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Franklin's Applefest Tradition Returns for 42nd Year

'Best Three Days' Include Arts and Crafts, Food, Tours, Music and More

FRANKLIN, PA – Say “pumpkin spice” to America, and they instantly know that fall is just around the corner. Say “Applefest” to folks in western Pennsylvania, and they know that the “Best Three Days” of October are just around the corner. This year’s festival is October 3, 4, and 5th.

What started in 1982 as an apple pie baking contest has turned into one of the most recognizable arts and crafts festival in the tri-state area. The Franklin Area Chamber of Commerce and their Applefest CORE Committee are busy putting the finishing touches on this year’s 42nd annual event.

With over 300 vendors on location, 40 plus volunteers on the ground, and approximately 30,000 people per day visiting, the rural City of Franklin, Pennsylvania, with a population of 6,000, turns into a bustling hub of activity from sun-up until sun-down in what could be the perfect story line for a Hallmark movie. If you have been here, you know exactly what we are saying. If you have not, you need to add it to your “must do” list.

In the quiet morning hours of the Wednesday before the ‘fest, the CORE Committee and staff gather for final assignments and cheers for the beginning of our favorite time of year, and then



they head to the parks and streets. Before Noon many of our food vendors are surrounding the parks waiting for spaces to be marked so they can begin unloading. During that time, our sign crew travels throughout the county placing the necessary directional signs and, more than likely, having more fun than you can imagine. With morning assignments being completed, everyone gathers for lunch at the Chamber office to regroup for afternoon assignments. We conclude the day with the Applefest Kick-Off mixer where Chamber members celebrate the beginning of this annual extravaganza and share our appreciation for a community who joins us to make this happen.

By sunrise Friday morning, our community

is filled with the melodious tune of the crowds’ chatter with hundreds lining up for coffee, hurrying to our pancake breakfast, and breathing in the scents of their favorite foods. For the “Best Three Days,” visitors and locals alike fill our streets and businesses.

From the Apple Pancake breakfast on Friday to one of the largest classic car shows on Sunday, Applefest has something for everyone. Artisans and crafters offer a wide-variety of goods. And, did I mention that the air is filled with the smell of all of your favorite foods? Music and entertainment begins at 10:30 Friday morning, and the last tunes will be played at 4:45 on Sunday.

For more information on Applefest 42, please visit franklinapplefest.com, email jodi@franklinareachamber.org, or call: 814-432-5823.



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ONGOING and EARLY EVENTS...



Franklin School of Fame 2025 Induction Ceremony

Forever Farms, 275 Miller Road. Social Hour begins at 5:30PM; Ceremony at 6:30PM. 2025 Inductees are Mrs. Mary Ann Wiegel Richardson, Ms. Angela Montgomery, Mr. Lantz Schwabenbauer, and Mr. Larry Turner. Tickets are \$20 each

and available at the Franklin Area Chamber of Commerce.

Singin' in the Rain (Musical) - Bring the whole crew for a night of laughter, music, and classic Broadway magic as Franklin Civic Operetta Association presents Singin' in the Rain at the Barrow-Civic Theatre, 1223 Liberty Street on September 26, 27, October 2, 3 and 4 at

7:30PM; and September 28 at 2:00PM. There is a Raindrops & Red Carpet Premiere Party at 5:45PM on September 26. Family night will be held October 2. Groups of 4 or more will get 15% off when they use discount code - SINGINFAM at checkout. For tickets, call 814-437-3440 or going online to barrowtheatre.org.

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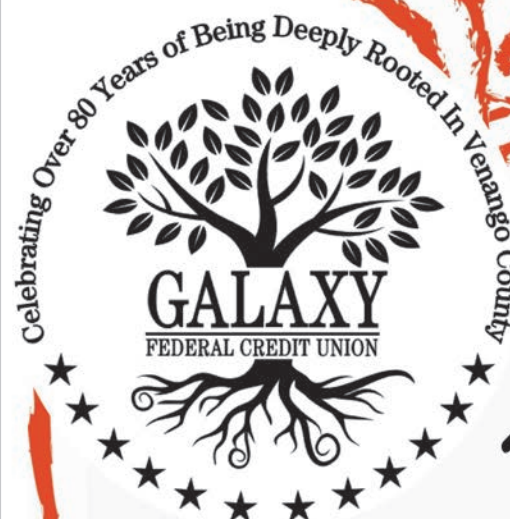
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Breakfast & Lunch Trailer — 8AM-7PM Franklin Elks will be hosting a food truck with breakfast and lunch specials

Apple Pancake Breakfast — 7-11AM (Takeouts available starting at 6AM) at St. Patrick School, 10th & Buffalo streets. Handicap Accessible. *Sponsored by Edward Jones (Christopher Rakow, Brian Mong, Shelly Hartzell)*

Apple Pie and Dumpling Tent — 10AM-6PM, Fountain Park. *Sponsored by Franklin Precision Castings*

Additional Restrooms — First Presbyterian Church offers additional porta-pots at Elk & West Park streets, including a handicap station and a hand-washing station. *Sponsored by First Presbyterian Church*

Farmer's Market — 10AM-5PM, Stop by to purchase produce from some of our local farmers set up on 12th Street.

Franklin Public Library/Friends of the Library Used Book Sale — 10AM-5PM at 421 12th Street.



Temporary Apple tattoos — By HOLeY Jeans - 10AM-4:30PM at the West Park Street Gazebo.

Face Painting by Connie - 10AM-6PM, Bandstand Park.

Gigantic Book Fair/Open House — 10AM-5PM, Venango County Historical Society, 307 S. Park Street. Used books of all types. Open house tours for \$5.

DeBence Antique Music World — 10AM-5PM, Free guided tours, 1261 Liberty Street.

Victorian Residential Architecture Walking Tour — 2PM, meet in front of the Franklin Post Office (12th and Elk). *Sponsored and led by Franklin Rotary Club.*

St. John's Episcopal Church Luncheon/Basket Raffle — 11AM-3PM, 1145 Buffalo Street. (basement level). Luncheon, free ages 2 and under; \$5 ages 3 to 12; \$10 all others.

Tiffany Window Tours — 10AM, Noon, and 2PM, St. John's Episcopal Church, 1145 Buffalo Street.

Franklin Preservation Church Tour - 1 PM, meet at Quality Inn, 14th and Liberty Street.

Music at the Bandstand 10:15-11 :45AM - Carl Schubert-Americana and America Noon-1 PM - HOLeY Jeans

1:15-2PM - FHS Madrigal, Enjoy the sounds of local high school talent
2:30-3:45PM - Samantha Sears
4-5:30PM - Max Schang

Applefest BINGO - VFW Jesse G. Greer Post 1835, 411 9th streets. \$4,000 payout. Doors open at 5PM. Bingo begins at 7PM. For more information call 814-432-7744 or 814-437-5516.

Singin' in the Rain (Musical) - 7:30PM, Barrow-Civic Theatre, 1223 Liberty Street. For tickets, call 814-437-3440, online at barrowtheatre.org. Civic Operetta Association presents "Annie," Barrow-Civic Theatre, 1223 Liberty Street. For tickets, call 814-437-3440 at barrowtheatre.org.



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR SATURDAY, OCT. 4

Arts/Crafts/Entertainment — 10AM-6PM, Fountain and Bandstand parks. *Sponsored by Franklin Area Chamber of Commerce.*

Breakfast & Lunch Trailer — 8AM-4PM Franklin Elks will be hosting a food truck with breakfast and lunch specials

Apple Pie and Dumpling Tent — 10AM-6PM, Fountain Park. *Sponsored by Franklin Precision Castings*

Additional Restrooms — First Presbyterian Church offers additional porta-pots at Elk & West Park streets, including a handicap station and a hand-washing station. *Sponsored by First Presbyterian Church*

Venango Regional Airport Fly-In — Complimentary breakfast and shuttle service for fly-in visitors coming to Applefest.

Applefest SK "Race for Any Pace" - Liberty Street. 9:15AM, kid fun runs, 10AM, 5K runners, 10:05AM, 5K walkers. Registration, YMCA (Otter & West Park) Call 814-432-2138 for information.

City of Franklin Curb Market — Be sure to stop and check out the displays/vendors set up on 12th Street and Liberty Street.

Franklin Public Library/Friends of the Library Used Book Sale — 10AM-5PM, 421 12th Street.

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Gigantic Book Fair/Open House — 10AM-5PM, Venango County Historical Society, 307 S. Park St. Used books of all types. Open house tours for \$5.

Temporary Apple tattoos — HOLeY Jeans 10AM-4:30PM at the West Park Street Gazebo.

Face Painting by Connie — 10AM-6PM, Bandstand Park.

Balloon Artist InKrEdible IKE — 1PM-4PM, Bandstand Park.

DeBence Antique Music World — 10AM-5PM, Free guided tours, 1261 Liberty Street.

Tiffany Window Tours — 10AM,

Noon, and 2PM, St. John's Episcopal Church, 1145 Buffalo Street.

Franklin Preservation Church Tour - 10:30AM, meet in front of the Post Office at 12th & Elk streets; 1 PM, meet at Quality Inn, 14th and Liberty Street.

St. John's Episcopal Church Luncheon/Basket Raffle 11AM-3PM, 1145 Buffalo Street. (basement level). Soup & Sandwich Luncheon, free ages 2 and under; \$5 ages 3 to 12; \$10 all others.

Apple Pie Baking Contest — 11:30AM-1PM, deliver pies to the Barrow-Civic Theatre, 1223 Liberty Street. Pies must be in disposable pans. Winner announced at 5:45PM



in Bandstand Park.

Victorian Residential Architecture Walking Tours — 2 PM, meet in front of the Post Office at 12th & Elk streets. *Sponsored and led by Franklin Rotary Club.*

Performances at the Bandstand

10:30-11:30AM - Franklin Silver Cornet Band
Noon-1PM - Mostly Brass
1:30-2:30PM - Kids' Sing-a-long with Deanna and Elizabeth
2:45-4:00PM - Fusion Dance Studio
4:30-5:45PM - Fine Rats, Western PA youth band

Entertainment on Liberty Street

1:30PM - Franklin High School Marching Band
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3PM - Franklin YMCA Magic AllStar Cheerleaders
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Singin' in the Rain (Musical) - 7:30PM, BarrowCivic Theatre, 1223 Liberty Street. For tickets, call 814-437-3440, online at barrowtheatre.org.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR SUNDAY, OCT. 5

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Breakfast & Lunch Trailer — 8AM-4PM Franklin Elks will be hosting a food truck with breakfast and lunch specials

Bella Cucina — 9AM Sunday Brunch with a Car Cruise Special.

Apple Pie and Dumpling Tent — 10AM-5PM, Fountain Park. *Sponsored by Franklin Precision Castings*

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and Classic Car Cruise — 8AM-4PM on Liberty and 12th streets. *Sponsored by Frenchcreek Production, Inc.*

Venango Regional Airport Fly-In — Complimentary breakfast and shuttle service for fly-in visitors coming to Applefest.

Farmers' Market — 10AM-5PM, Corner of 12th and Liberty streets.

De Bence Antique Music World — 10AM-5PM, free guided tours, 1261 Liberty Street.

Temporary Apple Tattoos by HOLeY Jean — 10AM-4:30PM, West Park Street Gazebo.

Face Painting by Connie — 10 A M - 5 P M , Bandstand Park.

Franklin Preservation Church Tour — 1PM, meet in



front of the Post Office at 12th & Elk streets. 3PM-5PM – Change of Heart (Tom Petty tribute band)

Victorian Residential Architecture Walking Tours — 2PM, Meet in front of the Post Office at 12th & Elk streets. *Sponsored and led by Franklin Rotary Club.*

Music at the Bandstand
10:30AM-Noon – The Pine Valley Boys (Bluegrass)
1PM-2:30PM – RLS Trio (Pop, Rock, Yacht Rock)



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Barrow-Civic Theatre will be Singin' in the Rain

The Franklin Civic Operetta Association's production of "Singin' in the Rain" will close out its run with three performances during Applefest – 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 2, 3 and 4.

Singin' in the Rain has all the makings of a Tinseltown tabloid headline – the starlet, the leading

man and a love affair that could change lives and make or break careers! In silent movies, Don Lockwood and Lina Lamont are a hot item but, behind the scenes, things aren't always as they appear on the big screen! Meanwhile, Lina's squeaky voice might be the end of her career in "talking pictures" without the help of a talented young actress to do the talking and singing for her. The "Greatest Movie Musical of All Time" is

faithfully and lovingly adapted by Broadway legends, Betty Comden and Adolph Green, from their original award-winning screenplay in Singin' in the Rain. Each unforgettable scene, song and dance is accounted for, including the show-stopping title number, complete with an onstage rainstorm! Hilarious situations, snappy dialogue and a hit-parade score of Hollywood standards make Singin' in the Rain the perfect entertainment for any fan of the golden age of movie

musicals.

Tickets are \$16-\$22.

There is special family night pricing for the Oct. 2 performance. A 15% discount for groups of four or more is available by using the code SINGINFAM when ordering.

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We often hear that no one wants to help, but I am here to tell you otherwise. The Applefest CORE Committee are volunteers and without them, I would be a bit more crazy than I am already am. Thank YOU all; I am forever grateful.

The Wednesday set up crew consists of CORE Committee members and so many more who just show up to be of assistance. Thank YOU for sharing the most crazy, fun morning with me !

To the many individuals who give of your time in our Pie Tent and the Gazebo, you do not go unnoticed. I may not get to see you over the weekend, but I am sure grateful that

you make time to join us !

To my pie baking set up team and judges, thank YOU for going unrecognized throughout the years. You just quietly go about your morning setting up, taking names, slicing pies, and sampling pies.

To Steve Holtz and his team who make sure the electric boxes are up and running, what would we do without you!!

Have you ever hosted a car cruise? “No” is probably the answer for many of you. Those guys and gals standing on the streets from sun-up until the last car is parked on Sunday, thank you for rolling out of bed with coffee in hand to make our show one of the best!

To the students – yes, you read that correctly, students – whom we

are blessed to have. Each year many high school students and returning college students, oops and a few elementary students give of their time, and this year, we have a handful of newbies. You’ll see them helping vendors set up, assisting with the electric boxes, volunteering in our booths, running to and from locations as asked, and working

beside our Car Cruise team. Thanks you to the students, the parents of these students, and the schools who encourage volunteerism. You make the **BEST THREE DAYS** better!

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Carl Schubert

10:15AM - 11:45PM, Bandstand Park

HOLeY Jeans

12:00pm - 1:00pm, Bandstand Park

FHS Madrigal

1:15PM - 2:00PM, Bandstand Park

Samantha Sears

2:30PM - 3:45PM, Bandstand Park

Max Schang

4:00PM - 5:30PM, Bandstand Park

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

Franklin Silver Cornet Band

10:30AM - 11:30AM, Bandstand Park

Mostly Brass

Noon - 1:00PM, Bandstand Park

Kid's Sing Along

1:30PM - 2:30PM, Bandstand Park

Fusion Dance Studio

2:45PM - 3:45PM, Bandstand Park

Fine Rats

4:00PM - 5:30PM, Bandstand Park

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

The Pine Valley Boys

10:30AM - Noon, Bandstand Park

RLS Trio

1:00PM - 2:30PM, Bandstand Park

Change of Heart

3:00PM - 5:00PM, Bandstand Park

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One of the most common questions we are asked about coming to Franklin for **THE BEST THREE DAYS** is: 'can we bring our dog?' The Franklin Area Chamber of Commerce and the Applefest CORE Committee do not permit dogs at the festival. It is simply a safety issue. While your dog may be the most well-behaved dog, there are too many things that could happen. Your dog will appreciate you; we promise!

"I walk with my humans throughout the City at least twice a day, every day. BUT, I do not come downtown during THE BEST THREE DAYS; those are for humans!"



This is Mick



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Streets Closed

The Applefest CORE Committee and the Chamber Staff work closely with the Franklin Police Department. This year, Liberty Street from 11th to 13th and Twelfth Street from Elk to Buffalo will be closed on Saturday morning (as has been past practice) and it will REMAIN closed until 6pm on Sunday evening. Please share this information with your friends

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The Franklin Area Chamber of Commerce will kick off the holiday season with its 16th Annual Holiday Wine and Spirits Walk on Friday, Nov. 21.

The chamber started the Wine and Spirits Walk to help promote shopping local during the holiday season. It has become a favorite evening for friends and families to gather, enjoy dining out and sampling holiday beverages while purchasing gifts and holiday items.

Like all of Franklin's events, the Wine

and Spirits Walk has grown from six or seven wineries participating to more than a dozen retailers on Liberty, West Park, 12th and 13th streets hosting wineries, breweries and distilleries.

Reservations can be made starting Monday, Oct. 13. The cost is \$30 per person. Everyone must provide a valid ID.

For more information, reach the chamber at 814-432-5823 or jodi@franklinareachamber.org

18th Pink Splash for the Cure

Please join us at 5:30PM, Tuesday, October 7th for the 18th Annual Pink Splash for the Cure in Fountain Park. The fundraising & awareness event is held in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month. Proceeds benefit the Kirtland Cancer Foundation. The fountain will be colored pink by local cancer survivors. In "Memory Of" and "In Honor Of" tags, 50/50 raffle. Dine for

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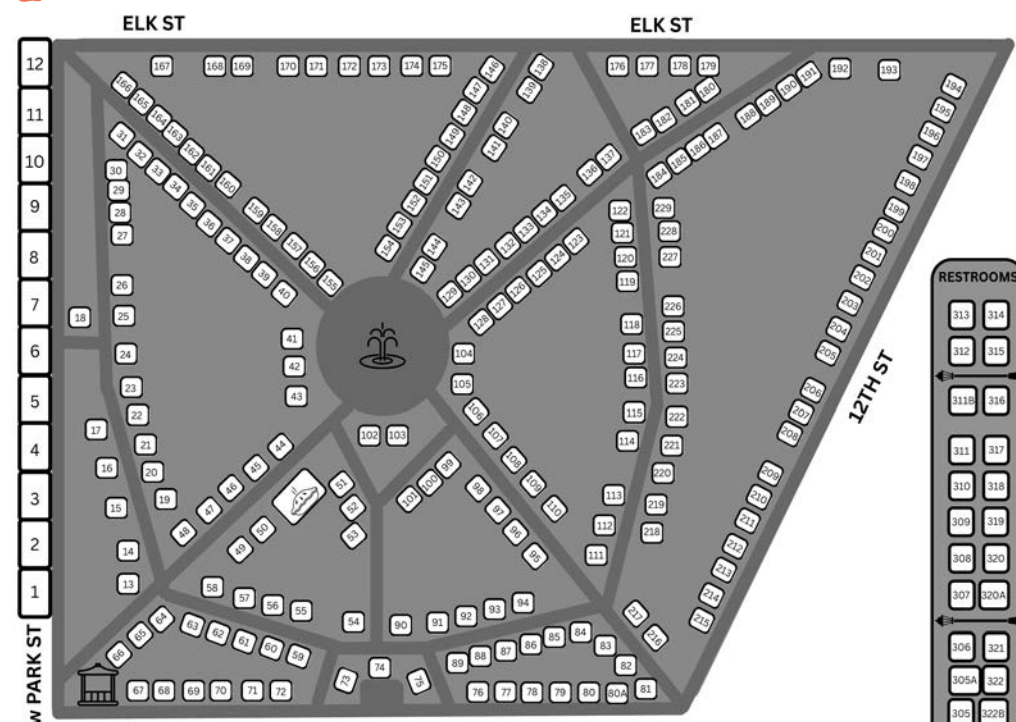
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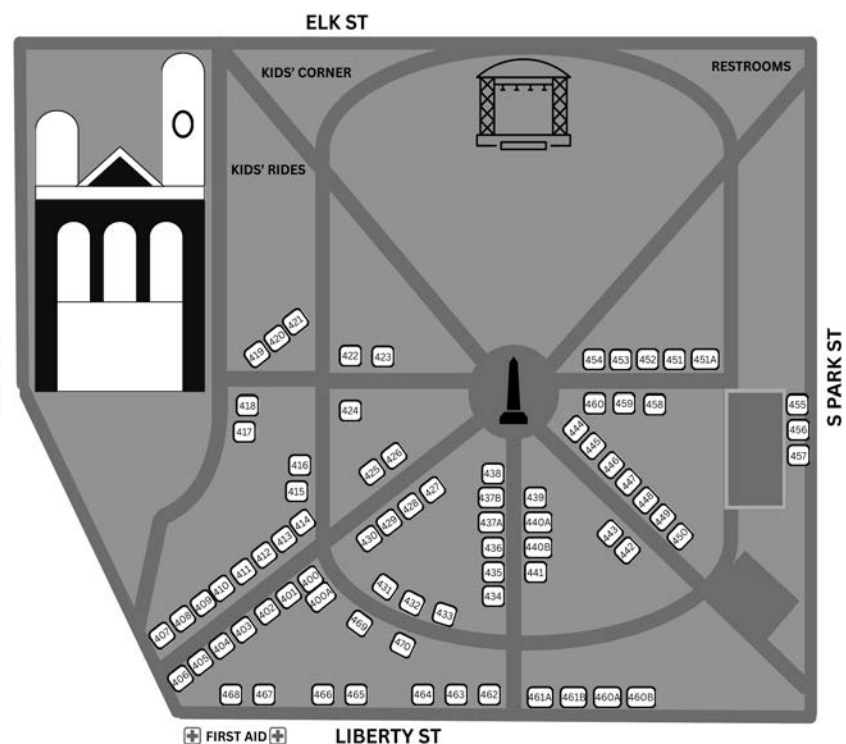


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