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of Cleveland

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## ATTENTION!

Several articles in this edition mention adhering to COVID-19 protocols for their events. Please call or check their websites for updated info as many events are now easing their requirements for wearing masks and social distancing.

# FUNNY BUS

Bringing the laughter back to the streets of Cleveland

With a challenging year behind us, it's time to bring much-needed laughter back to the streets of Cleveland and a new company is ready to help in that effort. Starting operations on May 14, Funny Bus is a unique entertainment experience which offers the perfect blend of comedy and history in a 90-minute bus tour of Cleveland.

The 34-passenger, open-air Funny Bus will take guests through several parts of downtown Cleveland and through the cool and hip neighborhoods surrounding the city, including Ohio City, Tremont, and the Flats. More than a standard sight-seeing tour, the most unique aspect of Funny Bus will be the hosts who are local comedians dedicated to interacting and entertaining guests.

The comedians mix humor, music, games and dancing to provide a

high-energy entertainment experience. Guest may also bring their own beer and wine in sealed containers and small coolers are allowed, but they must fit under the seats or on a guest's lap.

Operated by Dean and Sarah Schnurr, Funny Bus is a family business which started in Charlotte, North Carolina, and has been successfully operating since 2015. "My sister told me she was going to start a comedy sight-seeing tour, I thought she was crazy; but after seeing how much the people of Charlotte embraced her business, I was easily convinced to get one rolling on the streets of Cleveland," said Dean.

Dean and Sarah have more than 50 years combined experience in marketing, public relations, and management. As seasoned event planners, they have a keen understanding of what is necessary to



make an experience memorable and they have used those skills to ensure the Funny Bus provides top notch entertainment.

"We intend to use the Charlotte model which started modestly and grew organically to a point pre-COVID when they were offering more than 21 tours per week," said Dean. Funny Bus Cleveland will initially offer four tours per week – one on Friday, two on Saturday, and one on Sunday. Tickets cost \$28

and include all taxes and fees.

"Cleveland is a city on the rise and has lots to offer visitors and locals. We want to provide a unique option for entertainment, promote local businesses, and help to make Cleveland a true destination stop for all," said Dean.

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# Lake County History Center

Historic records, great exhibits and awesome special events for the family

By Deanna Adams

Looking for something different to do this summer? How about a visit to a museum with an array of exhibits, a library to dive into the past, a gift shop with unique items, even the perfect venue for your special occasion?

The Lake County History Center, located in Painesville Township, is not only a fascinating place to spend a day, it's also historic in its own right with 84 years of capturing our county's local past, as well as hosting activities, special events, and permanent and temporary exhibits honoring those Lake County stories.

Did you know the LCHS holds approximately 3,000 surname files or boxes in its genealogy room, plus 10,000 digitized photographs, period maps, and old telephone directories? The research library also has a collection of reference books covering local city and township histories that include businesses, clubs, various associations, churches and schools. The 13-room museum is indeed a treasure trove for those seeking out their family stories.

"We're a well-hidden gem," says Amy Kapostasy, History Center director. "We're hoping to get the word out for people who haven't yet discovered us. Many don't realize how big the house is and all the relics that we have."

The center provides educational programs to groups of all ages. This summer, the facility has a lot planned for history buffs, both young and old, all the way through the end of the year.

While many events take place at this eight-acre complex, the center also holds off site activities, such as the "Wine Around: Marine Mishaps," which will take place at the Lake Erie Bluffs in Perry on Wednesday, June 9 at 6 pm. Here, you'll learn the stories of shipwrecks on Lake Erie and enjoy a barbecue dinner.

Then, on Saturday, June 12, it's time for Brats with Pops, from noon until 4 pm. German bratwurst, Italian sausage and other choices, such as BBQ pork and hot dogs, will be provided by Frank's "brat mobile" food truck, from the Westside Market, with music by singer/songwriter, Steve Madewell. Beer and wine will also be available.

Kapostasy is especially excited to bring the United States Air Force Band of Flight, Flight One ensemble to the museum on Sunday, June 27 at 6 pm. "It will be their first time here so we're really looking forward to it. It's a great musical event for families and it's free." She emphasizes that you must RSVP to keep within the capacity limits as they are still honoring CDC rules for safe distancing.



The newly renovated event barn at the Lake County History Center is the perfect place to celebrate your special occasion.

Details on these and more upcoming events are at [www.lakehistorycenter.org/programs-and-events](http://www.lakehistorycenter.org/programs-and-events).

The recently renovated event barn, located behind the museum, is sure to be a hit this year now that special occasions are in full force. The air-conditioned building and picturesque grounds, including a gazebo, are currently available to rent for weddings, showers, class reunions and other parties of up to 100-plus people.

"The full kitchen and both men's and women's restrooms are brand new, and the interior has been completely redone," Kapostasy says. "We realize a lot of events had to be canceled last year and many venues are booked up. We still have some open dates, and with these beautiful grounds, this is an especially perfect location for an outdoor wedding."

#### Volunteer Opportunities!

LCHS is also a great place to spend some volunteer time. The center's mission is to preserve, edu-

cate and learn about Lake County, Ohio history, and they are always in need of volunteers, including teens. Volunteers help with varied events, work with children in school programs, can aid in grant writing, do light clerical work, and help out with site maintenance.

The center is now back to normal operating hours, which are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 am-4 pm. However, it's best to call 639-2945 to confirm the day's museum hours.

"When people visit, they often say how amazed they are at our collections," Kapostasy notes. "They leave here much more connected to Lake County."

Admission is \$5 for individuals and \$8 for guided tours, which must be arranged in advance. Children 5 and under are free. Prices for group events vary based on the program.

The Lake County History Center is located at 415 Riverside Drive in Painesville.

For more info, call (440) 639-2945 or visit [www.lakehistorycenter.org](http://www.lakehistorycenter.org).

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# Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging

Provides services for older adults and individuals with disabilities

By Deanna Adams

When it comes to senior healthcare, the various concerns that can develop can be overwhelming, and often times we don't know where to go for help and guidance. That's where The Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging comes in. The WRAAA provides advocacy, assistance, and answers for those who are aging and disabled. The organization offers a variety of services that can aid in a broad spectrum of healthcare needs.

"We're always here to help, and we have been here for a long time," says Fatima Perkins, director of community outreach and advocacy, who has a 30-year history with the organization. "Even during the pandemic, we've stayed in touch with our consumers with the wellness check program, the meal programs, and our new TeleCare Program."

The agency leaves no one behind, whether the need is for information

and guidance or referrals to any healthcare question. As a member of the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging and Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging, the WRAAA offers a number of programs throughout Cuyahoga, Lake, Geauga, Lorain and Medina counties. These include PASS-PORT Homecare, Medicare Waiver, Residential State Supplement and Care Choice Ohio. It assists families by providing for long-term care and preadmission screening of nursing home applicants.

The nonprofit organization helps in planning, coordinating and administering state and federally funded programs. It provides escort, home and personal care, food and transportation, legal services, and offers individual counseling and support groups.

"Yes, that's a lot to cover," Perkins admits. "But we manage because each of our many programs are targeted for a particular need, and



we have a lot of dutiful folks that want to make a difference and serve people who need help."

The coordinated community-based services for persons 60 years and older include—but are not limited to—family caregiver support (connects caregivers to supportive resources), nutritional program services, such as home-delivered meals, congregate meals, coupled with nutrition education and risk screening, and wellness supportive programs. The agency has also increased programs to adjust to the challenges of the pandemic.

"COVID really brought out the innovation in all of us," Perkins says. "We created the Telephonics Case & Care Management so we could keep in contact with the most vulnerable. For some, we are a person's only contact they have, so we take that seriously." Three of the new programs include the Great Grocery Giveaway Program, Restaurant Voucher Program, and the Circle of Food.

"The TeleCare Program is where we keep in contact with our consumers at home for a wellness check," Perkins explains. "There have been many during this time who experience fear about going anywhere outside their homes for care and food. We not only deliver food but include a Safe Home & Health Wellness Box that has many necessary household items like hygiene products, flashlights, CO detectors — things like that. And some have already asked us to continue this program indefinitely."

Perkins adds that they receive great help from the nonprofit organization, Edwins Leadership &

Restaurant, who prepare and provide the meals in the program. "The grocery programs have doubled in each county due to need," she says. "We deliver hot meals to social service organizations as well as private homes, and we have it available also for pickup."

The WRAAA family caregiver support team is another much needed program that connects caregivers to the right resources, including often assigning a professional care coordinator to work with each caregiver. When appropriate, care coordinators may help caregivers create and implement a respite plan. Information, assistance, and care planning are provided at no cost for anyone requesting help.

The WRAAA anticipates administering their Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP), through 2021. The program is funded by the United States Department of Agriculture, the Ohio Department of Aging, and the WRAAA.

The Aging and Disability Resource Center is the first go-to step in getting help and direction to all these resources. The department provides information, assistance, and referrals. "We've nicknamed the center the 'front door' because that's the access to everything," Perkins says. You can begin by calling (216) 539-9240.

The Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging is located at 1700 East 13th Street, Suite 114 in Cleveland. For more information on all services, see [www.areaagingsolutions.org](http://www.areaagingsolutions.org). Or call (216) 621-0303 or (800) 626-7277. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 am–5 pm.

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# Horizon Learning Centers

Child care, before- and after-school care, summer camps and free preschool for qualified families

By Deanna Adams

There's a lot that goes into child development and Horizon Learning Centers gives kids a whole new world to explore with a play-based curriculum that sparks creativity, independent thinking, self-help skills, and social interaction.

"We believe in dramatic play as being one of the best ways to learn," says program supervisor, Nihada Nabulsi. "We set the stage for them with all the needed materials and they take off from there."

Creative Curriculum is where students use dramatic play, such as a store setup, to learn how to navigate real-life activities in a fun, collaborative, and educational way.

"The classroom is set up for the particular interest that day and we provide things like calculators, pen, paper, whatever they need," Nabulsi adds. "They learn through engagement."

Horizon Learning Centers provide a clean, safe, educational setting and welcome infants (starting at six

weeks), toddlers, preschoolers, kindergartners, and school-age children up to 14 years of age.

There are three locations in the Greater Cleveland area: Tremont, Euclid and Mentor. All curriculum is researched-based and age-appropriate with quality certified, degreed teachers.

Beginning at prekindergarten, students learn reading, mathematical concepts, science and nature studies, and computer skills. Educational activities include brain games that are fun and interactive.

Each center also has their own kitchens so they can provide healthy, balanced meals every day. Spring and summer allows the children to get out and learn hands on, by helping to plant vegetable gardens, often with their parents, giving them a personal connection to their nutritional enjoyment.

During the pandemic, the center has always remained open.

"We've done well with the COVID restrictions," Nabulsi says. "We keep strict protocols. Everyone must keep masks on, and we take



temperatures twice a day. Unfortunately, parents haven't been allowed in the building, so they must drop the children off and pick up at the doors, but that has also worked well." The facility also provides transportation to and from most neighboring schools.

*(Editor's note: Check with the centers for current pandemic protocols.)*

In conjunction with cognitive and creative learning, students develop needed social skills as they interact with their peers and teachers in a classroom environment. And that includes playing together during before- and after-school care.

What truly sets Horizon Learning Centers apart is that they offer a state-funded free preschool program, provided to them by the Ohio Department of Education.

"We are fortunate to have this grant, which allows us to provide free preschool for qualified parents. This allows the children to attend our center five days a week for two and a half hours," says Nabulsi. "It's a wonderful opportunity we are proud to offer."

Now that summer has arrived, the center is looking forward to getting kids back to a variety of outdoor

activities. "Our day camps are varied and a lot of fun. We're planning several field trips that include going to the zoo, Westside Market, and some parks, as well," Nabulsi says. "We'll also be having a camp with-in," where we'll have a lot of visiting instructors for science camp, soccer camp, basketball camp, karate camp, and dance camp."

Clearly, there is a lot going on at Horizon all year long. So whether you're looking for child care, preschool, before- or after-school programs, or summer camp, parents can be assured, their child will receive the quality educational experiences to help them grow and thrive, and have fun while doing it.

For more information, see their website, [www.horizonchildcare.com](http://www.horizonchildcare.com).

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# 6 Tips for Safe Grilling

The sun is out, the birds are chirping, and barbecues are a weekly event. The smells of a charcoal grill and sizzling meat can take you back to happy memories, but there are also some safety concerns when grilling. Here is a list of preventative tips to help you safely enjoy grilling and being outside.

**1 Maintenance:** Make sure the grill itself is clean and any excess grease or fat is cleared away. If you are operating a gas grill, check the gas line regularly to make sure there are no leaks. Maintenance is recommended at least once a year. The beginning of grilling season is a good time to clean and check everything.

**2 Location:** Keep your grill a minimum of 10 feet away from any structure or flammable household items (cleaners, fertilizer, wood piles, etc.). Do not put your grill under an overhang that could lead to damages if a flare-

up occurs.

**3 Ventilation:** Never use a grill indoors; carbon-monoxide is a silent, odorless killer that can build up from grill exhaust. The grill needs to be used outside in an open space to vent properly.

**4 Ignition:** Be sure to light your grill with the lid open to avoid gas build up. A build-up of gas can create a fireball and explode causing injury to yourself and property. For charcoal grills, use only lighter fluid designed for grilling. Never use gasoline or other flammable liquids and never add more lighter fluid once the fire has started. Don't move the grill once it is lit.

**5 Monitor:** Never leave your grill unattended. Even if there is only one item cooking on it, when a fire starts it spreads quickly and you could be up in flames before you know it. Do



your prep work ahead of time so you can enjoy grilling and the outdoors. Always keep children and pets away from the grill.

**6 Extinguish:** Keep a spray bottle of water on hand while grilling. The water can be used to quell minor flare-ups, and water will not affect your food. Have a fire extinguisher in reach and know how to use it. Knowing how to extinguish a fire properly can save you a lot of damage.

Grilling is a favorite summer activity and a great way to enjoy food, fellowship, and the great outdoors. Be cautious when grilling, safety is key!

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All programs are via Zoom or YouTube. You must register to receive the link! Visit the events calendar at [www.we247.org](http://www.we247.org) or call your library to register.

### Summer Reading Program 2021 June 1–July 24

Kick off your summer by joining our virtual reading program! Children, teens and adults will have the chance to earn rewards and enter to win prizes including gift cards, books and more.

### Face Mask Tie-Dye for Teens Thursday, June 10 • 6:30–7:30 pm

Tie-dye a white cotton face mask

using Sharpie markers and alcohol. This program will be outside (weather permitting) and socially distanced so bring a lawn chair or a blanket. Registration required. Grades 6–12 (Ages 11–18). Masks are required.

**60 Minutes of Magic**  
**Monday, June 14 • 6:30–7:30 pm**  
Magician, Chris Woodman, will be engaging with members of the Zoom video to perform a variety of card tricks, predictions, and everything in between. Join this event and Chris will show you the impossible!

**Outback Ray's  
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**Tuesday, June 15 • 6:30 pm**  
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## Family programs with Wickliffe Public Library

The following programs are being offered by the Wickliffe Public Library in June and July of 2021.

### Tails and Tales Tuesday June 8 – July 27

Kids kindergarten through completed 4th grade can join in virtually every Tuesday for stories about animals or far away tales, rhymes, and crafts. Pick up your adventure pack the first Tuesday of June and July while supplies last.

**Chalk Walk Art Day**  
**Saturday, June 12 • 10 am–1 pm**  
Families are welcome to come and decorate the front walk with artist drawings of their favorite storybook tales. Chalk packs will be provided, but families are welcome to bring their own. Social distancing is required. No rain date.

**Lots of LEGOs**  
**Saturday, June 26 • 10–11 am**  
Create your masterpiece for Tails and Tales with Mrs. D.! Let your imagination run wild in an outdoor

building extravaganza for K–4th. Space is limited and registration, mask and social distancing are required. No rain date.

**Dogs of Summer**  
**Saturday, July 10 • 10–11 am**  
The therapy dogs of summer will be here! Children in kindergarten and up are encouraged to read to these sweethearts. Registration, mask, and social distancing are required and space is limited.

**Zoom Pet Show and Share**  
**Saturday, July 17 • 11 am**  
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Call (440) 944-6010, email [juv.desk@wickliffe.lib.oh.us](mailto:juv.desk@wickliffe.lib.oh.us), stop by the library, or check the website [wickliffepl.org](http://wickliffepl.org) for more information about virtual programming.

## Madison Public Library has a full calendar of summer activities

The Madison Public Library's Summer Reading Challenge gives all who register a raffle ticket for every two print books, CD books, or magazines they check out in person or using a library app. Prizes are for people of all ages, and winners will be drawn on Facebook Live on August 14. Sign up online or in person.

**Also happening this summer**  
Sign-up required for all events at [www.madison-library.info/events](http://www.madison-library.info/events).

**Weekly Zoom** storytimes for babies/toddlers, young children, pre-K and families continue through summer.

**Kindergarten Time** continues weekly on Zoom for 4- to 6-year-olds at 3:30 pm on Thursdays.

**K1 Book Club** meets at 5:30 pm June 8 and July 13 on the library lawn. Books are available for pick up at the library prior to each meeting.

**Elementary Book Club** meets at 5:30 pm June 22 and July 27 on the library lawn. Books are available for

pick up at the library prior to each meeting.

A new **Middle School Book Club** meets at 5:30 pm on June 15. The book is available now at the library.

An **Unbirthday Party** to celebrate everyone's birthday during the crazy COVID year will be held at 11 am on the library lawn on June 15.

**Hospice of the Western Reserve** will help children who have experienced the loss of a loved one, friend or pet to create a memory box that might help them to cope with loss at 12:30 pm on June 24 outside at the library.

The bookmobile, known as **Gus the Book Bus**, will hold outdoor storytimes called the Storytime Express held in various parks and neighborhoods.

For information visit their website at [www.madison-library.info/events](http://www.madison-library.info/events).

For more information, contact Dee Culbertson, Madison Public Library director at (440) 428-2189 or [dee.culbertson@madison-library.info](mailto:dee.culbertson@madison-library.info).

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## Make Music Eastlake

Free community event on Monday, June 21 • 6–9 pm

The city of Eastlake is announcing its participation in an international day called “Make Music.” Make Music Day is a free celebration of music around the world on June 21. Launched in 1982 in France as the Fête de la Musique, it is now held on the same day in more than 1,000 cities in 120 countries.

Completely different from a typical music festival, Make Music is open to anyone who wants to take part. Every kind of musician — young and old, amateur and professional, of every musical persuasion — pours onto streets, parks, plazas, and porches to share their music with friends, neighbors, and strangers. All of it is free and open to the public.

A few years ago, Eastlake resident Jeannie Fleming-Gifford visited Nashville, TN on Make Music Day. Enchanted with the idea, Fleming-Gifford approached the city of Eastlake and both Mayor Morley and Judy Moran were receptive to bringing music into the Eastlake community.

The evening of free music will take place in the area behind City Hall that features a gazebo and park-like setting. The following are confirmed for the evening of Monday, June 21:

### Donald Davis and Deborah

**Anne** will lead an interactive drumming circle to start off the evening at 6 pm. All are invited to participate, whether they own a drum or not.

**Grant Elsing**, age 12 and an area sixth grader, will then share some favorite songs while playing on keyboard and singing along.

**Northern Lights**, Eastlake North High School's elite a cappella group will also perform.

**Paul Hagan** will round out the evening's free entertainment in the gazebo. Paul is a multi-talented musician who also happens to be a beloved teacher at Eastlake Middle School.

In addition to music, there will be vendors offering information and activities. Individuals are welcome to bring food and enjoy an evening on the lawn, but there will also be food available from local food trucks.

## Grand Slam Beerfest coming to Progressive Field

The Cleveland Indians announce the baseball-themed inaugural Grand Slam Beerfest at Progressive Field on Saturday, July 31, 2021. Fans will be able to choose between two different sessions to sample over 150 craft beers, wines and cocktails while checking out the ballpark. The new event, in partnership with Cleveland Beerfest and benefiting The Music Settlement of Cleveland, will celebrate Cleveland's brewing history and future. Tickets are on sale at [Indians.com/beerfest](http://Indians.com/beerfest).



get in one hour early and will be able to walk down onto the warning track for more beers to try and photo opportunities!

**SuperFan (\$95):** Will have photo opportunities at home plate! See website for details.

“We’re in the process of inviting all of the local and regional breweries and building our sampling list. We are so excited to get back to gathering together in fun environments, and Progressive Field is the perfect backdrop to do that! We have no doubt that we’ll have another great list of products for people to sample and enjoy, while having a great time in a truly unique atmosphere,” said Craig Johnson, director of Cleveland Beerfest.

To purchase tickets visit [www.GrandSlamBeerfest.com](http://www.GrandSlamBeerfest.com).

### What is a beerfest?

Attendees get to walk around the ballpark and select drink samples from the tables of local breweries and distilleries. There are three ticket types available, and all receive 25 sampling tickets with each ticket being good for one (1) pour (5 oz. for beer/less for cocktails). There are three ticket levels:

**General Admission (\$45):** Allows admission for a three-hour event (2–5 pm or 8–11 pm).

**Early Admission (\$70):** Guests

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# Get a shot and a beer at Mentor Rocks

## Lake County officials seek to reach summer vaccination goals

Summer is nearly here and with Ohio health orders expiring, officials are looking for novel ways of achieving vaccination goals. The city of Mentor is offering a “shot and a beer” at their popular Mentor Rocks summer concert series this year.

“Mentor Rocks traditionally attracts about 6,500 music lovers per week,” says Kenneth J. Filipiak, Mentor city manager. “We felt this was a fun way of reaching those who might not necessarily go out of their way to get the COVID-19 vaccine.”

The program was developed with the support of the Lake County General Health District.

A COVID-19 vaccination station will be located near the main vendor area. The single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine will be available and administered by a nurse free-of-charge. Those who elect to receive the shot will be asked to stay in an observation tent for 15 minutes

after which they will be presented a voucher courtesy of the city redeemable for one beverage item.

Mentor Rocks is held Tuesday evenings from 7–9 pm at the Mentor Civic Amphitheater. The 2021 schedule runs for 14 weeks, from June 1 through August 31. The series features top tribute bands from across the country as well as featured national acts. This year’s lineup includes rock legend, Lita Ford, and 90s alt-rock hitmakers, Cracker.

The Mentor Civic Amphitheater is located at 8600 Munson Road. Grounds open at 5 pm. Free admission and parking. The venue features lawn seating so attendees should bring a lawn chair or blanket.

Visit [www.mentorrocks.info](http://www.mentorrocks.info) for more information.

For other vaccination options in Lake County, visit [www.lcghd.org](http://www.lcghd.org).

# Enjoy family fun and fresh air at Adventure Zone

Adventure Zone in Geneva-on-the-Lake is open seven days a week— Sunday through Thursday from noon until 9 pm, and Friday and Saturday from noon until 10 pm.

As everyone hopes to return to a normal summer after the pandemic grip which so dominated our lives this past year, they invite families to enjoy fresh air, lake breezes and family fun.

The Zone has new arcade games and are introducing the Triple Play ticket where guests can choose three activities for a discounted price. The the Triple Play excludes the zip line (which is discounted with the Triple Play purchase) and the escape room with two new themes — a wine cellar breach and a jailbreak.

For those wanting to “cruise the Strip” on a golf cart, they have added 20 carts to their fleet, with hourly, daily and limited overnight rentals.

They can accommodate school, team, scout and camp groups. For company outings there are lots of options and they now offer birthday parties under a new format.



Bumper boats, zip line and go-karts are just a few of the great attractions.



Finally, they are lucky to have a great bunch of talented, hardworking, polite young people on this year’s team.

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## Summer fun in Painesville Square

Summer is here and there's no better way to celebrate than by spending some time outdoors in beautiful, tree-lined Painesville Square. The City's summer series and special events are lined up and ready to go.

### Wednesdays

Wednesday nights are for Concerts in the Park, which start June 9 through August 4, 6-8 pm. Bring a chair or blanket, relax and enjoy live local music. It's a perfect date night or fun family outing!

### Thursdays

Thursday afternoons are for the Painesville Farmers Market. Starting June 3 through September 23, visit the best market in Lake County from noon-4 pm. Each week features a different food truck for lunch, plus all the locally-sourced produce and products you could want.

### Fridays

If it's Friday night, it's Car Cruise night. Now through September 24 from 5-9 pm, car lovers will line the park with their favorite toys. Enjoy snacks and ice cream as you stroll



through vintage favorites, classics and more.

### Saturdays

Saturdays host a variety of special events throughout the year. Party in the Park Lite will take place on July 17, August 14 and September 18 from noon to midnight. It's the same Party in the Park you always remembered, just a little scaled back for COVID-19 precautions and spread out throughout the summer. Don't miss Ohio's largest free music festival!

Other Saturday events include Art in the Park on August 21, Movie in the Park on August 28, and the Fall Chili Cook-Off on September 25.

## It's summer & time to celebrate

By Stacy Turner

In the early days of sheltering in place, my family used the extra time at home to clean out drawers and closets. We cleared out lots of perfectly good stuff, donating it to people who could actually use it, instead of sitting unused. But we also unearthed boxes of treasures we'd held onto, forgotten and collecting dust, waiting for the 'right' time that never seemed to happen. Or maybe that special time came and went, but we were just too busy to notice.

Being at home for an extended period gave us that time to consider why we kept those items, and more importantly, why we hadn't enjoyed them. It forced us to rethink things we had taken for granted as even major life events like weddings were changed or canceled. In the days when gathering to remember family and friends at funerals became difficult or impossible, we were struck by the unavoidable realization that tomorrow isn't guaranteed. And while that may be true, the pandemic now made it impossible to deny and put into stark perspective those treasures we'd been waiting to let ourselves enjoy. Being faced so directly with the hereafter pushed us to do a better job of celebrating the here and now.

So why not break out those 'good' dishes you've hidden away on a regular old Wednesday, since the pretty pattern makes a regular dinner feel fancy? When coming across an old photo album that makes you think of your aunt, why not send her a note or make that call you've been meaning to. When you dust off that wine bottle you picked up on a long ago vacation, why not pull the cork and relive the memories of that adventure? Instead of keeping that fancy scented candle in a box, burn it and make today a special occasion. And, for goodness sake, set aside your diet and eat some cake once in a while. There's no denying this year has been challenging; but we've made it this far, and that's reason enough to celebrate.

And as pandemic restrictions continue to recede and life has begun to feel more normal, don't forget to make time to enjoy the treasures each new day brings. It's still helpful,



healthy, and even necessary to make time to celebrate, because life is a gift we each get to unwrap every day. So ask yourself, how can you make the most of yours today?

We plan to celebrate the end of school with a cookout and bonfire. And we'll be waving our flags on Flag Day (June 14), celebrating dads on the 20th, and reveling on Independence Day with patriotic pride galore. Those holidays on the summer calendar give us permission to stop, appreciate, and celebrate. But in case you need more inspiration, there are plenty not-as-well-known days on the calendar to give you a reason to make your days special.

Why not salute with a cream stick on National Donut Day (June 4), celebrate summer's bounty on Corn on the Cob Day (June 11), or Corn Fritter Day (July 16)? Create a blockbuster summer memory on Drive-in Movie Day (June 6), cool off on Swim a Lap Day (June 24), or gaze up at the night sky on Meteor Watch Day (June 30), or World UFO Day (July 2). Raise your glass on Iced Tea Day (June 10) or Bourbon Day (June 14) to toast the coming of another summer.

These warm sunny days are the ideal time to enjoy a frozen treat on National Ice Cream Day (July 18) or dine al fresco on International Picnic Day (June 18). Get wild and crazy on Pandemonium Day (July 14), get some exercise on Take Your Pants for a Walk Day (July 27) or pick up a new skill on Nature Photography Day (June 15), World Juggling Day (June 19), or Uncommon Musical Instrument Day (July 31). Don't mind me, I'll be getting ready for one of my new favorite holidays, Embrace Your Geekness Day (July 13).

With the summer calendar spread out before you, do your best to make the most of the present. It's truly a gift, just like that box of grandma's recipes unearthed in the closet.

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## Great Lakes Science Center brings the fun outside this summer for Science Under the Sun

Great Lakes Science Center heads outside for summer as we introduce our newest STEM adventure, Science Under the Sun! Tents overlooking North Coast Harbor will house large-scale tinkering, take-apart, and design challenges with rotating STEM themes.

On any given day, guests can put their imaginations and engineering skills to work building structures, creating original stop-motion animations, and testing out their design solutions to fun challenges. A growing, community-built LEGO wall will showcase visitors' creativity. Meanwhile, a large scale data model invites guests to respond to rotating prompts using colorful lengths of string.

Other daily activities will vary throughout the summer as each month focuses on a different STEM theme. Our youngest guests will be offered STEM story-time activities that complement these rotating themes.

In June's Robotics Month sponsored by Rockwell Automation, guests can explore reverse engineering through Tabletop Tech Dissections. Using real tools, visitors will dismantle household machines ranging from radios and television remotes to calculators and gaming consoles to investigate their inner workings. The nuts, bolts, springs, and other components harvested can then be used to create unique Scrap Sculptures and Loose Parts Portraits.

July welcomes a Space and NASA-themed month. Guests can show off their engineering skills with our Zip Line Challenges and

Aquapod Launchers, and use their creativity to design an astronaut habitat with the Mars Habitat Challenge Cart.

August is Machines Month, sponsored by CollegeAdvantage. Guests will be able to join a community build activity featuring a very large Rube Goldberg machine that they will add on to with their contraption designs. We will have a brand new batch of Tech Dissections for everyone to take-apart and see how familiar household electronics get the job done.

For September, Science Under the Sun wraps up with Flight and Aeronautics Month. We will have obstacle courses set up alongside our paper airplane launchers so guests can design and iterate their planes to run the course. Once you've mastered paper airplanes, you can control our mini drones through the obstacle course! We will also be highlighting giant bubbles in a beautifully messy hands-on experiment.

On several occasions throughout the summer, we also look forward to hosting special, large-scale "take-apart" activities! Items will vary, but may include cars, boats, planes and motorcycles that guests can use real tools to disassemble and explore. Parts-and-whole thinking, reverse engineering, and the complexities of material science will all be on display as visitors systematically unscrew and unbolt moving parts. We will also investigate the importance of maintenance, diagnostics, and repairs over replacement in this unique entry into DIY problem-solving.

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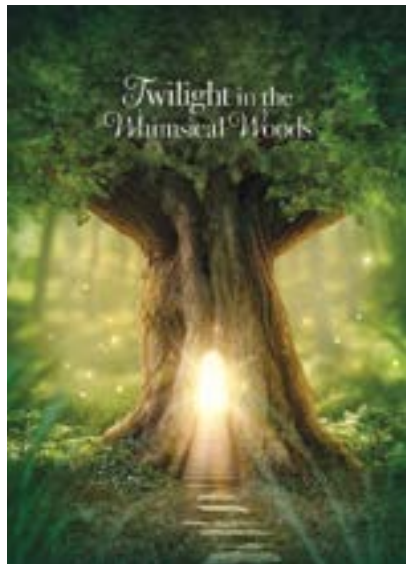
## Twilight in the Whimsical Woods invites you to a picnic

Annual summer benefit for Holden Forest & Gardens puts a fun spin on a traditional favorite

You are invited to northeast Ohio's picnic of the summer at the Holden Arboretum on Saturday, July 10, 2021 from 5:30–8:30 pm. Twilight in the Whimsical Woods is Holden's largest benefit of the year and helps to raise money for its mission to connect people with the wonder, beauty, and value of trees and plants, to inspire action for healthy communities. Tickets are on sale now at [holdenfg.org](http://holdenfg.org) or by calling Chris Keeney at (216) 707-2834.

Twilight in the Whimsical Woods will take place throughout the arboretum grounds and feature a picnic dinner by A Taste of Excellence, music by northeast Ohio artists including Thor Platter and The Cleveland Wind Trio, activities for adults and kids including craft stations and tarot card readings, and a first look at the new Fairy Doors: Magical Garden Gateways exhibit that will open to the public on Tuesday, July 6, 2021.

Proceeds from the event will support the People for Trees movement that aims to have 15,000 trees planted and cared for throughout northeast Ohio by 2025 and to help ensure that the wonder and beauty of the Holden Arboretum and Cleveland Botanical Garden are available for all to enjoy.



Be sure to bring a picnic blanket (unless you purchase the Patron level ticket), wear comfortable clothes and shoes and for the little ones: don't forget your fairy wings!

Patron: \$250 (\$190 tax-deductible) – includes choice of meal, program listing, branded picnic blanket & wine tumbler.

Adult: \$125 (\$75 tax-deductible) – includes choice of meal, branded wine tumbler.

Child (12 and under): \$25 – includes child's meal.

For picnic menu, sponsorship information and much more please visit [holdenfg.org](http://holdenfg.org).

## Summer fun with Fairport Harbor Public Library

June is jumpin' at Fairport Harbor Public Library with special events and weekly activities for all ages!

An **art and craft fair & library book sale** will be held rain or shine on Saturday, June 12 from 9 am–3 pm outside the library. The Wild Spork food truck will be on hand as well.

**Special visiting service animals** will be at the library for story time on Friday, June 4 & July 2 at 11 am. Bring your blanket and join them outside, weather permitting, with special guest storytellers.

Regular weekly story times will be outside on Thursdays at 11 am.

Children can sign up to be a **Rescue Reader** at the Lake Hu-

mane Society every Wednesday or Thursday afternoon from 2–4 pm starting June 9. Transportation is not provided.

**The Tails and Tales Music, Bubble, and Comedy Dance Party** will be held online, Friday, June 18 at 1 pm. All ages are welcome, and this virtual event is sensory-friendly/autism-friendly.

More event listings are available on the library website. All events require registration. Sign up today online at [www.fairportlibrary.com](http://www.fairportlibrary.com), by phone, or in person. Please call (440) 354-8191 or email [askus@fairport.lib.oh.us](mailto:askus@fairport.lib.oh.us) if you have any questions. The library is located at 335 Vine Street in Fairport.

## Wildwood Fine Arts & Wine Festival

The Wildwood Fine Arts & Wine Festival returns on Saturday, June 26 from 11 am–5 pm at the Wildwood Cultural Center in Mentor. The festival is a celebration of art, music, wine, and more; and has developed into one of Lake County's most unique outdoor events showcasing the talents of local artists.

Booths are filled with every medium of fine art, fine craft, and specialty foods, lining the wooded

estate grounds. Visitors can also enjoy a selection of popular wines to sample from local wineries. Musical entertainment and food trucks complete the experience. This is a juried art show. Admission is \$2.

For more information call Wildwood Cultural Center at (440) 974-5735 or [wildwood@cityofmentor.com](mailto:wildwood@cityofmentor.com).

Wildwood Cultural Center is located at 7645 Little Mountain Road.

## Mary Santora to headline Mentor Comedy Night

Comedy night returns to the Mentor Civic Amphitheater as Mary Santora, comedian, and cohost of The Alan Cox Show on 100.7 WMMS, headlines on June 26.

Santora has made a name for herself as one of the best up-and-coming comics in the country, being named "The Best Undiscovered Comedian in Ohio" by Thrillist Magazine and "Best Female Comic" by Cleveland Scene Magazine three years in a row.

The slightly dark, incredibly quick,

observational style of Mary Santora's comedy is one that is uniquely her own. Drawing from real life experiences, Mary takes the audience on a hilarious storytelling driven ride, while seamlessly weaving in and out of crowd interactions, leaving a lasting impression on every crowd that sees her.

Attendees are advised that this will be a PG-13 show with some adult content. The show begins at 8 pm. Gates will open at 7 pm. Admission and parking are free of charge.

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## Walk to Remember benefiting Hospice of the Western Reserve slated for Sunday, June 13

The 10th annual Walk to Remember, presented by Oswald Companies, is slated for the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo on Sunday, June 13. The event benefits Hospice of the Western Reserve and is open to anyone wishing to celebrate the memory of loved ones while raising funds for services not reimbursed by insurance. These include pediatric hospice, music, art and pet therapies, community grief support services and more. Since its inception, the Walk has raised more than \$1.4 million.

Online registration is now open at [hospicewr.org/WTR](http://hospicewr.org/WTR), and is \$25 per adult, \$12 per child (ages 3–12) or \$75 per family (two adults and up to three children). It includes admission to the Zoo and RainForest and a commemorative Walk to Remember face mask. Day of event registration is also available. Wristbands and face masks are required and will be distributed at drive-thru registration tents beginning at 7:30 am.

To ensure social distancing, entry to the zoo will begin at 8 a.m. All participants must enter by 1 p.m. and can begin walking with their teams upon arrival. Due to COVID-19 safety protocols, no formal kickoff ceremony is planned this year.

Walkers are encouraged to invite family and friends in their “bubble” to form a team and



share why they support Hospice of the Western Reserve with others. It's fun and easy to create a team fundraising page on the walk website, share team members' stories and track the team's progress.

A virtual team option is also available this year. Those who are unable to attend are invited to form a team, invite their members to participate in weekly walk activities and share photos on Facebook (tag @HospiceWR). Donations are also appreciated and can be made online at [hospicewr.org/WTR](http://hospicewr.org/WTR).

For more information, contact Monica Cowans at [mcowans@hospicewr.org](mailto:mcowans@hospicewr.org), or (216) 383-3714.

## Morley Library June events

### Virtual Leap Into Science June 7 • 10 – 11 am

How can you make a block tower look bigger or smaller without changing the number of blocks? Does light pass through all objects the same? Explore the world of light and shadows through books and fun activities. This family program is a part of the National LEAP into Science Week from June 7–13. This is an online event that you can view from any Internet-connected device such as a computer, tablet, or smartphone. Registration is required. Supplies to have on hand:

- Flashlight or light from a smartphone.
- Different shaped blocks.
- A piece of fabric (napkin, dishtowel etc.)
- A cookie cutter or play dough tool.
- Something that reflects light.

### Saturday Snippets

Every Saturday stop by the library to do a quick, fun and easy animal-themed craft in celebration of the Tales and Tails theme of this year's summer reading club! Instructions and all materials will be provided. One craft per child. Young children will need assistance.

### Storytime on the Bus with Laketrans June 11 • 10:30 – 11 am

Join in for a special transportation storytime on a Laketrans Bus that will be parked in the Morley Library parking lot, and families will enjoy a 30-minute parked storytime. Registration required.

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## Take your chance to win the Lake County YMCA Dream Car

The Lake County YMCA is known around northeast Ohio for their annual Dream House fundraiser. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the nonprofit was forced to find other ways to raise these funds that support their efforts to build a stronger community.

“The safety of our staff, volunteers, members and donors come first. Although we would have loved to open a Dream House in 2020 and 2021, it’s in the best interest of all that we work hard to come back from this and offer the Dream House when it’s safe and can be enjoyed by all,” says Kelly Penzenik, director of marketing and communications for the association.

The Chevy Network and Classic Chevrolet in Mentor have donated a 2021 Chevy Traverse LT AWD to the Lake County YMCA to help raise critical dollars needed to support the community.

The 2021 Chevy Traverse LT AWD is valued at \$43,000. Along with the car, the lucky winner will also receive everything needed for



some summer fun. The package includes a weekend trip to The Barn Inn B&B, two mountain bikes with car rack and helmets and \$100 gas card. The overall value of the top prize is \$44,400.

All ticket purchases will be made online. Tickets for the 2021 Dream Car are on sale through July 4, 2021. You will be able to purchase your tickets and take a virtual tour of the car at lakecountyyymca.org/dreamcar.

Tickets can be purchased by phone starting June 1, 2021 by calling (440) 354-5656 x132 (Mon – Fri: 10am – 3pm).

### Ticket packages are as follows:

1 ticket = \$10 • 3 tickets = \$25  
7 tickets = \$50 • 15 tickets = \$100  
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40 tickets = \$200

## Ropes & boats at Geauga Parks

Gauga Park District is excited to reopen its “ropes & boats” recreational offerings in the warming weeks of spring to come!

Claridon Woodlands’ ropes course features platforms 32 feet off the ground linked by eight 23-to-32-foot-long challenge elements with fitting names like Wobbly Logs, Tarzan Stump Traverse, Ride the Wave and Wobbly XOXO. Ready to come back down to earth? Your exit is an exciting 100-foot-long zipline.

This year’s ropes course season opens Sunday, May 29. Days open will be Saturdays and Sundays at 10:30 am, 11:30 am and 12:30, 2, 3 and 4 pm; and Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays at 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 4, 5 and 6 pm.

One-hour sessions will be free to Geauga County residents (ID required) but cost \$20 for out-of-county residents (credit card only, paid on site).

To learn age requirements, weight restrictions and much more, please consider the information posted at [www.geaugaparkdistrict.org/activity/high-ropes-course](http://www.geaugaparkdistrict.org/activity/high-ropes-course) to be required reading before you head out to Clar-

idon Woodlands for this adventure. That is also the website where reservations can be made (highly recommended), and availability according to those reservations can be assessed.

Also at Claridon Woodlands, already open all times of day is the 12-foot-high, 900-square-foot free form boulder wall, complete with new routes and special new hand/foot holds to mix things up!

For those craving adventure on the water, self-guided tours of East Branch Reservoir will also become available beginning Sunday, June 5, starting at the Headwaters Park Boathouse: your hub for kayak and canoe borrowing on a first-come, first-served basis.

Gauga County residents can borrow the park’s limited number of kayaks and canoes for free (ID required); out-of-county residents must pay \$5 per hour for adults, \$3 per hour for kids 12 and under, and \$8 for tandem (credit card only, paid onsite). Provided life vests must be worn at all times. To learn more, please read the information posted at [www.geaugaparkdistrict.org/park/headwaters-park](http://www.geaugaparkdistrict.org/park/headwaters-park) before you head out.



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## U.S. Air Force Band, Flight One to perform June 27

It has been seven years since the U.S. Air Force Band of Flight has performed in Lake County and it will be the first time they will perform at the Lake County History Center.

This is a free family event that begins at 6 pm with fireworks to follow. Reservations are strongly suggested through Eventbrite.com. A catered dinner option is available. You can RSVP for the dinner at Eventbrite.com or call the History Center at (440) 639-2945 for pricing and more information.

The U.S. Air Force Band of Flight, stationed at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, consists of two separate ensembles.

Flight One — which will be performing at the History Center — is the popular-music component of The United States Air Force Band of Flight. They support military ceremonies and events year-round and maintain an extensive community outreach schedule, playing at local schools, fairs, amusement parks, and a host of community-sponsored



events throughout Ohio.

Spirit of Freedom, formerly known as Wright Brass, is a versatile and energetic brass quintet with an added percussionist.

Periodically, these two groups combine to form the expanded Band of Flight.

Air Force Bands inspire immediate, positive and long-lasting impressions of the United States Air Force and the United States of America in the hearts and minds of their audiences.

The Lake County History Center is located at 415 Riverside Drive in Painesville. Visit [LakeHistory.org](http://LakeHistory.org) for more information.

## Deepwood Foundation awards grants to children and adults with developmental disabilities

Deepwood Foundation awarded over \$12,000 in grants during the second quarter of 2021, which will impact more than 241 individuals who have developmental disabilities.

Grants awarded include furniture, music therapy, iPads/communication devices for nonverbal students, Laketrans bus passes, guardianship fees, adaptive equipment, therapeutic massage therapy, and karate lessons.

In addition, funding for backpacks and school supplies for the Salvation Army's Back-to-School Bash will be provided.

Deepwood Foundation will also provide each participant at the Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities/Deepwood attending the Willoughby Branch and Vocation Guidance Center, the opportunity to enjoy an outdoor music therapy "jam session."

Tricia Hurst, habilitation manager at LCBDD/Deepwood says, "Our individuals have been doing just about everything virtually, so we are



Christian & Michael Echon (twins) will attend summer camp at West Geauga Recreation camp (one of the grants issued).

beyond excited to have an in-person music therapy session."

"Our second quarter is typically the busiest in terms of summer camp, but due to COVID-19 many summer camps have chosen to not hold camp. However, we will be able to assist six individuals in attending day and overnight camps," says Tana Habat, program administrator for Deepwood Foundation.

For upcoming events, please visit [deepwoodfoundation.org](http://deepwoodfoundation.org).



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# Local Girl Scout receives national life-saving award



Girl Scout Brownie Elizabeth (Ellie) Costanzo was awarded Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA)'s Medal of Honor for saving the life of a family friend during a trip to her grandparents' lake house. The Girl Scout Medal of Honor is presented to Girl Scouts who have performed acts of heroism beyond the degree of maturity and training expected for their age.

Ellie was awarded the Medal of Honor along with a congratulatory letter from GSUSA in a ceremony at Church of the Gesu in University Heights on Monday, May 3. Girl Scouts of North East Ohio (GS-NEO) Chief Executive Officer Jane Christyson presented her award.

While visiting her grandparents' lake house, Ellie was standing on their dock with her siblings and two family friends. Her brother was fishing on the dock and had a bite on his line, but soon after the fish

bit, it swam under the dock. At that moment, one of the family friends on the dock, who was 3 years old at the time, bent down to look at the fish and fell into the water. Ellie saw him having trouble breathing and struggling to stay above water because the water was too deep for him. Sensing the danger, but knowing she was able to stand in the water herself, Ellie jumped in and pulled him out, putting him on the ladder of the dock. From there, her family was able to pull him completely out of the water and on to the dock to safety.

Ellie recognized the danger and thought quickly to save her family friend from the water.

"Because of her quick thinking and willingness to jump right into action, someone's life was saved," said Christyson. "It takes courage and confidence to do what she did, and we are happy to present her with this national award."

Girl Scouts have been honored since 1913 for meritorious deeds that have helped save lives. Training in health and safety is a part of the Girl Scout program. A Girl Scout, because of the promise and law to which she has subscribed, is expected to be resourceful, skilled, and competent – to have presence of mind and to be of service to others. Each situation has many unique factors, and many things are taken into consideration for determining if an act is of unusual bravery beyond that which is expected of a Girl Scout.

Since its inception, GSUSA has continued to award this honor to girls. From 1998-2020, GSUSA has bestowed this honor on more than 500 Girl Scouts and GSNEO has had the pleasure to recognize 11 of their very own girls with this national honor.

# Join the International Women's Air & Space Museum for Rocket Day 2021

The International Women's Air & Space Museum (IWASM) will host the long-awaited return of Rocket Day on June 16, 2021. In celebration of the 58th anniversary of Valentina Tereshkova becoming the first woman in space, IWASM is teaming up with the Great Lakes Science Center and volunteers from NASA's Glenn Research Center for a day of hands-on learning. This event is geared toward children ages 5-12, and participants will learn the history of rockets, witness the launch of different types of rockets, and have the opportunity to set off film canister rockets.

Rocket Day 2021 will take place outside to ensure social distancing, and masks will be required. This year participants will have the option to register for one of two sessions. Session one will be from 10:30 am-noon. Session two will be from 1:00-2:30 pm. Registration is required, and space is limited to 60 people per session including adults and chaperones. In the event of inclement weather, the event will

take place on Wednesday, June 23 following the same schedule.

Early bird registration, open until June 9, is \$2 per person, and \$3 per person from June 10-16. Registration payments can be made via cash, check, or by visiting the IWASM website at [www.iwasm.org](http://www.iwasm.org). Payments via credit card or PayPal are subject to a service fee. For more information, please call (216) 623-1111 or email [info@iwasm.org](mailto:info@iwasm.org).

The International Women's Air & Space Museum is located inside the terminal building at Burke Lakefront Airport at 1501 N. Marginal Road in Cleveland. Exhibits are open seven days a week from 8 am-8 pm free of charge. Museum offices, research center, and gift shop are open Monday through Friday 10 am-4 pm. The museum's mission is to collect, preserve, and showcase the history and culture of women in all areas of aviation and aerospace; educate people of the world about their contributions; and inspire future generations by bringing the history to life.

## Brats with Pop

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## New books offer children simple ideas to stay healthy

Senders Pediatrics in South Euclid introduces four helpful new children's books aimed at reminding children of steps they can take to remain healthy and safe during and beyond the pandemic. *Way to Go Elbow*, *Sammy the Shot*, *Embrace Your Own Space* and *Task of the Mask* all make use of fun illustrations and rhyming language to engage and educate young children.

Highlighting the importance of taking simple steps to help contain the spread of germs are themes of three of the books written by Joan Morgenstern, Senders Pediatrics parent coach and educator. With a COVID-19 vaccine for children coming soon, Joan's fourth book, *Sammy the Shot*, helps ensure children are well prepared when it is their turn to receive the vaccine.

The release of the books is timed to remind children (and parents) that many of the practices learned to combat the spread of COVID-19 should remain in practice long after the pandemic is over.

*Way to Go Elbow* encourages the



safe practice of sneezing into one's elbow to prevent the spread of germs. *Embrace Your Own Space* uses the concept of a bubble to explain to children the abstract notion of physical distancing and personal boundaries. *Task of the Mask* is a reminder to young children to continue to wear face masks.

"I was inspired to write these books when I observed how difficult it was for parents to explain and reinforce the messages to their children that sneezing into their elbow and physically distancing from friends and family was so critical", said Joan Morgenstern.

Books are available for purchase in softcover on Amazon for \$7.99/each or on Kindle download for \$2.99/each. For more information visit [www.sendersparenteducation.com/our-resources/books](http://www.sendersparenteducation.com/our-resources/books).

## Mentor Public Library children and teen programs for June

Registration is required for most programs. Most online programs will be hosted live via Zoom and require registration. You can sign up by calling the library or by visiting [www.mentorpl.org](http://www.mentorpl.org).

In-person programs will be conducted in accordance with current health and safety mandates/guidelines, which are subject to change.

### Telling a People's Story: African-American Children's Illustrated Literature

This summer, the main branch is hosting an exhibit with more than 95 picture books by African-American creators and representing milestones and stories in African-American history. The exhibit is organized by the Miami University Art Museum through a grant from the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation. Kids can pick up a brochure from the children's desk, check out the special exhibit, and follow the instructions on the brochure to receive a prize.

### Funday Fridays

**Fridays, starting June 11 • 11 am**  
Lake Branch Lawn

Kids (ages 3–12) can celebrate the magic of summer with fun activities outside of the Lake Branch.

### Yoga for Kids

**Monday, June 14 • 6:30 pm**  
Headlands Branch Lawn

Kids can stretch their minds and bodies during an outdoor yoga session at the library's Headlands Branch. Certified yoga instructor Miss Rachel will teach the children basic yoga positions. Bring a towel or mat and positive vibes. Due to limited space, registration is required.

### Sparkly Star Lanterns

**Tuesdays, June 15 and 22 • 4 pm**  
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## Twilight at the Zoo returns Aug. 6

The Cleveland Zoological Society is thrilled to announce Twilight at the Zoo presented by KeyBank is back for 2021! Last year the Zoo Society made the decision to cancel the event in order to meet COVID-19 safety protocols.

Twilight at the Zoo is the Zoo Society's largest fundraiser of the year, routinely drawing more than 5,000 guests to celebrate Cleveland's vibrant music scene and support the Zoo Society. The Zoo Society is

the nonprofit partner of Cleveland Metroparks Zoo and is committed to raising public awareness of the Zoo as a community priority and civic asset, securing private support for the Zoo and its programs, and giving visitors, members and donors great value for their investment.

Twilight at the Zoo will be on Friday, August 6, 2021. Tickets go on sale June 1, 2021. A limited number of tickets are available at [ClevelandZooSociety.org/events](http://ClevelandZooSociety.org/events).

## Vintage Ohio: It's BACK!!

After the pandemic-induced hiatus of 2020, Ohio wineries are back to pour their latest vintages at Festival Field on the beautiful grounds of the Lake Metroparks Farmpark for the 26th time.

Music, food trucks, lots of shopping and fun will offer a welcome return to some sense of normalcy as we celebrate the end of the virus' grip on our lives.

Chat with winemakers, explore dries and sweets, fruits and ciders, reconnect with old friends, learn a little with Lisa Delgado in the cooking tent and in the American Wine Society wine appreciation tent.

From noon until 9 on Friday, August 6 or Saturday, August 7, sip some lovely wines as you relax under puffy white clouds, blue skies and towering trees, all cooled by the breezes of Lake Erie as they rise up to the Kirtland ridges.

The caveat: you must order your tickets in advance. There will be no tickets sold at the gate and a limited number of tickets will be sold to assure a relaxed atmosphere and be responsible to the remnants of COVID-19 concerns.

Visit [www.OhioWines.org](http://www.OhioWines.org) or [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com) to reserve your tickets now.

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## Mentor Rocks schedule announced

The city of Mentor is pleased to announce the final schedule for the 2021 Mentor Rocks summer concert series presented by Lake Health. Mentor Rocks is held Tuesday evenings from 7–9 pm at the state-of-the-art Mentor Civic Amphitheater. The concert series will run 14 weeks this year from June 1 through August 31.

### The 2021 Mentor Rocks Schedule is as follows:

June 8: Tricky Dick and the Coverups – Dance & Party Music  
 June 15: Nightrain: The Guns N' Roses Experience – Guns N' Roses Tribute  
 June 22: Trippin' Billies – Dave Matthews Band Tribute  
 June 29: Cracker – National Recording Artist  
 July 6: Hollywood Nights – Bob Seger Tribute  
 July 13: KICK – INXS Tribute  
 July 20: Lita Ford – National Recording Artist  
 July 27: No Duh – No Doubt Tribute  
 August 3: Ultimate Aldean – Jason Aldean Tribute  
 August 10: Uptown Funk – Bruno Mars Tribute  
 August 17: The Ten Band – Pearl Jam Tribute  
 August 24: Queen Nation – Queen Tribute  
 August 31: E5C4P3 – Journey Tribute



Queen Nation, 2019

Mentor Rocks is an all-ages event which promotes a festival-like atmosphere each week. In addition to great music, attendees can enjoy a great selection of food from area vendors as well as an assortment of beers and wines. The venue features lawn seating, so bring your own blankets or chairs. Outside food is permitted although outside alcohol is not. Coolers will be checked at the gate. Admission and parking are free of charge.

These events are being conducted in accordance with procedures and protocols reviewed and approved by the Lake County General Health District and are subject to change.

Learn more at [www.mentorrocks.info](http://www.mentorrocks.info). The Mentor Civic Amphitheater is located at 8600 Munson Road in Mentor.

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[www.lakecountyfair.org](http://www.lakecountyfair.org)

## Lake County Fair is back and open for business in 2021!

After being limited to a junior fair livestock exhibition-only in 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the 166th edition of Lake County Fair will run as a full fair from July 27 – August 1, 2021 at the county fairgrounds on Mentor Avenue in Painesville Township.

This year's event will feature all the favorite fair traditions and more. The 2021 Fair will be packed with fun for the whole family. Lake County's first-ever monster truck show will headline the week's entertainment and regular favorites like the Lake County demolition derby, motocross racing, a truck and tractor pull, side-by-side dirt track drag racing, horse pulls, great music and the return of pig racing are all included in this year's entertainment lineup.

The Fair starts on Tuesday, July 27 with Veterans Day. There will be free admission to all until 3 pm and veterans will be admitted free all day. You won't want to miss the opening day parade starting at 6 pm featuring 150 units traveling from Painesville City west on Mentor Avenue to the fairgrounds. Harness racing will take place on this day only with a noon post time and will feature both colts and fillies.

Wednesday is Family Day. Families of four or more will be admitted for \$6/each including ride privileges. Family Day will feature Lake County's first-ever monster truck show in the grandstand.

Thursday is Kids Day with free admission for ages 14 and under when accompanied by an adult. There will be free activities, games, and prizes for ages 12 and under at the main grandstand beginning at 1 pm. Ride wristbands are available for \$6 on this day only.

Friday is Seniors Day with age 60 and over free until 3 pm with a free boxed lunch while they last and other activities in the entertainment tent.

The weekend will feature a horse pull, the annual 4-H livestock auction, power truck and tractor pulls, Latino Day and the Lake County demo derby...the granddaddy of all demo derbies. Free on-grounds acts will include Jungle Terry and the return of pig racing. There will be free kiddie tractor pulls on Friday and Saturday afternoon.

For a complete schedule of events with times, ticket prices and more information, visit the Fair's website at [www.lakecountyfair.org](http://www.lakecountyfair.org).

## Summer reading starting at Mentor Public Library

Mentor Public Library is celebrating both the start of summer reading and the return of in-person outdoor programming this June.

Once again, kids, teens and adults can win spectacular prizes from Mentor Public Library for reading this summer. Kids (those entering sixth grade or younger) can earn a raffle ticket for every hour they read or are read to. The more they read, the better chance they have to win one of the library's prizes.

Kids who read at least 20 hours during summer reading will also earn a golden ticket and a chance to win a \$50 gift card to Target.

Summer reading starts Friday, June 4. Patrons can sign up at any of Mentor Public Library's branches.

This year's theme is Imagine Your Story and the library is hosting programs all summer long about fairy tales, myths and magic. Some will be



hosted online via Zoom, while others will be held in person outside at the library's branches.

Additionally, Mentor Public Library is once again hosting story times daily outside at one of its branches. Visit [www.mentorpl.org](http://www.mentorpl.org) to see which story times best fit your family's schedule. Registration is required for all programs before attending. People can sign up for both in-person or online programs at [www.mentorpl.org](http://www.mentorpl.org) or by calling the library at (440) 255-8811.



Summer Reading is back!  
June 4 - August 1



Saturday, June 5 at 11am - **Summer Reading Kick-off**

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

June 7 - July 26 at 1pm - **Magical Mondays**  
on the Main Library Lawn

June 9 & 23 at 7pm - **Story Time Under the Sky**  
on the Headlands Branch Lawn

June 11 - July 30 at 11am - **Funday Fridays**  
on the Lake Branch Lawn

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# First annual Freedom Fest to celebrate Juneteenth

Commemorates the ending of slavery on June 19, 1865

A full day of family-friendly programming, including live music, pop-up shops, food trucks, entertainment and more, is planned for residents and visitors to safely come together and experience in Downtown Cleveland at Mall C.

This year, residents and visitors are invited to come together and celebrate Juneteenth at Cleveland's first annual Freedom Fest. Presented in collaboration by Karamu House, Downtown Cleveland Alliance (DCA) and Ingenuity Cleveland, the free, community-driven, family-friendly destination event is set to take place on Saturday, June 19, 2021 in the heart of Downtown Cleveland.

Freedom Fest will feature live music and entertainment from Karamu House and other talented performers, interactive art demonstrations, and a pop-up vendor village to spotlight Black businesses and entrepreneurs. Festivities will also



include an Elders Corner, complete with family-friendly activities such as board games and children's books, food trucks, beverage concessions and more!

The celebration continues into the evening with main stage entertainment. To top off the event, a soon-to-be-announced marquee performance will bring everyone together to commemorate the ending of slavery.

For anyone interested to participate in the vendor village, please visit [juneteenthcle.com/vendor-sign-up](http://juneteenthcle.com/vendor-sign-up).

For general info on the festival visit [www.juneteenthcle.com](http://www.juneteenthcle.com).

# Rescue Rock Off fundraiser to benefit homeless animals

Are you looking to have a rocking good time all while helping out the homeless animals of Lake County? Bring the whole family (well-behaved dogs, too) and join Lake Humane Society for the 11th annual Rescue Rock Off. Thanks to the support of our community over the years, we are excited to announce that due to the immense growth of this event, we are moving to the Mentor Civic Amphitheater on Saturday, July 24 from 4-9 pm.

Rescue Rock Off is a fundraising event hosted by Lake Humane Society benefiting the homeless animals of Lake County. The event will feature an evening full of live performances by local bands, delicious food from food truck vendors, a raffle with an assortment of amazing prizes, 50/50 drawing with two chances to win hundreds of dollars and much more!

Tickets for Rescue Rock Off can be purchased online at [lakehumane.org](http://lakehumane.org) and at the door on the day of the event. We have various ticketing

levels at this year's event with prices ranging from \$10-\$80.

Do you want to upgrade your experience? VIP all-access passes for \$80 are also available. These include early entry into the event, private session with Kevin Conaway, event T-shirt, private seating in front of main stage, private VIP lounge access complete with private appetizers and cash bar, & ten raffle tickets. Must be 21+. Limited number of VIP passes available.

Come on out for a rockin' night of great fun and support the homeless animals at Lake Humane Society while enjoying some great local music! Learn more and get your tickets today by visiting our website: [www.lakehumane.org](http://www.lakehumane.org).

All proceeds raised will go directly towards helping to save the lives of the homeless animals who call Lake Humane Society their temporary home.

For more information on Lake Humane Society or to donate, please visit [www.lakehumane.org](http://www.lakehumane.org).

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