

Lorain County Metro Parks

# Arrowhead

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# ART CORNER

## WATERCOLORS

**November 1 – 30, 8 am – 4:30 pm daily**  
**Carlisle Visitor Center**

See the beautiful paintings created by the students from the watercolor classes taught by Celia Stelnicki. These colorful works show the talent and personality of each individual artist in a variety of subject matter. Although some may be of the same subject matter, the individual techniques by the various students make each one different and unique. Stop by and see the beautiful works of these up-and-coming local artists.

## An Invitation

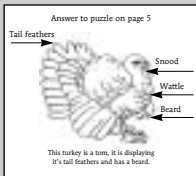
*You are cordially invited to attend  
 Mill Hollow's Old Fashioned Holiday.  
 The Bacon Family and friends ask you  
 to join them and other residents of  
 Brownhelm Mills 1865 for a celebration  
 as they welcome President  
 Abraham Lincoln and his entourage.  
 There will be lively conversation  
 and much merriment.*

*Refreshments will be served  
 (for a small fee) and entertainment will  
 be provided by The Unexpected Party.*

*December 4, 4 – 8 pm  
 December 5, 2 – 6 pm*

*The Bacon home is located at Mill Hollow  
 in the Vermilion River Reservation,  
 4 miles south of Vermilion at the  
 intersection of North Ridge and  
 Vermilion Roads.*

*We eagerly await your participation.*



## THE PHOTOGRAPHY OF MIKE ZELLERS

**December 1 – 31, 8 am – 4:30 pm daily**  
**Carlisle Visitor Center**

The word amateur comes from the Latin word *amare*, meaning "to love." Mike Zellers is happily an amateur photographer. In the short time he has been taking digital photos, he has found that it influences the way he looks at things. It has made him "stop and smell the roses," or more appropriately, "stop and take a picture of them." Wherever he is, he can find something beautiful to photograph, and this attitude has extended beyond photography to influence the way he looks at life. Mike lives in Amherst with his wife, two children and three cats. He is a full-time member of the faculty at Lorain County Community College.

## ELEANOR ST. JOHN: A PASSION FOR PASTELS

**November 2 – 27, 10 am – 4:30 pm**  
**French Creek Nature Center**

Rather than empty nesting after a large family matures, Eleanor St. John returned to her first interest, artistic expression. Her passion for drawing and painting has become almost a separate entity, even obsession, from the customary roles of mom, homemaker, and active church member. She attended Cleveland Institute of Art and earned an associate degree in art from Ursuline College in 1989. Although she has a preference for pastels, she has also worked with water-soluble pen, watercolor and oil. As you can observe from her artwork, she has painted many aspects of life. She now maintains a studio and exhibits her works in private collections and at Artstown Studios and Galleries in Avon Lake.



## CLEA STELNICKI: PAINTINGS FROM THE HEART

**December 14 – 30, 10 am – 4:30 pm**  
**French Creek Nature Center**

Local artist and instructor, Clea Stelnicki, shares her love for watercolor by teaching. Currently she is teaching classes for the Elyria City Park Department, the Firelands extension of BGSU, and for Lorain County Metro Parks. Among her commissioned artworks are a painting of the new Elyria City Hall and a series of paintings of Elyria city landmarks including the flower baskets. Her artwork has been exhibited since 1983 at various art shows in northern Ohio including the Yankee Peddler, Ohio Mart at Stan Hywet Hall in Akron, and St. John Westshore Festival of Arts in Westlake. Please stop in to see her talented work.

## JUDY & HUEY KIRK: CELEBRATING NATURE

**November 29 – December 11, 10 am – 4:30 pm**  
**French Creek Nature Center**

Local artists Judy and Huey Kirk display their artwork in chip carving and in paintings and sketches. Judy is a self-taught artist getting her inspiration from nature scenes and wildlife, although she also enjoys painting portraits. Over the years she has sold her work to corporate and private collectors. Huey has been interested in carvings since childhood but has focused the past seven years on the Swedish style of chip carving with its decorative adornment. He took lessons from local master carver Tim Balda and also studied with international master carver and author Wayne Barton. You can see for yourself their amazing artwork on display at French Creek Nature Center. Stop by for a friendly visit with the talented artists and light refreshments on December 5 from 1 – 3 pm.

# November CALENDAR OF EVENTS PULL-OUT SECTION



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<b>DD</b> Days Dam 2720 E. 31st St. Lorain, Ohio 44055 (440) 324-5481	<b>FHGC</b> Forest Hills Golf Course 41971 Oberlin-Elyria Rd. Elyria, Ohio 44035 (440) 323-2632
<b>HM</b> High Meadows 1750 Ford Rd. Elyria, Ohio 44035	<b>FCR</b> French Creek Reservation <b>BH</b> Burrell Homestead 4792 E. River Sheffield Village, Ohio 44054
<b>CA</b> Caley Reservation 18207 West Rd. Wellington, Ohio 44090	<b>FCNC</b> French Creek Nature Center 4530 Colorado Ave. Sheffield Lake, Ohio 44054 (440) 949-5200
<b>CAR</b> Carlisle Reservation <b>CVC</b> Carlisle Visitor Center <b>WVCA</b> Wildlife Observation Area 12892 Diagonal Rd. LaGrange, Ohio 44050 (440) 458-5121	<b>PTPA</b> Pine Tree Picnic Area 4921 French Creek Rd. Sheffield Village, Ohio 44054
<b>DPPA</b> Duck Pond Picnic Area 12550 Diagonal Rd. LaGrange, Ohio 44050	<b>IHR</b> Indian Hollow Reservation 3874 Fenton Rd. Grafton, Ohio 44044

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 ELEANOR ST. JOHN CROCHET	3 PARK PALS: SQUIRRELS MOVIE: POLE TO POLE THEMED	4 HERBAL BLENDS	5 MOVIE: POLE TO POLE THEMED FIRESIDE STORYTELLING ASTRONOMY: THE GLORIOUS GREAT SQUARE	6 FALL COLOR HIKE PLANTING BULBS FOR SPRING WITCH HAZEL HIKE
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**NOVEMBER 2—ELEANOR ST. JOHN**  
10 am-4:30 pm daily FCR-FCNC. See Eleanor St. John's passion for art as she displays her artwork of different aspects of life. Show hangs through 11/27. See related article.

**CROCHET**   
11 am-1 pm FCR-FCNC. Learn the basic stitches of crochet as we make a cute craft. Bring light colored yarn & G needles. PR by 11/1.

**NOVEMBER 3—PARK PALS: SQUIRRELS**   
10-11 am FCR-FCNC. Preschoolers and an adult companion will learn about squirrels through a story, craft, and outdoor exploration!

**MOVIE: POLE TO POLE THEMED**  
11 am FCNC. Animated feature.

**NOVEMBER 4—HERBAL BLENDS**   
6:30-7:30 pm VRR-CB. Capture the goodness of your garden in dried herbal blends that you can use all winter for tea, cooking and health. Mary Jane Lalonde from the East Norwalk General Store will do a make and take presentation including a relaxation tea and a no salt herbal blend. PR by 10/29 & pay \$5 at door.

**NOVEMBER 5—MOVIE: POLE TO POLE THEMED**  
1 pm FCNC. Animated feature.

**FIRESIDE STORYTELLING**  
7-8 pm VRR-CB. Enjoy the fire and storytelling by members of WRAPPS (Western Reserve Association for the Preservation and Perpetuation of Storytelling) and the Sandstone Storytellers.

**ASTRONOMY: THE GLORIOUS GREAT SQUARE**  
8-10 pm EC-NO. View the autumn skies. Co-sponsored by the Black River Astronomical Society. Clear skies only!

**NOVEMBER 6—FALL COLOR HIKE**   
9-10:30 am SRR-JWC. Enjoy an easy hike through the woods and munch on a pleasant fall treat.

**PLANTING BULBS FOR SPRING**  
11 am-Noon SOVC. Learn about planting bulbs in pots, in the garden, and forcing them for early color.

**WITCH HAZEL HIKE**   
2-3 pm FCR-FCNC. Look for the spiky blooms of the witch hazel and learn about this tree.

**NOVEMBER 7—ORNAMENT WORKSHOP**   
1-2:30 pm SRR-JWC. Make some ornaments for your holiday decor. PR by 11/3. Pay \$4 at the door.

**MOVIE: POLE TO POLE THEMED**  
1 pm FCNC. Documentary.

**HOLIDAY SCRAPBOOK PAGE**   
2-4 pm FCR-FCNC. Come join Melanie Dougal, a Close to My Heart rep, to create your own holiday page. Bring adhesive, trimmer, and photos. All other materials included. PR & prepay \$10 by 11/3.

**GARDEN TOUR**   
2-3 pm SG. See the end of autumn's glory in the garden.

**NOVEMBER 9—PRESCHOOL SPECIAL: INDIANS AND NATURE!**  
10-11 am CAR-CVC. Preschoolers and their parents will learn how the American Indians saw wildlife and will hear some Indian stories about animals.

**MOVIE: POLE TO POLE THEMED**  
11 am FCNC. Animated feature.

**RUG HOOKING**  
11 am-3 pm FCR-FCNC. Join the local rug hookers in their monthly get-together. Learn different techniques; some supplies available; classes optional for the first-timers. Bring a lunch.

**VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION**  
7-8 pm CAR-CVC. Join us for an overview of the volunteer opportunities available through Friends of Metro Parks in Lorain County, Inc.

**NOVEMBER 10—PRESCHOOL SPECIAL: INDIANS AND NATURE!**  
10-11 am CAR-CVC. See description 11/9.

**NOVEMBER 11—WATERCOLOR: HAPPY HOLIDAYS**   
10 am-Noon FCR-FCNC. Create your own cards and holiday gifts with watercolor. Dede Strickland will instruct this 3-session class (11/11, 11/18, & 12/2). PR by 11/9 & pay \$20 at door.

**MOVIE: POLE TO POLE THEMED**  
1 pm FCNC. Kid's documentary.

**NOVEMBER 12—FLICK 'N FLOAT**  
5:30-6 pm SZ. Join us for a dive-in movie, members and those 11 and under \$5, non-members \$5.

**FIRESIDE STORYTELLING**  
7-8 pm VRR-CB. See description 11/5.

**NOVEMBER 13—WATERFLOW ID HIKE**   
9-10:30 am SRR-JWC. Search your marsh for fall migrant waterfowl. Brush up your ID skills.

**FEEDING TIME**  
1-2 pm FCR-FCNC. Have you ever wondered how or what the nature center centers eat? Come watch as they feed.

**MOVIE: BIRD THEMED**  
2 pm FCNC. Documentary.

**ANTIQUE FISHING LURE ROADSHOW**  
2-3:30 pm VRR-CB. Hear a brief discussion on the joy and mystery of collecting antique fishing lures. After the presentation have your lures and other antique fishing gear with you to share for an appraisal.

**NOVEMBER 14—KAYAK 101**   
8 am-Noon SZ. For the recreational kayaker. PR and pay \$35 by 11/10.

**DO-IT-YOURSELF BASKETS**   
Noon-3 pm FCR-FCNC. This month Laura Berthold will instruct on making a fall basket. PR by 11/9 & pay \$19 at door.

**GUEST SPEAKER: AN EXPEDITION TO ANTARCTICA**  
2-3 pm FCNC. There's more than just an iceberg in Antarctica. Join Bev and Bill Stoves as they share their adventures. See related article.

**FORECASTING FOLKLORE**   
2-3:30 pm COL. Will it be a long, cold winter? What does the woolly bear predict? Find some of the fun facts and predictions from Mother Nature has in store.

**LEARN BASIC KNITTING**  
2-5 pm VRR-CB. Learn the basics of knitting or crocheting while enjoying a warm fire on a cool fall afternoon. Needles and yarn will be available at minimal cost or bring your own. Refreshments will be provided. Sponsored by Harbortown Knitting Circle.

**NOVEMBER 17—KIDZ CRAFT CLUB**  
10-11 am FCR-FCNC. Fun nature crafts for Preschoolers & their parents. This month: "Turkey Art."

**PRESCHOOL IN THE GARDEN: BIRD FEEDING**  
10-11 am SOVC. Learn about feeding the birds and make a small feeder.

**MOVIE: BIRD THEMED**  
11 am FCNC. Kid's documentary.

**POWER HIKE**   
3-4 pm COL. Get ready for the holiday shopping season by getting in shape at this fast paced hike.

**KIDZ CLUB—"ALL ABOUT ME" SCRAPBOOK CLASS**   
6-7 pm FCR-FCNC. All kids age 5-8: Come join Melanie Dougal. Close to my Heart rep, to create your very own "All About You" scrapbook page. Bring some photos of you, your friends, or family to complete a page of your very own scrapbook. Bring trimmer and adhesive, all other materials furnished. Must PR & prepay \$15 by 11/3.

**MAKING BEESWAX CANDLES**   
10-11 am SOVC. Diane Garner from Amish Attic will demonstrate the art of beeswax candle rolling. When finished you will have a pair of rolled beeswax candles which burn longer, cleaner, and have less dripage than other candles. These delightful candles make great gifts. This class is a great for both children and adults! PR & prepay \$10 by 11/10.

**NOVEMBER 18—FIRESIDE STORYTELLING: TELEBRATION EVENT**  
7-8 pm VRR-CB. Join us for this extra special storytelling activity as we participate in the international event of the National Storytelling Network. Co-sponsored by WRAPPS.

**MOVIE: BIRD THEMED**  
2 pm FCNC. Family feature.

**SCRAPBOOK**   
7-9 pm FCR-FCNC. Join Melanie Dougal. Close to my Heart rep, for a fun evening of cropping and designing your scrapbook. Pick up some great ideas from other scrapers while you enjoy their company and Dad takes the kids to a free movie here at French Creek Nature Center (kids must have an adult accompany them during the movie). PR by 11/17.

**ASTRONOMY: ENTER ORION, STAGE LEFT**  
6-10 pm EC-NO. Search for autumn constellations. Co-sponsored by the Black River Astronomical Society. Clear skies only!

**NOVEMBER 20—HUNTER'S SAFETY COURSE**   
9 am-2 pm FCR-FCNC. Safety & related issues discussed. Sponsored by Ouylogha Sportsman's Association. Must complete 2-day session (11/20 & 11/21). PR and pay \$5 by 11/16 by calling Ray Peters at 440-610-4457.

**RANGER RICK CLUE: DEER, DEER**  
10-11 am CAR-CVC. Children in the second and third grades can come and learn about deer! What they eat and how they find their food.

**HOLIDAY CENTERPIECE**   
1-2 pm FCNC. Margaret Anderson will give step-by-step instructions on creating a festive silk centerpiece for your holiday table. PR & pay \$20 by 11/16.

**WINTER GARDEN TOUR**  
2-3 pm SOVC. Learn about plants for your winter landscape and holiday decorating.

**NOVEMBER 21—MIGRATORY BIRD HIKE**   
8-9:30 am COL. Look for early winter visitors. Bring binoculars.

**SCHOEPFLE HOUSE AND GARDEN TOUR**   
1-2 pm SG. Tour Otto Schoepfle's home as part of the garden tour.

**MOVIE: BIRD THEMED**  
2 pm FCNC. Family feature.

**WEEDS: FINAL BEAUTY**   
2-3:30 pm COL. Learn to ID weeds in their first stage, see if they know and how wildlife uses them.

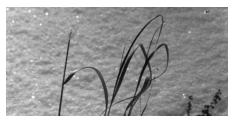
**DEER TRACKS HIKE**   
2-3:30 pm SOVC. Learn about the habits of our largest wild animal in Lorain County while hiking through the woods for a glimpse of them.

**OPEN MIKE**  
7-8:30 pm FCNC. Here's your chance to share a song, your voice, and your love of music in this new monthly program. See related article. This month's theme: Gordon Lightfoot.

**NOVEMBER 23—PRESCHOOL SPECIAL: TURKEY TAILS**   
10-11 am FCR-FCNC. Preschoolers and their parents will learn how the American turkey came to grace our Thanksgiving table and almost was the national bird.

**MOVIE: BIRD THEMED**  
11 am FCNC. Family classic.

**NOVEMBER 24—PRESCHOOL SPECIAL: TURKEY TAILS**   
10-11 am CAR-CVC. See description 11/23.



**HIKING LEVELS**

= Easy = Moderate = Strenuous

= Live Animals = Hiking Stick Program

= PR Prerequisite is required. Please contact the Park District Office at (440) 458-3121 or 1-800-LCM-PARK (TDD or Voice) by the date shown on the Events Calendar. The programs in this calendar are structured for families and individuals. Please contact the Park District Office for information on programs specifically designed for your group or organization. We look forward to hearing from you!

# December CALENDAR OF EVENTS PULL-OUT SECTION

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<b>DD</b> Days Dam 2720 E. 31st St. Lorain, Ohio 44055 (440) 324-5481	<b>COL</b> Columbia Reservation 25145 Royallton Rd. Columbia Station, Ohio 44028	<b>SG</b> Schoepfle Garden <b>SGVC</b> Schoepfle Garden Visitor Center 11106 Market St. Birmingham, Ohio 44816 (440) 965-7237
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<b>Holiday Lights!</b> See November 26 description and related article.			<b>1</b> JUDY & HUEY KIRK: CELEBRATING NATURE PARK PALS: WINTER COLORS MOVIE: FANTASY THEMED	<b>2</b> HOLIDAY CROCHET	<b>3</b> MOVIE: FANTASY THEMED FLICK 'N FLOAT HOWL AT THE MOON PARTY	<b>4</b> WINTER PREPARATIONS STAMP CAMP GARDEN TOUR BUILD A WOODEN PLATFORM BIRDFEEDER MILL HOLLOW'S OLD-FASHIONED HOLIDAY SANTA'S WORKSHOP
<b>5</b> TRACKING TREK DO-IT-YOURSELF BASKETS HOLIDAY MAGIC MEET THE ARTIST MOVIE: FANTASY THEMED BUILD A BIRDFEEDER FALL GARDEN WALK OLD-FASHIONED HOLIDAY SANTA'S WORKSHOP	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> PRESCHOOL SPECIAL: BIRDFEEDERS! MOVIE: FANTASY THEMED MADHATTER'S TEA PARTY KAYAK 101	<b>8</b> PRESCHOOL IN THE GARDEN: WINTER PRESCHOOL SPECIAL: BIRDFEEDERS!	<b>9</b> MOVIE: FANTASY THEMED KIDZ KLUB-SCHOOL DAYS SCRAP CLASS KAYAK 101	<b>10</b> ASTRONOMY: HOLIDAY VIEWING	<b>11</b> PRE-XMAS BIRD COUNT MOVIE: WINTER SURVIVAL THEMED
<b>12</b> SUNDAYS BY THE FIRE GUEST SPEAKER: SHIPWRECKS OF LAKE ERIE—FIRE, STORMS, COLLISIONS WINTER BOTANY TRACKS ALONG THE RIVER NATURE WALK	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> PASSION OF THE HEART: CLEA STEINIK RUG HOOKING	<b>15</b> KIDZ CRAFT CLUB HOLIDAY WOLIVE CANDLES PRESCHOOL SPECIAL: SNOW! MOVIE: WINTER SURVIVAL THEMED	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> MOVIE: WINTER SURVIVAL THEMED	<b>18</b> RANGER RICK CLUB: BIRDFEEDING SANTA'S WORKSHOP NATURE CRAFTS A KIDS
<b>19</b> WINTER BIRD HIKE SCHOEPFLE HOUSE AND GARDEN TOUR SUNDAYS BY THE FIRE MOVIE: HOLIDAY THEMED HOLIDAY WORKSHOP ANIMAL HOMES SANTA'S WORKSHOP OPEN MIKE	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> PRESCHOOL SPECIAL: SNOWMAN! MOVIE: HOLIDAY THEMED WINTER KICK-OFF HIKE	<b>22</b> PRESCHOOL SPECIAL: SNOWMAN!	<b>23</b> MOVIE: HOLIDAY THEMED	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
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**DECEMBER 1—JUDY & HUEY KIRK: CELEBRATING NATURE**  
10 am-12:30 pm daily FCR-FCNC.  
See description 11/29.

**PARK PALS: WINTER COLORS** **[M]**  
10-11 am FCR-FCNC. Preschoolers and an adult companion will find that there are more colors in winter than white and brown through a story, craft, and outdoor exploration!

**MOVIE: FANTASY THEMED**  
11 am FCR-FCNC. Animated feature.

**DECEMBER 2—HOLIDAY CROCHET** **[M]**  
11 am-1 pm FCR-FCNC. We'll make a holiday coaster as we learn the basics of crocheting. Bring red yarn and G needles. PR by 11/29.

**DECEMBER 3—MOVIE: FANTASY THEMED**  
1 pm FCR-FCNC. Animated feature.

**FLICK 'N FLOAT**  
5:30-9 pm SZ. Join us for a dive-in movie, members and those 11 and under \$3, non-members \$5.

**HOWL AT THE MOON PARTY**  
7-10 pm SRR. Night hike, telescopes, and a campfire! Meet at the picnic shelter. Winter preparations!

**DECEMBER 4—WINTER PREPARATIONS** **[M]**  
9-10:30 am SRR-JWC. Hike the woods and marsh and discuss the preparations animals make for winter.

**STAMP CAMP** **[M]**  
10 am-5 pm FCR-FCNC. Spend the day stamping! and scrap! Demonstrations by Melanie Douglis, a Close to My Heart rep, will feature a unique product called Versamark. Bring your own supplies and lunch as you spread out on our tables. Desserts included. PR & prepay \$15 by 11/30.

**GARDEN TOUR** **[M]**  
2-3 pm SG. See the end of autumn's glory in the garden.

**BUILD A WOODEN PLATFORM BIRDFEEDER** **[M]**  
2-3 pm CAR-CVC. Learn about feeding our little feathered friends for the coming winter, then build your own wooden birdfeeder to attract the birds to your home. PR by 12/3 & pay \$3 at door.

**MILL HOLLOW'S OLD-FASHIONED HOLIDAY**  
4-8 pm VRR-BBM/CB. Join the Bacon family and their guests of Brownhollow Hollow 1884 as they celebrate this festive time of year. This dramatic re-enactment of holiday celebrations from long ago is a treat for all ages. Music in the Carriage Barn will be performed by The Unexpected Party. Warm yourself in front of our fire, listen to great music, and then watch the drama unfold. Refreshments will also be provided.

**SANTA'S WORKSHOP**  
5-9 pm CAR-CVC. Sugar Shack Santa's helpers are ready to make your wishes come true. Small charge for materials.

**DECEMBER 5—TRACKING TREK** **[M]**  
10-11:30 am SRR-JWC. Discover what animals inhabit the park by the signs they leave behind.

**DO-IT-YOURSELF BASKETS** **[M]**  
Noon-3 pm FCR-FCNC. This month is the sleigh basket instructed by Laura Berthold. PR by 11/30 & pay \$23 at door.

**GUEST SPEAKER: HOLIDAY MAGIC WITH JIM KLEEFELD**  
1-2 pm FCR-FCNC. Jim Kleefeld presents a fabulous and fun holiday magic show. See the world's largest holiday card!

**MEET THE ARTIST**  
1-3 pm FCR-FCNC. Have a friendly visit with our featured artists, Judy and Huey Kirk, and enjoy some light refreshments.

**MOVIE: FANTASY THEMED**  
2 pm FCR-FCNC. Family feature.

**BUILD A WOODEN HÖPPER BIRDFEEDER** **[M]**  
2-3 pm CAR-CVC. Learn about feeding our little feathered friends for the coming winter, then build your own wooden birdfeeder to attract the birds to your home. PR by 12/3 & pay \$3 at door.

**FALL GARDEN WALK** **[M]**  
2-3 pm SG. Take a stroll through the garden to enjoy late autumn.

**MILL HOLLOW'S OLD-FASHIONED HOLIDAY**  
3-8 pm VRR-BBM/CB. See description 12/4.

**SANTA'S WORKSHOP**  
5-9 pm CAR-CVC. See description 12/4.

**DECEMBER 7—PRESCHOOL SPECIAL: BIRDFEEDERS!**  
10-11 am CAR-CVC. Preschoolers and their parents will learn about feeding the birds this winter and identify several different ones that may frequent their own yards.

**MOVIE: FANTASY THEMED**  
11 am FCR-FCNC. Animated feature.

**MADHATTER'S TEA PARTY** **[M]**  
10-11 am FCR-FCNC. Join us after the movie for our own version of the Mad Hatter's tea party chartered by Alice and friends. PR by 12/1 & pay \$2 at door. See related article.

**KAYAK 101** **[M]**  
6-8 pm SZ. For the recreational kayaker. PR and prepay \$35 by 12/3.

**DECEMBER 8—PRESCHOOL IN THE GARDEN: WINTER**  
10-11 am SGVC. Preschoolers 3-5 and their parents learn about water and do a fun craft.

**PRESCHOOL SPECIAL: BIRDFEEDERS!**  
10-11 am CAR-CVC. See description 12/7.

**DECEMBER 9—MOVIE: FANTASY THEMED**  
1 pm FCR-FCNC. Family feature.

**KIDZ KLUB-SCHOOL DAYS SCRAP CLASS** **[M]**  
6-7 pm FCR-FCNC. "Me and my Friends" will be the title of your very own scrapbook starting you and your friends. You can even give it as a gift for the holidays. Kids ages 5-18 will finish 4 pages. Bring photos, trimmer & adhesive. All other Close to My Heart materials are included. PR & prepay \$15 by 12/1.

**KAYAK 101** **[M]**  
6-8 pm SZ. For the recreational kayaker. PR and prepay \$35 by 12/3.

**DECEMBER 10—ASTRONOMY: HOLIDAY VIEWING**  
8-10 pm EC-NO. Treat yourself to an early present with the gift of astronomy. Co-sponsored by the Black River Astronomical Society. Clear skies only!

**DECEMBER 11—PRE-XMAS BIRD COUNT** **[M]**  
9-10:30 am SRR-JWC. Search the woods and marsh for winter resident birds.

**MOVIE: WINTER SURVIVAL THEMED**  
2 pm FCR-FCNC. Family feature.

**DECEMBER 12—SUNDAYS BY THE FIRE**  
1-4 pm VRR-CB. Come enjoy the park before winter gets really cold. Take a stroll along the river or back through the walking trails, then come to the Carriage Barn and enjoy sipping by the hearth in front of the roaring fire.

**GUEST SPEAKER: SHIPWRECKS OF LAKE ERIE—FIRE, STORMS, COLLISION**  
2-3 pm FCR-FCNC. Did you know that Lake Erie has perhaps the largest concentration of shipwrecks per square mile than anywhere in the world? Georgann & Mike Wachter from Erie Wrecks will explore the infamous disasters of Lake Erie. See related article.

**WINTER BOTANY** **[M]**  
2-3:30 pm COL. Learn to ID trees without leaves! See how size, shape, color, habitat, and bark will help you to recognize some of the common trees.

**TRACKS ALONG THE RIVER NATURE WALK**  
2-3:30 pm VRR-CB. Come for a nature walk in search of signs that not all animals have begun their long winter's nap. Afterwards warm yourself by the toasty fire in the Carriage Barn.

**DECEMBER 14—PASSION OF THE HEART: CLEA STEINIK**  
10 am-1:30 pm daily thru 12/31. Local artist and instructor Clea Steinknik demonstrates her passion for watercolor in her art class. Come see for yourself! See related article.

**RUG HOOKING**  
11 am-3 pm FCR-FCNC. See description 11/9.

**DECEMBER 15—KIDZ CRAFT CLUB**  
10-11 am FCR-FCNC. Fun makes crafts for Preschoolers & their parents. This month: "Holiday Volves."

**PRESCHOOL SPECIAL: SNOW!** **[M]**  
10-11 am COL. Parents bring your preschoolers to learn all about snow and take a hike.

**MOVIE: WINTER SURVIVAL THEMED**  
11 am FCR-FCNC. Animated feature.

**DECEMBER 17—MOVIE: WINTER SURVIVAL THEMED**  
7 pm FCR-FCNC. Family feature.

**DECEMBER 18—RANGER RICK CLUB: BIRDFEEDING!**  
10-11 am CAR-CVC. Children in the second and third grades can come and learn about feeding the birds this winter and be able to identify several common species.

**SANTA'S WORKSHOP**  
5-9 pm CAR-CVC. See description 12/4.

**NATURE CRAFTS A KIDS** **[M]**  
2-3:30 pm FCR-FCNC. Looking for a special last minute gift or tree ornament? Make some crafts using mostly natural materials. Geared to ages 6-8 in PR 12/14.

**DECEMBER 19—WINTER BIRD HIKE** **[M]**  
9-10:30 am COL. See what birds you can check off your list as we go through forest, field, and along the river.

**SCHOEPFLE HOUSE AND GARDEN TOUR** **[M]**  
1-2 pm SG. Tour Otto Schoepfle's home as part of the garden tour.

**SUNDAYS BY THE FIRE**  
1-4 pm VRR-CB. See description 12/12.

**MOVIE: HOLIDAY THEMED**  
2 pm FCR-FCNC. Family classic.

**HOLIDAY CENTERPIECE WORKSHOP** **[M]**  
2-3 pm CAR-CVC. Participants will create their own evergreen and floral holiday centerpiece that will last through the holiday season. All materials supplied, bring your own scissors and hand pruners. PR by 12/16 & pay \$20 at door.

**ANIMAL HOMES** **[M]**  
2-3 pm COL. Now that the leaves are gone, bird & squirrel nests and other animal signs are easy to find.

**SANTA'S WORKSHOP**  
5-9 pm CAR-CVC. See description 12/4.

**OPEN MIKE**  
7-8:30 pm FCR-FCNC. See Nov. 21 description. This month's theme: Sounds of the Season.

**DECEMBER 21—PRESCHOOL SPECIAL: SNOWMAN!**  
10-11 am CAR-CVC. Preschoolers and their parents will learn about snow, the different types, and build a little snowman craft to take home.

**MOVIE: HOLIDAY THEMED**  
11 am FCR-FCNC. Animated feature.

**WINTER KICK-OFF HIKE** **[M]**  
1-4 pm VRR-CB. The first official day of winter, take a hike!

**DECEMBER 22—PRESCHOOL SPECIAL: SNOWMAN!**  
10-11 am CAR-CVC. See description 12/21.

**DECEMBER 23—MOVIE: HOLIDAY THEMED**  
1 pm FCR-FCNC. Family feature.

**DECEMBER 26—SUNDAYS BY THE FIRE**  
1-4 pm VRR-CB. See description 12/12.

**POST-HOLIDAY HEALTHY HIKE** **[M]**  
2-3:30 pm FCR-PTPA. Hike the trails at a pace quick enough to burn some of those holiday calories. Meet at shelter #1.

**DECEMBER 27—MOVIE: HOLIDAY THEMED**  
1 pm FCR-FCNC. Animated feature.

**DECEMBER 28—MOVIE: HOLIDAY THEMED**  
11 am FCR-FCNC. Family feature.

**DECEMBER 29—2ND ANNUAL KIDS NEW YEAR'S EVE BASH**  
11 am-Noon FCR-FCNC. Create awesome crafts to toast in the new year as the clock strikes 12 noon. Games, music, refreshments and fun! Feature presentation following. See related article.

**MOVIE: HOLIDAY THEMED**  
Noon FCR-FCNC. Animated feature.

**MIDWEEK HIKE** **[M]**  
1-2 pm COL. Need to get out of the house during the holidays? Bring your friends for this fast-paced hike.

**DECEMBER 30—MOVIE: HOLIDAY THEMED**  
1 pm FCR-FCNC. Animated feature.

**DECEMBER 31—MOVIE: HOLIDAY THEMED**  
1 pm FCR-FCNC. Family classic.

**HIKING LEVELS**

**[E]** = Easy **[M]** = Moderate **[S]** = Strenuous

**[L]** = Live Animals **HSP** = Hiking Stick Program

**[P]** = PR Preregistration is required. Please contact the Park District Office at (440) 458-3121 or 1-800-LCM-PARK (DID or Voice) by the date shown on the Events Calendar. The programs in this calendar are structured for families and individuals. Please contact the Park District Office for information on programs specifically designed for your group or organization. We look forward to hearing from you!

Thanksgiving is just around the corner.

Have you started thinking about a turkey dinner yet? The turkeys we buy at the grocery store are most likely birds that were raised on farms. They are different from wild turkeys which are found in the woods of Ohio. The turkeys raised on farms are called domestic, and they have white feathers. They are fed to gain weight so they will have more meat on them. Because of this, they are twice as heavy as wild turkeys, and they are not able to fly.

Wild turkeys have dark feathers that have iridescent colors. They are able to fly well and also run fast through the woods. Since they can fly, they spend their nights roosting in trees. While farm turkeys are fed grains and special feed from farmers, wild turkeys must find their own food. Their food includes buds, leaves, stems and roots of plants, acorns, fruits, berries and insects.

Turkeys were so popular as a food that in the early 1900s they were almost hunted to extinction. Now there are over 4,000,000 birds! Wild turkeys are hunted in Ohio and provide a challenge for hunters. Both the eyesight and hearing of turkeys are several times sharper than humans. This means that hunters must be very good at turkey calling – or making noises that sound close enough to the real thing – to make the turkey come out of hiding to investigate. About this time of year turkeys will be moving deeper into the woods. They live where there are oak and beech trees for food and pine trees for shelter while roosting at night.

Enjoy your Thanksgiving and while you're on break from school, visit the metro parks. There are places in the parks that are great for turkeys to live, but you'll have to... take a closer look.

## TURKEY TERMS

- Tom** – a male turkey
- Hen** – a female turkey
- Poult** – a chick
- Snood** – the flap of skin found over the beak
- Wattle** – the flap of skin under the turkey's chin
- Beard** – on male turkeys is a modified feather
- Tail Feathers** – males show off in the spring by fanning out the feathers
- Jake** – young male
- Jenny** – young female
- Flock** – group of turkeys

## TURKEY TALES

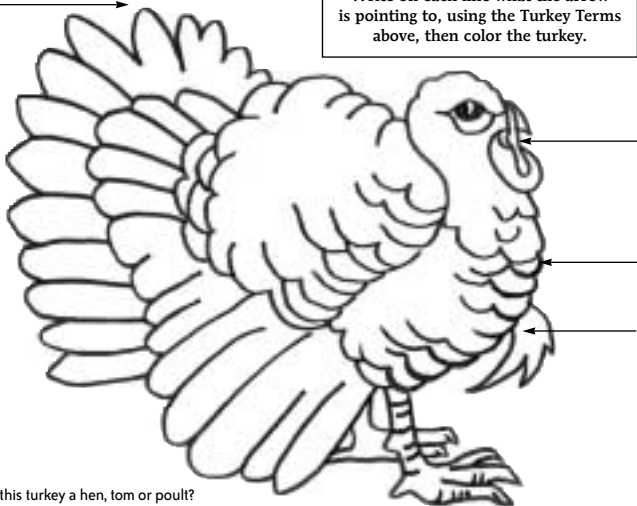
**A Thanksgiving Turkey**

*by Julian Scheer*

**Wild Turkey, Tame Turkey**

*by Dorothy Patent*

Write on each line what the arrow is pointing to, using the Turkey Terms above, then color the turkey.



Is this turkey a hen, tom or poult?



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# Shackleton's Expedition

## MOVIES AT THE FRENCH CREEK NATURE CENTER

The newly renovated French Creek Nature Center now houses a state-of-the-art movie theater! Animated features, short films, documentaries and live-action thrillers for park visitors of all ages to enjoy will be shown as listed in the Arrowhead calendar and below. All movies shown in our theater are rated G or PG, those shown during school hours are geared towards preschool-aged children, while others are intended for viewers of all ages. Movie themes are rotated every few weeks. Seating in the theater is limited, so those who arrive early will be sure to find a seat. For more information on movie content or title, contact the French Creek Nature Center at (440) 949-5300.



## FCNC MOVIE SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

### POLE TO POLE

Wednesday, Nov. 3 - 11:00 am - animated feature

Friday, Nov. 5 - 1:00 pm - animated feature

Sunday, Nov. 7 - 2:00 pm - documentary

Tuesday, Nov. 9 - 11:00 am - animated feature

Thursday, Nov. 11 - 1:00 pm - kid's documentary

### BIRDS

Saturday, Nov. 13 - 2:00 pm - documentary

Wednesday, Nov. 17 - 11:00 am - kid's documentary

Friday, Nov. 19 - 7:00 pm - family feature

Sunday, Nov. 21 - 2:00 pm - family feature

Tuesday, Nov. 23 - 11:00 am - family classic

### FANTASY

Saturday, Nov. 27 - 2:00 pm - family classic

Wednesday, Dec. 1 - 11:00 am - animated feature

Friday, Dec. 3 - 1:00 pm - animated feature

Sunday, Dec. 5 - 2:00 pm - family feature

Tuesday, Dec. 7 - 11:00 am - animated feature

Thursday, Dec. 9 - 1:00 pm - family feature

### WINTER SURVIVAL

Saturday, Dec. 11 - 2:00 pm - family feature

Wednesday, Dec. 15 - 11:00 am - animated feature

Friday, Dec. 17 - 7:00 pm - family feature

### HOLIDAY MOVIES

Sunday, Dec. 19 - 2:00 pm - family classic

Tuesday, Dec. 21 - 11:00 am - animated feature

Thursday, Dec. 23 - 1:00 pm - family feature

Monday, Dec. 27 - 1:00 pm - animated feature

Tuesday, Dec. 28 - 11:00 am - family feature

Wednesday, Dec. 29 - Noon - animated feature

Thursday, Dec. 30 - 1:00 pm - animated feature

Friday, Dec. 31 - 1:00 pm - family classic

**Sir Ernest Shackleton** was a renowned explorer, born leader, sailor, and a restless soul. He had twice led expeditions to reach the South Pole, only to fall short of his goal. On his third attempt he upped the ante with an expedition that planned to traverse the entire continent of Antarctica, 1500 miles across. After 7 months of planning and preparation they set sail in August of 1914.

Their first stop was South Georgia Island in the Weddell Sea, north of Antarctica. There they waited through November until conditions improved and they were able to head south on December 5, 1914. Three days later the weather worsened and their ship was frozen in pack ice just 100 miles from the continent. The crew spent the next couple of months cutting themselves free from the pack ice to continue on with their mission.

By mid-February temperatures dropped and conditions worsened as fall and winter approached in the Southern Hemisphere. At this point all they could do was hunker down and attempt to survive the harsh Antarctic winter.

As bad luck would have it, things only got worse. On November 21, they were forced to abandon the ship as encroaching sea ice caused the ship to collapse and sink. Hauling lifeboats and supplies, the crew made its way across the ice and sea to reach land on Elephant Island. Shackleton, on the other hand, and a few sailors continued on to South Georgia Island, 800 miles away, with hope of returning for the rest of the men. After making landfall on the wrong side of the island, then crossing its mountainous interior, Shackleton finally returned to rescue his men from their frigid prison on August 30, 1916. All told, 2 long years had elapsed from the original departure of the expedition. Miraculously, all of the crew survived, and some even returned on subsequent trips to the South Pole.

If you've visited our Pole to Pole exhibit, you may have seen the documentary about Shackleton's expedition entitled "The Endurance." It plays every day in the exhibit hall. We thought it was about time to see it on the big screen. On Sunday, November 7, at 2:00 pm, we will show this amazing film in the Stan Pijor Distance Learning Classroom. Don't miss this unbelievable adventure in the frozen Antarctic.

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# FCNC Programs for kids

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## FCNC PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

Last year we had great success with our Halloween Parade and New Year's Eve Bash programs. This year we'll repeat those programs, and add our version of the Mad Hatter's Tea Party following our feature presentation of "Alice in Wonderland" on December 7 at 11 am. Alice and friends will help you make your very own "Mad Hat," and you'll then enjoy some "tea" and sandwiches. Don't forget the clock is ticking down to our 2nd annual New Year's Eve Bash for Kids on Dec. 29 at 11 am! Join in the fun as you create awesome holiday hats, glasses, etc. to ring in the New Year as the clock strikes 12 noon; then enjoy our feature movie presentation. Don't miss out on these gala kids' affairs with decorations, music and fun!

We also offer preschool programs under the titles of Kiddie Craft Club and Park Pals. Following are those times and dates:

Park Pals	Kiddie Craft Club
Nov. 3, 10 am - squirrels	Nov. 17, 1 pm - turkey art
Dec. 1, 10 am - winter colors	Dec. 15, 10 am - holiday votive

**Craft 4 Kids**

Nov. 17, 6 pm - Kidz Klub - scrapbook (ages 5-18)  
Nov. 27, 1 pm - stamped gift cards  
Dec. 9, 6 pm - Kidz Klub - scrapbook (ages 5-18)  
Dec. 18, 1 pm - nature craft

## CRAFTS AND HIKES

We also offer other interesting crafts programs like rug hooking every 2nd Tuesday of the month, scrapbooking and stamping workshops - Nov. 7 & Dec. 4; crocheting - Nov. 2 & Dec. 2; basketweaving - Nov. 14 & Dec. 5; and watercolor classes - Nov. 11. If you're looking for some fresh air, join us on one of our hikes through the reservation.

### Take a Hike

Nov. 6, 2 pm - witch hazel hike  
Nov. 28, 2 pm - nutty for fall hike  
Dec. 26, 2 pm - holiday healthy hike

## FCNC INTERPRETIVE TRAIL

If you have hiked the Nature Center Trail recently at French Creek Reservation, you may have noticed posts with numbers. This is the new self-guided trail which is about one mile round trip, and it has nine stops to describe interesting points along the way. You might have wondered about the large cement block along the trail. Now you can find out the story behind it. Next time you are going for a hike, stop in the nature center and pick up a pamphlet for the self-guided trail and learn some French Creek facts as you go!



## GUEST SPEAKERS AT FRENCH CREEK AN EXPEDITION TO ANTARCTICA

**Sunday, November 14 from 2 - 3 pm**

There are more than just icebergs in Antarctica. Bev and Bill Stives share with us their adventures to this cold but beautiful frontier using a video presentation, pictures and personal experiences. Through them you will encounter penguin rookeries, icebergs and lots of other interesting and beautiful sights found in this wondrous region. Following their presentation there will be a question and answer session.

## HOLIDAY MAGIC WITH JIM KLEEFELD

**Sunday, December 5 from 1 - 2 pm**

Jim Kleefeld presents a fabulous and fun holiday magic show. Especially created to celebrate the winter holiday season, this program is fast, colorful and lots of fun for families. Laugh as Rudolph's nose turns blue, then disappears and reappears on the magic! Lots of audience participation keeps everyone interested while volunteers magically predict who will be the Christmas twin. You will see candy canes that get cut apart and magically join back together, the world's largest holiday card, and Jim reads someone's mind to determine his or her favorite present. Jim's many years of experience make this solid entertainment for young and old alike.

## SHIPWRECKS OF LAKE ERIE:

**FIRES, STORMS, COLLISIONS**

**Sunday, December 12 from 2 - 3 pm**

Did you know that Lake Erie has perhaps the largest concentration of shipwrecks per square mile than anywhere in the world? Georgann & Mike Wachter from Erie Wrecks will explore the infamous disasters of Lake Erie. Their stories of the rescues and the tragedies are not only informative, but also exciting and heart-breaking. Without a doubt, this is a presentation that can't be missed.

## THE FRENCH CREEK NATURE CENTER

The French Creek Nature Center is open 7 days a week from 10:00 am until 4:30 pm. The only days we're closed are Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's. Ewing Hall currently contains our Pole to Pole exhibit which focuses on the North and South Poles. An indoor playground is also located in that room. The lobby contains local taxidermy and park information, as well as the Nature Nook gift shop. The Stan Pijor Distance Learning Classroom is next down the hallway. Inside this special space we show movies on a regular basis (see schedule) and conduct a wide variety of programs. Our large classroom contains live animal exhibits, and it can be reserved for group room uses. The observation deck offers a bird's eye view of the French Creek. At the far end of the building is the library and bird feeding area. Come out and see us soon!



## Enjoy Splash Zone every season of the year!

You've visited the outdoor pool and enjoyed the lounge chairs, the cool, clean water, and the lush, green grass...but what can Splash Zone offer when the outdoor pool is closed? Plenty! For starters, there's recreational and instructional swim programs for all ages at different times and on different days of the week, as well as reasonably priced drop-in water aerobics classes offered Monday through Friday.

Splash Zone offers instructional kayak classes, American Red Cross lifeguard training, Flick-n-Float, 3 indoor slides (swim test must be passed to use slides and diving boards), and a very fun place to host that special birthday party, group event, or fundraiser. Call Splash Zone at (440)774-5059 for more information or visit Splash Zone on-line at [www.LorainCountyMetroParks.com](http://www.LorainCountyMetroParks.com). It's fantabulous fun!

## Birthday Parties and Group Events

Water fun isn't just for summer anymore! Host your child's next birthday party or your group's next outing at Splash Zone. The holidays are a great time to schedule your group's special event.

Our indoor meeting room is available by the hour every weekend during the fall and winter months as a popular gathering spot. Your party guests or group members can swim during all of the available open swim hours on the day of your party for just \$5 per person. Groups of 20 or more pay just \$4 per person! Reservations are necessary and a \$40 deposit will hold your spot! Call Splash Zone today for more information! Dates fill quickly, so don't hesitate! Admission fees apply to all swimming and non-swimming guests aged 2 and older.

## Corporate and Large Group Events

Looking for a place to host that corporate get together or that group special event? A swim party at Splash Zone is great fun! You can get exclusive use of Splash Zone for your company or organization. Call for details today!

## Interested in raising funds for your group?\*

Our popular Friday and Saturday night fundraisers continue in the fall for groups of 50 to 100. Your group members and friends can enjoy an evening of swimming and pool activities for just \$4 per person.

After your event, we'll send your group a rebate fundraising check for \$1 per person. Your group will earn a minimum of \$50 for just having fun. Contact Splash Zone to reserve the Friday or Saturday evening that works best for you!

\*Your group must guarantee at least 50 paying guests. Fundraising opportunities are not available during special events. Reservations are necessary.



Splash Zone was a stop on Leadership Lorain County's Road Rally. From left to right: Lois Pozoga Deb Janscura, Becky Voit, Maggie Kelch, Pat Lawson.



## AMERICAN RED CROSS LIFEGUARD CLASS

This program provides entry level candidates the skills and knowledge to prevent, recognize and respond to emergencies and provide care for injuries and sudden illnesses. This course is 28 hours long and all classes must be attended for certification. Applicants must be 15 years of age on or before the final scheduled session of the course and must also complete the following prerequisites:

- Swim 500 yards continuously using the following strokes:
    - 200 yards front crawl using rhythmic breathing and stabilizing propellant kick
    - 100 yards of breaststroke
  - 200 yards of either front crawl or breaststroke
- Surface dive to a depth of 7 - 10 ft., retrieve a 10 pound object and return to the surface and swim 20 yards back to the starting point with the object.

Sundays, January 23 - March 13, 2005

4:30 - 8 pm

Registration opens December 1

Class Fee: \$125

## KAYAKING

It's cold outside but we're still Kayaking in the tropical environment of SPLASH ZONE's indoor pool! This program is designed for the recreational kayaker who is looking to master the basics including paddle strokes, boat control and the wet exit. Activity Level: easy to moderate. Ages 16 and up (participants under 18 must be accompanied by a participating adult).

November 14, 8 a.m. - Noon

December 7 and 9, 6 - 9 p.m.

Class Fee: \$35 (includes all necessary equipment)

## WATER AEROBICS DROP-IN CLASS

Join us for a great new way to stay in shape over the winter months! Sign up for this fun, daily class at the Splash Zone front desk. Come early! Classes fill quickly and are limited to the first 20 paid participants daily.

Members \$3/Non-members \$5

Monday through Thursday, 7 - 7:45 pm

Wednesday and Friday, 9 - 10 am

## TAI CHI

Tai Chi is great health maintenance! Learn gentle, standing Qigong and a Tai Chi form consisting of a series of gentle, flowing, connected movements. Instructor: Mary Cuchna.

Six week sessions WU style:

Mondays, November 1 -

December 6: 7 - 8 pm

Simplified short form:

Tuesdays, November 2 -

December 7, 10 - 11 am

Class fee: member \$35/Non-member \$50.

## BODY SCULPTING

Reshape your entire body using weights! Classes taught by a certified instructor. Bring an exercise mat or towel. Classes are ongoing. Join anytime! Beginners welcome.

Monday and Wednesday, 9:30 - 10:30 am

Tuesday and Thursday, 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Register by phone with VISA or MasterCard by calling (440)353-3539.

## FLICK 'N FLOAT

The drive-in is closed and you've been to the movie theater so many times it's hard to count! Why not join us at Splash Zone for a Dive-In Movie! You'll enjoy the tropical environment of our indoor pool area even when the snow is flying. Float on a Splash Zone supplied inner tube and enjoy a family movie on our large indoor screen! Snacks available during intermission. Call Splash Zone to find out what we'll be showing when it gets dark on Friday evenings! Doors open at 5:00 pm.

November 12 and December 3

Admission: Member and children 11

and under: \$3/ Non-members \$5



# Honor Roll

The Honor Roll is our way of publicly thanking individuals, families, groups and corporations for their gifts to the Lorain County Metro Parks, be it monetary or in services provided. If you would like information on making a gift to the parks, please contact the Public Information Office at (440) 458-5121 or email:

PR@LorainCountyMetroParks.com.

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Richard Hildebrandt, LaGrange

Bill Buchanan, Vermilion

## MEMORIAL GIFTS

A gift from the Brian Bass Memorial Fund to the French Creek Nature Center's Stanley G. Pijor Distance Learning Center.

In memory of Sam Malicki, gifts were received from John Baldwin & Daniel Tyler; Ray, Donna and Doug Novak; Ed and Lois Wagenknecht; Joseph & Mike Simmons; Anna Case, Joe Simmons Jr., Alan Csonotos, Pat Chevalier, Kaye Stola, Frank Lang, Don Schmidt and Dick and Betty Bonham.

From the Darmstadt Family, a gift to the French Creek Reservation in memory of Eric Darmstadt and Agnes Paskvan.

From J.D. Andrews, a gift in memory of John (Duke) Ducar.

A donation to the Memorial Tree Fund in memory of Clarence V. Maurer from the Lake Terminal Railroad Company.

In memory of Maxine LaCrosse, a gift to the Black River Reservation from Larry LaCrosse, Mike LaCrosse and Laura Leister.

## FOCUS ON FRIENDS

### Volunteer Orientation

Join us for an overview of the volunteer opportunities available through Friends of Metro Parks in Lorain County, Inc. on November 9 at 7 pm at the Carlisle Visitor Center. The center is located at 12882 Diagonal Road in Carlisle Township. New opportunities available! Please pre-register by November 8 by calling (440) 458-5121.

### Volunteer Opportunities

Holiday Lights is quickly approaching and members of Friends of Metro Parks are needed to assist with this event. Interested? Indoor and outdoor opportunities are available. Call Becky Voit at (440) 458-5121 for more information.

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## HOLIDAY LIGHTS 2004: THE BRIGHTEST LIGHTS ON EARTH

As the days get shorter, our spirits seem to follow. But, during the time when the sun shows its face the least, we brighten our cold and dark world with the blanket of family, the warmth and glow of a fire, the steam of a hot beverage, and the blessings of thanks, faith and new beginnings. Considering the indomitable nature of the human spirit, it should not come as a surprise that the days of least sunshine are followed by nights of uncountable lights.

Certainly no one single light can capture, even for an instant, the living power of the sun. Even the most powerful lightning bolt casts but faint shadows – its booming and bragging voice comes too late for reflection.

But the lights of the holidays do capture many highlights of the sun. They capture its color and personality; they capture its warmth and welcome; and they capture its quiet nature and spirit. And they, like the sun, spread these attributes upon all who welcome them. And then, on some of the days that are the shortest, the smile of the human spirit can be its longest.

Holiday Lights 2004 will bring the spirit of the sun to the grounds of the Carlisle Visitor Center from November 26 through December 23, and again from December 26 – 30. Tens of thousands of lights will greet visitors each evening. And, unlike many other lighting venues, Holiday Lights gives you choices. You may choose to simply stay in your car and enjoy the entrance drive, or take a ride on the Holiday Express Train, or hike down the fully decorated Short Loop Trail, or enjoy the decorations, refreshments (fee), and warm fires inside the Carlisle Visitor Center. And as always, most of the dozens of lighting exhibits will be sponsored by local businesses, organizations, and groups.

Open hours are:

6 pm - 9 pm, Sunday -Thursday

6 pm - 10 pm, Friday and Saturday

As always, parking and admission are free – but a donation of a non-perishable food item for Second Harvest Food Bank is suggested.

Holiday Lights is made possible, in part, through Lorain-Medina Rural Electric Cooperative.



### INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN HOLIDAY LIGHTS?

#### Spots are going fast!

If you are part of an organization or company that would be interested in decorating a section of trail for Holiday Lights, please contact Becky Voit or Gary Geronne at (440) 458-5121. We'll manage the event for you... your responsibility will be setting up your display in a designated area along the trail. Over 9,000 people would have seen your display and your company or organization name had you participated last year. Give us a call! Note display dates above...time is wasting away!!!!



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