Help aviation history take flight at annual "Restore the Ford" Pancake Breakfast

PORT CLINTON - Aviation enthusiasts, history buffs, and families are invited to enjoy a delicious breakfast while helping preserve a piece of local aviation history at the annual "Restore the Ford" Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser, hosted by EAA Tin Goose Chapter 1247 on Sunday, Sept. 13.

The breakfast will be held from 8 a.m. to Noon inside the main hangar at the Liberty Aviation Museum, located at 3515 E. State Rd. on the grounds of Erie-Ottawa International Airport (PCW) in Port Clinton.

Breakfast includes coffee, orange juice, sausage, and hot, all-you-can-eat pancakes. Admission is $12 for adults, $6 for children ages 6–12, and free for children age 5 and under.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will help support the restoration of the 1929 Island Airlines Ford Tri-Motor, an important piece of the region's aviation history. The historic aircraft is currently undergoing restoration and can be viewed inside Hangar 2 of the museum.

"We're excited to bring the community together for a great breakfast while helping preserve this incredible piece of aviation history," said Lisa Benjamin, President of EAA Tin Goose Chapter 1247. "The Ford Tri-Motor is much more than an airplane — it represents an important chapter in the history of aviation and of our local community. Every pancake, souvenir purchase, and donation helps move our restoration one step closer to completion."

In addition to breakfast, visitors can enjoy a 50/50 raffle, browse Ford Tri-Motor souvenirs, and take in the Museum's free outdoor Military Vehicle & Equipment Show.

Weather permitting, the museum will also offer rides aboard its TAT tri-motor, "City of Port Clinton." Guests will have the opportunity to experience firsthand what it was like to fly aboard one of aviation's most iconic aircraft.

For more information, visit www.TinGoose1247.org.

Ohio Open Doors offers free historic experiences in Ottawa County

BY LINDA HUBER

Discover Ohio's amazing heritage Thursday, Sept. 10, through Sunday, Sept. 20, as historic buildings and landmarks across the state open their doors for special tours and events during the statewide event – Ohio Open Doors. Explore fascinating places that reflect Ohio's rich heritage, some opening especially for Ohio Open Doors events or offering behind-the-scenes looks that are not ordinarily available. All Ohio Open Doors events are free. Most are special one-day-only opportunities.

Here in Ottawa County, there are three venues holding special events:

Saturdays, September 12 & 19 - Heritage Hall Museum, 238 Maple Ave., Lakeside, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Heritage Hall has recently undergone a major restoration and exhibit redesign and had its grand reopening this past June. Come check it out and learn about the history of the historic Lakeside community.

Sunday, September 13 - Johnson's Island Civil War Prison Site, 4005 Baycliffs Dr., Lakeside-Marblehead, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Explore the Johnson's Island Civil War Prison and Fort Site through self-guided exploration and guided tours. Interpretative signage and guided experiences help visitors discover one of the nation's best-preserved Civil War prisoner-of-war landscapes. Learn how archaeologists and historians have reconstructed the layout of the prison compound, including its 15-foot-high stockade, 12 prisoner barracks, a hospital, and support buildings, which once held thousands of Confederate officers during the Civil War. Visitors can also explore the remains of Fort Johnson and learn how the island's strategic location in Sandusky Bay made it the site of the Union's only prison camp built specifically for Confederate officers. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places and designated a National Historic Landmark, Johnson's Island preserves an extraordinary archaeological record that continues to reveal the daily lives of prisoners and guards alike.

Wednesday, September 16 - Catawba Island Historical Society at Union Chapel, 5258 E. Porter St., Port Clinton, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Step inside historic Union Chapel, an 1887 Sabbath School building that served for generations as the social and religious heart of Catawba Island and is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Tour the chapel and follow Catawba Island's "Time Trail" through the people, industries, and events that shaped the community. Discover how the island evolved from an early center of grape growing and winemaking to one of the nation's most celebrated peach-producing regions, with more than 200,000 peach trees covering the island by the late 19th century. Learn how fishing, boating, and tourism helped transform Catawba Island into a popular Lake Erie destination while preserving the unique heritage that continues to define the community today. Through exhibits, artifacts, and local stories, visitors will gain a deeper appreciation for the people, traditions, and industries that made Catawba Island what it is today. This free event offers a unique opportunity to explore both a historic building and the history of the island it has served for more than a century.

Ohio History Connection created Ohio Open Doors in 2016 to promote and inspire pride in Ohio's heritage and to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson. The Act has proven instrumental in transforming the face of communities from coast-to-coast by establishing the legal framework and incentives to preserve historic buildings, landscapes and archaeological sites. The Ohio History Connection's State Historic Preservation Office administers the National Historic Preservation Act in Ohio.Many of the landmarks featured as part of Ohio Open Doors events are in the National Register of Historic Places.

Lakeside to host Ohio Goes to the Movies viewing of "Anastasia"

LAKESIDE - Lakeside Chautauqua is proud to participate in Ohio Goes to the Movies (OGTTM), a statewide celebration of films with ties to Ohio. Lakeside will host a free viewing of the animated film "Anastasia" at Orchestra Hall at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 12. There are no gate or parking fees into Lakeside now that the Chautauqua season has ended.

Directed and produced by Don Bluth and Gary Goldman, the 1997 animated musical, "Anastasia," tells the story of the last surviving daughter of the Romanov family as she embarks on a journey to discover her identity and reunite with her grandmother.

The film features an all-star cast of voices, including Meg Ryan, John Cusack, Christopher Lloyd, Kelsey Grammer, Hank Azaria, Bernadette Peters, Kirsten Dunst, and Angela Lansbury.

"Anastasia" also features voice work by Bill Nolte, originally from Genoa, Ohio. A Broadway and voice actor, Nolte appears as part of the film's ensemble cast. He also lent his voice to 1990s animated films "Bartok the Magnificent" and "Buster & Chauncey's Silent Night."

OGTTM is a statewide initiative celebrating films connected to Ohio, highlighting actors, directors, writers, composers, filming locations, and stories rooted in the state.

As a Signature Event of America 250-Ohio, OGTTM runs from February through October 2026 and features 250 days of films. The series includes independent films, Hollywood classics, blockbusters and rare archival footage, all showcasing Ohio's lasting impact on the film industry.

Lakeside is proud to be the only site in Ottawa County hosting this special program.

Community Calendar

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Reproductive Health/Health "Chek," 8 to 11:30 a.m.
Ottawa County Health Department
1856 E Perry St., Port Clinton

TB Clinic, 3 to 4 p.m.
Ottawa County Health Department
1856 E Perry St., Port Clinton

"Winter Kill" Book Launch, 6 p.m.
With author R.J. Norgard
The Arts Garage
317 W. Perry St., Port Clinton

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

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

Acoustic Hangout at the Library, 3:30 p.m.
Bring your own instrument
Ida Rupp Public Library
310 Madison St., Port Clinton

Gary Meadows & Mike Blody Group, 6 p.m.
Free outdoor concert
Bring your own chairs
Clyde Museum
124 W. Buckeye St., Clyde

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Praise by the Lake, all day
Christian Music Festival
Free
https://lakesideohio.com/event/2026/09/12/praise-by-the-lake/
Lakeside Chautauqua

Ohio Open Doors, Heritage Hall Musum, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Free admission
238 Maple Ave., Lakeside

Ohio Goes to the Movies, "Anastasia," 2 p.m.
Highlighting local voice actor, Bill Nolte
Free
Orchestra Hall, Lakeside

Medicare Informative Meeting, 10 a.m.
Featuring Shannon Albright
Free, but registration required
Oak Harbor Public Library
147 W Main St., Oak Harbor

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Praise by the Lake, all day
Christian Music Festival
Free
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Lakeside Chautauqua

Restore the Ford Pancake Breakfast, 8 a.m. to noon
$12 for adults, $6 for children ages 6–12
Liberty Aviation Museum
3515 E. State Rd., Port Clinton

Johnson's Island Civil War Prison Site Tours, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Free
4005 Baycliffs Dr., Lakeside-Marblehead

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Open/Lap Swim, 3:45 to 5:30 p.m.
And 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Danbury School Pool
9451 E. Harbor Rd., Marblehead

Water Aerobics & Deep End Swim, 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Danbury School Pool
9451 E. Harbor Rd., Marblehead

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Guided Hike with the Division of Wildlife, 9 a.m.
Qualifies for Park District of Ottawa County Outdoor Hiking Challenge
Magee Marsh Wildlife Area
13229 W. SR 2, Oak Harbor

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

Open/Lap Swim, 4 to 5:30 p.m.
And 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Danbury School Pool
9451 E. Harbor Rd., Marblehead

Parent/Child Swim Lessons, 5:30
Danbury School Pool
9451 E. Harbor Rd., Marblehead

Beginner Swim Lesson, 6 p.m.
Danbury School Pool
9451 E. Harbor Rd., Marblehead

Level 1 Swim Lessons, 6:30 p.m.
Danbury School Pool
9451 E. Harbor Rd., Marblehead

Level 2&3 Swim Lessons, 7:15 p.m.
Danbury School Pool
9451 E. Harbor Rd., Marblehead

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Catawba Island Historical Society
At Union Chapel, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Free admission
5258 E. Porter St., Port Clinton

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

Mental Health Awareness Night, Port Clinton Soccer games, 5 & 7 p.m.
Hosted by PC Soccer Program & Oak House
True-Lay Stadium, Port Clinton

Open/Lap Swim, 3:45 to 5:30 p.m.
And 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Danbury School Pool
9451 E. Harbor Rd., Marblehead

Water Aerobics & Deep End Swim, 5:30 p.m.
Danbury School Pool
9451 E. Harbor Rd., Marblehead

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

Magruder MRI project update community meeting, 6 p.m.
Catawba Island Township Community Hall
3307 NW Catawba Rd., Port Clinton.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ohio Open Doors, Heritage Hall Musum
Sept. 19, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Free admission
238 Maple Ave., Lakeside

Lunch & Learn
Sept. 21, 11 a.m.
Spiritual care in a hospital setting
Featuring Sandra Adcock, NACC, BCC
Free
Followed by bring & share lunch
Elliston Zion UMC
18045 W. William St., Graytown

Free Community Dinner
Sept. 22, 6 to 7:30 p.m.
Ottawa County Family Advocacy Center
570 McKinley Dr., Port Clinton

Guided Hike with the Division of Wildlife
Sept. 9 & 23, Oct. 14&28, 10 a.m.
Qualifies for Park District of Ottawa County Outdoor Hiking Challenge
Magee Marsh Wildlife Area
13229 W. SR 2, Oak Harbor

Simply Susie concert
Sept. 24, 6 to 8 p.m.
Featuring Susie McLaughlin
Ala Carte Café
225 Madison St., Port Clinton

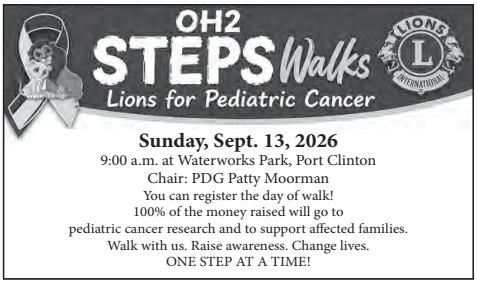
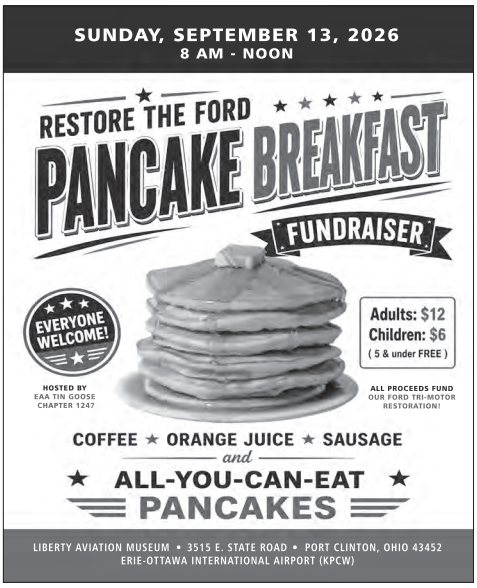
Guided Walk on Helman Trail
Sept. 26, 10:45 a.m.
Qualifies for Park District of Ottawa County Outdoor Hiking Challenge
Ferry travel required.
Dieperink Tract, Middle Bass Island

Guided Cemetery Walk
Sept. 26, 2 p.m.
With Doug & Linda Huber of Ottawa County Historical Society
Qualifies for Park District of Ottawa County Outdoor Hiking Challenge
Wolcott Family Cemetery
Meet at Wolcott Keeper's House
9999 E. Bayshore Rd., Marblehead

Guided Fall Foliage Walk
Oct. 29, 4 p.m.
With Jannah Wilson
Executive Director, Park District of Ottawa County
Qualifies for Park District of Ottawa County Outdoor Hiking Challenge
Islander Woods & Trailhead
3655 NW Catawba Rd., Port Clinton

Annual Blanket Display
Sept. 29-Oct. 1, 9 a.m. to noon
St. John Lutheran Church
21140 W. Toledo St., Williston

Veterans Park Outdoor Adventure
Nov. 25, 10 a.m.
Choose Guided Quarry Trail Walk, Pickleball, or Disc Golf with Park District staff
Qualifies for Park District of Ottawa County Outdoor Hiking Challenge
Veterans Park, 600 Washington St., Genoa



Sunday, Sept. 13, 2026
9:00 a.m. at Waterworks Park, Port Clinton
Chair: PDG Patty Moorman
You can register the day of walk!
100% of the money raised will go to
pediatric cancer research and to support affected families.
Walk with us. Raise awareness. Change lives.
ONE STEP AT A TIME!