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River Jamboree - Nature's Fishermen

Hidden Valley Park
Sunday July 17, 2016 • 1 to 4 pm

Humans aren't the only fisherman along or in the Grand River. It is home to many fish and a variety of wildlife that survive by catching them. Cool off in the water as you explore different techniques of catching fish and other river creatures with nets.

Have you ever seen a fisherman standing on the bank of the Grand River? You might be surprised that they are not the only ones fishing on the river. Birds, insects, and other wildlife have to fish for their food. Come discover the amazing wildlife around Grand River at our activity stations and see what you can catch using different aquatic and insect nets. Visit with local conservation partners: Lake County Soil and Water, and more. This is a great summertime event for all ages.

Activities:

- Learning activity stations
- Live animals on display
- Self-guided hike on Grand River wildlife.
- Lake County Soil and Water
- Receive a FREE nature guide

The River Jamboree is scheduled for 1 to 4 pm on Sunday, July 17 at Hidden Lake Park in Madison Twp. The program is free for all ages. Register online at lakemetroparks.com or call 440-358-7275 or 800-669-9226. Directions to Hidden Valley Park: Take I-90 to Rt. 528 south for 1.5 miles. Turn right (west) onto Klasen Road. Hidden Valley Park is near the end of Klasen Road on the left.



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Get Your Fresh Local Produce and More at the Mentor Farmers Market

Mentor Farmers Market is returning to the spacious, tree-filled upper grounds of Garfield Park! From 2 - 6:30 p.m. on Fridays, now through September 30 (no market on July 1), come to the City of Mentor's Eleanor B. Garfield Park, located at 7967 Mentor Ave., where you can find a varying array of fruit and vegetables depending upon what are harvested. Items also include fresh baked goods, jams & jellies, syrups, honey, olive oil, other produce-related products and arts & crafts vendors. Knife sharpening services will be offered weekly. There will be free face painting during the market on July 8, August 5 and September 2.

Mentor Farmers Market is a partner with the Lake County General Health District's ACHIEVE Food & Nutrition Program. Participants receive \$10 in vouchers for attending a class on nutrition. There are a series of three classes and they're held in Painesville, Mentor, and Madison. For information on ACHIEVE, contact the Lake County General Health District at (440) 350-2543 or www. Icahd.org.

For more information on the Mentor Farmers Market, call (440) 974-5735 or visit www.mentorfarmersmarket.com.

TAY SAFE THIS SUMMER

by Ranger Brandy Hanusosky

Summer should be packed with great memories. Your family can enjoy the season by following a few easy safety tips.

PRACTICE SUN SAFETY

Avoid direct sun exposure as much as possible during peak UV radiation hours (10 a.m. to 3 p.m.) and apply sunscreen with an SPf of 30 or greater at least 30 minutes before going outside and then every few hours thereafter. Stay hydrated and watch for signs of heat exhaustion or heat stroke.

KEEP A FIRST AID KIT HANDY

First aid kits come in many shapes and sizes and should be accessible to everyone in the family, except for small children. Make sure it is stocked with everything your family may need. Include personal items like medications, emergency phone numbers and other items your healthcare provider may suggest. Check the kit regularly, make sure flashlight batteries work, check expiration dates and replace any used or out-of-date contents. You should have first aid kits at home, in your vehicles and one that can travel easily on outings and hikes.

BE SAFE AROUND WATER

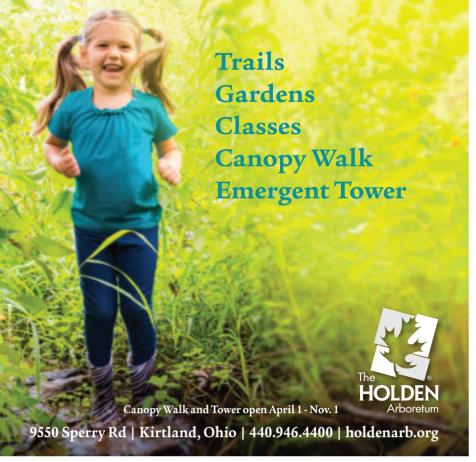
Drowning is the second leading cause of accidental death for youth between the ages of five and 24. Kids need constant supervision around any source of water and should wear proper-fitting, Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device (PfD). It's also a good idea for kids older than four to learn to swim.

WHEEL SAFE

Make sure your child always wears a helmet and other protective

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Giving kids advice

Kids don't always listen.

Well, I mean they do, sometimes.

But other times they just seem to think the grass is greener on the other side. I understand. I was a teenager once. I just had to know what it was like to skip school, date and stay up later than I should have.

Not that my parents told me not to date, but they most certainly didn't want me up too late (which I completely ignored, while I talked on the phone until 2am, then ran late to school everyday). And they most certainly did explain to me why cutting school would not be the best choice, but do you think that I listened?

Enter being sixteen with a 'knowitall' mentality and the license (literally) to make many of my own choices. I wound up learning some lessons. For starters: do not cut school. If you do, you just might get ratted out by your step-mother or get into a slight fender bender where the insurance company has to call your house. (Yes she called the school to report me and no it's not something I recommend parents doing...And no, the snitching and the accident weren't on the same day.)

There aren't many things kids are going to find appealing about parental advice. And with good reason. What kid wants to rely on pieces of advice thrown at them by some one who already dictates what they do day in and day out?

Even our adult children sometimes get an earful about what to do and what not to do! Why do we do that? Well, that is definitely a column for another day... For now, I'll tell you what kids hate about it.

Don't you remember being there? When your parents told you something, and before they finished their statement, you'd already hit them with the eye roll? Who knows better than you? Not your parents, that's for sure. And if they had,

it never sounded like fun.

Parenting is a delicate balance of guiding and giving freedom. We can hold on for a while, but at some point we have to let go and let them live their lives.

My oldest is headed for college. She isn't an uber busy kid; she doesn't like it, so she doesn't jam her schedule up with much. This past year she insisted on getting a job after years of me telling her not to do it. She was with me for a while on, it but she finally went her own way. My main belief has always been that kids will grow up to work some day, then never stop...so why begin so early? If I can provide for her, then why work as a teen if you don't have to? It all started with her wanting an iPhone (which I couldn't afford to get her). Okay, I could understand that. But I started working at thirteen years old. Not a horrible thing, but I think I might have changed things a little had I been given a choice.

She didn't care what I had to say. So, she spent all last summer searching, and she finally found a job in the fall. She did amazingly well! I was proud of her, we bonded over her dismay in her mistakes on the job as she learned her new responsibilities, and she pushed herself farther than ever to get up early in the morning! It seemed like it was going well, with her even receiving accolades from the boss!

Now, every summer she goes away for six weeks. And this year she will only return home to Ohio to prepare to leave again for college, so she had to put in her two weeks notice recently, and finish out her stint at her first job.

Can you say 'HAPPY'? That kid was so thrilled to say good riddance I didn't know what hit her! What? You mean all the times you had to wake up to go to work before 6 a.m. you WEREN'T HAPPY? All the times you worked an

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gear every time he or she bikes, skateboards, skates or rides a scooter. Helmets should sit on top of the head in a level position and should not rock forward, backward or side to side when snugly buckled. A child's bike should be the right size and should be in good working order. if your child is younger than ten, they should cycle/ skate only on sidewalks, paths or other areas designated for such activity. Teach older children the rules of the road, including all traffic laws.

PLAYGROUND SAFETY

Children should not wear loose clothing or drawstrings when at a playground. Guardians should personally check equipment to be sure it is safe. Also check the area for bees/wasps. if you observe a problem, contact the facility responsible for maintaining the equipment right away. Supervise children at all times while they are at play.

KEEP FIDO SAFE IN THE "DOG DAYS" OF SUMMER

You may not realize how much the hot temperatures and sun can affect your dog. Please keep the following in mind to make sure your dog stays safe this summer: never leave your dog in the car; provide plenty of water at all times; apply sunscreen to the tips of the dog's ears, the skin around the lips and the tip of the nose when outside for prolonged periods; be cautious on humid days—even in the shade; make sure your dog doesn't overexert itself and keep it on a leash at all times.



ADVICE FROM PAGE 4

8 Hr shift, only to get to bed after midnight and get up and do another 8 hours starting at 8 am, you WEREN'T HAPPY?

Well, seems she wasn't, not as much as she pretended to be. But isn't that what we do when we don't follow our parents' advice? Yes, yes it is. We (or now our own kids) do what we want, pay the price, then respond with a 'just below satisfactory' smile so we don't have to feel embarrassed, humiliated or worse...hear those infamous painful four words: "I Told You So".

So now, she is thoroughly enjoying her time; sleeping in 'til sometimes two in the afternoon, no longer missing out on family day trips and she's been making plans with her friends. Her life has never been so busy! The moral of the story? Sometimes it takes mistakes (i.e.; making decisions or doing life on their own to gain experiences (or pain) to make them realize that their parents were right.

Funny, she has way more money saved than she needs now, she never could justify buying that iPhone6, and I...got to...for the first time in my parenting history (and possibly future)...say...I told you so... (Which no, parents, I do not recommend saying- ever.)

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by Carole Richards

Often parents purchase workbooks to reinforce their child's learning experiences. While I applaud any effort by parents to help their child, maybe there is another way.

My three-year-old granddaughter still has endless skills to master. My wise daughter takes any opportunity to use playtime for a learning experience. This summer, try to think "outside the school box" to make learning fun.

MATH

Money skills: Most kids love to play with money. Use pennies, nickels, dimes or dollars for counting and money sense. Teach your child to count by ones, fives or tens using coins. Help your child count the money for a fun trip to purchase something of their choice.

I send my granddaughter two onedollar bills every holiday. She saves them and shops for what she wants. The last time she selected a less expensive backpack because she realized she could get

three things instead of two.

Time skills: If your child is always asking how long until __?__. Using the timer on your phone; Set it for "five minutes until". Once the five minutes time period is mastered, increase to ten minutes, then fifteen. My children could wait two hours when they were quite young. They had conceptualized "how long".

Math facts: Lay fact cards out on the floor and your child picks up cards that are answered correctly. Or, your child could stand "x" feet away from you. Each time he or she answers correctly; take one step forward. Wrong answers, move back one. Make wrong answers ok by saying "whoops", or "hurray, mistakes are ok".

I had a math fact club after school for struggling fourth graders. They played the "x" feet away game because it was fun, their classmates wanted to stay and play, too.

Fractions: Conceptualize fractions

with measuring cups. Bake a favorite recipe. You hold the "one-cup", your child has the smaller sizes to count parts to the whole.

The "Pizza Pie Game" is a great way to understand fractions, let them make their own pizza. Cut it in fourths, thirds, or fifths.

READING

Build Academic Skills While Having Fun

Read to your child. Parents often think the child must now do all the reading in 1st grade. If reading is difficult, the child may begin to hate reading. Select books that are above their reading level. Why not read a chapter book? My favorite children's author is Beverly Cleary, whose Ramona character is always in trouble for one of her creative adventures. She is so funny, your child may not let you stop reading.

Let your child pace in front of you if he can't sit still. Ask simple questions, "Where is the character in the story?" "When do you think the story took place?" "How did the character feel?" Select just one question a reading so it doesn't feel like school. Make your question and its answer a discussion.

OTHER IDEAS:

- Create funny stories, child creates the ending.
- Rhyming, Language and Vocabulary. Make up games in each.
- Music like John Denver's teach similes and metaphors.
- Choral reading can include sound effects.

I can't begin to share the endless possibilities that make learning fun and productive. Think of real-life experiences to improve specific skills while having fun. Throw away those workbooks, your kids have seen plenty of them. Find new and fun learning experiences. Happy learning!

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Fun for Everyone at BeachFest

Don't miss "the Ultimate Beach Party" as Headlands BeachFest celebrates its fourth year. This free, familyfriendly celebration of sand, water, sun and the arts attracted over 25.000 revelers last year.

BeachFest will be held on July 16th from 11 AM to 7 PM at Headlands Beach State Park.

Attendees will enjoy a full day of entertainment and activities including live steel drum music, interactive displays, sand-castle building contests and much more. The Ohio Master Sand Sculpting Competition will feature five world champion sand-sculptors who will wow the crowd with their amazing creations. And, vou'll be awestruck by the aerial acrobatics delivered by the Ohio Society for the Elevation of Kites.

Arts and crafts vendors will be on hand selling beachthemed items. Nearly a dozen food trucks will be on hand offering a great selection of food for everyone in the family.

Headlands Beach State Park is located at 9601 Headlands Road in Mentor. Free admission and parking. BeachFest is presented by Marc's and is supported by STERIS. For additional information, visit www. headlandsbeachfest.com.



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FARMFEST

Lake Metroparks Farmpark • July 9 • 9 am to 5 pm

Inaugural celebration of country and farming life! Event features music, fishing, farm-themed carnival games and crafts in addition to all of Farmpark's regular demonstrations and hands-on activities.

Special activities

- Fishing
- Cow Ice Sculpture (morning)
- Ohio Disc Dogs
- BBQ by J & J Cafe
- Live music
- Touch a tractor
- Country/Farm-themed obstacle course
- Pedal tractors
- Corn hole
- Barrel train

- Penitentiary Glen Nature Theater
- Pony Rides (\$4)

Farmpark activities

- Milk a cow
- See how cheese is made
- Help make ice cream (and taste it, too!)
- Go for a wagon ride
- Meet all kinds of farm animals upclose
- Border collie sheep herding
- · Cow to cone indoor play area

Directions

Take I-90 to the Rt. 306 exit. Head south on Route 306 five miles to Chardon Road (Route 6), turn left on Route 6, and head east one mile.

Entrance to Farmpark is on the right.

Cow to Cone Indoor Play Area

Lake Metroparks Farmpark
July 2 through September 4
Tuesday through Friday • 9 am to 5 pm

Try your hand at making ice cream and meet the dairy cows that produce milk and cream. Find out where your favorite ice cream flavor comes from. Child-friendly hands-on activities teach how ice cream comes from cow to cone in the Factory of Frozen Fun.

- Plant your favorite ice cream flavor seeds in the farmer's field
- Explore a giant cream separator
- Play dairy-related games
- Discover different types of sugar
- Add your favorite flavors at the Flavor Station
- Mix the ingredients together at the Mixing Station
- Release the mixed ingredients into ice cream containers
- Keep the ice cream from melting in a temperature controlled freezer
- Load ice cream containers into the ice cream truck

Join our ice cream social and enjoy an ice cream sundae (additional charge applies) on weekends, July 18 through 26. Regular Farmpark admission applies.









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New for 2016! Farmpark Showman's Circle improvements

One of the most exciting changes coming to Lake Metroparks Farmpark this year will be around the centrally-located Showman's Circle, a farm-themed playground, a natural water feature and covered space for programs will help create an area for kids and adults to relax and play between stops at the park's many attractions. Construction should be complete in July 2016.

Free family-oriented programs at Penitentiary Glen Reservation

PGIF: Penitentiary Glen Incredible Fridays

Ages 5 to 10 (all children with an adult), FREE

This is a series of free nature-based family programs. Activities will include games, outdoor exploring, and naturalist presentations on a wide variety of fascinating topics! All programs are one hour long and held at Penitentiary Glen Nature Center. Program runs 11 am to noon. No registration necessary. July 1: Soaring with eagles

July 8: Coyotes

July 15: Honeybees

July 22: Goin' batty

July 29: Webmasters

August 5: Beautiful butterflies

August 12: StarLab

Concerts at the Glen

Music, stories, puppets and theater in an intimate outdoor setting—enjoying the performing arts surrounded by nature's own songs and beautiful scenery is a magical experience. Lounge in a lawn chair or pack a picnic dinner to enjoy as family-friendly entertainment fills the night air. Northeast Ohio is home to a wide range of performers, and this series includes a great variety of local talent.

The Cleveland Shakespeare Festival

returns with "The Merchant of Venice." Musical entertainment ranges from bluegrass to Celtic to Big Band something for all musical tastes. Family-friendly stories come to life with puppets, songs, live animals and interactive storytelling.

All evening programs are free and do not require registration. The Nature Center will be open during the performances and snacks and beverages will be available for purchase in The Nature Store. You are welcome to bring in alcohol for the concerts and Shakespeare dates. In case of inclement weather, space is available inside the Nature Center for these performances.

Friday, July 8 • 7 to 8 pm Susan Weber Storyteller Thursday, July 14 • 7 to 8 pm Puppet Show: "Over in the Meadow" Friday, July 22 • 7 to 8:30 pm Concert: Breakneck All-Stars (acoustic folk music)

Wednesday, August 5 • 7 to 8 pm Animal Stories with Live Animals! Thursday, August 11 • 7 to 8 pm Puppet Show: "Thank You, Bats!" Friday, August 26 • 7 to 8:30 pm Concert: Chardon Polka Band (polka music with a colorful twist)







5-Mile race begins at 8:00 am 5-K Run/Walk (3.1 miles) begins at 8:15 am

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The pros and cons of repeating a grade

CONS

The majority of students move up a grade each fall. However, some students may not be ready to move on to the next grade come the end of the school year.

Educators and parents often have to make the challenging decision of whether to have a student repeat a year — called grade retention — or to engage in social promotion. There are pros and cons to both sides of this debate, and oftentimes the decision comes down to parental preference, test scores and the recommendations of teachers and administrators regarding the best decision for each individual student.

Grade retention can be an emotionally charged issue, but having students repeat a grade is sometimes necessary. The following examination of the advantages and disadvantages of grade retention may help families make informed decisions and help them do what's best for the child.

PROS

1. If a student has missed a lot of school due to illness or a family situation, it may be in his or her best interest to repeat the grade and catch up on the lessons he or she missed.

- 2. Developmentally immature children might find that repeating a grade reduces their stress, which can increase as students attempt, yet fail, to keep up with the development of their peers.
- 3. Children who are nearly a year younger than their peers may benefit from attending school with children who are their same age.
- 1. In certain instances, students who repeat a grade may be as many as two years older than their classmates. While academic readiness should weigh heavily as parents decide whether or not to have their child repeat a grade, parents should also consider the potential impact on their youngster's self-esteem if he or she is asked to repeat a grade
- 2. Students may feel embarrassed by grade retention, especially if other students tease or pity them.

and attend school with much younger classmates.

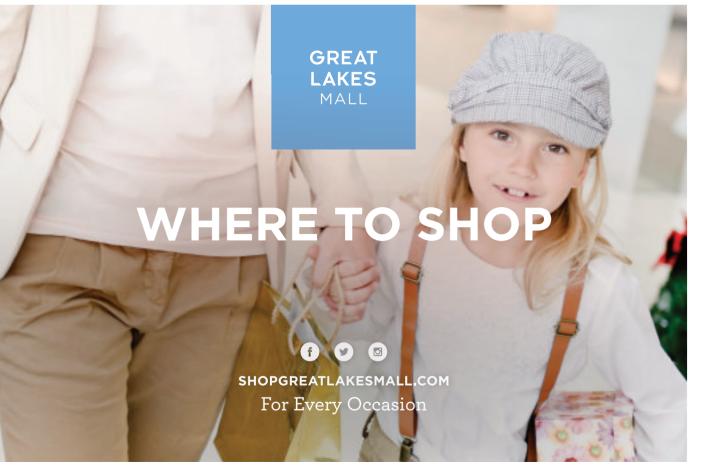
3. Kids who do not agree with their parents on the issue may protest by engaging in behaviors that make it difficult for them to benefit from repeating a grade.

Grade retention and social promotion are serious topics for parents and educators to consider.



CHILDHOOD INSOMNIA

Insomnia, or trouble falling asleep or staving asleep. is largely thought of as an adult problem. But children can suffer from insomnia as well, and that can prove disruptive for the entire family. Children who do not receive an adequate amount of sleep can feel tired and irritable, and may have difficulty concentrating in school. Many factors can contribute to the onset of childhood insomnia. Kids, just like adults, can suffer from stress, which then manifests itself as worry or an overactive mind at night, says the Cleveland Clinic. Depression, anxiety, pain, or other medical problems also may be the catalyst for insomnia. While common insomnia medications used in adults are not approved for children, there are steps parents can take. A solid bedtime routine, including consistent bedtimes and wake times, can help combat child insomnia. Try to identify stressors and remedy them as well. In some instances, a pediatrician or therapist may be needed to help a child work through sleep-related issues.



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Ice Cream Weekends

July 4 through 26, Saturdays & Sundays

Ice Cream social served 11 am to 4 pm Celebrate National Ice Cream Month at Lake Metroparks Farmpark during Ice Cream Weekends. Try your hand at making ice cream and meet the dairy cows that produce milk and cream. Find out where your favorite ice cream flavor comes from.

Enjoy an ice cream sundae (additional charge applies) and participate in old fashioned games. crafts, and more. Visit the hands-on Cow to Cone Indoor Play Area to discover how the ingredients in ice cream go from cow to cone; play area open July 2 through September 4, 2016 from 9 am to 5 pm Tuesday through Sunday. Regular Farmpark admission applies.

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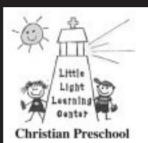
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Sign-up for 1000 Books Before Kindergarten The 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Program encourages parents and caregivers to provide positive, nurturing early experiences by reading aloud to their children regularly. Just a book or two every evening really adds up! Come into the library July 1 or after to register.

Baby Toddler Storytime Fridays 9:30am AND 10:30am Attending with caregiver. This small group setting is a great way to introduce babies to the library and other children their own age.

Family Fun Day and Community Yard Sale! Saturday, July 9 from 9:30am – 4:30pm This is always a fun event. Yard Sale on the library lawn! It's free to come and sell your treasures! Free hot dogs, chips, beverage at 11:00am. This year we'll have the NOPEC Energy Bike at the library from 9:30am – 1:00pm!

The Great Lakes and the Seas Beyond 6:30-7:30pm Monday, July 11 Join Tom Kastle, of the Tall Ships Festival, for an evening of songs and stories about the Great Lakes, a place we all know, and a place salt water sailors 150 years ago called "a Sailor's Paradise".

Young Child Storytime Tuesdays 9:30am & 10:30am This storytime is for children who are just beginning to be able to sit and listen to stories. There is free play before and after this program.

Pet the Trucks Tuesday, July 12 from 10 am – 12 noon Meet the people who keep our community safe and operating efficiently and see their cool vehicles!

Buttercups Mother-Daughter Book Club Tuesday, July 12 from 6-7:00pm This book club is for girls in 2nd through 4th grade, attending with a significant adult female in their life. Call the library

Family Storytime Wednesdays 6:00pm This program is for families with multiple young children to attend a storytime together. The program emphasizes stories and activities for babies and young toddlers.

to sign up and find out what book

they're reading!

program.

Preschool Storytime Thursdays at 11:30am This storytime is for children who are ready to sit on their own and listen to stories. Caregivers need to remain in the children's area during the



tween Lock-In Friday, July 15 at 7:30pm until 7:30am Saturday Call the library for more information and to register! A parent or guardian must come in to sign a permission slip, beginning July 1.

Card Making 101 Monday, July 18 at 6:30pm This class is open to everyone. Register online or call the library. Bring scissors and glue sticks. Paper will be supplied

Get in the Game Tuesday, July 19 from 11:00am – 1:00pm Come to the library and play classic outdoor games! Fun for the whole family. No advanced registration necessary.

Tail Waggin' Tutors Thursday, July 21 This program is open to any child who would enjoy reading to a gentle therapy dog. They pick a book and read – or show pictures – to a dog. Call the library to register for a time spot, or just show up!

Stargazers Mother-Daughter Book Club 6:00pm Tuesday, July 26 This book club is for girls in 5th through 8th grade, attending with a significant adult female in their life. Call the library to see what they're reading this month!

Magic the Gathering Theme Deck Tournament: Two-Headed Giant Format Saturday, July 30 at 4:30pm This tournament will pit players against each other using a randomly assigned pre-built theme deck provided by the library. Prizes will be awarded to the winners and runners-up. Sign up is required by phone or via the library website. Please sign up at lease one week before the event.

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On Your Mark, Get Set, Read! Kids' **Summer Reading Program Now** through July 31. For children, entering sixth grade and younger. The library's On Your Mark, Get Set, Read! Summer Reading program has begun. For every hour children read or are read to, they will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win one of the library's awesome grand prizes. Plus for every five hours read, up to 15 hours of reading, children will receive a prize. After completing five hours of reading, children will earn a free Lake County Captains baseball game ticket. Fifteen-hour readers will receive a "Library Champion Lives Here" yard sign (one sign per family.)

Move It Mondays Mondays at 1 p.m. Read House lawn Each Monday, join library staff from the children's department as they have different, fun activities related to keeping fit. Open to all ages and no registration necessary.

Family Story Time Mondays at 7 p.m. at Mentor Headlands Branch Friday, starting June 10, at 11 a.m. at Main Branch Take a little time for some great stories and family time. Families with children of all ages will enjoy stories, music, rhymes and crafts together. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Tiddlywinks Tuesdays & Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room Come and enjoy an interac-

tive story time filled with stories, songs and rhymes just right for little listeners. For children 36 months and younger with an adult. No registration is necessary.

Preschool Story Time Tuesday and Wednesday at 11 a.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room Children attend without an adult and enjoy a fun-filled session of stories, songs and rhymes. A responsible adult must remain on the children's floor during the story time session. For children ages three to five years old.

A Walk in the Park Thursdays at 10 a.m. Main Branch Join a MPL children's librarian for a special story time. Meet at the entrance to the library's Main Branch at 10 a.m. Together, take a walk to Eleanor B. Garfield Park for a story time and a snack. Afterward, everyone will walk together to the library. For children, newborn to three years old with parents. Registration is required.

Tike Time Thursdays from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Mentor Headlands Branch A weekly, interactive story time for children from six months to four years old at the Mentor Headlands Branch. Kids will enjoy stories, songs, rhymes and, perhaps, a craft. An adult must remain with the child during story time. No registration is necessary.

Mother Goose on the Loose Fridays at 10 a.m. Read House

A 4-week interactive program for children up to 30 months. The program uses rhymes, songs, puppets, musical instruments and more to stimulate the learning process in babies and toddlers. Registration is necessary.

Comics Club Tuesday, July 5, at 7 p.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room Children, eight to 12 years old, are invited to join the Comics Club to read, discuss, and make their own comics. Club members will meet the first Tuesday of every month. Registration is required.

American Girl Book Club Wednesday, July 6, at 4 p.m. Meet Addy. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room Girls between the ages of six and 12 years old meet once a month for a craft and a snack for each of the historical American Girl dolls. Each month will focus on a different doll. Be sure to read "Meet Addy" before this program. Registration is necessary each month.

Minecraft Club Thursday, July 7, at 4 p.m. Main Branch in the James R. Garfield Room Join the library's Minecraft Club where you can mine, explore

and share strategies in the wide world of Minecraft. Each session will feature a new challenge. Kids must bring their own charged laptop, tablet or mobile device and have an active Minecraft account. The club is for children from ages eight to 12. Registration is required.

Be the Board Saturday, July 9, at 2 p.m.

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Read House lawn Get in the game!

Come to the library for an afternoon of super-sized games, including Jenga and Twister. Teens should wear old clothes because they will get messy. **Get ready, get set, BLOW UP, and read!**

Saturday, get set, BLOW UP, and read: Saturday, July 9, at 2 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Have fun, get some fresh air, and do science experiments that will make stuff blow up. LEGOmania Saturday, July 9, at 2 p.m.

Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Stop by the Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch to get creative with the library's Legos. Each session will feature a theme, but kids are free to build whatever they want. All ages are welcome, but children younger than eight must be accompanied by an adult.

Make a Craft Monday, July 11 Main Branch in the Children's Department Kid can stop by the Children's Department any time throughout the day (while supplies last) and get creative with one of the library's monthly crafts. No registration is necessary.

Rhyme Time Tuesdays, July 12 and 26, at 10:30 a.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Children, ages six months to five years, are welcome to attend themed Rhyme Times with stories, songs and a craft. The theme is "Rainbows" on July 12 and "Teamwork and Friendship" on June 26.

Big Games, Big Fun Tuesday, July 12, at 1 p.m. Read House lawn Come to the library for an oversized afternoon of fun. There will be plenty of oversized lawn games for kids to play with, like ring toss, hopscotch, Tic-Tac-Toe and lawn bowling. For kids, ages five through 12. No registration is required.

Concert: Travelin' Man Band Wednesday, July 13, at 6:30 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch lawn The Travelin' Man Band returns for a free concert of oldies but goodies. Registration is not required. Bring a lunch and a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy the show.

Hopscotch to Healthy Thursday, July 14, at 3:30 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Come play hopscotch, foursquare, and learn a new game with sidewalk chalk at the Lake Branch.

Headlands Beach Fest Saturday, July 16

from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Kids at Headlands Beach Fest can visit Mentor Public Library's tent to make a super sand art creation. Lake Branch Minecraft Club Saturday.

July 16, at 2 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch You can mine, explore and share strategies in the wide world of Minecraft at MPL's Lake Branch. Each session will feature a new challenge. Kids must bring their own charged laptop, tablet or mobile device and have an active Minecraft account. The club is for kids from fourth through eighth grade. Registration is required. Every child that attends will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win a prize at the end of the year.

Let's go Lego Club Saturday, July 16, at

2 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Kids can get creative with Lego bricks, either following a monthly theme or doing their own thing. The library will supply the Lego and Duplo bricks, so kids only need to bring their imagination. Children younger than eight must be accompanied by an adult. No registration is necessary.

Clashing Controllers Wednesday, July 20, at 6:30 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Get your game on. Challenge your friends at this monthly video game tournament held at the Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch. Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

Paws to Read Wednesday, July 20 First session starts at 6:30 p.m. Second session starts at 7:00 p.m. Main Branch in the Children's Department Kids who are able to read independently are invited to sign up for a 30-minute session. Children will be paired with a gentle dog that is licensed and trained to be a good listener. This event will fill quickly. Registration begins two weeks before each session.

Concert: Travelin' Man Band Wednesday, July 20, at 6:30 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch lawn The Travelin' Man Band returns for a free concert of oldies but goodies. Registration is not required. Bring a lunch and a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy the show.

Are You a Ninja? Friday, July 22, at 2 p.m. Read House lawn Do you have what it takes to be a ninja? Participate in the library's eight challenges to see if you have the necessary skills. Receive your Ninja certificate upon completion. Open to children entering kindergarten through fifth grade. Please register for this program beforehand.

Techno Tweens Saturday, July 23, from 1 to 3 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Tweens (ages ten to 14) can challenge their friends to a quest in Roblox. Join your friends for gaming fun at Mentor Headlands Branch. Registration is required.

Balloon Blast Wednesday, July 27, at 1 p.m. Read House lawn Kids from three to seven can play balloon games while enjoying the summer sun. This program might involve getting wet; so be prepared, and have some fun. Registration is required.

Snacks in the Stacks Wednesday, July 27, at 6:30 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Teens can come to the Lake Branch to make healthy and yummy recipes, play games, and eat their own culinary creations.

MORLEY LIBRARY

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Morley Library Children's Summer Reading Club! On Your Mark, Get Set, Read! Stop by the Children's Room to register your child, ages 18 months through entering 7th grade, for the Morley Library Summer Reading Club! The Summer Reading Club runs for 8 weeks and every day that your child reads for 20 minutes or more s/he will receive an entry for our big prize drawing! The last day of the Summer Reading Club is Friday, July 22nd.

Summer Weekly Storytimes & Programs:

Summer Storytime session runs for 7 weeks: Now through July 22nd. Registration is required

Baby Bookworms (for babies not yet walking)

Tuesdays: 9:30 AM – 10:00 AM NEW for Summer 2016! Enjoy one-on-one lap time engaging in stories, songs, rhymes, fingerplays and more. 20 minutes of stories, songs, etc. followed by 10 minutes of playtime and caregiver interaction.

Toddler Tales (3 and under) Mondays: 9:30 AM – 10:00 AM OR 10:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Stories, rhymes, & fingerplays for little ones! Child attends with caregiver.

Music in Motion (2 - 5 years) Wednesdays: 9:30 AM – 10:00 AM OR 10:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Stories, rhythm, music, and instruments! Child attends with caregiver.

Preschool/Kindergarten Storytime (3 - 6 years) Thursdays: 10:00 AM - 10:30

AM An exciting and engaging storytime with a focus on early literacy skills. Child attend without caregiver. **Books at Bedtime** (18 months - 5 years)

Mondays: 6:30 - 7:00 PM OR Wednes-

days: 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM Pajama storytime while cuddling your favorite stuffed animal. Child attends with caregiver. **Stories & S.T.E.A.M.** (6 – 8 years) Fridays: 4:00 PM – 4:45 PM Kids ages 6-8 can explore stories and more with science, technology, engineering, art, and math in this fun after-school program. Caregiver must stay in the building but does not attend with the child. **N B TWEEN** (9 - 12 years) Tuesdays: 4:00

PM – 4:45 PM Crafts, games, and activi-

ties geared specifically towards tweens. Tweens attend without caregiver. **Juggler Matt Jergens** Wednesday, July 8th, 2:00 – 3:00 PM Don't miss this amazing, fun event for the whole family! Comedy juggler Matt Jergens combines his signature blend of comedy with his gravity-defying stunts and juggling tricks. Please understand that our Meeting Room has limited space, and once it reaches full capacity no more people will be allowed into the event. Doors will open for seating at 1:50 PM.

Family Yoga Saturday, July 9th, 11:30 AM – 12:15 PM Join us for a fun family yoga session! A yoga instructor from Awaken Yoga will lead a beginner's yoga class that the whole family can enjoy. Yoga mats will be available to use. Registration required.

Makerspace Monday Monday, July 11th, 4:00 – 4:45 PM For kids grades K-3rd. A makerspace is a creative, DIY space where kids can gather to create, invent, and learn! Make a fun craft from various materials provided by the library. Registration required.

KIDS CRAFTERNOON Thursday, July 14th, 3:00 – 7:00 PM Drop by the Children's Room Rotunda from 3:00 - 7:00 PM to make a FREE sand castle sticker scene craft. No registration needed.

LEGO Club Thursday, July 14th, 3:30 – 4:30 PM

Drop by the Story Room for the Morley Library LEGO Club! All ages welcome, parents must stay with children 5 and under. No registration needed.

Saturday Morning Dance Party! Saturday, July 16th, 11:00 – 11:45 AM Ready, set, DANCE! Learn the moves to some modern and classic line dances. It is sure to be fun for the whole family! All ages welcome, no registration required.

Foosball FabLab Saturday, July 16th,

11:00 – 11:45 AM For tweens ages 9-12. Learn about the history of the popular game foosball and then make a table top version of your own to take home. Registration required.

Ronald McDonald Magic Show! Friday, July 22nd, 2:00 – 2:30 PM Join us for our Children's Summer Reading Club grand finale! Ronald McDonald uses magic, music, and comedy in a fun magic show. Doors open at 1:50 PM. Afterwards, visit the Children's Room to see Jumper the Kangaroo from Sky Zone for a free 30 minute jump coupon until 4:00 PM. No registration needed.

WICKLIFFE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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On Your Mark, Get Set, READ! Summer Reading Now through Saturday,
July 30, 2016 Children Birth-completed
4th grade register and read every day
to earn prizes and chances at our grand
prize raffle!

3-6 Year Old Story Time

Monday at 6:30 PM, July 11, 18, 25 Thursday at 10:00 AM, July 7, 14, 21, 28 Drop-in, no registration required **Birth-2 Year Old Story Time** Wednesday at 10:00 AM, July 6, 13, 20,

Thursday at 6:30 PM, July 7, 14, 21, 28 Drop-in, no registration required

Reading Buddies Children completed Kindergarten through 4th grade, buddy with teen volunteers to battle the summer reading slide with literacy skill activities and reading. (Children MUST register) July 5, 12 @ 10:00 AM or 6:30 PM

Kid STEAM & Tech Toys (Completed 1st -4th grade) Friday, July 8 & 22 @ 10:30 AM Kids who have completed 1st grade through completed 4th grade explore new science and technology fun! Children MUST register, space is limited. Family "Move It" Night Children 3 and older with their families can join us for an after hours healthy living event. We will do movement activities, yoga, stories, and create a healthy snack! Friday, July 15, 7-8:30 PM Families MUST register, space is limited.

Go Active! With Ronald McDonald Friday, July 29 @ 10:30 AM Ronald McDonald will be visiting the library to present a fun and active show for both the body and mind. This show is geared for ages 5-12 but all are welcome! No registration necessary.

Get in the Game, READ! Summer

Reading Young adults/tweens (completed 5th-12th grade) are invited to join in the Summer Reading Program, Now through Saturday, July 30, 2016. For every book you read this summer, get an entry to be eligible for weekly prize drawings. Drawings will be held on Fridays.

Tween STEAM (completed 5th through 8th grade) Friday, July 8, 22 @ 2:00 PM Kids explore science and technology fun! Registration required, space is limited.

Tween Time Wednesday, July 13 @ 2:30pm- Pie In the Face Game Tournament, registration required Wednesday, July 27 @ 2:30pm-snacks, socializing, and activities, just drop-in

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Willoughby Public Library
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Willoughby, OH 44094
(440) 942-3200 x. 104
Willowick Public Library
263 E. 305 St.
Willowick, OH 44095
(440) 943-4151 x. 116
(440) 516-0843 TTY

Willoughby Hills Public Library
35400 Chardon Rd.
Willoughby Hills, OH 44094
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Science Play! Drop in and have a blast with a variety of STEM-related activities. All ages welcome! Tuesday, July 5, 6:30 pm

Eastlake Library 440-942-7880

Mr. Zap and his Magic Tricks Fun filled magic program with a baseball theme. Enjoy magic mind reading by Mr. Zap who will predict your favorite sport! Wednesday, July 6, 6:30-7:30 pm Willoughby Hills Library

BYOT Tie Dye Bring your own t-shirt (BYOT) to create wearable art at one of the Willoughby-Eastlake Public Library branches to celebrate Summer Reading. All ages welcome.

Thursday, July 7, 10:30 am-12 pm, (Ages 0-12th grade)

Willowick Library, 263 E. 305 St., 440-943-4151

Monday, July 11, 2-3 pm Willoughby Hills Library, 35400 Chardon Rd., 440-942-3362

Tuesday, July 19, 6:30-7:30 pm

Eastlake Library, 36706 Lake Shore Blvd., 440-942-7880

LEGO Club We provide the LEGOs, you provide the imagination in our LEGO club!

Saturday, July 9 (All ages), 2-3:30 pm Willoughby Library, 30 Public Square, 440-942-3200

Saturday, July 9 (All ages), 1:30-3 pm Eastlake Library, 36706 Lake Shore Blvd., 440-942-7880

The Bar CrossFit Lil' Beasts and Future Beasts Watch Lil' Beasts and Future Beasts from The Bar CrossFit show off their skills. Wear comfortable clothing so you can learn some new fitness moves. (Ages 6-14).

Monday, July 11, 6:30 pm Willoughby Library, 30 Public Square, 440-942-3200

"Nobody's Cats" Children learn compassion and empathy for less-fortunate cats as they come to understand the needs of "community cats" in their neighborhood. Storytime, crafts and activities. (Ages 3-10).

Monday, July 11, 6:30-7:30 pm Willowick Library, 263 E. 305 St., 440-943-4151

Summer Games @ Eastlake Library Get in the spirit with fun games and challenges provided by the Eastlake Women's Club. All ages welcome! Tuesday, July 12, 6:30 pm Eastlake Library, 36706 Lake Shore Blvd., 440-942-7880

Karate Confidence Course The staff of Willoughby ATA will demonstrate basic self-defense techniques and talk about ways to help reduce bullying. (Ages 4 and up).

Wednesday, July 13, 6:30 pm Willowick Library, 263 E. 305 St., 440-943-4151

Teen Gadgets & Gizmos Join Holly Klinger from Northeast Ohio Regional Library System as she presents their Teen Tech Lab where she will talk about upcoming gadgets and have some on hand for teens to explore. Grades 6-12 (Ages 11-18).

Thursday, July 14, 3-4 pm Eastlake Library, 36706 Lake Shore Blvd., 440-942-7880

Hour of Code for Teens Work through Code Studio introductory courses to learn the basics of block coding. Thursday, July 14, 6-7 pm

Willoughby Hills Library 440-942-3362

Barks for Books Practice your reading skills by reading to a therapy dog! (Grades K-5).

Saturday, July 16, 9:30 or 10 am (Choose

one time slot) Eastlake Library, 36706 Lake Shore Blvd., 440-942-7880

ArtsFest BYOT Tie Dye! Join us in the Library's tent at ArtsFest, bring your own t-shirt and decorate with tie dye. All ages welcome!

Saturday, July 16, 10 am-5 pm Downtown Willoughby

Go Active with Ronald McDonald Ronald McDonald helps to empower and inspire kids to better navigate their way to a more balanced and active approach to life in this fun and interactive presentation. Monday, July 18, 6:30 pm Willoughby Library, 30 Public Square, 440-942-3200

Yu-Gi-Oh, Pokemon & Trading Card

Game Card Night Bring your friends

and your common MtG, Pokemon, Yu-

Gi-Oh, WoW cards to the Willoughby Library. Please leave your favorite/rare cards at home so they don't get lost. (Grades 6-12) (Ages 11-18). Tuesday, July 19, 6-8:30 pm Willoughby Library 440-942-3200 **LEGO Mania Summer Wrap-Up Party** Join us for a fun filled afternoon of LEGO building, snacks, games and more! Thursday, July 21, 6-7:30 pm Willoughby Hills Library

fellow Otaku at the Willoughby Library to watch anime, discuss anime and manga and draw your own characters. You can even cosplay if you'd like. Refreshments will be served. (Ages 13 and up). Saturday, July 23, 1-4 pm Willoughby Library 440-942-3200 Officer Dan and Jager Come to the library to meet our local superheroes, Officer Dan and his special dog. Jager

Willoughby Otaku Anime Club Join

Officer Dan and his special dog, Jager. Learn how helpful a dog can be with fighting crime. All ages welcome! Wednesday, July 27, 6:30 pm Willowick Library, 263 E. 305 St., 440-943-4151

OMG! Do You Believe What They Did on The Walking Dead? Come to the Willoughby Library and join us in our version of "Talking Dead!" (Ages 13 and up). Tuesday, July 26, 7-8:30 pm Willoughby Library, 30 Public Square, 440-942-3200 Teen Art Club Do you love to create art but never get the chance? Join other art-loving teens for Art Club where we will focus on a different artist or style each session. (Grades 6-12) (Ages 11-18). Thursday, July 28, 6:30-8:30 pm Eastlake

Library, 36706 Lake Shore Blvd., 440-

942-7880



JUNE 30 - JULY 4 Fairport Mardi Gras

Lake Metroparks Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park, 301 Huntington Beach Dr, Fairport Harbor. Rides, food, games, Fireworks Show - Monday, July 4 at dusk. Grab a blanket and a spot on the beach and enjoy our annual fireworks show! fairportmardigras.vpweb.com

JULY 4

64th Annual Mentor Headlands 4th of July Parade Parade route will be running from Forest

Drive and east onto Garden Drive turning

north onto Corduroy Road ending at the Mentor Headlands Community Center located at 9096 Lake Overlook.
The parade will be about a mile in length with a running time of approximately 1 hour from 12pm – 1pm. Judging will be held in several different categories including a kid's bike decorating contest and trophies will be awarded. A bake goods sale will also be taking place after at the community center to raise funds for the center. The kid's bike decorating contest will be taking place prior to the parade at 11:00 a.m. and while registra-

tion is not needed to enter, bike must be

at the corner of Garden and Forest Drive by 11:00 sharp in order to be judged. Corduroy Road will be closed from both north and south ends for this event from 11:45 a.m. until after the parade. This is a family friendly event with thousands of spectators in attendance.

JULY 4 (1 PM) Old Glory Day

Decorations are provided for the children to decorate their bikes, scooters or wagons, followed by a children's parade around the Square lead by The Chardon Fire Department. Following the parade is an afternoon of games, music, face painting, balloon animals and a pie eating contest. The Rotary will be providing ice cream, the Kiwanis will have balloons for the bikes and Wal-Mart is providing water. Popcorn and hot dogs are available for sale.

JULY 4

July 4th Fireworks Display Civic Center Park, 9:50 p.m. Come and see this spectacular FREE fireworks display set to begin at approximately 9:50 p.m. Fireworks can be viewed from Civic Center Park and Mentor High School. Please observe the designated No Parking areas in the surrounding area. Continue the summer tradition with your family and spend an enjoyable evening at Civic Center Park.

JULY 8-10

Tall Ships at Fairport Harbor Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park

301 Huntington Beach Drive - Fairport Harbor Join us on the shores of Lake Frie for Tall Ships® Fairport Harbor 2016. It's a rare chance to catch a glimpse, step aboard, and even set sail on some of the grandest ships of vore. The Fairport Harbor Heritage Foundation bringing you Tall Ships® Fairport Harbor. Fairport Harbor will be one of only a handful of Great Lakes ports that will host the prestigious TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE®, Tall Ships® Fairport Harbor 2016 promises to be the largest event in our region's history featuring ship tours, day sails, educational programming, food and beverage, entertainment and fun for the entire family! tallshipsfairportharbor.com

JULY 14-16

COMMUNITY

Gigantic RUMMAGE SALE

You're Invited to Divine Word Church 8100 Eagle Rd in Kirtland for a Gigantic RUMMAGE SALE. Thurs. JULY 14, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday JULY 15, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sat. JULY 16, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Early Birds Welcome Wednesday JULY 13, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. for a \$25.00 donation purchased in advance from the parish office 440-256-1412

JULY 16

Willoughby ArtsFest 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Historic Downtown Willoughby. The ArtsFest is a wonderful celebration of great artwork and the eclectic local businesses and restaurants of Downtown Willoughby. Now on our 25th year, the ArtsFest

will host about 150 high-quality artists in beautiful downtown Willoughby, selling a diverse mix of artwork – including ceramics and pottery, blown and stained glass artwork, many different types of painting, photography, woodcarving, unique fabric and leather pieces, jewelry, metalworking, mixed media, and more

JULY 16

Contact Us! Do you have a special event or meeting you'd like to be

listed in our community calendar? If so, please email your information to countykids@news-herald.com Submissions should be 65 words or less. We

reserve the right to edit any information prior to publication.

Luvin Lavender Farms Annual Lavender Festival and "Art in the Garden" 5861 Middle Ridge Rd, Madison, Ohio 44057. Art Classes, Distilling Demonstrations of essential oil, Crafting Classes, beekeeping, culinary samplings and many other activities in the fields of lavender including "yoga in the blooms". Bring your own easel and set up in the garden on your own, take a class. bring your own picnic and blanket and make an afternoon of it. Theres something for young, old and in between. Follow us on Facebook for updates and more information, www.facebook.com/luvinlavender/

JULY 16

Headlands BeachFest

Headlands Beach State Park Headlands BeachFest is the ULTIMATE BEACH PARTY! Featuring all day entertainment and activities, food, sand, water and a ton of family fun. The main attraction is the Ohio Master Sand Sculpture Competition which will feature FIVE master sand sculptors this year.

THIS IS A FREE EVENT!



July 3rd, 2016 9:00 am Eastlake, Ohio (Classic Park)

Participants will receive:

- finisher medal race t-shirt
 - post-race beer
- hot dog or hamburger
 Captains Baseball ticket valid for any remaining

regular season home game in 2016



Meet Carlos Baerga!

Carlos will be on hand to sign autographs and help pass out

finisher medals to all runners and walkers!





Register at: www.lakehealthrunning.com



2016 Lake County YMCA DREAM HOUSE **TICKETS ON SALE NOW!**

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Tickets are just \$15 each, or 3 for \$39. Buy 3 Dream House tickets and you will be entered into a separate drawing for a 2016 Chevy Malibu!

Tour Hours:

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July 1st - August 7th Tours daily 11 am - 7 pm July 4th Open 11 am – 4 pm



The 2016 Dream House is located in the **Stone Ridge Estates Development at** 7711 Jo Ann Drive, Concord, OH 44077

Get your tickets today at your local Lake County Y, go to www.ymcadreamhouse.org or call 440-354-5656.















