

DESTINATION GEAUGA

Winter is not a season, it's a celebration.



Start A Family Tradition!

How does "Dashing through the snow in a one horse open sleigh" sound? The excursion begins at Ma and Pa's 1820's log cabin where you will find various rustic items such as chainsaw carved bears, log furniture, hunting, fishing, and everything for the rustic home. Then out into the woods one of their draft horses will pull one of two old fashioned sleighs, wandering out into an open field where, during the evening rides, the horses often stop so that guests can gaze up into the star filled sky. "We see a lot of families," says 'Ma' owner Tammy Puleo, "and we've also had quite a few proposals out on the ride too!" A good thing to remember with Valentine Day right around the corner....

When the trip has ended, visitors are welcomed back to the cabin for hot chocolate or maple coffee and cookies baked by Ma herself! Ma and Pa's is a winter adventure you won't want to miss, and was featured in Ohio Magazine, Neil Zurcher's One Tank Trips, and on New Day Cleveland.

Sleigh rides are available evening and weekends through February. Please call for reservations, 440-548-5521 or visit website at www.maandpas.com.

Ma & Pa's is located at 15161 Main Market Road, (State Route 422), Troy Township.

Enjoying an Amish Dinner



One of the most popular questions fielded by the Destination Geauga Office is from people looking to enjoy a traditional Amish meal. We are happy to let them know there are several ways to go about enjoying this feast. Of course for the most authentic experience most people want to actually dine in an Amish home and we agree that is a wonderful experience.

Since the typical Amish Wedding Dinner is several courses, a lot of food, and a tremendous amount of work most ladies doing this require a minimum group size of 10-12 people to make a reservation. However, Horse & Buggy Dinners in Middlefield now offers an 'Open Seating' night. For this night you call and make a reservation for your group of 2 or four. just like a restaurant, and there will be others that have done the same. Then on that evening you will all come together and enjoy dinner together and usually make a lot of new friends. This night is usually the 4th Friday of the month, unless it falls on a holiday. To make a reservation or for more information call

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Jan 1-29 (8am)

Authentic Italian Weekend Breakfast at Vinny's

Vinny's Specialty Items include: Brioche Biscuits and Gravy Banana Bread French Toast, Eggs Bruschetta and...Oscar Style Eggs Benedict – Crab Meat, Asparagus, Poached Eggs and Red Pepper Hollandaise over Toasted English Muffin with Home Fries Standards include: Breakfast Calzone Buttermilk Pancakes, Vanilla Bean French Toast or Eggs Cooked Your way and...Breakfast Pizza – Vinny's Secret White Sauce, Spinach and Artichoke Sauce, Pancetta Ham, Crumbled Home Fries, Over Easy Egg and Red Pepper Hollandaise Sauce For Kids: Waffle with Fruit Dino Bambino and... Mini Chocolate Chip Pancakes – Whipped Butter, Bacon or Sausage Mangia! Vinny's Authentic Italian Eatery | (440) 632-0111 | www.vinnysofmiddlefield.com

Jan 1 - Jan 31 (10am - 4pm)

Annual Apple Sale at Sunrise Farm

Join us for our Annual Apple Sale. Enjoy fresh, local apples with special pricing all month long. Sunrise Farm | 440-834-1298 | www.sunrisefarm-gifts.com

Jan 1 (10am)

New Year's Day Buffet at Punderson Manor

Reservations Required
Punderson Manor State Park Lodge | 440-564-9144 | www.pundersonmanorstateparklodge.com

Jan 6, 13, 20, 27 (5:30 pm)

Friday Fish Fry

Fish Fry every Friday thru April 14. Dinner choices Orange Roughy, Lake Erie perch, Shrimp or Chicken tenders. Dinners include your choices of; french fries or home fries, salad or cole slaw, bread, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and water. Other beverages for sale at the bar. Cost range; \$6.00 – 12.00 depending on your choice. TO GO Dinners are available. Fraternal Order of Eagles, Chardon Area Women's Auxiliary | 440-286-9921

Jan 7, 14, 21, 28 (9am)

Gauga Fresh Farmers' Market - Winter Market

Gauga Fresh Farmers' Market – Winter Market is at 16540 Chillicothe Road in Bainbridge. A producer-only market located in Lowe's Greenhouse and Gift

Shop. Here you will find many of the quality products sold at the summer market. The market runs through March 18th from 9am to Noon. Pastured meats, free-range eggs, winter vegetables, honey, maple syrup and bakery are just a sample of what is offered.

Lowe's Greenhouse and Gift | 440 474 9885 and 216 219 6840 | www.geaugafarmersmarket.com

Jan 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, 28-29 (12pm)

Ma & Pa's Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides

Remember the Days of O'le. Dashing through the snow in a one horse open sleigh! Afterwards warm up by the fire with some fresh maple coffee and cookies made by Ma. Shop 'til you drop in our 1820's log cabin. A winter adventure you won't forget. Make a Memory this Winter here at Ma & Pa's! Sleigh Rides are weather permitting, we can take you out in the Carriage or Surrey if there is no snow, Weekday rides are available, Call us for more information! Reservations are Required! Ma & Pa's Gift Shack | 1-440-548-5521 | www.maandpas.com

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Chardon Area Kiwanis Celebrate the Holiday



Recently, the Chardon Kiwanis celebrated the holiday with a donation to WomenSafe and by gathering for the monthly souces meeting at the Chardon Heinen's. The evening was attended by most of the membership, parents, friends, and the Chardon High School show choir - Free Harmony.

The meeting began with wonderful ham dinner with all the holiday fixings. The meeting was capped off by a holiday performance by Free Harmony, who was fresh off the performance at the Chardon Square tree lighting moments before. The musical performance included a couple Free Harmony favorites and several traditional holiday songs.

"The choir brought holiday spirit to the Kiwanis club and for that matter the whole Heinen's store, said President of the Chardon Kiwanis, Jeff Campbell, Jr. "The performance of Free Harmony was a great way to get in the holiday spirt."

If you would like to learn more about the Chardon Kiwanis mission to improve the world one child at a time, please visit our webpage at <http://www.kiwanisclubofchardon.org/> or by calling 440-537-7316.

A PORTABLE PLANETARIUM? COOL! watch for this mobile unit coming soon to a school or group near you

A new portable planetarium has arrived at Geauga Park District – an amazing piece of equipment that will most definitely increase astronomy outreach in the community!

This mobile unit is equipped with the exact same software found in the grounded planetarium located at Observatory Park in Montville Township, said Chief Naturalist John Kolar.

"The advantage of this portable version is that we can take it to area schools and other groups as requested to offer them the same caliber planetarium shows," he said. "We will also utilize it for public programs located at various parks throughout the year."

Gauga Park District naturalists had previously created a homemade planetarium – think: holes popped in plastic representing constellations – to teach the incredible lessons of outer space. This is a real improvement to the product and should breathe new life into mobile astronomy education countywide.

Best of all, as are most Park District programs, the naturalist program utilizing this new tool is absolutely FREE for Geauga County schools and groups to request. To learn more about this offering, check out the Park District's Environmental Education Catalog located online at www.geaugaparkdistrict.org under Education, then For Teachers.



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Jan 10, 17, 24, 31 (5:30 pm)

Spaghetti Dinner

Dinner includes; AYCE Spaghetti, two meatballs, salad, garlic bread, coffee or tea. Meatball sandwiches are also available. Beer, wine etc. available for purchase. TO GO dinners available Proceeds benefit the Ladies Auxiliary Charities
Chardon Eagles Ladies Auxiliary | 440-286-9921

Jan 14 (8am)

Maple Country Antique Auction

We invite you to participate in our Antique Auction. Mespo Expo | 330-907-1401 | www.auctionzip.com/Listings/2790535.html

Jan 15 (12pm)

Frozen Fest

Join Geauga Park District for an exciting afternoon of winter fun! Many family activities throughout the afternoon include live ice carving/sculptures, guest appearances by a winter snowman and ice princesses, snowshoeing, snow-themed crafts, face painting, refreshments and much more! No pre-registration necessary. For more information call Geauga Park District 440-286-9516 or visit www.geaugaparkdistrict.org.

Gaugua Park District - The West Woods Nature Center | 440-286-9516 | www.geaugaparkdistrict.org

Jan 21 (9am)

Antique Auction

Antique Auction by Auctioneer Aaron Mast! More info TBA

Mespo Expo | 440-321-8812 | www.auctionzip.com/OH-Auctioneers/586631.html

Jan 21 (2pm)

Winterfest on the Chardon Square

Winterfest was founded in 2011 as a way of showcasing Chardon as the snow capital of Ohio. The event is made possible through the support of our community partners, including the city of Chardon, Chardon Square Association, Great Chardon Chamber of Commerce and local businesses. This year, we will be bringing back many of your favorite festivities and adding a few new entertainment options. The Fire & Ice Tower, Ice Sculptures, carriage rides and other favorites will return. Stay tuned for more details on this fantastically frigid event!
Historic Chardon Square | 440.253.9590 | www.chardontomorrow.org

Jan 22 (2pm)

Ohio's Comeback Critters: Bobcats

After facing extirpation by 1850, Ohio's bobcat population is making a slow and steady rebound! Join Jamey Emmert & Laura Graber from the Ohio Division of Wildlife to learn more about this exclusive creature of the forest. Wheelchair/stroller accessible. Geauga Park District - The West Woods Nature Center | 4402869516 | www.geaugaparkdistrict.org

Jan 27 (8:30 am)

Mel's Shoes-N-More 12th Anniversary Sale

Join us to celebrate! Register for prizes \$100, \$50, \$25, Gift Certificates and other Prizes! Child's Drawing for FREE BOOTS! On Saturday, Free Coffee and Donuts – Pop a Balloon for 10% to 50% off! Mel's Shoes and More 440-636-5815
Come in and celebrate 11 years in business!
Mels Shoes N More | 440-636-5815

Jan 27 (6pm)

Amish Wedding Dinner

Experience a traditional 'Amish Wedding Dinner' in an Amish Home. This family style dinner will be served the 4th Friday of each month. Reservations are Required. Please reserve 1 week in advance. Also taking private dinner reservations for your group of 10 or more.
Horse & Buggy Dinners | 440-632-5822

Jan 27 (6pm)

Woven Wire Fairy Basket Workshop

Artists Joan Rusek instructs on weaving a free-form wire hanging basket with dazzling colors, crystals and gemstone chips. These creations are known to attract fairies and keep them out of mischief! Ages

16+. Fee \$36.00 includes all materials and refreshments. Wheelchair/stroller accessible. Registration Required.

The West Woods Affelder House | 4402869516 | www.geaugaparkdistrict.org

Jan 27 – Feb 12 (Sat & Sun 8pm; Sun 2pm)

Anything Goes!

It's Delightful...It's Delicious...It's De-lovely!
All aboard for one of the greatest musicals in theatre history, Cole Porter's unforgettable Anything Goes, winner of three 2011 Tony Awards including Best Musical Revival. It's non-stop laughs and madcap fun on the S.S. American with an unusual array of passengers including a gangster, a wealthy debutante, a charismatic nightclub singer and a lovesick

stowaway. With spectacular dance and a boatload of Cole Porter tunes like "You're the Top," "I Get a Kick Out of You" and the title song, you'll get a 'kick' out of Anything Goes!

Gaugua Lyric Theater Guild | Reservations: 440-286-2255, Business Office/Education: 440-285-7701 | www.geaugatheater.org

Jan 28 (6pm)

Cordon Bleu Dinner

Dinner will be served 6pm till 7pm. Sideboards & 50/50 drawings following dinner entertainment following drawings. Proceeds benefit the Fraternal Order of Eagles State Auxiliary Charities; Hearing and Speech, God, Flag, and Country
Chardon Eagles Ladies Auxiliary | 440-286-9921

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440-632-5822.

Mary's Amish Homestead is another location that offers Amish Dinners for pre-arranged groups. Mary also makes her own hand-made soaps, and will invite small groups in by reservation to work with her to create their own bars.

This is a fun ladies day out, and a nice way to give some really special gifts. Contact Mary at 440-636-9808.

If you just find yourself in Middlefield and did not have time to plan ahead, Mary Yoder's Amish Kitchen is always a popular stop for those looking for Amish style cooking. Of



course the Gift Shop and bakery are added bonuses too! Find them at MaryYodersAmishKitchen.com or 440-632-1939 On the other hand if you are the type to plan ahead you could have all kinds of wonderful Geauga County fun and then plan a stay at the beautiful Red Maple Inn on the 1st or 3rd Friday of the month when they serve up an Amish Wedding Dinner. Reach Red Maple by calling 440-834-8334 or visit RedMapleInn.com.

For more information on these venues or Geauga County, visit Destination Geauga or call 440-632-1538.

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Congratulate UH Geauga Medical Center's

Heroes of the Month



Laura Frost

Laura Frost- Nursing at its best. Laura can be found at the Portage PACU or on the front line of care at the Geauga Emergency Department. She is known for her kindness, dedication and healing touch. Her confidence and pleasant attitude is reassuring to her patients. She communicates to patients and their family members in a way that is informative, effective and respectful. She puts the needs of her patients first no matter how grueling her day. Laura provides an empathetic ear and compassionate hand when a life-changing diagnosis is delivered. While working in the evenings in the Emergency Department, Laura becomes the around-the-clock best friend by the bedside, the calming voice, the familiar smiling face. She works tirelessly to create a great patient experience.



Crystal Basich

Crystal Basich- has been with the UH Geauga Rehab Team for more than 8 years. Crystal provides evidence-based, best practice care to all patients she treats at the Rehab at the YMCA and when covering at UH Geauga. With each patient, she uses sound judgment and clinical reasoning skills to discover the possible underlying reasons for the patient's pain and dysfunction. Many patients request Crystal as their primary Physical Therapist, knowing they will be treated with respect and kindness. A patient recently wrote an incredible letter that has been shared across the facility and all the way to Mr. Zenty. The patient praised Crystal for changing his life from one of not being able to walk and incredible pain, to now being able to engage in meaningful activities. It is humbling to work with such a skilled clinician. Crystal is a true hero!



Beth Pacovsky

Beth Pacovsky - is a Coordinator in our Business Development Department. She is an exceptional individual who puts the patients first and always tries to accommodate their needs. Beth is compassionate to patients and their families; she will offer coffee, water and an attentive ear. She will stop at nothing to get the appointments needed or resolve a problem. Beth continuously tries to improve the quality of care we provide to our patients, she is trustworthy and a problem solver. As a co-worker she is kind and generous with her time, if you ask her for something she will immediately stop what she's doing to address your need. Beth is thoughtful and treats everyone with respect. She is not only the hero of the month but a hero every time she comes to work.



Dr. Robert Zimmerman

Dr. Robert Zimmerman - is a wonderful Emergency Room Physician who always takes extra time with his patients and makes sure they are comfortable. He supports patients and their loved ones when and however needed. He always ask courteous questions, let people talk, and listen to them carefully, while respecting their individual values and preferences. Dr. Zimmerman understands the need to give unbiased advice, letting patients participate actively in all decisions related to their health and health care, and assessing each situation carefully. He has a calming demeanor and gets along well with his staff. Dr. Zimmerman is well respected by his peers and always delivers quality care. He makes a difference in the lives of those in our community. He is a true Hero of the Emergency Department.

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