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EARTH DAY SCAVENGER HUNT - AL SUSINSKAS

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY:

Weather affects us and all living things every day

Penitentiary Glen Reservation Sunday, April 22 • Noon to 4 pm FREE event

Discover how our weather is important for all living things through fun interactive activities, games, crafts and demonstrations. Join the fun as Lake Metroparks celebrates Earth Day between noon to 4 pm on Sunday, April 22 at Penitentiary Glen Reservation in Kirtland.

Lake County Weather Basics 101:

- Lake County is part of the "snow belt" and receives more snowfall due to its proximity to Lake Erie.
- You don't like the weather, wait 15 minutes" is a common comment in many regions, including Northeast Ohio.
- "Climate is what we expect. Weather is what we get." Mark Twain

- It's been said that there's no such thing as bad weather, just inappropriate clothing.
- Weather – it affects us and all living things every day!

Find out what local conservation-focused organizations and agencies are doing to help our planet at the Eco-Fair. Browse locally made and eco-friendly merchandise for purchase at the Earth

DayMarketplace. Other activities include:

- Take a walk along the "Weather Trail" and learn how weather affects us all.
- Take a tree sapling home. (1 per family).
- Meet native Ohio wildlife.
- Enjoy an "All About Weather" puppet show.
- See farm animals from Farmpark.
- Make an eco-friendly craft.
- 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



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What is Arbor Day?

Arbor Day is an annual observance that celebrates the role of trees in our lives and promotes tree planting and care. As a formal holiday, it was first observed in 1872, in Nebraska, but tree planting festivals are as old as civilization.

The tree has appeared throughout history and literature as the symbol of life.

J. Sterling Morton and the First Arbor Day

The idea for Arbor Day in the United States originated in Nebraska City, Nebraska. Among the pioneers moving into the Nebraska Territory in 1854 was Julius Sterling Morton from Detroit. He and his wife, Caroline, were lovers of nature, and the home they established in Nebraska was quickly planted with trees, shrubs, and flowers.

Morton was a journalist and soon became editor of Nebraska's first newspaper. Given that forum, he spread agricultural information and his enthusiasm for trees to a receptive audience. His fellow pioneers missed their trees and needed them for windbreaks, fuel, building materials and shade from the hot prairie sun. A visit to Nebraska today wouldn't disclose the state was once a treeless plain, yet it was the lack of trees there that led to the founding of Arbor Day in the 1800s.

Morton wrote and spoke about environmental stewardship and the interrelatedness of life. He encouraged everyone to set aside a specific day to plant trees.

In 1872, the State Board of Agriculture accepted a resolution by J. Sterling Morton "to set aside one day to plant trees, both forest and fruit." The Board declared April 10 Arbor Day and offered prizes to the counties and individuals that properly planted the largest number of trees on that day. More than one million trees were planted in Nebraska on the first

Arbor Day. With this first tree planting holiday observance, J. Sterling Morton became known as the "Founder of Arbor Day."

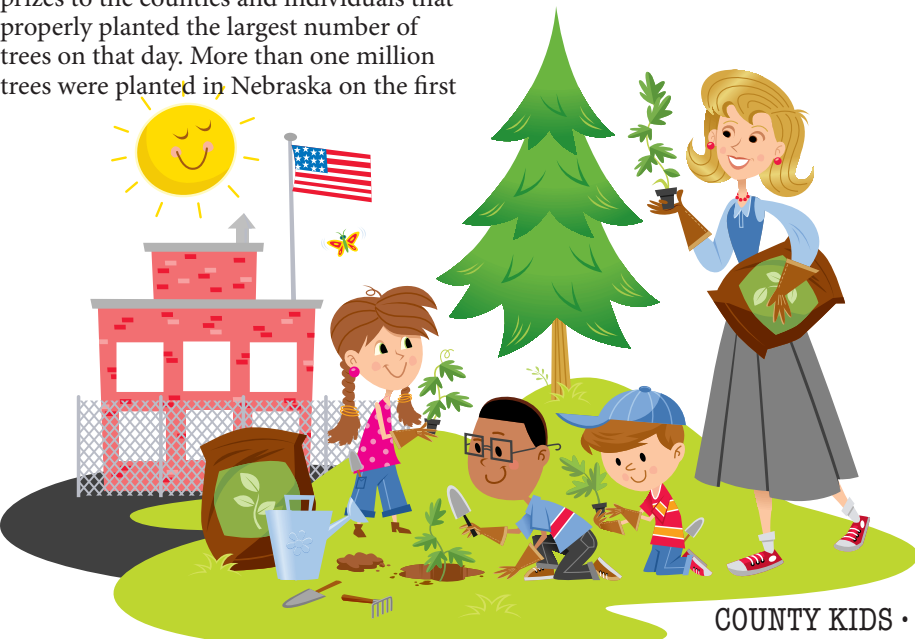
The Spread of a Good Idea

Shortly after this 1872 observance, other states passed legislation to observe Arbor Day each year with appropriate ceremonies. By 1920, more than 45 states and territorial possessions were celebrating Arbor Day. Today, Arbor Day is celebrated in all fifty states.

Throughout the world, people of all ages are planting trees, caring for them and learning their value.

- In the United States, this tree planting festival is called Arbor Day.
- In Israel, it is called the New Year's Day of the Trees.
- Korea has a Tree-Loving Week.
- Iceland has a Student's Afforestation Day.
- Yugoslavia holds an Arbor Day in the spring and an Afforestation Day in the fall.
- India celebrates a National Festival of Tree Planting.

Most holidays celebrate something that has already happened and is worth remembering like the day someone was born or a religious holiday celebrating a past event. Arbor Day reflects a hope for the future. The trees planted on Arbor Day show a concern for future generations. The simple act of planting a tree represents a belief that the tree will grow and, some day, provide wood products, wildlife habitat, erosion control, shelter from the wind and sun, beauty, and inspiration for ourselves and our children.



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Family Matters

with Amber

Part II: Parenting In Today's World

If you read our column last month, you'll recall that my Valentine's Day began as normal, just like a lot of people, but wound up making me wonder just what I was going to do when I got home, or more importantly what I was going to say. In all actuality, I decided that after the tragic news of Valentine's Day in Florida, I would say nothing, do nothing...but that did not happen because it's nearly impossible to keep from your kids (or ignore) what is happening in the world today.

In theory, we are supposed to be the 'land of the free, home of the brave.' On one hand, it's liberating for my children. But not. It's joyful for America, but not. Celebratory for our advancements, but not. It just seems that we are constantly fighting this battle to be free and brave. It's more like terrorized and angry. We are parenting in a different time from when many of us grew up, and it's extremely confusing (and engaging). Times have changed...

They've changed alright. We need cell phones to stay connected, but rarely use them to talk on... We worry about what we say to others and then in emotional moments we don't give a hoot about what we say (or how other feel). We care about our people, but people in power won't face our problems (which could save a lot of people). We want peace, so we strike out acts of bullying, but heads of our nation cannot get along for even a second to prove how important human life really is...never mind compromise. What has happened to our America? With power comes responsibility. Who has the power, and who wants the responsibility? I can't tell.

Thinking back to when I was little, there were problems then too. My grandmother was sure to give me the talk on the way out the door every morning before school. I was a 'walker' and she always worried about child molesters and kidnappers (most are one in the same I'd come to realize as an adult): "Don't stop, don't talk to strangers, don't walk too close to parked vehicles; they could steal you". As I parent in this day and age, I've instructed my young kids to yell loudly "you aren't my

mom, what's the password" and run like hell". I have learned to tell my teens to pay attention, don't text and walk, don't park in dark parking lots, and more. My dad gave me the drugs talk young, "Just because your friends are doing it, doesn't mean you have to"...got it, thanks Dad, my friends never acted like that, nor was that my thing. Back then, there were thefts, arsonists and murders, and sometimes it was close to home. My best friend lived a quarter mile from where Michael Ross dumped one of his victim's bodies; I lived about 2 miles farther from there. I think Jeffery Dahmer killed someone just a town away from my current home. Times are different, aren't they... No, they're really not. There are still robbers, drugs and child molesters. I seriously can't recall there ever being a perfect time or era in the world when there was a lack of crime, violence or war. *Was there ever world peace?* Every president so far, to my knowledge, has failed to be successful in some way, or at least been ridiculed and blamed for everything that happened negatively in his term.

I like to write positively, you probably get that. But like in PT I, when I mentioned the fun upbeat column I had prepared for March, I immediately had to contemplate changing the topic. I just couldn't be Miss Pollyanna this time. I asked my kids their opinion. I sort of tried to avoid the conversation of Miami initially, not because I don't care, but because it's an every week occurrence now, that we hear of these things. I just feel like, if it's depressing to me as a parent, how do they feel as a kid? I will tell you they weren't 100% sold on my topic switch from positive to this. When I asked why, one of them said *society might be turned off and tired of it*. I mean it's everywhere; all over radio, tv, news; it's inside homes, classrooms and hearts. I asked them if they thought some people were desensitized or maybe they felt like they learned from this type of devastation already and wouldn't want to hear it again. They said both were possibly true.

If I don't talk about it, I'm avoiding it.

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ENTER TO WIN FAMILY 4 PACK OF TICKETS TO MONSTERS GAME

We will choose a winner for the April 13 game, as they take on Manitoba, from all entries. 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. Winner will be notified by phone on April 9, 2018.

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Photo by Ken Lesler

EARTH DAY FROM PAGE 2

items in The Nature Store.

What better way to welcome spring than with an art show highlighting the first signs of spring--birds and blooms! This colorful multimedia show features creative birdhouses, photography by members of the Western Reserve Photographic Society, ceramics and more. Birds and Blooms is on display in the Nature Center.

Earth Day at Penitentiary Glen Reservation is sponsored by Sponsored by The Coca-Cola Company of Willoughby.

Penitentiary Glen Reservation is located at 8668 Kirtland-Chardon Rd in Kirtland, Ohio (44094). 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 about Earth Day activities, goto.lakemetroparks.com/earthday or call 440-256-1404.

PARENTING FROM PAGE 4

If we look at the grandma down south who stopped her grandson from murdering schoolmates after the Valentine's Day murders, then we can see we are learning from discussions and experiences. While I (and many parents) might like to side with my kids, that "this is out of control" I have to believe we can fix it. I just know that we haven't done enough since Columbine, but have to believe we can do more and now's the time. Like many dysfunctions at home, in society and around the world, starting the dialogue is where it starts. I'm feeling that this most recent intended-act-of-violence in Miami shows us that we have reached a point; a point where we are going to need many, many more people involved. Our problems are never going to be about one person, political figure, party, or perpetrator... as we are seeing...it's going to be about the village.

No matter what is going on in the world, and in the face of times like these, we must keep moving on with the main goal of parenting; work to make the world a better place for our children in our own homes

first, then do our best to care for, nurture and encourage the children of society. The truth is, if we give up, they'll give up. Crime will always will out there, drugs will always exist. But no matter what's happening in the world, we must not quit doing our best to learn from everything...from mistakes, from loss...and just keep seeking solutions.

As I was winding down this piece I was watching the 2018 Winter Olympics and heard the beginning of the song "Imagine" by John Lennon. It brought tears to my eyes, not just because it's one of my favorites, but because it brought out a deep passion to help make a difference, which began to squash hopeless feelings. When we don't close our eyes to the violence, fear, hurt and tragedy, but instead actually walk out there and face it with our children, we become the change we want to see in the world. Those students in Miami are THE example.

Please visit our website and blog where I share common sense parenting stories, things that make me laugh, cry and ask questions: www.familymatterswithamber.org

Lake Metroparks celebrates

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Celebrating 50 Years of Ohio's Scenic Rivers!

Ohio pioneered the river conservation movement when it passed the nation's first Scenic River Act in

February 1968. On January 17, 1974, the Grand River earned the distinction of becoming Ohio's second designated wild & scenic river. Lake Metroparks' annual Grand River Canoe & Kayak Race takes place on the first part of the wild section, which is from the Harpersfield covered bridge in Ashtabula County flowing westerly for 23 miles to the Norfolk & Western Railroad trestle in Lake County.

Paddlers from around the midwest meet at the Harpersfield 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 River. 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



Kayak Canoe Race - Photo: J Dell Photography

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

tradition for many in Lake County and beyond

The Grand River Canoe and Kayak Race features a "maddest hat" contest, in honor of 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 gotolakemetroparks.com/canoe-kayak-race for race information, directions and flyer. Fee applies.

GETTING TO KNOW TURKEY VULTURES

By Caitlin Ambrose, Interpretive Manager

High in the sky, a bird soars above the trees as it circles looking for food. Its black feathers glisten in the sunlight as its bare red head proves what bird it is. Many people may not deem the turkey vulture their favorite bird, but they are amazing in their own way. They are one of the easier birds to identify in the sky as they are large, broad-winged black birds that soar with their wings in the shape of a "V." They can live more than 30 years, weigh around four pounds and have a wingspan of six feet. Turkey vultures eat dead animals, also known as carrion, and unlike most other birds, they have a keen sense of smell and can sense their food up to a mile away. Due to this trait, turkey vultures assist in clearing our roadways of dead animals. To defend themselves, the turkey vulture vomits on its attacker, thus deterring the predator.

Turkey vultures are very sociable and

form large groups called wakes. Unlike some birds, turkey vultures mate for life. The male and female both take part in the raising of their young with one to three per clutch. Their nests are on the ground and may be used for years. It takes up to four months for the parents to raise their young from eggs to fully-grown vultures.

Like many birds, turkey vultures migrate to southern Ohio or further for the winter. They leave Ohio around November and return in late February to early March. Cleveland Metroparks has a celebration of the vultures' return at Hinckley Township in Medina County every March.

Fun fact: turkey vultures do not have a voice box, therefore they cannot sing or call but rather use hisses or grunts.

LAKE METROPARKS' ANIMAL AMBASSADORS MS. V & BUZZ

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ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTS HONK, JR.



St. Gabriel School's Performing Arts Club presents HONK! jr. on Friday, April 20 at 7:00PM and Saturday, April 21 at 7:00PM. The play is in the Fr. Pahler Center at St. Gabriel School and tickets are available at the door: Adults: \$6.00 and Students: \$4.00. Mrs. Andrea Karpuska and Mrs. Michelle Kuch are the directors and will lead the students through this wonderful production!

The cast and crew are very excited to perform! Jordan Leigey (Henrietta) shares, "It's a fun, amazing show and I'm so happy I've been a part of the Performing Arts program for three years now! Also, we are so blessed to have amazing directors! They make the show special and they believe in us!"

Ida is played by Cameryn Brandetsas who stated, "The St. Gabriel Honk Production has been very fun this year. I've made friends who will last a long time and memories that'll never be forgotten. Our production hasn't gone out yet, but when it does, it will surely be one EVERYONE will want to see!"

"It's a fun play, with quirky characters and a well-known plot! It has a great cast, filled with kind, talented people, and I'm happy to be a part of it!" said Brandon Preseren, who plays the part of Ugly.

We sincerely hope the community will come to support and enjoy these young thespians as they share their talent in Honk jr.!



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Solving the School Violence Puzzle



by *Carole Richards*
Gun Control and Mental Health Issues should continue to be part of national discussions about school violence and tragic deaths. I am not debating these topics. However, as I listen to the debate by our governments,

politicians, parents and educators, there is one topic that I don't hear.

There are scared lonely children and teens in our schools. These kids are different. I am not talking about race, religion, ethnicity or sex. These kids look and act differently: obese, large ears, unattractive, dress oddly, speak with accents. These kids can be socially inept and uncomfortable in the school environment, and often are bullied.

Over my many years consulting with families, I have met hundreds of these kids. For example, a teen with a few minor physical disabilities is angry at his school and classmates. His road to graduation with our company was rocky, but he

proudly graduated.

How about a fifth grader that had been bullied in school? If he had remained in school, could he develop mental health issues by middle school or high school? Yes.

And finally, another ten year old that was so angry at school, he could only attend our summer camp with an aide. Our camp director learned that he was called "slant eyes" in his ethnic school. He didn't know how to react except with anger and violence. He was bright and learned from our camp director how to peacefully deal with teasing and taunting.

Solutions for these sad, angry lonely kids, aren't simple. It's important that our teachers, therapists and parents listen to these kids. This means LISTEN to what they say, and OBSERVE their body language. Then, as a team, work together to make these kids feel that they are part of the school community. Teach them how to deal with difficult situations appropriately.

Classmates of many loners are often afraid and need to learn acceptance, too. One local service organization pairs struggling teens with typical teens. They all benefit from the interaction.

An insurance company has a wonderful ad about helping others. It shows a high school where loner kids are invited to lunch with their peers. At our camp, we teach campers acceptance. While we did not include typical kids, our campers learned to accept their own disabilities by recognizing unique disabilities of others.

Sadly, there is no magic pill for lonely and left out children and teens. We must begin to talk about them ... and discover how to help them. If we observe differences, it's a start. Think outside the box. Look for solutions instead of blame. We cannot blame the loners, their peers, educators, parents, or therapists. They are all part of the problem, but also part of the solution.

Understanding our lonely-scared-angry children is critical. Accepting and helping them become part of the school community may help solve the school violence problem.

Email me your ideas – How can we help these kids? Let's start a dialogue!

Carole Richards is president of North Coast Tutoring Services, author of Richards Learning Systems and a frequent guest on radio and TV. She can be reached at caroler@northcoasted.com.

TURKEY VULTURES FROM PAGE 6

Both Ms. V and Buzz are imprinted, meaning they lost their natural fear of humans. Ms. V has been a resident at the Wildlife Center since 1985, after she was taken from her nest by two young boys who wanted to raise her as a pet. Ms. V gets her name from the classic "V" formation of a turkey vulture in flight. Buzz came to the Wildlife Center in 2006. He is named for the common mistake that turkey vultures are buzzards, which they are not.

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Lake Metroparks Animal Ambassadors represent a variety of native Ohio wildlife species. These residents are under the permanent care of the Kevin P. Clinton Wildlife Center staff because their injuries prohibit independent survival. Animal Ambassadors allow us to educate the public about conservation.

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Younger Family Storytime Mondays 6 p.m. 0-3 years with caregiver

Young Child Storytime Tuesdays 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. for 25-48 months, attending with caregiver For children who are just beginning to be able to sit and listen to stories. There is free play after this program.

Level Up 3-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays for Middle School and High School age This program encourages tweens and teens to develop critical thinking, imagination, socialization, and teamwork skills as well as cultural enrichment developed through playing strategy games. No advanced registration required, but each week middle school students must bring a permission slip signed by a parent. Permission slips are available online and at the library.

Tween Chess Club 3-4 p.m. for grades 4 - 8 This program encourages tweens to develop critical thinking skills through playing the classic strategy game of chess. No registration is necessary. Tweens must bring a permission slip for after school programs.

Older Family Storytime Wednesdays 6 p.m. for 0-5 years old, attending with caregiver

Preschool Storytime Thursdays 11:30 a.m. for 3-5 years old, but not yet in kindergarten, attending independently

The Gathering 3-5:30 p.m. Thursdays For grades 9 - 12 Part book club, part game group, and part current events discussion group, this is a weekly gathering of self-described geeks. This is an open event and registration is not required.

Rabbit Run Art Club Thursdays 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Nancy Brotz teaches this fun art class for kids of all ages. No registration is required. \$5 each week for supplies. No registration necessary.

Baby/Toddler Storytime Fridays 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. for 0-24 months, attending with caregiver
Spy Games 12:00 p.m. Saturday, April 7. Grades K-5 Mission: Create a secret identity and disguise, decode secret messages, navigate a laser field.

Lego Create Saturday, April 14 11 a.m. For age 4 - 2nd Grade 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, April 14 2 p.m. For third through sixth grade The library will provide the LEGOS, featuring working motors and sensors, to build models that are powered by a computer. The program will promote learning about simple machines, robotics, and programming.

Tail Waggin' Tutors 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 19 Children of any age are welcome; best for children 3-9 years Bring your child to read (or show pictures in a book) to one of our certified therapy dogs. These animals are a wonderful boost for children struggling to read and a fun motivator for all children to learn to read.

Adventurers League Wednesdays 3:00 p.m. For 6th-8th grade This program encourages tweens to develop critical thinking, imagination, socialization, and teamwork skills as well as cultural enrichment developed through playing Dungeons & Dragons style games Each week middle school students must bring a permission slip signed by a parent.



International Tabletop Day Saturday, April 28 1 - 5:00 p.m. This is a family friendly event! Bring a board game to play with others or try some of the non-traditional board games available at the library.

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Snappy Little Story Time Mondays at 10 a.m. at Main Branch Main Branch in the Children's Story Room Newest story time is a combination of Tiddlywinks and Family Story Time.

Family Story Time Mondays at 6:30 p.m. and Fridays at 11 a.m., at Main Branch Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. at Mentor Headlands Branch

Tiddlywinks Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays at 10 a.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room

Rhyme Time Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Come to the Lake Branch for a monthly preschool story time.

Preschool Story Time Tuesday and Wednesday at 11 a.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room Children attend without an adult and enjoy a fun-filled session of stories For children ages three to five years old.

Tyke 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.

Mother Goose on the Loose Fridays at 10 a.m. The 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 and opens two weeks before the beginning of the next session.

Countdown to Kindergarten Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room Is your child gearing up to enter kindergarten? The library's Kindergarten Readiness program

helps prepare little ones for their transition into the school environment by practicing essential skills with fun challenges and activities. Each Saturday, during MPL's winter story-time session, the library will offer a different set of activities for children to try. The activities focus on key areas including language and early literacy, math skills, shapes and colors, gross motor skills, and essential life skills. Children who attend six sessions receive a congratulatory prize. For kids, ages three to six. No registration required

Make a Craft Monday, April 2 Main Branch 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.

Lawnfield Egg Roll Monday, April 2, from 1 to 3 p.m. James A. Garfield National Historic Site Kids can make a craft or pick up a free book from the Pop-Up Library during the annual Easter Egg Roll at James A. Garfield National Historic Site in Mentor.

Storybook Friend Scavenger Hunt Tuesday, April 3, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Main Branch in the Children's Area Find storybook characters and their postcards from all around the world, which will be hidden throughout the library's children's area. Find all the postcards to win a prize. No registration is necessary.

Tech Time Tuesday, April 3, at 4 p.m. Main Branch in the James R. Garfield Room Northeast Ohio Regional Service Library's Tech Lab will visit with the newest emerging technology. Kids will have the chance to learn about and try more than 25 different pieces of technology, from LittleBits to Sphero Coding Ball to virtual reality and much more. For kids in first through sixth grade. Registration is required.

Comics Club Tuesday, April 3, 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.

Pet Rocks Wednesday, April 4, at 2 p.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room Kids from kindergarten through sixth grade can make their own pet rock at the library. Registration is required.

American Girl Book Club Wednesday, April 4, at 4 p.m. Meet Marie Grace and Meet Cecile. 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. Registration is necessary each month.

Duck Duck Goose Party Thursday, April 5, at 2 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Fly to the Lake Branch and celebrate the arrival of spring. Kids from kindergarten through sixth grade can make crafts and play everybody's favorite playground game: Duck Duck Goose.

Minecraft Club Thursday, April 5, 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.

iPrise Fit Thursday, April 5, at 6:30 p.m. Main Branch in the Village Room Laura Gray will host an iPrise fit workshop for children third through sixth grade. She will talk about self-respect and improving self-esteem. Participants will need to bring two canned goods to be used as weights during the class and will be donated to the local food bank upon class completion. Registration is necessary.

Let's Read 'City of Ember' Monday through Wednesday, April 9 through 11, at 4 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Tweens can celebrate National Library Week at the Headlands Branch. From Monday through Wednesday, they can read and discuss a chapter from the book City of Ember each day.

Books & Yoga Presents: Zoo Zen Count to Ten Wednesday, April 11, at 1:30 p.m. Main Branch in the Village Room Kids (three to six years old) can listen to the children's classic "Zoo Zen Count to Ten" by Kristen Fischer as they recreate the story through yoga poses. Adult and child participation. Please bring a yoga mat and wear comfortable clothing. Yoga session is instructed by Darlene Kelbach. Registration is required.

Wordplay Creative Writing Club Wednesday, April 11, at 4:30 p.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room Celebrate National Poetry Month with Wordplay. Kids will have multiple creative stations for them to explore as inspiration for their writing. Imagination is required; rhyming is not. Please register.

Studio MPL Art Club Thursday, April 12, at 4 p.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room Join Mentor Public Library's art club for kids (from first through fifth grade.) Each month, Studio MPL makes a different fun art project.

Happy Earth Day Saturday, April 14, at 1 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Kids from kindergarten through sixth grade will plant flowers using seeds from MPL seed catalog to beautify the Headlands Branch's neighborhood.

Family Afternoon Movie Saturday, April 14, at 1 p.m. 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.

Picking up STEAM Club: Bird Brains Saturday,

April 14 at 2 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Kids in kindergarten through fifth grade can come to the Lake Branch and explore the weird worlds of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math through new interactive experiments each month. In April, the young scientists will learn about birds, making feeders and nesting materials out of household items.

Write On: A Writing Club for Teens Monday, April 16, 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.

Clashing Controllers Wednesday, April 18, 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 18 First session starts at 6:30 p.m. Second session starts at 7:00 p.m. Main Branch in the Children's Area 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.

Firehouse Friends Thursday, April 19, at 10:30 a.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room Join our friends from the Mentor Fire Department for stories and songs. Meet the local firemen. Find out what it's really like to be a fireman. Open to all ages. Each time kids attend the "Firehouse Friends" story time will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win lunch with the firemen in December.

MPL Arcade: Video Game Club Thursday, April 19, at 4 p.m. Main Branch in the Village Room Come to the library for an afternoon of gaming with the newest 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.

Fresh Colors: Teen Art Club Thursday, April 19, at 4:30 p.m. Main Branch in the James R. Garfield Room A new art club for teens in grades six through 12. Each month, the club will explore a different artist or medium. Supplies will be provided

Lake Branch Minecraft Club Saturday, April 21, 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 21, 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.

Springtime Citrus Coasters Monday, April 23, at 6:30 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Tweens and teens can celebrate the springtime by making festive fruit coasters that they can take home.

Money Smart Week for Kids Monday, April 23, at 7 p.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room It's never too early to start saving. This program

will focus on things like money, spending and saving. The kids will do a couple of fun money activities to teach financial responsibility. At the end, kids can make their very own bank to take home. For children, ages four through eight, with their parents. Registration is required and opens April 9.

Full STEAM Ahead: Technology Tues., April 24, at 4 p.m. Main Branch in the Village Room First through fifth graders can enhance their STEAM development with activities involving technology. Registration begins April 10.

Financial Aid Planning with LEAF (at the HUB) Wednesday, April 25, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Mentor High School's Hub (6477 Center Street in Mentor) Parents and teens can discuss all aspects of the financial-aid planning process for college-bound student. A representative from LEAF (Lake-Geauga Education Assistance Foundation) will discuss when to start planning for college, what to expect when applying, how/when to file the FAFSA, different types of aid available, and where to find additional financial aid. This program will take place at Mentor High School's Hub, 6477 Center Street. Part of Money Smart Week at MPL.

Family Story Time (at the HUB) Wednesday, April 25, at 6:30 p.m. Mentor High School's Hub (6477 Center Street in Mentor) A special family story time that will be held at the new Hub at Mentor High School. Come for songs, stories and see what the new HUB is all about. Open to all ages.

Color Me—Headlands Wednesday, April 25, 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.

Techno Tweens Saturday, April 28, at 1 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.

Origami Saturday, April 28, at 2 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Tweens can learn how to create animals, planes, cars and more with paper.

Christina Baker Kline Author Visit Saturday, April 28, at 3 p.m. Lake Erie College Christina Baker Kline, author of the bestselling novel "Orphan Train," will be the keynote speaker for the inaugural Northcoast Writers' Showcase. She will also be available for book signing and photo opportunities following her presentation. Both the showcase and Kline's keynote address are free to attend and open to the public. However, due to space limitations, those who wish to attend Kline's talk are required to register beforehand. Sign up at geaugalibrary.net. This event is part of the North Coast Writer's Showcase, presented by the Lake-Geauga League of Libraries.

Craft for a Cause Club Monday, April 30, at 6 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Put those crafting skills to good use. Join the Craft for a Cause Club where they knit and crochet for charities that help bring comfort and warmth to the community. Knowing how to knit or crochet is helpful, but not necessary..

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Toddler Tales (3 and under) Mondays: 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM Stories, rhymes, & fingerplays for little ones! Child attends with caregiver. Drop-in, no

registration needed.

Books at Bedtime (18 months - 5 years) Mondays: 6:30 – 7:00 PM Pajama storytime while cuddling your favorite stuffed animal. Child attends with caregiver. Drop-in, no registration needed.

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. Drop-in, no registration needed.

Music in Motion (2 - 5 years) Wednesdays: 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM and Thursdays: 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM Stories, rhythm, music, and instruments! Child attends with caregiver. Drop-in, no registration needed.

Preschool/Kindergarten Storytime (3 - 6 years) Wednesdays: 11:00 AM – 11:30 AM or An exciting and engaging storytime with a focus on early literacy skills. Child attend without caregiver. Registration is required.

Parachute Playtime (2 - 5 years) Thursdays: 11:00 – 11:30 AM A fun-filled 30 minute parachute playtime for walking toddlers through 5 years old. Child attends with caregiver. Music, rhymes, games, and lots of fun shakin' the chute! Drop-in, no registration needed.

Preschool S.T.E.A.M. Stations (2 – 6 years) Wednesday, April 4th and April 18th: 10:30 – 11:00 AM Explore various activities that will build your child's early literacy skills. This drop-in program is designed for children ages 2-6 and their caregivers and takes place in the Project Room on the Children's Floor. Discover how everyday household items can become learning tools for your child. No registration needed.

Hora de Cuentos/Bilingual Storytime (4 – 8 years) Wednesday, April 4 and April 18: 6:30 – 7:00 PM Para niños de 4 a 8 años. Canciones, rimas, juegos e historias con un enfoque al lenguaje español y las culturas hispanas. Los niños asisten sin los acompañantes, pero al final los ayudarán con una pequeña artesanía. No se necesita matriculación.

For children ages 4-8. Songs, rhymes, games and stories with a focus on the Spanish language and Hispanic culture. Children attend without caregivers, but caregiver helps with a small craft at the end. No registration needed.

Stories & S.T.E.A.M. (6 – 8 years) Fridays: 4:15 PM – 5:00 PM Kids ages 6-8 can explore stories and more with science, technology, engineering, art, and math in this fun after-school program. Caregiver must stay in the building but does not attend with the child. Registration is required.

N B TWEEN (9 - 12 years) Wednesdays: 4:15 PM – 5:00 PM Crafts, games, and activities geared specifically towards tweens. Tweens attend without caregiver. Drop-in, no registration needed.

Trolls Scavenger Hunt – Monday, April 2nd through Sunday, April 15 Kids 12 and under can participate in a fun, FREE picture Scavenger Hunt in the Children's Room. Find all 10 pictures hidden around the Children's Room and turn in your sheet for a free, small prize from the treasure chest. Limit once per child, please.

Out of the Box! – Saturday, April 7 – 11:00 – 11:45 AM Join us for a fun family program and think outside the box! We'll read stories about the endless possibilities of a box and create new and exciting things from cardboard boxes featuring Not A Box

by Antoinette Portis as inspiration. Recommended for families with children ages 12 and under, and no registration needed.

KIDS CRAFTERNOON! – Thursday, April 12 – 3:00 – 7:00 PM Make a FREE kids craft! Drop by the Children's Room Rotunda to make a fun, free farm sticker scene craft. As supplies last, small children may need help. No registration needed.

Picture Perfect – Thursday, April 12 – 4:15 – 5:00 PM For tweens ages 9-12. Picture this: take fun pictures with props, make a decoupage wooden photo frame, and have fun modeling and striking a pose! Registration is necessary.

Tortoises and Lizards and Snakes – Oh My! – Saturday, April 14 – 11:00 – 11:45 AM Join us for a visit from our scaly friends at the Herps Alive Foundation, a charity dedicated to saving, rehabilitating, and caring for unwanted and neglected reptiles. Drop in to learn about these friendly yet unusual creatures as you pet and hold them. If you'd rather just look at the animals, that is fine too! This is a family program for all ages and no registration is needed.

The Construction Zone – Tuesday, April 17 – 4:00 – 5:00 PM Drop by the Story Room between 4:00-5:00 PM for The Construction Zone! Build a LEGO creation or test your marble race track skills and have your picture taken for the Construction Club wall. All ages welcome, parents must stay with children 5 and under. No registration needed.

Holden Arboretum Tree Tale Tellers – Friday, April 20 and April 27 – 10:00 – 10:30 AM Join us for a special storytime with Holden Arboretum's Tree Tale Tellers to celebrate Arbor Day! Help us honor our friends, the trees, with special stories, songs, and rhymes. No registration needed.

Mad Scientist Lab – Saturday, April 21 – 11:00 – 11:45 AM For kids in grades K-3rd. Do you love science? Then this is the lab for you! Learn about the happenings in a laboratory as we do a science experiment, play a game, and read a story. Registration is necessary and will begin 2 weeks before the program on April 7.

Arbor Day Baby Craft – Tuesday, April 24 – 10:30 – 11:00 AM For babies ages 0-2. Enjoy a free half hour art session for caregivers and babies. Make a thumbprint tree for Arbor Day. Registration is necessary and begins 2 weeks before the program on April 10th. Please just register your baby's name.

KIDS CRAFTERNOON! – Thursday, April 26 – 3:00 – 7:00 PM Make a FREE kids craft! Drop by the Children's Room Rotunda to make a fun, free magic color scratch mask. As supplies last, small children may need help. No registration needed.

Celebrate Arbor Day! – Saturday, April 28 – 11:00 – 11:45 AM Be a hero! Save a Tree! We invite families with children ages 12 and under to come and make a fun gift for someone in your life with recycled paper and seeds while watching the 1972 version of The Lorax. After your gift has been enjoyed, it can be planted to grow gorgeous flowers for the garden! This is a family program and no registration is needed.

Poem in Your Pocket – April 12 – 26 Celebrate National Poetry Month by sharing your poems with the world! This month we'll have writing supplies, prompts, and books of poetry available in the Teen Corner to inspire young writers. Share your poems with friends on April 26 or give them to the library for our Teen Poetry Display.

Teen Movie Night – April 10, 6pm Will the Force be with you, young Jedi? We think so! Join us for pizza and the latest Star Wars blockbuster film.

ing friends!
Growtunda – April 17, 6pm Got gardening on your mind? Stop in and plant vegetable and flower seeds for the Growtunda, our sunny indoor garden in the 3rd floor rotunda. After planting, check back as often as you like to tend your seedlings as they sprout, then take them home to plant in your own garden. Adults and Teens are both welcome at this event. Registration requested. Can't make it on the 17th? We'll have planting supplies available in the Activity Room until the end of May.

Teen Comic Con Making Session – April 24, 6pm. Calling all teens who love cosplay, fandom, graphic novels, and anime: if you want to meet other fans and help plan a Comic Con at the library this summer, then you won't want to miss this! This will also be a making session for your costume. Some materials will be available, but you'll need to provide some as well – check with the Teen Librarian for details Register at www.morleylibrary.org or at (440) 352-3383.

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Birth-2 Year Old Story Time Wednesdays at 10 am: April 4-25 Thursdays at 6:30 pm: April 5-26 Registration requested.

3-6 Year Old Story Time Mondays at 6:30 pm: April 2-23 Thursdays at 10 am: April 5-26

Book Bugs Fridays at 10:00 am: January 12-April 27 Children, birth up to age 6 with a caregiver, join us for stories, activities and fun! Drop-in.

Family Reads On-the-Go! 3rd week of the Month, during open hours. April 16, May 21 Pick-up a copy

of next month's family friendly book (to be read at home together) and activity packet. Call to pre-register.

Crafty Kids First Tuesday of the month at 3:15 pm: 4/3, 5/1 Children Kindergarten through 4th grade, join us for stories and crafty activities. Registration requested.

Junior Chef Second Tuesday of the month at 3:15 pm: 4/10, 5/8 Children Kindergarten through 4th grade, join us for stories and creative cooking for kids. Registration requested.

Book Blast Third Tuesday of the month at 3:15 pm: 4/17, 5/15 Children Kindergarten through 4th grade, explore a new book series each month through sample reading and activities. Check out a book from the series and discuss the next month. Registration requested.

STEAM Ahead! Fourth Tuesday of the month at 3:15 pm: 4/24, 5/22 Children Kindergarten through 4th grade, join us and explore science fun. Registration requested.

Tales for a Dog First Saturday of every month @ 9:30 or 10:00 am: 4/7, 5/5 Readers completed Kindergarten and older, come share a story with a certified therapy dog. Pre-register or drop-in.

Lego Club Second Saturday of every month at 2:00 pm: 4/14, 5/12 Children Kindergarten and older, stop by for some building challenges and fun! Drop-in.

Nature Academy: Salamanders Saturday, April 21 at 10:00 am The North Chagrin Nature Center will be visiting our library with an Ohio salamander. Observe, learn, and create an amphibian craft. Registration requested.

Tween Time Wednesdays @ 2:30 PM: April 4-May 23 Children 5th-8th grade, join us for

snacks, socializing and fun activities. Registration requested.

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Marblelympics Have some marble run fun by building your own track and racing your friends! Tuesday, April 3, 6:30 pm Eastlake Library

Teens Make Stuff @ the Willoughby Library Come to the Willoughby Library and learn how to make interesting things. Ages 13 & up. Wednesday, April 4, 7-8:30 pm Willoughby Library

Homeschool Science Adventures Each month we will cover an aspect of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) with hands on activities. Ages 6 & up. Thursday, April 5, 1:30 or 3:00 pm Willoughby Library

1st Annual Lake County Teen Volunteer Fair

Interested in volunteering this Summer but aren't sure where to start? Join us for the 1st Annual Lake County Teen Volunteer Fair. Several Lake County organizations will be on hand to showcase their volunteer opportunities. Monday, April 9, 3-6 pm Willowick Library

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 10, 6:30 pm Eastlake Library
Wednesday, April 11, 4 pm Willowick Library

Monday, April 16, 6:30 pm Willoughby Library
Jr. Robotics: WimpyBOT Enjoy 2 of your favorite things, LEGO WeDO robots and Jeff Kinney's Diary of a Wimpy Kid book series as you work with a partner to build and program robots based on the misadventures of Greg and his family. Wednesday, April 11, 6-7:30 pm Willoughby Hills Library

Teen Card Night @ the Library Bring two or more friends and your Yu-Gi-Oh and/or Pokemon cards to the Willoughby Library where you can battle each other and maybe someone new. Ages 13 & up. Wednesday, April 11, 7-8:30 pm Willoughby Library

Homeschool Distance Learning with SeaTrek.

TV: If a Dolphin Were a Fish Homeschoolers ages 3-10 will join us on this ocean adventure as we discover what makes a mammal and how creatures have adapted to live in the sea. Students will also learn about dolphin diversity and use literacy and reading skills. Thursday, April 12, 1:30 pm Willoughby Library
Homeschool Travelers Take a trip around the world without leaving the library! Each month

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location, complete with facts and fun activities. Thursday, April 12, 2 pm
Eastlake Library

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 & up. Saturday, April 14, 1-4 pm Willoughby Library

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

Saturday, April 14, 1:30-3 pm Eastlake Library
Saturday, April 21, 2-3:30 pm Willowick Library
Saturday, April 21, 2-3:30 pm Willoughby Hills Library

Movie Night at the Hills Watch recently released movies on the big screen with free popcorn. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Movie starts at 6 pm. Outside snacks and drinks permitted. Wednesday, April 18, 5:30-8 pm Willoughby Hills Library

Homeschool Computers and Research

This four month series of classes will teach your child computer and Internet basics, as well as research and library skills. Registration begins December 11. Ages 10 & up. Thursday, April 19, 1:30 or 3 pm Willoughby Library

Video Game Club Come make friends and play our Xbox One, Wii-U, Wii, and Playstation 2! Ages 12 & up. Saturday, April 21, 2-4 pm Willowick Library

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

Saturday, April 21, 9:30 or 10 am (Choose one session) Eastlake Library

STEM Play Try our libraries fun STEM games and toys, including Snap Circuits, a marble run, Laser Maze, Suspend, LEGO and more! Saturday, April 21, 1:30-3 pm Willoughby Library

Special Needs LEGO Club This LEGO Club is specifically for children with special needs. We provide the LEGOs, you provide your imagination. All ages welcome! Saturday, April 21, 10:30 am-12 pm Willowick Library

Homeschool Art for Teens Do you want to learn more about art? Love to create art but never get the chance? Join us to meet other art-loving teens and learn about different artists and styles. Homeschool grades 6-12. Ages 11-18.

Tuesday, April 24, 10 am-12 pm Eastlake Library

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 26, 6:30 pm Eastlake Library

Spongebob's Under the Sea Carnival!

Ahoy Matey! Enjoy under the sea fun as you will make your very own Spongebob craft and make your way through a scavenger treasure hunt! Dress for the occasion wearing pirate outfits, Hawaiian shirts or colorful Summer favorites! All ages welcome! Thursday, April 26, 7 pm Willowick Library

Library Fun House Join other students for board games, puzzles, crafts, puppet play and other fun activities. Grades K-6. Saturday, April 28, 11 am-12:30 pm Willowick Library

Learn and Play Chess Club Join us for an informal gathering of chess enthusiasts, including instruction and play, fun and refreshments! No registration needed. All ages and chessboards welcome. Saturday, April 28, 12-4 pm Willoughby Library

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 Submissions should be 65 words or less. We reserve the right to edit any information prior to publication.

APRIL 1 - NOVEMBER 1

Murch Canopy Walk and Kalberer

Emergent Tower The Holden Arboretum 9500 Sperry Road - Kirtland Re-Opening April 1, 2018. The Murch Canopy Walk and Kalberer Family Emergent Tower 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. Visit website for ticket and planning information. holdenarb.org

APRIL 2

Easter Monday Egg Roll-A Fee-Free

Day! James A. Garfield National Historic Site 8095 Mentor Avenue - Mentor. 1-3 pm. Hosted by First Lady Lucretia Garfield, this kid-friendly day and favorite of the general public 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! Free of charge.

APRIL 5

Captains Baseball - Home Opener

Classic Park 35300 Vine St - Eastlake 2018 Season Opener Lake County Captain's vs Fort Wayne at Classic Park. Bring the family, have fun and cheer on the Captain's! captainsbaseball.com

APRIL 7

Collectibles/Flea Market Manry Park Activities Center 30100 Arnold Road - Willowick 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Admission is FREE and Concessions will be open! Stop by for the "Great Fun" www.cityofwillowick.com

APRIL 8, 15, 22, 29

Maple Stirs Maple stirs have been a Maple Festival tradition since 1926. Experience the classic Maple Stir today at the new Heritage House Sugarhouse on

Chardon Square from noon to 4 p.m. The Stir Booth will also be open during the Geauga County Maple Festival

APRIL 14

Touch A Truck/Community Hero Skate

Saturday, April 14. 12:00pm - 3:30pm Mentor Civic Ice Arena 8600 Munson Rd, Mentor. Get a close up view of fire trucks, police cars and service vehicles and then stay to skate with some of our community heroes! For details call the Mentor Ice Arena at 440-974-5730.

APRIL 21

National Park Week - Free Day

Home of Pres James A Garfield 8095 Mentor Avenue - Mentor 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. April 14-22 is National Park Week, and all National Park Service sites across the country are free of charge today! Walk the grounds, check out the museum exhibits, watch the film, and take a guided tour of the Garfield home for free!

APRIL 21

Earth Day / Arbor Day Celebration

10:00am - 2:00pm Eleanor B Garfield Park 7967 Mentor Ave, Mentor. Join us for our free, annual Celebrate Earth Day event and learn how to live your greenest, most sustainable lifestyle. Make and take home upcycled crafts, learn about local flora and fauna, discuss environmental products and lifestyle choices with a plethora of experts. Kids and adults welcome for the food, fun, and eco-friendly Earth Day festivities.

APRIL 21

Bark in the Park

Classic Park 35300 Vine St - Eastlake 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm. Come join us for our first Bark in the Park of 2018 presented by 305 Animal Hospital on Saturday, April 21st! Human tickets are just \$8 and dog tickets are \$5. Part of the proceeds raised from every dog ticket goes to the Lake Humane Society and Geauga Humane Society's Rescue Village! Tickets can be purchased at the gate or online ahead of time using the special offer code POOCH. We'll have tickets available for purchase starting in March! Both shelters will be present with some adoptable dogs looking for a new home. Who knows, you might just leave

the game with a new addition to your family. 305 Animal Hospital will also be present with some goodies to take home with you and your four-legged friend! For more information, contact Brent Pozza at (440) 975-8085 ext. 111 or at BPozza@captainsbaseball.com.

APRIL 22

Free Golf Clinic & Open House

11:00am - 12:15pm. Black Brook Golf Course, 8900 Lakeshore Blvd, Mentor. Get some helpful tips from P.G.A. Professional Tim Ausperk to get your game on track this Spring. The clinic will feature demonstrations of the full swing technique and short game, along with some helpful information about Black Brook. Open to golfers of all ages and abilities. Note taking is recommended and pre-registration is required. Call the course at (440) 951-0010 to register.

APRIL 26-29

Gauga County Maple Festival

THURSDAY, APRIL 26- 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 for the most up to date wrist band pricing.

APRIL 28

2018 Eco Flea Market Saturday, April 28, 8:00am - 12:00pm. When cleaning out your closets or basement this winter donate the "goods" that you want to get rid of to the Clean City Commission or purchase a space to turn your items into cash. All monies collected are used to beautify the City of Willoughby. Your "goods" will get recycled instead of going in the landfill! For information, please call Debbie in the Service Department at 440-953-4111

