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HAPPY HAUNTING IN FAYETTE COUNTY

Uniontown, PA – Calling all ghouls, ghosts and goblins! Halloween enthusiasts need not look far for hauntingly good fun this fall.

A community tradition, Uniontown will welcome all things spooky during the Annual Halloween Parade, Wednesday, Oct. 24. Line Up begins at 5 p.m., and the parade kicks off at 6 p.m. For more information, call 724-437-4571.

The Fayette Chamber of Commerce, Fayette County Historical Society and Fayette Young Professionals Network will host Spirits of Fayette County Ghost Tours: Uniontown's Haunted History Oct. 26 and 27.

Participants will step back in time on a tour through Uniontown, learning of its storied history, gravest moments and ghostly individuals from a time when wealth and power fueled the city.

The route will travel the same streets world famous violinist Maud Powell did before her death, past the eternal resting place of many Fayette County soldiers and into the Fayette County Courthouse, where a notorious murder occurred.

Tours are \$15 per person with pre-registration and \$20 at the event. Students may receive a \$5 discount with valid ID (lowest cost is \$15).

Beginning at 7 p.m., tours will depart every 15 to 30 minutes from Eberly Square, until 10 p.m. For reservations or more information, call 724-437-4571.

Laurel Highlands Visitors Bureau Director of Public Relations and Community Outreach Anna Weltz said haunted houses, farms, corn mazes and "ghostly good times" are "fall must-dos."

"Whether they are super scary or a giggly good time for the little ones, it's a fun way to have a good laugh - at yourself and your friends," Weltz said.

For those who enjoy the adrenaline rush that only a chainsaw and blood-curdling screams can provide, Fayette County boasts four haunted attractions which attract thousands of visitors each year.



Now in its 15th season, Haunted Hills Estate is open Friday through Sunday, now through Nov. 3.

Located at 236 Rolling Hills Estate Rd. in Uniontown, the haunt offers thrillseekers three spooky attractions, the J.H. Finkelstein Funeral Home, Magic Chamber of Horrors and the iconic Moonlight Massacre Challenge Trail.

The trail requires participants to solve puzzles and complete tasks to advance through the haunted woods and potentially earn prizes.

For tickets and more information, call 724-984-5915, email hhespookygirl@hotmail.com or visit www.hauntedhillsestate.com.

Rich's Fright Farm, located at 2043 Springhill Furnace Rd. in Smithfield, offers family-friendly fall fun by day and haunted horrors by night.

Named one of Frightfind's 2018 Top Haunted Houses, the haunt is open Wednesday through Saturday through Oct. 28, as well as Oct. 29, 30 and Halloween.

This year's attractions include the FestEvil Midway, Hayride of No Return, Hallowed Grounds, Frightmare Mansion and Paranoia 3.0, which requires participants to navigate through their worst nightmares while blindfolded in the dark.

For more information, call 724-564-7644, email info@frightfarm.com or visit www.frightfarm.com.

Fayette County's newest haunt, The Crawford School of Terror, is now in its third season.

Located at 125 N. Seventh St. in Connellsville, the haunt is open Fridays and Saturdays through Oct. 27 and Halloween. In addition to its traditional, all-indoors attraction, visitors can attempt the 10-minute House of Slaughter Escape Room.

For more information, visit www.crawfordschoolofterror.com or search "Crawford School of Terror" on Facebook.

Since 1979, Allen's Haunted Hayrides have terrified visitors from their family-owned farm at 2430 Pittsburgh Rd. in Smock.

Open Thursday through Saturday through Oct. 27, the haunt expanded in 2015 to include the Tavern of Terror. Allen's also features a midway and 30 reservable bonfires, perfect for fall evenings.

For more information, call 724-677-2589, visit www.allenshayrides.com or search "Allen's Hayrides" on Facebook.



Weltz said haunted attractions are huge tourism draw for both Fayette County and the Laurel Highlands region.

“The adrenaline rush of a good scare brings visitors from far and wide. The more authentic the backstory, the better,” Weltz said. “These visitors typically enjoy dinner, admission to the site, maybe a souvenir, an overnight stay, followed by breakfast and maybe some retail therapy.

“All of that spooky good fun leads to funds for our local economy.”

Happy haunting!

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