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# A time to celebrate

## Area events kickoff the first weekend of fall right

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Those who were used to partying on Paint Street during the summer can keep partying, just at a different location.

Kathryn Lehotsky, director of the Pump House Arts Center, is inviting the community to party at the Pump Saturday for the second annual Octoberfest.

Organizers of the Adelphi Ross County bicentennial celebration also welcome people to watch a special theatrical presentation Friday and Saturday.

The Octoberfest which will feature music and artistic fun for children is right in line with Lehotsky's focus to offer more at the gallery than arts shows.

"I think it's a wonderful fall event," said Lehotsky of why she started the event.

Close to 2,000 people attended last year's event, Lehotsky said she tried to plan an even higher quality event this year.

The day will begin with a performance by the Chillicothe High School Jazz Ensemble from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Steve Free will continue entertainment with a show from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

A few local musicians will join with some Columbus-musicians from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. as Razzanatazz and Jazz-Ragtime & Show Boat Music is performed.

Finally, the evening will wrap up with music by Chili Sauce, Rhythm Review and Motion from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

"People brought their lawn chairs last year and sat and enjoyed the day," said Lehotsky. "It's not a fund raiser. It's just something to bring in people."

Organizers of the Adelphi bicentennial observation are inviting the public to help them honor the county's 200th birthday with a special play, "Ross County," by Roger Karshner.



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This year's Pump House Octoberfest offers a variety of entertainment.

The production will be performed 7 p.m. Friday and 2:30 p.m. Saturday outside the Adelphi Town Hall if it does not rain. The play will be performed inside the hall if it rains. Admission is free.

Shirley Arledge, an Adelphi native, said she has heard from others that Adelphi's celebration is about the biggest village bicentennial celebration yet.

"We're just proud of our town and proud to be part of Ross County, really," she said of why they have devoted so much attention to the observation.

The play is being presented in conjunction with the Ross County Bicentennial Committee, the Ross-Chillicothe Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the Pickaway-Ross Joint Vocational School Performing Arts Program.

"They do a play in our town

### The Events

Admission to the Pump House Arts Center's Octoberfest is \$1 per person. Children get in free. Call 772-5783 for more information.

It's time to party.

"Ross County," there will be face painting, a fish fry, clowns, games with prizes, entertainment by the Adelphi Band, Steady Stompers, and Blackwater Run Bluegrass Band, a military vehicle display and refreshments at the Adelphi Bicentennial celebration, which begins 1 p.m. Saturday.

hall all winter long," said Arledge of the vocational school students. "It's really interesting to watch the young people."

### Music

**Chillicothe Area Artist Series**  
The 1998-99 season of the Chillicothe Area Artist Series includes the following performance schedule:

Celtic Foot Force, Oct. 10, Smith Middle School Auditorium  
Kevin King (comedian/magician), Jan. 23, Majestic Theatre  
Jane Berkner (harpist), Feb. 25, Majestic Theatre

Southern Gateway (barbershop), March 27, Smith Middle School Auditorium  
G o s e t o w n Astonishers, April 17, Bishop Flaget Gymnasium  
For ticket information call 772-6681.

### Charity concert

Johnny Russell, a member of the Grand Ole Opry, will headline two locally-sponsored country and western shows Nov. 14, at Smith Middle School. Opening the shows at 6 and 9 p.m. will be First Destiny, a local country band.

The shows are sponsored by the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #59. Proceeds will go to local charities. The lodge also donates to D.A.R.E., Easter Seals, Camp Cattail and others. Tickets are \$10 general admission or \$12 reserved. Tickets may be obtained by calling 773-7447 or purchased at the door.

### Racing

#### K-C Raceway

The first annual "K-C 100 S.T.A.R.S." Saturday. Gates open at 4:30 p.m. Racing begins at 7:30 p.m. Call (740) 863-4141 for more information. K-C Raceway is located 12 miles south of Chillicothe, off Ohio 23 turn right on Blain Highway, the entrance is two miles on the left.

#### Sand Drag Racing at Frankfort

The Sand Diggers Racing Team presents Sand Drag Racing at the Frankfort Old Town Park. Bracket racing will be featured on Oct. 3. Quads and three-wheelers are welcome. Junior classes too.

For more information call Scott Goodman at 773-6579.

#### Frankfort Old Town Park MX

Racing is scheduled at Frankfort Old Town Park through Oct. 11. Gates open at 7 a.m. Sign-up begins at 7:30 a.m. Practices are at 9 a.m. Racing starts at 11:30 a.m. To reach the park take U.S. 35 West from Chillicothe 13 miles to Frankfort

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