair describe themselves as seasoned musicians who perform live without the aid of background tracks.

He's joined by Alfonso Gibson of Cleveland, on vocals and keys.

"I categorize it as easy listening, soft rock, yacht rock, R&B, top 40, a little bit of country and funk," Addun said. "We do a little bit of everything."

This year will be the third for The 2 Kings coming out to the Ashtabula Covered Bridge Festival and their first since 2018, according to Addun.

The 2 Kings is a popular act at wineries and eateries in the Geneva area, but Addun said coming out to Jefferson for the festival makes for a nice change of pace and a chance to make some new fans.

"We love it – it's a fun event to do, really," he said. "We love to play events like outside concerts. We've been doing a lot of them lately. It's a fun interaction and it breaks the monotony of playing wineries and other small gigs."

Festival-goers can look forward to hearing The 2 Kings performing their renditions of hits like Elvis' "Can't Help Falling In Love," Michael Jackson's "Billie Jean" or a very good "I've Been Waiting for a Girl Like You" by Foreigner.

Having a setlist that draws from so many favorites of yesteryear has made The 2 Kings quite popular, with a devoted fanbase coming out to their shows in the area.

Addun and Gibson will hit the stage as The 2 Kings on Sunday, Oct. 9, from 12-1:30 p.m.



PHOTO COURTESY OF ARNEL ADDUN

Arnel Addun (left) and Alfonso Gibson (right) are The 2 Kings, a popular duo playing the Geneva winery and restaurant scene for a decade and a half. They will be playing the Ashtabula Covered Bridge Festival on Sunday, Oct. 9, from noon to 1:30 p.m.

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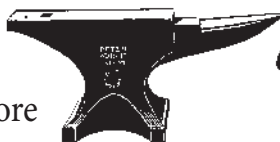
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Nashville country music recording artist coming to the Covered Bridge Festival

BY AARON CULL

Gazette Newspapers

JEFFERSON – Jess Kellie Adams, a country recording artist, is coming to Giddings Park and the Covered Bridge Festival this October.

Two concerts will be held with Adams and her band. She highlights the Saturday events by giving two performances on Oct. 8: the first at noon and the second at 3:30 p.m.

Adams is a Findlay, Ohio, native and has lived in Nashville for nine years now. She records her country music with her band in Nashville but enjoys playing concerts at local festivals and other events on top of her scheduled concerts at venues.

"We've been wanting to play at the Covered Bridge Festival for a while now," Adams said. "We've played for the Geneva Grape JAMboree in the past, but it's great that we can finally make it out the Covered Bridge Festival to see what it's all about."

Adams' music takes cues from country music favorites such as Reba and Garth Brooks.

"Our sound is what I like to call grace and grit," she said.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Nashville recording artist Jess Kellie Adams will be performing twice at the Covered Bridge Festival this October in Jefferson.

"It's good storytelling music with a positive message. We also put a lot of sass and attitude into the music."

Her album "Beat the Odds" has charted #2 on the Taste of Country charts and her music videos have been supported by CMT, along with other accolades. Her music is available for purchase or streaming on services such as Spotify, Apple Music, Pandora and other streaming services.

"We'll be playing our original material and some crowd favorites," Adams said. "The crowds always love it when we play songs from their favorite country artists that everybody knows."

"We're a high energy band that brings people to their feet," she said. "We can't wait to play for the crowds at the Covered Bridge Festival and meet the people of Jefferson, Ohio."

For more information on Jess Kellie Adams, visit her Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/JessKellieAdams/>, her website at <https://jesskellieadams.com/>

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Thunder Creek Band to play at festival

BY ERIC HRIN

Gazette Newspapers

JEFFERSON - Thunder Creek Band is returning to the Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Festival this year.

The band's bass player, Mark Lambert of Geneva, said the band played at the event several years back and is excited about coming back.

"We're very happy to be playing there," he said. "I hope the weather's good and I hope we have a good turnout."

Look for the band on the stage at Giddings Park from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 9.

Band members, all from Ashtabula County, also include lead guitarist Gary Phillips, lead singer Kenny Accord, and drummer Garry Skaggs.

Lambert enjoyed playing at the festival the last time the band was there.

"We had fun," he said. "It was a beautiful day out. We had a nice size crowd of people there."

He said the venue is "a beautiful place." He thought the structure where the stage is located is gorgeous.

This year, the band will be playing its selection of oldies rock, rockabilly and country.

"We've got a wide variety," he said.

He said there are some crowd favorites.

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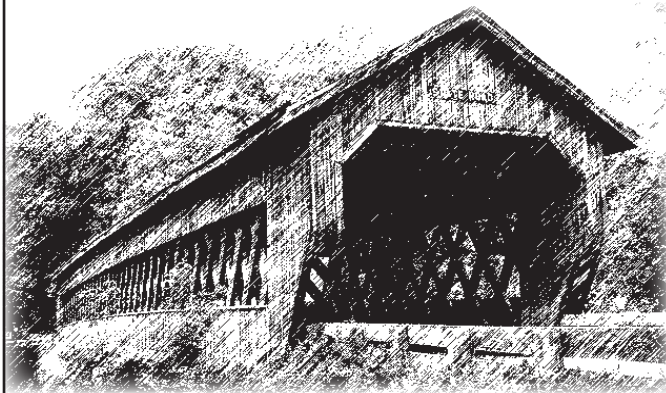
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The band Thunder Creek played at the Harpersfield Volunteer Fire Department's Community Day in July. They are, left to right, Kenny Accord, Gary Phillips, Garry Skaggs and Mark Lambert.

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Erie Heights Brass Ensemble makes their Covered Bridge Festival return

BY AARON CULL

Gazette Newspapers

JEFFERSON – The Covered Bridge Festival will be held on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 8 and 9, throughout downtown Jefferson.

The Covered Bridge Festival includes a self-guided tour of Ashtabula County's extensive covered bridges. Follow the tour to experience the best that Ashtabula County has to offer.

The festival will be taking place in Giddings Park and the immediate area surrounding the park.

The Erie Heights Brass Ensemble will be playing at the Covered Bridge Festival on Saturday, Oct. 8, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Come out and experience their unique sound as they play songs themed to color. Hear such favorites as "The Pink Panther Theme" and "Follow the Yellow Brick Road" and other song titles with colors in them.

The concert will be taking place at the main stage, which is the covered bridge stage at Giddings Park.

Richard SESCO, band leader and trumpet player for Erie Heights Brass Ensemble, is "glad to be back this year at the Covered Bridge Festival."

"We've been playing since 1999 in the Ashtabula County area," SESCO said. "We particularly enjoy playing at the Covered Bridge Festival because of the enclosed stage. We don't get south of Ashtabula too much, so this is a great opportunity for us to reach people in the southern parts of the county."

The Erie Heights Brass Ensemble is unique from other brass ensemble in that they have a sixth member, changing the sound and how the band rearranges their music to perform.

"We play more in a British Tenor Horn or Flugel Horn style," SESCO said. "This gives us a unique sound compared to other quintuplets that play to five pieces. We also rearrange a lot of popular music, in contrast to the typical classical music that you usually hear from brass ensembles."

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Erie Heights Brass Ensemble - left to right: Chris Sherman (Euphonium); Richard SESCO (Trumpet); Bridget Sherman (Trombone); Angie Laney (Trumpet); Tom Stevenson (French Horn); and Andy Stevenson (Tuba).



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Abe Lincoln will stroll the grounds at the Covered Bridge Festival

JEFFERSON - If you come to the Covered Bridge Festival, you may find yourself shaking hands with Abraham Lincoln. Or at least a gentleman that looks a whole lot like him.

John King of Ashtabula has been portraying President Abraham Lincoln since the 1980s when he first donned a borrowed hat and coat and entertained his third-grade students with a short lesson on the sixteenth president.

"I grew a beard for the first time in 1983 or '84, and a gentleman who would do parades as Lincoln said I looked like Lincoln and ought to do it also," King said.

The gentleman told King he could borrow his hat and coat, and so for Lincoln's birthday that year, that is what he did.

In 2009, King was doing a program at the Country Club retirement center and met a couple there portraying President Garfield and his wife, Lucretia R. Garfield. They invited King to join their group of historical re-enactors called We Made History. His first program with the group was at a "Dinner With the Presidents" in Mentor, OH. The group now has five presidents and three first ladies. King's wife Marian often joins him as Lincoln's wife, Mary Todd Lincoln.

King has spent hours researching Abraham Lincoln's life over the years and continues to do so. To develop the program that he shares, he uses information from a presentation he attended by Jim

Getty, a renowned Lincoln actor and historian from Gettysburg. He has also read numerous books on the subject and is always on the lookout for more books about Lincoln that he hasn't read yet. "I am constantly learning more about Lincoln,

his life, education, political skills, family in Springfield, Il., and the White House, his generals and the Civil War," King said. "I want to share what a brilliant man he was, his love for his family, his country, how he was able to save the Union." He also likes to share little known facts about Lincoln. For example, he is the only president to have a patent for an invention. It is also interesting to know that it was during Lincoln's administration that "In God We Trust" was first put on a two-cent coin.

Over the years, King has attended many events as the sixteenth president. He has appeared at Civil War re-enactments, parades, school programs, quilt shows, historical groups, churches, club meetings, lodges and special dinners with the President at



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John W. King portrays Abraham Lincoln.

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Dinner in the Bridge Fundraiser held annually

The Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Festival started having a yearly fundraiser dinner in 2018. For the first two years, it was held in Riverview Bridge in Indian Trails Park thanks to permission from the Ashtabula Township Parks Commission.

The dinner was canceled in 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic, but it returned in 2021 bigger and better than ever – literally.

For the first time, the dinner was held in the Smolen-Gulf Bridge, the longest covered bridge in the U.S.

The Big Dinner in the Bridge honored former Ashtabula County Engineer John Smolen, the architect of many covered bridges throughout the state.

The 2022 dinner also was held in the Smolen-Gulf Bridge, a fun evening with a theme of Boots & Bling.

The food is great, and there are lots of gift baskets in the Chinese Auction. The board is tossing around ideas to make this event even more fun next year.

The tickets sell out quickly, so watch the Covered Bridge Festival Facebook page in the spring for announcements!

Classic cars and trucks featured in the Covered Bridge Festival parade and Classic Car and Truck Show

BY AARON CULL

Gazette Newspapers

JEFFERSON – The Covered Bridge Festival is set for Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 8 and 9, and will feature a number of activities and features, including a classic car and truck show.

The car and truck show will be held at Giddings Park in downtown Jefferson starting at 10 a.m. and concluding at 5 p.m.

The show is open to all antique cars and trucks, and there will be a commemorative car plaque to the first 100 cars registered with the car show.

Registration is free and begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 8.

Judging for “Best of Show” and “People’s Choice” will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, and the results will be announced at 5 p.m.

“Last year’s car and truck show was very well attended,” said Michele Victor, president of the Covered Bridge Festival Committee. “We had over 70 registered cars last year and we anticipate even more this year.”

Ted Seifert, coordinator for the Ashtabula County Antique Engine Club, who is also at the Covered Bridge Festival, said, “We share a time slot with the car and truck show on Saturday and it usually has a very good turnout.”

“Come enjoy food, music, crafts, live entertainment and kids activities at the Covered Bridge Festival,” said Victor. “If you register your car in the car and truck show, you can drive in the Festival Parade on Saturday!”

For more information on the classic car and truck show, call the Covered Bridge Festival office at (440) 576-3769 or visit their website at <https://coveredbridgefestival.org/>



Stop by the South Denmark Road Covered Bridge

BY GABRIEL MCVEY

Gazette Newspapers

DENMARK TOWNSHIP – While the road may pass by one of Ashtabula County's most scenic covered bridges, visitors to the Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Festival Oct. 8 and 9 should make a point not to pass this little bridge by.

The South Denmark Road Bridge spans Mill Creek in Denmark Township. The bridge, one of 16 currently drivable bridges in the county, is a single span Town truss design. Bypassed in 1975, the bridge still remains open to light traffic.

The bridge spans Mill Creek a bit over three miles southeast of Jefferson. People living near the bridge used to call it Williams Corners Covered Bridge, after a byname for the unincorporated community there.

There isn't much recorded history of the lattice-type bridge. It was built in 1895. There was speculation it was built from one that originally stood in the same spot.

The bridge spans 76 feet and is 100 feet long, 13 feet, three inches wide and is 11 feet high.

Covered bridge construction became popular in America after the Revolutionary War, with those first constructed being very simple structures. The need for heavier, more substantial structures brought about the construction types now seen in Ashtabula County. Most have endured the test of time, lasting more than 100 years.

In 1975, the county engineer's office undertook an extensive

project, bypassing the bridge, a move that preserves it for future generations to enjoy. It remains open to light traffic.

The South Denmark Road Bridge is on the registry of the Ohio Historical Society. It is unpainted except the entrance portals, which are white. It has a shingled roof. The interior is not painted.

According to Ginger Whitehead, executive director of the Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Festival, the Alleghany Chapter of the Gold Panners' Association will be coming on as host and sponsor for the South Denmark Road Bridge in 2022 and will be teaching visitors to pan for gold, as well as showing and selling gold-panning equipment.



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The South Denmark Road Bridge spans Mill Creek in Denmark Township. Built in 1895, The bridge spans 76 feet and is 100 feet long, 13 feet, three inches wide and is 11 feet high.

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East Plymouth Grange to host the Smolen Gulf Covered Bridge, the nation's longest

BY GABRIEL MCVEY

Gazette Newspapers

ASHTABULA AND PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIPS – Visitors to the Smolen-Gulf Bridge during the Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Festival will have a chance to see the nation's longest covered bridge, take in the scenic view from the walkways along the bridge, on the Riverview Bridge running below it and to meet and greet members of the East Plymouth Grange, who will be hosting the bridge again this year.

Denise Hodges, a member of East Plymouth Grange, said visitors will have a chance to purchase hot dogs, chicken patty sandwiches and drinks.

"Weather permitting, we have Will Paedon coming to display arrowheads," she said. "Then on Sunday we'll have Mr. (John) Smolen help the Grange serve since he's one of our members, but he's also the designer of the bridge.

Some vendors will be present as well, including some local Scouts who will be selling deep-fried elephant ears.

"On Sunday, weather permitting, we'll also have some mini horses," Hodges said.

The horses are being brought in by Jan Sharp's Little Pony Express and Pinto Park – only a few miles from the bridge, according to Hodges.

The Smolen-Gulf Bridge was conceived by former Ashtabula County Engineer John Smolen in 1995 and construction was completed in 2008. The new, covered bridge replaced a smaller steel span built in 1949 at the bottom of the gorge, which itself had replaced the Crooked Gulf Covered Bridge, built in 1867.

Construction began mid-summer of 2006 with land clearing and earthen work. From August 2006 to July 2007, 171,000 cubic yards of earth were moved into place to provide the roadway to the new structure. The bridge piers and abutments comprised 3,500 tons of concrete and nearly 250 tons of steel were used for reinforcement. The timber structure used 51,000 cubic feet of lumber or 613,000 board feet. This was enough

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The Smolen-Gulf Bridge is the longest in the U.S. and the fourth longest in the world. It was conceived in 1995 and construction was completed in 2008. The bridge spans the Ashtabula River over a 93-foot-deep gorge separating Ashtabula and Plymouth townships on State Road.

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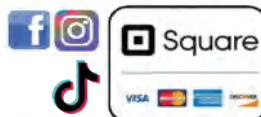


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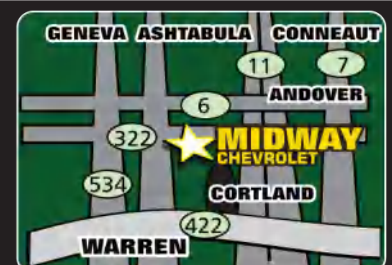
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Creek Road bridge to be featured on ornament

BY BOB ETTINGER

Gazette Newspapers

JEFFERSON – There are a lot of facts and history floating around regarding Ashtabula County's covered bridges. However, exact historical information regarding the Creek Road covered bridge is lacking.

"It's the one bridge even local historians haven't been able to pinpoint a date on," Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Festival Director Ginger Whitehead said. "It's a very cool bridge. It's right next to Camp Pete, the Boy Scout camp. The Boy Scouts have put up benches so people can sit and look at the bridge. It's a beautiful bridge."

The Creek Road Bridge will be the bridge featured on souvenir Christmas tree ornaments and the Covered Bridge Festival T-shirts being sold this year.

"This year, we're doing Creek Road," Whitehead said. "Sometimes, a bridge is having an anniversary, so we'll pick that one. There's nothing this year and we don't know the date for the Creek Road bridge, so we chose that one."

Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Festival ornaments and T-shirts can be purchased at the organization's office at 25 W. Jefferson St. in Jefferson or through the website at <https://ashtabula-county-covered-bridge-festival.square.site/>. The newest ornaments can be bought at each of the bridges celebrating the festival on Oct. 8 and 9 and select ornaments from years past can be found at each of the bridges.

"We will have the new one at every bridge, then select ones

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Festival coming to Graham Road

BY BOB ETTINGER

Gazette Newspapers

PIERPONT TOWNSHIP – Tucked along State Route 7 between Conneaut and Andover, Pierpont Township is a place most people pass through on their way from to the other. The Pierpont Community Action League and the Pierpont Beautification Committee are teaming up



to make sure those passing through understand there's a reason to stop and visit the township as they host the Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Festival at the Graham Road covered bridge.

"It is nice to see what's out in the countryside and, what's down the back roads and what's right around the corner," PCAL Treasurer Barb Culp said. "I think about this a lot when I go to places like New York City. We don't spend time looking at things. We have to slow down and appreciate the beauty of what we have right next door to us."

The Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Festival will take place at covered bridges across the county Oct. 8 and 9 with the Graham Road Bridge portion of the festival taking place at the bridge from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days.

Pulled pork and hot dogs will be on sale and assorted baked goods will be available. The bridge will also be decorated for those who would like to take pictures.

"We're trying to focus on baked items like pies and pumpkin rolls," Culp said. "I've been trying to talk them out of doing things like chocolate chip cookies because everyone has those. We're trying to emphasize pies and slices pie. We'll have elderberry, apple, I'm sure, pumpkin, maybe a raisin and possibly others."

The bridge will be dressed up by the evening of Oct. 7, so it's a good place for high school kids to visit for a special occasion.

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Harpersfield Covered Bridge down as part of project

BY ERIC HRIN

Gazette Newspapers

HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP - Those attending the Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Festival will have to take one bridge off their list.

As part of a massive rehabilitation project, the Harpersfield Covered Bridge has been disassembled.

"Obviously with renovation work underway with the Harpersfield Covered Bridge, residents and visitors alike will not be able to see the bridge in all its glory during the festival," county Commissioner Casey R. Kozlowski said. "However, we are excited to see that this restoration work is underway and once complete it will be back up and operation for all to visit and enjoy."

Workers have been busy on the project.

According to Charlie Severino, project superintendent with Union Industrial Contractors, most of the disassembly had to be done by hand because of the bridge's historic nature.

"These trusses were built in 1862," he said.

While the bridge will get all new piers and steel I beams as part of the project, the original trusses for the sidewalls will be used again.

"Now, there was a rehab done back in the '90s," Severino said. "Some of the wood is from the '90s, but for the most part,



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This view shows the empty space where the Harpersfield Covered Bridge sat. It's now been disassembled as part of a rehabilitation project.

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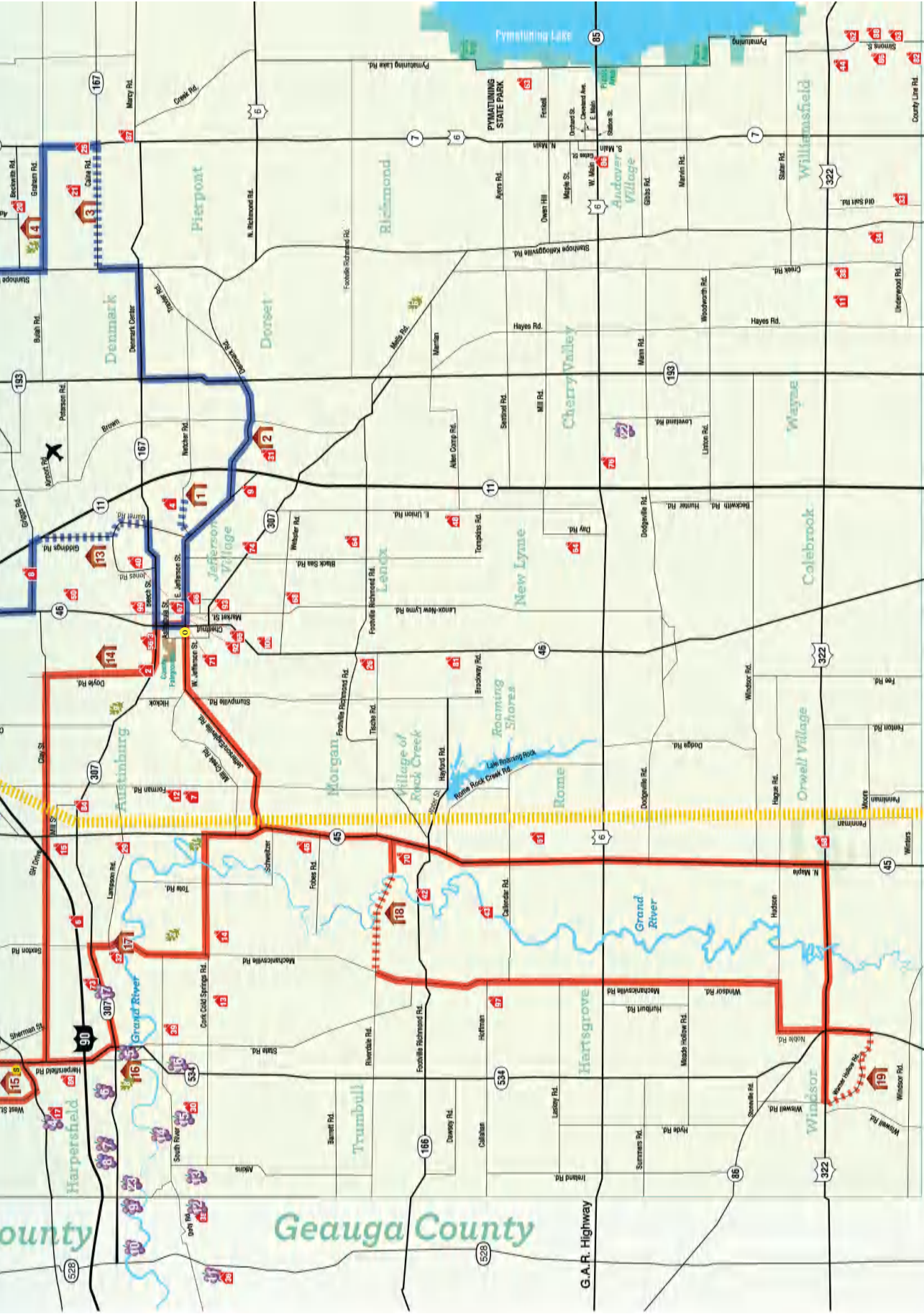
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What bridge lacks in size, it makes up for in charm

BY ERIC HRIN

Gazette Newspapers

GENEVA - Visitors just can't get enough of the West Liberty Street Covered Bridge in Geneva when the Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Festival rolls around each September.

"They love it," Jennifer Gray of Jefferson Township, host for the festival at the bridge, said. "They think it's adorable. They like the little toll house next to it."

The bridge is famous for being the shortest covered bridge in the United States, with a span of only 18 feet.

"Its design is one of a kind," the Ashtabula County Visitors Bureau states on its website.

Gray said it's a popular spot for photos.

Some people visiting the bridge during festival time come from far away.

According to Gray, some visitors from England stopped by one year while touring wine country.

"It's fun," she said of the annual celebration at the tiny bridge. "You get to meet a lot of different people from around the country and the world."

She said the visitors like the design of grape vines in the concrete, which she said reminds them they're in wine country.

Some even like to hear the train go by on the tracks next to the bridge.

At this year's festival, The Helping Hands Farm Animal Rescue, based in the Plymouth Township area, will have a



PHOTO BY ERIC HRIN

A vehicle drives through the West Liberty Street Covered Bridge in Geneva, which will be the site of activity during the Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Festival.

Queen of Hearts and a Lucky Duck Game fundraiser at the event, with the proceeds used to help the organization take care of their rescue animals.

Helping Hands will also have food and drinks for sale, such as hot dogs, snacks, water and pop.

In addition, Gray will be at the covered bridge to represent

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The Depot acquired one of its newest original buildings (a one-room schoolhouse from Austinburg Township) in 2009. Rehabilitation of the building is ongoing.

The museum is open 1-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday during the festival.



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BY BOB ETTINGER

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MONROE TOWNSHIP – As hard as it may be to believe, there are people who have never eaten a hot dog they've cooked over a fire.

The Monroe Township Fire Department is offering those folks a chance to do just that as part of the Covered Bridge Festival at the State Road Bridge Oct. 8 and 9 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

It's the third year the department has hosted the festival at the bridge.

"We wanted to reach out to the community and show them we're here and what we do," Monroe Township Fire Department Chief Jason Coy said. "It will also be a fundraiser for us."

The department is giving away hot and buns and are renting out the sticks to cook them.

"We have a little campfire and people can cook their hot dogs and S'mores," Coy said. "It's a donation. They can cook over the fire for \$1. We give them the hot dogs and rent them the sticks."

Many people cook their first hot dogs over a fire at the festival.

"It's amazing the number of people who get to come out

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The State Road Covered Bridge was built in 1983, replacing an iron bridge, which itself had replaced a covered bridge that stood from 1831 to 1898.

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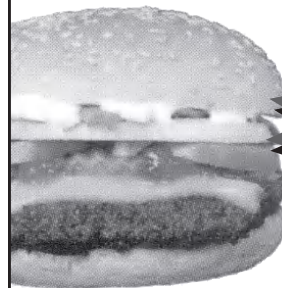
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Ashtabula County is home to 19 covered bridges, but not all covered bridges have survived the years. Ashtabula County reportedly has had 62 covered bridges historically.

Listed below are some of these former bridges.

- Graham Road Bridge - You can still visit this bridge, but it's no longer in service. Graham Road Bridge is a covered bridge which formerly spanned the west branch of the Ashtabula River in Pierpont Township, Ashtabula County, Ohio, United States. Built from remnants of a former covered bridge that was damaged in a flood in 1913, the bridge now sits in an Ashtabula County MetroPark along the south side of Graham Road, near its original site, and is a single span Town truss design. Relocated in 1972, it is no longer open to vehicle traffic.

- The South Ridge Road Covered Bridge spanned the Conneaut Creek in Kingsville.

- In Kelloggsville, there were four covered bridges over the Ashtabula River within four miles of each other.

- The Pierpont Covered Bridge was north of Pierpont on State Route 7.

- The Callender Road Covered Bridge, lost in the flood of 1913, spanned the Grand River near Rock Creek.

- The Muller Covered Bridge in Jefferson.

- A two-lane covered bridge was located on State Route 45 in Rock Creek; after a century it was replaced in 1948.

- The Old Route 7 Covered Bridge, over the Conneaut Creek in what is now Conneaut, was built in 1867 and replaced in 1925.

- The Twin Covered Bridges of Farnham spanned the Conneaut Creek in what is now Conneaut.

- The Kelloggsville Covered Bridge spanned the Ashtabula River south of Kelloggsville.

- The Prim's Sawmill Covered Bridge.

- The Forman Road Covered Bridge in Eagleville (near Austinburg) is now part of Covered Bridge Pizza in North Kingsville and Andover. In 1974, the 123-foot Town lattice structure, which had been built in 1862 was sold for \$5, cut in half, dismantled, and reassembled in the two locations.

- The Fobes Road Covered Bridge or Shaunghum Covered Bridge was a 118-foot Town lattice structure that carried Fobes Road over the Grand River in Ashtabula County, Ohio. Built in 1911, the bridge was unique in that it was built without abutments, but rather sat on wooden pilings. In the 1960s a runaway truck struck the south portal of the bridge, causing severe damage that forced the bridge's permanent closure. In May 1971, the bridge was deliberately burned by Ashtabula County officials. WGCN No. 35-04-21.



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- The Furnace Road Covered Bridge spanned Conneaut Creek in Conneaut.
- The Crooked Gulf Covered Bridge was the first one to span the Ashtabula River.
- The Wayne Township Covered Bridge was on U.S. Route 322.
- The South Windsor or Old Plank Road Covered Bridge carried South Windsor Road across the Grand River in Windsor Township, Ashtabula County Ohio. Built in 1870, the 90-foot Town lattice structure was destroyed by fire on the night of October 2, 1970. The fire was determined to be an act of arson, during which the perpetrator(s) piled tires within the bridge and set them afire.



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A two-lane covered bridge was located on State Route 45 in Rock Creek; after a century it was replaced in 1948.

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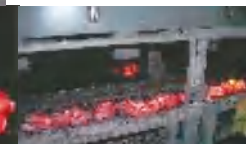
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Covered bridges boost tourism in Ashtabula County *Having the longest and shortest covered bridges in the nation are a bonus*

BY STEFANIE WESSELL

Gazette Newspapers

JEFFERSON - The covered bridges of Ashtabula County are one of the biggest tourism draws in the county - and not just during the annual Ashtabula Covered Bridge Festival weekend.

People visit the covered bridges year round.

With 19 covered bridges, Ashtabula County has the most public covered bridges of any county in Ohio. With the help of signs along the way, people take self-driven tours of the bridges throughout any season of the year, whether it's winter, spring, summer or fall.

Whether they're covered in snow, surrounded by flowers in the spring or backdropped by fall leaves, the covered bridges are just as beautiful.

And they're always open.

The bridges also are part of the backdrop of Ashtabula County, as people drive through them to get to the wineries, museums and other tourism destinations.

Having the Smolen-Gulf Bridge, the longest covered bridge in the nation, and now the Liberty Bridge, the smallest covered bridge in the nation, only enhances that.



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The Root Road Covered Bridge is just one of 19 bridges in the county.

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Jefferson church to host festival service

BY BOB ETTINGER

Gazette Newspapers

JEFFERSON – The Jefferson Church of the Nazarene is taking its Sunday service on the road for the Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Festival. To be more accurate, the church is taking its service to the park.

“We’re excited about it,” Jefferson Church of the Nazarene Office Administrator Linda Masirovits said. “We’re telling everybody that church is leaving the building. We’re going to Giddings Park.”

Pastor Curtis Cecil will be hosting a service at the pavilion in Giddings Park in Jefferson at 10 a.m. Oct. 9 as part of the Covered Bridge Festival.

“People can dress casual,” Masirovits said. “It’s a very casual, laid-back atmosphere for people to come and worship with us.”

It will be the second time the church will take part in the festival.

“I believe, last year, we were asked by the Covered Bridge Festival Committee to do it,” Masirovits said. “I think we were asked to do it again this year.”

“Last year, he tied his message to the covered bridges,” Masirovits said. “It’s not a full sermon. It will be more of a devotional. We’ll also have a table set up and we’ll be giving away a lot of brochures and fliers about our ministries.”

Visitors can bring blankets or lawn chairs and sit on the lawn for the service.

“It’s such a laid-back atmosphere,” Masirovits said. “It’s so relaxed. I enjoy bringing a lawn chair and a cup of coffee or a bottle of water to enjoy the service.”

The service will hold meaning.

“I don’t know if it’s more meaningful,” Masirovits said. “But, it will be meaningful. It will be something different and it will be meaningful.”

The public is welcome to attend regardless of its church affiliation.

“Anybody is welcome,” Masirovits said. “It’s a free event. Last year (during the festival), we had free games and event for families to participate in. We’re trying to be a church that’s out in the community and not just inside the four walls of our building. It’s just a lot of fun.”

Participating has special meaning for Masirovits, who has participated in the festival since its inception.

“I worked 30 years in the Ashtabula County Engineer’s office,” Masirovits said. “My husband worked there 40 years. We’ve been involved in the festival since the very first one. It’s extra special for me to be able to do this.”

The church is just as excited as Masirovits is to be involved in the festival.

“I can’t say enough about how excited we are to be doing this and to be taking our church out of those four walls and into the community,” Masirovits said.



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The Mechanicsville Covered Bridge is a piece of Ashtabula County history

BY GABRIEL MCVEY

Gazette Newspapers

AUSTINBURG TOWNSHIP – The covered bridges in Ashtabula County are a big draw for visitors and locals alike, with their folksy, rural charm as well as their history, and the Mechanicsville Covered Bridge has as much history as any other bridge in the county.

The bridge is thought to be the oldest in Ashtabula County, with the current span dating to 1867. It's 156 feet long and was built with the Howe truss design. The arch on the bridge is made of 15 layers of timber and is encased in heavy beams, making up the supports in the design.

The first settlers in the area used Native American game trails to navigate what was then a densely forested region. These trailblazers slashed trees along the path to mark the way for those who followed.

Later wagon trails were cut in with girdled trees marking the way, thus we have road names such as "Girdled Road."

These trails led to the best natural river crossings, usually fords in areas with shallow water and slow currents. One of the best fords over the Grand River was at what came to be known as Mechanicsville, near a well-known area where Native Americans would portage their canoes and goods.

Settlers who came to these fords would rest and, at some point, someone built a shelter in the area. There was an area upstream of where the bridge now stands where the water was deep enough and the current strong enough for a mill around 1800.

Later, a rope-guided ferry was put in to allow for an easier crossing as traffic increased. The mills in the area and the timber they shipped out required a better method of crossing, and the covered bridge was built in 1867.

The bridge was constructed on site and hauled into place. A sawmill was built close by to cut the planks from local timbers that went into the bridge's construction.

The bridge survived the Great Flood of 1913, but the road washed out at both ends of the bridge, making it unusable. Local farmers teamed up to fill in the area and make the bridge usable again. The bridge was raised six additional feet to make it better able to withstand any future flooding.

Over the years, and especially with the introduction of automobiles, the bridge began to take a beating. At some point the bridge was closed to traffic and Mechanicsville Road was rerouted from just west of the bridge to just east and north across a new bridge.

In 1996, piers were installed under the dilapidated bridge to shore it up until funds could be gotten to rehabilitate the bridge.



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In 2003 and 2004, a renovation project to bring the Mechanicsville Covered Bridge back to its former glory was launched, funded by a \$400,000 federal Transportation Enhancement Fund grant. This project was part of an overall effort to restore the oldest covered bridges in the county. Mechanicsville was restored along with Wiswell Road Covered Bridge.

Work crews encountered some difficulties when debris

floating in the river struck the scaffolding workers were using, but the renovations were complete by May, 2004. Over 100 spectators turned up from all over the county to see the Mechanicsville Road Covered Bridge rededicated and reopened to traffic.

The Mechanicsville Road Covered Bridge is located at 1153 Mechanicsville Rd. in Austinburg Township.



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The Mechanicsville Road Covered Bridge in Austinburg Township is the oldest in Ashtabula County.

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Benetka Road bridge offers beauty

BY BOB ETTINGER

Gazette Newspapers

SHEFFIELD TOWNSHIP – Few settings in the modern world have an ability to transport a person back in time. Sheffield Township, however, boasts one such place.

Located at 4500 Benetka Road, the Benetka Road covered bridge, built in 1900, has an idyllic setting.

“That’s probably part of its charm,” Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Festival Director Ginger Whitehead said. “It’s probably the dirt road and the bend in the road at one end. I know some people definitely (think it’s idyllic).”

“It’s one of the favorite old ones,” Whitehead continued. “The setting is a good one and there’s a swimming hole there.”

The Benetka Road bridge spans the Ashtabula River and is a single-span Town truss design, with laminated arches added during its renovation in 1985.

“It’s actually my favorite bridge,” Whitehead said. “It’s just because of the setting.”

Sheffield was first known as East Matherson, named after Samuel Mather, but was renamed by the first justice of the peace, John Greggs. In the mid-19th century, a water powered saw, grist and flour mill was located near the site of the bridge.

Visitors can spend a bit of time enjoying the bridge during a visit to the township.

“It has a parking area, so there’s a place to pull off,” White-

head said. “They can stay a while and really enjoy the bridge.”

Many visitors often talk about brushes with wildlife, adding to the beauty of the bridge, while visiting the bridge, depending on the time of year.

“Most of the ones who come through say they thought it was pretty,” Whitehead said. “Quite often, they’ll say there was wildlife around.”



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Located at 4500 Benetka Road, the Benetka Road covered bridge, built in 1900, has an idyllic setting.



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1. Netcher Road Covered Bridge



The Netcher Road Covered Bridge features neo-Victorian design with a timber arch and inverted Haupt walls. It was built in 1999. It is 110 feet long, 22 feet wide and features a clearance of 14 feet, 6 inches. It is east of Jefferson off Route 307 off S. Denmark Rd.

2. South Denmark Road Covered Bridge

Built in 1890, the South Denmark Road Covered Bridge spans Mill Creek and was bypassed in 1975. It is on the south side of S. Denmark Road, east of Route 11.



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3. Caine Road Covered Bridge

This bridge was built in 1986 in honor of Ashtabula County's 175th anniversary. It was the first Pratt Truss bridge built in Ohio and is one of only five in the state. It has a clearance of 15 feet.



4. Graham Road Covered Bridge

The Graham Road bridge was built in 1913 from remnants of a bridge washed downstream in a flood. It is currently by-passed, so travel by vehicle across it is not possible. It sits on property belonging to Ashtabula County Metroparks.



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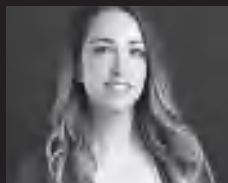
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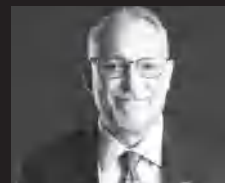
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5. Root Road Covered Bridge

The Root Road bridge was built in 1868 and renovated in 1982-83. It is 114 feet long with a 10-foot, 6-inch clearance. It features Town Lattice design. Root Road is east of Stanhope-Kellogsville Road.



6. Middle Road Covered Bridge

Middle Road Bridge was constructed in 1868 and reconstructed in 1984. It is 136 feet long and has a clearance of 11 feet. The bridge is east of State Route 7 and south of South Ridge Road.



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7. State Road Covered Bridge

The State Road bridge was built in 1983 as the first "new" covered bridge constructed in the county. It has Town Lattice design and clearance of 16 feet, 2 inches.



8. Creek Road Covered Bridge

The Creek Road Covered Bridge was renovated in 1994. Its construction date is unknown. It sits 25 feet above Conneaut Creek and features Town Lattice design. It has a clearance of 9-feet, 3-inches. Creek Road runs east of Keefus Road, south off Route 20, in Conneaut.



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9. Benetka Road Covered Bridge

The Benetka Road bridge was built in the early 1900s. It is 138 feet long and has a clearance of 11-feet, 6-inches. The laminated arch was added during the renovation of 1985. It is on Benetka Road, which is off SR 193 north of Gageville-Monroe Rd.



10. Olin Covered Bridge

The Olin Covered Bridge is the only bridge named after a family. It was built in 1873 and features Town Lattice design. It is 115 feet long and has a clearance of 10 feet. It is on Dewey Road, east of Dibble Road, which is north of Plymouth Ridge Road.



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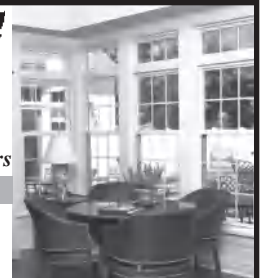
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11. Smolen-Gulf Covered Bridge

The Smolen Gulf Covered Bridge was built during 2007-2008 and carries State Road across the Ashtabula River at the Plymouth and Ashtabula Township line. At 613 feet in length, it is the longest covered bridge in the United States. The bridge is named after former Ashtabula County Engineer John Smolen



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12. Giddings Road Covered Bridge

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13. Doyle Road Covered Bridge

Doyle Road Bridge was built in 1868 on Doyle Road, east of Jefferson off SR 307. It has a clearance of 11 feet, 4 inches. It was rededicated in 1987 following the addition of a laminated arch. It is 94 feet long and features Town Lattice design.



14. The Liberty Covered Bridge

Dedicated in 2011, the Liberty Covered Bridge carries West Liberty Street across Cowles Creek in Geneva. At 18 feet, it has been called the shortest covered bridge in the United States. It was built with the help of students at the Ashtabula County Joint Vocational School.



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15. Harpersfield Covered Bridge

The Harpersfield Bridge built in 1868 is 228 feet long. It has a clearance of 12 feet and is built with Howe Truss construction. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



16. Mechanicsville Covered Bridge

The Mechanicsville bridge was built in 1867 and is believed to be the oldest covered bridge in the county. It is 156-feet long and has a clearance of 8 feet, although it is currently by-passed.



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17. Riverdale Covered Bridge

The Riverdale Bridge was built in 1874, with the floor rebuilt in 1983. The abutment was replaced in 1987. It has an 8-foot clearance. Riverdale Road is west of State Route 45, just past Camp Beaumont, in Austinburg.



18. Windsor Covered Bridge

The Windsor Covered Bridge was built in 1867. The Town Lattice-designed bridge sits atop sandstone from a nearby quarry. It is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. It is south of SR 322 on Warner Hollow.



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The Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Festival Committee is scheduling volunteers for the festival. If you would like to help with set up on Friday, Oct 7, or with handing out maps and information or working in the souvenir booth on Saturday or Sunday, please call the office. The shifts are 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 1-5 p.m. for souvenir and info booth workers. The office number is 440-576-3769.

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In Ashtabula County

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And waves lap on Lake Erie's shore,

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At an unhurried clip,

And see 19 covered bridges

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A festival each year

To share its wooden treasures

With folks from far and near.

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who have never done it before,” Coy said.

The department will also sell other items as a fundraiser.

“We’ll have a bake sale and a hoagie sale,” Coy said.

Visitors from all over northeast Ohio and even Canada will visit the State Road bridge.

“A lot of people come from Cleveland and Columbus,” Coy said. “We even had a couple of them from Canada last year. People travel from all over for the Covered Bridge Festival. It’s pretty neat.”

The fire department will also have one of its trucks at the site for photo opportunities or tours for children.

“Right now, we’re in the process of trying to start a fire district with Sheffield Township,” Coy said. “We’re just starting out. There will be photo ops in front of the truck. We’ll have one truck out there, that way if we have a call, we can go out.”

Coy isn’t sure on the number of visitors to expect, but he knows a number of them will make their way to the bridge.

“I don’t have a number to throw out there,” Coy said. “I think the first year we sold right around 50 hot dogs, but people also came in just to take pictures of the bridge and didn’t even talk to us. We also had 200 hoagies the last couple of years and we sold out on those. People will come down just to buy hoagies. The hoagie sale is actually Oct. 7. It just falls that we make them all together so we have them to sell for donations.”

The festival is a good way for the department to connect with the community.

“We enjoy meeting different people,” Coy said. “It’s just nice to reach out and see the different people come through. We get to show off the truck to the little kids if they want to sit inside it or have us turn on the lights for them.”

About the State Road Covered Bridge

When the State Road Covered Bridge was built in 1983, the county saw the return of one of many of the covered bridges that used to dot the landscape, since lost to time, flood fire and plain wear and tear.

The covered bridge spanning Conneaut Creek in Monroe Township is a single span, Town truss design. Constructed

of 97,000 board-feet of southern pine and oak, it features a 4-foot-tall window which extends the length of the bridge.

State Road Bridge should not to be confused with a covered bridge on another State Road in the county, Smolen-Gulf Bridge in Plymouth Township.

The dedication of the bridge in 1983 was the forerunner of the Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Festival. It is located about four miles east-southeast of North Kingsville.

State Road was the first wooden covered bridge constructed in the county since the turn of the 20th Century. It was the first covered bridge designed and built by then-County Engineer John Smolen, Jr.

The original covered bridge at the site was built in 1831 by Ira Benton and David Niles for a cost of \$100. The bridge stood until 1898. Whether it was lost to a flood or simply wore out, no one is certain and records don’t specify the reason for its replacement with an iron bridge.

The effort during the early 1980s to replace the then-83-year-old iron bridge, itself built to replace the original covered bridge, was a “pet project” of County Commissioner Alfred Mackey. The bridge was built with CETA (Comprehensive Education Training Act) funds. A grant of \$200,000 went toward construction – about 20 percent more than a conventional concrete bridge.

Construction of the State Road Covered Bridge was billed at the time as an economic stimulus that would provide jobs for unemployed local workers. The nation was just beginning to emerge from a lengthy recession in 1983. The area had seen upwards of an 18.7 percent unemployment rate during the downturn.

Building the bridge was a labor-intensive project. Construction drew sightseers to the area throughout the summer and fall before it opened, with an estimated 300 people a week turning out to watch the bridge go up and take pictures.

The bridge was built on dry land at the site and then moved across the river on a temporary I-beam structure. Rollers and winches moved the bridge into place before the structure was moved onto its abutments in October, 1983.

Ceremonies marking the bridge’s dedication were held on Nov. 9, 1983. A large crowd of about 2,500 people attended the opening of the bridge. The dedication marked the beginning of preparations to establish the Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Festival the following year.

The State Road Covered Bridge is located at 5899 State Rd., in Monroe Township.

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"It's the perfect place to have homecoming pictures taken," Culp said.

This marks the first year the festival will reach the Graham Road bridge.

"Because this is our first year doing this, we're not quite sure what else we could get together," Culp said. "Both groups hosting it are quite small. We know people enjoy food. We're not geared up to do a lot out there this year. We're not sure what people want or how many will show up."

The festival had not been hosted on Graham Road in the past for a very simple reason.

"It was just a matter of the two groups not getting together," Culp said. "Neither of the groups had enough members to do it by themselves. It just worked out for us this year."

Culp is happy the groups did come together.

"It was just neighbors getting together," Culp said. "It's a positive thing in Pierpont. It's people getting together to do this."

Celebrating bridges like the Graham Road bridge is important.

"People don't realize the beauty in the old bridges," Culp said. "A lot of times, we don't think of how beautiful they are."



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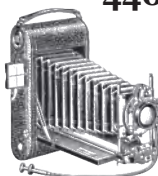
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from the past will be available," Whitehead said. "For example, the Smolen-Gulf Bridge one will be available at Smolen-Gulf Bridge. The T-shirts will be available at the Giddings Park festival and at the Creek Road festival, or through the office and website."

The ornaments and T-shirts have become traditions, though the T-shirts have been done longer.

"We just started the ornaments six years ago," Whitehead said. "We've been doing the T-shirts for 38 years now."

The festival committee was looking for a new way to raise money while also promoting the bridges and festival. It seemed to be a good fit.

"We were looking for something new and different to do as a collector's item," Whitehead said. "Somebody had mentioned Christmas ornaments, so we decided to go with it. This company was a good fit. Eventually, people will have all 19 bridges."

The ornaments are a high-quality collector's item.

"They're made by Beacon Design," Whitehead said. "They make the Whitehouse ornaments. They're two-dimensional and they're cool."

The committee releases one new ornament every year.

"The main thing is they're a pretty expensive thing to buy, so we can only do one per year," Whitehead said.

Celebrating the festival through Christmas ornaments is unique.

"It's pretty special," Whitehead said. "Selling souvenirs is what helps us keep the festival office open all year. We like that people look forward to getting the next year's ornament."

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the festival. She will have merchandise for sale such as calendars, postcards and Christmas ornaments. The proceeds from these sales will go back to the Covered Bridge Committee to help pay for the event.

Sue Ellen Foote, executive director of the Geneva Area Chamber of Commerce, said the West Liberty Covered Bridge is "just a nice touristy thing."

"People will come through, drive through it and take pictures," she said.

And it's good for business.

She said people passing through Geneva on the tour of all the covered bridges stop at places like Scribblers and the Old Mill Winery in town.

During the festival, look for all the activity in the parking lot next to the bridge, by the toll house.

Everyone will be on hand at the bridge the whole time of the festival.

Those wanting to see the unique bridge can stop on by.

"It is a nice little icon, especially in the wine country," Gray said.

Ginger Whitehead, director of the festival, said the West Liberty Street Covered Bridge is nice. She liked how students from A-Tech helped build it.

"It's a really nice spot because there's a big parking lot there," she added. "They have plenty of room to spread out."



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all the X braces, those are from 1862.”

According to Ashtabula County Metroparks, the bridge was constructed in 1868, a steel span was added in 1913 and the bridge was renovated in 1991-92.

The information from Metroparks notes the double-span Howe truss bridge is one of currently 16 drivable covered bridges in the county. At 228 feet, it's the third longest covered bridge in Ohio.

Severino said it will be a while before the trusses are put back.

He said the steel portion of the bridge will also be taken down by another company.

“They’re going to go through that piece by piece by piece, and that’s going to get galvanized and put right back up,” he said.

The Ashtabula County Commissioners accepted a bid of \$6,057,260.50 for the project back in March.

According to a previously published article in the Gazette, funding for the project is from Motor Vehicle Gas Tax funds, federal (80 percent) and an Ohio Public Works Commission grant and loan.

“It’s a big project,” said Tom Partridge, chief deputy engineer with the Ashtabula County Engineer’s Office said previously. “It is not scheduled to be complete until Dec. 31, 2023...It’ll be two construction seasons.”

The bridge will be closed the entire time, he said.

Sue Ellen Foote, executive director of the Geneva Area Chamber of Commerce, said the Harpersfield Covered Bridge will be missed this year during the festival, especially for those wanting to tour all the bridges and take photos.

“They’re just going to get a construction site this year,” she said.



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There’s empty space here where the Harpersfield Covered Bridge once began. It’s now been disassembled as part of a rehabilitation project.



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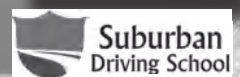
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wood to cover an entire football field at a thickness of 13 inches.

The bridge cost just under \$7.8 million to build and features walkways along both sides. It's constructed of four, 15-foot sections of Douglas fir resting on concrete abutments and three concrete piers. It rises nearly 100 feet above the gorge formed by the Ashtabula River, carrying traffic across the boundary between Ashtabula and Plymouth townships.

Below the Smolen-Gulf Bridge is the Riverview Bridge, a 150-foot-long, 14-foot-wide pedestrian bridge completed in 2016. A visitor's pavilion was built on the south side of the bridge in 2010.

Proceeds from hosting the bridge will go to East Plymouth Grange for the restoration of the organization's meeting hall, a century building put up by founding members with help from some contractors.

The Grange Hall in Plymouth Township was funded by the sale of a quilt and put up by the group's founding members – including Hodges' grandparents – but is in need of some work.

"We are currently working on restoring the building," she said. "Typically, we used the money for community service but we really need the building fixed."

East Plymouth Grange was founded in 1901 by farmers in the township who banded together to help serve the community, socialize and to advocate for agriculture. The grange hall, located at 1199 Carson Road, was built in 1915. Membership is open to anyone in the community, simply ask a member.

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"Pretty Woman goes over good," he said. He noted the audience also likes "Play that Funky Music" and "Sunspot Baby."

He noted that the audience is enthusiastic when the band plays.

"We love it when the crowds get into it," he said.

According to Lambert, the band will be doing a lot of practicing to get ready for the show.

Festival-goers will also be able to help out veterans at the concert.

Lambert said the band will set up a tip jar in front of the stage with all proceeds going to Feed Our Vets Ashtabula.

They've been doing the charitable effort this year.

As a result of the fundraiser, the band donated \$1,283 to Feed Our Vets during the concert at Rotary Pavilion this summer in Geneva.

And they keep on going.

They've already collected about \$1,500 more, with the goal of raising \$2,000 for Feed Our Vets, which will be donated to the organization when the band plays Oct. 29 at the Geneva VFW.

"We're huge supporters of our veterans because we know without them, we wouldn't be doing what we do," he said. He came up with the idea just before Memorial Day.

The response from the public has been enthusiastic.

"People are phenomenal when we tell them what we're doing," he said.

"We enjoy them," Ginger Whitehead, director of the festival, said of the band.



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can be more easily moved and displayed in Giddings Park for the Covered Bridge Festival.

Come and see the history of Ashtabula County. Much of the county has history in farming, and many of these engines we'll be showing off were used as old farming water pumps and the such. Many of them are from the 1920s and 1930s, before there was electricity available to power the pumps, the farmers and industry in general had to use steam engines such as the ones we'll have on display."

Seifert also talks about the antique tractors that the engine club will have on display for the Covered Bridge Festival.

"The kids love the old tractors," he said. "They love to sit on them and pretend to drive them. They're all really neat,

and some of them look brand new thanks to the care they've received from members of the engine club."

"The engines will be operating at the park during the Covered Bridge Festival," Seifert said. "People can see what we would have used in the 1920s and 1930s to complete farm tasks."

If history lessons are what you're after, the Antique Engine Club members will be present to answer questions and give a little bit of history on their engines present at the Covered Bridge Festival.

"We'll be available to answer any of your questions," said Seifert. "Or, if you just want to talk about the 100-year-old engines that's perfectly fine, too. There will be somebody from the engine club that'll be eager to talk about their engine."

"We at the Ashtabula County Antique Engine Club enjoy the Covered Bridge Festival," Seifert said. "It's a fun event, and it's a chance for us to display our engines to the public during this fun, family event. Come and see some of our history at the Covered Bridge Festival this October."

LINCOLN

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restaurants. At each event, King reaches out to teach people about one of our greatest presidents.

"I just share what I have read as though I am talking with a friend," he said.

Though he is now older than Lincoln was when the president was assassinated, King still manages to "make his hair look

younger" and pass for Lincoln, even when he is not in costume.

"When I am in everyday clothing someone will come up to me and say 'did anyone ever tell you you look like Lincoln?' I tell them, 'I have been accused and found guilty!'" King said.

Be sure to watch for Abraham Lincoln strolling the grounds of the Covered Bridge Festival from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, and 12-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct.

9. You will get a chance to shake hands, take a picture and learn more about the president who saved our country.

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Netcher Rd. Bridge is hosted by the Ashtabula County Humane Society. They will have walking tacos, crafts, baked goods, Humane Society calendars and shirts for sale. Come out and meet the Humane Society group. Great people, animals and lots of goodies! Stop by and say hello.

Olin Bridge is hosted by the Ashtabula Dream Center. They will have a baked goods, coffee and water for sale, and a fall wreath raffle. The Dream Center is a soup kitchen/ food pantry with many other programs to offer. Their mission for the past 21 years has been to help the community restore broken lives, families and dreams. The Olin's Museum of Covered Bridges will be open over the weekend also.

Riverdale Rd. Bridge is hosted by the Sheffield Target Masters 4-H club.

Root Rd. Bridge is hosted by the Ashtabula Aktion Club and the Ashtabula County Board of Developmental Disabilities. They will be offering walking tacos and other good things to eat. The Aktion Club (a service organization for adults with disabilities) will be tempting you with a bake sale.

S. Denmark Bridge will be hosted by The Allegheny Chapter of the Gold Panners' Association who will be teaching how to pan for gold, showing and selling equipment for panning.

Smolen Gulf Bridge is hosted by East Plymouth Grange. Troop 11 Kingsville Boy Scout Troop will be selling popcorn and will be accepting donations for the Greater Cleveland Food Bank.

State Road Bridge is hosted by the Monroe Township Fire Department. They will have a fire to cook hot dogs and s'mores (rent the cooking stick). They will have pop and apple cider to drink and will also be selling their hoagies.

Wiswell Rd. (Windsor Mills) Bridge is open this year.

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"We're all mainly from Ashtabula, with five out of six band members hailing from there," said SESCO. "We are really looking forward to the Covered Bridge Festival, it's a great place

to play and we usually have a lot of fun performing there. People are also always so receptive to our performances. It's a great festival."

For more information on the Erie Heights Brass Ensemble, visit their Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/Erie-Heights-Brass-Ensemble-135324233173393> or their YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/erieheightsbrass>.

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