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Fall foliage expected to be at its peak Oct. 30 in Ohio County





OHIO COUNTY, Ky. — Autumn is a magical time of year. The air is crisp and cool, the leaves change color, and the landscape is transformed into a breathtaking seasonal spectacle. Fall foliage is one of the most popular tourist attractions in North America, and for good reason. The vibrant colors of red. orange, vellow, and purple are truly stunning.

There are many different factors that contribute to the beauty of fall foliage. The most important factor is the amount of sunlight and rainfall that a tree receives. Trees need sunlight to produce chlorophyll, which is the green pigment that leaves contain. When the days get shorter and the nights get colder in the fall, trees stop producing chlorophyll. This allows the other pigments in the leaves, such as carotenoids and anthocyanins, to become more visible.

The amount of rainfall also affects the intensity of fall foliage colors. A dry fall will produce more vibrant colors, while a wet fall will produce duller colors. This is because the lack of water causes leaves to stress, which triggers the production of anthocyanins.

The type of tree also plays a role in the color of its fall foliage. Some trees, such as maples and oaks, are known for their particularly vibrant fall colors. Other trees, such as elms and hickories, typically produce more muted fall colors.

The best time to see fall foliage in Ohio County is typically during the last two weeks of October. However, the exact timing can vary depending on the weather conditions. For example, a warmer fall may delay the onset of peak foliage, while a colder fall may cause the leaves to change color and fall earlier.

Currently, the forecast is calling for peak colors around the week of Oct. 30 for Ohio County.

It is said that the drive on the Western Kentucky Parkway, which runs directly through the heart of Ohio County, is one of the best drives in the country to view the fall colors each year.

Keep an eye on fall foliage forecast maps online to know when the best viewing times are approaching such as the map provided on SmokyMountains.com.

Fall foliage is a reminder of the beauty of nature. It is also a time to reflect on the changing seasons and the cycle of life. As the leaves change color and fall to the ground, they provide nutrients for the soil and help to prepare the trees for the winter.

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Ohio County Healthcare opens new surgical wing in Hartford



Featured in one of the new OR suites at Ohio County Healthcare are Elizabeth Ottman, MD, OB/GYN and Michael Campbell, MD, General Surgeon. They have performed a collective total of over 2,100 procedures on the da Vinci Robotic surgical system. (Photo by Dustin Bratcher)

Sponsored Feature Story

HARTFORD, Ky. – Ohio County Healthcare (OCH) prepares to open their much-anticipated new surgical unit after 18 months of construction and several years of planning. The 27,000 square-foot addition adjoins the hospital and has increased the size of the hospital campus by approximately 40 percent.

The addition is built on a one-acre plot located directly behind the hospital with entry off McMurtry Avenue. The new surgical wing contains three large multi-specialty operating rooms, one of which will house the new da Vinci Xi robotic surgical system.

There are also three additional procedure rooms, a pre-and post-operative care unit, and a corridor connecting it to the existing hospital structure. For

enhanced convenience, patients will register at the new location which also includes a large waiting area and a direct access parking lot.

"The addition of robotic surgical treatment will greatly increase the complexity of surgeries performed at OCH and lessen recovery time for our patients. This will allow more patients to remain closer to home for surgical care," said Elizabeth Ottman, MD, OB/GYN & OCH's Medical Director of Surgical Services. "The da Vinci system delivers 3D high-definition views, giving the surgeon a crystal-clear view of the surgical area that is magnified 10 times to what the human eye can see.

"This is truly where surgical innovation meets healthcare excellence."

The surgical wing was designed by ESA

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The entrance to the newly constructed surgical wing at Ohio County Healthcare. (Photo by Dustin Bratcher)

Architectural Group out of Nashville, Tennessee.
The construction project was overseen by Wehr
Construction, whose corporate offices are located in
Louisville, Kentucky. The financing to build the unit
was secured in partnership with the Ohio County
Fiscal Court through the Rural Development Office

of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Funding of over \$20 million has been utilized for the construction of the new surgical wing, renovation of the vacated space within the hospital, and the purchase of new equipment and technology.

"OCH's strategic initiative to build surgical excellence extends beyond this construction project," CEO Shellie Shouse said. "We have invested a great many resources into increasing the number of surgical services available to our patients through the recruitment of surgeons, hiring additional staff, investing in training programs, and purchasing state-of-the art equipment.

"This commitment is part of the outstanding care we provide to the communities we serve."

Ohio County Healthcare currently has 22 local and regional surgeons credentialed to perform surgeries in the following specialties: Ear, Nose & Throat (ENT), Gastroenterology, General Surgery, Gynecology, Ophthalmology, Orthopedics, Pain Management, Podiatry, and Urology.



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OC Public Library Q4 Calendar of Events



Tuesdays in October, November & December

Ohio County Public Library Owensboro Community & Technical College SkillTrain – GED, College & ESL Training 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

OC Public Library Parking Lot Grades 7–12 Touch the Truck Community Helpers Event 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. All Ages Welcome

Oct. 10 & Oct. 11 Ohio County Public Library Mini Interactive Play Space Opens at 10 a.m. daily Ages 4 - 12 with adult supervision

Oct. 13 **Ohio County Community** Center Auditorium Reed Masterson, Illusionist 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. All Ages Welcome

Oct. 14, Nov. 4, Dec. 2 Ohio County Public Library Teen Volunteers & Movie

10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11 OC Public Library Annex Books & Beyond Book Club Ages 18 and up 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Oct. 10 OC Public Library Annex Color Connection Coloring Club Ages 14 and up 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.



Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12 Ohio County Public Library Famished for Fiction Teen Book Club Grades 7-12 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.



Oct. 21. Nov. 18. Dec. 9 Ohio County Public Library Crochet Corner Ages 14 and up 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

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Oct. 17. Nov. 21. Dec. 19 Ohio County Public Library Trivia Night Ages 14 and up 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Oct. 19, Nov. 9, Dec. 14 Ohio County Public Library Teens Only Program Grades 7–12 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 20 Ohio County Courthouse Square Family Storytime 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. All Ages Welcome

Oct. 20 OC Courthouse Square Family Craft Event 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. All Ages Welcome

Oct. 20 OC Public Library Parking Lot Free Family Movie 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. All Ages Welcome

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All Ages Welcome

Oct. 21 OC Courthouse Square Family Craft Event 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. All Ages Welcome

Oct. 3, Nov. 7, Dec. 5 OC Public Library Annex Techie Tuesday Ages 14 and up 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.



Oct. 27, Nov. 17, Dec. 29 OC Public Library Annex Dungeons & Dragons

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Ages 14 and up 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 17, Nov. 21, Dec. 19 OC Public Library Board Game Bash All Ages Welcome 4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Oct. 16. Nov. 20. Dec. 18 Ohio County Public Library BeTWEEN the Lines Tween Book Club Ages 9-12 / Grades 4-6 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Oct. 28, Nov. 11 Ohio County Public Library Free Family Movie All Ages Welcome 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 pm.

Oct. 24. Nov. 28 Ohio County Public Library Afterschool Program Grades K-6 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.



Ohio County Public Library Trick-or-Treat at the Library All Ages Welcome 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Nov. 2 Ohio County Public Library Home School Support Space All Ages Welcome 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Nov. 3 OC Public Library Annex Genealogy Night featuring Eddie Price 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. Ages 14 and up

Dec. 1 **OC Public Library** Murder Mystery Night 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. Ages 14 and up

Dec. 12

Adult Craft Drop-In Event 2 p.m. – 6 p.m. Ages 14 and up Dec. 16

OC Public Library Annex

Ohio County Public Library Visit with Santa, Mrs. Claus & Reindeer 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. All Ages Welcome

Dec. 20 & 21 Ohio County Public Library Christmas Craft Drop-In Event 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Grades K-6

Dec. 27 Ohio County Public Library Open Robot Labs 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. All Ages Welcome

Dec. 30 Ohio County Public Library New Year's Eve Party 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. or 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. All Ages Welcome

Oct. 2, 16, 23, 30; Nov. 6 & 13; Dec. 4 & 11 Ohio County Public Library Baby Romp & Rhyme Ages 0-24 months with caregiver 5:30 p.m. - 5:55 p.m.

Oct. 2. 16. 23. 30: Nov. 6 & 13: Dec. 4 & 11 Ohio County Public Library Toddler Time Ages 2 & 3 years with caregiver 6 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 4, 18, 25; Nov. 1, 8, 15; Dec. 6 & 13 Ohio County Public Library Toddler Time Ages 2 & 3 years with caregiver 10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Oct. 6, 20, 27; Nov. 3, 10, 17: Dec. 8 & 15 Ohio County Public Library Stories & STEAM Ages 4 & 5 years 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

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Oct. 20-21 - Voice of Oakwood @ Oakwood Cemetery - Tickets will be available for 5 p.m. or 6 p.m. More information on facebook.com/HartfordKY

Oct. 21 - OctoberFest Sorehead 5K @ Downtown Hartford - More information at facebook.com/OCFWC

Dec. 16 - Hartford Christmas on the Square @ Downtown Hartford - 12 p.m. More information on facebook.com/HartfordKY

Events in Ohio County

Oct. 6 - Dec. 8 - Rosine Barn Jamboree @ The Rosine Barn in Rosine, Ky. - Every Friday night - Admission is free - More information at facebook.com/TheRosineBarn

Oct. 7 - Run the Ridge 5K, 10K & 25K @ Bill Monroe Homeplace - More information at racemob.com/races/216201-run-the-ridge-5k-25k

Oct. 28 - Main Street Cruise-In @ Phillip's Parts Place in Fordsville, Ky. - 11 a.m.

Events in Beaver Dam

Oct. 6-7 - Beaver Dam OctoberFest @ Downtown Beaver Dam - More information at <u>facebook.com/</u> BeaverDamKY

Oct. 7 - 1st Annual Halloween Parade @ Downtown Beaver Dam - 3 p.m. - More information at <u>facebook.com/</u> <u>BeaverDamKY</u>

Oct. 7 - Fall Festival @ Beaver Dam Nursing & Rehab - 12 p.m. - 3 p.m. - More information at facebook.com/BDNRC

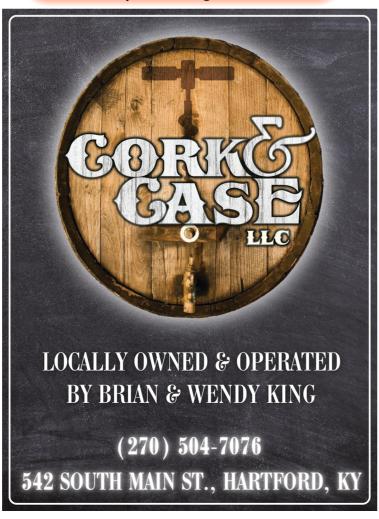
Oct. 31 - Treats on the Trail @ Beaver Dam City Park - Trick or Treating from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Dec. 1-2 - Downtown Christmas Festival @ Beaver Dam - More information at facebook.com/BeaverDamKY

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Soreheads Gifts & Sundries owners and sisters-in-law, Sharilyn (left) and Karen Ward officially opened the "Christmas Cellar" on Sept. 29. (Photos by Dustin Bratcher)

By Lee Bratcher

Mainly Local Business Spotlight

HARTFORD, Ky. — Christmas time is coming and many folks are thinking about the holiday shopping season. One Hartford business is way ahead of you when it comes to finding the perfect Christmas-themed gifts for the special folks in your life, Soreheads Gifts & Sundries.

Opened by sisters-in-law Sharilyn and Karen Ward, in June 2019, Soreheads Gifts and Sundries sells gifts, soup and sandwiches, and other goodies, such as hand-dipped ice cream.

While Soreheads Gifts and Sundries has lovely gifts for sale at all times, for Christmas, the Wards take things up a notch. In fact, they had to find a separate location just for their Christmas shop.

This year Soreheads will open its Christmas Cellar for the holiday season. The Soreheads Christmas Cellar will have a wide selection of items such as Santas.

reindeer, snowmen, gingerbread, trees, elegant gifts, primitive gifts and all things Christmas.

"Who doesn't love Christmas besides the Grinch?" asked Sharilyn Ward. "We have all kinds of Christmas decor for all kinds of tastes."

The Soreheads Christmas Cellar grew out of necessity because Soreheads had so many beautiful Christmas items to showcase that they didn't have enough room in their shop.

In recent years, Soreheads rented the small chapel behind the The Hub in Hartford and opened a Christmas shop. However, the chapel was still too small to fit all the items they had to offer.

The Wards then talked to their landlords about remodeling the basement of their building and, as luck would have it, the building had an entrance to the basement in the alley behind Soreheads.

Thus, the Soreheads Christmas Cellar was born.

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"It reminds me of when we would go to Gatlinburg and visit Christmas Shops," Karen Ward said. "There's no place in our county, or surrounding counties, that has a shop totally devoted to Christmas."

The shop opened for the season during the weekend of the Fall Crawl, Sept. 29-30, and will be open until the end of December.

The Soreheads Christmas Cellar plans to offer special shopping events and the opportunity to shop in the evening.

When you are in the thick of your Christmas shopping, be sure to check out Soreheads Christmas Cellar for some "Ho, Ho, Holiday Fun!!"





The Christmas Cellar is located behind Soreheads Gifts behind the store in the alley behind the gate.



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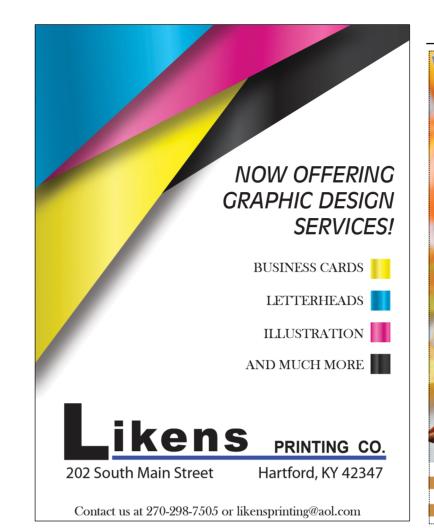
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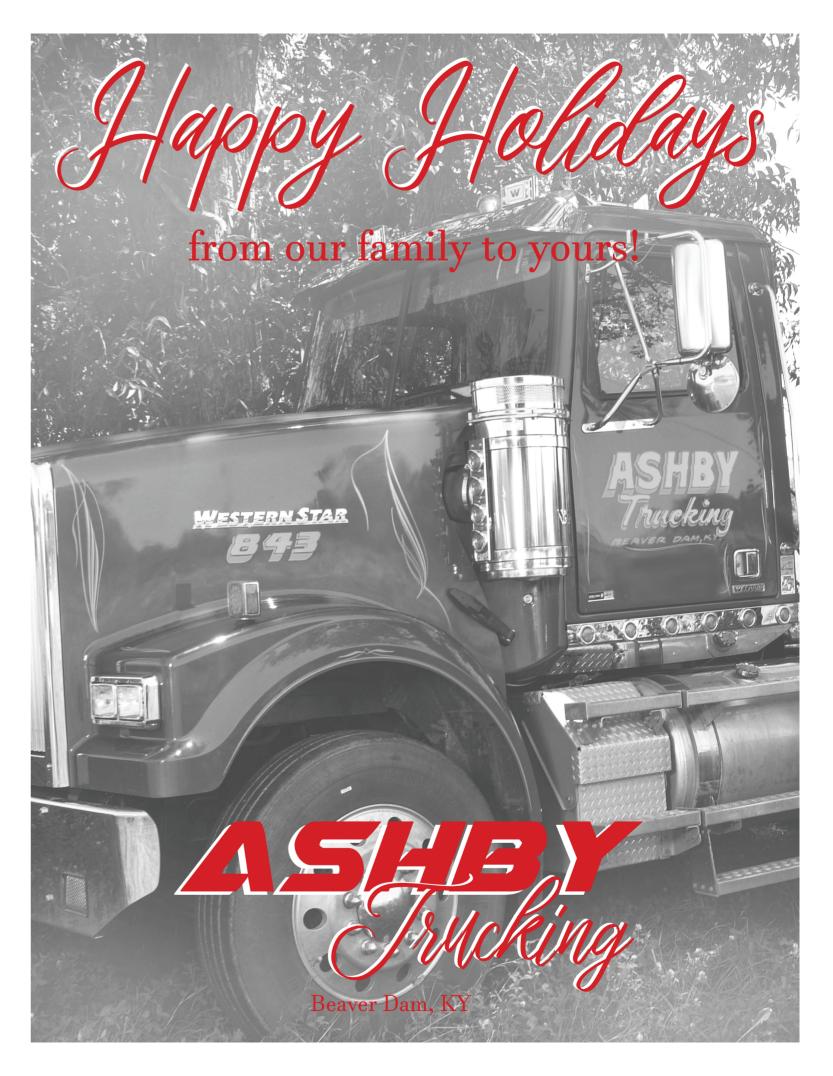




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