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## WHAT DAD HEROES ARE MADE OF

When I think of Dad-  
 I hear a robust laugh, a quick warm sincere smile  
 A welcome twinkle in his eye for anyone he met.  
 He could dance like a dream  
 His deep bass baritone voice made everyone in church wake up,  
 but his speaking voice was soft with only words of kindness.  
 Dad was humble,  
 He was dignified, could recite Shakespeare, he did beautiful pen and ink art.  
 He had two little sisters he worshipped and adored right up to the day he was gone.  
 Dad was the most popular fella in high school, he wrote his high school alma mater;  
 but never said.  
 Dad was the big man on campus in college, #2 tennis player in Ohio, best dancer,  
 thespian; but he never told.  
 A Hero in WWII, he didn't take lives, as a medic, he saved them.  
 His ship was sunk, he spent three days and nights in flaming waters  
 swimming people to anything they could hang on to.  
 He never once talked about it, it was his job that's all.  
 His brother-in-law told me about the details at his funeral.  
 Dad would have been annoyed at the telling.  
 Dad loved my mother like a romantic leading man.  
 He loved her so much he saved her by not telling her of my escapades.  
 He was really saving my life from her!  
 Dad was giving of his knowledge and without lording it over anyone, especially me.  
 Writing, music, business, Robert's Rules of Order...and kindness, he taught kindness.  
 I was gifted a dad who was truly the epitome of the Greatest Generation.  
 He's been gone for nearly 41 years, not a day ever passes that I don't see his face or  
 hear his voice.  
 He was and still is my HERO.  
 On this Father's Day, have a little chat with your dad Hero, no matter where he may be.

By Christi Z. George, Publisher

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Standing L-R, Michael, Gina Modrak, Joe Kaiser, Nick Hartmann, Timmy and Sarah Modrak; Seated, Connie and Tim Modrak with Chumlee



# MODRAKS IN MOTION

By Christi Z. George, Publisher | Photos by Holly Michelson

**T**im Modrak often says, “If you stop, you die. If you sit too long, you die!” That motto sums up Tim and Connie Modrak. They never stop, no matter the challenge, the setback, or how few hours of sleep they have gotten.

Connie was born in McKeesport, PA, but grew up in Auburn Township and graduated from Kenston High School. She has always been a hard worker, starting to work at Blazing Bills, her family’s restaurant, at the age of 14, when they purchased it. She continued to work there through high school and while attending Kent State University, where she earned an Associate of Art degree before going on to earn a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration.



She credits her father for her strong work ethic. “Working was always my hobby. My father didn’t want us to have idle hands,” she says. “Work at the restaurant became my extracurricular activity,” she continues, and her face has always been a constant fixture of Blazing Bills.

But things haven’t always been easy for Connie. “I got married and became pregnant with twins. I went into labor at 23 weeks. Joey, who was 1.4 pounds, survived. Sadly, Alexander, Joey’s twin, passed away,” she says. When her first marriage ended in divorce, Connie threw herself into work and raising Joe, who is on the autism spectrum. “I was devastated by losing my first

child, and I had so much to learn about autism, which was such a new diagnosis at the time. It is so

easy to lose your footing when you can't cope. My dad taught me that work isn't just about a paycheck. It provides focus and center and gravity. Work kept me in the game," she says.

In addition to working at Blazing Bills while attending Kent State University, she also worked for her best friend who had a landscape and water gardens business. "I was a single mom who couldn't work a regular job because I was raising a child who needed a lot of intervention, therapy, and attention," she recalls. "So, when my friend moved to Michigan, I took over her business and grew it. I worked by myself, singlehandedly building water gardens for years," she explains. Her business, Earth and Waterscapes, located on Washington Street in Auburn Township, has grown exponentially. "Although life was difficult, what kept me going was making sure that Joe had a good life, went to a good school, and was surrounded by family because it does take a village," she says.

On Saint Patrick's Day 2004, two months before receiving her Bachelor of Business degree from KSU, Blazing Bills burnt down, along with the residence above it where Connie lived. Her computer, with all of her notes and her final papers, was destroyed. But, as always, Connie persevered. She took her exams, rewrote her final papers, and graduated as planned.

Six months after the fire, she married Tim. They've been married for 18 years.

Tim has also had to navigate through trying times. Born in Cleveland, he eventually moved to Arizona with his father. But things didn't go smoothly. "At the age of



When family can't find Connie, she is usually in the waterfall.

15, I lived on the streets of Arizona, trying to continue to go to school. Finally, I couldn't continue any longer. Things were rough. One night, I ended up sleeping in an unlocked car. When the owner got into his car the next morning to go to work and saw me, he rescued me. He took me into his house, where he and his wife let me stay for a few days before getting me a hotel room and helping me to find a temporary job," Tim recounts. Tim eventually ended up working in flooring and came back to Ohio where he opened up a flooring company. "Ohio was where it was at-my friends, everything," he says.

Tim had also been divorced and was a single dad to three children, Michael, Curtis,

and Stephanie. "While I was working in flooring, I bought a dilapidated garage and opened Auburn Tackle Box, a bait store. I did that for my kids, as a great babysitter and so that they got business experience," he says.

While Tim and Connie were both busy wearing various hats and raising children on their own, they met at a tanning salon. "I walked in and there was Connie, all muddy. I started to talk to her. She left in an old Cleveland Indians truck of her dad's. After that, I looked for that truck everywhere but couldn't find it. Then one day she walked in again," he says.

"When we started dating, everyone said that I had

finally met my match. We go 100 hours a day, and we don't stop," recounts Tim.

Tim describes the wedding: "Our wedding was one of a kind. We didn't want a traditional wedding because our hearts and souls are different. We rented Pine Lake Trout Club. The



"Bad onion, Honey" Connie turned over the cooking responsibilities to Tim when the kids flew the coop. Tim loves it!

## RESIDENT FEATURE

groomsmen were on horses. Connie came down the aisle on a horse with her father." Connie adds, "It was wonderful. It was supposed to downpour, but the clouds opened up around our ceremony and we had gorgeous sunlight." Tim pointed out that the rain fell as the reception began, a sign of good luck.

Since then, Tim has opened a food truck called Crazy Cow Girl, which can be found at all of the biggest horse events in the area. "I am number one in the horse business for food service. I smoke all of my food," he proudly says. He also caters.

Nine years ago, the Modraks hit another speed bump. "I found out through a routine mammogram that I had early-stage cancer of the mammary ducts and made the decision to have a double mastectomy with reconstruction due to the odds of this type of cancer recurring," Connie explains. "Because of the association with ovarian cancers, I also had a hysterectomy," she adds.

Connie turned this horrible period into something beautiful. "While I was convalescing, I started a company called Common Scents by Connie that produces natural radiation burn cream and healing salves for individuals suffering from cancer. We also make 100% soy candles because they help people



soothe and relax," she says. The business started online but is now in the reception area of Earth and Waterscapes.

When Connie and Tim have a few free moments, they love to spend them with their children and five (almost 6!) grandchildren. "We are all geeked out on Marvel comics, Marvel movies, Comicon, and all things Harry Potter," Connie says. "Since our kids have left the nest long ago, our 10-year-old longhaired, deer head Chihuahua Chumlee, who thinks he is still a puppy, is our surrogate," Connie laughs. ◆

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Chef Holly

# PERFECT FOR A PICNIC

By Chef Holly Strauch

**T**his spinach pie is so delicious, with its flavors of Parmesan, spinach and onion, bound together by a delicious custard. And, to top it off, a savory Parmesan streusel topping. This pie tastes best when it is at room temperature, so make this ahead and place slices of it in your picnic basket, along with fresh fruit and large squares of fudgy chocolate brownies. Picnic....done!

## SPINACH PIE

(makes 6 -8 servings)



### INGREDIENTS:

#### PARMESAN STREUSEL

- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 7 tablespoons cold butter, cut into small pieces
- 1 cup grated Parmesan cheese

#### SPINACH PIE

- 1 9-inch pie shell, partially baked
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 6 ounces baby spinach
- salt and pepper
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 2 large eggs
- 1 large egg yolk
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 scallions, trimmed and thinly sliced
- 1 cup mozzarella, cut into 1/4-inch cubes

### DIRECTIONS:

#### PARMESAN STREUSEL

- Combine flour and butter in food processor; pulse until the butter pieces are coated with flour. Add the Parmesan; pulse until the dough begins to clump. Chill for at least 2 hours before using.

#### SPINACH PIE

- Preheat oven to 375°F.
- Heat oil in large skillet. Add onion and garlic; cook, stirring occasionally, until softened but not colored. Add spinach; increase heat. Stir until spinach wilts. Season to taste with salt and pepper.
- In medium bowl, whisk together cream, eggs, egg yolk and Parmesan. Season with salt and pepper; stir in scallions.
- Spread spinach in partially-baked pie shell; pour cream mixture over spinach. Top with mozzarella. Break the Parmesan streusel into small clumps; place on top of pie.
- Place pie on baking sheet; bake for 45-60 minutes, or until the filling is puffed in the center. Transfer pie to rack; cool for at least 45 minutes or until pie is room temperature. The pie can stand at room temperature for 8 hours. Chill any leftovers.

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# PICNIC WINE PAIRINGS

By Lorrie Sinkhorn, Tasting Attendant at Cooper's Hawk Winery



Lorrie Sinkhorn

**P**icnic time is a favorite season here in Northeast Ohio. A light flaky spinach pie with fresh fruit sounds like a good choice for an evening at Blossom with the orchestra. We just need to grab a refreshing beverage to accompany it.

I am going to throw in a quick comment about tannins. First, what are they? It is a feeling not a taste. It is a drying effect in your mouth that almost feels like sweaters on your teeth, or sandpaper on the roof of your mouth. Tannins are not just in red wine; you will find them in tea, nuts, chocolate, apples, and, yes, spinach. I would want to balance this by choosing a refreshing option.

California (lightly oaked) Chardonnay is a fine choice. The weight of the wine and not overbearing fruit flavors will pair nicely. Need a lighter choice? Riesling, as previously discussed, pairs with most foods. A



local favorite is the newly-bottled Sauvignon Blanc at North Coast Wine Club in Solon. The grassy and apple notes explode out of

the glass, and the acidity level is in perfect harmony with the fruit.

For the diehard red wine drinkers, try a Malbec from Argentina. The tannins are smooth, and the black fruit notes with a touch of spiciness, making it an easy drinking wine.

Wine seltzers have gained popularity, and there are many great options to choose. The best part is that they fit into your cooler nicely.

Your choice is always the best choice.

Warm evenings, refreshing drinks, good music, and friends sound like the perfect ingredients for a great picnic.

Cheers!

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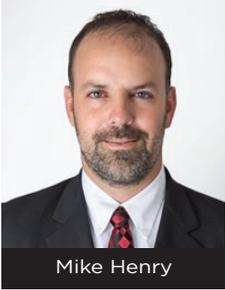
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Mike Henry

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By Mike Henry, Lead REALTOR® and President, HG Agents - EXP Realty

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# OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES FOR SENIORS

By Doug Wilber, Owner of Cherished Companions



Doug Wilber

The arrival of warmer weather opens possibilities to do more to stay active and healthy, especially if your mobility has changed over the years. The warm temperatures and extended daylight hours are extra motivation to experience the fresh air and get some exposure to sunlight.

If you're eager to enjoy the warm weather, here are a few activities that are just better this time of the year. They will boost physical and mental wellness and give you extra reason to smile!

## WATCH THE BIRDS, AND FEED THEM

The chirping of birds and other sounds crescendo more during these warmer months. If you're delighted by our avian friends, take some time to get outdoors and watch them in their habitats. Bird watching at all levels can be relaxing and stimulate your curiosity – you don't have to go far to get a close look.

Consider hanging a bird feeder outside your home to attract birds. You'll love the interaction and up-close views of their graceful movements and colors. As you learn more, you can identify various species and gain a new appreciation for these beautiful creatures.

## ATTEND LOCAL EVENTS

The season for outdoor festivals and community events is in full bloom, especially as people feel more secure about their health and safety. A quick online search, notice in the local newspaper or check of an app on a smartphone will produce countless opportunities to visit a local event.

From local music, food, and arts, there will be no shortage of venues. It can be a good time for the entire family. Walking from booth to booth and admiring all the sights, sounds, and flavors will definitely get you some exercise and be a worthwhile and memorable outing.

## CHANGE WORKOUT SCENERY

If you enjoy walking on a treadmill or doing some light stretching inside your home, now is a great time to move your routine outside. Soaking in some sunlight increases your vitamin D intake and provides a comfortable setting for your workout. A walk around the neighborhood or stationary movement in a grassy spot will increase your focus and boost your mood.

Safety shouldn't be as much of an issue because most surfaces are dry and temperatures are right for a little extended time out in the sun, but it is important to still remain cautious.

## EXERCISE A GREEN THUMB

Melt away the hours by engaging in some gardening. This activity has a number of benefits. It'll push you to be a little extra mobile. If mobility is a concern, gardening remains accessible with raised garden beds and other equipment.

A lot of seniors are drawn to gardening for its healing effects. Regularly tending a garden is known to reduce the risk of depression and increase immunity. If the

weather is not quite prime gardening conditions, do not underestimate the value of starting an indoor garden, which can be transferred outdoors once conditions improve.

## GIVE BACK

The incredible weather is another great opportunity to get out and volunteer and support a cause near to your heart. Some ideas include pitching in on a community clean-up day, lending a helping hand at the local pet shelter, or

mentoring children in sports, music, arts, or academics.

Increased temperatures have a way of energizing bodies and boosting moods. When you spend time working with others for a good cause, your feelings are amplified and will soothe mental and physical well being. Of course, volunteering can leave you feeling a little tired, but all the smiles, high-fives, and goodwill is sure to fill your heart.

## CLEAN INSIDE AND OUT

Cleaning for some might be a love-hate activity. The results are rewarding, but the actual work that goes into it is not too exciting. You can make it more fun by involving your family and friends. Maybe you've meant to sort, organize, and unload a bunch of stuff around the house. You can engage your support system to help you get items passed on to others or to a charitable organization.

Decluttering your home can increase safety and put your mind at ease through greater organization and tidiness. You can also spend some time organizing your front and backyard and garage. Remember to always ask for help if you need help getting around and for safety. Having someone around also gives you an opportunity to catch up and enjoy some social time with a family member or good friend.

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# HISTORICAL SOCIETIES-COLLECTING, PRESERVING, PROTECTING

By Gail Vannelli, Contributing Writer

**T**HE CHAGRIN FALLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM, located at 87 E. Washington St., Chagrin Falls, Ohio, was formed in 1949 by members of the Cuyahoga Library System, Chagrin Falls Branch's 60 Plus Club. The society is currently hosting an exhibit called Finishing Touches: The Story of Wardrobe Accessories. Executive Director Ruth Zeager describes the exhibit: "Hats, jewelry, and purses, oh my!...Come wander through our stylish exhibit where we'll take you back in time to a world filled to the brim with men, women, and children's unique adornments and fabulous frills." The exhibit will be on display until the end of the summer. Admission to the museum is free and it is open Thursday 2-7pm and Friday-Saturday 11am-3pm.

The society is also promoting and participating in the Chagrin Falls Community 4th of July Celebration as follows:

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Finishing Touches

**THE BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY**, at 17870 Chillicothe Road, Bainbridge Township, Ohio, opened the doors to the Bissell-Tucek House Museum in 2012.

The restored house, built in the 1880s, is part of Heritage Park, which lies adjacent to the Bainbridge Town Hall. The museum displays artifacts and memorabilia from local residents, which includes furniture, household items, tools, photographs, books and other collectibles. It is open on the third Saturday of every month between 1-4pm. Visitors are requested to call and schedule visit times in advance (440-399-7185).

**Learn more about the Bainbridge Township Historical Society by visiting <https://bainbridgehistoricalsociety.org/>.**



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## ROCKY G



# ROCKY G IS BUSY PLANTING!

By Amy Sonia Richards, Content Coordinator

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## LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS: MAKING A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE

By Gail Vannelli, Contributing Writer



**CHIEF  
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### CHAGRIN FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Did you know that in Chagrin Falls, there are two fire department organizations under the umbrella of the Chagrin Falls Fire Department (located at 21 W. Washington St., Chagrin Falls, Ohio)? The first, the Chagrin Falls Village Fire Department, is paid per call for fires within the Village of Chagrin Falls and is funded through the Village of Chagrin Falls' general fund. The second, the Chagrin Valley Fire Department (formerly known as the Chagrin Falls Suburban Volunteer Fire Department before its name change in 2020), is a non-profit corporation that provides fire and emergency medical services for six communities: Bentleyville, Chagrin Falls, Hunting Valley, Moreland Hills, South Russell, and Chagrin Falls Township.

Chagrin Falls Fire Department personnel are members of both organizations, and Frank M. Zugan is the Chief. He's been with the department for more than 35 years, and his father and grandfather were also Chagrin Falls firefighters.

Chief Zugan has long advocated for the station to be modernized for the benefit of the community, and in that vein, the Chagrin Valley Fire Department is having its "First Ever, Community-Wide Barn Raising," to raise funds to build a new fire station. The event takes place June 18 from 6-11pm at White North Stables, 3160 Chagrin River Road, Chagrin Falls, Ohio. There will be live music, dancing, cocktails, food, and more. Tickets can be purchased at [www.tickettailor.com/events/chagrinvalleyfiredept/676617](http://www.tickettailor.com/events/chagrinvalleyfiredept/676617).

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### BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

Established in 1942, and located at 17822 Chillicothe Rd., Chagrin Falls, Ohio, the Bainbridge Township Fire Department provides fire suppression and prevention, emergency medical services, and education to the almost 13,000 Bainbridge Township residents.

The fire department's chief, Lou Ann Metz, started her long fire-service career as an EMT, and she worked her way up from firefighter/paramedic/fire safety inspector to lieutenant to captain to division chief to chief, and now holds the rank of Ohio Fire Executive. Add her stellar qualifications as a leader and educator, and it's not surprising that she's won numerous awards.

In addition to all of her achievements, she still strives to better herself and the department. In 2018, she joined Leadership Geauga, a program self-described as one that "develops and encourages the leader in everyone, through personal and professional growth, leadership development, and community engagement." Chief Metz also has pursued goals to make the fire department better, such as adding more firefighters and improving department standards.

But ultimately, it's her dedication and selflessness that has laid the foundation for her remarkable life and accomplishments. As she has stated, "The most rewarding thing for me is to make a positive impact on someone's life. It's fulfilling to make a difference."

# LIBRARY PROGRAMS

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Summer is here! And so are a plethora of engaging, entertaining, and educational activities offered by the Chagrin Falls and Bainbridge libraries. Whether you enjoy the arts, sports, or just want to have fun, there's something for you.

## BAINBRIDGE LIBRARY PROGRAMS – June 15 to July 15

- Wednesday, June 15, 9:30am, Children, Early Walkers Rhythm & Rhyme
- Wednesday, June 15, 10am, Children, Preschool Rhythm & Rhyme
- Wednesday, June 15, 10am, Adult, Wellness with The Weils: Balance
- Wednesday, June 15, 6pm, Bad Art Night
- Thursday, June 16, 10am, Children, Family Storytime
- Thursday, June 16, 7pm, Adult, Native Solitary Bees: The Gentle Pollinators
- Friday, June 17, 6pm, All Ages, Family Movie Night: Nemo Bingo
- Saturday, June 18, 10am, Adult, Quilt Block Party – Ocean Landscape
- Saturday, June 18, 12pm, Adult, Open Sew Saturdays
- Monday, June 20, 2pm, Children, Family Storytime
- Monday, June 20, 6pm, Adult, In-Person Inspiration Station Training: Direct-to-Fabric Printer
- Monday, June 20, 7pm, Adult, In-Person Inspiration Station Training: Circuit and Heat Press
- Monday, June 20, 7pm, Adult, Papercrafting Flowers
- Tuesday, June 21, 9:30am, Children, Baby/Toddler Storytime
- Tuesday, June 21, 1pm, Children, Picnic Lunch on the Patio
- Tuesday, June 21, 7pm, Adult, Book Discussion: *Dear Edward* by Ann Napolitano
- Wednesday, June 22, 9:30am, Children, Early Walkers Rhythm & Rhyme
- Wednesday, June 22, 10am, Children, Preschool Rhythm & Rhyme
- Wednesday, June 22, 2pm, Children, Paint & Sippy
- Thursday, June 23, 10am, Children, Family Storytime
- Saturday, June 25, 12pm, Teen, Make It, Print It, Keep It – Puzzles
- Monday, June 27, 2pm, Children, Family Storytime
- Tuesday, June 28, 9:30am, Children, Baby/Toddler Storytime
- Tuesday, June 28, 2pm, Children, Try-It Tuesdays

- Wednesday, June 29, 9:30am, Children, Early Walkers Rhythm & Rhyme
- Wednesday, June 29, 10am, Children, Preschool Rhythm & Rhyme
- Wednesday, June 29, 6pm, Adult, Night Quilters: Improv Scrap Quilts (IN PERSON AND ONLINE)
- Thursday, June 30, 10am, Children, Family Storytime
- Friday, July 1, 10am, Children, STEM Storytime
- Tuesday, July 5, 9:30am, Children, Baby/Toddler Storytime
- Wednesday, July 6, 9:30am, Children, Early Walkers Rhythm & Rhyme
- Wednesday, July 6, 10am, Children, Preschool Rhythm & Rhyme
- Wednesday, July 6, 2pm, Children, Ocean Ecology
- Thursday, July 7, 10am, Children, Children, Family Storytime
- Thursday, July 7, 10am, Children, Yoga in the Park
- Friday, July 8, 11am, Children, Pirate Day
- Saturday, July 9, 2pm, Adult, Crafting BeCause: Greeting Cards
- Monday, July 11, 10am, Adult, Book Discussion: *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett
- Monday, July 11, 1pm, Teen, Sea Shanty 101
- Monday, July 11, 2pm, Adult, Book Discussion: *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett
- Monday, July 11, 2pm, Children, Family Storytime
- Monday, July 11, 6pm, Adult, In-Person Inspiration Station Training: Large Format Printer/Cutter and Heat Press
- Monday, July 11, 7pm, Adult, In-Person Inspiration Station Training: Vinyl Cutter and Heat Press
- Tuesday, July 12, 9:30am, Children, Baby/Toddler Storytime
- Tuesday, July 12, 2pm, Children, Try-It Tuesdays
- Tuesday, July 12, 7pm, Adult, Joseph & Rose Kennedy: The Beginning of an American Dynasty Part 2 (IN PERSON AND ONLINE)
- Wednesday, July 13, 9:30am, Children, Early Walkers Rhythm & Rhyme
- Wednesday, July 13, 9:30am, Adult, In-person: One-on-One Grant Seeking Appointment
- Wednesday, July 13, 10am, Children, Preschool Rhythm & Rhyme
- Thursday, July 14, 10am, Children, Family Storytime
- Friday, July 15, 6pm, All Ages, Family Movie Night: "Sail-In" Movie

## CHAGRIN FALLS LIBRARY PROGRAMS – June 15 to July 15

- Thursday, June 16, 2pm, Children, Summer STEAM Club: Green Screen: Coding
- Thursday, June 16, 6:30pm, Adult, Sew a Phone Case
- Saturday, June 18, 2:00-2:30pm, 2:30-3:00pm, Children, Family Fun: Tie-Dye
- Monday, June 20, 10am, Children, Toddler Storytime
- Monday, June 20, 7pm, Teen, Book Discussion: *Starfish* by Lisa Fipps.
- Tuesday, June 21, 7pm, Adult, Exploring CreativeBug
- Tuesday, June 21, 2pm, Adult, VIRTUAL Book Discussion: *Finding Dorothy* by Elizabeth Letts
- Wednesday, June 22, 10am, Children, Family Storytime
- Wednesday, June 22, 7pm, Adult, VIRTUAL Guided Chakra Meditation
- Thursday, June 23, 10am, Children, Baby & Me Storytime
- Thursday, June 23, 2pm, Children, Summer STEAM Club: Green Screen: Capillary Action
- Monday, June 27, 10am, Children, Toddler Storytime
- Wednesday, June 29, 10am, Children, Family Storytime
- Thursday, June 30, 10am, Children, Baby & Me Storytime
- Thursday, June 30, 2pm, Children, Summer STEAM Club: Green Screen: Spa-tacular Science
- Wednesday, July 6, 10am, Children, Family Storytime
- Wednesday, July 6, 7pm, Adult, VIRTUAL Bakers Gonna Bake
- Thursday, July 7, 10am, Children, Baby & Me Storytime
- Thursday, July 7, 2pm, Children, Summer STEAM Club: Green Screen: Bioluminescence
- Monday, July 11, 10am, Children, Toddler Storytime
- Monday, July 11, 3pm, Teen, Textile Tech: Fun with Fabrics!
- Monday, July 11, 6:30pm, Children, Graphic Novel Book Club: *Roller Girl* by Victoria Jamieson
- Wednesday, July 13, 10am, Children, Family Storytime
- Wednesday, July 13, 7:30pm, Adult, VIRTUAL Book Discussion: *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell
- Thursday, July 14, 10am, Children, Baby & Me Storytime
- Thursday, July 14, 2pm, Children, Summer STEAM Club: Green Screen: Unicorn of the Sea

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# COMMUNITY EDUCATION YOUTH SUMMER PROGRAMS

By Gail Vannelli, Contributing Writer

For kids/youths looking for fun, new learning, and/or an upgrade of their current skills, community education summer programs can provide them with enriching, exciting, and engaging experiences through a variety of programs. Check out this summer's offerings.

## CHAGRIN FALLS COMMUNITY EDUCATION

The Chagrin Falls Community Education kids/youth summer programs are found in this downloadable brochure: [www.chagrinschools.org/Community.aspx](http://www.chagrinschools.org/Community.aspx).

### Chagrin Falls Summer Theatre Camps:

- Summer Musical Theatre Camp. June 13 to July 1, for persons entering grades 2-8.
- Chagrin Valley Little Theatre Summer Drama Camp. June 20 to July 8, for persons ages 8-14.
- Chagrin Falls Theatre Camp, Introduction to Stage Combat Workshop. June 13 to July 1, for persons entering grades 5-12.

### Chagrin Falls Summer Sports Camps:

The following camps are offered for varying grade levels: Cheer, Football, Baseball, Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Volleyball, Boys Soccer, Wrestling. All camps take place in June and July.

### Chagrin Falls Summer Specialized Camps:

- The Knight School Chess Camp. June 20 to June 24, for persons ages 6-14.
- Jedi Engineering Strikes Back Using LEGO. June 27 to July 1, for persons entering grades K-5.
- Get Ready to Garden Camp. June 20 to June 24 or June 27 to July 1, for persons entering grades 2-4.
- Arts and Crafts Camp. July 11 to July 15, for persons entering grades 1-5.

### Chagrin Falls Summer High School/College Coaching Programs:

- College Essay Coaching. Four sessions available in June and July.
- Home Tutoring Solutions ACT/SAT Summer Group Classes. ACT Class June 20 to June 24; SAT Class July 25 to July 29.

### Chagrin Falls Summer Driving Programs:

- Drivers Education with the National Drivers Training School. June 21 to July 7, for persons ages 15 years plus 5 months.
- Drivers Education Class including Behind the Wheel Instruction. Offered on various dates during June and July, for persons ages 15 years plus 5 months.
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## KENSTON COMMUNITY EDUCATION

The Kenston Community Education kids/youths summer programs are found online here: [www.kenstoncommunityed.org/wp/](http://www.kenstoncommunityed.org/wp/).

### Kenston Summer Theater:

- Summer Theater. June 6 to June 24, for persons in grades 4-8.

### Kenston Summer Youth Activities:

- Super Sitter. July 16, for persons 10+ years.
- Park Socials: Chatty Caterpillars. June 13 to July 25, for persons ages 4-6.
- Park Socials: Social Butterflies. June 14 to July 26, for persons ages 6-10.
- Adventures in STEM Using LEGO Camp. June 27 to July 1, for persons ages 5-7.
- STEM Challenge Using LEGO. June 27 to July 1, for persons ages 7-12.
- Jedi Engineering Using LEGO Camp. August 1 to August 5, for persons ages 7-12.
- Jedi Master Engineering Using LEGO Camp. August 1 to August 5, for persons ages 7-12.
- Travel the World Through Art. August 1 to August 5, for persons ages 5-11.
- Mad Science Fun-gineering, Mix-ups and More. July 18 to July 22, for persons ages 6-12.
- Mad Science Yuckology. July 25 to July 29, for persons ages 6-12.
- Safety Town. July 11 to July 15 or July 18 to July 22 (six sessions at different time slots), for persons ages 4-6.
- Crazy Crafts. June 13 to June 16 (Sessions A&B), for persons in grades Preschool-2.

### Kenston Summer Sports Activities:

The following camps and programs are offered for varying ages and grade levels: Cheerleading, Football, Basketball, Baseball, Lacrosse, Softball, Soccer, Volleyball, Kayaking, Tennis, Cross Country, Karate, Fencing, and Dance.

### Wembley Summer Camps:

- Craft Week. June 6 to June 10, for persons age 5-11.
- Wacky Week. June 13 to June 17, for persons ages 5-11.
- Carnival Week. June 20 to June 24, for persons ages 5-11.
- Pirate Week. June 27 to July 1, for persons ages 5-11.
- Game Show Week. July 6 to July 8, for persons ages 5-11.
- Science Week. July 11 to July 15, for persons ages 5-11.
- Around the World Week. July 18 to July 22, for persons ages 5-11.
- Superhero Week. July 25 to July 29, for persons ages 5-12.
- Holiday Week. August 1 to August 5, for persons ages 5-12.

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