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Leashed pets are welcome, but please remember to clean up after them!

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2026

- 4-9 PM Kid Fun Zone (Kid Zone)** – Inflatables, Princesses, RC excavators, balloon animals, Bookmobile, face paint, glitter tattoos, Axe Throwing, and more! Activity times vary, specific times listed on page 8
- 4-10 PM Food Vendors (Concessions)** – Many to choose from!
- 4-9 PM Merchant Tents** – Featuring local businesses & boutique vendors
- 4-9 PM Monster Truck Rides (Monster Truck Zone)** – \$10 per person, rides are first come, first serve with Gearheart's Garage & 4x4
- 5-8 PM VIP Reception (VIP Tent)** for all sponsors and pilots – tickets required.
- 5-9 PM SB Music (Mechanics Bank Stage)** – Live musical entertainment
- 6:15 PM OPENING CEREMONIES (Mechanics Bank Stage)** – Ashland Veteran's Color Guard
- 6:30 PM Balloon Lift Off in Memory of Dr. Mary MacDonald (Launch Field)** – Enjoy the cold inflation process as pilots and crew prepare hot air balloons to take flight.
- 8:15 PM Balloon Glow Encounter (Launch Field)** – Tickets for Reserved Premier Seating can be purchased online. (See Page 15 for more details)
- 9:15 PM OhioHealth Balloon Glow (Launch Field)** – Enjoy an interactive display as hot air balloons line the launch field and glow against the night sky choreographed to music.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2026

- Around 7 AM Balloon Lift Off in Memory of Dr. Mary MacDonald (Launch Field)** – Bring your chairs, coffee & blankets to Freer Field to watch!
- 11:30 AM-1:30 PM Food Trailer Friday (Concessions)** – Food Trailers will be open for Lunch, free parking!
- 4-5 PM Kites! (Info Tent)** – Come grab a kite to fly!
- 4-9 PM Helicopter Rides (Helicopter Zone)** – \$60 per person (cash or card), rides are first come, first serve with Interpid Helicopters
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- 5-9 PM Wood Carvers (Kid Zone)** – Come watch live chainsaw carving demonstrations with Bear Hollow Wood Carvers! Presented by Bill Harris Auto Center & The Chevy Network.
- 5-9 PM Emily Raff (Mechanics Bank Stage)** – Live musical entertainment
- 6:30 PM Balloon Lift Off in Memory of Dr. Mary MacDonald (Launch Field)** – Enjoy the cold inflation process as pilots and crew prepare hot air balloons to take flight.
- 6:30-9 PM Tethered Balloons Rides (Tether Zone)** – \$25 per person, rides are first come, first serve with Xclusive Balloons
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SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2026

- Around 7 AM Balloon Lift Off in Memory of Dr. Mary MacDonald (Launch Field)** – Bring your chairs, coffee & blankets to Freer Field to watch!
- 6:30-8:30 AM Tethered Balloons Rides (Tether Zone)** – \$25 per person, rides are first come, first serve with Xclusive Balloons





- 8-4 PM Grashland Volleyball Tournament by AVBC (Volleyball Zone)** – Come play some volleyball! More information available on the Grashland Volleyball Tournament Facebook page.
- 9 AM Ashland BalloonFest 5K (Freer Field)** – <http://midohiorm.com/>
- 8-12 PM Pancake Breakfast & Plane Fly-In at Ashland County Airport** – enjoy pancakes and sausage with planes & skydivers. Donations accepted.
- 10:30-2:30 PM Jeep Show (Launch Field)** – Registration Begins at 10:30 AM with awards presented at 2:30 PM with Ashland Area Jeep Club
- 12-3 PM Tom’s Kitchen Table (Mechanics Bank Stage)** – Live musical entertainment
- 12-9 PM Kid Fun Zone (Kid Zone)** – Inflatables, Princesses, RC excavators, balloon animals, Bookmobile, face paint, glitter tattoos, Axe Throwing, and more! Activity times vary, specific times listed on page 8
- 12-10 PM Food Vendors (Concessions)** – Many to choose from!
- 1-8 PM Wood Carvers (Kid Zone)** – Come watch live chainsaw carving demonstrations with Bear Hollow Wood Carvers! Presented by Bill Harris Auto Center & The Chevy Network.
- 2-9 PM Helicopter Rides (Helicopter Zone)** – \$60 per person (cash or card), rides are first come, first serve with Interpid Helicopters
- 2-9 PM Monster Truck Rides (Monster Truck Zone)** – \$10 per person, rides are first come, first serve with Gearheart’s Garage & 4x4
- 4-9 PM Merchant Tents** – Featuring local businesses & boutique vendors
- 4:45-5:15 PM Pilot Meet & Greet (Along the Launch Field Fence)** – come meet the pilots and get signatures while learning more about hot air balloons!
- 5-9 PM Skittlebots (Mechanics Bank Stage)**– Live musical entertainment
- 6:30 PM Balloon Lift Off in Memory of Dr. Mary MacDonald (Launch Field)** – Enjoy the cold inflation process as pilots and crew prepare hot air balloons to take flight.
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SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2026

Around 7 AM Balloon Lift Off in Memory of Dr. Mary MacDonald (Launch Field) – Bring your chairs, coffee & blankets to Freer Field to watch!

Don’t Miss All of Our KID ZONE Activities!*

- Inflatables • Princesses • RC Excavators • Balloon Animals**
- Bookmobile • Face Paint • Glitter Tattoos • Axe Throwing**

** see pg. 8*

SPECIAL NOTES:

- ALL Balloon activities are weather permitting and subject to delay or cancellation.
- All updates throughout the weekend will be posted on our Facebook page.
- For other weekend activities, visit Explore Ashland www.exploreashlandohio.com
- Handicap parking at AU Lot B with Shuttle to the field.



KID ZONE

FRIDAY

- Phil Balloon Guy - 5-9 PM
- Princesses - 6-9 PM
- RC Excavators - 4-9 PM
- Whoopsie Daisy - 4-9 PM
- Inflatables - 4-9 PM
- Bookmobile - 4-9 PM
- Axe Throwing 4-9 PM

SATURDAY

- Phil Balloon Guy - 5-9 PM
- Princesses - 6-9 PM
- RC Excavators - 12-9 PM
- Whoopsie Daisy - 12-9 PM
- Inflatables - 12-9 PM
- Bookmobile - 2-9 PM
- Axe Throwing 12-9 PM

THURSDAY

- Phil Balloon Guy - 5-9 PM
- Princesses - 6-9 PM
- RC Excavators - 4-9 PM
- Whoopsie Daisy - 4-9 PM
- Inflatables - 4-9 PM
- Bookmobile - 4-9 PM
- Axe Throwing 4-9 PM

Hot Air Balloon Word Search

Find & circle the words in the puzzle from the word list!

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| CELEBRATION | GROUND | PASSENGER | TETHER |
| COLORFUL | HOT AIR | PILOT | THRILL |
| CREW | HYDROGEN | RACE | VIEW |
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DINING TENT

Mechanics Bank Stage



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FOOD VENDORS

KID ZONE

TETHER RIDES

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LAUNCH FIELD



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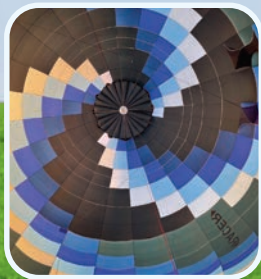
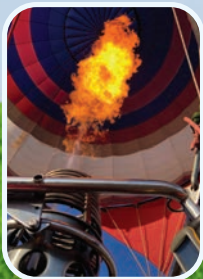
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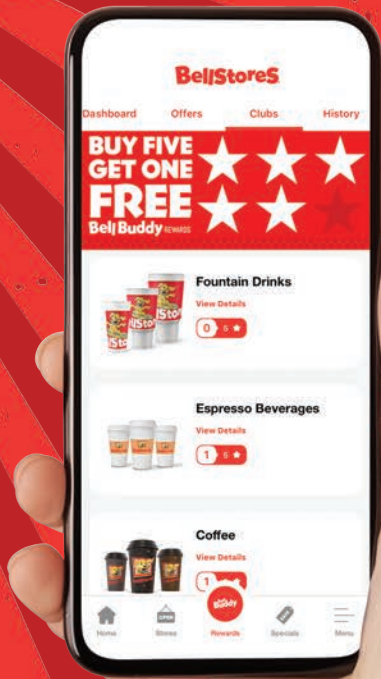
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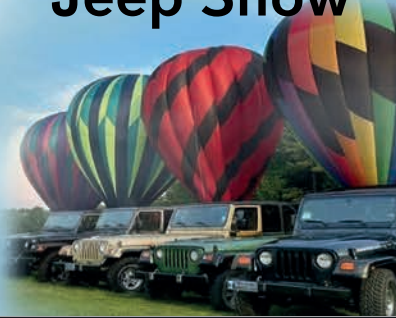
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MONSTER TRUCK RIDES



Jeep Show



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BANDS performing on the Mechanics Bank Member FDIC stage

THURSDAY JUNE 26

SB MUSIC
5:00-9:00 PM



The "SB Music" band is based in Wayne County, Ohio. Its members are local musicians with many years of experience. They focus on mostly

classic rock...(80's and 90's). Covering a wide variety of music, they also do some 60's/70's rock, and a few country songs. They feature a male and female vocalist, who alternate taking the lead on songs from their extensive playlist.

FRIDAY JUNE 27

EMILY RAFF
5:00-9:00 PM



From the Heart of Ohio, Rock & Roll Cowgirl, Emily Raff embodies heartfelt storytelling through music. From sharing the stage with national luminaries like Riley Green & Chris Lane, to independently crafting

her own music & videos; join her artistic journey on Instagram, Facebook, or TikTok, and immerse yourself in her music across all major streaming platforms.

SATURDAY JUNE 28



TOM'S KITCHEN TABLE
12:00-3:00 PM

There's nothing quite like sitting around the table making music with friends just for the sake of making music. Tom's Kitchen Table brings that experience to your event with a 4-man band or 3-man trio. Occasionally, we make an extra seat at the table for one of our talented friends to join in, because, well, that's what making music is all about.

TKT brings a variety of music from country to pop, 50's and 60's to present, performed with vocals, acoustic guitar, and the warm sounds of an upright bass. You will enjoy their wide range of music from several genres and eras.

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Website: www.tomskitchentable.com

SATURDAY JUNE 28

SKITTLE BOTS
5:00-9:00 PM



In 2011, the Skittle Bots formed out of curiosity — after the founding members noticed a persistent demand while performing in Toledo... everyone wanted to hear more 90's!

What started as an endearing gimmick among friends quickly turned into a polished act full of fun and nostalgia. By adhering to one simple rule: only songs released between 1990-1999, the band has carefully curated its collection of the best music from such a profound decade. Our fan base continues to grow with every flashback-filled performance.

Today, the Skittle Bots are still elevating their award-winning show — forever working towards the ultimate 90's time warp. Featuring our signature "mashups" spanning the gamut of decade-defining hits, a night out with the Skittle Bots promises a perfect mixtape of music, memories, and mania!

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Ashland Balloon Encounter



Get your tickets here



A **Balloon Glow** is when a hot air balloon is inflated at dusk, but does not take off and fly. As the sky becomes darker, the pilot will ignite the propane burner to make the balloon light up like a huge light bulb or a Chinese lantern. The propane burner is ignited periodically keeping the balloon inflated with hot air. During this time the balloons will sway and light up as they are synchronized to music.

In conjunction with this free event, the **Ashland BalloonFest will offer an exclusive opportunity to purchase Glow Encounter Packages**. The package will allow you to experience the beauty and magic of the show.

Packages will include:

- Reserved Premier Seating for four (4)
- Four (4) soft drinks
- On-site parking for one (1) vehicle
- An Official Souvenir package
- Great photo opportunities
- Memories that will last a life time



Tickets online at Ashlandballoonfest.com



Ashland BalloonFest

BALLOON MEISTER
Alex Jonard II

Pilot **Alex Jonard II** is the official Balloon Meister for Ashland BalloonFest.

Alex has been involved in ballooning since 1985, when he served as a BFA (Balloon Federation of America) Observer at the Coshocton, Ohio Balloon Races. As an observer, he received a ride with pilot Jeff Strine of Ashland, Ohio and quickly decided he wanted to become a pilot.

He earned his Private Pilot License in 1987 and Commercial Rating in 1989 and currently has over 850 flight hours.

Alex is one of the originators of the Ashland BalloonFest and has attended every year's event as well as having served as Balloon Meister in the past for several years. This event has had a wonderful run of years and Alex looks to continue the tradition for many more.

Alex has competed in many events since becoming a licensed pilot, attending each Ashland BalloonFest since the first one, as well as the U.S. Nationals in 1991 in Baton Rouge, LA and 1992 in Middletown, OH, as well as many other events throughout Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Illinois, and Indiana.

From 1989 to 2005, he worked (as a hobby) at Falcon's Nest Repair Station, assisting Bob and Beverly Zanella with inspections & repairs of all manufactures of balloons. This experience in addition to over 38 years of flying balloons led Alex to be invited to become a flight safety official for the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta in 2017, and has continued each year since then.

Alex thoroughly enjoys sharing the knowledge he has gained over the years to enhance the safety of any event, and making the ballooning community safer in the process.

Alex's wife Monica is also a balloon pilot since 1989, as was her mom, Judy, who became licensed in 1974. Alex and Monica currently reside in Sycamore, Illinois since 2018, and are originally from Coshocton, Ohio.



Berry Nice

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Jeffrey Barlett

Look for the colored flag near the Main Stage, to find out status of current flight.

Flags will be raised following pilots' briefing which starts approximately 30 minutes before each flight or glow.



No inflation or take-off permitted. Previous permission to take-off cancelled.



Permission to 'white' wave (even numbered balloons) to begin hot inflation.



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Permission to 'blue' wave (odd numbered balloons) to begin hot inflation.



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Anthony Seeger

Carolina Twist

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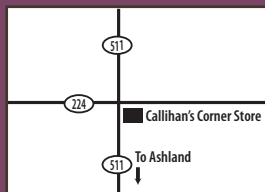


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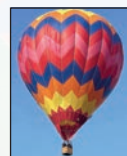
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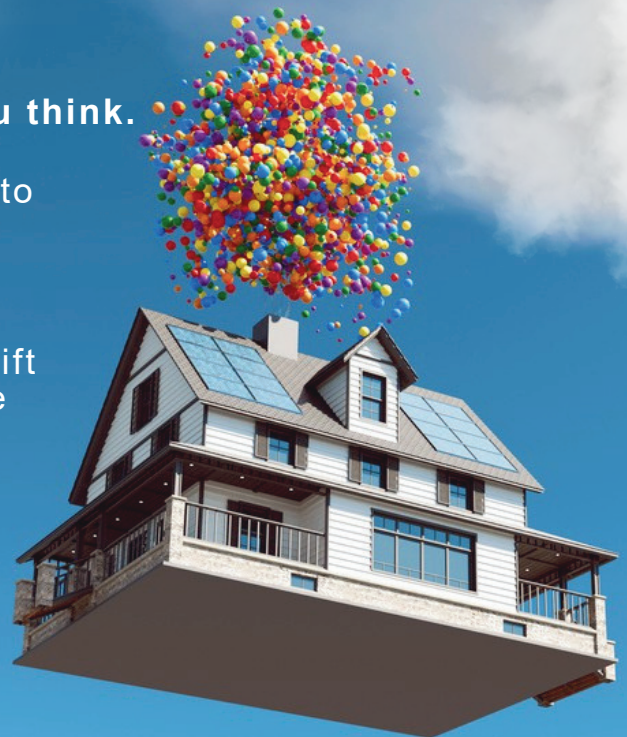
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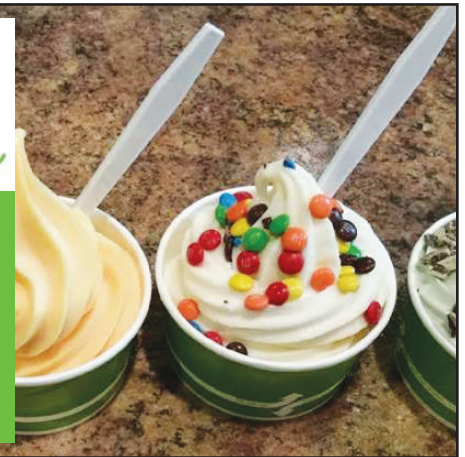
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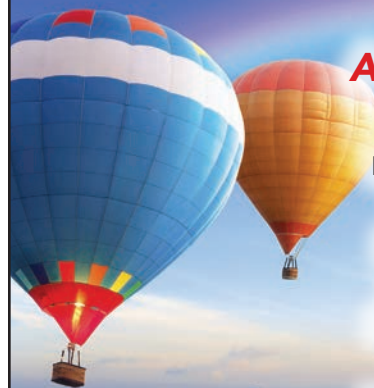
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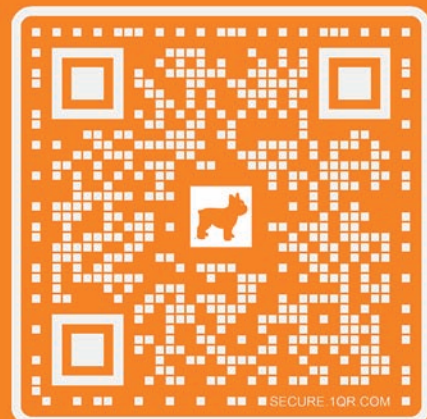


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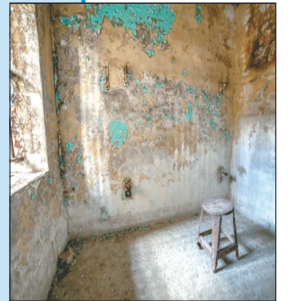


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