

## Donation Corner

### Tree of Life

*In Memory of John Swiger*  
Larry and Vicki Luschek

*In Memory of Dr. Richard J. Smith*  
Richard Wolan

### Other

**Bench in Memory of Jerry Lemons**  
Gina Frimel

**Bench in Honor of Jane Anderson**  
Steven Anderson

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Joyce Milota

**Bench in Memory of James Kyler Bell**  
Jeffrey Kern

# SUMMER CAMP!

## Kids Connect with Plants, Wildlife, and Friends at Young Naturalist Camp

At Young Naturalist Camp, children ages 7-12 are encouraged to get their feet wet, get their hands muddy, and experience the excitement of discovering the world of nature all around them.

Medina County Park District offers 11 three-day camp opportunities in the months of June and July exploring different parks and preserves throughout Medina County. Camps are comprised of three daytime sessions and one nighttime session covering a total of four different programs. Children are free to choose the camp with the mix of programs that interests them the most.

To accommodate family schedules, the Young Naturalist program offers a choice between a morning camp option (10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.) and an afternoon camp option (1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.). There is one evening camp option from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. offered July 25-27. Each Young Naturalist camper receives a T-shirt that he or she can bring to Wolf Creek Environmental Center for tie-dyeing on July 29.

The registration fee for Young Naturalist Camp is \$10 per child. Only one scheduled camp week per child is permitted. Registration is online at [www.MedinaCountyParks.com](http://www.MedinaCountyParks.com). Please click on the *Programs/Activities* tab, then on *Program Registration*.

## Volunteer Opportunities

The park district utilizes a large group of volunteers each year to help with the operation of the parks. Many park programs and facilities exist due to volunteer efforts. We can use your time and talents in a variety of areas. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Mary Beth Clausing at 330-239-4814 or [volunteercoordinator@roadrunner.com](mailto:volunteercoordinator@roadrunner.com).

- Program Assistant
- Program Leader
- Puppeteer
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- Invasive Species Control
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- Special Events
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- Animal Care
- Carpentry/Construction



## Mark your Summer Calendar for Music at The Lodge

*By: John Gladden, Communications Coordinator*

Imagine this: It's a warm summer night in Northeast Ohio. Live acoustic music fills the air at The Lodge at Allardale as a spectacular sunset streams through the trees. And it's free.

You don't have to imagine an evening of no-cost entertainment at one of Medina County's most beautiful venues because that's exactly what's in store as Music at The Lodge returns to Medina County Park District this summer. The 2017 concert series features a variety of music the entire family will enjoy. Performances are 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., and all ages are welcome.

Celtic and American folk artist Ginger Ackley returns to Music at The Lodge on June 14 with her seamless blend of traditional and original tunes on vocals and autoharp. Steve Madewell performs his story-filled songs on acoustic guitar on July 12. A Northeast Ohio favorite, fingerstyle guitarist Brian Henke brings his nature-inspired music to the lodge on August 9.

"Through our programming in Medina County Park District, we strive to offer a diverse selection of opportunities for guests to explore and experience our parks," said Naturalist Natalie Moore, who helps coordinate the event. "The Music at The Lodge concert series is just one of those unique experiences, and The Lodge at Allardale couldn't be a more beautiful space for a relaxing evening in the parks."

Concerts are held inside the lodge due to variable weather conditions. Guests are invited to arrive early and enjoy the nearby trails and hilltop views. The Lodge at Allardale is located at 141 Remsen Road in Granger Township, just east of the park's main entrance. For more, please visit [www.MedinaCountyParks.com](http://www.MedinaCountyParks.com).



## Pico and Ranger Bob

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At Medina County Park District, we're proud of our dedicated staff of rangers who are out in the parks every day in patrol vehicles, on foot, and on bicycles -- answering questions, providing assistance, and keeping visitors safe. Sometimes it's not only the two-legged visitors who need a helping hand.



*Pico happily balances on Ranger Bob's bike seat for a picture.*

Park visitor Dee Kulbacki of Lafayette Township recently shared the following story involving her mixed-breed rescue dog, Pico, who came to live with her six years ago. She estimates Pico to be about eight years old.

"He is full of personality and wants to work all day long," Dee said. "He competes in agility and rally and knows about 50 tricks!"

Pico's favorite hiking spot is Hubbard Valley

Park, but this particular day found them at Buckeye Woods Park, where Ranger Bob Weidig was on patrol. Dee picks up the story from here.

"I walk my dogs in the Medina County parks several days a week. (And I ALWAYS clean up after them!) One sunny spring day, my small dog, Pico, suddenly yelped and held his back paw up, refusing to put weight on it. I thought maybe he had been stung by a bee, so I picked him up and began carrying him back to the parking area.

"Along the way, we passed Ranger Bob on his bike. I could tell he was wondering why I was carrying my dog instead of walking him, and I told Ranger Bob that he got injured on the trail. Ranger Bob asked to see Pico's paw. There was no obvious swelling, but Pico yelped in pain every time we touched his tiny brown paw. Ranger Bob retrieved the magnifying glass he carries, and with that, we could see a thin brown thorn stuck underneath Pico's paw pad. Ranger Bob plucked the thorn, and Pico was back to walking on all fours!

"I am so thankful for the park rangers and especially grateful that Ranger Bob took the time to stop and help us! Thanks for all you do."

Thank you to Ranger Bob for his service to the public and especially to Dee (and Pico) for sharing this story and photo.

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