

DESTINATION GEAUGA

Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower.

Medicare Made Easy



Mary Duncan

Medicare is a word that causes confusion and even a headache for many people approaching 65. The question is what do I do first, who do I call and where do I go? Just ask Mary!

Q: Am I eligible to receive Medicare?

Mary: Those eligible for Medicare must be a U.S. citizen or legal resident for at least five consecutive years and 65 years old or older, unless there is a qualifying disability. When turning 65, Medicare provides for an initial enrollment period three months before the person's birthday, the month of the person's birthday and three months after the person's birthday. However, before a person can enroll in any Medicare plan, the person must have applied for and obtained a Medicare card with Part A and Part B, also known as Original Medicare. If a person already receives Social Security, the person automatically receives a card when turning 65. If they are not drawing Social Security, the person can go to a Social Security office to apply or visit medicare.gov.

Q: What are my options for coverage?

Mary: Here are the A,B,Cs...

Part A: covers inpatient hospital care plus additional services.

Part B: covers physician services and some preventive services.

Part C: Medicare Advantage. This is where a professional certified for Medicare plans is needed to guide you through the maze of plan options. Be sure to ask about value added benefits such as Silver Sneakers, hearing aids, Dental and Vision.

Part D: Prescription drug coverage.

Medicare prescription drug coverage is received by either joining a Medicare prescription drug plan or through a Medicare Advantage Plan that includes drug coverage. Even if few or no drugs are used, it's important to purchase a plan because there is a penalty if you do not enroll when eligible. This penalty will last a lifetime and add to monthly costs. It is important to provide your professional a current list of your medications and ask them to determine which plan will include all your current drugs at the best price.

Medicare supplements are letter plans that fill gaps in Original Medicare A and B. The most popular plans are Plan F and G.

Q: When I choose my initial plan, will I be stuck with that plan forever?

Mary: Absolutely not.

During annual open enrollment, which occurs between Oct. 15 and Dec. 7, a different Medicare Advantage Plan or a Part D prescription drug plan can be selected. Since formularies change each year, it is recommended to review options with a

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57th Annual Burton Antiques Market Returns September 22 with 400 Dealers

Don't miss what promises to be one of the most exciting events of the year! Now celebrating its 57th year, the Burton Antiques Market returns to the Geauga County Fairgrounds for the second of this year's semi-annual shows on September 22nd. With 400 of America's leading dealers displaying their finest antiques and vintage collectibles, there promises to be something for everyone in all price ranges.

The show starts off fast at 8 a.m. Saturday morning, September 22nd, for Early Buyers wanting to start the treasure hunt and get the first look at the vast array of merchandise being offered. Early Buyers admission is \$25. Last year, over 600 Early Buyers at each show took advantage of the 2 hour head start before the General Admission buyers are allowed in at 10 am Saturday for \$8.00. The show is open until 4:30 pm. Nearby parking is free. Great food will be available from the dozens of concession stands. Lots of help will be on hand to assist customers purchasing items on the field. They will take the merchandise to a loading area where



some of the local Amish men will help with loading.

Nationally known show promoter Kay Puchstein states "we have had a tremendous response from the both the buyers and the dealers. Dozens

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PHOTO: GPD-NASSAU BY JIM MARQUARDT

THE NIGHT SKY OVER NASSAU

Visit a local landmark for an extraordinary view of the heavens

Come view the dark night sky through one of the largest public viewing telescopes in the Ohio at Geauga Park District's Nassau Astronomical Station in Observatory Park!

Restored and reopened to the public last year, this facility invites you to an extraordinary view of the heavens during night sky viewing the following Saturdays from 7 to 11 p.m.: August 25, September 8 and September 22. Should weather conditions prevent sky viewing, Astronomy Naturalist "Astro-nat" Chris Mentrek will host a

planetarium presentation at the main campus' McCullough Science Center instead.

Members of the Chagrin Valley Astronomical Society will host a similar opportunity to view the night sky on Saturday, September 15, again from 7 to 11 p.m.

Also in September, stop into an open house held during daylight hours on Sunday, September 9, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in honor of Ohio Open Doors Week. In addition to viewing the

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September Events

Aug 30 - Sep 3; Thur – Mon (8am - 11 pm)

Great Geauga County Fair

Bring the family out and visit Ohio's oldest county fair. Ride the rides, see the shows, enjoy the food, and browse the exhibits and so much more. This is truly a wonderful time for the entire family. Geauga County Fair Grounds 440-834-1846 geaugafair.com

Sep 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (8:30 am)

Beach Boot Camp with Shaka Fitness

Class meets at Punderson Beach for an early morning, high intensity, interval style Boot Camp workout suitable for all fitness levels. Bring your energy and enthusiasm as we move around the park to challenge your strength, endurance and boost your metabolism. Punderson State Park Beach | 4407246473 | shakafit.com

Sep 1, Sat (9am- 3pm)

24th Anniversary Fall Festival

Join Middlefield Original Cheese Co-Op in celebrating 22 years of offering some of the best cheese in the area! Homemade ice cream, kettle corn, peanut butter and additional vendors. Authentic Amish Horse and buggy rides and a steam engine. Tremendous savings in the store! Middlefield Original Cheese Co-op 440-632-5567

Sep 1, 8,15, 22, 29, Sat (9am-Noon)

Gauga Fresh Farmer's Market

The **Gauga Fresh Farmer's Market** is an outdoor seasonal market bringing the freshest vendor-grown fruit and vegetables to the community. Throughout the season one can also find grass-fed and conventionally raised beef, pork, sausage, free-range eggs, herbs and spices. Fresh baked goods, jam, jelly, local honey, maple syrup, value-added

products, hand-crafted soap, and quality crafts are available as well. If its plants you are looking for we have annuals, perennials, herbs and the ever popular heirloom varieties. The market is located at the South Russell Village Town Hall, in a quaint, vibrant community on the western side of Geauga County. The market season runs from mid- May through early October. Market hours are Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., rain or shine. We have monthly events, entertainment and cooking demonstrations. Monthly events include a Strawberry Shortcake Day in June, Corn Celebration in August and a Salsa Contest in September. Check our website for more detailed information. www.geaugafarmersmarket.com.

Sep 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Sat (9:30 am)

Beach Yoga at Punderson

Bring a yoga mat, towel and water bottle. Boot campers are invited stay and practice for FREE. Beginners welcome. Advanced registration online is recommended. Please use the code BootCampYoga for your free class with bootcamp. Punderson State Park Beach | 440-724-6473 | shakafit.com

Sep 1 - Sep 30 (10 am - 5 pm)

Apple Picking Time at Sunrise Farm

Honey Crisp, Gala & McIntosh apples in early September. Tart snap of our Staymen Winesap in late October. Sunrise Farms 440-834-1298 sunrisefarmgifts.com

Sep 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Sat (10:15 am)

Stand-Up Paddle Board Yoga on Punderson Lake

SUP yoga is a floating yoga practice designed for all levels that challenges your focus, stability and core strength while you have fun on the water. No paddle

boarding or yoga experience needed! Advanced registration required. Class meets on the beach! Punderson State Park Beach | shakafit.com

Sep 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Sat (1:00 pm)

Stand-Up Paddle Boarding Lessons & Sessions at Punderson State Park

Bring your family and friends out to Punderson Beach and experience how much fun SUP can be. Our equipment is super stable and we teach you everything you need to know to have an amazing experience on the calm, crystal clear lake. We have boards to accommodate everyone. Must be 18 years of age and provide valid ID. New customers are required to take lesson or refresher. Children under 18 may participate if accompanied parent or legal guardian. Advanced registration required. Punderson State Park Beach | shakafit.com

Sep 1-30 (Mon – Sat, 10am-6pm)

White House Chocolates' Exquisite Chocolate Caramel Apples

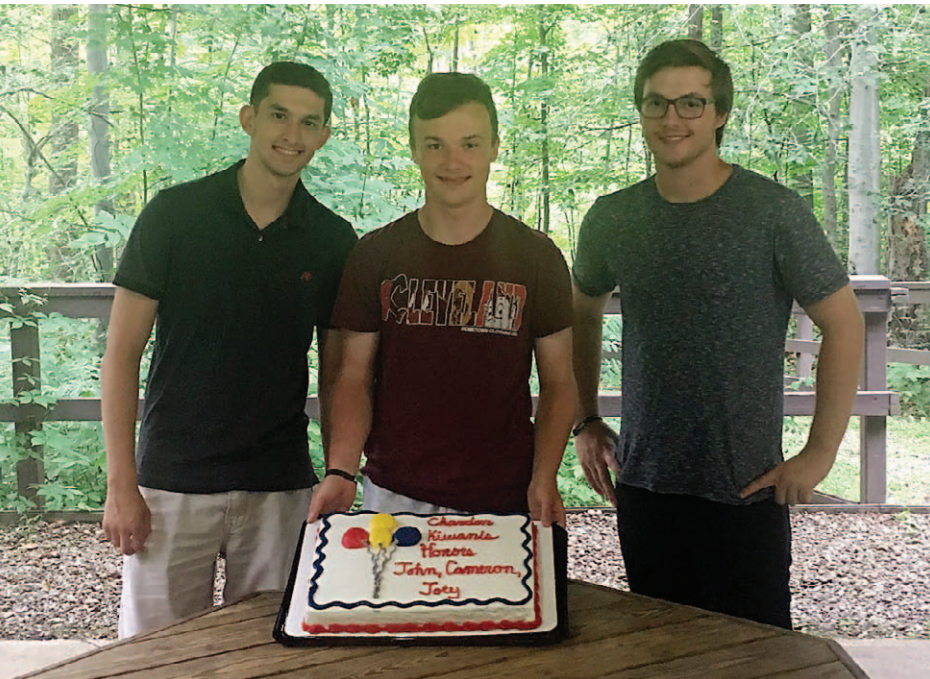
The crisp, juicy Apple, dip it in caramel, roll it in cashews, pecans, or toffee bits, then drape it in chocolate and its extraordinary! Stop and taste. White House Chocolates whitehousechocolates.com

Sep 7, 14, Fri (4pm - 8pm)

Chardon Farmers Market

Come find locally raised and produced fruits, vegetables, jams, syrup, breads, pies, cookies, eggs, flowers, herbs, coffee, kettle corn, ice cream, peanut butter, soaps and oils, organic products and beef, poultry and pork products. In late summer we'll have sweet corn and other items. | chardonsquareassociation.org/events/farmers-market

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Kiwanis Club of Chardon Awards Scholarships

The Kiwanis Club of Chardon is pleased to announce the awarding of our 2018 scholarships. The scholarships that Kiwanis Club of Chardon awards each year are made possible through various activities, which include the sale of maple syrup products all year, a corn roast in September, and various other events.

This year's scholarships were awarded at the recent meeting on July 5 held at the Deep Woods Pavilion located in Big Creek Park. The recipients, who were all seniors at Chardon High School including John Browne, Camron McCann, and Joseph Rayl. About 30 people attended the meeting including the four scholarship recipients, their families, club members, and guests.

The Kiwanis strongly believes that even one person can help their com-

munity through volunteering. Each recipient of this year's scholarships is involved in our community through the participation in extracurricular activities and volunteering.

"Being able to award scholarships is one of the most rewarding experiences of being a member of the Kiwanis Club of Chardon," said chairperson of the Scholarship Committee Norma Moses. "The Kiwanis Club of Chardon wishes each student success in their future educational endeavors."

Look for more announcements about this year's events that support the clubs efforts in the community. To find out more information about the Kiwanis Club of Chardon, please visit our website at www.kiwanis-clubofchardon.org and/or call 440-537-7316.

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professional that is certified for Medicare plans. There is typically no charge for an annual review of your benefits.

Q: What about the cost?

Mary: There are numerous Medicare plans to choose from, but as you are considering each type of plan, it is important you feel comfortable with the cost of the plan, cost of any co-pays and how you will receive the provided services.

Let us make Medicare easy for you or your loved one. Call us today. WE CAN HELP! More information is available at www.haas-haasinsurance.com

Mary Duncan is vice president of Haas Healthcare Solutions in Chardon, Ohio. She can be reached at 440-286-1263.

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2018 Sisters of Notre Dame BBQ and Boutique

The Sisters of Notre Dame are most known for their ministries in education, social justice, international missions, and their annual **BBQ & Boutique!** Many don't realize that this event is the sisters' most extensive friends outreach ministry, attracting approximately 7,500 hungry guests each year! Who knew barbecue was a ministry!

This is our most important fund-raising—**and friendraising**—event of the year. We hope you will come and enjoy the festivities! We're expanding our venue to allow for even more seating, enlarging our take-out lines for all those who carry out, adding the option to purchase tickets online as well as at the

door, and our biggest change – hosting this event on **one day only, Sunday, September 30th!**

Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin Gymnasium on the Notre Dame Education Center campus, 13000 Auburn Road, Chardon

sndchardon.org/support-us/bbq-and-boutique

It is Time for some Sweet Corn!

The Kiwanis Club of Chardon is pleased to announce the return Corn Roast on the Historic Chardon Square. The Corn Roast is held each year to celebrate the bounty of the growing season and to help raise money to support the scholarships and other charitable programs offered by the local Kiwanis club.

The 9th Annual Corn Roast will take place September 16 from 11 AM to 5 PM on the Historic Chardon Square. The event will feature entertainment, a silent auction, and fresh sweet corn from hometown favorite Sage's Apples.

"The money raised through the Corn Roast helps support the Kiwanis club programs throughout the Chardon area," said club member and event chairman, Jim Rayl. "What is better than a wonderful afternoon with your family and friends, some local sweet corn, and being able to go home knowing you helped your community."



The Kiwanis Club of Chardon would like to invite you to this annual end of summer event. For more information about the Corn Roast or the Chardon Kiwanis, please visit www.kiwanisclubofchardon.org or call 440-537-4718.

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giant telescope, daytime visitors can check out the living quarters and museum elements celebrating Ohio's place in the history of astronomy, research done within the building and more.

Nassau Astronomical Station in Observatory Park is accessed via a separate drive at 10350 Clay Street, just north of the main campus' entrance. Registration is not required for any of the above listed programs. Please call 440-286-9516 with questions.

Celebration on the Chagrin: Scenic Rivers 50th Anniversary Sunday, September 16, 1-5PM Bass Lake Preserve, Bass Lake Lodge

Celebrate 50 years of Ohio's Scenic Rivers Program at Bass Lake Preserve, a designated scenic river site and natural lake on the Chagrin. Local resource professionals will lead a variety of family-friendly aquatic adventures including stream exploration, canoeing, strolls through Spring Brook Sanctuary, and close encounters with Chagrin River critters including Ohio's treasured brook trout! Collaboration with the Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District, ODNR Division of Parks & Watercraft, Scenic Rivers Program, and other conservation partners. Registration required for canoeing; call Geauga Soil and Water at 440-844-1122 to register or for more information about the event. Partially wheelchair/stroller accessible.



COYOTE CALL

Use recordings at night to hear return calls from local coyotes

If you've ever wanted to connect with coyotes, or enjoy hearing their voices at night way off in the distance, this is the program for you. You'll learn all about this locally prevalent animal, then hike out to two survey locations to broadcast real recordings into the night with hopes of hearing return calls!

Gauga Park District's annual Howling with Coyotes! experience moves to a new location, Orchard Hills Park, on Friday, September 28, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Registration is required to participate at www.geaugaparkdistrict.org or 440-286-9516, but there's no cost, and all ages are welcome. Please call the number if you have any questions at all.

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of dealers who have not attended the show for years are signing up and coming back. It is going to be a very big show. Many of the returning vendors have done the show for over 30 years and some for over 40 years and a few for all 50 years. Every show gets bigger and better. This show promises to be the best show yet! "

If you are looking for investment quality antiques or desirable vintage collectibles, be sure not this miss this twice-a-year event. Silver, fine china, jewelry, porcelain, glassware, textiles, paintings, Americana, garden furniture, decorative accessories, rugs, primitives, old tools, and much, much more will be found. Dealers from all over the United States and Canada will be displaying their finest merchandise.

The show will be held rain or shine on the racetrack in Burton at Ohio's oldest county fairgrounds. Most deal-



ers will be under tents and another 75 vendors will be located inside under the grandstand. Burton is located just east of Cleveland. The area around Burton is home to one of the largest Amish communities in the world.

For more information and to see a short video on the upcoming shows, please go to www.burtonantiquesmarket.com or contact Kay Puchstein at 740-998-5300 or email questions to puchs2@yahoo.com.

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Sep 8, Sat (11am-3pm)
Mary Yoder's Day
Mary Yoder's Day is a day to celebrate our wonderful customers! Come and browse the crafters on the porch while listening to the sweet sound of the dulcimer and other instruments. The children enjoy the free pony rides, petting zoo, and face painting. This is a day to come and enjoy! Mary Yoder's Amish Kitchen | 440-632-1939 | www.maryyodersamishkitchen.com

Sep 8, Sat (Noon)
2018 Cask-A Progressive Wine Tasting Event
A PROGRESSIVE WINE TASTING EVENT Join us for our 7th annual event as we pop the cork on our vintage "Cask 1018. Noon- 5:00 PM, \$6.00 per person at each winery. The cask project began as an idea in 2010 to have a continual red blend from the Grand River Valley. Each year a percentage of the wine will be bottled and sold to make room for the next year's harvest. The date on the bottle represents the year it began "10 and the year it was bottled "18. Each winery used a different 500 gallon oak barrel with vinifera grapes from their farm.

Grand River Cellars Winery and Restaurant | 440-298-9838 | www.grandrivercellars.com

Sep 8, Sat (7 pm)
Nassau Night Sky Viewing
Observe the wonders of the night sky using this facility's giant research-grade telescope! If weather conditions prevent sky viewing, join us for a planetarium presentation in the McCullough Science Center instead. Wheelchair/stroller accessible.

Geauga Park District - Observatory Park | geaugaparkdistrict.org

Sep 9, 18, 29; Tues(10am-12:30pm); Sat & Sun (1:00-3:30 pm)
Hastings Dairy: Milk from Cow to Bottle Tour &Tasting
Experience a real working dairy farm and creamery. Tour the dairy; take a wagon ride around the farm, watch the cows milking, and pet the calves. Taste fresh milk bottled on-farm at Rowdy Cow Creamery and purchase your favorite flavor to take home! This is an open house with all the activities going on the entire time we're open (last wagon ride 30 minutes before end of event). Kids will enjoy train rides, and the indoor and outdoor play areas. Fun for the whole family! Hastings Dairy | 4406350313 | www.hastingsdairy.com

Sep 9, Sun (2:00 pm)
Lobster & Leaves
Sit Back & Enjoy The Breathtaking Landscape As You Feast On Chef Nina's Delectable 3 Course Meal; Homemade Stuffed Grape Leaves; Lobster Tail: Petite Filet Mignon; Seasonal Gnocchi Vegetable Medley and Chef's Harvest Dessert
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Ferrante Winery & Ristorante | 4404668466 | Ferrante Winery

Sep 10, Mon (6:30 pm)
His Daughter: Burlap Wreath Class
Get ready for Autumn by creating a handmade wreath of your own. Choose from a variety of materials to decorate your wreath!
Cost: \$40, all participants receive a 10% discount on any purchase that night OR a 10% coupon for future use. Call now to sign up for any of our classes. His Daughter 440-487-0724

Sep 12, (4:00 pm)
West Woods Wednesdays Farm Market
Purchase locally made/grown items at The West Woods the second Wednesday of each month this summer, June through September! Wheelchair/stroller accessible.

Geauga Park District - The West Woods Nature Center | 4402869516 | geaugaparkdistrict.org

Sep 14, Fri (5 pm)
Grand Return of the Scarecrows
Old-fashioned family fun! Not Scary! Young children and parents will enjoy the Scarecrows around town and surrounding areas. Sponsored by the Burton Chamber of Commerce Burton Chamber of Commerce | 1-440-834-4204 | www.burtonchamberofcommerce.org

Sep 14, Fri (4 pm)
Chagrin River Bird Quest Birding Challenge
Calling all bird enthusiasts: this is a 24-hour birding marathon! To participate, get a team together and register with the Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland at www.clevelandaudubon.org. Then come into the nature center or the Novak Education Center in Aurora for team check-in and final registration, where you can also pick up maps, checklists and T-shirts and talk strategy with teammates and naturalists. All materials and activities are free. Refreshments provided. Wheelchair/stroller accessible. NATURE'S NOT TO BE MISSED.

Geauga Park District - The West Woods Nature Center | geaugaparkdistrict.org

Sep 15 & 16 (Sat; 10am-6pm) & (Sun; 10am-5pm)
37th Anniversary Village Peddler Festival
Over 175 artisans and craftsmen. Live folk music and delicious food choices. Free wagon rides and corn maze. A colorful harvest and gourmet market with locally grown produce, plants, flowers, honey, maple syrup, jams, dips, cookies, breads and more. Adults \$7; over 60 is \$6; ages 2-11 is \$4 and under 2 is free. Lake Metroparks Farmpark
Includes all daily Farmpark activities and exhibits. Free parking. 800-366-3276
<http://villagepeddlerfestival.com>

Sep 15 & 16, 22 & 23, 29 & 30; Sat & Sun (12 pm - 4 pm)
Ma & Pa's Horse Drawn Hay Rides/Fall Harvest
Come join us for our annual fall harvest celebration.

The bears aren't hibernating yet. Take one of our horse drawn hay rides,something new added every year! Pick out your favorite pumpkin from our wide variety including white, orange, pink and blue ones! Sample our fabulous apple cider and our award winning maple syrup. Runs the last two weekends in September thru the end of October. Horse drawn hay rides are weather permitting and are from 12 Noon until 4:00 pm Saturday, 12 Noon until 4:00 pm on Sunday. Pumpkin Painting and something new this season, check out our website! Cost is only \$5.00 Adults, Children 2 and Under Free. Includes apple cider and maple cookie! Please call 440-548-5521 with questions or visit our website at www.maandpas.com. Ma & Pa's Gift Shack

Sep 16, Sun (10 am)
Harvest Handmade Market
The Harvest Handmade Market is a village-fair style shopping event located on the Historical Chardon Square. At the Harvest Handmade Market, you will find unique handmade goods, vintage finds and delicious food. For this event you will be able to browse through approximately 75 creative booths filled with amazing handmade and vintage finds. | chardonsquareassociation.org/events/harvest-handmade-market

Sep 21- Oct 7, Fri & Sat at 7:30PM; Sun at 2:00PM
The Game's Afoot
"Of course she's evil-she's a theater critic." About the Show Directed by Patty Osredkar By Ken Ludwig It is December 1936, and Broadway star William Gillette, admired the world over for his leading role in the play Sherlock Holmes, has invited his fellow cast members to his Connecticut castle for a weekend of revelry. But when one of the guests is stabbed to death, the festivities in this isolated house of tricks and mirrors quickly turn dangerous. It is then up to Gillette himself, as he assumes the persona of his beloved Holmes, to track down the killer before the next victim appears. The danger and hilarity are non-stop in this glittering whodunit set during the Christmas holidays. Geauga Lyric Theater Guild | 440-286-2255 | www.geaugatheater.org

Sep 22, Sat (10am-3pm)
Trail Horse Nature Challenge
Sign up to challenge yourself and your horse on a

1-to-2-hour challenge course with natural trail obstacles and questions about Nature along park trails. Awards and certificates given in youth and adult divisions. Helmets recommended. Participants trailer their horses to the shelter. Trails will have hills, gravel, mud, streams, bicycles, hikers, Amish buggies and other challenges. Registration required. Swine Creek Reservation, Lake Side Shelter | 4402869516 | geaugaparkdistrict.org

Sep 22 - Oct 28; Sat & Sun (11am-5pm)
Fall Fun Weekends at Ridgeview Farm!
Enjoy a hayride, corn maze, pick your own pumpkin, petting zoo, kids zone and other fall activities. No admission charge to the farm. Nominal fee for hayride and corn maze. Family Fun Activities! www.ridgeviewfarm.com 440-693-4000 Ridgeview Farm


Sep 28 (7:30 pm)
Howling with Coyotes
Learn amazing facts about coyotes and hike out to two survey locations to broadcast real coyote recordings into the night with hopes of hearing return calls! Partially wheelchair/stroller accessible. Registration required. Geauga Park District - Orchard Hills Park | geaugaparkdistrict.org

Sep 29, Sat (7am - 3pm)
2018 Geauga County Airport's 50th Anniversary
Pancake Breakfast 7 am-11 am; all you can eat pancakes, served with your choice of meat, eggs, coffee, juice or soda.

Free Young Eagle Airplane Rides- airplane rides for first time flyers(youth ages 8-17, parents permission form required) Welcoming Ceremony at 12:00 pm - A celebration of 50 years serving Geauga County Businesses, Pilots, and Residents. Displays & Demonstration 7am-3pm - MedEvac, Airplane Rides, Antique and Unusual Aircraft, Homebuilt Aircraft and much more.

Bring Your Lawn Chairs And Be Prepared For The Weather - Lunch Served From 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm - See You At The Airport!

For More Information Contact Patty Fulop at 440-632-1884 www.co.geauga.oh.us or email at geaugacountyairport@windstream.net




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Heroes of the Month



Doneisha Wall



Sharianne Nyerges



Samantha Smith



Rick Kellerman


Doneisha works in the Environmental Services Department. Doneisha leads by example on a daily basis. Her attitude demonstrates excellence, integrity and teamwork every day, and is an important factor in helping the team run smoothly. Doneisha has a big heart and a drive for creating a great patient experience. She connects well with patients, and patients often recognize her through surveys. Just recently Doneisha received a thank you letter from a patient who was being cared for at the Seidman Cancer Center. This patient was in hospice, and wrote a letter to acknowledge Doneisha, and spoke about how well they connected. The patient described Doneisha as caring, and also mentioned how Doneisha would leave a note, when she was out of the room. Doneisha's attitude, professional demeanor, and self-driven high standards continue to be a real asset to our hospital. Doneisha's willingness to get to know patients, and interact with them is one of a kind. She takes care of our patients and staff, we are extremely fortunate to have such an asset here at Geauga Medical Center.

Sharianne works as a Clinical Nurse in the Behavioral Health Unit. She found her calling when she transferred from the float pool to the BHU. She recently celebrated 15 years of service at the UH GMC. She gives 100% to her patients and co-workers each day. Sharianne is generous with her time and knowledge. She serves as a role model for newer staff coming onto the BHU and has been a preceptor for new staff, as well as students. She is currently a preceptor for an Ursuline DEU nursing student that is completing her nursing practicum, this student has indicated that Sharianne has been a wonderful role model. She is strongly focused on giving the highest quality of care possible to her patients. She continues to support the ER by floating to the triage area when core staff are needed to care for patients. She is frequently recognized by her peers for her professionalism and focus on doing what is best for the patients. We appreciate Sharianne for all of her efforts.


Samantha is an Occupational Therapist on our Rehabilitation Services team. Samantha always looks for ways she can help team members and staff on the units. She has the kindest heart and looks out for patient's best interests. She has also followed the "speak up" HRO culture. Samantha has made it her mission to recognize individuals through UH Appreciates on any hospital team, that goes above & beyond during the regular work day. Samantha also takes too heart the needs of the patients. Earlier in the year she was going down the hall on 2 South and noticed a woman looking distressed. Samantha put her planned evaluation on hold to stop and ask the woman if she could help her in any way. The woman was a spouse of a patient and had questions, but could not locate the nurse on duty. Samantha ultimately found the unit manager and helped this spouse be heard. She has willingly taken on new duties of helping out with the schedule board due to changing manager & supervisor schedules/tasks. She is also a part of a new Logis process for increasing efficiency and decreasing LOS. She is also a co-founder of the Dr. Lealand Journal Club. Samantha is a great team player and always utilizes best practices keeping our patients in mind.

Rick is the Nurse Manager of the ICU and 2 West. Recently Rick was asked to transition to a Interim Manager role for the Emergency Department. When asked if he would be willing to take on the role, he answered by saying "I'll do it". Rick's knowledge base and willingness to help comes from the heart. In recent conversations about Patient Experience we can see the passion in his eyes. He truly cares about his team and UH Geauga. On one afternoon recently Chief Nursing Officer Jason Pirtz received a call from a nurse on 2 West, Mary Beth Rumburg, regarding a family friend that was being treated on 2 West. Mary Beth shared that while Rick was rounding he asked a concerned wife of a patient if she had eaten that day. Rick was concerned for her health and wellness. The patients' wife didn't want to leave her husband's bedside. What Rick did next was the best part. He left the room and returned 20 minutes later with two boxed lunches and said; would you like Turkey or Ham. Several days later this patient went home with hospice and passed away. When Mary Beth spoke with the wife she felt that the care on 2 West was awesome and wanted to share her story. We are all very fortunate to work with Rick.

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