Bay Township Fire Dept. to host Monte Carlo Night

BY SHERI TRUSTY

BAY TOWNSHIP - The public is invited to press their luck and help heroes by attending Bay Township Fire Department's 36th Annual Monte Carlo Night on Saturday, Jan. 24. The event runs from 5 to 10 p.m. and promises a night of fun, food, and fate.

Tickets cost $15 and include dinner and a beverage. The event will feature several games of chance, including blackjack, craps, slot machines, a duck race, and more.

"The Ladies Auxiliary will have a firetruck tree where everyone is guaranteed to win a prize," said Bay Township Fire Chief David Regal.

Monte Carlo night will raise much-needed funds for self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) equipment for the fire department.

"Ours is getting old. We applied for a FEMA grant last year and didn't get it. We applied again but haven't heard back yet," Regal said.

Regal is grateful that the community has supported Monte Carlo Night for 36 years.

"We really appreciate all the support we get from our community," he said. "Not only do the firemen help, but community members help, too. It's quite an endeavor. We need a lot of help for it."

Monte Carlo Night will be held at the Bay Township Fire Station, located at 4471 W. Fremont Rd., in Port Clinton. Tickets can be purchased from any firefighter or at the door, if available. For more information, call Chief David Regal at 419-276-0394.

Donate to Victory Kitchen at Menards

SANDUSKY - Your local Menards home improvement store is now serving as a drop site for Victory Kitchen food pantry through the month of March. Mernards is excited to participate in this wonderful opportunity while lending a helping hand to the community during the next three months.

Menards offers a wide variety of non-perishable food items that can be donated to the food pantry, from boxes of cereal to cans of soup that can be found in our grocery department for immediate donation. There is a large collection box near the exit doors to place donations.

Magruder Hospital offers multiple lab draw locations

The Magruder Hospital Laboratory offers multiple lab draw locations in Ottawa County for those who have a doctor's order for lab work. These hours have recently been updated.

MAGRUDER HOSPITAL LAB HOURS

615 Fulton St., Port Clinton, 419-734-3131, ext. 3414
Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday from 7a.m. to 3 p.m.

RW MINICK MEDICAL CENTER LAB HOURS

11697 W. State Route 163, Oak Harbor, 419-898-0993
Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

OTTAWA FAMILY CARE CENTER LAB HOURS

2861 E. Harbor Rd., Port Clinton, 419-732-1833
Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Fridays (with the exception of the first Friday) from 8 a.m. to Noon

PUT-IN-BAY FIRE DEPARTMENT

199 Concord Avenue, Put-in-Bay
First Friday each month 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Public invited to Magruder trip information meeting

PORT CLINTON - Magruder will host an open meeting on Monday, Jan. 26, in the Magruder Conference Center from 1 to 3 p.m. to learn more about the 2026 and 2027 trips. This is an open meeting, so individuals can come when it works for them.

The Auxiliary President and VIP Club Coordinator will be on hand to talk about single and multi-day bus trips, and Collete Travel and Tours will have information for the 2027 international trips. The 2027 international trips include Discover South Pacific Wonders – Australia and New Zealand in February; Exploring South Africa, Victoria Falls, and Botswana in April; Charms of Quebec in June; and Spotlight on London in December.

RSVP for this meeting is not required but is helpful. Call or email Kim at 419-734-3131 ext. 3147 or kpalmer@magruderhospital.com to register. Magruder trips are not limited to just VIP members. Family and friends, as well as the general public, may participate in the trips.

Community Calendar

Have your events listed in our Calendar through Paid Advertising or https://info.thebeacon.net/eande-submission

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

Magruder Diabetes Get-Together, 1 p.m.
Free
Magruder Hospital Conference Center
615 Fulton St., Port Clinton

Robyn Palmer presents Tasha Tudor, Author Extraordinaire, 2:30 p.m.
Otterbein Marblehead
9400 North Shore Blvd., Lakeside-Marblehead

Internet Info with
Ken Nutter from Amplex, Noon
Ed Griswold Senior Center
514 Main St., Genoa

Genoa Morning Book Discussion, 9:30 a.m.
Genoa Branch Library
602 West St., Genoa

Tai Chi, 10:30 a.m.
With Katie, OSU Extension
Danbury Senior Center
8470 East Harbor Rd., Marblehead

Adult Swim, 11 a.m. to noon
Oak Harbor High School
11661 W St. Rte. 163, Oak Harbor

Family Planning, Well Child, STD Clinic, 8 to 10:30 a.m.
Ottawa County Health Department
1856 E Perry St., Port Clinton

TB Clinic, 3 to 4 p.m.
No Appointment Necessary
Ottawa County Health Department
1856 E Perry St., Port Clinton

Yoga, 9 a.m.
Put-in-Bay Senior Center
195 Concord Ave., Put-in-Bay

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16

All in the Family art exhibit
Opening reception, 5 to 7 p.m.
Free
The Arts Garage
317 W. Perry St., Port Clinton

Strength Training, 9 a.m.
Put-in-Bay Senior Center
195 Concord Ave., Put-in-Bay

Coffee Social, 10 a.m.
Put-in-Bay Senior Center
195 Concord Ave., Put-in-Bay

Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Oak Harbor Public Library
147 W Main St., Oak Harbor

Immunization Clinic, 8 a.m. to noon
Ottawa County Health Department
1856 E. Perry St., Port Clinton

Round Robin Euchre Tournament, 7 p.m.
Chautauqua Hall
236 Walnut Ave., Lakeside

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

Chair Yoga, 10 a.m.
With Donna Lueke
Wellness Center Drackett Hall

Early Hartford/Oak Harbor History talk, 10 a.m.
By John Liske
Registration required
Oak Harbor Public Library
147 W Main St., Oak Harbor

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

Community Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.
Led by Rev. Richard Thewlis
Lakeside United Methodist Church
450 Central Ave., Lakeside

MONDAY, JANUARY 19

Strength Training, 9 a.m.
Put-in-Bay Senior Center
195 Concord Ave., Put-in-Bay

Coffee Social, 10 a.m.
Put-in-Bay Senior Center
195 Concord Ave., Put-in-Bay

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

Yoga, 9 a.m.
Put-in-Bay Senior Center
195 Concord Ave., Put-in-Bay

Sit to be Fit, 10:30 a.m.
Danbury Senior Center
8470 East Harbor Rd., Marblehead

Tuesday Morning Book Discussion, 10:30 a.m.
Hosted by Ida Rupp Public Library
Hosted at R Coffee Corner
3848 Harbor Light Landing Dr., Port Clinton

Marblehead Peninsula Writing Group, 6 p.m.
Marblehead Peninsula Branch Library
710 W Main St., Marblehead

Wits Workout, Noon
With Katie Schlagheck from OSU Extension
Ed Griswold Senior Center
514 Main St., Genoa

Genoa Evening Book Club, 6 p.m.
Genoa Branch Library
602 West St., Genoa

Adult Swim, 11 a.m. to noon
Oak Harbor High School
11661 W St. Rte. 163, Oak Harbor

WIC (Women, Infants, Children) Clinic, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Ottawa County Health Department
1856 E Perry St., Port Clinton

TB Clinic, 3 to 4 p.m.
No Appointment Necessary
Ottawa County Health Department
1856 E Perry St., Port Clinton

Tai Chi, 10 a.m.
Oak Harbor Public Library
147 W Main St., Oak Harbor

Chair Yoga, 3 p.m.
With Donna Luecke
Vineyard on Catawba
3820 E. Vineyard Village Dr., Port Clinton

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

Words & Wine Book Club, 5 p.m.
Hosted by Erie Islands Library
Hosted at Duff Homestead
630 Bayview Ave., Put-in-Bay

Fun with Abigail
From Genoa & Elmore Libraries, Noon
Ed Griswold Senior Center
514 Main St., Genoa

Watercolor Painting, 12:30 p.m.
Oak Harbor Public Library
147 W Main St., Oak Harbor

Wicked Wednesday: True Crime Book Club, 5:30 p.m.
Oak Harbor Public Library
147 W Main St., Oak Harbor

Strength Training, 9 a.m.
Put-in-Bay Senior Center
195 Concord Ave., Put-in-Bay

Coffee Social, 10 a.m.
Put-in-Bay Senior Center
195 Concord Ave., Put-in-Bay

Family Planning Clinic, 8 to 9:30 a.m.
Ottawa County Health Department
1856 E Perry St., Port Clinton

Immunization Clinic, Noon to 4 p.m.
Ottawa County Health Department
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Firelands Symphony Orchestra
Free family concert
Jan. 25
Free family activites, 3 p.m.
Concert, 4 p.m.
Ernsthausen Performing Arts Center
350 Shady Ln Dr., Norwalk

Immaculate Conception School
Open House, Jan. 25, 11:15 a.m. to Noon
109 W. 4th St., Port Clinton

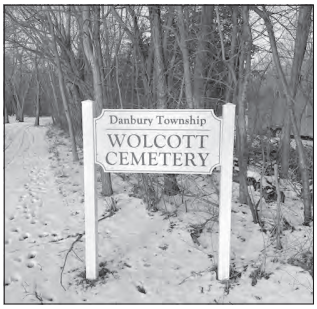
Magruder Trips Open House Meeting
Jan. 26, 1 to 3 p.m.
Learn about bus trips and international trips
Magruder Hospital Conference Cetner
615 Fulton St., Port Clinton

Magruder Cancer Get-Together
Jan. 28, 1 p.m.
Magruder Hospital Conference Center
615 Fulton St., Port Clinton

A Backstage Look at Lakeside Performances
With Shirley Stary
Feb. 17, 2:30 p.m.
Otterbein Marblehead
9400 North Shore Blvd., Lakeside-Marblehead

The Camino Trail – A Journey to Remember
Vern Hartenburg
March 19, 2:30 p.m.
Otterbein Marblehead
9400 North Shore Blvd., Lakeside-Marblehead

Orchids presented by Colleen Kane
April 16, 2:30 p.m.
Otterbein Marblehead
9400 North Shore Blvd., Lakeside-Marblehead



This new sign was recently installed at Wolcott Cemetery. (Submitted photo)

Wolcott Cemetery receives new sign

BY OCHS PRESIDENT, JIM SASS

DANBURY TOWNSHIP - The Ottawa County Historical Society (OCHS) received a grant from the Ottawa, Sandusky, Seneca Solid Waste District for a new sign for the Wolcott Cemetery in Danbury Township. As part of the grant requirement, the sign had to contain a minimum of 35% recycled material and was constructed of HDPE plastic. The sign was manufactured by Custom Sign and Design located in Norwalk.

The Danbury Township Trustees, who own the cemetery, partnered with OCHS by removing the old sign and erecting the new one. OCHS is grateful for the opportunity to receive the grant and for the efforts of the township employees, who worked together to replace an aging sign with a new, weather-resistant one.

The Wolcott Cemetery is the final resting place of Benajah Wolcott, who was the first keeper of the Marblehead Lighthouse and a Revolutionary War veteran. The cemetery also includes the graves of many of Wolcott's family members, dating back to the 1830s. Visitors are encouraged to stroll back to the Wolcott Cemetery, located on the grounds of the Wolcott House, to see Ottawa County's first Christian burial ground.

Habitat for Humanity of Ottawa County to host Bingo Bash 4 Builds

OTTAWA COUNTY - Habitat for Humanity of Ottawa County is inviting the community to a night of bingo, prizes, food, and fun at Bingo Bash 4 Builds, a purse and prize bingo fundraiser supporting affordable housing in Ottawa County. The event will take place on Friday, Feb. 21, at the Camp Perry Conference Center.

Bingo Bash 4 Builds will feature 10 purse and prize bingo games, ensuring there is something for everyone – including attendees who may prefer prizes over purses. The evening will also include side raffles, a 50/50 drawing, and a DJ, making it a full night of entertainment.

Tickets are $50 per person and include:

- One admission
- Full buffet dinner
- Purse & prize bingo (10 games included)
- Swag bag for every guest, including a bingo dauber and glow item

Additional bingo cards will be available for purchase at the event.

Table sponsorships and purse sponsorships are now available, offering businesses and individuals an opportunity to support Habitat for Humanity of Ottawa County while enjoying event recognition and reserved seating.

"All proceeds from Bingo Bash 4 Builds stay local and directly support our mission of building and repairing safe, affordable homes for families in Ottawa County," said Valerie Winterfield, Community Engagement Director for Habitat for Humanity of Ottawa County. "It's a fun night out that truly makes a difference in our community."

Doors open at 4 p.m., dinner is at 5 p.m., and bingo begins at 6 p.m.

To purchase tickets, table sponsorships and purse sponsorships, visit

https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/bingo-bash-4-builds.

Space is limited, and the event is expected to sell out. Early ticket purchases and sponsorship commitments are encouraged.

Winter Sports Calendar

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

Basketball
Port Clinton Girls at Vermilion, 7 p.m.
Oak Harbor Girls at Otsego, 5:30 p.m.
Bowling
Port Clinton at Willard, 4 p.m.
Swimming
Oak Harbor vs. Southview, 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16

Basketball
Port Clinton Boys at Margaretta, 4:45 p.m.
Oak Harbor Boys at Eastwood, 6 p.m.
Wrestling
Port Clinton Boys at Maumee Bay Classic, 10 a.m.
Oak Harbor at Maumee Bay Classic, 10 a.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

Basketball
Port Clinton Boys at Rossford, 4 p.m.
Oak Harbor Girls vs. Woodmore, 11 a.m.
Oak Harbor Boys vs. Cardinal Stritch, 3:30 p.m.

Swimming
Danbury hosts Danbury Invite, 10:15 a.m.

Wrestling
Port Clinton Boys at Maumee Bay Classic, 9 a.m.
Port Clinton Girls at Little Giant Invitational, 10 a.m.
Oak Harbor at Maumee Bay Classic, 9 a.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

Basketball
Oak Harbor Boys at Lakota, 5:30 p.m.

Swimming
Port Clinton vs. Fremont Ross, 5 p.m.
Oak Harbor at Perkins, 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

Wrestling
Port Clinton Boys vs. Genoa, 5:30 p.m.