

Special Events, 2016

Osprey Homecoming

Sunday, April 17, 1-4p.m.

Hogback Ridge Park, 2656 Hogback Road

Free admission

Help us celebrate the ospreys' return from wintering in South America. Have fun and learn more about these fascinating raptors while participating in fun, family-oriented activities that focus on ospreys and other birds of prey.

Join local experts in viewing the nesting platforms in nearby Alum Creek Reservoir.

Moments with Mom – A Mother's Day Adventure

Sunday, May 8, 1-4p.m.

Shale Hollow Park, 6320 Artesian Run

Free admission

Bring the family to the park to enjoy activities that will touch Mom's heart. Take a hike along a memory lane nature trail, make crafts, plant a tree and enjoy a picnic snack. All you need to bring is a picnic blanket ... and your mom! This Mother's Day adventure is geared to the whole family.

Antique Tractor Show

Saturday, June 4, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Gallant Farm, 2150 Buttermilk Hill Road

Free admission

Antique tractors from various eras will be featured at this show! We'll also have an old-fashioned cake walk, kiddie tractor pull, and a toy tractor display. Free admission for visitors; those who wish to display their own antique tractor can bring it to the show starting at 8 a.m. For more information, call 740-595-3020.

Thursday Concert Series

July 7, 14, 21, 18

August 4, 11

Gallant Woods Park, 2151 Buttermilk Hill Road, Delaware

Free admission

This popular series is ready to go again, for 2016! All the concerts are free, although we do "pass the hat" for collections to defray some of the costs. Concerts begin at 7 p.m. and last until 8:30 p.m. All concerts are held at Gallant Woods Preserve. You may bring chairs or a blanket for the ground; some picnic tables are available on a first-come, first-served basis. You may bring a picnic and your own beverages (no alcohol, please), and Preservation Parks volunteers offer popcorn and sno-cones. Shuttles are available for those who must park in the lots farther from the shelter. So join us to hear some old favorites, along with some newcomers to the series.

Here is the 2016 lineup:

July 7	Code Blue Band	Blues, swing, 80s-90s
July 14	Marquis 66	Classic Rock, 60s-70s
July 21	Rachel Karryn Band	Country Blues
July 28	In Full Swing	Big Band, 30s-40s
August 4	Walt Sanders	Elvis Tribute, 50s
August 11	Lone Raven	Celtic, gypsy

Perseid Meteor Shower Campout

August 12 at 7pm until

August 13 at 9am

Blues Creek Park, 9627 Fontanelle Road

The Perseid Meteors provide a great show in mid-August. Join us around the campfire as we watch them streak across the sky! Bring your own food and camping gear. We'll provide telescopes and activities.

Free, but registration is required. Register online, at www.preservationparks.com.

Direct questions to: saundras@preservationparks.com

Trick-or-Treat Trail

October 23, 2016 (1-4 p.m.)

Gallant Woods Park, 2151 Buttermilk Hill Road

Free admission.

Costumed characters will greet you and your kids as you wind your way along the Acorn Trail in search of treats. Enjoy hay rides and decorating pumpkins too!

A Holiday Evening on the Farm

December 3, 2016 (6-8 p.m.)

Gallant Farm Preserve, 2150 Buttermilk Hill Road

Free admission

Celebrate the holiday spirit as people would have in the 1930s! Enjoy live Christmas music, roast chestnuts over an open fire, enjoy hot wassail and cookies in the farm house, make holiday decorations and more.