



Lake Views

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REMARKABLE LAKE COUNTY

Are you eager to explore some new local places? Remarkable experiences begin right here in Lake County! From the vineyards in the Grand River Valley to our world-class fishing and beaches, we cover whatever interests you might have. And speaking of beaches, summer is finally here so while you are enjoying it on one of our Lake Erie beaches, one quick reminder: Nothing ruins a beautiful day at the beach like trash and litter in the sand so please properly dispose of your trash to keep our beaches and Lake Erie clean. For more information, you can always contact the Lake County Stormwater Management Department at lakecountyohio.gov/smd and look for them on social media.

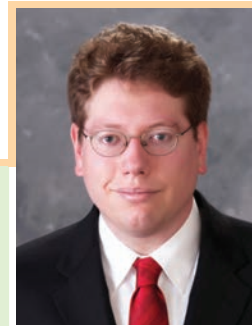
Although the warmer temperatures can be perfect for a day at the beach, the Dog Warden would like to remind everyone that leaving any pet in a parked car, even

for just a few minutes, can be FATAL! On an 85-degree day, the temperature inside a vehicle (even with the windows slightly open) can reach 102 degrees within 10 minutes. After 30 minutes, the temperature can climb to 120 degrees! So, remember to always ensure pets have plenty of water and a cool place to stay so they are healthy and safe for the next few months.

In this edition of "Lake Views", you will find articles touching on volunteer opportunities through the Lake County Council on Aging, the upcoming county fair, and the type of training that will be conducted at the new Sheriff's Office training complex. As a Lake County resident, we hope you will find this edition



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interesting as well as informative and we encourage you to contact our various departments with any questions you may have in regards to these articles.

Lastly, as a reminder, all county offices will be closed Monday September 4th in observance of Labor Day. We encourage everyone to stop and take a moment to remember the many contributions that workers have made to the growth, prosperity, and productivity of our county and country. We also extend our sincere wishes for a safe, healthy, and happy summer enjoying all our county has to offer! ■

SUMMER HAPPENINGS IN PAINESVILLE TOWNSHIP

Summer is here, so it's time to take a break and enjoy the weather! Painesville Township is home to numerous outdoor

parks and recreational areas. On July 22nd, the Trustees will be hosting "Family Movie Night" at the Lake County History Center. Pack up the family and bring along your camp chairs and blankets to watch a movie under the stars.

Later this summer, the Township celebrates "Family Fun Day" located at the Lake County History Center again this year. Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 26th from 11 am to 4 pm and bring the family out to enjoy the day filled with oversized family games and entertainment including crowd favorites Jungle Terry and Dr. U R Awesome. In addition to inflatables for kids of all ages,

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FAMILY FUN DAY WILL TAKE PLACE ON AUG. 26
AT THE LAKE COUNTY HISTORY CENTER

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Lake County Fair Celebrates 168 Years!



The 168th Lake County Fair will take place July 25-30 at the county fairgrounds in Painesville Township. This event has seen record crowds in recent years and the same is expected in 2023. This year's lineup of events includes all of the traditional favorites with some new twists. The opening day parade traditionally averages 150 units beginning in Painesville City and runs west down Mentor Avenue to the Fairgrounds. Ohio Fair's Queen, Rebekah Hardacre from New Carlisle, Ohio, is this year's Grand Marshal.

New this year will be Wednesday's "Dirt Night Motor Mayhem" which will include a Rough Truck Competition, Half-Car Figure 8 Racing, and a special Mini-Bus Figure 8 event. Harness Racing, Motocross Racing, Truck & Tractor Pulls, Horse Pulls Dirt Drag Racing, and the Lake County Demolition Derby are all back on the schedule of events. All grandstand event tickets can be purchased online in advance through the fair's website. The annual 4-H Livestock Auction will be held on Saturday afternoon. Free on-grounds acts will include Jungle Terry, Sheri Staiduhar of Rocky Mountain Carving Creations, and Scott's World of Magic Show.

This year, the Lake County Fair is presented by Ken Ganley Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram Fiat Painesville with financial support from Lake Health now part of University Hospitals. More information and online tickets are available at www.lakecountyfair.org.

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF Developmental Disabilities

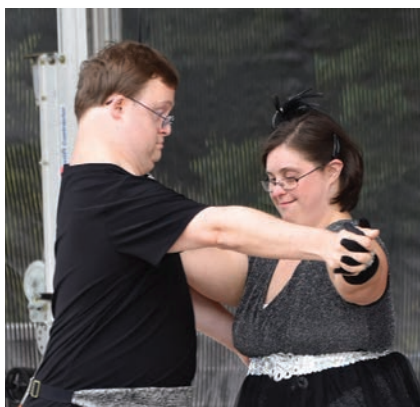
The mission of the Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities/Deepwood (LCBDD) is to empower individuals with developmental disabilities to engage in activities that enrich their lives and contribute to their community. The LCBDD/Deepwood strives to offer Lake County citizens the highest-quality, most-inclusive, collaborative, and person-centered services and supports available within their resources. Two highlighted initiatives truly exemplify how community partnerships help bring this mission to life.



PATHWAYS TO CAREERS SETS UP A PATH TO SUCCESS.

Auburn Career Center, in partnership with the LCBDD and other state agencies, was one of four recipients to receive a Pathways to

Careers grant from the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD). The intent of the grant is to provide opportunities for individuals to obtain industry-recognized credentials, a new job or advance in their current job. The program opened in May with 27 students attending seven career pathways classes, including IT Industry of the Future-Industry 4.0, Rise Up Customer Service, Automotive Basics-Torque Certification, Electrical Troubleshooting-Multimeter, Manufacturing Fundamentals, Culinary/Food Prep-ServSafe Food Handler, and Health Care-Stop the Bleed/First Aid/CPR. A significant number of students successfully passed the industry credential assessment, setting themselves up for greater success in a community job. There will be courses offered in July, a second Pathways to Careers Open House in August, and another round of courses starting in September. A key component is the linkage to community businesses for experiences, apprenticeships, and employment opportunities. If you or someone you know with a developmental disability is interested in learning more or are a business who would like to support this effort, contact julie.oneil@lakebdd.org.



DEEPWOOD IDOL HELPS DREAMS COME TRUE ON A COMMUNITY STAGE.

What started out as a program talent show within the walls of the LCBDD, has evolved into an inclusive community event featuring multi-talented individuals performing in front of crowds of more than 500 people. The first collaboration to bring Deepwood

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INCENTIVES FOR NEW MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVERS IN LAKE COUNTY

The Board of Commissioners recently obtained a federal grant through AmeriCorps Seniors to help support the need for Meals on Wheels drivers through the Lake County Council on Aging.

A critical component of the Meals on Wheels program is the opportunity for social interaction between the volunteers and the meal recipients. The daily deliveries by the volunteers includes not just a meal, but a chance for a friendly smile and a face-to-face greeting that serves as a wellness check. For some, the Meals on Wheels volunteer may be the only person the recipient may see in a day.



For new volunteers who sign up to be a Meals on Wheels volunteer through March 31, 2024, the Lake County Volunteer Network is offering a \$50 Giant Eagle gift card, following the completion of a three month commitment.

Delivering Meals on Wheels is a great opportunity to volunteer as an individual or duo, with a family member or a friend, and meet new people within the community. Volunteer drivers commit to deliver meals at least one day per week Monday through Friday between the hours of 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Volunteers can deliver out of either Madison, Mentor, Painesville, Wickliffe, or Willowick. ■

To get started or learn more, please contact Cristen Kane at the Lake County Volunteer Network at 440-350-5360 or cristen.kane@lakecountyohio.gov.

NEW VOLUNTEER GIFT CARD GIVEAWAY

Earn a \$50 gift card by volunteering to deliver Meals on Wheels*

Only one day a week!

**Monday - Friday
10:30AM - 12:30PM**

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*Effective April 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024. Background check, BMV driving record check, new volunteer orientation, and 3-month commitment required.



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it will include an obstacle course, giant slide, bounce house, and a Mobile Video Gaming Theatre. The Mobile Video Game Theatre can accommodate 16 players simultaneously and is sure to be a hit with crowds of all ages.

The food truck, "Fire and Ice", will be on site, as well as "Cartwheel Connection", face painting, and a balloon twister. The Rocket Ship Car and Life Flight helicopter are scheduled for an appearance (weather permitting). The Rocket Ship Car will provide rides and Laketran will provide tours of the township. Come out and enjoy the day of fun and entertainment!

Summer also means construction season. Road maintenance is a top priority for the Township, and each year we identify roads that are in most need for repair. This year, the focus is on Bannerstone and Sandstone Drives, Wanderlust and Pine Meadow Courts, and Foxfire Drive from Bowhall Road to the intersection of Wanderlust and Pine Meadow Courts. Additionally, we partnered with Concord Township for paving projects on a number of roads throughout the Township as well as a new parking area for Hadden Park along Everett Road.

In addition to the annual road repairs,

new sidewalks are being constructed along Bowhall Road, from Madison Avenue to Dorothea Drive. This addition will connect multiple neighborhoods to Cicconetti Park as well as the existing Madison Avenue sidewalks installed in 2016. While the road construction season can be an inconvenience for commuters, it's a necessary evil that ultimately benefits everyone. ■

To stay up to date with current news in Painesville Township, sign up for our monthly electronic newsletter at www.painesvilletwp.com for more information.





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LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF TRAINING FACILITY



The Lake County Sheriff's Office, with the support of the Lake County Commissioners, is constructing a new state of the art training facility. It will be constructed where the target range has existed for the past 40+ years. This new training complex will be open for use by all Lake County Police Departments free of charge and will greatly enhance the capabilities of the officers to insure the safety and security of our Lake County communities.

The days of police training by shooting at paper targets and then going to work in the field are no longer acceptable. Today's training must integrate every aspect of policing such as driving, defensive hand-to-hand tactics, verbal confrontations, and the ability to de-escalate, or escalate if necessary, the encounter. This training requires specialized expertise to effectively and safely simulate real world scenarios. In these type of training environments, officers must make critical decisions while evaluating any number of conditions and physical requirements. Accomplishing this training in a safe and secure environment enables officers to learn, improve decision making, and prepare for critical incidents before they occur.

In our new training complex, we will still have the traditional live fire range however two new training buildings are being added. The



training center will provide access to classrooms for weapons training, legal updates, defensive tactics, and training via Zoom from across the United States. In addition, it will have a decision-making shooting simulator which puts the officer into a multitude of real-life scenarios to learn responses in a safe environment before they confront them in the field. The 2nd building is a Simunition® training environment (which consists of a paint marking projectile which simulates live fire) in a moveable wall building. Here, officers will be trained on encounters with armed suspects, engaging in felony traffic stops, and officer/civilian down rescue scenarios.

In the new training center, numerous agencies can train at the same time in separate areas. More importantly, police officers from across the county can train together, learn how to interact with each more efficiently, and better prepare for incidents where multiple agencies respond. Knowing each other and how each is trained to respond enables us to have better trained and well-prepared law enforcement from across our communities. ■

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Idol into the community was held at the Great Lakes Mall more than ten years ago. Local radio talent and emcee Jeremy James, alongside local celebrity judges such as local government officials, The News Herald, The Fine Arts Association, and local TV stations, helped to create awareness for this spectacular event. Individuals who are eligible for services from the County Board, audition and practice for countless hours to earn their spot on stage. It has historically been a key way to promote March Developmental Disability Awareness.

Now, it is an even greater endeavor as the event is performed on stage at the Mentor Amphitheatre during Mentor's biggest annual event, the Mentor Cityfest. Most recently, almost 20 individuals auditioned at the Perry High School Goodwin Theatre in front of three judges who determined the top acts to perform at Deepwood Idol. Individuals showcased a variety of talent-- singing, dancing, acting, playing musical instruments, and stand-up comedy. On August 19, eleven contestants will perform as part of the Cityfest entertainment line-up. ■

To learn more, visit LakeBDD.org or follow @DeepwoodLakeDD on social media.