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## Celebrate Earth Day: Clean air is important for all living things

Penitentiary Glen Reservation • Sunday, April 23 • Noon to 4 pm • FREE event

Discover how clean air is important for all living things through fun interactive activities, games, crafts and demonstrations.

### Air Basics 101:

Air is the oxygen that plants give off and people and animals need to breathe.

Air is the carbon dioxide that people and animals exhale and plants need to survive.

Air is the thin atmosphere that covers the earth and allows for living things to survive.

When air flows through a tube it can make beautiful music.

When air gets hot, it rises.

When air is surrounded by soap, it makes bubbles.

Air – It's Everywhere!

Join the fun as Lake Metroparks celebrates Earth Day between noon to 4 pm on Sunday, April 23 at Penitentiary Glen Reservation in Kirtland.

Find out what local conservation-focused organizations and agencies are doing, and how we can do our part, to

protect and clean the air we breathe at the Eco-Fair. Browse locally made and eco-friendly merchandise for purchase at the Earth Day Marketplace. Other activities include:

Take a walk along the “Air – It's Everywhere!” trail and learn how important clean air is to us all.

Take a tree sapling home. (1 per family).

Meet native Ohio wildlife.

See farm animals from Farmpark.

Make an eco-friendly craft.

Listen to live music and hear stories told by Mother Nature.

Get trimmed at the Haircut-a-thon presented by Ladies & Gentleman Salon & Spa.

Ride the miniature trains provided by the Lake Shore Live Steamers between 1 and 3 pm, weather permitting.

Browse our selection of unique gift items in The Nature Store.

Pop, popcorn and other snacks available for purchase.

Trees grace our lives in many ways-- from the wood used to build our homes

to providing shade, cleaning the air and more. Trees are also a work of art in themselves. Discover the many ways local artists use wood to create both fine and functional art at the spring art show, From the Ground Up: Art from Trees.

The Nature Center and Wildlife Center are open 9 am to 5 pm. The Nature Store, open until 4:30 pm, is a great resource for “fun” nature-related toys, field guides for adults and children, nature-inspired t-shirts, binoculars by VORTEX, bird feeders and wildlife houses. Snacks and beverages are also available for purchase.

Penitentiary Glen Reservation is located at 8668 Kirtland-Chardon Rd in Kirtland. The park features 424 acres of forest, fields, wetlands, and 8.5 miles of hiking trails and has been designated by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife as a “Watchable Wildlife” site. For more information about Fun Day Monday activities, visit <http://bit.ly/LMearthday> or call 440-256-1404.

# Summer fun with the Lake County Captains

## CAPTAINS BIRTHDAY BASH

If you want a unique birthday experience for your child, there is no better place to celebrate than at Classic Park with the Lake County Captains!

Classic Park is the perfect place to celebrate your child's birthday with Skipper's Birthday Bash! There are Birthday Bash options to fit every budget that include a ticket a Captains game, "Happy Birthday" being sung to your child on the field, an autographed team baseball, various food and dessert options and entrance to the Kid's Zone. Call Jen Yorke at 440-975-8085 ext 116 to book your Birthday Bash today!

## CAPTAINS YOUTH BASEBALL CAMPS

The Captains will host its annual three-day baseball camp at Classic Park on August 2, 3 and 4 from 10AM until 1PM each day. Three-day camp participants will learn baseball skills on the field and inside the batting cages at Classic Park from Captains coaches and players, and will receive a Camp t-shirt, Captains logo baseball, lunch each day,

an autograph session with the instructors and a ticket voucher to any Captains 2017 regular season, home game. The Captains will also host a one-day baseball camp at Classic Park on Saturday, April 29 from 10AM to 1PM. One-day camp participants will receive instruction from Captains coaches and players, a Captains logo baseball, an autograph session with the instructors, lunch and a ticket voucher to any Captains 2017 regular season, home game. Contact Nick Dobrinich at 440-975-8085 ext 110 or ndobrinich@captainsbaseball.com for details.

## CAPTAINS KIDS SEASON PASS

The Captains Kids Season Pass is the most affordable way to let your child, ages 12 and under, experience EVERY Captains game for only \$50! The Captains Season Pass includes admission to all 70 Captains regular season games, five Kids Zone vouchers, five Launch-a-Ball vouchers, a 10% discount in the Cargo Hold merchandise store and much more. That's a \$650 value for only

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## FRIDAY & SATURDAY NIGHT FIREWORKS

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Every Sunday home game

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## CAPTAINS THREE-DAY BASEBALL CAMP

Get instruction from Captains players and coaches on the field at Classic Park!

August 2 - 4 • 10 AM - 1 PM



# STOP DROWNINGS! Get your Child "Water Ready" Tested



The "Water Ready" program was born out of the Parks Department's concern with two statistics:

1. If children don't learn to swim by the third grade, the odds are they never will.
2. Of 80% of Americans who claim they can swim only 56% of

those can pass a basic water skills test.

According to Aquatics Coordinator Jim Clark, many people tend to overestimate their swimming ability. Every year our Lifeguards rescue adults who jump off a diving board, only to learn they cannot swim. Also starting swimming early is an excellent. The American Academy of Pediatrics encourages parents to teach their children to swim by age 5 to reduce the risk of drowning. Like learning a second language, it is easier if you start when you are young.

During this May's Water Safety Month campaign, Water Safety Instructors from the City of Willoughby Parks and Recreation Department will be taking the "Water Ready" message out Edison and Grant Elementary Schools k-2<sup>nd</sup> graders. At each assembly Instructors will be delivering messages in water safety, wearing life jackets, the importance of learning to swim. However what makes this program different from others is a special invitation to these students,

and their families to come to our "Water Ready" testing event on Tuesday May 30, 2017 at the Euclid Ave. Pool located at 36900 Euclid Ave in Willoughby at 7:30 PM

The "Water Ready" test is a basic water competency test that will include the following:

1. Step or jump into water over your head.
2. Float or tread water for one minute
3. Turn around in a full circle.
4. Swim 25 Yards to an exit.
5. Exit the water without using a ladder.

If you can do this, you are ready in case you accidentally fall into a pool. To encourage participation everyone who takes "Water Ready" will get a free T-Shirt! Those who have trouble passing the first time will be encouraged to sign up for swim lessons and if they want they may then re-take the "Water Ready" test on Tuesday August 1, 2017 at 7:30 PM. Also at the Euclid Ave. Pool.

Those who pass on either date will get a Willoughby Pools Beach Towel, in addition to their T-Shirt.

Not only do Kids need swim lessons, but parents need a yard stick, so they can see where their children's abilities are. We want people to come out and have a good time getting "Water Ready" tested. Then go home with a T-shirt and possibly a beach towel, and spread the word about water safety.



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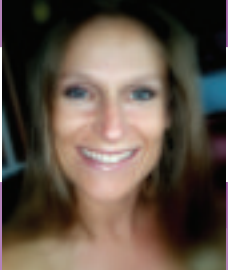
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## Autism Awareness Includes Autism Treatment

For a parent who learns that they have a child with autism, the news comes heavy. Not because it surprises them, because many of these parents know their own child well enough to notice a difference, but because suddenly, the simplest and most natural things parents wish for and look forward to might never happen.

After learning more about autism myself, and having heartfelt conversations with local parents who have children on the autism spectrum, I have to wonder if I've taken for granted steps my children took when they were young: first giggles and words, potty training my toddler or preschooler, underestimating the value of sleep, for me and for them. I wonder if I really cherished it all. I'd like to believe I did, because that is my nature, but what if nineteen years ago I was told that the chances of those things happening were slim to none? That my child just wasn't wired that way? Then, I'll be honest; I would have celebrated each of those milestones with a completely different enthusiasm (and possibly a party with balloons).

For me, those were all things I knew would be 'natural' or 'would just happen.' My children were able to tell me what hurt at a very young age, they could tie their shoes in elementary school and were able to sit still in class long enough to learn math, science, language arts and social studies. These things, for our family, were just 'common, in order' and the 'normal' steps kids took.

April is Autism Awareness Month. Most of us have already heard of autism and know somewhat about it, and since it's become such a frequently diagnosed disorder over the past thirty years, we all now probably know someone with it or someone who knows someone who has it. I believe I hear about autism about as much as cancer. In fact, both seem to exist now in epidemic proportions. While the medical details are often foggy in both instances and cures seem just as elusive,



the hope towards normalcy for those with autism and their families should be just as strong and as frequently talked about as those who've dealt with and beaten cancer. Autism shouldn't be a death sentence. Life is not over and neither is a parent's joy.

I visited a special place recently. Since the whole country seems to be searching for best practice, I too wanted to observe children with autism and gain more insight about what treatment methods work best. My experience there made cry. The tears I shed were of happy tears. I wanted to write more about autism treatment this month over awareness. I don't want to just remind you that the disorder exists, instead I want to take you for a walk to a place you may never have been. One that to me, personifies hope and breeds success for people with autism, and has done so for thousands, for the past twenty-three years!

At Integrations Treatment Center (ITC), in Wickliffe, Ohio, I have seen with my own eyes, and heard with my own ears, that there is hope. There is hope for

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**Magic the Gathering Booster Draft**

4:30 PM - Saturday, April 15. Come out and experience Magic the Gathering in a completely new way. We will be hosting a booster draft. Beginners and seasoned gamers are welcome to play. Please register for this event by April 13th.

After deck building, players are randomly matched up against an opponent and play a best two out of three games match. Rounds may be limited to 45 minutes after drafting. At the end of the tournament, the overall winner gets to keep their deck.

**Create! China Pendant** Monday, April 3.

There is a \$10 fee for this program. It is for adults. If you have a tween or teen who might enjoy this program, please contact the library for more information.

**Tween Chess Club** Wednesday, April 5.

4th-8th grade This program encourages tweens to develop critical thinking skills through playing the classic strategy game of chess. This program emphasizes play as a pathway for youth to explore, learn, and develop the soft skills they will need later in life in the work environment. No advanced registration required, but each week middle school students must bring a permission slip signed by a parent.

**National Pretzel Day** Wednesday, April 26 at 3pm.

How do you like your pretzel? Tick or thin? Straight or twisted? Crisp, crunchy, or soft? Salted, unsalted, or mustard flavored, perhaps? There's no shortage of types of pretzels. Along with enjoying pretzels, teens will be able to participate in Minute-to-win-it style party games.

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**Snappy Little Story Time** Mondays at

10 a.m. at Main Branch 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.

**Books & Yoga** Thursdays at 11 a.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room Families can listen to classic children's books as they recreate the story through yoga poses. For both kids and adults. This program is 4-week interactive sessions. Registration is required.

**Kids at Work: A Lego Brick Building Club** Saturday, April 1, 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.

**Make a Craft** Monday, April 3 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.

**Full STEAM Ahead: Technology** Tuesday, April 4, at 4 p.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room A 5-week program focusing on hands-on activities that will enhance STEAM development. The second session focuses on technology. Registration is required.

**Pizza & Comics Club** Tuesday, April 4, at 5 p.m. Main Branch in the Frances Cleveland Room Mentor Public Library has a book club for teens where they can talk comics. The Pizza and Comics Club will meet to discuss sequential art and nosh pizza on the first Tuesday of every month. Contact MPL Reference staff for more information and a copy of this month's comic.

**Comics Club** Tuesday, April 4, 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 mem-

bers will meet the first Tuesday of every month. Registration is required.

**American Girl Book Club** Wednesday, April 5, at 4 p.m. Meet Josefina. 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 Josefina" before this program. Registration is necessary each month.

**Time Travelers Club—Classic Card Games** Wednesday, April 5, at 6 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Teens can join our Time Travelers Club where they try out games and crafts from different eras. This month, they'll play classic card games like Uno, rummy and more. Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

**Minecraft Club** Thursday, April 6, 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.

**Welcome Spring at the Headlands Branch** Saturday, April 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Families can make a special basket craft to usher in the season. No registration required.

**Family Afternoon Movie** Saturday, April 8, at noon Main Branch in the James R. Garfield Room Bring the whole family to the library for an afternoon movie. On the second Saturday of each month, the library will show a family movie and provide popcorn. All movies will be rated G or PG. Find out which movie will be playing

each month in the Children's Department. This event is for families with children 13 and younger. Ages 8 and younger must have parent supervision. No registration required.

**LEGomania** Saturday, April 8, 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.

**Rock the Mic Club** Monday, April 10, at 4 p.m. Main Branch in the James R. Garfield Room A monthly club that meets on the second Monday of each month 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.

**Backwards Art** Monday, April 10, at 6 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Kids can make a hidden painting or write a mysterious message, then transform it for all to see. Learn a secret technique to reveal the fun.

**Library Rhyme Time** Tuesday, April 11, at 10:30 a.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Come to the Lake Branch for a monthly preschool story time.

**Full STEAM Ahead: Engineering** Tuesday, April 11, at 4 p.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room A 5-week program focusing on hands-on activities that will enhance STEAM development. The third session focuses on engineering. Registration is required.

**Wordplay Creative Writing Club** Wednesday, April 12, 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.

**Studio MPL Jr. Artist** Thursday, April 13, 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.

**Headlands Open House** Thursday, April 13, at 3:30 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Celebrate National Library Week in the Headlands. Explore your local branch of the Mentor Public Library through guided tours and a scavenger hunt. The theme for the week is Libraries Transform. See how MPL has transformed and let us know how you would like your library to

keep up with your needs. Refreshments provided.

**Bestselling Author Thrity Umrigar visits Mentor Public Library** Saturday, April 15, at 1 p.m. Main Branch in the Village Room Award-winning and best-selling novelist, journalist and essayist Thrity Umrigar will headline Mentor Public Library's National Library Week celebration with a special talk. Her newest story and first picture book, *When I Carried You in my Belly*, is a mother's song to her daughter. With humor and sweetness, the mother explains to the daughter how her laugh, love of music, and kind disposition go back to when she carried her child inside of her. *When I Carried You in my Belly*, which is illustrated by Ziyue Chen, will be available for sale and signing after Umrigar's talk.

**Lake Branch Minecraft Club** Saturday, April 15, 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.

**Let's go Lego Club** Saturday, April 15, 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, April 17, 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, April 17, 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.

**Full STEAM Ahead: Arts** Tuesday, April 18, at 4 p.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room A 5-week program focusing on hands-on activities that will enhance STEAM development. The fourth session focuses on arts. Registration is required and opens April 4.

**Clashing Controllers** Wednesday, April 19, 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, April 19 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.

**MPL Arcade: Video Game Club** Thursday, April 20, at 4 p.m. Main Branch in the Village Room Come to the library for an afternoon of gaming with the new video game club, MPL Arcade. The library will have age-appropriate games available to play on the Wii U, as well as fun board and tabletop games. For kids in third through sixth grade. Registration is required.

**Friends of the Mentor Public Library Bag Sale** Saturday, April 22, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Sunday, April 23, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Read House Book sale open to the public at the Read House, just east of the Main Branch. Parking is in the Main Branch's lot. The money raised supports library programming and special events.

**Techno Tweens** Saturday, April 22, 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.

**Arbor Day Celebration** Saturday, April 22, at 1:30 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Get ready for Arbor Day at this special story time presented by the Holden Arboretum. Enjoy a fun-filled hour of tree-themed stories and activities.

**The Creation Station: Earth Day Up-cycle** Saturday, April 22, at 2 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Teens can make, create and innovate at the Lake Branch Creation Station. This 4-part series will use the new mobile Makerspace at the Lake Branch. This month, teens can craft new items out of recycled materials.

**Money Smart Week for Kids** Monday, April 24, at 7 p.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room It's never too early to start saving. Kids, ages four to eight, can come to the library for this special program during Money Smart Week. Children will learn money, spending and saving. They will also try a couple of fun activities that teach financial responsibility. Then, kids can decorate their very own bank to take home. Registration is required and opens April 10.

**Read With Me** Tuesday, April 25, at 10:30



## Kids & Teens Used Book Sale at Perry Library

Perry Public Library will be holding a used book sale for kids and teens Saturday, April 4-12. There will be an enormous selection of children's picture books and chapter books, teen and tween fiction, children's non-fiction, adult fiction and non-fiction, movies, music CDs, games, puzzles and more. This will be our biggest sale of children's materials this year! Teachers can find great books for their classrooms, and parents will find many treasures to tuck into Easter baskets. The book sale is sponsored by the Friends of Perry Public Library. All proceeds go directly towards children's and teens programs at the library. For more information contact the children's department at 440-259-3300. Perry Public Library 3753 Main Street Perry.

a.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch A new literacy-based story time for kids from newborn to three years old. Children can enjoy stories, songs and activities while parents and caregivers learn tips to promote early literacy at home. The library will also supply book recommendations and craft supplies to enhance story times at home.

**Full STEAM Ahead: Math** Tuesday, April 25, at 4 p.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room A 5-week program focusing on hands-on activities that will enhance STEAM development. The fifth session focuses on math. Registration is required and opens April 11.

**Smurfing Around** Wednesday, April 26, at 5 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Kids can make a couple of smurfalicious crafts and play smurf hot potato during this smurftastic program at MPL's Lake Branch.

**Color Me—Headlands** Wednesday, April 26, at 7 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Looking for some quiet time? Bring the family to a calm evening of coloring at the Headlands branch. Supplies provided.

**Critter Craziess** Thursday, April 27, at 4 p.m. Main Branch in the James R. Garfield Room In honor of National Adopt a Shelter Pet Day on April 30, kids—three to seven years old—can celebrate by adopting a new stuffed animal. Children will give them a name, have the veterinarian give them a checkup, and make a collar for their new best friends. Registration is required for this program and begins on April 13.

**Healthy Eating for Families with Viktoria Higgins** Saturday, April 29, at 2 p.m. Main Branch in the Village Room

Viktoria Higgins, a local holistic health and nutritional coach, will teach families how to "eat like a superhero." Children and their families will learn a special dance, and everyone who comes will learn to prepare (and enjoy) a healthy snack.

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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, songs & fingerplays especially 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!

This storytime is geared towards active children. 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 geared towards families while cuddling a favorite stuffed animal.

Child attends with caregiver. **SEE PAGE 10**

# SUMMER CAMP

# Get prepared for summer camp season



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Summer camp season is just around the corner. Each summer, millions of children depart for campsites around the country to swim, hike, craft, and enjoy the companionship of friends.

Summer camps in North America were first established in the 1880s and were attended by children without their parents for overnight stays. By the 20th century, summer camps had become an international phenomenon, and various organizations hosted traditional summer camps or camps geared toward religion, sports, music and other subjects and activities. According to the American Camp Association, each year more than 14 million children and adults in the United States attend camp. America is home to more than 14,000 day and resident camps (8,400 are overnight camps and 5,600 are day camps). Nonprofit groups are the largest sponsors of summer camps.

Many people put off summer camp

planning until it is too late. Parents should keep in mind that camps begin registration early in the year and have specific cut-off dates for enrollment. Parents who want to beat the crowds this year can use this guide to help plan a summer camp agenda.

- Attend an orientation seminar. Take the time to visit prospective camps for a tour, and use this open house as an opportunity to learn more about the programs offered. If available, find a camp employee to discuss your child's eligibility for enrollment. Some camps may offer webinars for convenience.

- Fill out the enrollment package completely. Each camp has their own requirements for registration. Expect to submit some personal information, including a medical background and proof of insurance, names and numbers of emergency contacts, and any other pertinent information as it applies to the camper. This may include allergies, fears,

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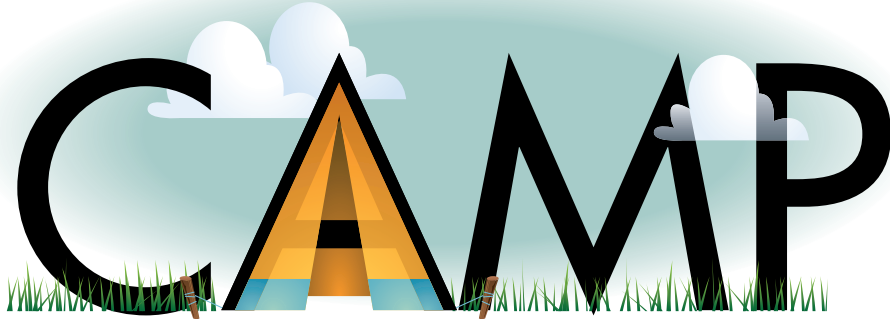
- **Establish payment schedules.** Summer camps vary in price. The ACA says camp costs range from \$100 to more than \$1,500 per week. However, many accredited camps offer some sort of financial assistance for children from families with limited financial means. If cost is a factor, be sure to broach the subject.
- **Prepare children for the physical challenges a camp may present.** Summer camp activities may be rigorous, and campers may need to be cleared by a physician before starting. Be sure to schedule your child a physical and bring along any pertinent forms. Children also can increase their levels of physical

activity compared to the often sedentary nature of winter. Such preparation can prevent injuries when engaging in outdoor and physical activities.

- **Shop for supplies.** Camps are likely to provide a list of requirements with regard to clothing and other equipment campers will need. Make sure kids have enough shorts, T-shirts, socks, athletic shoes, swimsuits, toiletries, and other camp necessities before they leave.

- **Keep children in the loop.** Engage children in the planning process to help alleviate their fears and get them excited about summer camp.

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**N B TWEEN** (9 - 12 years) Thursdays: 4:15 PM – 5:00 PM  
 Crafts, games, and activities geared specifically towards tweens. Tweens attend without caregiver.

**Spy Kids!** – Saturday, April 1, 11:00 – 11:45 AM For kids grades K-3rd. Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to attend Spy Kids! Listen to stories about spies, make an invisible ink craft, and play fun spy games. This message will self-destruct in 30 seconds. Registration is required

**Drop Everything And Read (D.E.A.R.)!**  
 – Saturday, April 8, 11:00 – 11:45 AM For families with children ages 12 and under. DROP whatever it is you are doing and come join Miss Robin in the Story Room! Listen to stories and read some together as a family in celebration of National Drop Everything And Read Day. No registration needed.

**National Library Week!** – Sunday, April 9 through Saturday, April 15 Celebrate National Library Week at Morley Library! Drop by the Children's Room any time all week long for special activities for kids 12 and under.

**Children's Bookmark Guessing Game**  
 Kids 12 and under can guess how many bookmarks are filling our display case! Winner receives a \$15 Toys R Us gift card!

**Children's National Library Week BINGO!** Kids 12 and under can complete a National Library Week BINGO sheet (5 in a row across, down, or diagonal) and turn it in at the Children's Desk for a small prize. Stop by the Children's Room to pick up your BINGO sheet starting Sunday, April 2nd and turn it in anytime during the week of April 9th through April 15th.

**Children's Scavenger Hunt** Find all 10 pictures hiding around the Children's Room and turn in your sheet at the Children's Desk for a free small prize from the treasure chest!

**Color Your Own Bookmark** All week long we will have a fun bookmark coloring station set up for kids to create their own bookmark masterpieces. Mark your pages with something unique and creative!

**Under the Sea** – Wednesday, April 12, 4:15 – 5:00 PM For kids grades K-3rd. Come take a journey into the deep blue sea. Learn about sea creatures, play a fun game, and make a craft. It will be

a splashing good time. Registration is necessary.

**KIDS CRAFTERNOON!** – Thursday, April 13, 3:00 – 7:00 PM Make a FREE kids craft! Drop by the Children's Room Rotunda to make a fun, free craft. As supplies last, small children may need help. No registration needed.

**Paws 2 Read** – Saturday, April 15, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
 Bark all about it, Paws 2 Read is back! Paws 2 Read is a program that encourages readers of all abilities to relax and read in a comforting environment with a friendly, certified therapy dog for 20 minutes. Registration is necessary and opens two weeks before the program on Saturday, April 1st. To register, please call the Children's Room at 440-352-3383 to choose a dog. Online registration is not available for this program.

**LEGO Club!** – Tuesday, April 18, 3:30 – 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.

**KIDS CRAFTERNOON!** – Thursday, April 27, 3:00 – 7:00 PM Make a FREE kids craft! Drop by the Children's Room Rotunda to make a fun, free craft. As supplies last, small children may need help. No registration needed.

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**After School Adventures:** (K-4<sup>th</sup> grade) Tuesdays at 3:15 PM, Now-May 23 Different activities each week. Registration required.

**Tales for a Dog:** (Kindergarten & up) Come share a story with a certified therapy dog. Saturday, April 1, May 6 @ 9:30 or 10:00 AM Registration required.

**Lego Club:** (Kindergarten & up) Stop by for some building challenges and fun! Saturday, April 8, May 13 @ 2:00 PM Registration required.

**Birth-2 Year Old Story Time** Wednesdays at 10:00 AM, April 5-26 Thursdays at 6:30 PM, April 6-27 Registration required.

**3-6 Year Old Story Time** Monday sat 6:30 PM, April 3-24 Thursdays at 10:00 AM, April 6-27 Registration required.

**Preschool Blast** Kids 6 and under with a caregiver April 7, 21-May 19 @ 10:00AM @ 10:00AM  
 Drop in every Friday morning for preschool programming. We will offer one of our well-loved programs (Wee Play, Storybook Theatre, Make & Take Craft) or

registration necessary.

**Family Reads On-the-Go: NEW!** 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the Month, during open hours Weeks of April 17, May 15 Pick-up a copy of next month's family friendly book (to be read at home together) and activity packet Call to pre-register.

**Tween Time (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade)**  
 Every Wednesday after school @ 2:30pm If no special theme is advertised, join us for snacks, socializing, and fun activities. Registration required only for the following themed programs. Stop by the Children's desk or call 440-944-6010 to register by phone.  
 April 12: Easter Basket Craft  
 April 26: Cupcake Wars

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[www.welibrary.info](http://www.welibrary.info)

**Spring Fling** What better way to shake off winter than to throw an awesome spring party! All ages welcome!

Tuesday, April 4, 6:30 pm

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

**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). Classes held at Willoughby Senior Center until the Willoughby Library renovation is complete. Thursday, April 6, 10 or 11:30 am Willoughby Senior Center

**Special Needs Storytime** This storytime, specifically for children with special needs, features stories, rhymes, songs and other engaging activities in a welcoming environment. All ages welcome!  
 Tuesday, April 11, 6:30 pm  
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**Barks for Books** Practice your reading skills by reading to a therapy dog! (Grades K-5). Saturday, April 15, 9:30 or 10 am (Choose one session)

Eastlake Library, 440-942-7880

**LEGO Club** We provide the LEGOs, you provide the imagination in our LEGO club!  
 Saturday, April 15, 2-3:30 pm  
 Willoughby Hills Library, 440-942-3362  
 Saturday, April 22, 1:30-3 pm  
 Eastlake Library, 440-942-7880

**Teen Henna** Kristina Haberek of Cleveland Henna will give teens a henna tattoo.  
 Monday, April 17, 6-8 pm

Willoughby Hills Library 440-942-3362

**Glamour Makeup Tutorial** Katie Martin will be leading girls in how to practice glamour makeup for prom, parties and more!  
 Monday, April 17, 6:30-7:30 pm  
 Eastlake Library 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! Classes held at Willoughby Senior Center until the Willoughby Library renovation is complete. Thursday, April 20

10 am (Ages 5-7) 11:30 am (Ages 7+)  
 (Younger siblings may attend but must be at least 5). Willoughby Senior Center

**Homeschool Travelers** Take a trip around the world without leaving the library! Each month features a different location, complete with facts and fun activities.

Thursday, April 20, 2 pm

Eastlake Library, 440-942-7880

**Hour of Code for Teens** Spend an hour working on coding projects provided through the Mozilla Learning Networks' Web Literacy site. Thursday, April 20, 6-7 pm

Willoughby Hills Library 440-942-3362

**Tree Tales Storytime with Holden Arboretum** Join us for a special Tree Tales storytime with the Holden Arboretum. Subject to change due to renovations. All ages welcome!

Wednesday, April 23, 6:30 pm

Willowick Library 440-943-4151

**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 and up).

Tuesday, April 25, 7-8 pm

Willoughby Library 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, April 27, 6:30 pm

Eastlake Library 440-942-7880





**Springtime on  
the Farm Indoor  
Playground**

## *Springtime on the Farm*

**"April showers bring May Flowers" indoor playground  
Lake Metroparks Farmpark**

**April 5 through 7, 9 am to 5 pm Tuesday through Sunday**

April showers won't put a damper on the fun your little sprouts will have playing in the popular spring-themed indoor playground at Lake Metroparks Farmpark. The playground equipment is provided by Playground World.

While visiting Farmpark in April, watch the spring newborn farm animals in the Arena and enjoy the spring plants awakening at Farmpark. On weekends,

make a simple springtime craft. The Farmpark is open 9 am to 5 pm, Tuesday through Sunday year-round.

The April Showers bring May Flowers indoor playground is included with Farmpark admission. Farmpark members and children under 2 get in free. Family memberships begin at \$55.

*Lake Metroparks Farmpark is located at 8800 Euclid Chardon Rd in Kirtland.*

## **GRAND RIVER CANOE AND KAYAK RACE**

**Harpersfield Covered Bridge Metropark to Hidden Valley Park  
(south entrance)**

**Saturday, April 22 • Boats depart between 9 and 10  
Registration required**

Paddlers from around the midwest meet at the Harperfield Bridge every spring to compete in an 8½-mile canoe and kayak race to Hidden Valley Park south entrance (Madison) on the wild and scenic Grand Rive. Some are former national champions, some are paddling this stretch for the first time, all experience the river like it was meant to be experienced, in its wild and scenic state. Racers come back year after year and pass racing down to the next generation. This race has become a family tradition for many in Lake County and beyond. The Grand River Canoe and Kayak Race features a "maddest hat" contest, in honor of the the canoe club with the same name that started the race in 1964. Awards are presented to top three finishers in each race category (determined by skill level and boat type). Visit [www.lakemetroparks.com/events](http://www.lakemetroparks.com/events) to register. Fee applies; pre-register by April 20 to pay discounted fee of \$13.81/person. Same day registration is \$20/person.

## **FUN DAY MONDAY**

**April 17 • 10 am to 3 pm • FREE event**

Bring the family and friends for a good time learning about how spring weather affects nature and us every day during Fun Day Monday at Penitentiary Glen Reservation. Stop by the Nature Center anytime between 10 am and 3 pm on Monday, April 17 for free, hands-on, interactive activities and crafts.

Weather outdoor trivia hunt  
Indoor scavenger hunts  
Simple to complete weather craft  
X-Plorer packs filled with hands-on seasonal activities  
Animal Encounters from the Wildlife Center  
Enjoy s'mores by the campfire  
Snowshoe rental (weather permitting)  
And much more!

There are many everyday free activities happening at Penitentiary Glen Reservation. Discover the sights and

sounds of wildlife at the interactive Nature Calls exhibit. Watch and listen to birds and other wildlife outside through the Window on Wildlife. Visit the Kevin P. Clinton Wildlife Center to see the Lake Metroparks wildlife ambassadors, including hawks, owls and eagles. Enjoy a hike on more than 8.5 miles of scenic trails (open year-round).

The Nature Center and Wildlife Center are open 9 am to 5 pm. The Nature Store, open until 4:30 pm, is a great resource for "fun" nature-related toys, field guides for adults and children, nature-inspired t-shirts, binoculars by VORTEX, bird feeders and wildlife houses. Snacks and beverages are also available for purchase.

Penitentiary Glen Reservation is located at 8668 Kirtland-Chardon Rd in Kirtland, Ohio (44094).

Lake Metroparks celebrates

# EARTH DAY

**FREE event!**

**Sunday, April 23**

noon to 4 pm

at Penitentiary Glen Reservation

- Eco-Fair
- Craft & activities for kids
- Free trees
- Live animals
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- Composting/gardening
- Train rides & more!



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## AUTISM AWARENESS FROM PAGE 5

the mom who hasn't slept since her five year old was born. There is hope for the dad who doesn't think he will ever have a conversation with his own son. There is hope for the parents who wanted a family that resembled their own childhood, but wake up daily to a life that resembles nothing like they recall; and nothing like their friends, relatives or neighbors have.

They say it takes a village to raise a child. This could not be any truer for a child with autism. Lynette and her staff are a village. All twelve of her employees work with each child and their families and are from specific educational backgrounds, which help them all become the perfect ingredients for each child's "SUCCESS" recipe. From Lynette's thirty years of experience in the field, to the General/Special Education teachers, Occupational Therapist and Speech-Language Pathologist, they are ready! Some of their staff even includes SUCCESS Aides, who are responsible for implementing all the special aspects of each child's professionally governed program, as an extension

of each professional serving in the child's care. You heard that right: individual programs and treatments not a cookie cutter or one size fits all. And that's precisely why hope becomes reality at ITC.

The village doesn't stop with the professionals. The community and families can help too; from understanding and listening, offering moral support, love and inclusion, all the way to giving our time, attention and hope, the help for families with autism must go deeper and wider than what the treatment book says. It's a combination of us all, and it's in what we say and do, that can help even more.

If you've ever been without hope please don't wait another minute to watch this 2-minute movie trailer for a new autism movie (a true story and not actors) Lynette recently produced. and the ITC family can do for you and your family. I think it might help define the kind of hope I am referring to! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0rtbyas0WME>.

If you've ever wished you could learn ways to help your child with autism, a

niece, nephew or grandchild...ITC is ready to embrace you. Their goal is to enable you to become a key ingredient in your child's very own SUCCESS recipe and do so by teaching you what they've known and have been providing exclusively for over two decades. Helping your child make every small step in the right direction is one more step to SUCCESS.

For more information about ITC, or to contact them, see the info below. Come back to read more and watch for News-Herald's Tawana Roberts' story in the paper on April 1 on a family working with autism.

### Integrations Treatment Center

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Wickliffe, Ohio 44092

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For more information on autism and resources visit:

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## LAKE COUNTY

## CAPTAINS FROM PAGE 3

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### CAPTAINS CAMP DAYS

The Captains will offer two special 11AM games on June 28 and July 20 as part of the team's annual "Camp Days". The Captains will host many area Summer Camps from around northeast Ohio. There is a \$20 deluxe package, a \$13 ticket and lunch package available or a discounted \$8 ticket price for groups of 20 or more. The lunch package includes a ticket and lunch consisting of a hot dog, chips and a drink. The deluxe package includes everything from the lunch package plus a Captains Camp T-Shirt! Prior to the game all campers may participate in a parade on the field around the warning track. After the game all kids can run the bases. Contact Brent Pozza at 440-975-8085 ext 111 or [bpozza@captainsbaseball.com](mailto:bpozza@captainsbaseball.com) for details.

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## ENTER ME TO WIN FAMILY 4 PACK OF TICKETS TO I-X INDOOR AMUSEMENT PARK

We will choose a winner of a family pack of 4 tickets from all entries to this family fun entertainment. Winner must be able to pick up tickets at The News-Herald office at 7085 Mentor Avenue in Willoughby. Entries must be postmarked by April 5.

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# “Mis-Education” in Our Schools

by Carole Richards

For decades I've talked about the literacy crisis in the United States. Despite spending \$92,000 per year on education, literacy rates have remained stagnant since the 1970's.

Let me explain the problem. If students cannot effortlessly read the big words in a passage, they will not comprehend what they read. If they cannot effortlessly spell, the words they want to write, they will be able to only write basic elementary documents. Words like, “official”, “paradox”, even “elementary”, etc. are good examples.

So, imagine trying to read a biology or U.S. History text and only being able to read the simple words. The big words are where comprehension is needed. These words are the “meat” of the paragraph. Readers with limited reading skills will not comprehend this complex

information.

Aimee Gilman, a respected education attorney in Cleveland, recently told me, “Students aren't taught multi-sensory systematic phonics in our schools because our college teacher preparation programs do not teach any reading method to future teachers. Consequently, we have decades of experienced teachers with little or no knowledge of “how to teach reading”.

Mrs. Gilman went on to say that schools are using Leveled Literacy Intervention by Fountas and Pinnell (FP): students read stories based on their FP level. Fountas and Pinnell describe their readers: “Reading is a highly complex process. Readers must build a system of strategic actions for processing texts from A to Z that, begins with early reading behaviors and becomes a network of strategic actions for reading increasingly difficult texts. The F&P Text Level Gradient™ should be seen as a continuum of progress for readers.”

Mrs. Gilman also mentions “Guided Reading” also by FP. A small group of

students reads a passage or story together, out loud with their teacher. Any gain for the students is hard to identify. However, with 600,000+ words in the English language, students will not and cannot memorize all the words.

Currently, a local school district is in federal court over a dyslexic student that has not made progress in five years of school using FP programs. This district bought both programs district-wide. Yet, this fourth grader cannot read!

Yesterday I spoke with Hope, a tutor in an afterschool program serving at-risk youth. She is teaching reading comprehension, writing, grammar, etc. Her students have significant behavior difficulties because they are frustrated. They cannot read well or spell well. Yet, her program requires “more of the same” exercises students practice during school. They see Hope's afterschool program as punishment.

Bernice, a teacher of high schoolers in an online program proudly said, “My students get diplomas.” Hurray! But I

dug deeper and she said, “Many of our at-risk youth, when placed on computers, keep guessing until they get a correct answer. And with “online programs there is no special track for poor students.” Bernice has scored SAT essays and is appalled by the poor writing and spelling on these college essays.

Mrs. Gilman, Hope and Bernice, all told me the same thing. Our children in general, have poor reading and spelling skills. Yet we keep forcing them to try to learn concepts beyond their abilities because they CANNOT READ well. I keep beating the drum of literacy. Bernice calls it “Mis-Education”. We keep pushing higher standards and job- ready and work- ready initiatives. Yet, until our children can read, we will continue to have discouraging results.

To learn more about the Richards Learning Systems Video Literacy Program for Teachers and Students, visit [www.cei4learning.org](http://www.cei4learning.org). Please join our mailing list and donate to our literacy cause. Every dollar we raise moves us closer to resolving the U.S. literacy crisis.

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## Author Thrity Umrigar will headline weeklong library celebration

Award-winning and best-selling novelist, journalist and essayist Thrity Umrigar will headline Mentor Public Library's National Library Week celebration with a special talk at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 15, at Mentor Public Library's Main Branch.

Umrigar is best known for her novels like *The Space Between Us*, *If Today Be Sweet*, *The Weight of Heaven*, and *The World We Found* where memorable characters struggle with issues involving class, loss, sexism, immigration and, most of all, family.

Her newest story and first picture book, *When I Carried You in my Belly*,

is a mother's song to her daughter. With humor and sweetness, the mother explains to the daughter how her laugh, love of music, and kind disposition go back to when she carried her child inside of her.

When *I Carried You in my Belly*, which is illustrated by Ziyue Chen, will be released April 4. It will be available for sale and signing after Umrigar's talk.

Umrigar's visit will be the culmination of a week-long celebration of libraries at Mentor Public Library.

During National Library Week, MPL will host programs and events for all ages and interests.

For example, WWII veteran Bob Zonneville—the recipient of two Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart—and local author and historian Thom Matowitz, who literally wrote the book on Mentor, will discuss what life was like for veterans when they returned from war at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 10, at MPL's Main Branch.

Meanwhile, kids can stretch their minds and bodies during a special Books & Yoga story time at 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 13, at MPL's Main Branch. Children will use different yoga poses to recreate classic children's books.



### HOLDEN ARBORETUM

Free admission to the grounds - nonmember tickets for Canopy Walk & Emergent Tower \$4 for adults, \$2 for children

Arbor Day is the annual observance that celebrates the role of trees in our lives and promotes tree planting and care. The tree has appeared throughout history and literature as the symbol of life. The simple act of planting a tree represents a belief that the tree will grow and, some day, provide wood products, wildlife habitat, ero-

sion control, shelter from the wind and sun, beauty, and inspiration for ourselves and our children. Trees are truly gifts that keep on giving as they filter pollution from the air and even help lower energy bills through the virtue of their shade. Arbor Day is more than a holiday. It is a promise to the earth – celebrating a desire to enrich our homes and communities with the natural abundance that trees bring to our lives.

**Free Tree Seedling Give-away**  
9am to 5pm, while supplies last

## Spring Portraits with Prelude photography **LIVE Bunnies!** it's Crazy Adorable!



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# April

## 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](mailto:countykids@news-herald.com). Submissions should be 65 words or less. We reserve the right to edit any information prior to publication.

### **APRIL 1 Easter Egg Hunt at the Lake County**

**Outdoor Y** Lake County Y Outdoor Family Center 4540 River Rd - Perry 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Children and their families are invited to join the Lake County YMCA for a special Easter Egg Hunt and visit with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, April 1 from 2-4pm at the Outdoor Y, 4540 River Road in Perry. Children can enjoy making a springtime craft, visiting with live baby bunnies, and a special Easter Egg Hunt for the young and young at heart. Hundreds of eggs filled with sweet surprises will be hidden all over our fields. Bring your camera for family photos with the Easter Bunny.

This year, a special Golden Egg will award its finder with a free Outdoor Y family membership.

Cost is \$5 per child (age 9 and under). All proceeds from the event will benefit the Lake County Outdoor Y Annual Giving Campaign which helps provide membership and program assistance to families that otherwise would not be able to enjoy a YMCA experience.

Advance registration is recommended. Register in person at the Lake County Outdoor Y, call Liann Cox at 440-259-2724 or visit [www.lakecountyyymca.org](http://www.lakecountyyymca.org).

### **APRIL 1 Canopy Walk – Emergent Tower Opens**

The Holden Arboretum 9500 Sperry Road - Kirtland. 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. The Judith and Maynard H. Murch IV Canopy Walk and Kalberer Family Emergent Tower will take guests on an immersive exploration of the forest and tree canopy. The Murch Canopy Walk, a 500' long elevated walkway built 65' above the forest floor, will give guests a unique perspective on forests and the animals that inhabit them. The Kalberer Emergent

Tower will take guests above the trees to a height of 120 feet where on a clear day you can see all the way to Lake Erie. [holdenarb.org](http://holdenarb.org). 440-602-3838

### **APRIL 4**

**KIDX Event Series: Easter** Great Lakes Mall 7850 Mentor Avenue - Mentor 11:00 am - 12:00 pm. Easter Egg craft, Bunny Hop dance, story time. KidX Kid's Club is our club where kids get to come together with FREE activities that inspire them to explore their world. With KidX, "X" marks the spot for members to have fun, playful and educational experiences. Whether it's expression through art, music, or the exhilaration of fun fitness activities, KidX brings enriching experiences to members and their families. KidX is sponsored locally by Lake Health. [shopgreatlakesmall.com](http://shopgreatlakesmall.com)

### **APRIL 8**

**Diaper Derby** Great Lakes Mall presents Diaper Derby - Families with young children from crawlers to age 5 are invited to enjoy competitions, activities and exhibits that are geared towards family interaction. The Diaper Derby and Shopping Cart Races will take place on Saturday, April 8, 2017 from 1pm-3pm. Attendees who bring a pack of diapers to donate can participate in the diaper toss competition. Diapers collected will be donated to United Way of Lake County and will benefit families in need throughout Lake County.

An event just for crawlers 12 months or younger. In heats of 6 or less, babies will crawl to the finish line to be named the Diaper Derby Champions!

For new walkers as young as 1 year old up to 5 years old, these kiddos will race shopping carts down the "aisle" to pick up an item and race back to the starting line. The race will have two age brackets, the first for 1 to 2 year olds, and the second for 3 to 5 year olds.

Website [shopgreatlakesmall.com](http://shopgreatlakesmall.com)

### **APRIL 8**

**Easter Egg Hunt & Ice Painting** 12:15pm - 1:30pm Mentor Civic Ice Arena, 8600 Munson Rd, Mentor Come and Join us April 8th at noon! No Skates needed

event! Parents are Free! Call 440-974-5730 with any questions! The Easter Bunny will be there! Cost \$5

### **APRIL 12**

**Easter Roller Skating Party** You are invited to Mentor Skateland's Springtime Easter Roller Skating Party on Wednesday, April 12th, 2017, from 6:30 to 8:30pm. Bring your friends and family for a hopping good time! Everyone is welcome! Join us for games, raffles, and prizes. Fun for all ages! Admission is only \$5 and skate rental is available for \$3. Mentor Skateland is located at 5615 Andrews Road in Mentor on the Lake, OH. [www.mentorskaland.com](http://www.mentorskaland.com). Don't miss out! Mark your calendar now and please help us spread the word about this terrific event.

### **APRIL 17**

**Easter Monday Egg Roll** Home of Pres James A Garfield, 8095 Mentor Avenue - Mentor 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. This kid-friendly day takes place on the same day as the Easter Egg Roll at the White House in Washington, D.C.! Games, activities, Easter egg hunts, and the Easter egg roll for kids are all part of this fun day that also commemorates a White House tradition in which President Garfield participated in 1881! This year a special guest Mrs. Garfield will be hosting the event at the James A. Garfield National Historic Site! Free of charge. 440-255-8722

### **APRIL 21**

**Sew It Workshop for Beginners** Kids ages 10-14 will learn basic sewing skills, including the use of a sewing machine to create a unique vest and enjoy a pizza dinner! (Hey, parents, this is a perfect time to plan a date night out or evening with friends.) Pizza and materials included in workshop fee. 6:00-8:30 p.m. The Fine Arts Association, 38660 Mentor Avenue, Willoughby Cost: \$35 Call 440-951-7500 or log on to [www.fineartsassociation.org](http://www.fineartsassociation.org) to register and for further information.

### **APRIL 22**

**5th Annual Nearly New Baby and Kids Sale** Sponsored by the Wickliffe Elemen-

tary School PTO. Gently used baby and kids items. Toys, clothes, furniture, gear, etc. Maternity too! In the WES gym 1821 Lincoln Rd. in Wickliffe in the Elementary School 8am-12pm \*early bird admission \$3 from 8am-9am \*\$1 after 9am Lots of vendors! Tons of great stuff!

### **APRIL 23**

**Kaleidoscope Concert Series** FAA Music Achievement Scholarship Recital 3:00 p.m. Come hear some of FAA's best and brightest music students perform an array of classical music. Main Gallery at The Fine Arts Association, 38660 Mentor Avenue, Willoughby 44094 FREE Admission Call 440-951-7500 or visit [www.fineartsassociation.org](http://www.fineartsassociation.org) for further information.

### **APRIL 27-30**

#### **Geauga County Maple Festival**

THURSDAY, APRIL 27—Noon Official Opening of Concessions – Rides Open at 4:00 p.m. Don't miss a weekend of fun-filled events, including the area's one-and-only Bathtub Races, Maple Stirs, Pancakes in the Park, Various Concessions, Tug of War, Lumberjack Competition, Baking Contest, SAP run, and more. Enjoy a variety of live entertainment on the Main Stage or on the street. The Annual Geauga County Maple Festival Parades will take place at 3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Don't miss the fun-filled festival rides. Visit [maplefestival.com](http://maplefestival.com) for the most up to date wrist band pricing. Parking is available on and around Chardon Square for about \$5. Local organizations park cars as a fundraiser for their organization. All proceeds go back into the community. \*\*No Dogs allowed\*\* FREE SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE.

### **APRIL 29**

**Senior Center Garage Sale** 9am - 3pm Mentor Senior Citizens Center, 8484 Munson Road, Mentor Join us for this HUGE annual garage sale where you may find some wonderful treasures. Admission is free and baked goods and refreshments will be for sale. Contact Mentor Senior Center at (440) 974-5725 for details.

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