

Special Events/Special People

The 156th Annual Emancipation Celebration will be held at the Gallia County Junior Fairgrounds in Gallipolis, Ohio on Saturday, September 21st & Sunday, September 22nd, 2019. The planned event promises excitement and entertainment for all age groups.

History will come alive with the Civil War Re-enactors & USCT 5th Regiment who will be encamping on the grounds. Presentations by several historical re-enactors on the Main stage.

Well known vocalists will perform both Saturday and Sunday. The River Valley High School Marching Band will perform on Saturday morning. Lawrence Greene and Company, African Drum and Dance will perform Saturday afternoon.

Sunday morning services with gospel music by Combined Church Choir and inspirational sermon by Reverend Damion Sneed, of Greater St. John Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio.

Sunday afternoon will begin with a Tribute to Bob Gordon, past Emancipation President and longtime supporter of the Emancipation Celebration in Gallia County.

Sunday's keynote speaker is Ric S. Sheffield, Professor of Legal Studies and Sociology at Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio. Sunday afternoon music will be Ruthie Carter and Women of Praise.

We are expecting dignitaries from our local, state and national offices. Everyone is invited and welcome to attend. Both days include food booths, arts & crafts, health fair, birthday chronicles, games for the young and fun for all in attendance.

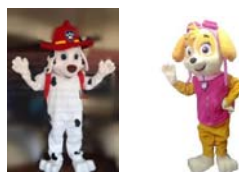
Saturday, September 21st

10:00 a.m.

Opening Ceremony

Raising of the FlagBill Jackson/Civil War Troops
Musical Selections.....River Valley H.S. Marching Band
Pledge of Allegiance.....Raymond Cousins
Welcome..... Andrew Gilmore, President
Invocation.....Minister Marlin Griffin
Negro Anthem.....Jeannie Williams
Holzer Health Fair Announcement.....Holzer Staff
Birthday Chronicles Announcement.....AAA District 7
Offering

10:30 am.....Kids Fun Day Begins with:



PAW PATROL CHARACTERS

WILDLIFE ENCOUNTER BY OHIO WILDLIFE CENTER

**Also Animal Balloons, Hover Ball Archery and much more
Music by Rockin Reggie throughout the Day**

Afternoon Program

2:00 p.m.

Welcome & Recognition of Local, State & National Dignitaries.....Minister Marlin Griffin, Vice-President
Remarks.....Gallia County & Gallipolis City Commission Officials
Special Entertainment.....Lawrence R. Greene and Company, African Drum and Dance
Re-enactment...Frederick Douglas & Abraham and Mrs. Lincoln (portrayed by Michael Crutcher, John & Marian King)
Offering
Special Remarks.....Dr. William Anderson
Scholarship Presentation.....Mr. Arthur Clark
Special Entertainment.....Lawrence R. Greene and Company, African Drum and Dance
Closing Remarks...Minister Marlin Griffin, Vice-President

Sunday, September 22nd

10:00 a.m.

Morning Worship Service

Welcome.....Minister Marlin Griffin, Vice-President
Special Music.....Combined Church Choir
Devotional.....led by Deacon Glenn Miller
Special Music.....Combined Church Choir
Offering
Introduction of Preacher.....Rev. Dr. Gene Armstrong
Sermon.....Reverend Damion Sneed,
Greater St. John Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio

Afternoon Program

2:00 p.m.

Welcome.....Andrew Gilmore, President
Recognition of Local, State & National Dignitaries & Emancipation Board..... Andrew Gilmore, President
Offering
Special Music.....Ruthie Carter and Women of Praise
Introduction Keynote Speaker.....Andrew Gilmore, President
Keynote Speaker.....Ric S. Sheffield, Professor of Legal Studies and Sociology at Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio
Special Music.....Ruthie Carter and Women of Praise
Special Remarks.....Nick Tipple / Dean Evans
Closing Remarks.....Andrew Gilmore, President

Gallia County Emancipation Celebration is proud to partner with:



EVERYONE WELCOME

**Continuous Activities Saturday & Sunday
10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

Located under the tents and in Commercial Building:
Art Display
Boutique Sales
Arts, Crafts, and Book Sales
Historical Displays
Genealogical Exhibits
Voter Registration Booth
Food and Soft Drink Vendors
Homemade Ice Cream, Fudge & Kettle Corn

Recreation: Free games for youth & adults
Health Fair: Holzer Health System Staff
Birthday Chronicles: Area Agency on Aging 7
RV/Camping Facilities
Handicapped Accessible

Please note: Working firearms, drugs & alcohol are prohibited on the grounds during the Emancipation Celebration.

Directions:

2019 Gallia County Emancipation Celebration will be held 9/21/2019 – 9/22/2019 at:

**Gallia County Junior Fairgrounds
189 Jackson Pike
Gallipolis, Ohio 45631**

2019 156th EMANCIPATION CELEBRATION KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**Ric S. Sheffield, Professor of
Legal Studies and Sociology at
Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio**

Fairgrounds Main Stage at 2:00pm Sunday, September 22, 2019



Ric Sheffield is Professor of Legal Studies and Sociology at Kenyon College where he serves as Director of the Law & Society Program and the John Adams Summer Scholars Program in Socio-legal Studies.

Before coming to Kenyon, he served for ten years as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Ohio. He began his legal career as a civil rights lawyer handling primarily sex and race discrimination cases. He subsequently held the position of chief attorney as head of the state's consumer protection division.

In addition to research that has focused upon the relationship between law and issues of gender, race, and ethnicity, he has spent several years examining issues involving the African American experience in rural Ohio. He is among a select group of scholars chosen to participate in the Ohio Humanities Council's speakers' bureau, lecturing widely on issues of race and law as well as rural diversity.

He has published articles and reviews on topics including legal history, the legal profession, and African American social and legal history. His current project includes completion of a manuscript on voting rights cases from Ohio in the late 1860s and early 1870s.

Recently appointed as the Peter M. Rutkoff Distinguished Teaching Professor of American Studies, he serves as chair of that department. A graduate of Case Western Reserve University where he attended college, graduate school in sociology and law school, he spent several years on the Kenyon College senior staff as associate provost before his return fulltime to the faculty.

**156th
ANNUAL
EMANCIPATION DAY
CELEBRATION**

**September 21-22, 2019
Gallia County Junior Fairgrounds
189 Jackson Pike
Gallipolis, OH**

2019 Theme:

“Our Future Is To Be Forever Free”



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