

# DESTINATION GEAUGA

## Medicare Q & A with Mary Duncon



**Q:** What is the Annual Open Enrollment

**Mary:** The Medicare Annual Open Enrollment runs every year between October 15th and December 7th. This is the time of the year that you can change your Medicare Advantage Plan or your Part D plan to another plan of your choosing. I certainly would recommend that you call your agent to make an appointment to discuss your current plan and if that plan will continue to meet all your needs.

**Q:** My employer just reduced my hours from full to part time and I will be losing my medical plan. I am 68 years old and am unsure what to do.

**Mary:** You are entitled to a Special Election Period to purchase a Medicare Plan. You will need both your Part A & B to apply for a plan.

**Q:** What is the Extra Help Program?

**Mary:** Extra Help is a Medicare program designed to assist individuals with income and asset limits to help pay for prescription drug costs. If you qualify, you can

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## Fall Family Fun at Geauga Parks

### Jump into Fall Days

Saturday, October 5, 1-5 PM  
Sunday, October 6, 1-5 PM  
Swine Creek Reservation

Celebrate autumn with hands-on activities for all ages: free horse-drawn wagon rides, a "Homespun Market" featuring handmade items (Saturday only), kayaking, fishing, face painting and balloon creations, a food truck, seasonal treats and much more. Wagon rides are first come, first served 1-4 PM.

### Geauga Skywatchers Club: Sundials, Latitude & Time

Monday, October 7, 6:30-7:30 PM

Geauga County Public Library, Bainbridge Branch

Our second monthly meeting of our new astronomy club! Learn how to tell time without a watch, and about sundials, latitude, longitude, time zones, the equation of time, and a bit of the history of time-telling. Then use a compass and ruler to draw and build your own working sundial! Led by Dr. George Trimble, president of the Chagrin Valley Astronomical Society. Registration required on Geauga County Public Library's website. Prospective members may login to Meetup.com to

find the dates and times of future lectures and activities. Wheelchair/stroller accessible.

### Horse-drawn Wagon Rides

Saturdays & Sundays, October 12 & 13, 19 & 20, 1-5 PM

Swine Creek Reservation, Woods Edge

Enjoy the sights, sounds and scents of fall with a horse-drawn wagon ride! Free passes ensure first-come, first-served boarding. Rides last about a half hour and are cancelled by bad weather. No pets. Last ride leaves at 4:30 p.m. Also October 13, 19 & 20. Nature's Not to Be Missed.

# Celebrate autumn with

## Geauga Park District

Swine Creek Reservation in Middlefield Twp.



### Saturday & Sunday October 5 & 6 1-5 PM

- Horse-drawn wagon rides (first come, first served)
- Fishing, kayaking, Spider Spot, bounce house, face painting, food truck & more!
- Homespun Market featuring handmade items (Sat. only)

## HORSE-DRAWN WAGON RIDES

Saturdays & Sundays  
October 12, 13, 19 & 20

1-5 PM • Last ride at 4:30 PM

Geauga County Probate/Juvenile Court Judge



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Free passes onsite for first-come, first-served boarding



FREE fun for all ages!

Thank you for your continued support. Enjoy your parks!

www.geaugaparkdistrict.org






# It's Time for FALL FEST



With the arrival of fall it is time again for the family friendly Fall Fest, which brought to you each year by the City of Chardon.

This year's the Fall Fest will be held on October 5th, from 7 PM to 9 PM, on the Historic Chardon Square. The evening will include hot dogs and cider, s'mores, scarecrow making, balloon artist Stacy Alan, live music by DJ Bryan Baker, and face painting by Katie Stone. A special thanks for helping goes out to the Rotary Club of Chardon, the Chardon Area Kiwanis, the Chardon Square Association helping with activities.

"The Fall Fest is a wonderful event to welcome in the beginning of the fall season, said Adam Rogers, City Recreation director and event organizer. "Fall Fest is for the whole family so come out and enjoy some free & fun, fall activities."

In the event of rain, the event has a rain date of Sunday, October 6th. To find out more about the Fall Fest or other activities in the Chardon area please visit the City of Chardon website at [www.chardon.cc](http://www.chardon.cc).



## 20th CCAT Car & Motorcycle Show

Even though the weather appeared threatening those gathered for the 20th CCAT Car & Motorcycle Show had as great time.



## Geauga County Public Library introduces the Mobile Memory Lab

Lab allows patrons to preserve their memories with state-of-the-art equipment

Geauga County – September 9, 2019 – Geauga County Public Library is pleased to introduce the Mobile Memory Lab, a traveling collection of equipment that will allow patrons to capture, record, and preserve important parts of their personal history.

The GCPL Mobile Memory Lab consists of a Desktop PC loaded with various image, audio, and video editing software, including, but not limited to, Adobe Creative Cloud, Audacity, and GIMP. Along with the software, there are a host of peripherals for scanning and digitizing your photos, negatives, slides, 8mm/Super 8 film, VHS tapes, vinyl records, and cassettes. It also has a converter tape that will allow you to digitize Super VHS tapes, a high-quality USB microphone to capture digital audio/oral histories, and a high-speed photo/document scanner for bulk digitization of photos and documents.

The Lab will be housed at different Branches on a rotating schedule, beginning

with Chardon, Geauga West, and the Administrative Center Branch this fall, and continuing through all GCPL locations next year.

In order to use the Mobile Memory Lab, patrons must first attend an orientation session at any of the dates and locations listed below:

### Chardon

Fri., Oct. 4, 2 p.m.

Sun., Oct. 6, 2 p.m.

Tues., Oct. 8, 7 p.m.

### Geauga West

Tues., Nov. 19, 2 p.m.

Sat., Nov. 23, 3 p.m.

Mon., Nov. 25, 7 p.m.

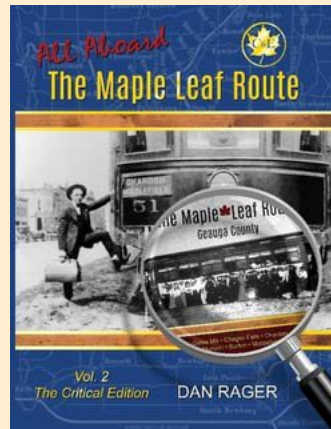
### Administrative Center Branch

Wed., Dec. 4, 2 p.m.

Fri., Dec. 6, 2 p.m.

Wed., Dec. 11, 6:30 p.m.

The orientation covers how to use the items in the Lab and provides hands-on training. In addition to mandatory orientation sessions, patrons must also sign a waiver and supply their



### The Maple Leaf Route

Join author Dan Rager as he discusses All Aboard the Maple Leaf Route Vol. 2. The book is an inside look at the Cleveland & Eastern Railway system which riders took into Cleveland from Geauga County. This railway changed Gates Mills and Geauga County forever.

Learn more about Chardon as the rail capital east of Cleveland and why it was considered a "Jerkwater" town

**Date:** Saturday, October 12, 2019

**Time:** 1:00pm - 2:00pm

**Location:** Eykyn Room, Geauga West Branch

## MEDICARE Q & A FROM PAGE H1

get help to pay your Part D monthly premium, the yearly deductible, coinsurance and copays. The gap or donut home phase will also be covered and there will never be a concern regarding any late enrollment penalties. If you are enrolled in the Medicare program and think you may qualify, you can call Social Security to apply or go online to [SocialSecurity.gov/extrahelp](http://SocialSecurity.gov/extrahelp) to apply online.

**Q:** My husband has already received his new Medicare card and I am concerned that I have not received mine yet.

**Mary:** Do not be concerned or panic. And,

you do not need to call Medicare. The mail out of the cards will continue to be sent out until next April of 2019. As husband and wife you will not necessarily receive your cards at the same time.

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](http://www.haas-haasinsurance.com)

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

## Paper Mache Pumpkins

October 12 @ 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Paper Mache Pumpkins! These little pumpkins will be adored for years to come! We will start our form over a real pumpkin using the traditional paper mache technique. The second visit will involve removing it from the form and securing it back together with additional coats and color. Group age range for family and friend togetherness (designed for ages 6 yrs through adult). One pumpkin per registrant. Fee: \$48 includes all materials.

Participants attend two classes: Saturday, 10/12 and 10/19, 3-5pm.

Fairmount Center for the Arts, [www.fairmountcenter.org](http://www.fairmountcenter.org)



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# October Events

**Thru Oct 26 (7 pm - 12 am)**

**Pioneer Waterland's Fall Fear Fest**

Don't miss our Fall Fear Fest!! Every Friday & Saturday in October plus Halloween night from 8pm til Midnight! No age restriction but use discretion for children under 12 in the haunted houses.

Zombies, Ghouls, and Creepy Creatures will frighten even the bravest soul! Outdoor Scare Zones: It's Heart Pounding, It's High Action and It's Beyond your Wildest Screams. Enter into the Cabin of Carnage, Trail of Terrors and Killaways Freakshow where there is no way out and no way to escape.

\*Great Music \*Food, Beer and Wine! \*Relax, sit by a nice bonfire and enjoy your favorite drink! \* Friday Night is movie night at 10PM! Pay-Per-Play Attractions: Glow in the Dark Mini Golf, Go Karts, Carnival Games, Fun Zone Game Arcade Glow in the Dark items, Finger Lights, Light Up Skull Necklaces, Fall Fear Fest T-shirts and Sweatshirts for Sale in the Treasure Chest Gift Shop. Pioneer Waterland & Dry Fun Park | 440-285-5200 | fallfearfest.com

**Oct 5, 12 (9:00-Noon)**

**Geauga Fresh Farmer's Market**

The Geauga 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.

Those interested in a local, sustainable food system as well as the freshest food available will find a wide variety of items from Geauga County and the surrounding area. Those looking for fun, community connection and smiling faces will have a great time, too. The market is located at the South Russell Village Town Hall, in a quaint, vibrant community on the western side of Geauga County. www.geaugafarmersmarket.com.

South Russell Village Hall | 330 348 3053

**Oct 5 & 6 (10am - 6pm)**

**Huntsburg Pumpkin Festival**

This is our 50th year of providing a free family day in the country. Since opening our doors to the public in 1969, The Huntsburg Pumpkin Festival has become a must-see destination for people all over the great state of Ohio. Whether you're planning a day trip or two with your family, or are coming with friends, we give visitors of all ages the chance to enjoy themselves in a fun-filled environment. There is no entrance fee and all contests, entertainment and attractions are free. We offer free parking and a free shuttle service from the parking areas to the festival grounds. There is a Pancake & waffle breakfast starting at 8:30 am and we have many vendors and crafters filling our two buildings along with a midway of fabulous food and attractions.

We hope you will join us on Saturday for the Kids parade and pumpkin roll and on Sunday for the 5K and the Big Parade. 10:00 am till 6:00 pm. State Routes 322 | 440-636-5486 www.huntsburgpumpkinfestival.com

**Through Oct 27 (Mon-Thurs, 10am-6pm) & (Fri, Sat, Sun, 10am-5pm)**

**Patterson Family Fun Fest**

8765 Mulberry Rd., Chesterland. Designed for so much family adventures. 440-729-7144 www.pattersonfarm.com

**Oct 5 (10 am- 3pm)**

**Fall Honey Extraction**

The owners will also be conducting apiary tours, demonstrating their fall honey extraction and talking about their love of honeybees and the farm on which they manage "their girls". Honey will be available for purchase. The extraction demonstrations are 10:00 a.m – 3 p.m. and are run continuously throughout the day in small groups. Each group will take about a 1/2 hour to an hour depending on questions. Event held rain or shine. This is a FREE event held rain or shine. FarmGirl's Artful Clutter & Such/FarmGirl's Honey 8710 Dennison Ashtabula Rd, North Bloomfield | 330.553.4876

**Oct 5 & 6; 12 & 13; 19 & 20; 26 & 27 (Sat & Sun, Noon - 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 any questions or visit our website at www.maandpas.com. Ma & Pa's Gift Shack | 1-440-548-5521

**Oct 5 & 6; 12 & 13; (Sat & Sun; Noon - 5 pm)**

**Sirna's Annual Fall Festival**

Perfect for Children, Families, and autumn – lovers of all ages! No additional fees for activities once you are in the door, and stay as long as you like! Hay

Rides- Animals-Tractors-Corn Box- Obstacle Course- Scavenger Hunt- Games- Activities- Face Painting Additional Contests & MORE. We'll have cider apples, pumpkins, corn stalks, and a Farm Market Sirna's Farm | 440.834.0696 | www.sirnasfarm.com

**Oct 12 & 13 (10am -5pm)**

**Octoberfest Ox Roast and Artisan Vendor Event**

Enjoy a Burton tradition on the square. The village green will be filled with vendors, ox roast sandwiches, a beer tent and polka music. Sponsored by Burton Chamber of Commerce Burton Log Cabin & Sugar Camp Burton Chamber of Commerce | 1-440-834-4204 | www.burtonchamberofcommerce.org

**Oct 12 & 13 (10am-5pm)**

**Apple Butter Festival**

It's the 69th Annual Apple Butter Festival at Geauga County - Century Village Museum. Take a step into history to enjoy freshly made Apple Butter & Apple Fritters, tour the historic buildings with authentic artifacts, gaze at the beautiful fall views, visit with Historic Artisans in time-honored traditions like pottery & broom-making, blacksmithing, weaving and more. Kids will get a kick out of the children's train and pony rides. Mom and Dad can pick up a few jars of delicious apple butter to spread on fresh Amish-baked delectables.

Located in Geauga County, Century Village Museum Burton Century Village: 440-834-4656 (www.centuryvillagemuseum.org)

**Oct. 29 (5pm - 8pm)**

**Lil Goblins Gathering**

at Century Village ages 2 - 12 years old. We will be hosting a family friendly evening in the spirit of Halloween. This is a family oriented, stroller friendly event and includes, outdoor trick or treating throughout the village, old fashion carnival games, crafts, refreshments, hayride, bonfire with storyteller. Bring your candy bag and walking shoes. Costumes encouraged. GCHS members are free. \$5 per child for non

members, accompanying adult is free. This is a RESERVATION ONLY event. Trick or Treating times will be assigned and staggered so please call today for details and to reserve your spot. 440-834-1492

**Oct 31; (7:30 pm)**

**Halloween on Chardon Square**

The Chardon Square Association will be handing out bags of candy at the gazebo on Halloween night, starting at 7:30 PM. The Chardon Police Department for handing out cider and doughnuts and the Chardon Fire Department will lead the parade around the square.

chardonsquareassociation.org/events/halloween



## University Hospitals Gauga Medical Center

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# Heroes of the Month

**Cyndi Craggs**

**Cyndi Craggs, Registered Respiratory Therapist II.** Cyndi has been working for Geauga since March of 2014. She was PRN until I came on board and she switched to Full time. She has seen many changes over the years and had several bosses. **Excellence/Team-work:** Cyndi has been a great motivator for Kim and myself in that she supports our efforts, helps encourage the staff and brings new ideas from her experience at other facilities over the past. She is always willing to help with competencies and answer questions for many of our new recruits in building their skill sets. **Diversity:** Cyndi comes with many years of experience in Respiratory Therapy with expertise in the pulmonary function lab, all aspects of In-house units and ICU as well as with neonates. She was instrumental in us being able to open up the Concord PFT lab. **Compassion:** I've never seen Cindy ignore or avoid any difficult situations. She in fact, is very encouraging to staff and willing to go out of her way to help. She has been eager to help me with the operational flow of the department in the temporary absence of our Chief therapist. She has taken the bull by the horns and help to keep us moving forward in all of our initiatives. **Integrity:** Cindy has both moral integrity and work related integrity and she is honest. She follows our mission to heal, to teach and to discover every day with our patients, co-workers and floor nursing staff. She works well with our physicians and is not afraid to speak up if she feels there is a better treatment option for a patient than one that may be ordered. When I audit her charts she makes sure to document clearly, give her treatments timely and put charges in correctly. If she is unsure of something she does not hesitate to ask. She builds strong working relationships by having effective communication skills. Overall, Cindy has been a wonderful employee to have. She has taught me a lot coming into this role and made me feel welcome by teaching me the in's and out's of their jobs and how they effect and are affected by other areas of the hospital. I truly appreciate her feedback.

**Jacklyn Hillis**

**Jacklyn Hillis, Scheduling Coordinator II.** The PAS Geauga leadership team is proud to recognize Jacklyn Hillis, her efforts as a mentor to her peers within the UH Patient Access team and nominate her to be recognized as September's Hero of the Month. In her current role, she has consistently exceeded our expectations. Providing quality healthcare to our patients begins and depends on her in collaboration with other UH caregivers. She continues to be consistent in her performance and our patients depend on her service to be compassionate and understanding in a manner that meets standards of care in the health care profession. As a healthcare professional she is one of the smartest, most innovative, most conscientious people doing the job. We have the tremendous privilege as healthcare professionals to provide support to our neighbors when they are going through some of the most vulnerable times in their lives. It is a frightening prospect to be a patient in a hospital, and it can be a tremendously helpless feeling to put your wellbeing and those of your loved ones in the hands of people you don't know. This award recognizes the amazing work that she performs above and beyond her normal work responsibilities, which aligns directly with any of our organizational values: It is because of the outstanding employees like her that we are able to provide award-winning care to our patients each and every day. For these reasons, we nominate her for Hero of the Month to thank Jacklyn. Her work is so appreciated and we hope to see her efforts continue to exceed expectations.

**Suzanne Hughes**

**Suzanne Hughes, Nurse Advanced Clinical** Suzanne Hughes works between Concord Infusion and Geauga SCC. Through the years she has had a steadfast dedication to the Concord site and her patients who receive services there. Suzanne connects very closely with the patients and their families, many of which are receiving treatments for chronic conditions for the remainder of their life. She recently helped a patient's daughter with the decision she was making to move her mom into memory care. Suzanne showed the daughter so much compassion and support while she made a difficult decision to keep her mom safe. Another situation that Suzanne went above and beyond is when one of her patients was a no-show, she recognized that was out of character and was immediately concerned. She and her coworker Gina set-up a wellness check, unfortunately they found the patient had committed suicide in his home. The heartache that followed was very hard for my staff but they put their emotions aside to help the family at this time of tragic loss. Suzanne manages her schedule and time off in ways that have the least amount of impact on the other staff. When she is out, she leaves detailed notes on the patient including those that relate to their needs and personal likes. This helps the staff build a connection in her absence and puts her patients at ease when she is not there. Suzanne is also very kind to her coworkers - it is unique in that she truly treats her peers with the same love and support that she shows her patients. She understands bad days, and never judges.

**Amanda Lausin**

**Amanda Lausin, Clinical Pharmacist** Dr. Amanda Lausin is our Clinical ICU Pharmacist, but that is just one of the many hats she wears in our department. Besides rounding daily and caring for her patients in the Intensive Care Unit, Amanda takes on a significant amount of operational projects that range from ensuring Joint Commission compliance, Omnicell perfection, patient safety, and many managerial tasks. Amanda also covers for our staff pharmacists every day, and during the past month has volunteered to take many inpatient staffing shifts to cover for unexpected extended leaves in our department. Amanda is able to juggle many roles and responsibilities, while maintaining a positive outlook and encouraging members of our department to work as a team. Amanda strives to educate our department and hospital on the multiple roles that our clinical pharmacy team plays from assisting with inpatient staffing responsibilities to caring for patients on the floor, making clinical interventions, providing provider, staff, and patient education, taking students and residents, research, process improvement projects, among much more. Amanda truly is a team player, and is always the first to step up to the plate to cover shifts, take on more projects, and now covering 3 positions: ICU pharmacist, inpatient pharmacist, and assisting with operations. She does so without complaint and continues to be a vital member of our department and hospital.

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