

Wheatfield Pumpkin Farm open & welcoming families for fall fun



Caley and Penny Vester are pictured with "Josh Allen," the Wheatfield Pumpkin Farm's 2,000-pound steer. They have been visiting the farm with their parents since they were toddlers.

Meet "Josh Allen," the Wheatfield Pumpkin Farm's 2,000-pound steer.

Farmer Jim DeVantier, who has owned and operated the farm for over 30 years, affectionately named him after Josh Allen, quarterback for the Buffalo Bills. The steer is the star of the daytime hayride at the farm, which runs daily from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Farm staffers said this "Josh Allen" "has been around people so much that he thinks he is a dog! When he hears farmer's voice, he moos because he thinks he is going to get an apple from our tree."

Although the Wheatfield Pumpkin Farm can't offer its traditional nighttime haunted

hayrides this year, the corn maze is open and hayrides are running throughout the day.

The hayride goes through pastures, across a covered bridge, and through many areas decorated for Halloween. There is also an impressive selection of pumpkins to choose from as patrons enjoy the farm.

Through Halloween, the Wheatfield Pumpkin Farm is open daily from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. at 6920 Nash Road, Wheatfield. Masks are required at all times, and social distancing guidelines are in effect.

For more information, call 693-6407.

Halloween weekend: Community pumpkin light up at Hennepin Park

This year, the Niagara River Region Chamber of Commerce has shifted gears from its normal busy event schedule. With state guidelines regarding mass gatherings still in effect, it has been hard to plan the usual, fun, holiday-inspired activities the region is known for.

President Jennifer Pauly said, "Halloween is around the corner and we have created a new event where the community can get involved! The Pumpkin Spectacular will take place Thursday, Oct. 29, through Halloween night

(Saturday, Oct. 31). The community pumpkin light up display will feature pumpkins carved by you!

Have a jack-o'-lantern your family, business or organization carved? Bring it to Hennepin Park (corner of Center and South Fourth streets in Lewiston) anytime Thursday, Oct. 29, through Halloween and join the community display of pumpkins.

The Niagara River Region Chamber of Commerce will provide battery-operated candles for every pumpkin brought to the park. Candles will be inserted and

turned on by 5 p.m. each night. Stop by and view them all in the evening (social distancing guidelines must be followed when viewing the pumpkin display).

"The Pumpkin Spectacular" is sponsored by the Niagara River Region Chamber of Commerce and Baker Farm Market & U-Pick.

"We recommend that you stop by Baker Farm Market & U-Pick (2100 Youngstown Lockport Road, Ransomville) to purchase the perfect pumpkin for your creation," Pauly said.

HALLOWEEN EVENTS

Town of Wheatfield cancels Fairmont Park Halloween celebration

BY MICHAEL DEPIETRO
Interim Tribune Editor

The Town of Wheatfield announced Monday it is canceling its Halloween Fest at Fairmont Park. Speaking on the decision, Supervisor Don MacSwan said it would've been impossible to ensure social distancing and conduct contact tracing.

"We're going to take an abundance of caution and cancel the Halloween Fest that was scheduled at Fairmount Park on Saturday, Oct. 24," MacSwan said. "It is our duty, as town officials, to avoid a potential spreading event on town soil. We are committed to do our part to protect our staff, attendees and the residents of Wheatfield."

Despite the decision, the town says Halloween "is still on," with trick-or-treat hours held from 4-8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31. The town recommends all participants follow state and CDC guidelines

and take caution in all Halloween-associated activities.

Youngstown announces trick-or-treat hours

BY NICOLE QUARANTILLO
Youngstown Village Trustee

The leaves are changing and it is getting darker earlier now, so we all know what that means: Halloween is right around the corner!

The Youngstown Village Board is excited to see the kids dressed up this year, but we do have a few updates and changes due to COVID-19 and the current guidelines set in place by the governor and CDC.

Trick-or-Treating will be on Oct. 31 from 4-7 p.m. As a reminder, if you do not wish to have trick-or-treaters, please keep your porch light off - and for those out, please respect those houses that do not wish to participate this year. Remember to stay socially distant, 6-feet apart, and wear a mask that has been approved by the CDC if you cannot safely dis-

tribute.

The board would like to remind parents to be careful when putting a mask on your child. Having them wear a CDC-approved COVID-19-safe mask and then a Halloween mask could prevent them from breathing properly. We want all of our community members to be safe during these times, and we thank everyone for their part in doing just that.

As always, each member of the Youngstown Village Board is here for the members of our community. Please reach out to any board member with any questions, comments or concerns.

Happy Halloween!

Halloween scavenger hunt, 'Salem Sisters'

The Village of Lewiston Recreation Department will host a free, socially distanced Halloween event for local youth. A scavenger hunt will take place from 2-4 p.m. on Halloween outdoors (rain or shine) in Marilyn Toohey Park behind the Red Brick Municipal Building gym, 145 N. Fourth St. Costume prizes will be awarded for individuals, families and dogs.

In addition, the "Salem Sisters" will interact with the crowd, read stories and play socially distanced games, with performances at 2:30, 3 and 3:30 p.m.

Preregistration is required at <https://villageoflewiston.net/recreation-department>.

For more information, call 754-1990.

Trick-or-treat hours in both the Village and Town of Lewiston are 4-7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31.

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