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Lake County Fair continues to get Bigger and Better

July 26 - July 31, 2022



The Lake County Fair saw record attendance in 2021. Expectations are high for 2022 with plans to build on last year's success. The 167th edition of the Lake County Fair will run from July 26 -

July 31, 2022 at the county fairgrounds on Mentor Avenue in Painesville Township. The 2022 Fair is presented by Ganley Village of Painesville.

This year's event will feature all the favorite fair traditions and more. The 2022 Fair will be packed with fun for the whole family. Highlighting this year's entertainment line-up will be the Lake County Demo Derby which will include a School Bus Feature. This special feature will be the first of its kind ever, in Northeast Ohio, thanks to the financial support of the Lake County Visitor's Bureau Arts and Culture Grant Program and the Lake County Board of Commissioners. Other

favorite events will include a Monster Truck Show, motocross racing, a truck and tractor pull, side-by-side dirt track racing, horse pulls and great live music every day.

The Fair starts on Tuesday, July 26th with Veterans Day. Harness racing will take place on this day with a noon post time and will feature both colts and fillies. There will be free admission for all until 3:00 pm and Veterans will be admitted free all day. The Lake County Veterans Service Bureau will hold a special Veteran's Day event at 6:00 pm including a dedication of the Fairground's new Armed Forces Memorial Wall. You won't want to miss the opening day parade starting at 6:00 pm featuring over 150 units traveling from Painesville City west on Mentor Avenue to the fairgrounds.

Wednesday is Family Day. Families of four or more will be admitted for \$8 per person including ride privileges. Family Day will feature a Monster Truck Show in the grandstand. Thursday is Kids Day with free admission for ages 14 and

under when accompanied by an adult. There will be free activities, games, and prizes for ages 12 and under at the main grandstand beginning at 1pm. Ride wristbands are available for \$8 on this day. There will be Free Kiddie Tractor Pulls on Thursday and Friday afternoon.

Friday is Seniors Day with age 60 and over free until 3:00 pm with a free boxed lunch while they last and other activities provided by the Lake County Council on Aging.

The weekend will feature a horse pull, the annual 4-H Livestock Auction, Power Truck and Tractor Pulls, Latino Day and the Lake County Demo Derby... the granddaddy of all demo derbies. Free on-grounds acts the duration of the fair will include Jungle Terry, Rocky Mountain Carving Creations, and new this year, The Marvelous Mutts Canine Spectacular.

For a complete schedule of events with times, ticket prices and more information, visit the Fair's website at www.lakecountyfair.org.



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June 1 - June 15 Kid's Photography Contest, up to age 12

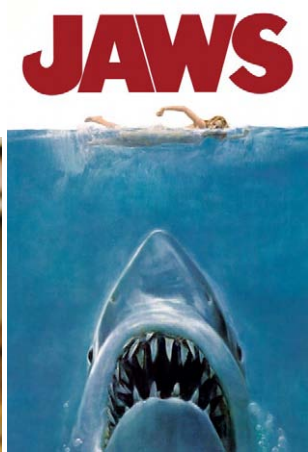
June 6 - July 25 at 1pm - Marine Mondays @ Main Library Lawn

June 10 - July 29 at 11am - Funday Fridays @ Lake Branch

June 20 at 6pm - Headlands Beach Haiku Hike @ Headlands Beach

Visit www.mentorpl.org for our full schedule of events for children, teens, and adults!

<p>Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch</p> <p>5642 Andrews Rd. (440) 257-2512</p>	<p>Main Library</p> <p>8215 Mentor Ave. (440) 255-8811</p>	<p>Headlands Branch</p> <p>4669 Corduroy Rd. (440) 257-2000</p>
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Adventure Zone is the BEST VALUE in the Region in family entertainment

Located on The Strip of Geneva-on-the Lake, Lake Erie, Ohio, Adventure Zone Family Fun Center is a one-stop shop for guests of all ages. Adventure Zone features 10+ attractions, including a zipline, go karts, bumper boats, putt putt golf, climbing and repelling walls, batting cages, bungee tramp, merry-go-round, and snack bar. Guests can rent golf carts and bicycles to explore The Strip. Adventure Zone is a perfect location for birthday parties, summer camps and group outings!



Euclid STEAM Fest brings science, technology, engineering, art and math to life

Shore Cultural Centre will host Euclid's inaugural STEAM Fest Saturday, June 18th from 11 am to 4 pm. This rain or shine, indoor and outdoor event will give budding scientists and their families the chance to explore innovation and imagination in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math.

Plans for the event include 20+ hands-on activities provided by local industry leaders like NASA, Lincoln Electric and Cleveland Clinic. Each sponsor booth will be leading a fun, informal introduction to art and science fields through experiences, demonstrations and activities that allow local youth to see themselves as inventors, creators, artists or engineers.

All events and demonstrations are free, food and drinks will be available for purchase throughout the day from the Shore Board concession stand.

Participating organizations include NASA Glen Research Center, Lincoln Electric, Ohio State University Robotics, Cleveland

Clinic, North Coast Drone Alliance, Ohio Interstate Drone Racing Association- IVUE / Ohio Drone, Urban Agricultural, Love in Action Ohio and many more!!

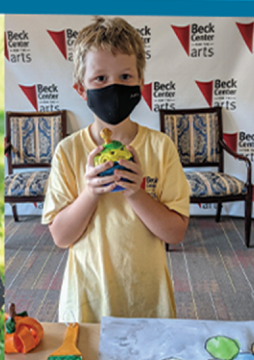
Featured activities include a NASA themed photo booth, drone demonstrations from O.I.D.R.A and North Coast Drone Alliance, Lincoln Electric's Vortex Welding Simulator, and a robot maze from Ohio State University.

"Big Science Shows" will be presented by Great Lakes Science Center with topics like: Fire and Ice, Magic of Matter, Break It, Math in Motion, Bubblemania, Cryoblast

"I am so excited to be able to bring this wonderful family event to our community," says Shore Cultural Centre Manager Laura Kidder. "STEAM Fest has been years in the making, and would not be possible without the generosity of our funding sponsors- who have covered 100% of the cost of this event. I know STEAM Fest will spark the imagination and curiosity of kids of all ages. I'm looking forward to seeing their smiles. That's what makes everything worth it."

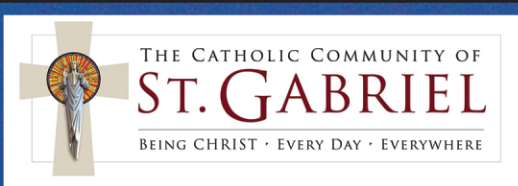
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Geauga Park District is excited to re-open its “ropes & boats” recreational offerings for the season on Saturday, May 28, during the festive Memorial Day weekend.

New this year, Claridon Woodlands’ ropes course is now offering less-rushed adventures with slightly larger groups and more time on the course, featuring platforms 32 feet off the ground, linked by eight 23-to-32-foot-long challenge elements, and an exciting 100-foot-long zipline exit! **This season, high ropes will be open for hour-and-a-half-long sessions Saturdays and Sundays at 10:30 a.m., noon, 2:30 and 4 p.m.; and Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays at 12:30, 2, 4:30, and 6 p.m.** Access is free to all Geauga County residents (ID required) and \$20 for out-of-county residents (credit card only, paid onsite). To make a reservation (highly recommended), check availability, learn age requirements and weight restrictions, and more, be sure to read the information posted at www.geaugaparkdistrict.org/activity/high-ropes-course ahead of time. (Or, for those who don’t want such a grand or scheduled adventure, try Claridon Woodlands’ 12-foot-high, 900-square-foot freeform boulder wall, complete with new routes and special new rock holds to mix things up!) Those craving a warm-weather adventure on the water need look no further than Headwaters Park’s boathouse: your late spring and summer hub for kayak and canoe borrowing on a first-come, first-served basis. New this year, two



paddleboats seating up to four people are also available to borrow for one hour at a time. **This season, the park’s limited number of kayaks, canoes and paddleboats will be available to borrow Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with last boats out at 4 p.m.; and Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays from noon to 7 p.m., with last boats out at 6 p.m.**

Geauga County residents can borrow boats for free (ID required), while out-of-county residents must pay various amounts for adults, kids 12 and under, tandem and paddleboats; please refer to the website for pricing. Provided life vests must be worn at all times. To learn more, please read the information posted at www.geaugaparkdistrict.org/park/headwaters-park before you head out. Periodic updates on both these offerings might also be found at geaugaparkdistrict.org under News & Updates.

The 122nd Army Band Rock in the USA

Wednesday, June 29 • 7:00 – 8:30pm

Mentor Civic Amphitheater

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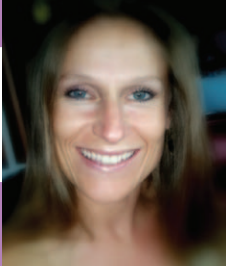
Since 1944, the Ohio National Guard’s 122nd Army Band has been a staple of the musical tradition of the United States military in Ohio. Members of the band hail from every corner of Ohio (plus a few from other states) to strengthen troop morale and build a positive connection between the public and the Ohio National Guard.

Attendees are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs or blankets. Free admission and parking.

Sponsored by Remarkable Lake County, University Hospitals and Mimi Vanderhaven.

This concert is a part of the Mentor Cultural Arts Series.





Family Matters

with Amber

6 Ways to Support Teens and Mental Health

May was Mental Health Awareness Month. It's over now, but it shouldn't be. I'm not a medical professional or anything even close, but I am convinced that every person on the planet (no matter age, economic status, profession, race, or gender) is vulnerable to events that can alter their state of mind. If you're not sure about this, just research the increase in the amount of people seeking psychological help due to the pandemic, then try getting an appointment with a therapist or counselor that doesn't require weeks or months on a wait list.

There are so many things damaging our mental health that we don't even realize. Add underlying issues not yet detected and undiagnosed...it's a bad situation made worse, and the need for support more urgent. Many teens are struggling with mental health issues right now and many of us don't even know it. How could we? Not too many teens feel comfortable talking to adults about 'their stuff' and mental health issues can also be so complex that it's difficult for adults to know and understand, let alone try to articulate it to someone as a teenager.

For years my three kids have felt comfortable talking to me. I'm a very understanding and accepting mom. We have a very open relationship; they know there isn't anything we can't discuss (*anything*). But that wasn't enough when it came to my son's mental health. My teenager struggled the first three years of high school. He hated school, bad attitude at home, lots of issues. I'd done everything with him that I did when parenting his two older sisters...nothing worked! I read books about parenting boys, changed my language and approach, tried everything. Nothing worked. By junior year, I prayed he'd enlist in the military, move to his father's, or just get out. But, at the same time I loved him and wanted to help him. I was at wits end; even willing to let him quit school. He was miserable and not himself. It broke my heart and exhausted me at the same time.

Then, by a stroke of luck, I came across a program with an app to help treat teen depression. We were so desperate, I asked him if he'd be interested in trying it. He agreed.



That app was the start of help for us.

Since last spring, he been on a brave journey to find out what makes him tick (or crash) and has had the courage to talk to others about it (most recently he did an interview with CBS Cleveland). The program he participated in, SparkRx, has now made it into doctor's and counselor's offices throughout the nation.

Over the last year I have watched him become more of himself again, enroll in a welding program at the local community college, he just finished his senior year (with passing grades he can be proud of) and will graduate high school! He has been able to achieve the things that I knew he could, and he has returned to the boy (and young man) I knew he was destined to be. I cannot discuss this topic without a waterfall of tears.

Seeing him get back on an even keel didn't just make me happy, it inspired me. Five months ago, at 48, I sought professional help for major focus issues that were practically debilitating. It seemed like out of nowhere, I just couldn't get out of my own way. Since my ADHD diagnosis in December, I have felt so much better. It's been a wonderful relief. And if it weren't for my son, I would not be on the road to success. With our diagnosis we can now give ourselves permission to be who we are, with what we have,

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2022 Lake County Fair

July 26 - 31

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The Fine Arts Association presents "Alice in Danceland" the brand new musical, based on the characters created by Lewis Carroll. This family-friendly, world premiere production runs from June 10 through June 26 in the Corning Auditorium at The Fine Arts Association.

Alice is graduating High School in a matter of days. Everyone else seems to have a plan: college, jobs, internships, but not Alice. She is completely lost. Her inner, creative self transports Alice to Danceland, introduces her to the inhabitants, and tries to connect her inner creativity with her outward self. Will Alice find herself in the arts?

"Alice in Danceland" is the creation of writer/director David Malinowski, composer/lyricist Kyle Lorek, and choreographer Howard Washington.

The creative team has assembled a stellar cast of triple threats to bring this reimagined fairy tale to the stage including Eva Anderson as Alice, Anna Pennock as Inner Alice, Halle St. John as The Mad Hatter, and

Makenna Hagan as The Queen of Hearts. "Alice in Danceland" is rated PG and is especially appropriate for ages eight and older.

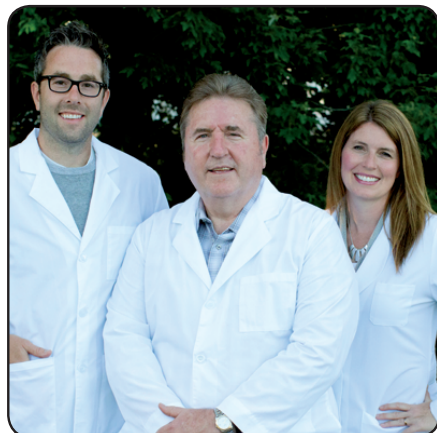
Tickets are \$15 for children, ages ten and under; \$23 for children, ages eleven and over and senior citizens and \$25 for adults. Performances are June 10, 17, 18, 24, and 25 at 7:30 p.m. and June 26 at 2:00 p.m. In addition, the June 26th performance is sign interpreted, by The HeARD, for our hearing-impaired patrons.

Call Fine Arts at (440) 951-7500 or visit www.fineartsassociation.org/performance for reservations and further information. The Corning Auditorium is barrier free. Safe, secure, on-site parking is FREE.

"Alice in Danceland" is supported by sponsor Marous Brothers Construction. Funding is also received from the Ohio Arts Council.

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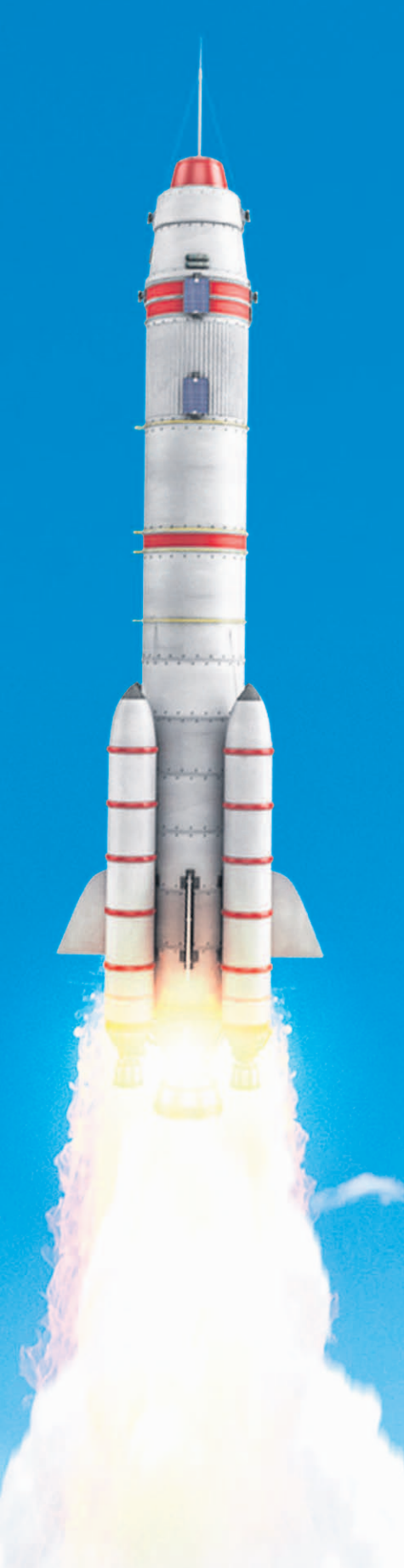
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Beck Center for the Arts Summer Camps & Classes

Beck Center for the Arts in Lakewood is more than a non-profit organization that combines professional theater with arts education in Lakewood. They create art experiences through music, dance, theater, and visual arts all summer long. Throughout the year they offer classes and lessons for all ages, skill levels, and abilities. They have something for every arts lover and you can enroll today for summer 2022.

Jessica McGrath, Beck Center Assistant Director of Education states, "Families can bring their kids to experience all of the art forms at Beck Center. We are proud to offer camps for school age children who come to us with a wide variety of skills and interests. Throughout the summer each child has the opportunity to immerse themselves in an art form that excites them."

Beck Center has something for everyone on the campus, in addition to our exciting summer camps for kids. They offer FREE art exhibitions in our main building as well as our Music & Creative

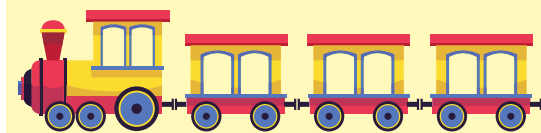


Arts Therapies building. Running in the Senney Theater this summer you can enjoy live professional theater with Something Rotten! Set in 1595, the story of two brothers, who just happen to be the nemeses of a little known Mr. William Shakespeare, are desperate to write a hit play. A local soothsayer foretells that the future of theatre will involve Singing, Dancing, AND Acting, all at the same time! Gasp! The brothers then decide to write the world's very first musical! Fun for all ages, the singing and dancing spectacle will thrill and entertain you. This musical runs July 8 to August 7,

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MENTAL HEALTH FROM PAGE 5

because we can understand it, and we aren't alone. It's been such a freeing journey that we are now trying to help others by sharing our story and experience.

Teens can feel alone quite often, whether it be in school, with peers or siblings, and especially with their parents. How would anyone else know how they really feel? Imagine walking around like that for years. My son did. How many other kids are? I wish I'd gotten diagnosed decades ago for my issues. My childhood would have been much different and much better. Waiting to address mental health until we are older makes things so much more difficult. It doesn't have to be that way. Some kids don't get a chance to get help because they wind up feeling so isolated and alone, fearful and discouraged that they take their own lives. That is not the outcome we want. There are some things that parents can do to become a trusted confidant (a safe place) for their kids. Here are 6 of them:

1. Know your teen's behaviors and be aware of changes in them or their habits.
2. Don't be afraid to gently mention to your teen if you notice a change, do a check-in to see how they're feeling (about anything).
3. Don't be afraid to ask how you can help.
4. Try to understand all the pressures teens are up against and recognize if/how you play a part in those pressures.
5. Practice telling them that you love them, no matter what...your love is unconditional, and you'll always be there for them.

6. REPEAT STEPS 1-5 DAILY IF YOU HAVE TO EVEN IF THEY SEEM DISINTERESTED IN TALKING... AT LEAST THEY KNOW YOU'LL BE THERE WHEN THEY ARE. (THIS MIGHT BE THE MOST IMPORTANT.)

Teens fear judgement and are always seeking acceptance (from everyone everywhere) trying to measure up, achieve, and please. We don't want them to think we do not accept them, or worse judge them or not love them.

I feel very lucky that my son didn't do half the things he thought about doing...we could have wound up the unlucky ones. We do not know what lies underneath those busy stressed-out teens. Mental health issues are real, and they can affect anyone. SparkRx was the thread that we truly believe was a lifeline for my son...in a time of need, and while we figured things out and then got additional professional help.

If you notice anything odd about your teen, don't ignore it. Contact your pediatrician, ask for help. I'm not afraid to talk about this, because the cost of being quiet is too high.

Here are some resources:

CBS piece on SparkRx April 27, 2022

(My son's CBS interview is scheduled to air on Wednesday, May 25th, the day he graduates from high school. There will be a dual celebration that night.)

NAMI - National Alliance of Mental Illness

More Videos of information, education, and testimony about mental health

Video Testimony from a mother

MHNational-Self Assessment Test Tool

NY Times Article with Resources and answers to questions.

SAIL THE OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES WITH YOUR LAKE COUNTY LIBRARIES

The Lake County League of Libraries invites you to explore the possible with this TREASURE MAP!

Attend a program or borrow an item from six of the eight public library systems in Lake County (any branch) and you'll be entered into a prize drawing. Get a stamp at each library you visit and give your finished treasure map to your home library by the end of Summer Reading to enter the drawing. The adventure runs from June 1 to July 31!



Find the treasure at Lake County Libraries this summer
Win prizes this summer by exploring the libraries of Lake County.

Patrons of all ages can pick up a treasure map at any of the eight public library systems in Lake County. Get a stamp on your map whenever you attend a program or borrow an item from one of the library systems this summer.

Everyone who collects six stamps and returns their finished treasure map to their home library will be entered into a prize drawing. Each library system will have different prizes that patrons can win. The adventure runs from June 1 to July 31.

This contest is sponsored by the Lake County League of Libraries - a partnership of the public library systems in Lake County (Fairport Harbor, Kirtland, Madison, Mentor, Morley, Perry, Wickliffe and Willoughby - Eastlake,) as well as Lakeland Community College Library and the Lake Erie College Library



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St. Gabriel Parish Heralds the Summer Season With the 32nd Annual Festival

Since 1988, The St. Gabriel Festival has become a herald of the summer season. When temperatures warm, tents go up, rides roll in, smells of delicious food waft from the grills and ovens, school comes to a close, kids smile with excitement and you know it's unmistakably Festival time! The Catholic Community of St. Gabriel invites our friends and neighbors in the Tri-County area to be a part of our 32ND Annual Summer Festival, an amazing four-day event from June 9-12.

This year's festival features a Grand Prize 50/50 raffle (potential payout of \$21,500) plus nightly drawings!! The grand prize drawing will be held on Sunday, June 12 at 9:00 p.m. Winner need not be present to win. Tickets are available for sale at the parish office/grounds online at St-Gabriel.org or at the festival!

Try your luck at our Monte Carlo held each night of the Festival. Delectable food such as homemade pierogis, cabbage rolls and noodles, bakery items, our famous fresh-cut French fries, roasted corn, and festival favorites like hamburgers, ice cream, pizza, and slushies beckon our guests back year after year. Enjoy live entertainment each Festival evening with Northeast Ohio's favorite bands. Families will enjoy face painting, balloon twisters, roaming princesses, games, and rides for all ages with all-day ride passes or individual ticket options available. There's something for everyone at the St. Gabriel Summer Festival! Purchase your tickets online in advance for food, games, and raffle to avoid long lines and see the complete schedule at St-Gabriel.org. We cannot wait to see you there!

FARMFEST

FREE ADMISSION! July 9, 2022 • 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM
FARMPARK, 8800 Euclid Chardon Rd. (Rt. 6) in Kirtland

This family event has become a favorite in northeast Ohio for both the young and young at heart. With ribs, brew and music as the weekend fare, families can drive a horse, milk a cow, ride the barrel train, and watch Farmpark horse shows and other farm demonstrations. Chef Lisa Pucci Delgado will offer four entertaining BBQ and smoking cooking segments and you can also witness a chainsaw woodcarver vs. ice carver demonstration. Enjoy the farm, wild animal encounters and much more including pony rides (\$6). Take a stroll through the craft vendor area to purchase wares from local artists.

Pick up dinner or lunch from one of the rib/BBQ vendors while enjoying a glass of beer or wine (other food and beverages are also available at a reasonable cost). Listen to the sounds of local favorites East Wind, Abby Rhode, Mitch & Melissa, and D.J. Jeremy Verdi. There is something for everyone at FarmFest!

Pets are not permitted into Lake Metroparks Farmpark.

Enjoy Creating Memories & More at Busy Bees Pottery & Arts Studio

Busy Bees Pottery & Arts Studio, located in the Great Lakes Mall, is buzzing with activity seven days a week. From nurturing your little one's creativity without making a mess in your house, to sipping a Syrah with friends while painting a platter, the multi-medium studio allows both budding and accomplished artists of all ages to release their inner Rembrandt.

"Busy Bees goal is to be a destination to forget the stresses of the day, week, life and lose yourself in the creative process. It's the experience that provides the benefit and enjoyment; spending time with your family, friends or for that much needed "me" time. This isn't about creating a museum quality masterpiece, this is "fun" art, not "fine" art." says owner Beth Brinton. "I tell people to come in, relax and enjoy the process. You don't have to have artistic ability. Just the desire to

have fun and explore."

The studio, which recently celebrated its sixth anniversary caters to children and adults and offers open studio times as well as instructor-led programs.

During Toddler Times, Busy Bees Art Instructors read a story and guide youngsters (along with their parent or caregiver) through a corresponding art project.

School-age children can choose among art classes and camps held during evenings, weekends and school vacations. Children's activities occur in the studio or offsite at schools, daycares or other locations. Among the keepsake projects offered are clay projects or pottery involving handprints, fingerprints, and footprints.

The 2022 Summer Art Camp schedule is now available. Parents can register children for one or up to eight different weeklong camps. "We work with various

mediums to create projects based on the campers' likes and passions," Brinton explains. Campers create with clay, pottery, glass, mosaics, canvas and more.

Looking for an activity for the entire family? Family workshops allow parents and kids to collaborate on projects, such as painting a canvas, sculpting a clay object or painting a ceramic piece. It's a great alternative to screen time and get the family together for an activity and conversation, a great way to create family memories.

Grown-ups need their creative time too, away from the kids, work, or school. For those occasions, Busy Bees Pottery & Arts Studio hosts Adult Workshops, Ladies' Nights Out, bachelorette parties, baby showers and other events. A party

room is available for rent. Guests 21 and over are permitted to bring and enjoy adult beverages (BYOB).

Guests may create projects using a variety of every-changing mediums and techniques. Among them are mosaics, canvas painting, glass fusing, clay hand building, wine glass painting and candle making. The studio offers more than 200 different pottery pieces to paint, from kids' figurines to coffee mugs and serving bowls. Artistically challenged individuals needn't be scared away. "We have stencils, stamps, stickers, silk screens and all kinds of different tricks and tools they can use to enhance their design," Brinton says.

Call 440-571-5201 or visit them online at mentor.busybeesart.com/

Enjoy Some Local Fun In Painesville



PAINESVILLE CAR CRUISE FRIDAYS

Every Friday, 5:00-8:00 p.m. in Painesville Square

Painesville's famous Car Cruise is back and is every Friday on the Square. Stroll through vintage, muscle and unique vehicles lining beautiful Veterans' Park while enjoying music and snacks. See you every Friday through September 16, weather permitting. This event is organized by the volunteers of the Downtown Painesville Organization (DPO).

PAINESVILLE FARMERS MARKET

Every Thursday, 12:00-4:00 p.m. in Painesville Square

The best farmers market in Lake

County is every Thursday from noon to 4:00 p.m., running June 4 through September 22. Enjoy fantastic local produce, sauces, flowers, honey, soaps and more! IT doesn't get much better than produce picked that morning. Stop by for lunch and enjoy the awesome food truck each week.

PAINESVILLE CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Every Wednesday, 6:00-8:00 p.m. in Painesville Square. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy the sounds of summer every Wednesday in beautiful Painesville Square! Each week features live music from a local band. Season runs June 15 through August 10!

SCHOOL'S OUT, SUN'S OUT Win 4 Tickets to Pioneer Waterland



Enter for your chance to win a four-pack of tickets to Pioneer Waterland and Dry Fun Park. The perfect place for family fun this summer. 15 wet and dry slides, lazy intertube ride, baseball cages, miniature golf and so much more! Located at 10661 Kile Road in Chardon.

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Mail or drop off by June 6th to: The News-Herald,
c/o County Kids, 7085 Mentor Ave., Willoughby, OH 44094

Winner selected by random drawing and notified on June 10th. No purchase necessary. Contestants may submit an unlimited number of entries, but only official entry forms from County Kids will be accepted. Any photo copies or reproductions of entry form will be considered void.



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