

WV Birth to Three · Region 2

JULY

Community Events

Counties: Calhoun, Doddridge, Gilmer, Harrison, Pleasants, Ritchie, Wirt, Wood County



Do you know an infant or toddler who is not
Moving • Hearing • Seeing • Learning or • Talking
like others their age?

Every child deserves a great start and WV Birth to Three supports families to help their children grow and learn.

Our services are provided at NO COST to all families of eligible children. For more information on how we can help call:

1-866-401-8919 or 304-485-2000

Facebook and Websites

WV Birth to Three, Region 2

www.facebook.com/WVBirthToThreeRegion2

FACES (Families and Communities Embracing Support)

Parent Networking & Support Group

www.facebook.com/familiesandcommunitiesembracingsupport

The Arc of the Mid Ohio Valley
www.thearcmov.org

The Arc of the United States
www.thearc.org

Any events you would like to add please email them to Shannon Hedrick, shannon.hedrick@thearcmov.org, by the 22nd of every month.

Disability Networking and Support Group

Families and Communities Embracing Support (FACES)

We will be taking our traditional summer break! See you in August!

Parents, siblings, guardians, caregivers, and other community members are invited to join this group, which will be held in a welcoming, supportive environment, and will provide information and resource awareness, program updates, educational components, and much-needed socialization on issues that impact the lives of those with disabilities and their unique needs and challenges. **All are welcome** 😊

Webinars

Please download all materials prior to the training. After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the training. Check out the <http://www.wvdhhr.org/birth23/> for upcoming webinars.

Early Signs of Autism (2 Contact Hours) Approximately 1 in every 88 children is currently being diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder, and ASD's are growing at a rate of 10-17% each year. For many children, the early signs of Autism were present and observable before 18 months of age. This training will assist participants in recognizing early indicators or "red flags" of autism in young children so that families and teams can begin seeking appropriate diagnostic opportunities, as well as beginning to implement appropriate strategies to address learning needs as early as possible. Information will be provided on: how to respectfully share your concerns about a child's development with parents; how to assist parents in preparing to have conversations with their physicians; resources for you and families to learn more information. Please register for Early Signs of Autism on Wednesday, July 20, 2016 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM EDT. To register, copy and paste this internet link into your browser and click enter. <https://attendee.gototraining.com/r/8382310887649125634>

Resources Shared by All Counties

Bob Evans

- Every **Tuesday night** is family night, kids eat free 12 and under. <http://www.farmfreshgoodness.com/KidsEatFree/>
- Join the **kids sweet treat club** and get a free cookie the first three times you visit and a free Sunday on the 4th time. Pick up your free card at any restaurant or go to this site <http://www.farmfreshgoodness.com/KidsEatFree/> to print it off yourself.
- If you join the **Birthday Club**, you receive a free kid's meal. <https://kids.bobevans.com/index.asp>

Captain D's Kid's Day (participating locations only) KIDS EAT FREE on Thursday at Captain D's. Get two free Kid's meals with any adult entree purchase at regular price, dine in only.

Chic-fil-A Parkersburg, WV Family Night in Vienna WV is every Tuesday from 5-7pm. During Family Night, we offer a FREE Kid's Meal (4 count Nugget, Fry, drink & prize) with each Adult Meal purchase. (Each store family Night may vary)

- We typically send out a **FREE offer monthly**. To join the program start a new message, in the body of the text enter CFAPKSBG and send it to #411247.

WV Birth to Three, Region 2, 912 Market Street, Parkersburg WV 26101 (304) 485-2000

Chic-fil-A New Point family night is Thursday.

Early Childhood Professionals Summit Save the Date: Friday, August 5, 2016 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM at WVU-P Early Childhood Professionals Summit Registration information is available at: www.wvup.edu Click on Events in the top right of the screen . Contact Angela Davis at: angela.davis@wvup.edu if you have questions. Registration is \$25 and includes lunch and all materials. STARS credit and WV Birth to Three hours will be available. Participants will have an opportunity to attend the Keynote presentation and three break-out sessions. Sponsored by: RESA V, Birth to Three, WVU-P, River Valley Child Development Services, and Wood Co. Schools

Keynote speaker: Brandon Williams, M.A. Child Development & Family Studies. Early Childhood Teacher Learning Consultant (TLC) “Strategies to Increase Instructional Support”

Break-out sessions:

- **“Strategies to Increase Instructional Support continued”** by Brandon Williams
- **“Let’s Move to a Better Learning”** by Teresa Harper, RESA 5 School Wellness Specialist
- **“I Can Teach Math Even Though I Hate Strongly Dislike It”** by Bobbie Mendenhall, M.A.
- **“How Hearing Loss Affects Children in Pre-K Classrooms.”** by Michael Squires, AuD, Doctor of Audiology.
- **“ The Value of Observation and Creating Opportunities for Infants and Toddlers”** by Shawn Jones, licensed Physical Therapist employed by Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center
- **“ The Value of Observation and Creating Opportunities for Preschool”** by Shawn Jones, licensed Physical Therapist employed by Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center
- **“Resilience in Families”** by Michelle Rollyson, M.A. Administrative Coordinator, WV Infant/Toddler Mental Health Association. And Sheila Zickefoose, M.A., Statewide WVICC Coordinator.
- **“Social and Emotional Competencies in Children”** by Michelle Rollyson, M.A. Administrative Coordinator, WV Infant/Toddler Mental Health Association. And Sheila Zickefoose, M.A., Statewide WVICC Coordinator.

Headstart The Appalachian Council Head Start is accepting applications for 3 & 4 year olds in Wood, Calhoun, Doddridge, Pleasants, Tyler and Wirt counties for school year 2016-2017. If you have any questions feel free to call 1-877-490-5437 ext. 3019.

Home Depot FREE hands-on workshops designed for children ages 5 - 12 offered the 1st Saturday of every month at all The Home Depot stores between 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Workshops teach children do-it-yourself skills, tool safety and instill a sense of pride and accomplishment. All kids get to keep their craft and receive a FREE Kids Workshop Apron, commemorative pin and certificate of achievement. Click here to register online <http://workshops.homedepot.com/workshops/kids-workshops>

Ice Age Bowling Game: Saturday, July 2nd **Time:** 9 A.M.-Noon

Lowe’s has its building workshop select Saturdays at 10 am. The child will receive a free apron, patch, certificate of achievement, and craft. You must call or go online to sign up. There is no cost.

<http://www.lowesbuildandgrow.com/> Marvel’s Falcon is flying to a Lowe’s near you this weekend! Bring your child to Lowe’s to build their very own Falcon! And don’t forget to watch Marvel’s Avengers: Ultron Revolution Sunday mornings on Disney XD! **Falcon:** Saturday, July 9th **Time:** 10 a.m.

Shoneys Kid’s Special Wednesday Bonus Ages 10 and Under 2 kids eat free with purchase of one adult meal. (Participating stores only, please call if you have questions)

Steak and Shake Kids eat free all weekend ☺ 1 Free kids plate for every \$8 spent. Excludes drinks and shakes. Dine in only. Children 12 and under. (Participating Stores only, please call if you have questions.)

Toys R Us

- **4th of July Parade** July 2nd from Noon-2 p.m.
- Celebrate in the Store July 16 from 3-4 p.m. **Geoffrey's Birthday Club members** receive special surprises with coupon, including a Free Geoffrey Plush toy and storybook. Super-fun activities like Storytime, featuring The Legend of Geoffrey children's book!

Calhoun County

Calhoun County FRN meets July 11th at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will be at the Calhoun DHHR conference room. The address is 85 Industrial Park, Grantsville WV 26147. They meet the first Monday of each month at 9:30 a.m. Families are welcome and encouraged to attend. <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Calhoun-Family-Resource-Network/166200736866903>

Calhoun County Substance Abuse Coalition The Calhoun County Substance Abuse meets after the FRN meeting which is the first Monday of every month. If school is cancelled the meeting is also.

Calhoun County Public Library

- **Imagination Library** Make sure your child is signed up for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Each child 0-5 years of age will receive, through the mail, a free book each month until their 5th birthday. Parents will need their child's name, current address, and age. Contact your local library for more information or visit www.imaginationlibrary.wv.gov Calhoun County (304) 354-6300

Mobile Outreach and Wellness Works Food Pantry can help you stretch your food budget. The pantry provides a 3-5 day supply of healthy food, nutrition and health information, as well as tips and recipes. Households may need to be at or below 150% of the poverty guideline (net income) for some foods. The can help you enroll for SNAP benefits and do renewals for more information call (304) 989- 4511 They are in Calhoun County at the West Fork Community Center every 1st Tuesday from 1-3:30 pm

Doddridge County

Free Outdoor Concert July 3rd at 7:00 p.m. featuring Spittin' Image, West Union First Assembly of God, 203 Neely Ave., West Union. Bluegrass, gospel, popular hits from the 1950s and 60s, patriotic music, free food, drinks and admission.

Doddridge County Parks Community Independence Day Celebration; Bounce houses will be available for kids from noon to 6 p.m., a DJ will be at the pool from 1 to 5 p.m., and fireworks will take place at 10 p.m. Monday, July 4

Doddridge County FRN monthly meeting will take place on Thursday June 9th at 12:00 PM (noon). Any guests planning to attend are welcome to come, so that we may have an accurate tally of people please call (304-873-1245) or respond by email (doddridgecountyfrn@yahoo.com) if you plan to attend.

Bonnie's Bus will be at the Doddridge County Health Department from 9 am- 5pm on July 25th Bonnie's Bus is a mobile mammography unit that travels across West Virginia, offering breast cancer screening in a comfortable, convenient environment. The Bus serves women who have private insurance, Medicaid, and Medicare, and uninsured women who are participants in the WV Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening program. With funding from grants and donations, mammograms are provided for women without coverage, so that no woman age 40 or over is ever turned away; age 40 is the recommended age to begin screening mammograms. Bonnie's Bus works in close partnership with the West Virginia Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program (WVBCCSP) which provides screening services to uninsured or underinsured women whose income, by federal guidelines, is at or below 200% of the national poverty level. If you know anyone who needs a mammogram, please share this flyer with them. Patients will need to make an appointment with the Doddridge County Health Dept. They can write an order for screening mammography, or make an appointment on the bus if the woman already has an order from her regular Dr. Please share this information with anyone you think could use this service! To make an appointment call 304-873-1531

Center Point Outpost Library

- **Imagination Library** Parents may come to the Center Point Outpost Library to sign-up their child, ages 0-5, for Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Each child will receive, through the mail, each month a free book until their 5th birthday. An application, with name, address, age must be filled out. For more information you may contact the library at 304-782-2461 or visit www.imaginationlibrary.wv.gov.
- **Summer Reading Program**
 - You can pick up summer reading challenges at anytime. These sheets are ideas of books to read and different ways to read the books this summer!
 - Our program will begin Thursday, July 7 and continue each Thursday at 1 p.m. for 4 weeks. Our theme this year is On your mark, get set....Read! We will have a different program each week along with games, snacks & prizes! Ages 2-12.

Doddridge County Public Library

- **Imagination Library** Make sure your child is signed up for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Each child 0-5 years of age will receive, through the mail, a free book each month until their 5th birthday. Parents will need their child's name, current address, and age. Contact your local library for more information or visit www.imaginationlibrary.wv.gov Doddridge County (304) 873-1941
- **Summer Reading Program** sign ups begin June 6th The Doddridge County Public Library announces this year's Summer Reading Program, "On Your Mark...Get Set...Read! Our program starts Thursday, June 23 @ 10:30. Sign-ups begins Monday, June 6. Stop by the Library or call 304-873-1941 to register.
 - **Joey Stepp will be performing July 7**
 - **4-H Team Leaders July 14**
 - **Game Day July 21**
 - **Craft Day with Pool and Pizza Party July 28**

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Gilmer County

Food and Fun Every Tuesday at the Presbyterian Church and every Friday at the City Park in Glenville from 11am-1 pm come join us for lunch and activities. This is open to all ages between 4-17. Call Chrissy at Community Resources Inc. for questions (304) 462-8698

Gilmer County Public Library

- **Imagination Library** Make sure your child is signed up for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Each child 0-5 years of age will receive, through the mail, a free book each month until their 5th birthday. Parents will need their child's name, current address, and age. Contact your local library at (304) 462-4620 for more information or visit the library www.imaginationlibrary.wv.gov
- **Summer Reading Program** Throughout the summer we will be having Read-Aloud at 1PM on M-T-Th-F. Everyday during the summer we are offering crafts and activities for children. Activities include learning stations, and we hope to paint the children's hand prints on our bookcases for books they have read.



Summer Daily Reading Fun at 1pm

- Every Mon., Tues., Thurs., Friday (not open on Wed.)
- Daily Read Aloud
- Learning Fun Stations
- Free Tutoring by Appointment (304-462-5620)



Summer Reading Incentives

- Under 12 years of age receives a library bag to decorate...keep track of all your summer reads!!
 - Under 6 years of age will print their painted hand on bookcases...keep track of the books you read!!
 - Share a book review...receive a chance at family movie tickets, swim passes and other prizes!!
- **McDonalds Summer Reading Program** Read 10 books and receive a hamburger, apple slices and a milk jug.

CEDARVILLE 4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS Will be held on Sat., July 2 at dark. Everyone welcome.

Splash into Reading The Gilmer Public Library and Gilmer FRN are partnering on July 9th from 1-4pm at the Gilmer County Recreation Center Pool to offer a free family fun and resource fair entitled "Splash Into Reading". During pool breaks, we will have read-a-louds for attending families and youth. Vendors and organizations are encouraged to attend and set up informational tables outside the pool area. We do have two canopies to share with anyone that does not have a canopy. This is a great resource for our families to be able to swim for free while obtaining a wealth of information about available resources in our area

The Tanner Ice Cream Social will be held next Sat., July 9, 2016 at 5 p.m. at the Tanner Community Building and grounds. Home made ice cream, hot dogs and desert will be served. There will also be music and 50-50 drawing.

Gilmer County Family Resource Network Meeting second Thursday of the month at 2 p.m. All are welcome to attend. Do you have great ideas for activities or events for those residing in Gilmer County?? Or just want to be more involved? Come join the Gilmer County Family Resource Network! Our next meeting is July 14 at 2 pm at the FRN office on Main St of Glenville. HELP4WV Don't forget to check out their baby pantry.
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Gilmer-County-Family-Resource-Network/473794729343811?fref=ts>

National Night Out/ Back to School August 2nd from 5pm to 8pm at the City Square Park in Glenville is our National Night Out/Back to School Bash where backpacks and school supplies are distributed to school aged youth in our county. Historically, this is our largest event in Gilmer County with around 400 participants.

Gilmer County Elementary School Open House The staff at Gilmer County Elementary School would like to invite the parents, relatives, and community to GCES's Open House on Aug. 11th from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars! Keep watching the newspaper for future updates.

Harrison County

Bridgeport Summer Brochure

<http://www.bridgeportwv.com/default/assets/File/2016%20Summer%20BrochureWP.pdf>

Locust Heights and Western Railroad Rt. 19 South Locust Heights Clarksburg, West Virginia 26301(304) 622-6606 This is a privately owned and operated railroad that runs every Wednesday evening from June -October. We usually take our first run at 7 pm and the run lasts about 30 min. We run again until there are no passengers waiting. This climax steam locomotive was built by Keith Mason & friends in 1974.....we have been running almost every Wednesday evening since then. We do not advertise or charge a fee to ride, but we do gladly accept donations. It is a coal burning steam engine, so you may go home with a few cinders. Our track is narrow gauge and runs for about 3/4 of a mile.

TUESDAY IS FOR TODDLERS Now EVERY Tuesday! Bring your kids up to toddler age to Meadowbrook Mall every Tuesday morning from 11am until Noon for free activities! Enjoy FREE themed activities, character appearances and prizes! It's a great opportunity for your child to interact with other kids their age and loads of holiday fun for everyone! Please visit the Mall Guest Services Desk for details on weekly activities and location of events.

2016 Summer Playground Program City Parks of Clarksburg sponsors a free Summer Playground Program , which provides opportunities for children to use their summer vacation as a time of growth, learning, and most of all for fun in a safe environment. Activities include games, arts, crafts, and field trips. The program is geared to ages 6 through 12. The program is operated at sites throughout City of Clarksburg.

Fireworks in Bridgeport being set off behind K-Mart at 10 p.m. July 1st by city of Bridgeport for Fourth of July celebration.

WV Flood Relief - CARE BAGS July 1-31, 2016 during Mall hours Meadowbrook Mall and UniCare are teaming up to provide CARE BAGS filled with flood relief items to West Virginia families who have been affected by devastating floods. After speaking with one family, who has been directly affected from the floods, we learned that duffle bags or back packs with personal care items would be extremely appreciated and well received. So, we are doing just that! The Meadowbrook Mall will be providing duffle bags and we are asking the community to consider donations of personal care items to put in these bags. The first round of CARE BAGS will be delivered to flood victims the week of July 4. We will continue to assemble CARE BAGS as donations are received. We will begin filling these bags with the help of volunteers during our July 5th Tuesday is for Toddlers event at 11am in Sears court. Donations can be delivered between now through the end of July to the mall office between the hours of 8:30am-5pm, which is located across from the public restroom or to the security desk at the main Food Court entrance after mall office hours

Items needed:

- Brush and comb
- Tooth paste and tooth brush
- Deodorant
- Chapstick
- Baby wipes
- Razors/shaving cream
- Sunscreen
- Hand sanitizer
- Insect repellent spray
- Feminine products

Shinnston's annual Independence Day celebration at Ferguson Park; Bounce houses for kids will begin at 3 p.m., followed by live music at 6 p.m. then a performance by the Shinnston Community Band at 8 p.m. Fireworks will take place at dark. July 1st Bounce houses for children by Cartoon Headquarters beginning 3 p.m. Wristbands for bounce houses \$12 (\$10 with coupon from newspaper ad). Box trailer to accept donations for flood victims by Shinnston Fire Department.

Movies In The Park City Parks of Clarksburg presents our "Movies in the Park" Summer Movie Series for 2015. Movies are held on select Friday evenings under the stars on our giant blow up movie screen. The "AMP" is located on RT 98 at Veteran's Memorial Park. Admission is FREE and our concession stand will be open popping up popcorn for your enjoyment! Movies start promptly at dusk around 9 p.m.

~ **July 1** The Spongebob Movie

~ **July 8** Hotel Transylvania 2

~ **July 15** Inside Out

~ **July 22** The Good Dinosaur

~ **July 29** Minions

Annual Youth Fishing Derby with registration at Deegan Lake Pavilion from 8:30-9 a.m. Derby 9-11 a.m. Ages: 2 to 12. Must be accompanied by parent or guardian; prizes. July 2nd

Picnic in the Park July 2nd from 10 am to 9 pm Fun-filled day at Bridgeport City Park. Bring family, friends, bathing suits and lawn chairs. 10 a.m. Pet Parade; 2 p.m. Zip line through City Park, obstacle course, bounce house, water slide, kids' games courtesy of Fellowship Bible Church; 4 p.m. Hog roast by Citynet and hot-dogs provided by City of Bridgeport; 5 p.m. Live music featuring "Midnight Karnival & Marquis 66;" Fireworks at dark. Also snow cones, popcorn and Super Hero Playground to raise funds for Bridgeport's own Jack Rollins.

Myths of the Mountains Saturday July 2, 9, 16, 23,30 Fort New Salem Myths of the Mountains Series is our most unique offering of the year. It is a lamplight guided tour of Fort New Salem in the evening. Our guests visit select multiple cabins led by period dressed guides with the cabins housing a story teller who spins tales of Appalachia. First tour at 8 PM Tours launch every 10 minutes (total length approximately 1 hr 15 minutes) Last tour begins at 9:30 PM General Admission \$7* *Children 10 and under admitted free with paying adult

Celebrate America at the Clarksburg Amphitheater at 7:30 p.m. Fireworks will follow the Wheeling Symphony Orchestra's concert. Donations for flood relief will also be collected in the amphitheater parking lot. July 2nd 7:30 p.m.

Patriotic Concert at Palatine Park by the Shinnston Community Band at 1 p.m. **Sunday, July 3** as part of "Celebrate America" tour, featuring Rising Broadway, country music and "The X-Factor" star Rachel Potter joining Wheeling Symphony Orchestra, Clarksburg Amphitheater, Veterans Memorial Park. Also, performance painter Rachel Kice. Sponsored by The Cultural Foundation of Harrison County. Bring picnic; grand finale fireworks display. Transportation available by CENTRA bus from Harrison County Senior Center, 6:30 p.m.; return transportation 9:15 p.m. In event of inclement weather, concert will be held in Robert C. Byrd High School auditorium, W.Va. 98, Clarksburg

Music in the Park City Parks of Clarksburg presents our "Music in the Park" Summer Concert Series for 2015. Concerts are held on select Thursday evenings throughout the summer months. The "AMP" is located on RT 98 at Veteran's Memorial Park. Admission is FREE and our concession stand will be open for your enjoyment! Come out and join in on the fun, show starts at 7pm and ends at 8:30pm! For more information you can call our office between the hours of 8am-4:30pm M-F at 304-624-1655.

~ July 7 - Joseph Sisters ~ July 14 - Michael Christopher ~ July 21 Bradley Shaw

~ July 28 Johnny Cochran and the Trailblazers

Benedum Festival at Bridgeport City Park July 9 Car Show, Concerts, Entertainment, Inflatables, Food, Fireworks,

Summer Concert Series Bridgeport Arts Council presents the first performance in their Summer Concert Series, Scott Shelby. Concert is held at the City Park. Free Admission. Concerts subject to change due to inclement weather. Date: 7/14/2016 Time: 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

"DIVE-IN MOVIES" FAMILY FUN, FLOAT NIGHTS

~ Friday July 15: Star Wars, the Force Awakens ~ Friday July 29: Zootopia

Enjoy an evening of swimming at the Bridgeport Pool during Family Night beginning at 7:00pm. Then, break out the rafts in the pool for a screening of the movie on a 16'x20' screen. Normal pool rates apply. Movie will begin promptly at dusk (around 9:00pm).

Fitness in the Park Amy Eakle - Pilates. This event is free to the public and will be held at Bridgeport City Park on the basketball courts. In the event of rain, we will move to the shelter. Date: 7/16/2016 Time: 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Family Nights in the Park Shinnston WV are a great way for families to spend an evening of fun together at a very affordable price. Offered once per month during the summer season, family nights consist of \$1 admission to the swimming pool beginning at 6:00 p.m. Following the swimming, children and their parents can spread out their blankets and lawn chairs to watch a FREE movie in the performance center. There is

popcorn, drinks, and other snacks available for purchase during the movie or you're welcome to bring your own from home and have a twilight picnic in the park while enjoying the movie with your family and friends.

Little Explorers Children's Science Program. Our summer camp is full of fun with hands on science activities to intrigue young minds. Children will be completing activities with a parent/guardian during our one hour class each day for four days. Open to children ages 3-7 \$30 per session Maximum 10 campers per session Instructor: Anita Jesmer ~ **July 18-21** Insects and Bugs Morning classes: 10:00 am- 11:00 am & Evening classes: 6:00 pm -7:00 pm

Summer Concert Series: Greg Harrison Thursday, July 21 Bridgeport Arts Council presents the second performance in their Summer Concert Series: Greg Harrison Located in the city park. Free Admission. Date: 7/21/2016 Time: 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Fitness in the Park Saturday, July 23 Amy Eakle - Pilates. This event is free to the public and will be held at Bridgeport City Park on the basketball courts. In the event of rain, we will move to the shelter. Date: 7/23/2016 Time: 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Summer Concert Series: Annie Neely Thursday, July 28 Bridgeport Arts Council present the third performance in their Summer Concert Series: Annie Neely Located in the city park. Free admission. Date: 7/28/2016 Time: 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Fitness in the Park Saturday, July 30 Sgt. Jesse Barnes - Army Fun. This event is free to the public and will be held at Bridgeport City Park on the basketball courts. In the event of rain, we will move to the shelter. Date: 7/30/2016 Time: 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

BTS Celebrity Tour 2016 July 30 & 31, 2016 1-4pm Sears Court Brendan Robinson from Freeform's TV series "Pretty Little Liars" will appear at Meadowbrook Mall on Saturday, July 30 and then on Sunday, July 31, Peyton List from Disney's "Jessie" and "Bunk'd" will make her second appearance at the mall! Brendan Robinson will be at Sears Court 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, July 30, to meet the public. Peyton List will be at the same location 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, July 31. Fans are invited to come meet the stars, take photos and get autographs.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT Tuesday August 2, 2016 at the Bridgeport Pool 6:00-9:00 pm Bring your family out to a free night at the Bridgeport Pool compliments of the City of Bridgeport, the Bridgeport Police Department and Bridgeport Parks and Recreation. Enjoy live music, free food, giveaways and have the opportunity to meet your local law enforcement officers

Harrison County Libraries

Bridgeport Public Library

- **Premiere of new STEM toy collection!** The items, varying from building and design kits to lab sets and strategy games, are now available for circulation! The library's new STEM toy collection helps make applied learning available to all of the community's children. Library patrons interested in the new collection are asked to refer to the library's STEM toy user guidelines, as new rules were established to manage the items. If you have questions about these items, please contact Amy at the library at 304-842-8248.

- **Story Time** Fridays at 10:30am for children under the age of three. Many people believe that children learn to read and write in kindergarten or first grade. But developing literacy skills begins at birth through everyday loving interactions—sharing books, telling stories, singing songs, talking to one another, or pointing out and naming objects. Even painting, drawing or picking up things serve a purpose. These activities help develop hand muscles and coordination—skills necessary for learning how to write. Adults—parents, grandparents and teachers—play a powerful role in preparing young children for future school success and in becoming self-confident and motivated learners.
- **Summer Reading Time** Registration for Summer Reading for all ages begins Thursday, June 2, 2016! Registered participants receive lists of recommended reads, reading logs, independent activities, a calendar of Summer Reading events and they are also eligible to win prizes and attend programs throughout Summer Reading! Registration must be done in person at the library.
- **“Jedi Training”** is a Bridgeport Public Library “Take Me To Your Reader” Summer Reading series for children between the ages of four and twelve. The program will be offered Fridays in July, starting July 1,8,15 2016 at 12:00pm. Registration is required and can be easily done by calling the library at 304-842-8248.
- **“Crazy about Constellations”** is a Bridgeport Public Library “Take Me To Your Reader” Summer Reading program for children between the ages of four and twelve. The program will be offered twice, first on Tuesday, July 5, 2016 at 12:00pm. Registration is required and can be easily done by calling the library at 304-842-8248.
- **“NASA Planetarium: Solar System and Galaxies for Adults and Teens”** is a Bridgeport Public Library “Take Me To Your Reader” Summer Reading program for those over the age of 13. The program will be offered on Tuesday, July 5, 2016 at 2:00pm. Registration is required and can be easily done by calling the library at 304-842-8248.
- **“Space Camp”** is a Bridgeport Public Library “Take Me To Your Reader” Summer Reading series for children between the ages of four and twelve. The program will be offered Wednesdays in July, beginning July 6, 2016 at 12:00pm. Registration is required and can be easily done by calling the library at 304-842-8248.
- **“NASA Planetarium: Greek Mythology for Adults and Teens”** is a Bridgeport Public Library “Take Me To Your Reader” Summer Reading program for those over the age of 13. The program will be offered on Wednesday, July 6, 2016 at 12:00pm. Registration is required and can be easily done by calling the library at 304-842-8248.
- **NASA Planetarium: the Moon for Adults and Teens** is a Bridgeport Public Library “Take Me To Your Reader” Summer Reading program for those over the age of 13. The program will be offered on Thursday, July 7, 2016 at 12:00pm. Registration is required and can be easily done by calling the library at 304-842-8248.
- **“Crazy about Constellations”** is a Bridgeport Public Library “Take Me To Your Reader” Summer Reading program for children between the ages of four and twelve. The program will be offered twice, and for the second time on Thursday, July 7, 2016 at 6:00pm. Registration is required and can be easily done by calling the library at 304-842-8248.
- **Tabletop gaming** All tabletop gamers, both teens and adults of all levels of gaming expertise, are welcome at the library! Participants will play games such as Ticket to Ride, Settlers of Catan, Takenoko, and more on Saturday, July 9, 2016 from 12:00pm to 5:00pm!
- **Teen Movie Night** All teens between the ages of thirteen and nineteen are invited to movie night at the library! Gattaca is the feature presentation on Monday, July 11, 2016 beginning at 5:30pm. Pizza and refreshments will be provided for participants.

- **“NASA Planetarium: Solar System and Galaxies for Children”** is a Bridgeport Public Library “Take Me To Your Reader” Summer Reading program for children between the ages of four and twelve. The program will be offered twice, for the first time on Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at 12:00pm. Registration is required and can be easily done by calling the library at 304-842-8248.
- **“NASA Planetarium: the Moon for Children”** is a Bridgeport Public Library “Take Me To Your Reader” Summer Reading program for children between the ages of four and twelve. The program will be offered twice, first on Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at 2:00pm. Registration is required and can be easily done by calling the library at 304-842-8248.
- **“NASA Planetarium: Greek Mythology for Children”** is a Bridgeport Public Library “Take Me To Your Reader” Summer Reading program for those between the ages of four and twelve. The program will be offered on Wednesday, July 13, 2016 at 2:00pm. Registration is required and can be easily done by calling the library at 304-842-8248.
- **“NASA Planetarium: the Moon for Children”** is a Bridgeport Public Library “Take Me To Your Reader” Summer Reading program for children between the ages of four and twelve. The program will be offered twice, for the second time on Thursday, July 14, 2016 at 2:00pm. Registration is required and can be easily done by calling the library at 304-842-8248.
- **“NASA Planetarium: Solar System and Galaxies for Children”** is a Bridgeport Public Library “Take Me To Your Reader” Summer Reading program for children between the ages of four and twelve. The program will be offered twice, for the second time on Thursday, July 14, 2016 at 6:00pm. Registration is required and can be easily done by calling the library at 304-842-8248.
- **“NASA Telescopes”** is a Bridgeport Public Library “Take Me To Your Reader” Summer Reading program for those over the age of 13. The program will be offered on Monday, July 18, 2016 at 8:30pm. Registration is required and can be easily done by calling the library at 304-842-8248.
- **“NASA Telescopes”** is a Bridgeport Public Library “Take Me To Your Reader” Summer Reading program for children between the ages of four and twelve. The program will be offered on Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at 8:30pm. Registration is required and can be easily done by calling the library at 304-842-8248.
- **Summer Reading Block Party** Bridgeport Public Library Summer Reading 2016 participants of all ages are invited to finale block party on Thursday, July 21, 2016, 4:00pm – 6:00pm! The event will feature games, food, music, and prizes! Registration is required and can easily be done by calling 304-842-8248 or by stopping by the library.
- **I saw the Light Kids’ and Teen Movie Nights** are popular programs at the library and now there is a similar program available for adults, 21 years and older! Critically acclaimed movies newly released on DVD, with special emphasis on films previously unavailable to local theater audiences, will be shown in the library’s event room for adults to enjoy and discuss together. Popcorn will be provided. July 22 from 5:30 -8 p.m.
- **Teen Game Night** Teens are invited to join in a fun round of Tsuro of the Seas on Monday, July 25, 2015 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Bridgeport Public Library! All teens, between the ages of thirteen and nineteen, are welcome!
- **Linda Stevenski Book Signing!** Thursday, July 28 Linda Stevenski, a local children’s author, will be at the library for a book signing on Thursday, July 28, 2016 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm! Stevenski’s newest book is Chetty T. Chipmunk’s Surprise. Copies of the book will be available for purchase during the event. If you have questions about this program, please contact Amy at the library at 304-842-8248. Date: 7/28/2016 Time: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Clarksburg/ Harrison Public Library Reading Buddies Storytimes Enjoy stories, crafts, songs, and games! Wednesdays @ 10:30 a.m. Enjoy stories, crafts, songs, & games. Open to ages 2-5

Lowes Public Library

- **Sign up for Summer Reading Group!** "On Mark Get Set Read" This is for children ages 4-12. Please visit our library for this.
- **West Virginia "Mountainer" mascot** will be here for a meet and greet July 5 5:30-7 p.m.! Get your picture with him! Bring your friends!

Local Restaurant Deals

- **Dennys** Kids eat free Tuesdays 4 to 10 pm
- **Dickey's Barbeque Pit** Kids Eat Free Sundays! Free Ice Cream Every Day! <https://www.dickeys.com/> 538 Emily Drive Clarksburg, WV 26301
 - Did you know that on Wednesday nights during the hours of 5-8 we have Mr Twister and Polly Pockets giving away free balloon animals and painting face? Well to one up that we are also doing kids eat free Wednesday nights during the same time. Of course that's with an adult meal purchase but how can you beat free food, face painting, and balloon animals all while you get to enjoy a great meal?
- **Garfields** Family night is Sunday kids eat free up to two children 12 and under for every adult entrée purchase. Participating stores only, call before you go for more details.

Pleasants County

Pleasants County Library We are open M-W 10-8, Th 5-8, F10-5, and Sat. 10-3.

- **Imagination Library** Make sure your child is signed up for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Each child 0-5 years of age will receive, through the mail, a free book each month until their 5th birthday. Parents will need their child's name, current address, and age. Contact your local library at (304) 684-7494 for more information or visit the library
- The Pleasants County Public Library will be participating with the Pleasants County Board of Education **Child Nutrition Program to offer free meals to all community children.** These meals will be offered Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 12:15 to 1:15 at the Library beginning Monday, June 13 through Friday, August 5, 2016. Participants will also have a chance to play games while they are eating. Please join us for these free fun meals and activities. Anyone with questions may contact the Pleasants County Public Library at (304)684-7494.
- **"On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!"** The Pleasants County Public Library invites area youth, ages 4-14 to join our 2016 Summer Reading Program. Participants may begin signing up for the program today at the Pleasants County Public Library. This summer, our readers can visit the Library to check-out books, participate in fun activities and projects, and even win prizes. Some activities may include crafts; learning about Chinese culture, Ancient Greece, and the Olympics; archery with Jeremiah Parsons; and even karate with Jason Knapp. Anyone with questions may also contact the Pleasants County Public Library at (304)684-7494."

TOPS-Every Monday at 4:30 Elks Activity Center (Contact Tamara Delancey @ 304-835-8771)

FRN/ Wellness Coalition will be July 14 FRN/Coalition meeting will start at 5pm at the George Street Church of Christ Fellowship Hall and will be followed by the "World Café" on Electronic Cigarettes. Please invite your friends to this very important discussion, these e-cigarettes are far more hazardous than most people realize. Jamie Jacobsen, our RTPC, will be facilitating the evening's event. Light refreshments will be served.

Evening Market/Main Street Merchants eventAn Evening Farmers Market event July 1st featuring sidewalk sales and specials and live music. 5-8 p.m. We're going to have free live entertainment. The band County Line will perform from 5:30 - 8 p.m. in the Union Bank Drive Thru parking lot. There will be seating available. The St. Marys Volunteer Fire Department is providing a stage and tenting (for shade) County Line will be providing live entertainment from 5:30-8 pm. <https://www.facebook.com/County-Line-179950529068124/>

Food Truck Friday July 15 <http://www.pleasantschamber.com/food-truck-friday-2016-.html>

Back to School Fair August 4 6-8 pm at the Pleasants County Middle School

Sisters to Saint Community Yard Sale July 16

Chamber partners with Sistersville to promote 'Sisters to Saint' Yard Sale event

The Pleasants Area Chamber of Commerce is teaming up with the City of Sistersville to promote a community yard sale effort to run from Pleasants County to Sistersville.

Residents from Belmont to Sistersville, and all points in between, are encouraged to participate in a community "Saint to Sisters" yard sale event on July 16.

Jody Murphy, director of the Chamber, said the "Saint to Sisters" yard sale is an attempt to consolidate individual area yard sales into a larger event.

"We want to get as many as folks and families as possible to participate," he said. "A large section of yard and garage sales will draw more people to the area in search of bargains and hidden treasure." Murphy said the Chamber is coordinating with community members in Sistersville to make this event as large and as successful as possible.

July 16 is the day to make your way through Pleasants and Tyler counties in search of good deals and hidden treasure. Businesses and non-profit groups are also encouraged to hold sidewalk sales.

"If people are in the area for the better part of a day looking for yard sale bargains, there's no reason to think they won't also consider our towns' retail stores, restaurants and attractions," Murphy said. "This is a chance to draw people to area and show them what we have to offer. We're hoping for a lot of participation and drawing shoppers from the all over the Valley – from Wheeling to Parkersburg – to the area to spend the day."

Ritchie County

Ritchie County Public Library. The Summer Reading program will run for 7 weeks on Tuesdays 10:30 am at the Harrisville Public Library and 1:00 pm at the Pennsboro Public Library. Prizes are given to those who check out books each week.

Open Skate- Pennsboro Roller Rink **Where:** Right off of Route 50, beside the BP station. Great rink, friendly people and disco lights! **When** Weekly on Friday, Saturday at 07:00 PM **Duration:** 3.0 hours **Cost** \$4 and that includes your skate rental! **Audience** All are welcome! **Gear** Provided but feel free to bring your own

Ritchie County FRN meeting July 12 beginning at 5 at the Ritchie county FRN. This group meets the second Tuesday of each month at 5:00 pm at the FRN office. <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Ritchie-County-Family-Resource-Network/128459620561703?fref=ts>

Ritchie County Substance Abuse Coalition/ Healthy Community Coalition meets the third Thursday(July 21) 11:30 a.m. Pizza House. <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Ritchie-County-Substance-Abuse-Coalition/199180723456309?fref=ts>

Mobile Outreach and Wellness Works Food Pantry can help you stretch your food budget. The pantry provides a 3-5 day supply of healthy food, nutrition and health information, as well as tips and recipes. Households may need to be at or below 150% of the poverty guideline (net income) for some foods. The can help you enroll for SNAP benefits and do renewals for more information call (304) 989- 4511 They are in Ritchie County at the Smithville Community Center every 2nd Wednesday from 9 am- noon.

North Bend

Independence Day Weekend Summer is the perfect time to enjoy the great outdoors at North Bend State Park. Celebrate Independence Day Weekend July 1-4! The park will be buzzing with activity. Hike on one of the many unique trails in the park or participate in one of the nature programs. Call 304-643-2931 for reservations or more information.

Geology Rocks! 2 Day Event! Friday, July 22 and Saturday, July 23 North Bend State Park Join Ken Ashton, a geologist with the West Virginia Geologic and Economic Survey and find out what rocks make up the Mountain State. Ken will be doing a presentation on Friday, followed by a hike on Saturday. Each program is approximately 1 hour. Geology Rocks in West Virginia! Friday, July 22 – Geology Rocks Presentation Lodge Conference Room at 7:30pm Saturday, July 23 – Geology Rocks Hike Overlook Trail (by the Cabins) at 10:00am For more information contact: North Bend State Park 304.643.2931 or 1.800.CALL.WVA

Snakes Alive! Friday, July 29, 2016 7:30 pm North Bend State Park Join Jim Fregonara, WVDNR, and take a closer look into the amazing world of snakes. He will be bringing several West Virginia snakes to look at and learn about in the North Bend Lodge Conference Room. Get an up close look at these fascinating and sometimes misunderstood creatures. All ages are welcome. Be there... if you dare!

Three Rivers Avian Center Get an up close look at Live Raptors and Birds of Prey at North Bend State Park! Come to this impressive, educational program to learn about habitats, diets, and behaviors of several birds of prey, including owls, hawks, and eagles!_Saturday, August 13, 7:30pm_North Bend State Park_Lodge Conference Room For more information contact: North Bend State Park 304.643.2931 or 1.800.CALL.WVA

Wirt County

Dora B Woodyard Memorial Library

- **Children's Summer Reading Program** will be at 11:00am on Mondays from June 13-August 1 (we will be off June 20 & July 4 for holidays). The theme this year is On your mark, Get set...Read and will be packed full of fun activities, amazing books, and exciting guests.
- **Imagination Library** Make sure your child is signed up for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Each child 0-5 years of age will receive, through the mail, a free book each month until their 5th birthday. Parents will need their child's name, current address, and age. Contact your local library for more information or visit www.imaginationlibrary.wv.gov Wirt County (304)275-4295
- **Picnic in the Park** August 1 at 11 am

Healthy Kids, Healthy Families Coalition Every Third Wednesday, July 20, at the Wirt County WVU Extension Office at 2 pm. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1467004826890511/>

Wirt County School Based Wellness Center will be hosting their annual **Back to School Bash** on August 11th, 2016 at the Elementary School in Elizabeth, WV from 3:30-6:30 p.m.

Mobile Outreach and Wellness Works Food Pantry can help you stretch your food budget. The pantry provides a 3-5 day supply of healthy food, nutrition and health information, as well as tips and recipes. Households may need to be at or below 150% of the poverty guideline (net income) for some foods. The can help you enroll for SNAP benefits and do renewals for more information call (304) 989- 4511 They are in Wirt County at the Newark Baptist Church every 3rd Wednesday from 9 am- Noon.

Wood County

The Pottery Place You can register from our website www.thepotteryplace.biz or our Facebook page. Click the "book now" button. And be sure to choose your location. Or you can call your nearest studio to reserve your space. Vienna- 304-422-8777 You will register to reserve your spot, but not actually pay until day of event

- Adult Canvas will be held July 10th at 2 p.m. \$25 Includes instructions and materials.
- Story Art will be held July 14th at 11am or 1pm and July 16th at 10 am for \$15 Includes hanger with beads. Come prepared to paint with bubbles
- Kids Canvas will be held July 23rd at 1 p.m. \$20 includes instructions and materials

Water Aerobics 11am – 12pm Jackson Park Pool Free water aerobics class every Thursday, starting June 9th-August 4th. Equipment provided

Parkersburg City Park carnival June 30-July 4th

Point Park Music Series in downtown Parkersburg. Pirate Flags, a tribute to Kenny Chesney, takes the stage for the second performance of the season on Friday, July 1 at the Point Park amphitheater along the Ohio River. The concert begins at 8 p.m. Admission is free.

Point Park Music Series Dinner Cruise - Pirate Flag - Tribute to the Kenny Chesney July 1st Blennerhassett State Park Enjoy a relaxing ride on board the Island Belle sternwheeler and a delicious meal while paddling down the Ohio River. Complete your evening of fun by attending the downtown Parkersburg Point Park Music Series Concert after dinner. Tonight's band of the Point Park Music Series is Pirate Flag - Tribute to the Kenny Chesney Reservations are required. Cruise price: \$27 adult; \$21youth (3-12) For reservations: 304-420-4800

- Enjoy a relaxing ride aboard the Island Belle sternwheeler and a delicious meal while paddling down the Ohio River. Complete your evening by attending the downtown Parkersburg Point Park Music Series Concert after dinner. Reservations are required. Dinner is tender baked steak or pan fried chicken, green beans, tossed salad, baked potato, roll with butter, dessert, and beverage (bottled water or soft drink). Independence Day Weekend will be booming with family fun on Blennerhassett Island Historical State Park.

Bingo at City Park: Saturday, July 2 at 3 PM ~ Sunday, July 3rd at 2 PM ~ Monday, July 4th at 2 PM

"My Way Matinee" at Regal Cinema is a sensory-friendly showing of family-friendly films the first Saturday of each month July 2nd at 10:30 am. What does this mean? Lights will be turned up and the volume will be turned down to create a sensory-friendly environment for movie goers with Sensory Processing Disorders. \$6.50 per person. Please call Regal Cinema at 304-485-3381 for more details.

Nature Walk - "Trees Have Feet Too" July 2 Blennerhassett State Park Come to the island! Get outside and explore the island. Learn about the large trees on the island. Our guide will take you on a discovery walk to identify trees, find out about the ecological role of trees, functions of roots, bark, leaves and their importance to our everyday lives. Walk begins at 2:00pm and concludes around 3:15pm. There is no fee to participate in "Trees Have Feet Too". Contact: 304-420-4800

Pickin' in the Park July 3 Blennerhassett State Park The first and third Sunday through October, from 1:00 - 4:00p are special times on the island in 2016! Whether you are a beginner or professional bring your acoustic instrument and head to the island today for Pickin' in the Park. Pickers ride the Island Belle Sternwheeler for free. Tickets must be picked up at the Blennerhassett Museum. Boats depart on the hour beginning at noon. Pickers will be playing at the tented area near the island gift shop. If you don't pick, you can stop by and listen and enjoy! Contact: 304-420-4800

Fireworks on July 4th at 10 PM sponsored by American Legion Post 15 Parkersburg City Park

Monday, July 4, observe the nation's 240th birthday Blennerhassett Island honors the sacrifices made by our forebearers during the War for Independence and the continuing efforts made by our country's men and women today for our liberty. The bell will be rung at 2:00 p.m. 13 times to signify the 13 American colonies. Join us on the island.

Make and Take July 2nd 11 a.m.- 3 p.m. at Pat Catan's in the traffic circle Parkersburg, WV Join our craft coordinator to make a neon explosion of creativity to celebrate the Fourth of July! A cut paper tube dipped in bright, vibrant paint is a simple way to paint your own Independence Day fireworks display on a black sheet of cardstock. Let it dry, then display your artwork during all of your holiday celebrations.

LUAU THEMED Spirit Night at Wendys on Emerson Avenue in Parkersburg on July 6th from 4-8 pm! I am so excited to raise funds for our center and to raise awareness of the services we provide to our community. 10% of each bill will be donated to The Children's Listening Place, Parkersburg's Child Advocacy Center. As we are a non-profit organization, all of the donations will go towards keeping our center up and running and most importantly, kid friendly! We will also offer face painting and coloring pages for the kids, as well as a prize wheel with lots of neat prizes! Bring your family and friends to have dinner and participate in some FUN activities!

Make and Take July 9th 11 a.m.- 3 p.m. at Pat Catan's in the traffic circle Parkersburg, WV Our weekly Make-n-Take is always fun and games, but this week it's no joke - even though you'll have the chance to make a jester puppet! Our craft coordinator will help you construct your puppet's face, make its collar adorned with sequins and then attach it to a stick so it can be part of your child's next puppet show.

Vienna Family Fun Weekends at Spencer Park Free Admission and refreshments Friday July 8th 7-9 pm "Insured Sound"- Light Rock/ Dance Music July 9th 10-Noon Kid Fun (Don't forget towels) 7-9 pm Foam and DJ Associates (Don't forget towels & change of clothes for the movie) 9:15 pm/ Dusk- Family Movie Night "The Peanuts Movie" Free popcorn, Water, Sno Biz.

Drug Awareness/Memorial Picnic 7/9/2016 - Starts: 12:00 PM City Park, Parkersburg 3rd annual drug awareness picnic to remember our loved ones lost to addiction and to bring awareness and education to the community. FMI - Helen Collins 304 482 5530, Parkersburg

Sunday Sundae Cruise July 10 Blennerhassett State Park It's an evening on the island! Hand-dipped Vanilla ice cream sundae with choice of topping. chocolate, caramel, strawberry, nuts & whipped cream Sunday Sundae ticket includes: round-trip boat ride, sundae, Ohio River cruise. Purchase tickets in advance. Contact: 304-420-4800

Free Learn-to-Swim Program 7/11/2016 Southwood Pool, Parkersburg American Red Cross Free Learn-to-Swim Program - Each summer for over 60 years American Red Cross Certified Water Safety Instructors coordinate this program so the children and adults in the MOV can learn to swim. F.M.I. - Red Cross at 485-7311

2016 WV Interstate Fair will be July 12-16 Fairgrounds 2230 Butcher Bend Road Mineral Wells, WV wvinterstatefair.org Features 4-H exhibits, contests, professional entertainment, track events, livestock exhibits, carnival and more. wvinterstatefair.org

- WV Birth To Three will have a Baby Booth available for breastfeeding, and changing your baby.
- We also sponsor the Baby Contest

July 13th

2:00 pm Ticket Gates Open**
Pretty Baby Registration (13-36 months) (Open Shelter)
3:00 pm Pretty Baby Contest (13-36 months) (Open Shelter)
Sponsored by WV Birth to Three

July 14th

2:00 pm Ticket Gates Open**
Pretty Baby Registration (0-12 months)
3:00 pm Pretty Baby Contest (0-12 months)
Sponsored by WV Birth toThree

Pat Catan's Kids Camp Hear ye, hear ye! We're summoning all of the knights and princesses in the Pat Catan's kingdom to attend our Once Upon a Time kids camp! Children ages 5 and up are invited to join us for a week of fairy tale themed crafts and refreshments fit for a king. Each day campers will create a new craft, enjoy a snack and have a royally good time. A guardian must remain on the store premises for the duration of the event. The number of participants is determined based on the size of each store's classroom, so be sure to register early and reserve your child's spot! **Cost** \$5 per day per child **or** \$4 per day per child when you purchase three or more classes. July 13-15 at 10 am

Make and Take July 16th 11 a.m.- 3 p.m. at Pat Catan's in the traffic circle Parkersburg, WV
Abracadabra! This week's Make-n-Take is simply magical! Our craft coordinator will help each child construct their own enchanting wand complete with a craft stick, a sparkling star, colorful gems and of course a sprinkle of magic. We're sure your little fairies and wizards will want to carry their crafty completed wand all day long.

Build Your Own Sundae Bar Wood County Emergency Communications brings you a Build your own sundae bar and bake sale will be held at the Mineral Wells Community Building on Rt 14 in Mineral Wells just past Fruth Pharmacy on the left. Banana splits and brownie sundaes available. Baked goods available for purchase for \$0.50 an item. July 23, from 4-7 p.m. All proceeds go towards purchase and maintaining emergency radio equipment.

Make and Take July 23rd 11 a.m.- 3 p.m. at Pat Catan's in the traffic circle Parkersburg, WV Unicorns exist, and you can find their magical horns at Pat Catan's! Join our craft coordinator and learn how make a unicorn horn necklace using air dry clay, rainbow cord and of course some gems and sparkle! Your kids will be able to wear their finished necklace any time they need an enchanting accessory.

Vienna Family Fun Weekend #3 Sat, July 23, 10am – 12pm Spencer Park- Next to the Vienna Volunteer Fire Dept-28th Street, Vienna, WV Saturday, July 23rd- 10 am- Noon- KID FUN- Bounce house, foam, sprinkler & photo booth. (Don't forget towels) Saturday, July 23rd- 7-9 pm - Foam & DJ Associates, (Don't forget towels & change of clothes for the movie). Saturday, July 23rd- 9:15 pm/dusk- Family Movie Night FREE- ADMISSION, Popcorn,Water, & Sno Biz for all Saturday events!

Breastfeeding Café Sat, July 23, 10am – 12pm First United Methodist Church, Parkersburg, WV 26101, United States Breastfeeding Education & Support 4th Saturday of Each Month (except December) 10:00 AM – 12pm Parkersburg, WV Free & Open to the Public Follow Esali Birth on Facebook or contact Danielle at mdbergum@esalibirth.com or 304-482-4729 for updates, location information, and other events. www.esalibirth.com

9th annual Youth Expo for WOOD COUNTY residents will be held July 29th at City Park from 4- 7 p.m. Wood County families are invited to enjoy games and activities, food, door prizes, and information about community resources, etc... The United Way Alliance of the Mid-Ohio Valley, in partnership with Community Resources, Inc. will be giving away free backpacks and limited school supplies to eligible students entering pre-k-12th grade. You must bring a WV Medical card or SNAP certification for each child to receive a backpack.

Free Backpacks and School Supplies sponsored by Try-Again Homes (304) 422-3159. This will be held July 30, 2016 at the City Park Pavilion from 1-3 p.m. To receive a free back pack and school supplies you must come to the short presentation on "Anti-Bullying" and Dare at 1 pm . Parkersburg PD Resource officers will give a presentation and pass out literature, Officers will discuss the D.A.R.E program, Parkersburg Fire Department will have the fire truck present, Wood County Sheriff's Office will be doing finger prints, Bicycle Helmet booth, Wendy's, WV Birth to Three, and several other agencies and businesses will be on site.

Make and Take July 30th 11 a.m.- 3 p.m. at Pat Catan's in the traffic circle Parkersburg, WV Even tiny crafters can tame this fun dragon fire project! Everyone can make their own craft tube pet dragon that breathes ferocious tissue paper fire. Once the dragon is complete with wiggle eyes and pom pom nostrils you child will be able to include him in their puppet shows and pretend play kingdoms!

Movie & DJ @ the Pool Fri, August 5, 7:00pm – 10:30pm Jackson Park Pool Summer is coming to an end, and you will be starting school soon! Bring your friends, and come to the Jackson Pool from 7-9 pm to swim and listen to the DJ! Then at 9 pm we will be showing the movie "Rio 2." Float on a noodle in the pool, or pull up a chair, and come watch the movie. This is a community event, and it is all free! "Rio 2" will get you in the mood for the Olympics!

Healthy Community Coalition of Wood County Are you interested in tobacco prevention, mental health, oral health, or healthy lifestyles/ strengthening families? Join our coalition and find out how you can help. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/HealthyCommunityCoalitionofWoodCounty/> Healthy Community Coalition of Wood County will meet **August 15** from 11:00 a.m. to noon will be our next meeting. The mission is to improve the health of all people in our community through education, promotion, and outreach. We have four sub-committees listed below. Please consider joining us to make a difference in the the Wood County community. If you would like to be added to the email reminder that is sent out once a month you can email Shannon Hedrick at hccofwoodcounty@gmail.com

Sole Mates club and take part in the Mall Walkers Program the first Tuesday of every month at 9:00am. You may also walk the mall any time on your own, and earn points towards your incentive program! Stop by the Guest Services desk to log your miles.

Wood County Libraries

Parkersburg and Wood County Public Library

- **Tours** are available all year for groups or individuals call 304-420-4587 ext. 510 or 504, M-F 9-6pm
- **Birth to 4 story time** will be held in the Summers Auditorium on July 8th, July 15th, and July 22nd from 10 am to 12 pm. Lunch will be provided after the conclusion of each story time.
- **Youth Readers Room events** All events in the Summers Auditorium will be limited to 80 children. Parent or guardian must remain on library grounds for the duration of the program. If your child is age 3-5 an adult must accompany them for the entire event. In case of rain, outdoor events will be held in the Summer's Auditorium.
 - **July 6th** Find your center in our yoga class with Natalia! A snack will be provided from 6:30-8 pm ages 3-12 in the Summers Auditorium.
 - **July 13th** Learn about healthy eating and why its so important with the WVU Extension office and Gwen, healthy smoothies will be included ages 3-12 from 10-noon in the Summers Aduitorium
 - **July 18th** Come ready to play at our Board Game Night. Make your own game, and then play someof your favorites from 6-8 pm ages 3-12.
 - **July 20th** Show us your smooth movies in our dance class with Natalia. A snack will be provided form 6:30-8 pm ages 3-12 in the Summer's Auditorium
 - **July 27th** Magic, fitness and Fun! Magician Mark Wood will coach your kids on how to stay fit from 10- noon fun for the whole family in the Summers Auditorium. Last day to turn in reading charts!
 - **July 29th** to end our program join us for awards, pizza, and a movie from 10-noon fun for the whole family in the Summers Auditorium!
- **How to meet reading goals and become a champion!**
 - **Being Read to:** For every book read, athletes will receive a healthy coupon from the community and be placed in our weekly drawing for prizes.
 - **Reading on Your own:** For every book read within the Accelerated Reader level 0.0-3.9 athletes will receive a healthy coupon from the community and be placed in our week drawing for prizes.
 - **Proficient Reader:** Athletes who read on their own can become a champion by reading a book with the accelerated level 4.0-7.9. For every 25 pages read, athletes will receive a healthy coupon from the community and have their name entered into a weekly drawing for prizes.
- **A Health lunch will be provided on:** July 6th- Snack only, July 13th, July 20th- Snack Only, July 27th, July 29th- Pizza

South Parkersburg Library

- **Jazzamataz Art Class** Free beginning drawing class for elementary age kids with teen artist Jamine Roberts. Tuesdays in July at 5:30 pm. July 5, 12, 19, 26. No pre-registration required. All materials provided.

- **CPR Class** Interactive Healthcare Provider Class. Instruction by an American Heart Association CPR/First Aid Instructor. Learner will learn and practice: 1 & 2 rescuer CPR/AED for Adult/Child/Infant, relief of choking in Adult/Child/Infant, rescue techniques with barrier device. Class date: Monday July 11, 5-8pm. Cost: \$45.00. Payment required prior to class. A portion of class fee is donated to Friends of the Parkersburg & Wood County Public Library. Call 304-483-3442 to register and arrange payment.
- **Mad Max Saturday!** All ages storytime with local Parkersburg South High School Mad Max July 16 at 11 am
- **Girls STEAM Ahead** Have you ever wanted to invent something, but were afraid to try? Register now for the first weeklong session of Girls STEAM Ahead! a hands-on STEAM invention camp for rising 7th grade girls. The session will run July 18-July 22 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day, and lunch will be served. Inventions will be created using cool electronic parts called littleBits, that will enable attendees to make "Bubble Bots" and other fun creations. This program is free, but space is limited and registration is required. What is STEAM? It is like STEM, which refers to Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math, but STEAM includes Art. Creative thinking and invention use Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math, working together to make something new! This program is presented with support from the West Virginia Department of Education and the Arts and the Governor's STEM Initiative.
- **"Brunch with Margaret" Blennerhassett July 21** Blennerhassett State Park It's a morning with Margaret over brunch. Margaret is portrayed by Carolina Alvarez and asks her guests to arrive at the Museum of Regional History at 9:00am for a 10:00am sternwheeler departure for her island, Blennerhassett.). Margaret (portrayed by Carolina Alvarez) provides a glimpse into the 18th-century frontier life she and Harman experienced while living on an island. She will also share intriguing stories about Aaron Burr, Thomas Jefferson, and Alexander Hamilton. Margaret's love of entertaining makes her a sparkling hostess. The brunch ticket includes: museum, boat, mansion tour, brunch, 1st person interpretive program, and wagon ride. Enjoy the morning with Margaret, spend the day on Blennerhassett Island. Contact: 304-420-4800

Vienna Public Library For more information go to <http://viennapubliclibrary.org/>

Summer Storytime - June 7th – July 29th

- Toddlers (recommended 2-4 years old): Tuesdays @ 10:30 am
- Babies (0-24 months): Wednesdays @ 11:00 am
- Kids & Family: Fridays @ 10:30 am

Kids Thursdays!

- **Thursday, July 7th** – Dig in the Dirt! @ 10:30 am Play and grow at our garden festival! Learn about different parts of a garden, how plants grow, and what makes dirt so cool. Hear from different community members who work to keep the Mid-Ohio Valley growing and take home your own plant.
- **Thursday, July 14th** – COSI @ 10:30 am Did you know your body is an amazing machine? The Center of Science and Industry brings us their show, "The Incredible Human Machine" to show you how your body works every day to keep you moving.
- **Thursday, July 21st** – Get Cooking @ 10:30 am Join special guest, Executive Chef Chad Winebrenner, for stories and cooking! He'll show kids how to make the best snacks for their minds and bodies.
- **Thursday, July 28th** – Pool Party @6:30 pm @ Jackson Park Pool Celebrate summer reading at the pool! All kids who complete their summer reading goal are invited to the park for pizza, fun, and our prize drawings. **Must be present to win!** Rain date: Saturday, July 30th.

Evening Programs

- ✓ July 7@ 6:00 pm: Gardening!
- ✓ July 21@ 6:00 pm: Cooking!

Teen Tuesdays

- **Tuesday, July 5th**– How Does Your Garden Grow? @ 2:00 pm Make your own zen garden, decorate a pot for your own plant to grow in, and learn about area plants and how to use them.
- **Tuesday, July 12th** – Yoga @6:00 pm Join us for an evening with Full Circle Yoga as they take you through basic poses and stretches. Please bring water and a towel or yoga mat.
- **Tuesday, July 19th**– Cooking with Style @ 2:00 pm Master five different cooking skills to impress your friends and your taste buds. Dessert? Entrée? Slice? Whip? Mash? Food has a lot of possibilities, and we will be making some impressive looking dishes that are way easier than they look!
- **Tuesday, July 26th** – Game On! Finale Party @ 6:00 pm (we promise!) Get gaming! Play board games, video games, athletic games, and brain games at our end of Summer party! There will be a Grand Prize Drawing for the FitBit Flex for one lucky winner! **Participants must be present to win if their names are drawn!**

Bonus Party!!

- **Thursday, July 28th** - All teens who complete their summer reading goal are invited to our **pool party** Thursday night at Jackson Park at 6:30. Hang out in our Very Important Teens (VIT) area, eat pizza, swim, and have fun!
- **Camp YouTube: June 27 – July 1:** This year, we will feature a week long workshop for teens to develop and create their own YouTube video. Take one week to learn about simple video production from a mobile device. Use a green screen to add in special effects. Learn to plan, edit, and publish your videos. 3:00 – 5:00 pm Monday – Friday.

Wood County Local Restaurant Deals

El Mariachi- Southside Parkersburg Check local restaurant for more details/ availability.

- **Wednesday Nights** is Family Night at El Mariachi! Children under 12 get \$2 Off regular Kids Menu items from 5pm-10pm. From 6pm-8pm Balloons & Face Painting and some occasional Magic by Tricky Chaz & Nikki!

Firehouse Subs in Vienna, WV Check store for more details/ availability. **Free Birthday Sub** Just show an I.D. with your birth date *on your birthday* and you'll get a FREE medium celebratory sub.

Golden Corral Family Night Kids 12 and under eat for \$2.99 on Tuesdays from 4-9 p.m. with an adult purchase. Valid at 1302 Garfield Ave. Parkersburg, WV. Check local restaurant for more details/ availability

Summer Music Series

Parkersburg City Park Band Shell (Rain location—Horseshoe Pit Shelter)

- July 7** Steve Sams & Jim Forshey—Elvis impersonators Sponsored by Peoples Bank
- July 14** Band of Brothers—60's through current Sponsored by Candlelier Window Creations, Inc.
- July 21** Insured Sound—Classic Rock Sponsored by Napoli's
- July 28** The Williams Family & The Proclaimers—Gospel Sponsored by Leavitt Funeral Homes
WV Birth to Three, Region 2, 912 Market Street, Parkersburg WV 26101 (304) 485-2000

August 4 The Laurel Creek Band—Bluegrass Sponsored by DeBarr Trucking

August 11 Charlies Horse Band—Rockabilly

August 18 Buck & Company—Bluegrass Sponsored by The Blennerhassett Hotel

August 25 Parkersburg High School Big Red Band & Parkersburg South High School Patriot Band Sponsored by Community Bank

Point Park Concert Series The Point Park Concert Series is a free-admission concert series located at Point Park in Downtown Parkersburg, West Virginia. Hosted on the first Friday of the month from 8-11 p.m. throughout the summer, the Point Park Concerts draw crowds of over 2,000 people.

Southwood Park The next concert in the 2016 Music Fest at Southwood Park will be 7:30-8:30 p.m. July 5. Union Valley Bluegrass will perform on the Al Smith Music Stage for the free concert.

Williamstown Music In The Park starts at 7 pm Tomlinson Park, Williamstown

~ 6/28 Cowboy Ted, Country Music, ~ 7/05 Jerry & Lisa Queen - Neon Moon, Old Time Country,

~ 7/12 Tom Roddy, Country Classics, ~ 7/19 Jimmy Howson, Gospel, ~ 7/26 St. Marys Community Band

OHIO

Free movie at the Odyssey Theatre in Marietta, Ohio the 1st Saturday of every month. This is open to the public. It will be a movie recently released on DVD. Join us: ~ **July 2 SpongeBob: Sponge Out Of Water**

Marietta, Ohio Independence Day Parade Monday, July 4th at 10 AM Begins at 4th and Butler streets, proceeds to Putnam Street, Putnam to Second, Second to Butler to Front Street and ends at the Armory parking lot

The Castle, located in Marietta, Ohio, will host a **unique tour of Marietta's most historic cemetery** - Mound Cemetery. Join the tour on Saturday, July 2 from 10 to 11:15 a.m. to hear the stories of Marietta's Revolutionary War soldiers. Tour begins at Mound Cemetery located at Fifth & Scammel Streets, Marietta. Admission: \$5 per person.

Family Swim Nights Marietta Aquatic Center The Right Path of Washington County has been hosting Family Swim Nights during the summer for over 6 years. These Family Swim Nights are designed to provide families alcohol, drug, and tobacco-free alternatives for area families to have safe activities to participate in when their children are not in school. The Family Swim Nights are open to everyone from every county and school district. Cost is \$3.00 per person or \$12.00 per family. **6-8 pm on: ~ 7/1/2016 ~ 7/8/2016 ~ 7/15/2016 ~ 7/22/2016 ~ 7/29/2016 ~ 8/5/2016**

Belpre Public Library

- **Story Time** - An enjoyable hour of stories, games, music, and crafts for children ages 3 to 6. Story Time is held each Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in the library's meeting room. An adult must accompany a child.
- **Camp Buckeye** Come on down to Camp Buckeye. On Thursday mornings this summer we are all about activity! We will have speakers, presenters, crafts, field day events, contests, and of course stories. For kids 2-12 and their families.

Marietta Public Library

- **Story Hour** is offered every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. except during the month of August. A parent or caregiver is requested to remain with the children during the program. An hour of enchanting story-telling, movies, and crafts for pre-school children. Ages 3-6
- **Toddler Time** - Join us for stories, finger plays, songs, and more, all geared toward the active toddler years. For children ages 18 months to 3 years, Toddler Time meets Mondays and Fridays at 10:00 a.m. A parent or caregiver is required to remain with the children during the program. Both of these programs meet in the basement meeting room beside the Youth Services Department
- **American Girl Program** Ages 5-7: Welcome to the American Girl Program! We will be learning about Melody this week through stories, activities, games, and food. Girls can bring a doll with them for this event. Registration is required. Stop by the Children's Department or call 740-373-1057 ext. 219 to register. Date: Tue, 07/05, 12, 19, 26 /2016 - 10:00am to 11:00am
- **American Girl Program** Ages 8-12: Welcome to the American Girl Program! We will be learning about Melody this week through stories, activities, games, and food. Girls can bring a doll with them for this event. Registration is required. Stop by the Children's Department or call 740-373-1057 ext. 219 to register. Thu, 07/07, 14, 21, 28/2016 - 2:00pm to 3:00pm
- **Welcome to the Circus** Ages 3-6: Registration Required: Join us at the library for a fun-filled morning at the circus! We will read stories, play fun circus games, and enjoy circus snacks! Stop by the Children's Department or call 740-373-1057 ext. 219 to register. Date: Sat, 07/09/2016 - 10:30am to 11:30am
- **Minute to Win it!** Ages 7-12: Sign up now for our 2nd Annual Minute to Win It Games! Test your abilities as you try to complete several different tasks in just one minute. A small refreshment will be provided after all your hard work. Stop by the Children's Department or call 740-373-1057 ext. 219 to register. Sat, 07/09/2016 - 1:30pm to 2:30pm
- **Sports** Ages 7-12: Registration Required: Here's another event to keep you healthy and in shape this summer! Join us at the library for a game of kickball! Stop by the Children's Department or call 740-373-1057 ext. 219 to register. Mon, 07/11/2016 - 1:00pm to 2:00pm
- **Mounds and Mansions Walking Tour** Join Hidden Marietta and the Marietta Library for a look at the historic residents of our fair town. Starting with the earliest evidence of human habitation, the earthworks, to the grand and elegant mansions that surround them. Learn the stories of the men and women who lived here before us, and be aware that you are walking on sacred ground. The 90 minute tour will end at The Castle, where you will have the option of touring a beautiful and historic mansion. The Mounds & Mansions tour is free through the library; a tour of The Castle afterwards is \$5 per person. This program will be offered on Saturday, June 18 at 1 p.m. and be repeated on Saturday, July 16. It is appropriate for ages 13 and older. Registration is required and limited to 50. To register, sign up at the service desk on the first floor of the Marietta Library, located at 615 Fifth Street, or give us a call at 740-373-1057 x201. Tickets will be available for pickup the week of the event at the library. Date: Sat, 07/16/2016 - 1:00pm to 2:30pm
- **Make or Take Crafts** Ages 4-12: Stop by the library meeting room between the hours of 12:00pm-3:00pm and pick out a craft to make or take home. Date: Mon, 07/18/2016 - 12:00pm to 3:00pm
- **Swim Party** Join us at the Marietta Aquatic Center for an evening at the pool.....another great way to get some exercise and stay healthy! All children and their families are welcome to this free event. The aquatic center is located at 233 Pennsylvania Ave, Marietta, OH 45750. Date: Thu, 07/21/2016 - 6:15pm to 8:00pm

- **Ninja Party** Ages 3-6: Registration Required: Hey kids! If you would like to be a ninja for the morning then this is the program for you! We will read ninja stories, play some ninja games, and you can make your very own nunchucks! Refreshments will be provided. Stop by the Children's Department or call 740-373-1057 ext. 219 to register. Date: Sat, 07/23/2016 - 10:30am to 11:30am
- **Ninja Party** Ages 7-12: Sign up now to participate in our ninja party! We will play games to test your ninja skills, make a craft, and have candy sushi! Stop by the Children's Department or call 740-373-1057 ext. 219 to register. Date: Sat, 07/23/2016 - 1:30pm to 2:30pm
- **American Girl Matinee** Ages 5-12: Join us in the library meeting room to see the newest American Girl movie: Lea to the Rescue! Refreshments will be provided. Date: Sun, 07/24/2016 - 1:30pm to 3:15pm
- **Wet and Wild Water Games** Ages 7-12: Registration Required: It sure is a hot summer! Come to the library and cool off with some fun water games! Come prepared to get soaked and don't forget your towel! Refreshments will be provided. Stop by the Children's Department or call 740-373-1057 ext. 219 to register. Date: Mon, 07/25/2016 - 1:00pm to 2:00pm

Curious About WV Birth To Three?

The Arc of the Mid Ohio Valley serves as the Regional Administrative Unit for an eight-county region, providing services to infants or toddlers under the age of three who have a delay in one or more areas of their cognitive, physical, social/emotional, adaptive, or communication development, or may be at risk of possibly having delays in the future. Serving eight West Virginia Counties: Calhoun, Doddridge, Gilmer, Harrison, Pleasants, Ritchie, Wirt, and Wood. For more information call (304) 485-2000 or 1-866-401-8919

Benefits of WV Birth to Three:

- * There are no income guidelines/ no cost to families
- * Services take place in a child's daily natural environment (home or community setting)
- * Specialists available: Developmental Specialists/Psychologist, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language Therapy, etc...