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# LIFE



■ **Ride on**  
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## WHAT'S UP

■ **TALA's 2nd annual Haunted House "The Asylum,"** Wednesday-Sunday, Oct. 1-31, except for Oct. 30 due to the filming of "Ghost Adventures Live." Visit [www.theasylumwv.com](http://www.theasylumwv.com) for more information. Farm of Trans-Allegheny Lunatic Asylum, three miles off I-79, on W.Va. 33 West, Weston.

■ **ARTS Cotillion Accepting Members,** 2 p.m. Sundays, Oct. 4-Nov. 8; final ball on Nov. 15. Students from all area schools in the sixth and seventh grade are invited to attend. Classes include social skills, proper etiquette and social dance. Questions, call Elizabeth Withers, instructor, 304-522-0463. Renaissance Art Center, 900 8th St. Huntington.

■ **Archaeology Month,** Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 3-4. Theme: Come and See What's New at the Mount." Family oriented activities will be held to celebrate Archaeology Month. Questions, call 304-843-4128. Grave Creek Mound Archaeological Complex, 801 Jefferson Ave. Moundsville.

■ **John Morgan,** 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 1-3, 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4. Morgan has made national television appearances on MTV, Showtime and Night Watch with Charlie Rose. Tickets, call 304-781-1000 or visit [www.wvfunnybone.com](http://www.wvfunnybone.com). Funny Bone Comedy Club and Restaurant, 26 Pullman Square, Suite 207, Huntington.

■ **Craft Show,** Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 3-4. Greenbo Lake State Park, 965 Lodge Road, Greenup.

■ **Montclair String Quartet presents "Soft Colors,"** 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4. Part of the Montclair String Quartet's Chamber Music Series. Tickets, visit [www.theclaycenter.org](http://www.theclaycenter.org) or call 304-561-3570. Kanawha United Presbyterian Church, 1009 Virginia St. E. Charleston.

■ **Ashland Holiness Summit,** 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, and 1 p.m. 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Oct. 5-6. This event will feature speakers such as Tom Hermiz, Nelson Perdue, Norman Wilson, J.K. Warrick, David Case and more. For more information, visit [www.holiness-summit.org](http://www.holiness-summit.org). WTCF/DayStar Television Station, 3100 Bath Ave. Ashland.

■ **Neil Simon's "I Ought to be in Pictures,"** 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 2-3 and 9-10; 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4 and 11. Presented by the Arts Resources for the Tri-State. Cast includes Alissa Fetherolf, Clint McElroy and Leann Haines. Reservations, call 304-733-2787. Visit [www.733arts.org](http://www.733arts.org). Renaissance Art Center, 900 8th St. Huntington. \$15 at the door.

■ **2010 Winter Guard Season Auditions,** Sundays, Oct. 4 and 11. Tri-State male and female performers between the ages of 12 and 22 are being sought by Z Winter Guard and Ability Winter Guard. Questions, call 606-922-2982. Hatcher Elementary School, Ashland.

# HAUNTED HAPPENINGS

Halloween has arrived early in the Tri-State with area hauntings a-plenty

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HUNTINGTON — Fall's calendar has made that creaky turn of the crank into October, and that means the ghouls are restless.

And some souls just can't wait around for the last two weekends of October to enjoy a good haunting.

Here's a look at some early spaces to feel the cold, icy breath of ghouls, goblins and lost souls.

**Trains and zombies and spiders, oh my!**

Camden Park, West Virginia's only amusement park, is now open 6 to 11 p.m. every Friday and Saturday for its 11th annual Spooktacular.

There are more than 20 rides and attractions. One is the park's specially tricked-out historic haunted house ride, the Haunted Train Ride. It must travel through a cemetery full of zombies before it makes its way back into the station. The park has lots of chills and thrills including a haunted maze and rides like the Spider and Big Dipper.

Admission to Spooktacular is \$18 for ages 3 and older. Children under 3 are admitted for free. The park distributed coupons for free children's admission to area schools as well as coupons available on the park's Web site at [www.camdenpark.com](http://www.camdenpark.com).

**Crazy Granny loose again**

The heck with blowing out 100 candles and sitting around at the old folks home. There's a crazy granny loose and haunting the fields near the Valley Fire Department on Route 2.

The Crazy Granny is just one of the main attractions to the fire department's fourth annual Field of Screams that runs dark to midnight every Friday and Saturday in October.

Popcorn and drinks will be available; admission is \$5 for ages 6 and up. Five and under get in free.

Last year, more than 5,000 people came through the haunted field helping the department raise money to keep the area safe. Call 304-576-2237.

**The Haunted Tunnel**

Next weekend, there'll be screams a plenty coming from Ohio 93 in Ironton, and it won't just be those people who insanely tried the BW3's "Blazin'" wings.

The Friday night lights get turned on Oct. 9 for one of the area's most unique haunted attractions, the Haunted Tunnel.

Put on by the Ironton Lion's Club, the Haunted Tunnel will now run 7 to 11 p.m. nightly Oct. 9-10, Oct. 16-17, 23-24 and Oct. 30-31.

The tunnel is located at the intersection of U.S. 52 and State Route 93 in Ironton, directly across from the Ironton Hills Shopping Center.

Admission is \$5. All proceeds go to the civic organization's community projects which include sponsoring seeing eye dogs and glasses to those who are sight impaired, providing scholarships, donating to area food banks and much more.

For more info, call club president Lou Pyles at 740-533-2977 or 740-533-3826.

**Tigger gets a jump on Halloween**

With a name like Tigger, you know he can't wait around for something to happen.

Tigger Conn, an MCTC student from South Shore, Ky., has not only started a ghost hunting club on campus, but the group is also leading a nightly Ghost Walk from 7 to 8 p.m. Oct. 15-31, no walks on Wednesdays and Sundays.

The walk will meet at the parking garage on 3rd Avenue. Hear stories about such sites as the Morrow Library, Old Main, the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center and the Cinema Theatre.

"It's basically to get our ghost hunters group out there," Conn said of hosting the free walks.

For more info, e-mail Tigger at [Conn16@mctc.edu](mailto:Conn16@mctc.edu) or call 606-694-5522.

**The Mothman cometh**

The Mothman Museum in downtown Point Pleasant is running Saturday bus tours to the old TNT area where Mothman was first spotted back in November 1966.

Tours are set for 1 and 3 p.m., Saturdays, Oct. 10, 17, and a special Halloween night tour at 8 and 10 p.m. Oct. 31.

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## Old Halloween trinkets haunt collectors shelves during holiday

Halloween is often considered the best holiday of the year because there are no demands unless one wants to participate.

If a person does get involved, the decorations are inexpensive, and a good laugh can be had from all the cool costumes. It is a nostalgic holiday as well for those who remember what it was like to bob for apples or make popcorn balls to give away.

Because of those warm memories, many like to collect Halloween memorabilia of former eras, or they are new collectors that enjoy the history of the holiday.

There are a variety of goods to collect for the Halloween



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enthusiast. Jack-o'-lanterns head the list. It is interesting to note that the first jack-o'-lanterns were made from turnips in Ireland. When the Irish came to America they adapted their jack-o'-lanterns to pumpkins.

The innovative Americans made the ever-popular lanterns out of paper. The Germans went one better and made their early jack-o'-lan-

terns out of a plaster-of-paris type of material that can sell for thousands of dollars today. These became permanent decorations to be preserved, passed along and finally collected.

Halloween demands great noisemakers. One that comes to mind is the clicker. These small metal toys shaped like owls must have driven parents to distraction. Click-click, click-click over and over again. It is a wonder any of them survived for the serious collector today, but if you have one, it is a treasure to those who love this venue.

Halloween memorabilia such as masks, costumes and

party goods have become a serious collectible, and some of it is valuable. One authority, Mark B. Ledenbach, has not only written a book "Vintage Halloween Collectibles" but has a great Web site that can help guide a person as to what to collect and value of those macabre goods.

The site is [www.halloween-collector.com/](http://www.halloween-collector.com/). There are other Web sites a person might want to investigate, but this one is exceptionally well done and informative.

Locally, many of the Old Central City antique merchants on 14th Street West in Huntington have some fine examples of Halloween memorabilia.

Lee Ditty for one, already has her black cat collection guarding her shop window. Before long other dealers will be trotting out their black and orange to entertain the shoppers during these fall days. With so many shops in one location a person can pretty much be guaranteed a great find for their Halloween collection.

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**Coming Up**



**Coming to the Tri-State**  
Singer/songwriter Todd Agnew will roll through the area with Kimber Rising, performing two shows in southern Ohio and Kentucky.  
**Monday's Life**



**All fired up**  
Ready those tastebuds for another round. More than 400 chili cooks flock to Charleston for the International Society's World's Chili Championship Cookoff.  
**Thursday's Life**



**WWE at the arena**  
The Big Sandy Superstore Arena is ready to rumble with a wild weekend. Find out who, or what's, coming to town.  
**Thursday's Entertainment Tri-State**