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The 44th annual Ohio River Sternwheel Festival attracted an estimated 30,000 people to Marietta, Ohio, from Sept. 11 to 13, 2019. (Photo by Julie Grant/The Allegheny Front)

**CarrieAnkrom.jpg.**

Carrie Ankrom, president of the Marietta Chamber of Commerce, says attracting tourists to events like the Sternwheel Festival is helping to revitalize the city’s downtown. (Photo by Julie Grant/The Allegheny Front)

**Marietta\_SternwheelerFestivalBarge.jpg:**

People line the banks of the Ohio River, waiting for the official announcements from the Sternwheel Festival barge. (Photo by Julie Grant/The Allegheny Front)

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Carrie Ankrom of the Marietta Chamber of Commerce and other officials kick off the Sternwheel Festival. (Photo by Julie Grant/The Allegheny Front)

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Tourists on the Valley Gem Sternwheeler, facing the city of Marietta during the Ohio River Sternwheel Festival. (Photo by Julie Grant/The Allegheny Front)

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Sternwheel boats harken back to an earlier time in the Ohio Valley. (Photo by Julie Grant/The Allegheny Front)

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The Sternwheel Festival is one of several events each year that focuses on the Ohio and Muskinghum rivers. (Photo by Julie Grant/The Allegheny Front)

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Ryan Smith and Hallie Taylor own the Marietta Adventure Company. (Photo by Julie Grant/The Allegheny Front)