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LAKE METROPARKS FARMPARK HOSTS **BATTLEFROG Cleveland**

BattleFrog Series is happy to host another challenging adventure at the beautiful Lake Metroparks Farmpark in Kirtland, Ohio. Children's races include the Bullfrog Mile and TadPole Dash, for ages eight and up and 4 through 8 years old (respectively). The Jr. race is a 200 meter dash followed by a series of fun obstacles that are just their size. TadPole race is a bit longer at 1K. These two exciting adventures will offer obstacles such as wall and cargo climbs, hay bales, mud crawls and rope hurdles, as well as Kid's "Boot Camp" exercises.

BattleFrog's goal is to promote fitness in the outdoors by creating a course that anybody can complete, no matter how long it takes. It focuses on having fun with friends and family while being actively engaged in the outdoor fitness community. The race series also pays tribute to Navy SEALs, those who have served and continue to put their lives on the line. It features an exciting race festival with food, music, entertainment, vendors and areas in which to view all the action.

BattleFrog Series races feature an 8K course and at least twenty-five obstacles expertly placed into unique terrains designed to test people of all athletic levels. The course will be comprised of natural elements (water, hills, dirt, air, etc.) as well as "Boot Camp" inspired obstacles. Expect mud, climbing, swinging, swimming, crawling and jumping to test every inch of your endurance. In or-

der to preserve the element of surprise, certain obstacles will not be announced online, and thus one must expect the best while training!

There are different waves for specific age groups and skill levels. The BattleFrog 8K, the most popular, is designed for people of all fitness levels, ages 13 and up. The 8K course will take you through 22+ SEAL-inspired obstacles that use air, land and water to test your body, mind and spirit. BattleFrog Xtreme (BFX) starts at 8:30AM on the 8K course and once completed, you'll enter the course again for the remainder of the day to run as many laps as your muscles can stand. If you have a never-quit heart, the BattleFrog Xtreme is for you.

Lastly there is a post party hosted all day at this classic venue. It is a festival-style atmosphere with unique and exciting activities, SEAL displays and live action demonstrations. There are plenty of places to eat and drink, so stick around after you've run and meet new friends!

Visit <http://battlefrogseries.com/events/race/greater-cleveland-obstacle-race> for more information and register.

Ambassador code: OCRCRISBF, kids discount code: BFKIDS

Admission to Lake Metroparks Farmpark is not included with BattleFrog registration. Farmpark is located at 8800 Euclid Chardon Road in Kirtland.

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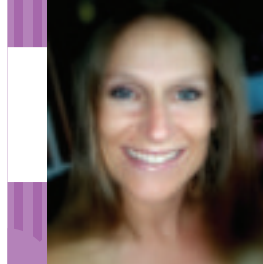


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Family Matters
with Amber

Kids Need Wings to Grow

There are two things that make me really sad. The first one is seeing a young child out of control. The second is seeing a kid who is sheltered so much he's afraid to do anything. School is starting, and there are going to be a lot of opportunities for kids to grow, but unfortunately, many won't. On the other hand, there'll be a lot of kids who'll take so many risks that they'll spend most of their time getting into trouble for testing the limits. In between those two, there will be a few who can handle the confines of school rules while taking calculated risks and trying new things out of their comfort zone. Kids need space. They need to be able to say yes, no or maybe, and on their own terms. They need to be able to decide whether or not something is right for them. Sometimes they'll need some help getting there other times they'll manage on their own.

Recently, my son started a new youth group at a new church. It was a step I'm sure he would not have taken without my lead, and I'm proud of myself for pushing him because he's happy, but on the other hand, it's something which would not have gone well without my stepping back once we got there. I opened the door, then let him fly. Now, he did mention on the way there that he wasn't too keen on trying new things (that was a lie, I knew it and I gently explained that if he didn't try anything new, he'd never know if he liked it or not). Now, if he'd fought me so hard that we were arguing over it, well, then that's not good and could've caused stress in the relationship, distrust and more. It's a delicate balance.

I know, no one knows our child better than us, right? We're their parent! How many times have you been to the doctor and they've tried to diagnose you or your child, but really, you feel like they were going down the wrong rabbit trail and eventually you saw another doctor who listened to you, and you finally got what it was that made you better? We know

what's going on. We pay attention, act on our gut instincts and essentially we know best! But...not all the time. There's a lot that our kids don't say. And a lot more we can't pick up on. So that is why they need their own voice and the opportunity to use it (as well as trust it).

With that being said, kids need limits too. It's a difficult balance, and most parents will lean towards one extreme or the other. One wants to be the nice guy; giving their kids everything, saying no to nothing. The other one is afraid to be the nice guy, hoping that if they 'lay down the law' the law will be followed and the child will avoid trouble. The problem with that is this, no kid wants to be so limited that he feels like he's living in a bubble, and no child wants to live without experiencing new things. So what is a parent to do?

Relax. Yep, relax. That's exactly what I suggest. Why? Because hovering is bad. Being overbearing and over controlling is bad. Sounding authoritative or dictative is also very bad. These behaviors are counterproductive and tend to create rebellious children. But, being too free? Too lax, too permissive? Being too trusting or altogether being absent (or turning a blind eye)? That's all horrible too. Kids need both guidance and freedom, so that they can grow safely and successfully. So, how does a parent put both of these parenting styles together into one? The first way is to realize that it's necessary to their child's maturity and eventual ability to take care of themselves. The next way is to know that everything a parent wants isn't always going to be what the child wants (and how unfair it would be to think so). Realizing that no matter what, and I mean no matter what, a parent does, a child will always choose what a child wants. So why not offer them that opportunity to choose. What if they fail, you ask? Well, at least they'll know you are there for them, supporting them, saying 'I'm here for you' rather than 'I told

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EVERY Family Should Have A Disaster Plan

It's 2:10 p.m. on Thursday when you hear the emergency siren. Will your family know what to do to stay in contact if you are not together? Do you have the necessary supplies to survive at home? Would you be ready to leave your neighborhood?

If you don't have an answer, then you're probably like most individuals and families in Lake County. You know you should prepare for an emergency, have some supplies at home, but you also know there are agencies available to help you... so you've put off creating that solid plan and emergency kit.

The truth is – You should not wait! As September begins National Preparedness Month, the Lake County Emergency Management Agency and Local Emergency Planning Committee encourage you to join "Ready Lake County" and commit to taking action, discussing a family disaster plan and make (or resupply) your emergency kit.

"Disasters and large-scale emergencies, whether natural or man-made,

are going to occur. Retaining a sense of community awareness, coupled with taking some simple steps to individually prepare, can go a long way in helping to reduce the impact and duration of such events. Our new Reverse 911 system for Lake County is a substantial leap forward in our ability to get critical information to Lake County residents in a timely manner," said Larry Greene, Director of Lake County EMA.

"We continue to stay ahead of the curve in our plan to manage potential emergencies – the new Reverse 911 system will ensure our residents will have speedy access to the latest information, if and when an emergency strikes. It's equally important residents have their own emergency plan as well," added Greene.

Any family can be emergency ready by the end of September if they can do these simple things (one per week).

1. Create a Disaster Plan. Think about what disasters/emergencies are most likely to happen in your commu-



nity and discuss a plan for each situation like where you would meet if you are separated and how you would stay in touch or let others know you're okay. Review and practice your plan as a family at least once per year. Keep in mind

that telephones and cellphones may not be working.

2. Have a Disaster Supply Kit. In addition to basics like extra food, fresh water and medical supplies or medica-

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READY OR NOT, HERE IT COMES! WHAT'S YOUR DISASTER PLAN?



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home? Would you be ready to leave your neighborhood?

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access to online planning tools and resources, including advice on which resources are best for your family's unique needs. Go online, Start a plan today.

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you so'. The chances are much higher that when a child makes a mistake which you let them make, they will come talk to you about it, over hide it. If you already know what they're doing, they can ask for your help fixing it if things go awry.

If you are too stifling, it's too restricting, and too restricting makes kids want to break out and be themselves even more (or worse, stretch themselves so far

out of the box just to spite you). They'll want to say yes more than you say no, and they won't care the cost. Does this mean go out there and release all rules and restraints? Heck no! The child who has no limits never truly understands safety, gut instincts, red flags, right or wrong, and most often will not be too interested in laws. They may never recognize when the time comes to say no.

Parenting is trial and error and a learn-

ing curve. No one has the exact answers, and it's never clearly black and white. That would be too easy. (OK, so I do wish it were that easy too, but it isn't.) The bottom line? Kids will always want to be themselves and express their preferences no matter the cost (remember that). So just let them. What if your five year old decides that she wants to wear a tutu with polka dot leggings, plaid shirt and a baseball cap and rain boots (on picture day)? RELAX. It's not the rest of her life and most people won't be judging you for how she's dressed (she's five!). Imagine how you'd feel if you were told you could not be yourself? Exactly. So today, promise yourself that you'll instill a few routines to stick to, embrace a few quirks about your child you don't think you like and relax.

Some tips for the helicopter parent (look that up if you don't know what it means): I want you to know that your child is not your mini-me, no matter how many times your high school pals note the resemblance. Your mini-me, while clothed in your DNA and very much like you with movie preferences, hygiene habits and mannerisms, is not

you. For that child who you believe to be nothing like you, and wish were more so, they are a lot like you if you pay attention, and need more grace than you're giving them. You aren't perfect, and you like freedom, so give them some slack.

Now some tips for the parent who wants some control but doesn't know where to begin. Well, I say don't start too late in the parenting process. Start setting boundaries and rules when your child is a toddler. If it's too late for that, start very small, talk to your child or teen and explain the reasoning. Be prepared for ugly looks, disgruntled moans, eye rolling and questions like "WHAT!?" and "WHY!?". But be firm and be strong. Tough love isn't easy. Just don't forget that they are their own person and should have a say too. Sometimes you will listen and work with them (I recommend this because it teaches them how to compromise and shows that you respect them)...but sometimes you won't bend. In the end, you are still the parent, and you do know best. Really, you do.

For more commonsense parenting tips visit: www.familymatterswithamber.blogspot.com

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This year, all Halloween Hayrides and Country Lights tickets must be purchased online using a major credit card (Visa, Discover, MasterCard) at lakemetroparks.com. Ticket sales will no longer be processed via phone or in-person at the Registration Department or Farmpark or by cash or check. Tickets purchased online will be emailed to you. Tickets can be scanned directly from your mobile device at the event or you may print them out and bring them with you. If you are unable to print your tickets, you may select the mailing option for a \$2 fee.

These events sell out quickly. Advance purchase of tickets is required. No refunds, exchanges or adjustments.



HALLOWEEN HAYRIDES AT LAKE METROPARKS FARMPARK

Event dates: October 7, 8, 14, 15, 21 & 22, 2016

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Because of lack of darkness 6:30 and 7 pm rides are best suited for younger children.

All ages, PG-5 (parental guidance suggested)

Halloween Hayrides at Lake Metroparks Farmpark are October 14 & 15, 21 & 22 and 28 & 29. Ride times are 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 pm. Ticket holders first go on the wagon ride, then disembark to wander through additional fright sites, a hay maze for the little ones and see a glow stick dance show. Snacks and pony rides available for purchase. Dress for the weather as the wagons are open and go in rain or snow! Please arrive approximately 15 minutes

before your scheduled ride time (no need to arrive earlier). A handicap accessible wagon is available, just ask for assistance when you arrive at the entrance. To purchase tickets, visit lakemetroparks.com/order-tickets

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tions, consider other needs of people in your family including comfort items for infants and young children.

If the task of building your disaster kit seems daunting, consider buying a few extra supplies each week and over a short time, your kit will be complete.

3. Have a Plan for Pets & Seniors/Homebound. Dogs, cats and other pets will also require food, water and special supplies such as leashes, pet carriers if you need to evacuate and back up electricity for fish tanks.

Seniors and persons with physical or medical disabilities will need to evaluate if they need support during a disaster. Disabled persons that live alone should have a personal support network that will check in on them to ensure they're okay or help if they need assistance. Copies of relevant emergency documents, health information and medications should be included in a disaster kit.

4. Know Who & When to Call for Help. Be aware of local resources for emergency shelters, evacuation transportation, heating/cooling centers, utility services, emergency pet services and health/wellness services for family members with unique medical needs and seniors.

Lake County residents may sign up for the new Reverse 911 system by logging onto: <https://lakecountyoghio.onthealert.com>

ReadyLakeCounty.com has resources for you to easily access local agencies and basic information on how to create a disaster plan, build an emergency supply kit, prepare for pet needs, and identify which agencies are best for your unique emergency needs.

More information on disaster planning can be found on ReadyLakeCounty.com – the one source for everyone to easily access local agencies and resources, or by calling 2-1-1.

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Inspire places the "Smart" in smartphone

Gamer parents, at first glance those words together are every teens dream. Two struggling parents made this a reality, but with a twist. Gamer Parents Inc. was founded on a child's love for video games and a parent's frustration for failing grades. It all started in 2010 when two parents from a small suburb outside of Cleveland, Ohio were just too fed up with the grades their child was bringing home. Searching high and low for a solution they set out on the journey that has turned into this groundbreaking software. When nothing seemed to work Todd and Vicky decided to create something they knew would. Once put to the test their child's grades had completely turned around. They jumped up so quickly the teachers were skeptical and concerned about cheating. That is when the young parents knew they had to share this with the educational world. It is no secret that the entertainment world is taking our children's lives by storm.

Nowadays we have eight year olds obsessed with watching vlogs, video games, and begging for the newest cell phone technology. This is where Gamer Parents

Inc comes in to revolutionize education by developing a way to intertwine the technology children want to use and the material parents and teachers want them to learn. Inspire by Gamer Parents at first glance may seem like just flashcards, but once you peel back the layers there is a puzzle where all the pieces of your child's education simply fall together perfectly. It not only displays flashcards to your child over their entertainment, but also offers you more control over your child's device. Inspire is the first fully customizable educational software of its kind. With the ability to input your own questions, set your own rules, and accurately focus on problem areas with the minimal effort possible. You can easily lock the device, set bedtimes, or send messages with the click of the button. "Parents everywhere struggle to get their children off of their devices and back to school work. We believe this is the answer. With the option to study for my tests while I play video games, it is a win-win situation for me and my parents." Daughter of co-founders Todd and Vicky said. Currently Gamer Parents is offering grades



kindergarten to eighth and are working on expanding to include preschool and toddler options as well as high school options for purchase. However with the ability to input any information you want Inspire is the perfect study tool for anybody looking to learn something new.



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Join us this fall at Farmpark and create your own harvest traditions!

Fall Harvest Weekends at Lake Metroparks Farmpark

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September 24 & 25 Antique Tractor Show

This fall, Lake Metroparks Farmpark will continue its longstanding tradition of celebrating the harvest season with four weekends of fall harvest activities beginning September 24 & 25 and continuing through October 15 & 16.

Each weekend features an aspect of farming and harvest, and visitors enjoy family-friendly hands-on activities that are part of Farmpark's harvest traditions. On all weekends, little farmers can pedal their way on mini tractors through a farm maze, navigate the hay maze and play in the kids areas. Find all five Corny Olympic events located within the twists and turns of the three-acre corn maze and complete the activity posted. On some weekends, visitors can help grind apples and press cider as well as taste apple cider, apple butter and harvest soup!

At Farmpark's Fall Harvest Weekends visitors can participate in special experiences including learning how to drive a horse, fishing at the pond pavilion and helping hand crank and taste ice cream with different harvest flavors. Little farmers will be able to wind their way through the farm maze on pedal tractors, navigate through the hay maze and have fun in the kids tent.

Each weekend will also have a different focus on some aspect of farming and harvest. September 24 & 25 will feature

the Antique Tractor Show. Have your picture taken on one of Farmpark's antique tractors and discover how tractors were designed to power farm equipment as we grind corn and thresh grain. Local antique tractor and farm engine enthusiasts will show off their carefully restored tractors that illustrate the evolution of tractors in the 20th century. Young visitors can test their own power for tractors on our kiddie tractor pull or provide the power on a kid-powered treadmill.

Apple butter and apple cider will be the focus on October 1 & 2. Toss apples into and turn the crank on the apple press and watch apple cider come out. Sample apple cider, apple butter and a variety of apples.

Corn and pumpkins are the highlight on October 8 & 9 and 15 & 16 and top off the fall harvest experience at Farmpark. Help husk, shell and grind corn and see antique corn harvesting equipment in action. Play a little corn hole and make a handmade corn husk doll. Try your hand at plowing behind Farmpark's draft horses and sample our harvest stew. Everyone will have the opportunity to paint a pumpkin and take it home (additional fee applies).

Regular Farmpark admission applies. Admission: ages 12 - 59, \$6, Ages 2 - 11, \$4, Ages 60+, \$5, Children younger than 2, Free, Farmpark members, Free

If you haven't been to Four Seasons Kids Resale shop in

Willowick yet, you don't know what you're missing! The store features gently used (and some new) clothes and children's items from infant to preteen at great prices! They receive new items daily and are happy to accept donations for credit that's good up to a year. Located at 31541 Vine Street in the BMW plaza, they frequently host "50% days" and other specials which can be found on the shop's Facebook page. Michal Bonfanti, an Eastlake mother of 2 herself, has owned Four Seasons Kids since 2015. She loves helping customers find just what they're looking for and would be happy to assist you so stop up and see what she and the store have to offer! You can also see their ad right here in County Kids monthly featuring a \$5 off \$25 coupon!



LAKE METROPARKS FARMPARK

FALL HARVEST Weekends

Bring the family for fall harvest fun at Farmpark!

Antique Tractor Show September 24 & 25

Apple Butter Weekend October 1 & 2

Corn & Pumpkin Weekends October 8 & 9, 15 & 16



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28th annual Bug Day!



Sunday,
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Noon to 4 pm



This year's 28th annual Bug Day celebrates cicadas, dragonflies, tarantulas, walking sticks, praying mantis, monarch butterflies, ladybugs and more! Join us as we take a closer look at these fascinating creatures through demonstrations, games, crafts, live exhibits, storytelling and family fun that will include many "buggy activities." Also, see all shapes and sizes of bugs on display in the Nature Center, provided by Bugs Unlimited. Together we'll celebrate the amazing diversity and beauty of the insect world!

Kids can earn a "Bugology" degree by participating in at least five of the many activities. Children are naturally drawn to these smallest of creatures. Let's tap into that curiosity and help them learn respect and responsibility for nature in an entertaining and educational setting. They will have so much fun they won't even know they are learning!

Bug Day! is free for all ages. No registration is necessary. Bug Day! runs from noon to 4 pm Sunday, September 11 at Penitentiary Glen Reservation in Kirtland.

Miniature steam train rides will be offered, courtesy of the Lake Shore Live Steamers from 1 to 3 pm,

weather permitting.

While at Penitentiary Glen Reservation, visit the fall art show – The Way I See It – the Nature Art of Hap Howle on display through October 16 in the Nature Center. From realism to whimsy, enjoy the many creations in this one man show featuring giant sculpture, paintings and more. Discover the sights and sounds of wildlife at the interactive Nature Calls exhibit. Watch and listen to birds and other wildlife through the "Window on Wildlife." Browse the Nature Store for bug-themed gifts, bird feeders, t-shirts, field guides, toys, children's books and more. Visit native Ohio animals at the Kevin P. Clinton Wildlife Center. Hike more than 8.5 miles of scenic trails, or discover the beautiful butterfly gardens.

Penitentiary Glen Reservation is located at 8668 Kirtland-Chardon Road in Kirtland. Take I-90 to the Rt. 306 exit; head south one mile to Rt. 615. Turn left and follow 1/8 mile to the next light. Turn right onto Kirtland-Chardon Road and follow two miles to Penitentiary Glen Reservation on the right. For more information about Bug Day, call 440-256-1404 or visit lakemetroparks.com.

Monarch Butterfly photo
by Courtney Kempert



Big, Bold, Beautiful – BUGS!

by Kathy Terrell, Lake Metroparks

Children's Schoolhouse Nature Park Manager

Bug Day 2016 will celebrate the big, the bold and the beautiful aspects of bugs. You aren't a believer? Well make sure you don't miss this event as it will convince you of all of the above. Children of all ages are sure to learn something new and interesting about the creatures among us.

One of this year's featured bugs is the periodical cicada. These spectacular insects emerged earlier this year after 16 years underground! They are the longest-lived insect in North America and emerge in 17-year cycles. We will learn about the cicada's life cycle through activities and games. What does it do while underground and where does it go? Did you know that cicadas are widely distributed over the eastern half of the United States and don't occur anywhere else in the world?

Bug Day 2016 will also feature closer looks at dragonflies and damselflies. Ohio is a great state for dragonflies and damselflies and we'll teach you how to tell the difference between the two. Damselflies are slender and more delicate than dragonflies. When they sit still, they fold their four wings together. Dragonflies are strong flyers who rarely sit for long but when they do, their wings are straight out, like an airplane. Sitting near a pond and watching Ohio's 164 species and their beauty as they dash and dart in search of prey might encourage you to learn more about them. They provide an awesome display of speed and have the ability to hover and perform amazing aerial acrobatics.

Monarch butterflies are one of the most beautiful of butterflies and are considered the "kings" of butterflies, hence the name. Did you know that Monarch butterflies go through four stages during one life cycle and through four generations in one year? The four different generations are actually four different butterflies going through these four stages. Learn more about this butterfly's amazing journey through interactive games at Bug Day 2016!

Bug Day is sure to entertain, enlighten and educate you and your "swarm" about the importance of these big, bold and beautiful bugs and many more! his year's 28th annual Bug Day celebrates cicadas, dragonflies, tarantulas, walking sticks, praying mantis, monarch butterflies, ladybugs and more!

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Village Peddler Festival Brings You Back to Simpler Times

Artisans and craftsmen from more than four states will be featured at this quaint outdoor American marketplace known as the Village Peddler Festival



The third weekend in September will bring people and crafters from all over to Kirtland, Ohio where the 35th Annual Village Peddler Festival will be held on September 17 (10am-6pm) and September 18 (10am-5pm) at Lake Metroparks Farmpark. The festival spans the beautiful Farmpark shaded grounds with continuous tents of handmade treasures and unique items. Enjoy dining under the trees while listening to live folk music.

Known as one of the best Ohio festivals, it is no surprise more than 175 juried craftsmen and artisans travel from all over Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Michigan to Lake County to sell their wares. All items are crafted and made in the manner of Americana, traditional, country, contemporary and fine art. Items include folk art, baskets, flowers, pottery, candles, soaps, wreaths, quilting, dolls, tote painting, stained glass, blown glass, Shaker brooms, birdhouses, jewelry, angels, beach glass creations, original art, clothing, hats, mittens, purses, Santas & snowmen, black bear art, woven rugs, slate paintings, photography, painted gourds, potpourri, wind chimes, and miniatures Fall and Christmas accents, vintage finds, twig furniture, garden art, wool appliques, clothing and more.

New this year is rustic furniture, lavender farm, garlic farm, watercolor art, fairy garden items, sandstone bird baths, scarecrows, wood pumpkins, wool felt, wool hooked décor, marionettes, wooden toys, sea glass jewelry, freshwater pearls and Windsor chairs.

Stroll the shaded paths of the festival while enjoying old time folk music performed by guitarist and soloist Bev Newbold both Saturday and Sunday from 10am-12pm and Saturday from 4pm-6pm along with Sunday from 4pm-5pm. The Silver String Band will perform both Saturday and Sunday from 12noon-4pm. New this year on Sunday playing from 12:30pm-2:30pm is Eric Sconyers, a 15 year old saxophone player.

Not only will the air be filled with music but also the aroma of food cook-



ing over open fires, sure to tantalize the appetite. An array of food vendors will offer up delicious food selections such as creamed chicken and biscuits, gourmet pizza, smoothies, pulled pork, beef brisket, French fries, roasted corn on the cob and potatoes, homemade pies, ice cream, fresh lemonade, kettle corn, fudge and apple fritters. Visit the harvest and gourmet market filled with locally grown produce, plants, fresh and dried flowers, herbs, honey, maple syrup, jams, teas and coffees, candy, cookies, pastries and more.

The Local Culinary Marketplace will return featuring handcrafted food and specialty products by local Cleveland entrepreneurs. Items such as Carhop's Burger Sauce -The only secret sauce you will ever need, The Bom Adult Truffles - made with love and alcohol, Montana Girl Mustard -one taste and you'll be branded, fRed Hot Spice -handcrafted hot sauces and pickles, Peanut Butter Mill - all natural peanut butters, Randi's Pantry- Jalapeno treats and traditional and spicy Jalapeno syrup, Red Lotus Foods - organic spreads and toppings, Heartwood Roastery - coffee by the cup and by the bag, Damon's Potica - Ponnie's original potica recipe and Back Attack Snacks - healthy natural flavored almonds.

The Village Peddler Festival is built on quality, uniqueness, and tradition. "Many people plan their fall around the

Festival and attend every year," states Roberta Rice, festival producer. "The beautiful location, unique shopping experience and easy accessibility from Cleveland, Akron and western Pennsylvania make for a wonderful day excursion.

All daily Farmpark activities on the 235 acre family friendly facility, wagon rides and corn maze are included at no additional cost to festival attendees. The festival captures America at its best and is guaranteed to charm attendees back to the simple way of life.

Bring the family and enjoy this quaint outdoor American marketplace in an incredible fall setting. Festival sponsors are Cleveland Magazine, Cougar 93.7, Lake County Visitors Bureau, Lake News, Mimi Magazine, Ohio Magazine, Mix 97.1, The News-Herald and The Lake County Women's Journal. Admission is \$7, seniors (over 60) \$6, children (2-11) \$4 and children under 2 are free. Parking is free with gate drop-off and handicapped spots available. Groups and tours are welcome.

Lake Metroparks Farmpark is located at 8800 Euclid Chardon Road (Rt 6) in Kirtland, Ohio 44094, just one mile east of Route 306 and 5 miles south of I-90 (Exit 193). For more information visit www.VillagePeddlerFestival.com or call 440-503-8414.

Inspired by the National Parks Centennial Quilt Show

Lake Metroparks Farmpark
September 21 through October 5
9 am to 5 pm, Tuesday through Sunday

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service in 2016, 148 fiber artists created 177 original art quilts to depict the widely varying landscapes, flora and fauna of the 59 national parks.

This traveling quilt show is on a national two-year tour; don't miss this local two-week stop at Farmpark September 21 through October 5. Hours are 9 am to 5 pm, Tuesday through Sunday. Regular Farmpark admission applies.

Support provided by the Lake County Visitors Bureau Arts & Culture Funding Program.

For more information about the Inspired by the National Parks Quilt Show, visit

www.npscentennialquilts.com.



MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY

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www.madison-library.info

Preschool Storytime. Thursdays 10:30 or 11:30am This storytime is for children 3-5 years old, but not yet in Kindergarten Children attend independently. This program is for children who are ready to sit on their own and listen to stories. Caregivers remain in the children's area during the program.

The Library will be closed Saturday, September 3 until Monday, September 5, for Labor Day weekend.

Young Child Storytime Tuesdays 9:30am or 10:30am This storytime is for children who are just beginning to be able to sit and listen to stories. There is free play after the storytime. Register online or call the library at 428-2189

LevelUp Tuesdays at 3:00pm
Tweens and Teens play various video and strategy games, which can help develop imagination, socialization and teamwork skills.

Middle School students must bring a permission slip signed by a parent to attend after school programs.

A permission slip is available on our website under My MPL – Tweens:www.madison-library.info

Family Storytime Wednesdays at 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. Please register each correctly aged child for the program. However, if you have older children, you are more than welcome to bring them to the program as well.

Mad 4 Otaku Thursdays at 3:00pm
This program is for high school and middle school ages.

Come to the library after school and hang out, watch anime, and discuss manga and anime. We will also discuss about art forms, cultural differences, mythology, and all things Japanese.

Middle schoolers must bring a permission slip signed by a parent.

Board to Pieces Thursdays at 3:30pm
This program is for high school age kids. Play various improvisational and role-based games. These games foster soft skills that youth will need later in life and in the workplace.

Graphic Novel Book Club Friday, September 9 at 3:00pm This high school aged book discussion is by invitation only, due to limited space.



This is the place to discuss your love or loathing of DC or Marvel or perhaps find new authors and stories from independent publishers.

Lego Create! Saturday, September 10 at 11:00am This program is for age 4 through second grade, and no advanced registration is required.

Each month will feature a different theme for inspiration as children build with library provided LEGOS. This program will promote imagination, creativity and play.

Lego Robotics Saturday, September 10 at 2:00pm This program is for third through sixth grade, and no advanced registration is required.

The library will provide the LEGOS, featuring working motors and sensors, to build models that are powered by a computer. This program will promote learning about simple machines, robotics and programming.

Buttercups Mother-Daughter Book Discussion September 13 at 6:00pm

This Book club is for girls in second through fourth grade, attending with a significant adult female in their life. We have snacks and crafts each month! No registration necessary.

Celebrate National Cream-Filled Donut Day! Wednesday, September 14 at 3:00pm
This program is for tweens in 4th through 8th grade.

Whether you enjoy chocolate, vanilla, lemon or ganache filling in your donut, this is the perfect day to enjoy these sweet treats! We'll also be playing Minute-To-Win-It and classic party games.

Tweens will need to get a permission slip and will be met and the back door of the library (facing the high school) after school. No advanced registration is required.

Rabbit Run Art Club Thursday, September 15 at 4:30pm Make some wonderful art with Nancy Brotz of Rabbit Run Commu-

nity Arts For more information call Rabbit Run, at 428-5913

Stargazers Mother/Daughter Book Club 6:00pm Tuesday, September 27 This book club is for girls in 5th through 8th grade, attending with a significant adult female in their life; a discussion with crafts and snacks!

MENTOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES

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Snappy Little Story Time Mondays at 10 a.m. at Main Branch, starting Sept. 12
Mentor Public Library's newest story time is a combination of Tiddlywinks and Family Story Time. There will be songs, rhymes, books, and flannel stories all geared to the little listener. Please note there will be no craft. Open to ages birth to age 5. No registration is necessary.

Family Story Time Mondays at 7 p.m. at Mentor Headlands Branch Mondays at 6:30 p.m. and Fridays at 11 a.m. at Main Branch, starting Sept. 12
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 & Thursdays at 10 a.m., starting Sept. 13
Main Branch in the Children's Story Room
Come and enjoy an interactive 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., starting Sept. 13
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.

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., starting Sept. 16
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.

Minecraft Club Thursday, Sept. 1, 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.

Monarch Migration: Fascinating Butterflies Saturday, Sept. 3, at 1:30 p.m.

Mentor Headlands Branch Join naturalist Maryann Wagner and learn about the fascinating lives of butterflies. See cuttings of plants that attract butterflies, caterpillars, and chrysalis. Learn about Monarch migration. Registration required.

Pokémon Go @ Mentor-on-the-Lake Saturday, Sept. 3, at 2 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Did you know there are four PokéStops and a gym within walking distance of Mentor Public Library's Lake Branch? Join fellow trainers, visit each one and capture wild Pokémon. Registration required to attend. Bring your charged device with Pokémon Go pre-installed and be prepared to walk. Indoor activities planned in case of rain.

Kids at Work: A Lego Brick Building Blub Saturday, Sept. 3, at 2 p.m. Main Branch in the James R. Garfield Room
Build with Mentor Public Library's Lego bricks around a monthly theme or build

something else of your choosing. Children younger than eight must be accompanied by an adult. No registration is necessary

Comics Club Tuesday, Sept. 6, 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, Sept. 7, at 4 p.m. Meet Rebecca. 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 Rebecca" before this program. Registration is necessary each month.

Time Travelers' Club Wednesday, Sept. 7, at 6 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Teens can join us each month as we try out games, crafts, and other activities that were popular in the past. This month, try your hand at string art, the craft fad that peaked in the 1970s. Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

LEGOmania Saturday, Sept. 10, 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, Sept. 12 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.

Rock the Mic Club Monday, Sept. 12, at 4 p.m. Main Branch in the James R. Garfield Room A monthly club where kids can come and practice speaking in front of their peers, tell jokes, play an instrument, sing, practice for a school report, or perform a monologue. This club will build self-esteem and confidence while having fun. A snack and drink will be provided.

Rhyme Time Tuesdays, Sept. 13 and 27, 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 "Wild Life" on Sept. 13 and "Singing" on Sept. 27.

Wordplay Creative Writing Club Wednesday, Sept. 14, at 4:30 p.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room Get creative with words. Every month, kids

from third through sixth grade can play games, write and share their stories. Bring your imagination and the library will supply the pens, paper and snacks.

Lake Branch Minecraft Club Saturday, Sept. 17, 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, Sept. 17, 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.

Studio MPL Art Club Monday, Sept. 19, at 4 p.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room Join Mentor Public Library's art club for kids (from third through sixth grade.) Each month, Studio MPL makes a different fun art project.

Write On: A Writing Club for Teens Monday, Sept. 19, at 4:30 p.m. Main Branch in the Frances Cleveland Room A monthly creative writing club for teens. Each month focuses on a different prompt. It's a fun way to expand your creative writing, get some great ideas, and meet other teen writers. All writing levels welcomed, and snacks will be provided.

Puffy Paint Window Clings Monday, Sept. 19, at 6 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Create a unique art project to start autumn off right. Kids can hang their masterpiece on a window, mirror or wherever else they'd like.

Paws to Read Wednesday, Sept. 21 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.

Clashing Controllers Wednesday, Sept. 21, 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.

Studio MPL Jr. Artist Thursday, Sept. 22, at 4 p.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room Join Mentor Public Library's art club for young kids (from kindergarten through second grade.) Each month, Studio MPL makes a different fun art project.

Oh, A Camping We Will Go Thursday, Sept. 22, at 7 p.m. Read House Lawn Dress warmly for this outdoor family adventure. Come sit by the fire and hear stories, sing songs, play games, and last but not least... roast marshmallows and make s'mores.

ACT Prep Session Saturday, Sept. 24, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Main Branch in the Village Room The ACT is coming and the time to prepare is now. These sessions will teach test-taking techniques with practice under timed conditions. The first session will focus on the English and Reading Comprehension sections of the test. The second session on Saturday, Oct. 1, will focus on the Math and Science sections.

Techno Tweens Saturday, Sept. 24, 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.

Night Creatures Wednesday, Sept. 28, at 4 p.m. Main Branch in the Village Room Kids can meet the many animals that wake when the sun goes down and darkness envelops the forest. Presented by Lake Metroparks. For kids three to 12 years old. Registration is required.

Banned Book Rescue! Wednesday, Sept. 28, at 5 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch It's Banned Books week! Teens can play a super-sized game to rescue their favorite banned YA books from jail.

Color Me Headlands Wednesday, Sept. 28, at 7 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Looking for some quiet time? Come to the Headlands Branch for a calm evening of coloring. Bring the family. Supplies provided.

Locked in the Library Friday, Sept. 30, from 7 to 10 p.m. Main Branch in the Children's Department After hours program in the library. Kids (eight to 12 years old) must use their wits and ingenuity to find their way out of the locked library. Registration is necessary. Kids will need a signed permission slip that they can pick up from MPL's children's staff.

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Celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month

at Morley Library! Any child ages 12 and under who signs up for a library card in September (or shows his or her own existing library card to the Children's Staff) can enter a raffle to win a FREE 4-pack of tickets to the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Kids can also participate in a free library scavenger hunt and vote in the Children's Room Fictional Character Face-Off challenge! Drop by any time in the month of September!

Registration opens for Fall weekly storytimes. Tuesday, September 6th Registration opens for Fall weekly storytimes, Stories & S.T.E.A.M., and N B TWEEN. The Fall storytime session starts Monday, September 12th and runs for 7 weeks through Friday, October 28th. Due to the Library being closed on Thursday, Sept. 15th, Preschool/Kindergarten Storytime and N B TWEEN will start Thursday, Sept. 22nd and run for 6 weeks. Register online, in person, or by phone at 440-352-3383. Registration for weekly storytimes is required.

Baby Bookworms (for babies not yet walking) Tuesdays: 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM For babies who are not yet walking and their caregivers. 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: 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM Stories, rhymes, & fingerplays for little ones! Child attends with caregiver.

Music in Motion (2 - 5 years) Wednesdays: 10:00 AM – 10:30 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 Wednesdays: 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: 4:15 PM – 5:00 PM. NEW TIME for Fall 2016! 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) Thursdays: 4:15 PM – 5:00 PM NEW DAY & TIME for Fall



2016! Crafts, games, and activities geared specifically towards tweens. Tweens attend without caregiver.

KIDS CRAFTERNOON! Thursday, September 8th, 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM Make a FREE kids craft! Drop by the Children's Room Rotunda to make a fun, free Pokémon craft. As supplies last, small children may need help. No registration needed.

Family "Camp Out" Saturday, September 10th, 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM Join Counselor Robin around the (mock) campfire for a fun family "Camp Out!" We will enjoy camp-themed stories, sing fun camp songs, make a craft, and of course have s'mores (the no bake kind)! Lace up those hiking boots, and hike on up to the 2nd floor Story Room, it is sure to be a wild time for all ages. No registration needed.

Pokémon Party! Saturday, September 17th, 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM For kids grades K-3rd. Join us for a Pokémon Party! We will read Pokémon books, make a Pokémon craft, and play Pokémon games. Gotta catch 'em all! Registration required. Registration opens Sept. 6th.

LEGO Club! Tuesday, September 20th, 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM Drop by the Story Room between 3:30-5:00 PM for the Morley Library LEGO Club! Build a LEGO creation and have your picture taken for the LEGO Club Wall! All ages welcome, parents must stay with children 5 and under. No registration needed.

Makerspace Mania! Wednesday, September 21st, 4:15 PM - 5:00 PM For kids grades K-3rd. A makerspace is a creative, DIY space where kids can gather to create, invent, and learn! Children can attend (with a parent for assistance, if needed) to make a fun craft from various materials provided by the library. Express your creativity while having fun with friends! Registration required due to limited space. Registration opens 2 weeks before the program.

KIDS CRAFTERNOON! Thursday, September 22nd, 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM Make a FREE kids craft! Drop by the Children's Room Rotunda between 3:00 - 7:00 PM to make a free papel picado flag to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month! As supplies last, small children may need help. No registration needed.

Comic Creations Saturday, September 24th, 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM For tweens ages 9-12. Tomorrow is National Comic Book Day so come celebrate at Morley Library! Tweens will work in groups to make a comic book, design their own covers, and then show off their comic books to their friends! Registration is required. Registration opens 2 weeks before the program.

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Storybook Theatre (Families) Fridays at 10:30 am, September 2-September 30 Spend a relaxing Friday morning at the library watching classic storybooks come to life. Bring your pillow or a blanket to get cozy and enjoy a small snack. All ages are welcome; movies are geared for 3-8 year olds. No registration necessary.

After School Adventures: (K-4th grade) Tuesdays at 3:15 PM, through December 13 Different activities each week. Check our website for themes. Registration required.

Tales for a Dog: (Kindergarten & up) Come share a story with a certified therapy dog. Saturday, September 3 @ 9:30 or 10:00 AM Registration required.

Lego Club: (Kindergarten & up) Stop by for some building challenges and fun! Saturday, September 10 @ 2:00 PM Registration required.

Birth-2 Year Old Story Time Wednesdays at 10:00 AM, September 14-November 16 Thursdays at 6:30 PM, September 15-November 17 Registration required.

3-6 Year Old Story Time Monday sat 6:30 PM, September 12-November 14 (NO Story Time October 31) Thursdays at 10:00 AM, September 15-November 17 Registration required.

Family Reads On-the-Go: NEW! 3rd Tuesday of the Month, 9am-9pm September 20, October 18, November 15, December 20 Families stop by our Story Time Room during library hours. Pick-up a copy of next months' family friendly book (to be read at home together) and participate in related activities. If unable to stop in on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, book is still available for pickup anytime during the 3rd week of the month. Call to pre-register.

1,000 Books before Kindergarten This independent, self-paced program is designed to develop and encourage good reading habits and develop early literacy skills in children from birth to Kindergarten. Call or stop by the Children's desk for more information.

Tween Time (5th-8th grade) Every Wednesday after school @ 2:30pm. If no special theme is advertised, join us for snacks, socializing, and fun activities. September 7: Play, Play, Play, -- Eat! (Rounds of board games: Telestrations, Catch Phrase, and Pie Face) then snacks!! September 21: Cupcake Wars! Decorate your cupcake to a theme and see if it wins the prize for winning the battle of best cupcake!! Registration required only for

themed programs. Stop by the Children's desk or call 440-944-6010 to register by phone.

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(440) 516-0843 TTY

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Willoughby Hills, OH 44094
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Fall Crafts at Willoughby Hills Library Each week the library will have a make-and-take craft. Stop in any time. Willoughby Hills Library, 35400 Chardon Rd., 440-942-3362

Homeschool Science Adventures Each month we will cover an aspect of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) with hands on activities. (Ages 6 and up). September and October sessions will be held at Willoughby Library. November and December sessions will be held at Willoughby United Methodist Church.

Thursday, September 1, 10 or 11:30 am
Willoughby Otaku Anime Club Join fellow Otaku at the Willoughby Library to watch anime, discuss anime and manga and draw our own characters. You can even cosplay if you want. Refreshments will be served. (Ages 13 and up). Saturday, September 3, 1-4 pm Willoughby Library, 30 Public Square, 440-942-3200

Minecraft Art Practice your artistic skills by creating Minecraft-inspired paintings! (Grades 3-6). Tuesday, September 6, 6:30 pm Eastlake Library, 36706 Lake Shore Blvd., 440-942-7880

Sing and Stretch Yoga with Sing and Swing Come to the library to experience this one time demo presentation of Sing and Swing, LLC's Sing and Stretch yoga class! Ages 1-5 attend with caregiver. Please bring a towel or mat. Space is limited so register early! Friday, September 9, 10 or 11 am Willoughby Library, 30 Public Square, 440-942-3200

Barks for Books

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



Saturday, September 10, 9:30 or 10 am (Choose one time slot) Eastlake Library, 36706 Lake Shore Blvd., 440-942-7880

Homeschool Art Adventures Each month we will learn about an artist or art technique and then create our own works in that style. Dress for making a mess! (Ages 5 and up). September and October sessions will be held at Willoughby Library. November and December sessions will be held at Willoughby United Methodist Church.

Thursday, September 15, 10 or 11:30 am
LEGO Club We provide the LEGOs, you provide the imagination in our LEGO club! All ages welcome!

Saturday, September 17, 1:30-3pm Eastlake Library, 36706 Lake Shore Blvd., 440-942-7880

Saturday, September 17, 2-3:30 pm Willoughby Hills Library, 35400 Chardon Rd., 440-942-3362

Saturday, September 10, 2-3:30 pm Willowick Library, 263 E. 305 St., 440-943-4151

Kids on the Move with Planet Fitness Kids will learn some fun ways to get fit while having fun with the help from staff at Willowick Planet Fitness.

Wednesday, September 21, 6-7 pm Willoughby Hills Library, 35400 Chardon Rd., 440-942-3362

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, September 22, 6:30-8:30 pm Eastlake Library, 36706 Lake Shore Blvd., 440-942-7880

OMG! Do You Believe What They Did on "The Walking Dead" or "Fear the Walking Dead?" Even though the Willoughby Library is going through some renovations, we'll still get together (somewhere in the building) and talk about our favorite programs "The Walking Dead" and "Fear the Walking Dead." We can even continue to play Walking Dead Monopoly. Ages 13 & up.

Tuesday, September 27, 7-8 pm Willoughby Library, 30 Public Square, 440-942-3200

Pokemon Party! Join us for Pokemon-inspired games & crafts! Tuesday, September 27, 6:30 pm Eastlake Library, 36706 Lake Shore Blvd., 440-942-7880



September

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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.

SEPTEMBER 1 - 5

The 2016 Great Geauga County Fair

The oldest fair in Ohio is Thursday – Monday over Labor Day Weekend. We have something for everyone: Over 13,000 Exhibits • Over 2,000 Animals • Rides Open Daily • Music by Geauga County Fair Band • Exhibit Halls • Hundreds of Commercial Displays & Vendors • Fantastic Fair Food • Exciting Games • Fair Contests: Frog Jumping, Diaper Dash, Chicken Flying, Rooster Crowing, Kiddie Tractor Pull • Live Music and Entertainment Shows • Educational Demonstrations, Activities and Fishing at National Resources Area • Free Parking * Fun! Fun! Fun! Advance Sale Tickets on thru Wednesday, August 31, Save up to \$12 on 5-gate admissions punch card or \$2 on a gate admission.

Purchase at online at geaugafair.com, fair office or at local businesses. geaugafair.com

SEPTEMBER 10

Just Kid's Stuff Garage Sale Saturday, Sept. 10, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., Garfield Park Pavilion, 7967 Mentor Ave., Mentor.

This is the biggest sale of children's items around, often featuring more than 70 vendors and more than 1,000 buyers. Please visit www.cityofmentor.com or call 440-974-5720 for more information.

SEPTEMBER 16-18

Fish Festival and Perch Tournament

Lagoons Yacht Club 8365 Harbor Drive – Mentor from 12:00 pm - 11:00 pm

The 2nd annual Fish Festival and Perch Tournament is returning to Mentor Lagoons Yacht Club. This is a great family fun event with activities for everyone, with many things for your children.

Treat your out-of-town guests to a fun day.

Looking for a unique business outing, what could be better than a relaxing day of fishing?

This year we will be featuring Free clinics on:

- How to make fishing flies - Being able to ID different fish

- How to clean and fillet fish - Fishing local rivers, best place in river to fish - Best bait for which type of fish You don't own your own boat? Meet local Charter Boat Captains and let them provide you a guided trip on the lake to the fishing hot spots. Meet the local Bait and Tackle Shops.

We will also be offering fish dinners, including white fish, and lake perch dinners. Dinners being served on Friday from 3:00 pm to 11:00 pm, Saturday from 11:00 am to 11:00 pm, and Sunday from Noon to 7:00 pm.

Enter in the Perch Tournament. Saturday, September 17 from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm and Sunday, 7:00 am to 4:00 pm. Kids fishing derby is Saturday from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. The Kids derby has three age groups, 4 through 7 years old, 8 through 11 years old, and 12 through 15 years old. Medallions and prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

There will be live bands all 3 days and a DJ will provide music between the bands. Visit fishfestival.org for up to date information.

SEPTEMBER 17-18

Village Peddler Festival

The Village Peddler Festival is a quaint outdoor American marketplace of over 175 artisans and craftsmen selling their wares. Stroll down shaded paths while shopping Americana, traditional, country, Victorian and primitive arts and crafts. The sounds of live folk music will fill the air along with the aroma of many delicious food choices available. Free wagon rides and corn maze. A colorful harvest and gourmet market completes the quaint festival with locally grown produce, plants, flowers, honey, maple syrup, jams, dips, cookies, breads and

more. Admission is \$7; ages 60 is \$6; ages 2-11 is \$4 and under 2 is free. Admission includes all daily Farmpark activities and exhibits. Free parking is provided with gate drop-off and handicapped spots available. www.villagepeddlerfestival.com

SEPTEMBER 18 & 25

Sisters of Notre Dame Family BBQ/ Boutique 53rd annual Sisters of Notre Dame Barbecue & Boutique. Delicious Chicken or Rib Dinner. Boutique, raffle items, door prizes, childrens games, available produce for sale. Rain or Shine. Takeouts available. Handicap accessible. Family friendly. Raises funds for the Sister's Education and Technology Fund. Sisters of Notre Dame, 1-440-286-7101 www.sndchardon.org



Show off your skills as you make your way through the through multiple twists and turns in the three-acre corn maze. Your challenge is to find all five Olympic events located within the maze and complete the activity posted. Stand on the corny podium and be recognized for your accomplishments and take a victory lap through the 1/4-mile loop around the maze.

A playset is located near the entrance of the maze including an assortment of farm-themed character cutouts and a two-story farmhouse play area is located in the Machinery Building. There is lots of fun in store for the kids at the new Showman's Circle play area featuring a farm-themed playground, interactive stream and animal encounter pavilion. Water shoes and/or a second pair of shoes that can get wet are recommended for the water feature. The corn maze and the Showman's Circle play area are included with regular daytime admission which includes all scheduled Farmpark activities.

Maze conditions will be tweeted daily @lakemetroparks. You may also call 440-256-2122 or 800-366-FARM to check the conditions of the maze and/or to make school or group reservations.

The corn maze is included with regular daytime admission which includes all Farmpark activities and to these upcoming events at Farmpark:

SEPTEMBER 24

Burton Antiques Market

400 Dealers – all Antiques and old Collectibles – 54th year – something for everyone – inside and out – rain or shine – dealers from all over the US and Canada – Largest 1 day antique show in the country. Special Early Bird Admission at 8am \$25.00 OR General Admission at 10AM \$8.00 Geauga County Fairgrounds www.burtonantiquesmarket.com

SEPTEMBER 25

Annual Family Fall Fest

Bring the whole family for a day of fun, activities and savings at Bremec Garden Centers. Hayrides, face painting, Magician Rick Smith Jr., Jungle Terry, bouncy rides and much more. Bremec Garden Center Chesterland. www.bremec.com

Three-acres corn maze: CORNY OLYMPICS

Lake Metroparks Farmpark

Now through October 16

9 am to 5 pm,

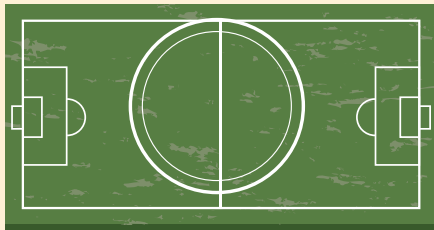
Tuesday through Sunday

Weather and field conditions permitting



Fact or Fiction?

Soccer Field Challenge



A soccer field is divided into several areas. Here are some questions about those areas. How many can you answer correctly?

- 1) A soccer field is divided in half by the halfway line, which marks each team's side of the field. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 2) In the middle of the field is the center circle where all kickoffs happen. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 3) The lines running down the length of the field are called the touch lines. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 4) The touch lines mark where a player can throw the ball out of play. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 5) The lines running across each end of the field are called the end lines or the goal lines. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 6) Balls that cross the goal lines but do not make into the goal are returned to play with a goal kick or a corner kick. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 7) Corner kicks are done in the squares at the corner of the field. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 8) Around the goal are two boxes, the goal box and the penalty box. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 9) The goal box is where the goalie stands and goal kicks happen. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 10) The penalty box is where the goalie may use their hands to touch the ball and players must stay out during a penalty kick. *Fact or Fiction?*

Answers: 1) Fact 2) Fact 3) Fact 4) Fiction, the lines mark where a player can throw the ball back into play, 5) Fact, 6) Fact, 7) Fiction, corner kicks are done in the quarter circles or corner arcs in each corner of the field, 8) Fact, 9) Fact, 10) Fact

Name That Equipment

Soccer requires some equipment. Each of the following is one such piece of equipment. Fill in the blanks to name that piece of equipment.

- 1) J _ _ R S _ _ Y
- 2) S _ _ I N _ _ U A _ _ D S
- 3) C _ _ E A _ _ S
- 4) G O A _ _ K _ _ _ P E R
G _ _ O _ _ E S
- 5) B A _ _ _
- 6) N E _ _ _ I N G
- 7) C O R _ _ E R
F _ _ _ G S



Answers: 1) Jersey, 2) Shin Guards, 3) Cleats, 4) Goalkeeper Gloves, 5) Ball, 6) Netting, 7) Corner Flags

SHOOT



List 10 words that rhyme with "shoot."

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

Some answers: boot, brute, chute, cute, flute, hoot, jute, lute, newt