

OCTOBER 11-12, 2025

55th ANNUAL OHIO SAUERKRAUT FESTIVAL

THE OFFICIAL PROGRAM



**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 11th
9AM - 8PM**

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**SUNDAY
OCTOBER 12th
9AM - 6 PM**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Information Booth: Located at the corner of Main and North Street (in front of the Entertainment Stage).

Medical Attention: Minor injuries can be treated at the Fire Station on Miami St., or contact any festival staff member or Waynesville police officer

Festival Staff Members can be identified by their official lime green staff shirts and will be carrying two-way radios.

Lost children/parents should proceed to the Entertainment Stage at Main and North Street. Other persons are encouraged to use the LCNB clock tower as a pre-arranged meeting place should you get separated from your party.

Waynesville...

Area Chamber of Commerce
"The Antiques Capital of the Midwest"™

Join us for the

**55th Annual Ohio Sauerkraut
Festival**

**400 Juried Craft Exhibitors,
Entertainment and Sauerkraut...
Served in Many Traditional and Non-
Traditional Ways!**

513-897-8855

www.sauerkrautfestival.com

The 55th Annual Ohio Sauerkraut Festival would like to kindly thank our Sponsors! Without their sponsorship, we would not be able to provide a quality, regional festival that is ranked 29th Best Arts & Crafts Festival in the Nation, according to the Sunshine Artist Magazine. Please support them throughout our festival!

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PARKING INFORMATION



Shuttle Bus Parking is provided by the Waynesville Athletic Boosters at Wayne Local High School at 735 Dayton Rd. Cost for parking is \$5.00/per car. Follow shuttle parking signs. Shuttle buses will run during the festival hours between the High School and the corner of North and 3rd Street (the intersection nearest the main stage)

Private Parking is available at various locations surrounding the festival, but is not operated by, sanctioned, or recommended by the Waynesville Area Chamber of Commerce or the Ohio Sauerkraut Festival. Parking will be at your own risk.

To ensure uninterrupted police, fire, and emergency response during the festival, parking regulations will be strictly enforced. If your car has been towed, call the Waynesville Police Department at 513-897-8010

OHIO SAUERKRAUT FESTIVAL RULES

1. No banners or posters may be carried in the festival area.
2. No distribution of pamphlets/flyers or any other written material without written permission.
3. No bullhorns or any other device that project sound.
4. Selling anything in the festival area is strictly prohibited unless you are an approved vendor.
5. No solicitation of any kind including, but not limited to, distribution of samples, promotional items, flyers, pamphlets, or business cards.
6. There is a designated area for petitioning, preaching, and distribution of flyers. All of those wishing to conduct such activities must register at the Chamber office, and stay within the boundaries of the designated areas.
7. No pets please, unless service animals.



Failure to follow these rules may result in expulsion from the festival area. For a complete list of the rules, visit the chamber office at 174 S. Main St. The Ohio Sauerkraut Festival is hosted by the Waynesville Area Chamber of Commerce.

For a list of Vendors, Food Items, and Sponsor booths, please use this QR code.

2025 VENDOR LIST



FESTIVAL MAP



	Restrooms
	Chamber of Commerce
	Information
	Police
	First Aid
	Traffic Light

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2025 ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

SATURDAY ENTERTAINMENT

10AM - OPENING CEREMONY
10:15AM- WAYNESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR
10:30 - 11:00 ELLIE LITTLE
11:15AM-12:45PM – TESA MARIE
1:30PM-3PM – RYAN ADAMS AND THE SOBS
3:30PM-5PM – SMITHVILLESOUTH BAND
5:45PM-7:30PM – TWO FOR THE ROAD

SUNDAY ENTERTAINMENT

9AM-10:00 CROSSVIEW CHRISTIAN CHURCH SERVICE
10:30AM- WAYNESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND
11AM-12:30PM – FINTAN
1PM-2:30PM – SAUERKRAUT GERMAN BAND
3PM-3:30PM –SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION CEREMONY
4PM-5:30PM – STREETWISE BAND

OHIO SAUERKRAUT FESTIVAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Ohio Sauerkraut Festival is proud to recognize the recipients of the annual Ohio Sauerkraut Festival Scholarships. In 2024, students from Waynesville High School and the Warren County Career Center applied for this special opportunity.

The Joe Coons Community Service Scholarship in the amount of \$2000 to Amanda Tudella.

The Al “Capp” Stubbs Scholarship in the amount of \$1800 to Olivia Crumbach.

Two Ohio Sauerkraut Festival Scholarships, both in the amount of \$1500 to Belle Dimbath and Aleigha Post.

The Jane Jones Scholarship in the amount of \$1250 to Owen Malcolm.

These scholarships are made possible through the generous donations of festival sponsors, local retailers, and many supportive citizens of the Waynesville community. Thank you for helping invest in the future of our local students.

Join us as we announce the 2025 Ohio Sauerkraut Festival Scholarship winners at 3:00 PM on Sunday, October 12.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

OHIO SAUERKRAUT FESTIVAL HISTORY

The beginning in 1970...As the Waynesville Retail Merchants were planning to hold a sidewalk sale, it was suggested that a sauerkraut dinner be served as part of the event. With this decision, the Ohio Sauerkraut Festival was born.

That fall, on October 3, 1970, Waynesville hosted its first Sauerkraut Festival, serving 528 pounds of sauerkraut to approximately 1,500 visitors. Entertainment included an antique car parade, German bands and folk dancers, checkers and spelling bee contests, and of course, prizes for the largest head of cabbage and the best homemade sauerkraut. Booths were set up on Main Street to sell kraut-containing foods (including sauerkraut ice cream), fall harvest, produce, and display the antiques, arts, and crafts of a few vendors. Word of the high-quality food, entertainment, and crafts spread quickly and the Festival attracted crowds of approximately 4,000 in 1971 and 10,000 in 1972, the size of the Sauerkraut Festival brought it under the management of the Waynesville Area Chamber of Commerce. The Festival continued to attract even larger numbers of visitors, surpassing 40,000 in 1976. In the early 1980's, the numbers of arts and crafts booths steadily increased, and the number of festivalgoers increased to an estimated 100,000 in 1982.

Today, the Ohio Sauerkraut Festival serves 11,000 tons of sauerkraut and attracts approximately 350,000-400,000 visitors each year to browse among the over 450 craft booths and sample the offerings from more than 40 different food booths. It continues to be one of the top-quality festivals in the United States, attracting visitors from every state across the nation!

Thank you to our
2025 Festival Chairman ***Curt Day***

PAST CHAIRMAN

1968 – Don Hawke
1969 – Albert Stubbs
1970–1973 – William Stubbs
1974–1975 – Don Dunkin
1976 – Dan Becker
1977 – Jack Estes
1978 – Lee Snyder
1979 – Kay Emmons
1980 – Paul Heffner
1981 – Bill Brannock
1982 – Reed Madden
1983 – John Lamm
1984 – Clyde Hale
1985 – Phil Myers
1986 – Fred Konen
1987 – Richard Hoppe
1988 – Lonnie Schear
1989 – Bob Jones
1990 – Fred Konen
1991 – Don Dunkin
1992 – Roger Fenner
1993 – Clyde Hale
1994 – Jeff Richards
1995 – Dave Allen
1996–1997 – Sally Smith
1998–1999 – Barb Brannock & Nancy Mowery
2000–2001 – Linda Jones
2002 – Bob Jones
2003–2006 – Ron Kronenberger
2007 – Linda Jones & Kim Branson
2008–2009 – Linda Jones, Kim Branson & Ron Kronenberger
2010–2012 – Gus Edwards & Ron Kronenberger
2013–2015 – Gus Edwards
2016 – Linda Jones & Lonnie Schear
2017–2019 – Lonnie Schear
2020–2024 – Curt Day



OFFICIAL FESTIVAL CLOTHING FOR **SALE**

Unisex Crew Neck T-shirts \$15	Insulated 20 oz.
V-Neck T-shirt \$20	Tumbler \$25
Unisex Long Sleeve \$20	Tote \$25
Hooded Sweatshirt \$30	Baseball Hat \$15
Crew Neck Sweatshirt \$25	Toboggan \$15
(Addt'l charge for 2XL+)	

Items are on sale during the festival in Booth #202 in front of the Entertainment Stage.



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Fri & Sat: 11-8 | Sun: 12-5
Admission: FREE

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Sauerkraut Festival
Cookbook



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**VISIT THE INFORMATION
BOOTH #200 TO
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DECEMBER 5th
6PM - 9PM

DECEMBER 6th
12PM - 8PM

DECEMBER 7th
11AM - 4PM

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*The Waynesville Area Chamber of Commerce and
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