CHS Homecoming

King and Queen

October Train Rides

The Lake Shore Railway Association, a non-profit organization devoted to the preservation and restoration of the Lorain & West Virginia Railroad, will be offering a number of different train rides during the month of October. All rides are pulled by their vintage diesel locomotive and will leave from the historic railroad depot, located in Wellington.

In addition to the annual fall foliage rides, they will be operating two “Pumpkin Patch Limiteds,” where something gets a train ride and a pumpkin.

For couples looking for something special to do for Sweetest Day weekend, on October 18 and 19, treat your sweetheart to wine tasting and a train ride right here in Lorain county.

These events raise funds to cover the costs of operating this historic railroad and its equipment. With the ultimate goal of rehabilitating the railroad to Oberlin and beyond. Tickets can be purchased by visiting http://www.lsvrr.org. Questions about these rides can be directed to sales@lsvrr.org or by calling (440) 647-6600.

Sweetest Day origins & facts

Observed the 3rd Saturday in the month of October, Sweetest Day observance originated in Cleveland in 1922. Herbert Birch Kingston, a Philanthropist and candy company employee, wanted to bring happiness into the lives of orphans, shut-ins and sweetest day others who were forgotten. With the help of friends, he began to distribute candy and small gifts to the underprivileged.

On the first Sweetest Day, movie star Ann Pennington presented 2,200 Cleveland newspaper boys with boxes of candy. Lonely girls everywhere started to expect some form of attention on this day. The Sweetest Day idea spread through the region and was observed in many other cities.

Primarily a regional observance celebrated in the Great Lakes region and the Northeast, Sweetest Day is gradually spreading to other areas of the country. Ohio is the top state for Sweetest Day sales, followed by Michigan and Illinois. Texas, California and Florida are among the top 10 states in sales.

Over the years, Sweetest Day has evolved into a time to express romantic love and also to show appreciation to friends.

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L-R: Script Writer Kelly Boyer Sagert, Director Peter Huston and Producer Bette Lou Higgins.

18th annual Zero Proof Mix Off

At the 18th annual Zero Proof Mix Off, a public, no-cost event, attendees sample zero-proof concoctions while increasing their awareness of sober driving and zero-proof drink options. Businesses, agencies, bars, social clubs and other groups that want to enter a drink into this competition must apply to Lorain County Public Health by Wednesday, November 6, 2019. The Lorain County Safe Communities Coalition will accept 22 applications. Nearly 500 people typically attend the Zero Proof Mix Off every year. The event provides a unique and effective opportunity to connect with potential clients and customers while supporting safe driving behaviors. To participate, simply apply, then create and serve a zero-proof drink.

This year, the Zero Proof Mix Off is on Thursday, December 5, 2019 at Lorain County Community College Spitzer Conference Center, 189 Innovation Dr., in Elyria. Mixers may set up as early as 3:30 p.m. and judging begins at 5 p.m. The public arrives at 5:30 p.m and the event lasts until 7:30 p.m. Nearly 500 people typically attend the Zero Proof Mix Off every year. The event provides a unique and effective opportunity to connect with potential clients and customers while supporting safe driving behaviors. To participate, simply apply, then create and serve a zero-proof drink. Judges choose the best drinks based on taste, presentation and creativity.

For information on traffic safety and injury prevention on the road, contact Lorain County Public Health at (440) 322-6367, visit LorainCountyHealth.com, and follow them on Twitter @LorainCoHealth, Facebook and YouTube.

Zero Proofs Mix Off and Checkpoint Ride tickets are available for sale online and at Lorain County Public Health. The Chagrin Film Festival is in Cleveland at the Palace for the team’s next film, one about the first woman to run for the President of the United States in 1872, titled “Victoria Woodhull: Shattering Glass Ceiling.”