

Special Events/Special People

The 159th Annual Emancipation Celebration will be held at the Gallia County Junior Fairgrounds in Gallipolis, Ohio on Saturday, September 17th & Sunday, September 18th, 2022. The planned event promises excitement and entertainment for all age groups.

The Gallia County Emancipation Celebration Committee is pleased to announce our Sunday, September 18th Keynote Speaker is Karl Colder, Chief of Police for the City of Huntington, WV. This will be on the main stage at 2:00 pm.

History will come alive with the Civil War Re-enactors from the 5th & 12th regiments of the U.S.C.T. who will be encamping at the fairgrounds and will take the stage on the afternoon of Saturday, September 17th.

Music on Saturday morning will be rendered by the River Valley High School marching band and Linae Scott, accompanied by Christian Scott, singing the Negro Anthem. Mr. Phillip Armstrong will give special remarks on Saturday afternoon. **The Unit Band WV** from Charleston, WV will perform starting at 4:00 pm and **Lawrence R. Greene and Company** will perform African Drum and Dance Saturday afternoon. Saturday events will also include a Kids Fun Day on the fairgrounds weather permitting.

Our own Reverend Marlin Griffin will emcee Saturday and Sunday's events. The Sunday sermon will be delivered by **Reverend Christian Scott** of Paint Creek Baptist Church, Gallipolis, Ohio. Music will be provided in the morning session by Paint Creek Praise Team from Paint Creek Baptist Church and in the afternoon session To Be Announced. Also, on Sunday afternoon Gallia County Sheriff Matt Champlin & Deputy Garret Hill with Police Canine Torm will give a demonstration. Sunday afternoon will finish with special remarks from John Gee Black Historical Center Chairperson Robin Payne regarding the Center and the new project to "Save the Red Brick House" built by John Gee located beside the Center.

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 youth and fun for all in attendance.

Saturday, September 17th

10:00 a.m.

Opening Ceremony

Raising of the Flag ... Girl & Boy Scouts/Civil War Troops
Musical Selections.....River Valley H.S. Marching Band
Pledge of Allegiance.....Raymond Cousins
Welcome.....Reverend Marlin Griffin, President
Invocation.....Reverend Marlin Griffin, President
Negro Anthem.....Linae Scott, with Christian Scott
Holzer Health Fair Announcement.....Holzer Staff
Birthday Chronicles Announcement.....AAA District 7
Offering

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



**PAW PATROL CHARACTERS
HORSE & PONY RIDES**

Also Animal Balloons, Free Face Painting and much more

Music by Rockin Reggie throughout the Day

4:00 pm: The Unit Band WV from Charleston, WV

Afternoon Program

2:00 p.m.

Welcome & Recognition of Local, State & National Dignitaries.....Reverend Marlin Griffin, President
Remarks.....Gallia County & Gallipolis City Commission Officials
Special Entertainment.....Lawrence R. Greene and Company, African Drum and Dance
Offering
Special Remarks...Phillip Armstrong, Interim Dir. Of the Black Wall Street History Center, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Scholarship Presentation.....Mr. Arthur Clark
Raffle Drawing.....\$500.00 Prize Winner Announced
Special Entertainment.....Lawrence R. Greene and Company, African Drum and Dance
Closing Remarks.....Reverend Marlin Griffin, President

Sunday, September 18th

10:00 a.m.

Morning Worship Service

Welcome.....Reverend Marlin Griffin, President
Special Music.....Paint Creek Praise Team
Devotional.....led by Deacon Glenn Miller
Special Music.....Paint Creek Praise Team
Offering
Introduction of Preacher.....Rev. Dr. Gene Armstrong
Sermon.....Reverend Christian Scott, Paint Creek Baptist Church, Gallipolis, Ohio

Afternoon Program

2:00 p.m.

Welcome.....Reverend Marlin Griffin, President
Recognition of Local, State & National Dignitaries & Emancipation Board.....Marlin Griffin, President
Special Recognition.....Past Emancipation Board Members by Reverend Marlin Griffin, President
Offering
Introduction Keynote Speaker.....Gallia County Sheriff Matt Champlin
Keynote Speaker.....Karl Colder, Chief of Police for City of Huntington, WV
Special Music.....Mr. Phillip Armstrong
Special Remarks...Gallia County Sheriff Matt Champlin & Deputy Garret Hill with Police Canine Torm
Special Remarks.....Robin Payne, Chairperson of John Gee Black Historical Center
Closing Remarks...Reverend Marlin Griffin, President
Gallia County Emancipation Celebration is proud to partner with:

**LIGHTSTONE
GENERATION**

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:

2022 Gallia County Emancipation Celebration will be held 9/17/2022 – 9/18/2022 at:

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

**Karl Colder, Chief of Police for the
City of Huntington, WV**

Fairgrounds Main Stage at 2:00pm Sunday, September 18, 2022



Huntington Police Chief Karl Colder

Colder is a retired federal law enforcement officer with 32 years of career leadership and investigative experience with the U.S. Department of Justice's Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

Colder was Special Agent in Charge for the DEA's Washington, D.C., Field Division Office from February 2013 to May 2018. In this role, Colder directed all DEA operations throughout Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

Prior to this assignment, Colder was deputy chief inspector for the DEA's Headquarters Inspections Division, Office of Professional Responsibility, from April 2009 to February 2012. While in this position, Colder led all domestic and foreign administrative and criminal internal affairs program operations at the DEA.

**159th
ANNUAL
EMANCIPATION DAY
CELEBRATION**

**September 17-18, 2022
Gallia County Junior Fairgrounds
189 Jackson Pike
Gallipolis, OH**

2022 Theme:

**"Emancipation: Overcoming The
Chains That Bind"**



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