

September changes everything in Oldham County

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Monarch migrations, Kentucky Garden Trail stops, archaeology digs, an Ohio River bass tournament, car shows, Underground Railroad journeys and candlelight cemetery tours usher in fall in unexpected ways in Oldham County.

AUTUMN JAUNTS

Autumn is the perfect time to hit the road and take those meandering backcountry roads to Oldham County. Take an Underground Railroad Car Tour on Sept. 12th from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and learn some fascinating local lore about that mysterious railroad. The tour is led by Nancy Theiss, author of “A Tour of the Underground Railroad Along the Ohio River” and Executive Director of the Oldham County History Center. Participants on the tours will drive their own cars to specific sites of activities relating to Freedom Seekers and enjoy the fall scenery along the way. Pack a sack lunch. Must register. Cost is \$20 per person.

Heady-Radcliffe Funeral Home & Cremation Services is proud to present the Let's Roll: Patriots Day Car Show to celebrate 90 years of serving our community on Sept. 12th from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Bring the whole family out for an unforgettable day at Veterans Memorial Park of Kentucky featuring classic and custom cars, motorcycles, and more. A Patriots Day Ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. Also enjoy live music, food trucks and kids' activities including a bounce house obstacle course and face painting, and awards. There is \$20 entry fee for the car show. Registration closes at noon. This special event benefits the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary, supporting local veterans and their families who have given so much.

A stroll through Creasey Mahan Nature Preserve, one of Oldham's two stops on the Kentucky Garden Trail, puts you in touch with the changing colors and wildlife activity of Oldham County. Autumn's Arrivals: Migrating Birds and Monarch Butterflies will be held on Sept. 19th from 10 a.m. – noon in Goshen. Guide Lee Payne Jr. will help participants spot and identify migrating species overhead and explore what makes Kentucky an important stopover for both birds and butterflies. Event is free but donations are encouraged to Creasey Mahan.

Cruisin with the Quads car club holds a free monthly show in downtown La Grange featuring classic cars, trucks and motorcycles of all kinds, a DJ, door prizes, 50/50 drawings and more. This month's show will be Sept. 26th from 5 – 8 p.m. Come find your favorite new ride!

The Dead of Night: Candlelight Cemetery Tours will visit Pewee Valley on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, Brownsboro on Oct. 7 and 8, Floydsburg on Oct. 14 and 15, and Valley of Rest Cemetery in La Grange on Oct. 28 and 29. Join the Oldham County History Center on these candlelight tours from 6:30 - 8 p.m.



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through historic (and haunted!) local cemeteries where spine-tingling true tales will be recounted. Cost is \$15 per person.

A BOUNTIFUL HARVEST OF ARTS & CRAFTS

What's In Your Garden? is an annual competitive art show in La Grange showcasing all mediums of art to interpret the theme of garden or farm/harvesting. Hosted by the Arts Association of Oldham County and exhibited at Gallery 104 in La Grange, the free exhibit runs through Sept. 19th.

The Arts Association of Oldham County will have a second unveiling in September with the 3rd Annual Women of Abstraction, featuring work by women artists only. Running from Sept. 22nd to Oct. 17th at Gallery 104 in La Grange, Women of Abstraction is a competitive show open to abstract creations in all mediums. At Gallery 104 you'll find ceramics, jewelry, paintings and fiber art. Stop by and see what creative ideas will present themselves as you view the artwork displayed in this special thought-provoking exhibit that pays homage to women. An opening reception will be held on Sept. 24th at 7 p.m.

Wreaths aren't just for the winter holidays; as the gardens start to go dormant, they provide a creative abundance of material for distinctive decorating. Join Yew

Dell Botanical Garden's Horticulture Team for Fall Wreaths from the Gardens on Sept. 13th from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. This DIY workshop uses materials collected from the gardens, including dried flowers harvested from Yew Dell's Cut Flower Production Garden and Summer Annual Displays over the summer. Cost is \$75-85 per person.

Visit downtown La Grange for a unique arts & crafts show featuring hand-crafted items from over 50 vendors, artists, makers and creators. Harvest on the Rails will take place on Sept. 26th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. While in town enjoy a meal and beverage from food trucks or dine at a great local Main Street restaurant in our quaint city along the tracts. Top it off with a stop at the weekly La Grange Farmers' Market & Artisans, one of our museums — such as the La Grange Railroad Museum & Learning Center, or shop any of our quaint boutiques for more great finds.

EXHIBITS THAT TELL OLDHAM'S STORY

The James Chilton Barnett Whiskey Jug Collection is a special exhibit of antique whisky jugs on display until Sept. 23rd at the Oldham County History Center. James Chilton Barnett (Aug. 1, 1917-Nov. 16, 1999) was an antique dealer in Pewee Valley for 25 years. He amassed quite a collection, leaving

469 stoneware jugs to the History Center upon his death in 1999. Each jug tells its own unique story. Exhibit free with admission to history center.

Hurry in to see The Thoroughbred: Horses, People and Farms of Oldham County, before this exhibit ends on Sept. 30th at the Oldham County History Center. Learn about Oldham's connection to the horse industry and the people employed on the historic farms.

HOT TUNES ON COOL EVENINGS

Mix a little trivia with your music every Thursday in September from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Goshen Mercantile Taproom. Gather your team for Thursday Night Music Trivia and test your knowledge while enjoying a fun, laid-back evening filled with great questions, friendly competition and plenty of laughs. Perfect for a night out with friends! Play for free.

The free monthly Bluegrass Jam at 3rd Turn Oldham Gardens welcomes all artists and acoustic instruments on Sept. 6th from 1 – 4 p.m. Whether you're a seasoned musician or just starting out, this is a fantastic opportunity to share your love of bluegrass, meet fellow musicians and enjoy a great time together. Bring your instruments, your voice and your enthusiasm

for an unforgettable musical experience! Admission is free, cost for food and drinks.

Also, at 3rd Turn every Sunday from noon – 6 p.m. is Bluegrass Brunch featuring live tunes, brunch cocktails, and laid-back Sunday vibes. Make every Sunday in September a party and enjoy free live bluegrass with friends. Soak up the last rays of summer and the sounds of the weekend before it's gone.

As if that wasn't enough Sunday fun, don't miss the free Sunday September Sessions featuring Hickory & Sons from 2 – 5 p.m. The live music of Hickory & Sons will fill the air – just the perfect blend of traditional roots, acoustic melodies, and backyard-ready rhythms. There's no better place to be than the open-air garden in the heart of Crestwood.

Don't miss the last Pickin on the Porch on Sept. 26th from 6 – 9 p.m. at Knock on Wood Mercantile & Café in Westport. Live music, a great food menu and good company make these gatherings the best! A special menu is planned for each event and Milewide Beer comes to serve up cold ones. Bring your own lawn chairs to enjoy the evening's musical entertainment. Past guests have included talented local musicians and groups like Ida Clare, Jordan Bales, Kaintuck, Rachel Oldham and Allen Lane Band, all playing their original music! This last concert will feature Kaintuck Band. Admission is free, cost for food and drinks.

Add the sound of “Bingo!” to your tunes. Enjoy a fun night of music, friendly competition and supporting a great local cause at Music Bingo at La Grange Railroad Museum on Sept. 30th from 7 – 9 p.m. Bring your friends, sing along and enjoy a great night of music while supporting local history and education. Cost is \$5 + per person.

IN THE GARDEN AT YEW DELL

Twilight in the Garden is Yew Dell's signature event and largest fundraiser of the

year. Amidst the backdrop of Yew Dell's magnificent landscape at dusk, supporters will enjoy an evening of gourmet food and cocktails, along with a live and silent auction in the Mary F. Round-savall Pavilion on Sept. 18th from 6 – 10 p.m. Cost is \$200 per person.

Pilates in the Gardens is a gentle, structured Pilates class designed to improve flexibility, core strength and posture held on Sept. 20th from noon – 1 p.m. Participants need to bring their own mat. Held in partnership with Club Pilates Springhurst, class is included with admission price.

Don't miss this one. Yew Dell's annual Fall Plant Sale Sept. 25th from 4 - 8 p.m. and Sept. 26th from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. is a semi-annual event offering a wide selection of regionally hardy trees, shrubs, perennials and seasonal plants. Stock up on a wide variety of trees, shrubs, perennials and seasonal favorites, all selected by Yew Dell's horticulture team, to make your garden spectacular all year round. Plant sale included with admission price.

FIND THESE UNIQUE EVENTS ONLY IN OLDHAM

Take part in a Public Archaeology Program on Sept. 6th from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Duncan homestead site. Join Oldham County History Center staff and professional archaeologists for a public dig to unearth hidden clues about our past. Those under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Bring water and sack lunch. Registration is required; cost is \$15 per person.

Spend a day in Westport with the Hooked on Westport Community Fish Fry & Bass Tournament, a professional bass tournament on the Ohio River. The bass tournament will take place on Sept. 12th from 6 a.m. - 7 p.m. at first light and ends with a weigh-in at 3 p.m. Enjoy an antique car show by Barney's Rods & Custom Car Club from 2 – 6 p.m., and a Community Fish Fry and Live Band from 4 – 7 p.m. It's a great day to get Hooked on Westport! Proceeds benefit the Westport Fire Department.

Be Kind to Your Mind: Survive and Thrive Show-down takes place on Sept. 16th from 6 - 8:30 p.m. at CityPlace Pavilion 1 and 2. Parents and teens can enjoy a night of life skills games and challenges, informational activities, free food, prizes and more. The event is free to the community, but registration is required.

For more information and the complete countywide Calendar of Events for September, visit TourOldham.com, contact Kim Hydes, Executive Director of Oldham County KY Tourism & Conventions, at 502-817-6043 or at Director@TourOldham.com.

TAXES

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rates or revenues, this — at least for this next fiscal year — will keep us revenue neutral,’ Alvano said.

The council also noted that they are holding another special-called meeting at 6 p.m. Sept. 3 to conduct a second reading of the ordinance, public hearing and final vote.

City Clerk Heather Woodcox explained that the council cannot wait until their next regularly-scheduled meeting on Sept. 8 to vote on the tax rates because the council would then have to push the city's 2% discount deadline past its normal Oct. 15 date in order to give residents a full 30 days to pay

the discounted amount.

She also said that the city has planned for a third-party company to mail out each tax bill, and the company needs to know the rate by Sept. 4 in order to mail the bills on time.

If a rate is adopted on Sept. 3, the window for La Grange residents to pay their tax bill will begin Sept. 15. Those who pay by Oct. 15 will receive a 2% discount, and bills that are left unpaid after Nov. 15 will be deemed delinquent and have a 10% penalty.

Bills left unpaid after the start of the new year will additionally have a 1% interest added for each month the bill is unpaid. The city also has the authority to place liens on properties.

Look for updates in future editions of the Era.



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A total of 32 firefighters responded to a house fire in the Poplar Hill neighborhood in Crestwood on Aug. 25.

FIRE

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under control quickly despite the initial large volume of fire that was present and praised the efficient teamwork of the three

responding agencies.

No injuries were reported, and the cause of the fire is still under investigation, according to Melendez.

Assisting agencies on scene included Oldham County EMS and the Oldham County Police Department.

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