

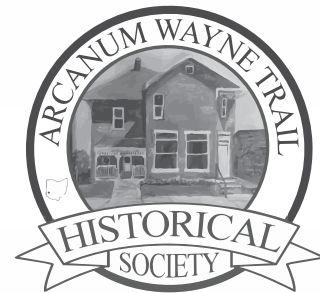
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*Did You Know? **The Welcome Center**, home to the Darke County Visitors Bureau & Main Street Greenville, is your go-to spot for local information including downtown events and things to do in Darke County. We're located at 421 S. Broadway Street in Greenville, Ohio.*





Annie Oakley

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Did You Know? Annie Oakley wasn't her real name? She was born Phoebe Ann Mosey, and her family called her Annie. She later took the stage name of Oakley, and her famous nickname "Little Sure Shot" was given to her by Chief Sitting Bull. She was born in northern Darke County and performed around the world.

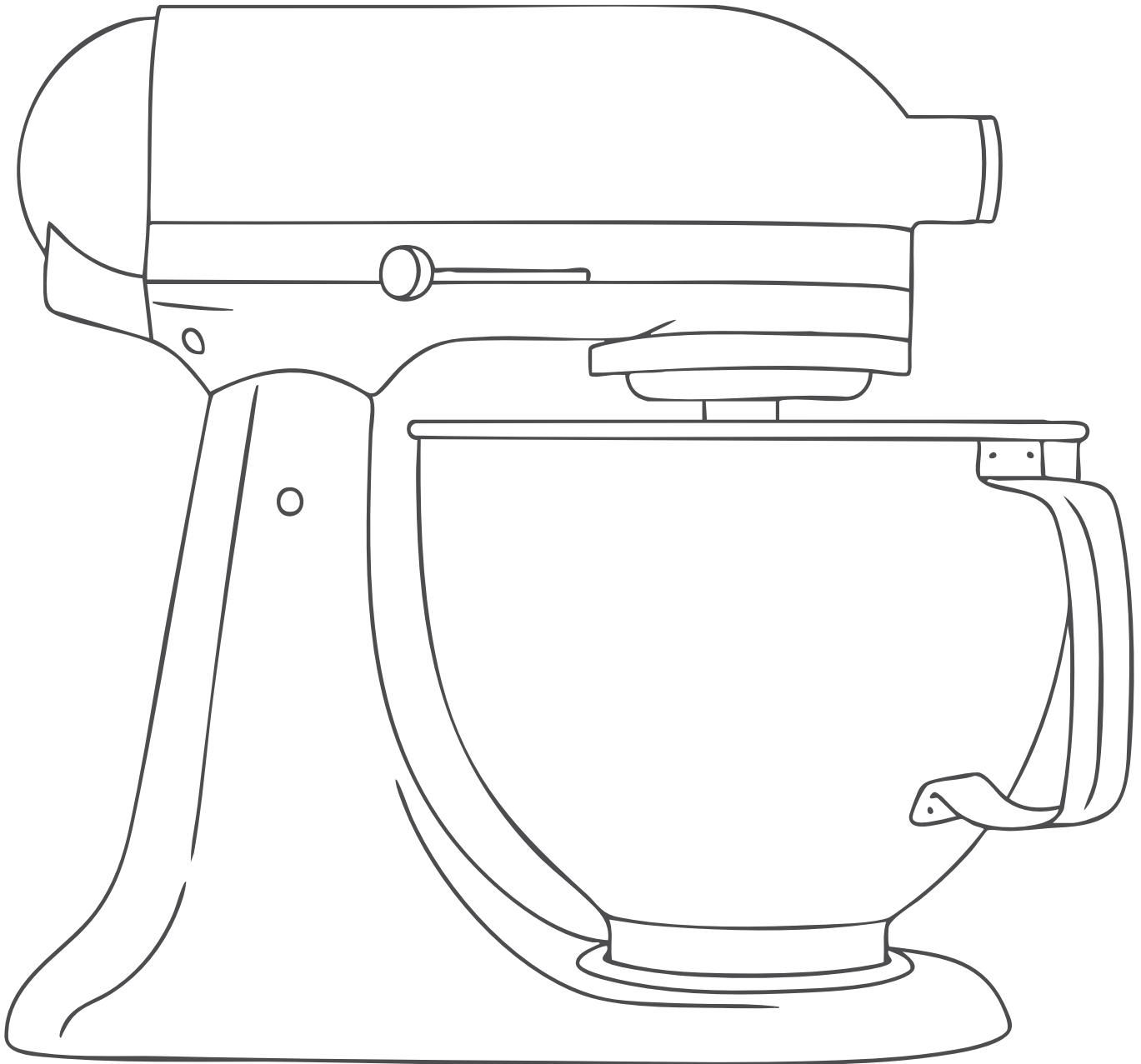




Did You Know? Annie Oakley wasn't just known for her incredible aim, she also had a loyal four-legged companion! Her beloved dog Dave, a mixed-breed often described as a terrier, traveled with her on tours and even performed tricks as part of her act. He was known for being fiercely loyal and protective of Oakley. When Dave passed away, Annie was heartbroken and honored his memory, proving even legends have their best friends.

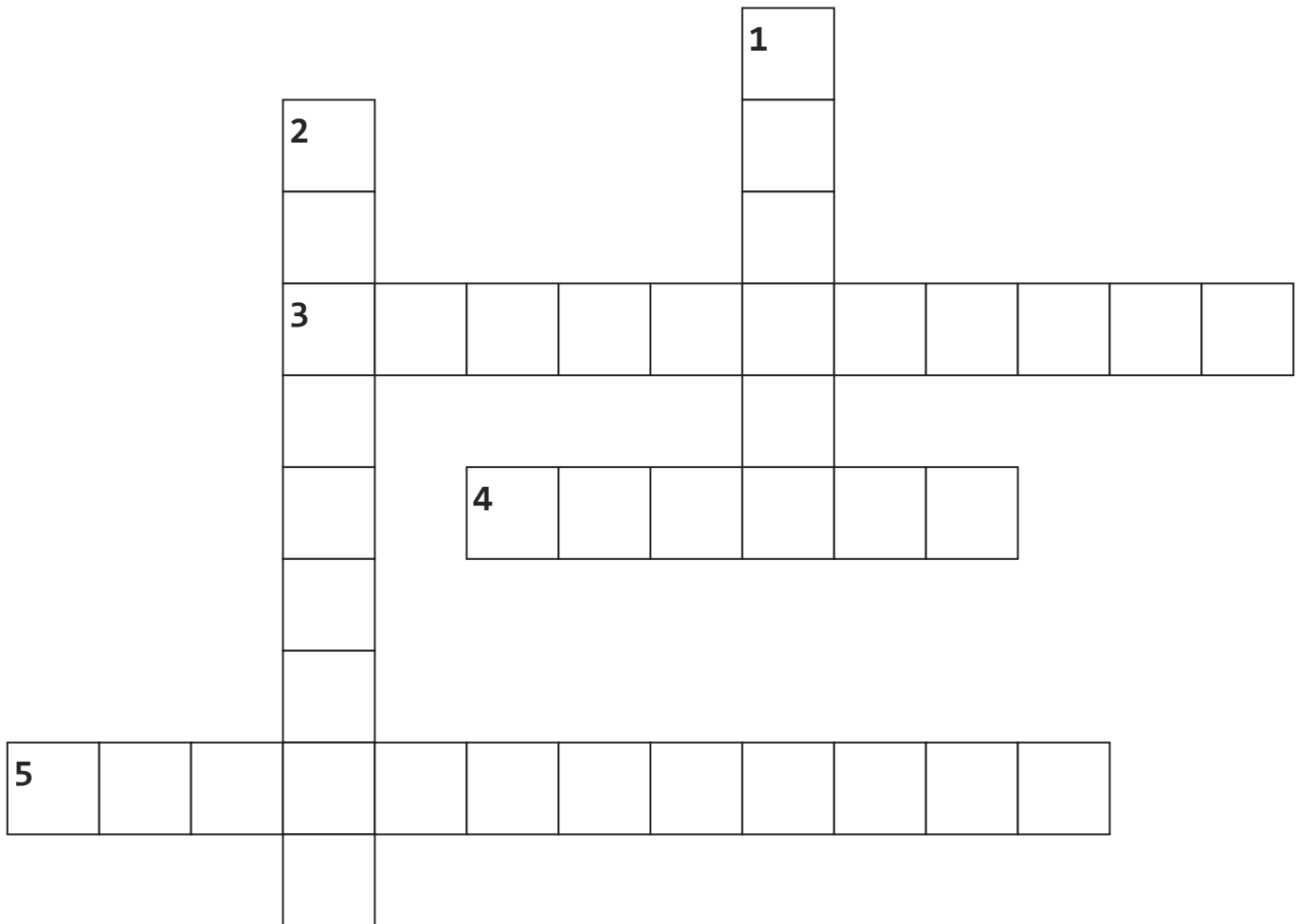
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*Did You Know? **KitchenAid** moved to Greenville in 1942, drawn by the town's hardworking agricultural community. It soon became the main manufacturing hub for its small appliances, especially the iconic stand mixer. Stories say the name came from the wife of an executive at the company who said her stand mixer was "the best kitchen aid I've ever had."*

Did you Know this About Darke County?



Across

3. This famous sharpshooter was a native of Darke County
4. What famous document was signed in Greenville?
5. Who was Darke County named after?

Down

1. The world-famous dirt track located near Rossburg, Ohio
2. A watermill built in 1849 and one of the few working grist-mills in Ohio.

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THE NATIONAL ANNIE OAKLEY CENTER



Did You Know? The Garst Museum and National Annie Oakley Center features 35,000 square feet of history! Discover more than 350,000 artifacts that tell the story of Darke County and the American experience — from Annie Oakley and the Treaty of Greene Ville to Native American heritage, military history, the Iddings race car, the Darke County Fair and more.



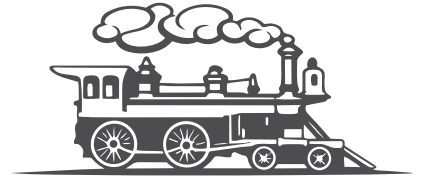


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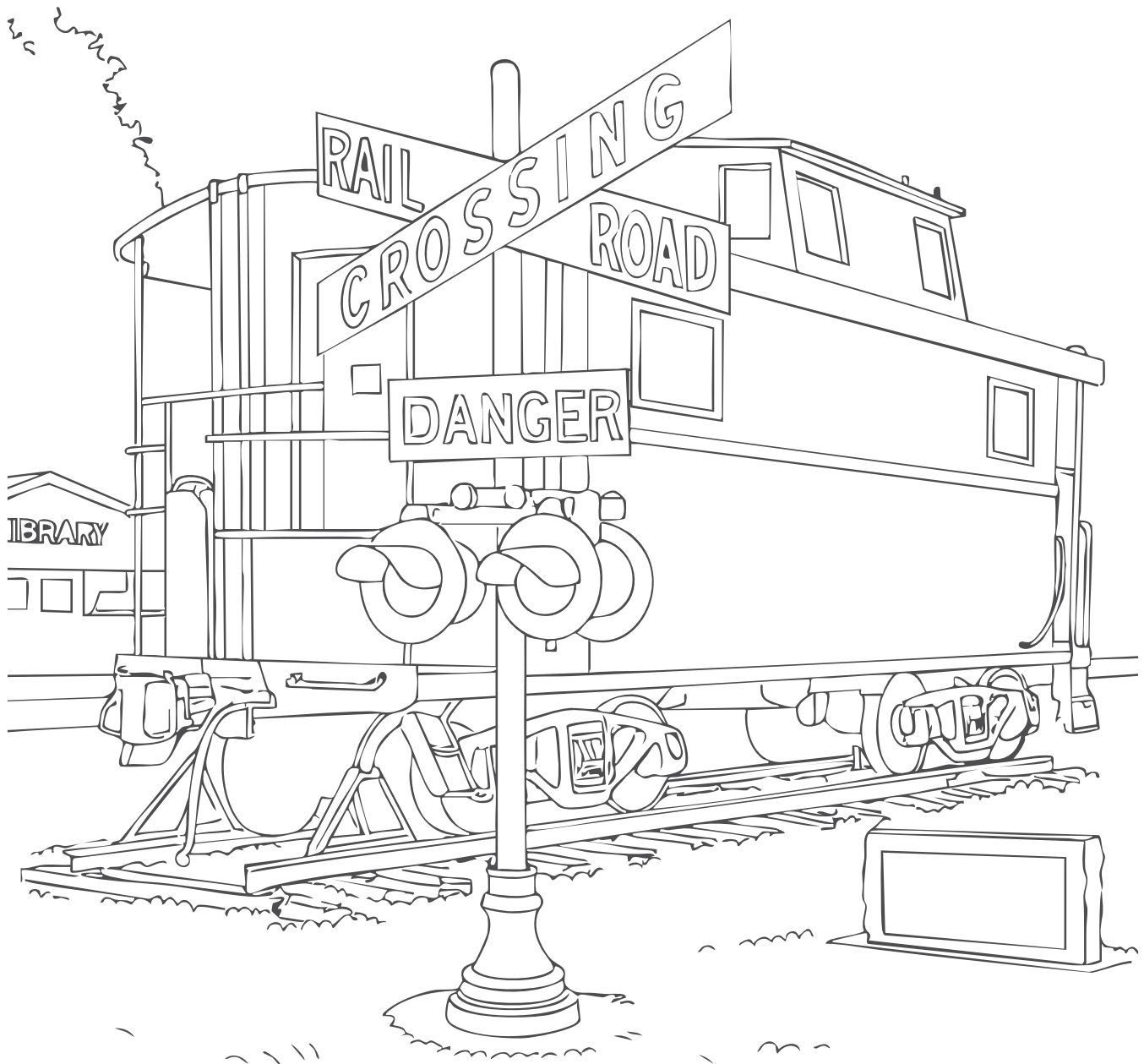


Did You Know? Bear's Mill, located near Greenville in Darke County, Ohio, was built in 1849 and is the oldest surviving industrial building in the county!





BRADFORD OHIO
RAILROAD
MUSEUM



*Did You Know? **Bradford, Ohio**, served as an important railroad junction for more than a century with lines operating from about 1869 until the 1980s. The museum was founded in 2002 by local railroad enthusiasts to preserve and share the rich history of railroading in Bradford.*

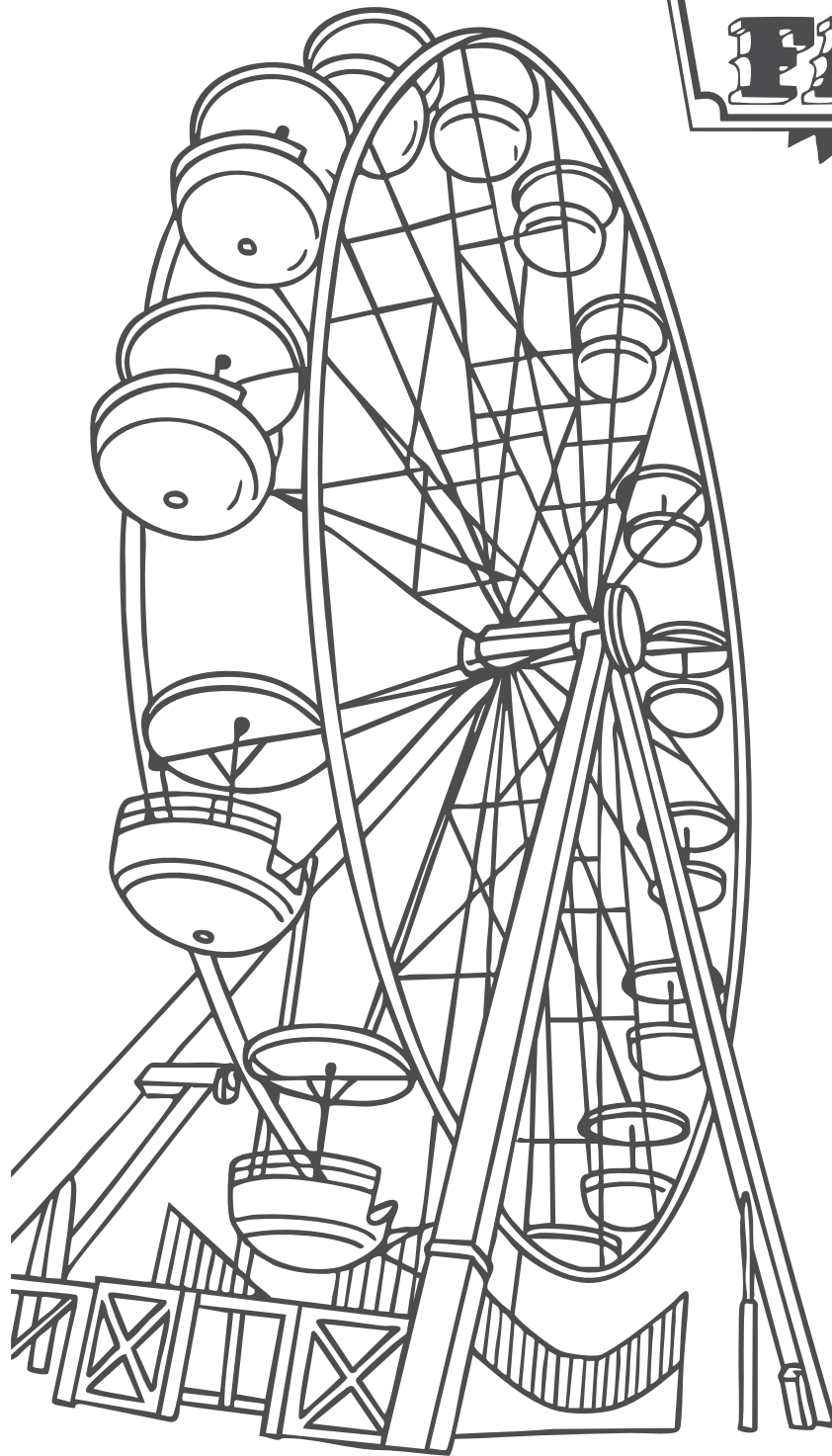




Did You Know? This mural in Greenville, Ohio, recreates a 1952 postcard once sold at McClurg's Book Store on Broadway Street. The store was a long-time local favorite where generations bought school books and supplies. The postcard is one of numerous murals decorating downtown Greenville.



**THE GREAT DARKE
COUNTY
FAIR**



Did You Know? *The Great Darke County Fair began in 1853 near the grounds of the Garst Museum and moved to its current location in 1870. Since the first one, the Darke County Fair has been held every year except 1862-1863 and 1949.*





Did You Know? The 74th annual Versailles Poultry Days (held June 13–15, 2025) celebrated its title as the World's Largest Chicken Barbecue! Poultry Days served a record-breaking 40,179 chicken dinners during the three-day festival.





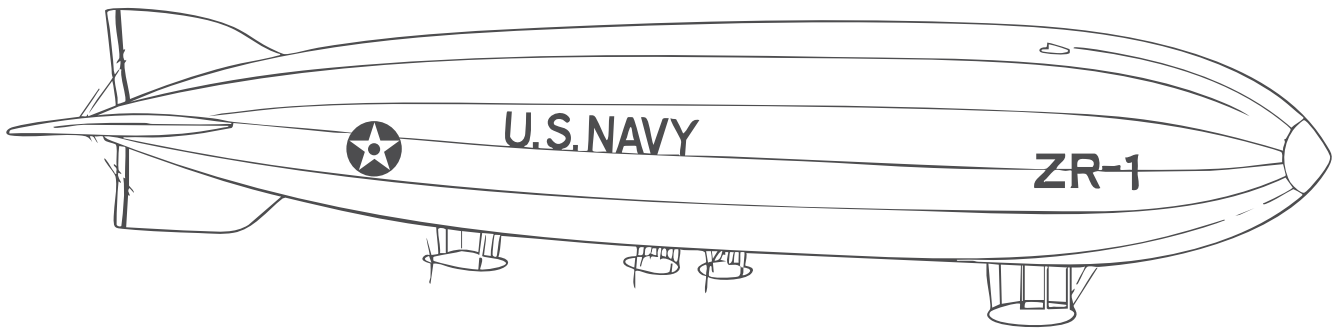
Did You Know? When Arcanum's Opera House was at risk, the community formed the Arcanum Preservation Society to save it. The Arcanum Opera House, built in 1889, housed the Village and Township offices, police and fire departments, and was the community's meeting place and venue for plays, musicals, graduations and other events.





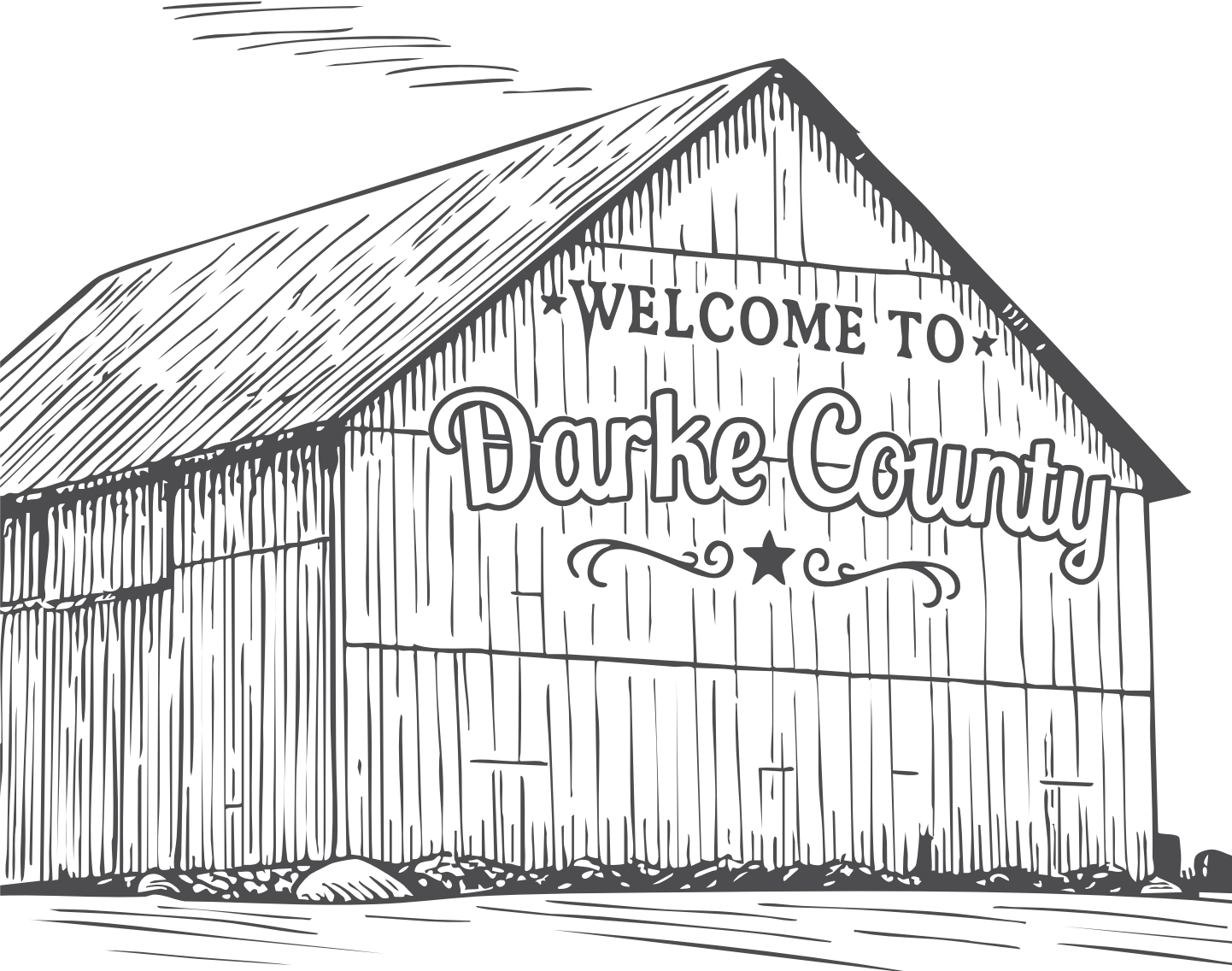
*Did You Know? **Tecumseh** was a Shawnee leader who worked to unite Native American tribes to resist U.S. expansion into their lands in the late 1700s and early 1800s. Alongside his brother Tenskwatawa, known as the Prophet, he helped form a pan-tribal movement centered in the Ohio Valley. He remains a symbol of Native American leadership.*





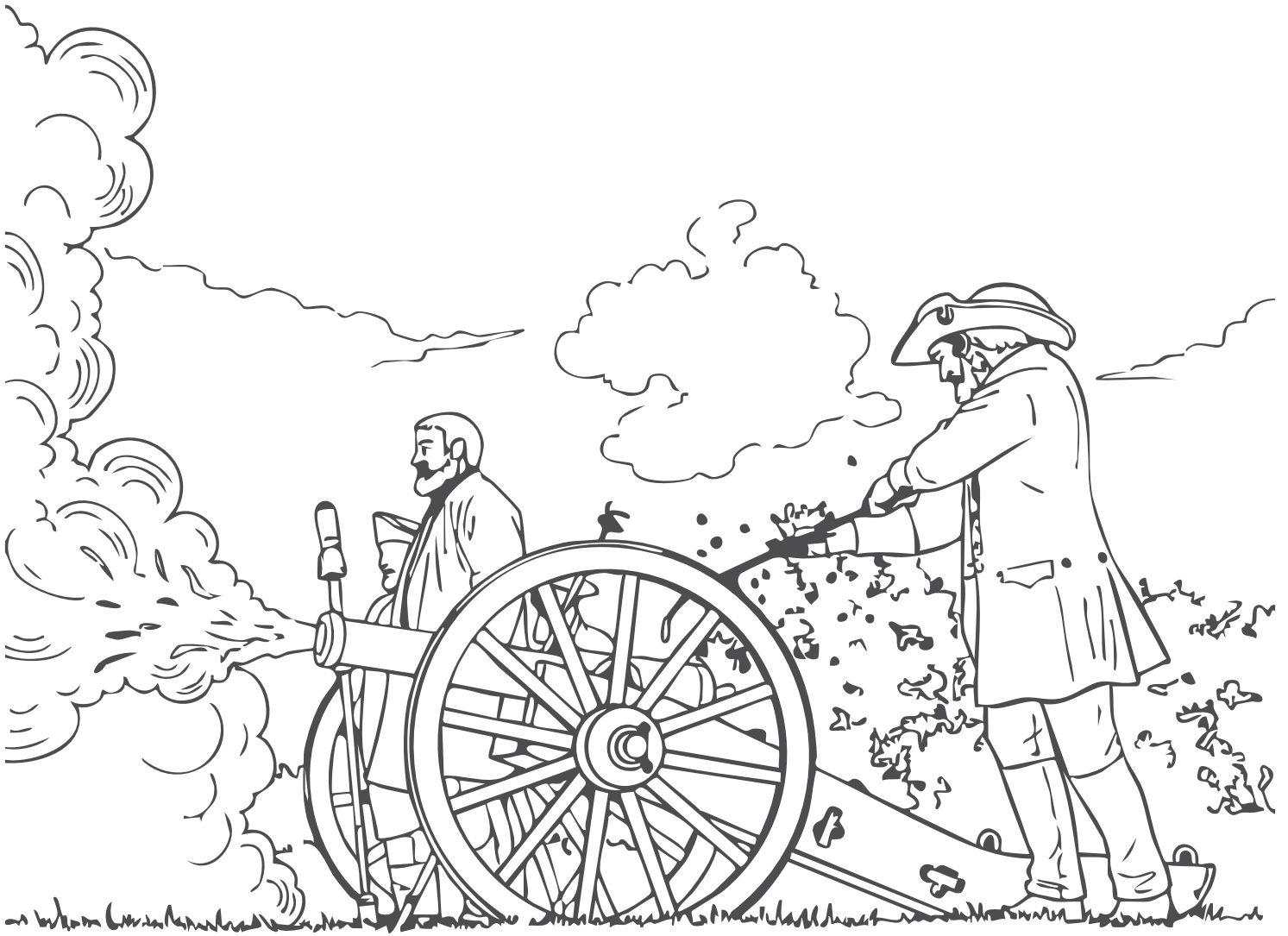
*Did You Know? Greenville's **Zachary Lansdowne** was a pioneer of “lighter-than-air” airships in the 1920s. Lansdowne commanded the USS Shenandoah, the first rigid airship to complete a flight across North America. The Shenandoah, just under the length of two football fields, crashed in bad weather near Ava, Ohio, in 1925.*





The "Welcome to Darke County" barn, located just south of the intersection of State Route 127 and 47, was completed in 2016. It was a painted barn project by the Darke County Visitors Bureau (DCVB) to highlight county pride and heritage.





Did You Know? The Gathering at Garst is a free annual festival in Greenville, Ohio, featuring living history, artisans, music, food, and cannon fire. Held the last full weekend in July, the Gathering celebrates living history encampments and Annie Oakley's legacy.



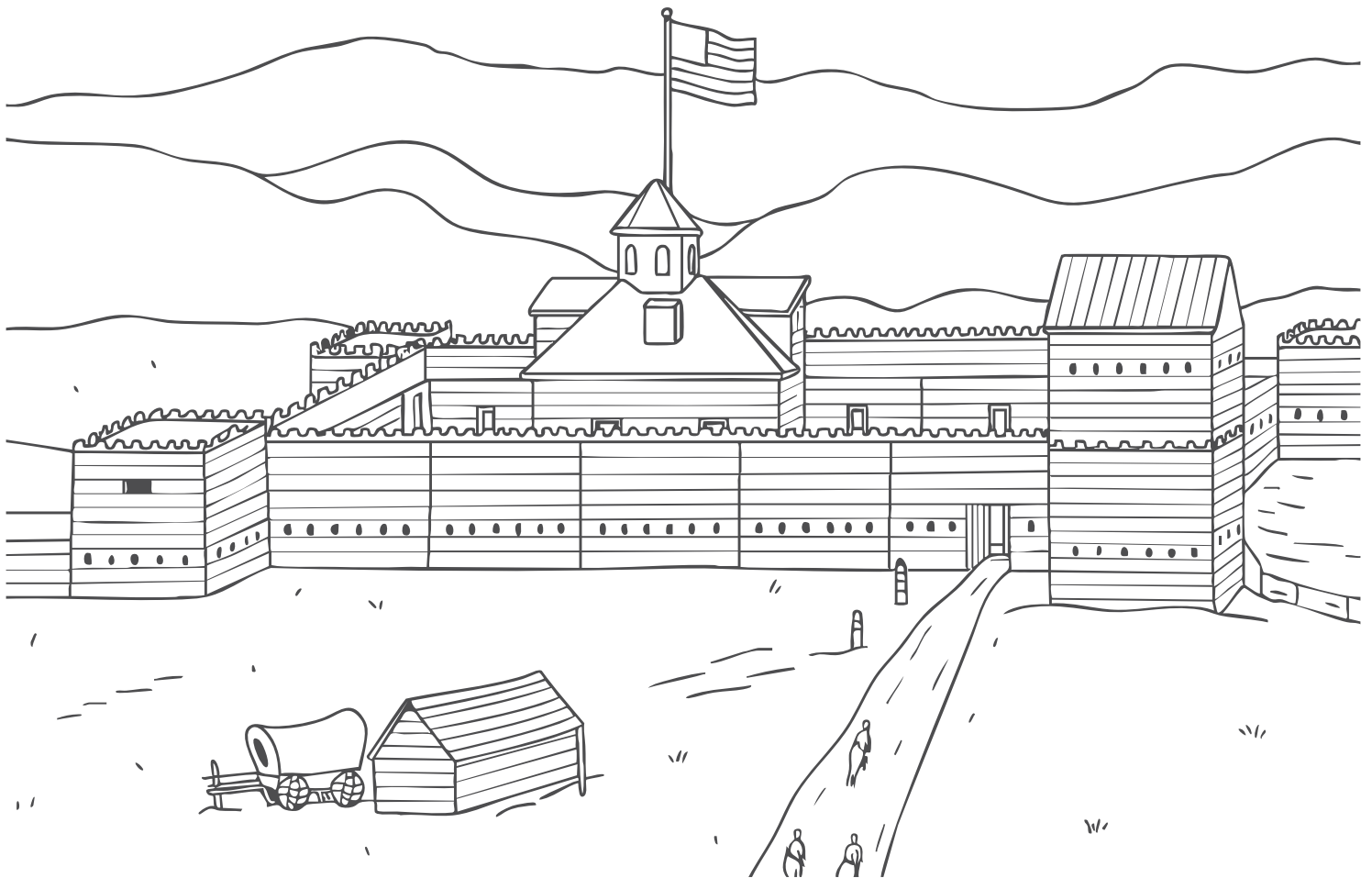


*Did You Know? **Eldora Speedway** was carved out of a cornfield by Earl Baltes in 1954. The high-banked, half-mile oval has become world famous with events like the Dirt Late Model Dream, King's Royal and World 100 that nearly double Darke County's population!*



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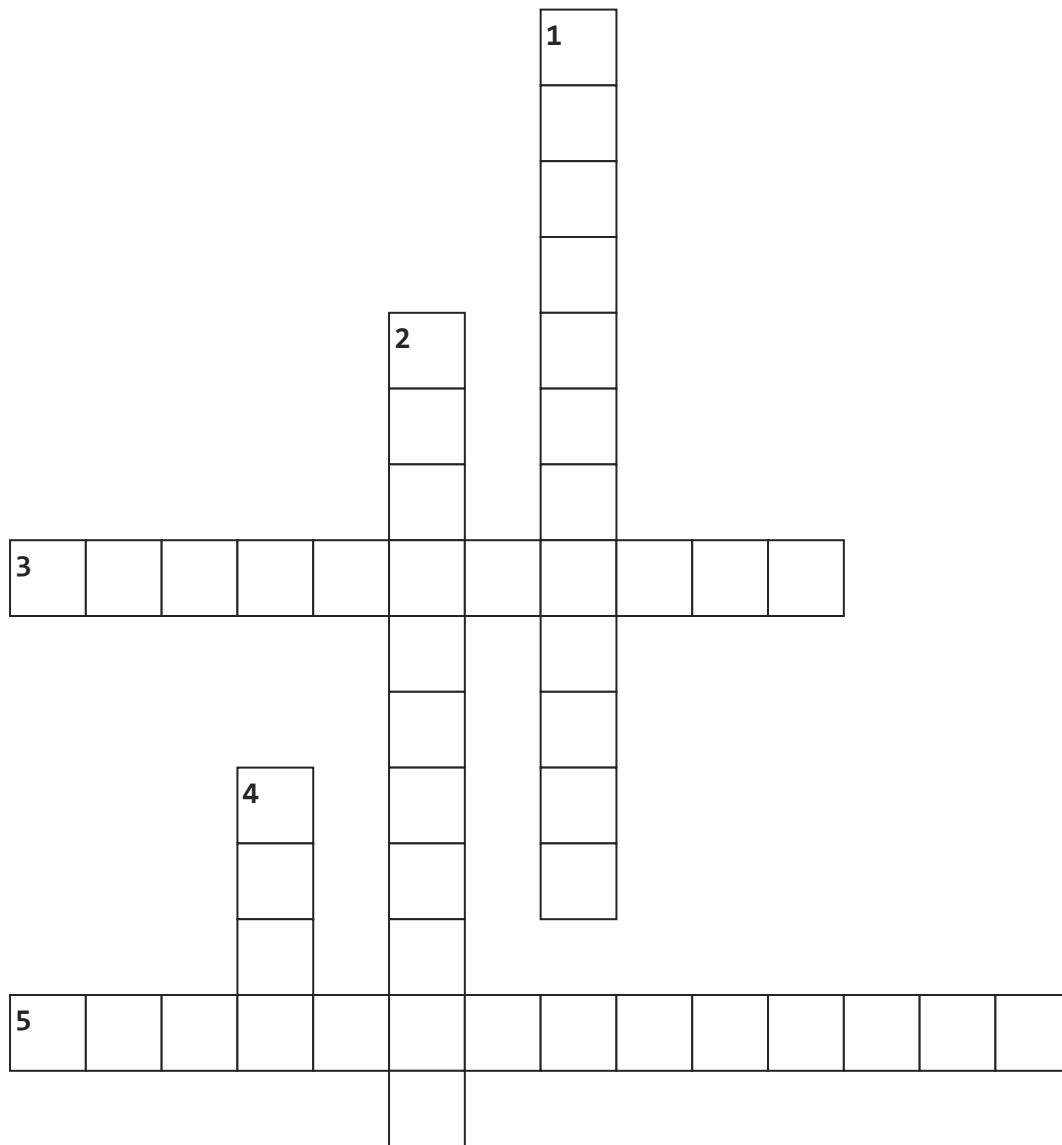


Did You Know? Fort Jefferson was a U.S. Army fortification built in October of 1791 during the Northwest Indian War. Constructed under General Arthur St. Clair and named after Thomas Jefferson, Fort Jefferson was located about five miles south of Greenville. Fort Jefferson Memorial Park commemorates the site with a stone memorial marking the location and significance of this early American frontier post.



*Did You Know? **Maid-Rite** in Greenville, Ohio, is famous for its "gum wall," a quirky tradition dating back to the late 1930s. Visitors stick their chewed gum on the bricks, turning it into a colorful local landmark. Maid-Rite has been serving its classic loose-meat sandwiches since 1934.*

Did you Know this About Annie Oakley?



Across

3. Who gave the name Little Sure Shot to Annie?
5. What was Annie's full name?

Down

1. Who's Wild West Show did Annie star in?
2. Who did Annie Oakley marry?
4. What was the name of Annie Oakley's dog?



Did You Know? Darke County is home to about 1,761 farms. Darke County consistently leads Ohio in corn production, is one of the top producers of soybeans and eggs, and ranks third in the state with 53,000 cattle and calves. Of Darke County's 382,784 acres, 366,642 is covered by farmland!



Did You Know? On August 3, 1795, the Treaty of Greenville was signed in present-day Greenville, Ohio. The treaty ended the Northwest Indian War between the United States and the Northwestern Indian Confederacy. The agreement was reached at Fort Greene Ville, one of the largest wooden stockade forts ever built, where General Anthony Wayne met with leaders of the Shawnee, Delaware, Wyandot, Miami and other tribes.



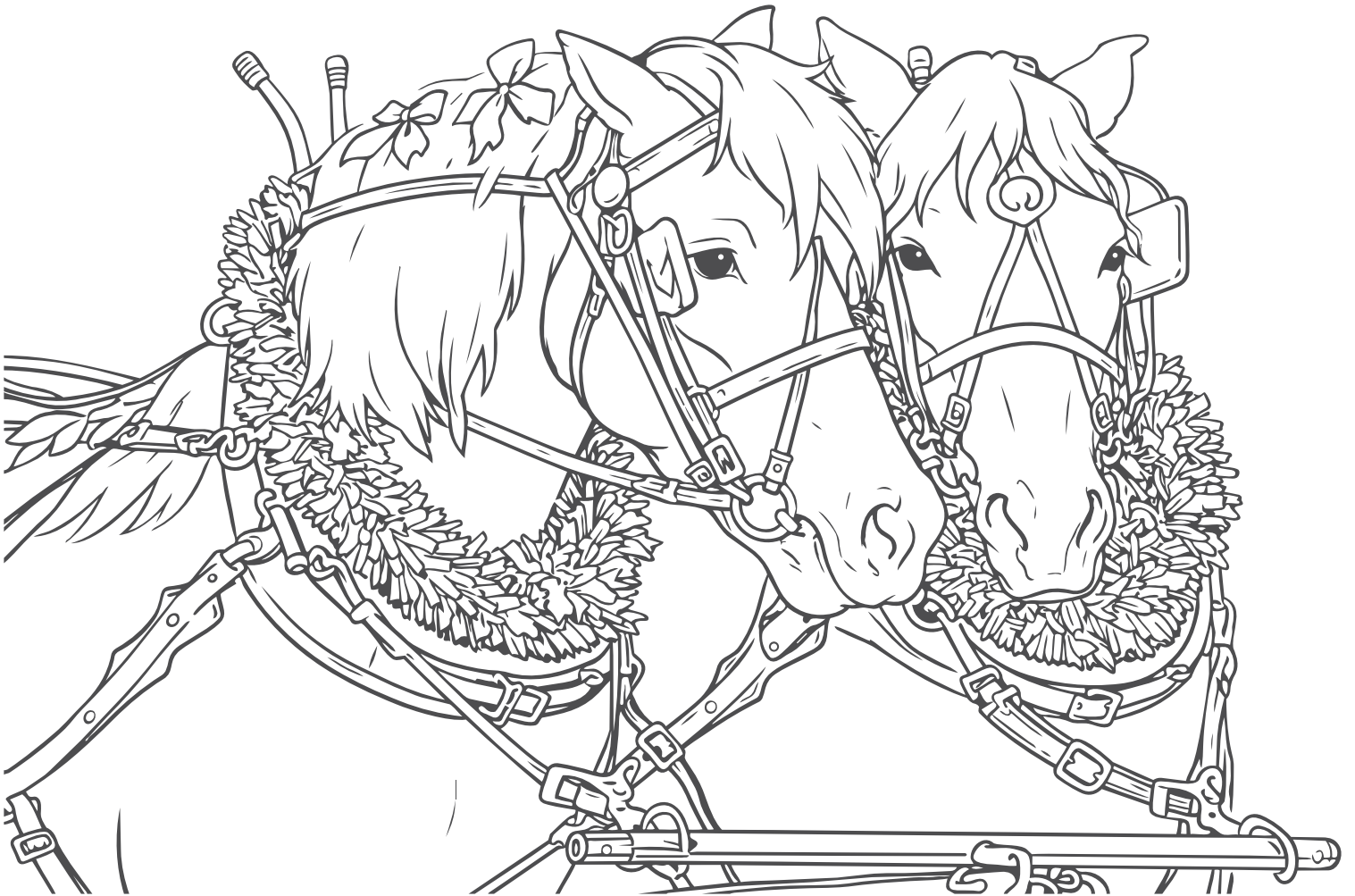


*Did You Know? **The Bradford Pumpkin Show** started in 1926 and is still going strong. The festival is famous for the amount of confetti thrown during the evening, making the streets look as though they are covered in snow!*



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Did You Know? The Hometown Holiday Horse Parade started in 2003 and has become one of Darke County's most beloved events. The parade, which features lighted horses, carriages and wagons, is a five-time winner of Ohio Magazine's Best Parade award.

Darke County Activity Book

America's 250th Anniversary



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Did You Know? Meriwether Lewis and William Clark first met in Greenville in 1795, sparking a friendship that led to one of the most important expeditions in American history. Their connection in Greenville helped launch the journey to the Pacific Ocean, forever shaping westward expansion.



*Did You Know? Darke County, Ohio, is named after **General William Darke**, a Revolutionary War hero? Darke County was formed from Miami County in 1809 and was officially organized in 1817, with Greenville as the county seat.*

Darke County, Ohio America 250th Event List

America 250 Ohio Theme: Music & Entertainment Exhibit
Month of March / Garst Museum, Greenville

(Outerspatial App) America 250 Challenge: History in the Darke
March - December / Darke County Parks

Nathan Hale: American Revolutionary Patriot, Soldier, Spy
March 12 at 7 p.m. / Arcanum Wayne Trail Historical Society

Washington's Generals Lecture Series: Daniel Morgan
March 14 at 2:00 p.m. / Garst Museum, Greenville

History of Quilting
March 23 at 6 p.m. / New Madison Public Library

America 250 Ohio Theme: Ohio Moves – Transportation
Month of April / Garst Museum Exhibit

History of Darke County
April 3 at 6 p.m. / New Madison Public Library

Ohio Past, Present, Future Darke County Display
Fort GreeneVille Chapter DAR
April 3-30 / New Madison Public Library

Ohio Goes to the Movies: "Janice Meredith"
April 10 / Arcanum Opera House

Washington's Generals Lecture Series: Horatio Gates
April 11 at 2 p.m. / Garst Museum, Greenville

America 250 Tea Party by Fort GreeneVille Chapter DAR
April 25 at Noon / Olde Factory Warehouse, Greenville

Speaker Series: Longtown
April 30 at 6 p.m. / New Madison Public Library

America 250 Ohio Theme: Arts, Culture & Literature Exhibit
Month of May / Garst Museum, Greenville

Washington's Generals Lecture Series: Israel Putnam
May 9 at 2 p.m. / Garst Museum, Greenville

The Signers & Women of the Patriots
May 14 at 7 p.m. / Arcanum Wayne Trail Historical Society

Fragile Peace (events leading to the 1795 Treaty of Greene Ville)
May 16 at 10 a.m. / Prairie Ridge Meadow

Speaker Series: Fort Jefferson
May 19 at 6 p.m. / New Madison Public Library

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Homestead Hearths
May 26 at 6 p.m. / Shawnee Prairie Preserve Log House, Greenville

America 250 Ohio Theme: Exploring Ohio's Natural Resources Exhibit
Month of June / Garst Museum, Greenville

Arcanum Walking Tour
June 6; meet at 9 a.m. / Arcanum Wayne Trail Historical Society

Food and Family History
June 10 at 1 p.m. / New Madison Public Library

America 250 Osgood Community Picnic
June 20 / Osgood Park

Washington's Generals Lecture Series: The Marquis de Lafayette
June 20 at 2:00 p.m. / Garst Museum, Greenville

Speaker Series: Nathan Hale, America's First Spy
June 24 at 6 p.m. / New Madison Public Library

America 250 Ohio Theme: Homecoming & Picnics Exhibit
Month of July / Garst Museum, Greenville

Fourth of July Celebration & America 250 Greenville Community Picnic
July 4-5 / City Park, Greenville

Arcanum Community Celebration
July 4 / Ivester Park, Arcanum

Washington's Generals Lecture Series: Baron von Steuben
July 11 at 2:00 p.m. / Garst Museum

The Mother Road: Celebration of Route 66
July 8 at 1 p.m. / New Madison Public Library

Annie Get Your Gun
July 16-18 / Towne & Country Players, Versailles

Ohio Goes to the Movies: "Annie Oakley"
July 21 / The Wayne Theatre, Greenville

History Roundtable: New Madison, Hollansburg & Palestine
July 21 at 6 p.m. / New Madison Public Library

America 250 Ohio Theme: Ohio Goes to the Fair Exhibit
Month of August / Garst Museum, Greenville

Larry Wright, descendant of George Rebecca Ivester
Aug. 1 from 10-11:30 a.m. / Ivester Park, Arcanum

Fragile Peace: The Treaty of Greene Ville and Council House that shaped History
August 3 at 6pm / Darke County Parks - Prairie Ridge Meadow (Council House)

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Speaker Series: Harrison Township Revolutionary War Patriots
Aug. 4 at 6 p.m. / New Madison Public Library

Washington's Generals Lecture Series: Anthony Wayne
August 22 at 2 p.m. / Garst Museum

America 250 Ohio Theme: Ohio Plays – Sports & Wellness Exhibit
Month of September / Garst Museum, Greenville

Ohio Past, Present, Future Darke County Display
Fort Greenville Chapter DAR
Month of September / Versailles Area Historical Museum

The Spy that Saved Washington's Life Twice
Sept. 10 at 7 p.m. / Arcanum Wayne Trail Historical Society

America 250 Festival
Sept. 12 / Heritage Park, Versailles

Washington's Generals Lecture Series: Benedict Arnold
Sept. 12 at 2 p.m. / Garst Museum

Speaker Series: Treaty City to Western Sea – Lewis & Clark in Greenville
Sept. 29 at 6 p.m. / New Madison Public Library

America 250 Ohio Theme: Ohio Grows – Food & Farms Exhibit
Month of October / Garst Museum, Greenville

Ohio Goes to the Movies: "Hocus Pocus"
Oct. 1 / Henry St. Clair Memorial Hall

Hooked on Fishing by the Light Foundation
Oct. 3-4 / City Park, Greenville

Washington's Generals Lecture Series: John Stark
October 10 at 2 p.m. / Garst Museum, Greenville

America 250 Ohio Theme: Ohio Serves – Remembering Veterans, First Responders, Front-Line Heroes Exhibit
Month of November / Garst Museum, Greenville

Washington's Generals Lecture Series: Henry Knox
November 14 at 2 p.m. / Garst Museum, Greenville

America 250 Ohio Theme: Future Ohio Exhibit
Month of December / Garst Museum, Greenville

Washington's Generals Lecture Series: Philip Schuyler
December 12 at 2 p.m. / Garst Museum, Greenville