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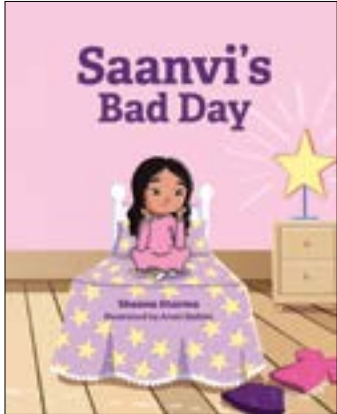
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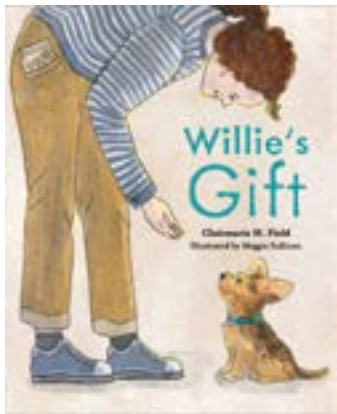
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by Sheena Sharma

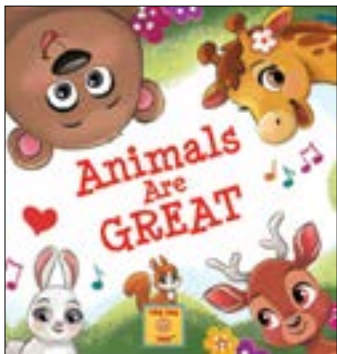
After having a terrible day at school, Saanvi returns home frustrated and mad. All she wants to do is sulk in her room until she has an eye-opening conversation with her dad. During their talk, she learns how grown-ups have bad days too. Grownups and kids are more similar than she originally thought! Join Saanvi as she learns the different ways to turn her bad days around and tackle her unhappiness in a positive way.



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by Clairmarie H. Field

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Walk to Remember returns for 14th year at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo

Hospice of the Western Reserve invites families, friends and supporters to join together for the 14th annual Walk to Remember, happening on Sunday, June 8, 2025, at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. This cherished event offers a meaningful way to celebrate life, honor the memory of loved ones, and support care that provides comfort and dignity for those facing serious illness.

Held yearly as a tribute to those who have passed away, the Walk to Remember is a time for reflection, healing and community. Participants walk in memory of someone special while supporting compassionate care for patients and families across northern Ohio.

"Each year, the Walk to Remember brings thousands of people together in a powerful display of love and shared humanity," said Bill Finn, president and CEO of Hospice of the Western Reserve. "Whether you're walking in memory of someone close to you or simply to support the cause, you're helping us extend comfort, dignity and support to people

when they need it most."

Walkers may choose a one-mile route or take a longer stroll through the zoo at their own pace. The \$30 registration fee includes full-day zoo admission and a special commemorative gift. Wristbands, required for entry, will be distributed at check-in.

Proceeds from the Walk to Remember help fund nearly \$13 million in unreimbursed care and services provided each year by Hospice of the Western Reserve—programs that ensure no one faces serious illness or loss alone.

Registration is now open. To sign up as an individual or team, become a sponsor, or make a donation in honor of a loved one, please visit HospiceWR.org/wtr or call 888.506.2550.

Event Details

- When: Sunday, June 8, 2025
- Where: Cleveland Metroparks Zoo
- Registration: 7:30–10:00 a.m.
- Opening Ceremony: 8:45 a.m.
- Walk begins: 9:00 a.m.

Meaningful summer fun for kids and adults

Presented by Cleveland nonprofit organization, Values-in-Action Foundation, the Kindland movement is bringing together communities, businesses, organizations, and schools by recognizing and sharing the acts of kindness around us to inspire a ground swell of positivity and goodness.

Kindland's "Summer of Kindness Challenge" provides families and individuals with a variety of positive activities—big and small—to do throughout the summer months with the goal to make Ohio the kindest place in the nation. The Kindland movement relies on the power of the people to do, recognize, report, and share the acts of kindness happening around us every day.

For each act of kindness completed on the challenge board, participants will receive an entry into the Summer of Kindness prize raffle. Completed challenge boards must be received by Friday, August 22 per the submission instructions on the board. Save the challenge board and get started at www.BeKindland.com



or tear off the back page of this issue and get started now.

About Values-in-Action

Started in 1994 as Project Love, Values-in-Action has been providing social-emotional and character education programs to schools in north-east Ohio for 30 years. Through student workshops and seminars, the organization has trained over 1,300,000 students and 5,300 educators to lead with kindness, caring and respect.



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Kalahari adds new restaurants and indoor waterslide

Kalahari Resorts & Conventions has announced an investment of \$10.5M to bring new amenities to its Sandusky location. Updates to the resort include two new restaurants, a lobby renovation, and a new waterslide experience.

"2025 marks our 20th anniversary at Kalahari Resort in Sandusky, Ohio," said Brian Shanle, resort general manager. "We have been incredibly blessed to have welcomed millions of amazing, loyal guests over two decades and are thrilled to continue to bring new experiences and amenities to

enhance the Kalahari experience for years to come."

Guests will enjoy the addition of two new dining options. MACS is a fast-casual restaurant serving handcrafted macaroni and cheese and other comfort food favorites, and Cinco Niños is a modern Mexican restaurant & tequila bar. MACS offers a variety of unique macaroni and cheeses, such as the jalapeño popper MAC, loaded baked potato MAC and buffalo chicken MAC.

Cinco Niños offers Mexican favorites including quesadillas,

enchiladas, fajitas, and tacos. The restaurant also features a full-service bar, offering signature tequila and mezcal drinks.

The renovation also includes the addition of a new indoor waterpark experience, named the "Dawn Breaker." The only one of its kind in northeastern Ohio, this exhilarating two-person slide features a heart-pounding "boomerang" effect, as riders wind through the night to the dawn of a new day, chasing an African sunrise.

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The comedians mix humor, music, games and dancing to provide a high-energy interactive experience. Guests may also bring their own beer and wine in sealed containers.

Opened in 2021, the touring company operates two buses and offers public tours or private events for groups as large as 72 guests.

This summer, in addition to the



regularly scheduled public tours from Thursday through Sunday, the Funny Bus will be adding public tours on Wednesday nights. Tickets for the public tours are only \$31, which includes tax.

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Summer is here – so get outside, enjoy and do some good

Since June is the first official month of summer, it's no surprise that it's also heralded as National Great Outdoors month. Whether you visit a National Park, a local park, or just enjoy your own backyard, this is the season when everyone is encouraged to get out and enjoy nature. Sunshine and warm weather beckon families out for lazy days at the beach or adventures in the woods.

In our house, summertime meant softball games, ice cream cones, bike rides, chasing fireflies, and any other outdoor activities I happen to discover. We discovered concerts in small town parks and new-to-us ice cream shops to sample.

Eventually, though, my luck ran out and my event-planning expertise was put in question when I suggested a beach clean-up one sunny Saturday morning. I rationalized that by doing a good deed and spending a few hours picking up snack wrappers and pop cans at the beach, we'd each receive free admission to the Greater Cleveland Aquarium we'd been wanting to visit. It was a win-win, I told them, and they reluctantly agreed.

When we arrived at the beach, we were each given disposable gloves and large buckets and sent to specific areas to collect all the trash we could find. It was lovely to see the large number of volunteers that turned out that morning. Sadly, there was plenty of trash to go around, and we headed



out to an open spot along the water to fill our buckets. In addition to cups, cans, and bottles, there were cigar and cigarette remains and a large quantity of used band aids. "Why can't people use the trash cans?" my children wondered aloud.

Then it became a weird sort of game as they compared their collections to determine who found the grossest item. For those keeping score, that honor went to my older daughter, who had found a ratty old pair of mens underwear floating near the shore. In the end, we tossed away all the trash we had collected, pulled off our gloves and accepted our tickets after using a liberal amount of

hand sanitizer. After our trip to the aquarium, my suggestions for outings were greeted with extreme scrutiny, but we still manage to laugh about that unusual day at the beach.

Some time has passed since that infamous beach cleanup. So much so, that my sweet husband agreed to attend a river clean up event with me recently. We agreed that since we enjoy kayaking along that same river, helping clean it up seemed like a great way to give back. Not surprisingly, our girls were both busy that day. So my husband and I made our way to the site in a cold steady rain that continued the entire length of the event. "Whose stupid idea was this?" I asked, trying to make light of the situation. In the end, we filled five trash bags, making a portion of our river upstream a little better than we found it. And we both have bright green volunteer t-shirts to prove it.

Hopefully, you've got your own ideas of what to do to get out and enjoy the summer. I'd offer some suggestions, but according to my family's Yelp reviews, my event planning services don't garner many stars. Regardless, whatever you end up doing together, I hope there's lots of laughter, regardless of the weather. But I've got one favor to ask: don't forget to pick up your trash!

~Article by Stacy Turner

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Nearly two dozen dragons have been spotted arriving at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo's Waterfowl Lake ahead of summer! Guests can experience the all-new Dragons Landing with more than 20 animatronic mythical creatures along the zoo's Waterfowl Lake. Guests can get up close to giant dragons that span up to 30 feet long and 15 feet tall, watching as they roar and breathe smoke during this limited-time adventure.

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo is also excited to welcome back Swan Voyage this summer, offering guests the opportunity to paddle on the

picturesque Waterfowl Lake aboard Trumpeter Swan paddle boats. Perfect for families and groups, these five-passenger boats provide a peaceful way to experience the heart of the Zoo.

Both Dragons Landing and Swan Voyage are add-on experiences at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo and tickets may be purchased at several locations throughout the Zoo including at the Guest Resource Center and three other attraction ticket stations.

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The origins of dad jokes: A history of corny humor

Dad jokes—those short, often groan-worthy quips delivered with a grin—have become a beloved (and sometimes begrudged) part of modern humor. Typically characterized by their puns, predictable punchlines, and innocent playfulness, dad jokes are more than just silly remarks; they reflect a cultural phenomenon with deeper roots than many realize.

The term “dad joke” is relatively new, but the style of humor it represents is ancient. Puns and wordplay have existed for millennia, with evidence of similar jokes appearing in ancient Sumerian texts and Greek plays. Shakespeare, in particular, was a master of the pun, using them liberally in his work. The essential structure of the dad joke—short, pun-based, and often eye-roll-inducing—was alive and well long before it earned its modern label.

The modern association of this type of joke with fatherhood likely stems from cultural stereotypes about dads. Fathers are often portrayed as endearingly awkward, using humor to bond with their children or lighten the mood, even if the jokes themselves are painfully unfunny. These stereotypes took hold especially in the mid-to-late 20th century, during a period when media representations of family life began to shape cultural perceptions of parenting roles.

The exact phrase “dad joke” appears to have first entered the popular lexicon in the late 1980s. One



of the earliest recorded uses in print was in a 1987 Gettysburg Times column titled “Don’t Ban the ‘Dad’ Jokes; Preserve and Revere Them,” in which the author both acknowledged the corniness of the jokes and defended their place in family life. From there, the phrase began to spread slowly, picking up steam in the 2000s with the rise of the Internet and social media.

Online platforms, especially Reddit, Twitter, and TikTok, became hotbeds for the dad joke genre. These sites allowed for the rapid sharing of short-form humor, and dad jokes fit perfectly into their formats. As the term caught on, so did the idea

that these jokes were a defining feature of “dad” behavior—often harmless, sometimes embarrassing, but always delivered with a kind of earnest charm.

Interestingly, the rise in popularity of dad jokes has coincided with a broader embrace of wholesome, non-offensive humor. In a time when much comedy can be edgy or polarizing, dad jokes offer a safe, inclusive alternative that often relies more on cleverness than cruelty.

So while the jokes themselves are ancient, the term “dad joke” is a relatively recent cultural invention. It captures not just a style of humor, but a social role—one that evokes warmth, family, and a universal experience of groaning at a parent’s pun. Today, dad jokes are not only tolerated but celebrated, giving pun-loving parents everywhere full license to say, “Hi hungry, I’m Dad.”

SOME EYE-ROLLING DAD JOKES

I'm afraid for the calendar.
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I only know 25 letters of the alphabet.
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June 25 – Apostle Jones (Soul/Covers)

• LGBTQ Pride Night

July 2 – Carlos Jones (+) (Reggae)

July 9 – The Michael Weber Show (Rock & Roll)

July 16 – Follow the Sun (Covers)

• Disability Pride Night

July 23 – Cream Camino (Hard Rock)

July 30 – Raquel and the Wildflowers (Country Rock)

August 6 – Son Gitano (Latin Fusion Orchestra)

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August 13 – The Band With No Name (Jazz)

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Father's Day Weekend activities are included with general admission (\$0–\$19.95 per person).

Greater Cleveland Aquarium is also offering everyone the opportunity to swap the more traditional mugs and ties for the gift of a year's worth of undersea adventures with a 10% discount on any level of Greater Cleveland Aquarium annual pass, June 7–15 (with code 25DAD10). In addition to unlimited daily return admission for the family, membership perks include free parking while visiting, exclusive programming and discounted and free events, as well as



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Art by the Falls

Saturday, June 7 • 10 am–7 pm
Sunday, June 8 • 10 am–4 pm
Cleveland Metroparks Polo Field
41324 S. Woodland Road
Chagrin Falls
440-247-7507
www.valleyartcenter.org
Art by the Falls is a juried fine art and contemporary craft festival that draws 160+ artists and 25,000 attendees from across the country. In addition to the high caliber of art to peruse and purchase, live music, kids' activities, culinary offerings, free trolley to town, art

raffle, community art and unique photo ops provide non-stop entertainment. Whether you come for a few hours or all weekend, you are sure to find an art-filled experience the whole family will enjoy. Free admission and parking.

2025 Walk to Remember

Sponsored by
Hospice of the Western Reserve
Sunday, June 8 • 8 am
Cleveland Metroparks Zoo
www.hospicewr.org/WTR
The Walk to Remember is more than just a walk, it's a chance to honor loved ones, celebrate life, and support Hospice of the Western Reserve's essential programs. Since 2012, the event has raised millions to help fund crucial services not covered by insurance. Form a team by inviting your family and friends to walk with you. Registration fee is \$30 and includes all-day Zoo admission + commemorative keepsake.



Larchmere Rock the Blocks

Sunday, June 8 • 11 am–5 pm
Larchmere Boulevard, Cleveland
(One block north of Shaker Square)
216-509-4619
www.RockTheBlocks.info
Enjoy an ice cream social (free ice cream), live entertainment, arts & crafts, fit challenge, food, cooking demonstrations, games, community parade and shop with local and visiting vendors.

Parade The Circle and Circle Village

Saturday, June 14 • 10 am–4pm
University Circle, Cleveland
216-791-3900
www.universitycircle.org
The parade, which begins at noon at the north entrance of the Cleveland Museum of Art, fills Wade Oval with colorful costumes, puppets, masks, and more created by local individuals and groups. The day's festivities begin at 10 a.m. with Circle Village. Visitors are invited to immerse themselves in interactive activities offered by esteemed institutions such as The Cleveland Orchestra, Cleveland

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Parade The Circle cont'd

Botanical Garden, and The Music Settlement. Attendees can also enjoy culinary delights from local vendors and listen to live music. Free admission.

Kirtland Strawberry Festival

Thursday, June 12 • 5–10 pm
Friday, June 13 • 3–11 pm
Saturday, June 14 • noon–11 pm
Kirtland Schools
9150 Chillicothe Road, Kirtland
www.kirtlandkiwanis.org
Rides, entertainment including a DJ and local bands, lemonade, food court, kiddie land entertainment, a dunk tank, contests, and more. Free admission.

Cleveland Juneteenth Freedom Fest

Saturday, June 14 • 11 am–8 pm
Mall C, Downtown Cleveland
St. Clair Avenue
This family-friendly celebration will feature main stage performances by Karamu House, the country's oldest Black producing theatre, along with live music, DJs and other entertainment. Be sure

to check out the Vendor Village spotlighting Black businesses and entrepreneurs, Family Fun + Games zone, the mouthwatering eats available on Soul Food Row, interactive art demonstrations, more food trucks and beverage concessions. Free admission.

Father's Day

Sunday, June 15



Rocket Day

Tuesday, June 17 • 1–3 pm
International Women's
Air & Space Museum
(Inside Burke Lakefront Airport)
1501 N. Marginal Road, Cleveland
216-623-1111
www.iwasm.org
The team at the museum and our dedicated volunteers have been hard at work creating a safe

and engaging program. Learn about the physics behind rocket and jet propulsion!

Registration is required. Adults are required to stay to accompany their children during the sessions. \$4 per person.

Wade Oval Wednesdays

June 18–Aug. 20 • 5:30–8:30 pm
University Circle, Cleveland
216-791-3900
www.universitycircle.org

Enjoy a free concert, food trucks, vendors, theme nights, and activities. Bring a picnic or purchase delicious treats from vendors on-site. Select museums are open late on Wednesdays.

Pasta Dinner

Thur., June 19 • 4:30–6:45 p.m.
Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine
21281 Chardon Road, Euclid
216-481-8232
www.srstrinity.com
Pasta, meatballs, salad, bread & butter, coffee or tea. Tickets: \$15 per person.

Mayfield Heights Unity Days

Friday, June 20 • 5–11 pm
Sat., June 21 • 4:30–dusk
Sunday, June 23 • 1–6 pm
(Festival opens after the parade which begins at 1 pm)
City Park
1533 Chelmsford Road
Mayfield Heights
440-442-2626
www.mayfieldheightsohio.gov
Rides are back! Plus, food, beer & wine, bands, Team Zoom Stunt canine dog show, raffle prizes & much more! Saturday night fireworks approx. 9:45 pm, and Sunday parade at 1 pm. Free admission.

Fam Jam

Saturday, June 28 • 10 am–2 pm
Rock & Roll Hall of Fame
1100 Rock & Roll Blvd., Cleveland
216-781-ROCK (7625)
rockhall.com/event/fam-jam-2025
Family-friendly activities, live performances, and community partners. Special features include a music/dance performance by Mr. Jeff, balloon twisting with Flower Clown, and bubbles with Bubble Wanda. There will also be an instrument collection for the Center for Arts Inspired Learning and Hungry for Music, to support local music education programs.

Larchmere PorchFest

Saturday, June 28 • 1–10 pm
Larchmere Boulevard, Cleveland
(1 block north of Shaker Square)
www.larchmereporchfest.org
PorchFest is a free, family-friendly event open to the community featuring musicians from a wide variety of genres. There's something for everyone, including activities for kids.

You'll be "camping out" in neighborhood front lawns for 30–40 minutes at a time, so bring chairs or a blanket to sit on. If you want to see as many bands as possible, a bike is a great idea.

Larchmere Blvd. and Shaker Square have many restaurants to choose from. There will also be vendors and a food court for additional food options. You're welcome to bring food.

JULY 2025

Cain Park Arts Festival

Friday, July 11 • 3–8 pm
Saturday, July 12 • 10 am–8 pm
Sunday, July 14 • 11 am–5 pm
14591 Superior Rd., Cleveland Hts.
216-371-3000
www.cainpark.com

This free, three-day juried arts festival showcases artists whose mediums include wood, clay, glass, painting, jewelry, photography, sculpture, and more. Attendees can also enjoy live entertainment, an interactive mural painting for children of all ages, and a variety of food trucks and concessions.

Farmfest

Saturday, July 12 • 9 am–5 pm
Lake Metroparks Farmpark
8800 Euclid Chardon Rd., Kirtland
440-256-2122
www.lakemetroparks.com
Free admission!

Learn all about Farmpark's daily activities, enjoy cooking demonstrations, wagon rides through the park and learn how to create your own backyard flock. If you have an interest in bees, antique tractors, or spinning your own wool, you can discover the clubs that call Farmpark home and meet with members to learn more.

Enjoy a variety of food trucks (fees apply) and pony rides for \$6.



Pasta Dinner

All Are Welcome

Thursday, June 19
4:30–6:45 p.m.
Tickets: \$15

Pasta, Meatballs, Salad,
Bread & Butter, Coffee or Tea

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FAMILY FUN GUIDE

Music in the Valley Folk & Wine Festival

July 12 & 13 • 10 am–4 pm
Hale Farm & Village
2686 Oak Hill Road, Bath
330-666-3711
www.halefarm.org

This weekend celebration showcases the history and evolution of folk music, featuring live performances throughout this historic site. Enjoy the rich blend of music, local food history, historical demonstrations, and Ohio wine tastings, all set against the beautiful backdrop of Hale Farm. Admission fee applies.

Uncorked: Cleveland Wine Fest

Saturday, July 12 • 7–11 pm
Great Lakes Science Center
601 Erieside Avenue, Cleveland
uncorkedwinefestivals.com
Sip & savor over 100 wines & bubbies from across the globe. Plus enjoy favorite local food trucks, full after-hours access to the museum, science demos, interactive exhibits and more!

Early admission (\$80) is at 7 pm and includes an extra hour of tasting and museum access with bonus wine selections. General admission (\$65) is at 8 pm. Both tickets include all wine tasting with food sold separately.

Ss. Robert & William Parish Family Festival

Saturday, July 19 • noon–8:30 pm
Sunday, July 20 • 11 am–8:30 pm
367 E. 260th Street, Euclid
216-731-1515
www.srweuclid.cc

Kids games, inflatables, petting zoo, and Euclid Beach rocket car rides. Plus, homemade foods, live music, beer & wine, casino & midway, raffle, Touch a Truck (Sunday 1–3 pm), bake sale and more! Free admission.

Lake County Fair July 22–27

Lake County Fairgrounds
1301 Mentor Avenue, Painesville
440-354-3339
www.lakecountyfair.org
General admission is \$10.

Two demo derbies, Sky Circus Cleveland, Dirt Night Moto Mayhem, KOI dirt drag racing, truck and tractor pulls, 4-H livestock auction, All American Pig Races, live entertainment, animal show, food, and more.

Solon Summer Festival

Sunday, July 27 • 1–9 pm
Solon Community Park
6679 SOM Center Road, Solon
440-248-5747

Live performances, food trucks and snack vendors, and children's activities, including face painting, caricature drawings, and carnival style games. Giant slides, bounce houses and more. Free admission.

AUGUST 2025

Twilight at the Zoo

Fri., August 1 • 7–11:55 pm
Cleveland Metroparks Zoo
3900 Wildlife Way, Cleveland
www.ClevelandZooSociety.org
Spotlights local bands playing pop, rock, dance, swing, country and blues. Admission for all party-goers includes cover charge, small bites, complimentary beer, wine and soda. 21 & over.
General admission: 7 pm–midnight. Tickets are \$130.

Vintage Ohio

August 1–2 • noon–9 pm
Lake Metroparks Farmpark
8800 Euclid Chardon Rd., Kirtland
440-466-4417

www.visitvintageohio.com
Sample Ohio wines, food, cooking school demonstrations, two stages of live music, artisans, shopping, carry-out store, children's entertainment & more. Tickets: \$39 advance, \$45 at gate.

Cleveland Puerto Rican Parade and Cultural Festival

August 2–3 • noon–10 pm
Parade: August 3 • 11 am–noon
MetroHealth Main Campus
Medical Center - QUAD PARK
www.puertoricanparade.org
International music artists and groups, local food vendors and artisans, health & wellness screening, more. Free admission.

Meet the Machines

Sunday, August 3 • noon–3 pm
Legacy Village
25001 Cedar Road, Lyndhurst
www.legacy-village.com/play
This free, outdoor, family event encourages children to meet and explore construction equipment, emergency and service vehicles, and machines of all makes and sizes. Plus, enjoy live entertainment, activities and giveaways throughout the day.

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Save The Dates!

Cuyahoga County Fair
August 5–10
Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds
Berea

Little Italy
Feast of the Assumption
August 14–17
Mayfield Road, Cleveland

Rock The Block
August 22–23
St. John Lutheran Church
South Euclid

Water Lantern Festival
August 23
Coe Lake Park, Berea

Cleveland Garlic Festival
August 23–24
Historic Shaker Square, Cleveland

79th One World Day Festival
August 24
Cleveland Cultural Gardens

Cleveland Oktoberfest
Aug. 29–Sept. 1 and Sept. 5–6
Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds

Cleveland National Airshow
August 30, 31, September 1
Burke Lakefront Airport, Cleveland

Lyndhurst Home Day
September 5–7
Lyndhurst Park (Behind City Hall)

Waterloo Arts Fest
September 13
Waterloo Arts/Entertainment
District

Chalk Festival
September 20–21
Cleveland Museum of Art
Fine Arts Garden

Cleveland Pickle Fest
September 20
Mall C – Downtown Cleveland



Check www.TodaysFamilyMagazine.com
for more events, info and updates.
Have a safe and happy summer!

Great events at Lake Metroparks

Dairy Days
June 21–22 • 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Lake Metroparks Farmpark
Explore the world of milk and cheese. Learn how to milk a cow or goat and how milk becomes cheese, butter or delicious ice cream. Taste samples of cheese and ice cream. Enjoy dairy-related crafts and activities for kids. Pony rides will be available for \$6. Farmpark admission applies.



Bridget Gande

Snakes, Turtles & More:
A Herp's Eye View
June 29 • noon–4 p.m.
Penitentiary Glen

Amphibians and reptiles see the world from unique perspectives. Join Lake Metroparks to explore these cold-blooded perspectives! Join naturalists and conservation partner Herps Alive Foundation as they shed light on these mysterious critters. Meet rare reptiles up close, explore wild habitats with naturalist guides and engage in interactive games. Miniature steam train rides will be offered courtesy of the Lake Shore Live Steamers from 1–3 p.m. weather permitting. Free admission.

Farmfest
July 12, 2025
9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Lake Metroparks Farmpark
Celebrate summer! This event is your chance to enjoy Farmpark's best programs and demonstrations for FREE!

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Enjoy a variety of food trucks (fees apply) and pony rides for \$6.

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<p>Leave a kind note for the mail carrier</p>	<p>Do an act of kindness of your choice: <small>Write in what you did!</small></p>	<p>Start or support a lemonade stand</p>	<p>Make something for someone who is sick or recovering</p>	<p>Start a gratitude jar <small>(write down what you are grateful for each day)</small></p>
<p>Enjoy a game night with friends or family</p>	<p>Donate to a Food Bank</p>	<p>Pick up trash at a park</p>	<p>Write a thank you note to a Healthcare Hero</p>	<p>Lend a helping hand to an elderly neighbor or family member</p>
<p>Paint and decorate a rock with a positive message <small>leave it somewhere for people to see</small></p>	<p>Visit a family-owned business and restaurant</p>	<p>Do an act of kindness of your choice: <small>Write in what you did!</small></p>	<p>Support the American Red Cross <small>(Donate, give blood, or send a thank you)</small></p>	<p>Support your local animal shelter</p>