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### What is LEI?

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### MONDAYS

#### Drug Coverage in Medicare

**October 8 • 10–11:30 AM**

**Instructors: Bob Stump, Joe Stump**

Every October, those of us on Medicare have the opportunity to change our prescription drug plan. And, each year, the companies that provide drug coverage and the plans, prices, and formularies they offer, also change—and become ever more confusing! In this class, the Stumps will give us an overview of Medicare Part D and drug coverage in Medicare Advantage plans. Although the discussion will be general and will not include any individualized advice, the Stumps will examine various options to help us understand these plans and our choices. Open enrollment for Medicare Part D begins October 15 and ends December 7, 2018.

*Bob Stump* owns Senior Services Insurance Agency in Marion and specializes in working with seniors on Medicare. Also a member of Senior Services Insurance Agency, *Joe Stump* works to develop innovative products for their clients.

#### Discovering the “Laws of Health and Happiness”: American Women and Health Reform, 1800-1900

**October 15, 22 • 10 AM–12 Noon**

**Instructor: Dr. Margaret Sumner**

Whether they were condemning alcohol, entering medical professions, trying to escape their corsets, or calling for new approaches to cookery and childcare, American women championed many of the important health reform movements of the 19th and early 20th centuries. In this course, we will examine the historical roots of the American obsession over good health, meet a few women “health experts” from the past, and explore how their ideas have shaped our modern definition of the “healthy lifestyle.”

*Dr. Margaret Sumner* is an associate professor of early American history and women’s history at Ohio State Marion.
WOSU AND PUBLIC MEDIA: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE
October 15 • 6–7:30 PM
Instructor: Tom Rieland
In this class, we will take a look into the past of WOSU, from its early days in 1920 as the first documented radio broadcaster of music in Columbus, to its growth into AM and FM stations, as well as a television station. We will explore what is happening today in the world of public broadcasting and discuss what the future may hold for public media in an age of changing journalism, diversifying tastes, and increasingly stringent budgets.

Tom Rieland has been the general manager of WOSU Public Media since 2002. He serves on the board of directors of the Public Broadcasting System (PBS) and is the board chair of the National Educational Telecommunications Association (NETA).

ANOTHER OPENING, ANOTHER SHOW: PUTTING ON A LOCAL PERFORMANCE
October 22 • 2–4 PM
Instructors: Clare Cooke, Bev Ford, Mark Meginness, Susan Wenig
Come behind the stage curtain to discover how a show moves from initial concept to finished production. We will shine a spotlight on the behind-the-scenes workings, from show submission to production meeting, from rights acquisition to auditions, and from set and costume design to lighting and show strike. A panel of experts will share their experiences and involvement, resulting in a true “backstage” look at mounting a stage production.

Class panelists include Clare Cooke, show director with over 40 years of experience; Bev Ford, executive director and director of operations at the Marion Palace Theatre; Mark Meginness, technical director for three years at the Palace and former White House audio technician; and Susan Wenig, costumer for 30 shows.

PLEASE NOTE: This class does not include a tour, which is offered separately on October 29. Please register accordingly.
TOUR OF THE MARION PALACE THEATRE

October 29 • 2–4 PM

The Marion Palace Theatre is a true jewel in the heart of Marion, an historic theater saved from the wrecking ball by forward-looking citizens. Designed by renowned architect John Eberson, the Palace is considered one of America’s outstanding atmospheric theaters. Learn some of the hidden secrets of the Palace, as we take a behind-the-scenes tour and discover its history, its design style, its fantastic organ, and much more.

PLEASE NOTE: The tour of the Marion Palace Theatre may require climbing stairs and is not handicap accessible.

INTERNET SAVVY: HOW SAFE ARE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY?

November 5 • 6–8 PM

Instructor: Duane Gerstenberger

Today, most of us use the internet in some way—we look things up on Google, we make purchases at Amazon or other online retailers, we keep up with friends and acquaintances on Facebook. We all have an “online presence” of some sort. Unfortunately, this presence is under constant attack, through e-commerce or social networking, or by the more malign forces of hackers and identity thieves. The discussions in this class will be designed to entertain and inform participants about cyber security, with an emphasis on home and family. A round-table question-and-answer session will follow the short presentation.

With an MBA from Mount Vernon Nazarene University, Duane Gerstenberger is professor of information technology at Marion Technical College and teaches classes in Microsoft products and security.
BEGINNING PENCIL DRAWING
October 9, 16, 23 • 3–4:30 PM
Instructor: Carleton Telfer
Pencil drawing is a relatively accessible technique ideal for beginners. Shapes and shading, light and dark, learning how to see and translate what you see to paper; all these are basic skills needed in drawing. Students in this class will explore various techniques involving forms, overlapping, and shadow, as well as one-point and two-point perspective. There will possibly be use of still life and cartooning, if time permits.

Carleton Telfer has degrees in art education and in administration. He taught art in the Marion city schools for 31 years before his recent retirement.

PLEASE NOTE: This class involves looking at and perhaps climbing on farm machinery at JD Equipment. It is not handicap accessible, and standing for some period of time may be required.

MODERN FARMING: EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY
October 2 • 1–3 PM
Instructor: Mark Wolfe
When we were young, say about 1960, farm tractors were hardly larger than a big lawn tractor is today, and other equipment was proportionately small. Now farm machines take up an entire road’s width; they talk to satellites and drive themselves. In this class, we will look at a variety of today’s farm equipment, from tractors and tillage systems to combines, planters, and more. We will also discuss such new farming technology as GPS tracking, drones, and satellite monitoring of field conditions. We will also address how farm equipment interfaces with these systems and computers to provide agriculture with a precision unknown to our parents.

With a degree in agricultural business administration and crop production, Mark Wolfe has spent 20 years in agriculture-related businesses. He is presently the location manager for JD Equipment in Marion. He also is a farmer himself.
Our Ohio Constitution
October 23 • 6:30–8:30 PM
Instructor: The Honorable Paul E. Pfeifer
What documents, laws, and courts really regulate our daily lives? Most of us are taught about the U.S. Constitution in school and learn more from the news and other sources as we age. However, we are much less familiar with our state constitution. Where does the Ohio Constitution fit in? How does it relate to the U.S. Constitution, to the Ohio Revised Code, or to the decisions of the state or federal Supreme Court? Retired Justice Paul Pfeifer will be our guide in this exploration of state laws and the Ohio Constitution.

A native of Bucyrus, Justice Paul E. Pfeifer served for 24 years as a justice on the Ohio Supreme Court. After his retirement from the bench in 2017, he became the executive director of the Ohio Judicial Conference.

The Mesozoic Era: More Than Dinosaurs
October 3 • 10 AM–12 Noon
Instructor: Dale Gnidovec
The Mesozoic Era, made up of the Triassic, Jurassic, and Cretaceous Periods, is justly famous as the time of the dinosaurs, but there was much more going on, both physically and biologically. The era began with all the continents together in one supercontinent, Pangaea; oceans rose and fell; and continents separated. Dinosaurs appeared, as did the first small mammals; later, plants flowered for the first time. In this class, we will look at the life and geology of that part of Earth history between 250 and 66 million years ago.

Dale Gnidovec is the curator of the Orton Geological Museum at Ohio State. As part of his job, he talks about Earth history to over 3,000 people a year, from elementary school classes to senior citizen groups.
They Also Ran
October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 • 7–8:30 PM
Instructor: Rev. Dan Kiger
Some distinguished men and a distinguished woman have been the losing candidates in presidential elections from 1800 to 2016. Many of their names are familiar: Aaron Burr, Stephen Douglas, William Jennings Bryan; some, like Alton B. Parker or Lewis Cass, are much less so. We will take a systematic and political look at them all.

Rev. Dan Kiger is an ardent student (since he was ten!) of American history, especially all things relating to the U.S. presidency. He retired after 41 years as a full-time minister.

The Cenozoic Era: Birth of the Modern World
October 10 • 10 AM–12 Noon
Instructor: Dale Gnidovec
The Cenozoic Era is the time since the extinction of the non-avian dinosaurs 66 million years ago and continues into the present. This era saw the origin of most of the animals we have today, including horses, camels, rhinos, and whales. There were dramatic climate changes, including ice ages. The modern Rocky Mountains, the Alps, and the Himalayas arose; the continents moved to their present positions. In this class, we will survey some of the amazing changes the Earth has undergone since the dinosaurs.

Curator of OSU’s Orton Geological Museum, Dale Gnidovec is a geologist with a special interest in paleontology and a passion for dinosaurs. He loves educating the public about geology.
 Storytelling: The Magazine Way  
October 24 • 1–3 PM  
Instructor: Jim Vickers  
What can you learn from how magazines tell stories? A lot. From initial pitch to editing to photography, Ohio Magazine editor Jim Vickers shares how a magazine story goes from idea to printed page. Anyone curious about the magazine business will find this class of interest, as will writers (and aspiring ones) hoping to get their own work published. Jim will also share public relations and marketing strategies for businesses eager to garner a publication’s attention, as well as how to make sure you are prepared with the correct approach, information, and assets you need to help bring your story to a wider audience.

Jim Vickers has been the editor of Ohio Magazine since 2013. He was formerly the managing editor of Cleveland Magazine.

Evolution: How It Happens and What It Means  
October 31 • 10 AM–12 Noon  
Instructor: Dale Gnidovec  
Biologist Theodosius Dobzhansky wrote in 1973 that nothing in biology makes sense except in the light of evolution. That is as true today as it was then. This course will explain how evolution happens and show why it is the best explanation for the diversity of life on this planet, now and in the past. Along the way, we will explore some of the many theological, legal (constitutional), and (especially) scientific aspects of the theory.

Dale Gnidovec has been a geologist and paleontologist for more than 40 years. As curator of the Orton Geological Museum at Ohio State, he has charge of over 50,000 rock, mineral, and fossil specimens.
The Black Death: Crime Scenes and Witnesses

November 14 • 1:30–3 PM
Instructor: Dr. Madonna J. Hettinger

This course approaches the history of the Black Death in the 14th century as though investigating a modern mystery. We will look at the physical evidence of the “crime scene,” investigate the “suspects” or causes of the disease, and consider how modern scientific evidence compares with the evidence medieval people had to work with as they tried to explain why this natural catastrophe happened. We will also explore the social, economic, and political impacts of the epidemic.

Dr. Madonna J. Hettinger holds the Lawrence Stanley Endowed Professorship in Medieval History at The College of Wooster, where she teaches courses on medieval and Renaissance Europe.

The Circle P Sanctuary: Basic Horse Care

October 4 • 1–4 PM
Instructor: Lynne Petitti

Strap on your boots and join the folks at Circle P for an afternoon at their nonprofit horse rescue/sanctuary, learning some basic horse care. We will explore feeding, grooming, foot care, dental needs, and more, all the while sharing individual horse stories, while you get to meet and interact with some of the star ponies! You can even take the reins, so to speak, and help groom one of the horses. There are other animals around, too! It is sure to be an afternoon of unbridled and educational fun.

The folks at Circle P are a team. In addition to the founder, Lynne Petitti, we will hear from several helpful staff and volunteers who are instrumental in daily operations.
**Plane People**

**October 18 • 2-3:30 PM**

**Instructor: Shirley Brooks-Jones**

On September 11, 2001, Delta Flight 15 was on a routine trip from Frankfurt, Germany, to Atlanta. A few hours into the journey, that plane, along with hundreds of others, was forced to land elsewhere, as the United States, under attack by terrorists, shut down all of its air space. Gander, Newfoundland, took in 38 jets coming from Europe and fed and sheltered their nearly 7,000 passengers for three days. Those days of kindness and compassion led to lasting friendships and touching stories. Shirley Brooks-Jones was one of those passengers and shares her experiences. Be sure to bring plenty of tissues!

**Shirley Brooks-Jones** worked at The Ohio State University for nearly 35 years with responsibilities in long-range planning, recruitment, fundraising, and more. In retirement, she has been an active volunteer, leading numerous international exchanges to dozens of countries.

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**Advance Directives: Living Wills and Health Care Powers of Attorney**

**October 25 • 6–8 PM**

**Instructor: Ted Babich**

Most of us will not die suddenly. Sadly, there may be a period of decline that can include times when you will be unable to give instructions to your caregivers. Powers of Attorney and Living Wills allow you to express your wishes and authorize the individuals you choose to make decisions when you cannot. In the class, we will discuss the advantages and limitations of these documents.

*With a J.D. from Georgetown University, Ted Babich practiced law in San Francisco and here in Marion, including a stint with the Legal Aid Society. Although recently retired, he still does legal work for the court system.*
THURSDAYS (continued)

Ohio's Natural Arches
November 1 • 2:30–4 PM
Instructor: Timothy Snyder
Although natural arches and bridges are most often associated with the West, Ohio has its own impressive collection of these fascinating geological features. In this class, we will explore the most outstanding natural arches in Ohio and consider how they are formed, surveyed, and recorded. In addition, we will survey the legends and history associated with them. The course will include a description and discussion of arches you can visit in Ohio.

Timothy Snyder spent 25 years working for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. After his retirement in 2005, he continued to work on the Ohio Natural Arches and Pillars Survey. This survey resulted in a book, Rainbows of Rock, Tables of Stone: The Natural Arches and Pillars of Ohio.

FRIDAYS

Introduction to Knitting
October 12, 19, 26, November 9, 16 • 9–11 AM
Instructor: Megi Burcl
No longer a craft solely for your grandmother, knitting has enjoyed a real renaissance in the past decade or so. Colorful yarns, simple yet eye-catching patterns, and the comradeship of fellow knitters have made knitting exciting and attractive. This class is designed to teach the basics of hand knitting to absolute beginners and newer knitters. Together, we will create two projects that will allow you to learn casting on (starting) and binding off (ending) projects, basic stitches, joining colors, and increasing and decreasing. A supply list for class participants will be sent with the confirmation letter.

Megi Burcl is a knitwear designer from Marion. Her work focuses primarily on color and the bold application thereof. She was recently featured in Interweave Knits.
Understanding Modern and Contemporary Art

October 19, 26, November 2, 9, 16 • 2–3:30 PM

Instructor: Sue Oakes

We will introduce and discuss a number of important artists and art movements in modern and contemporary art history, including Expressionism, Cubism, Fauvism, Orphism, and Abstract Expressionism. We will follow up our classroom conversations with an (optional) visit to the Columbus Museum of Art, where we will view examples of these artworks in the museum’s collection.

Sue Oakes is a writing, literature, and film instructor in the departments of English and Comparative Studies at Ohio State Marion. She is also a docent at the Columbus Museum of Art.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be a $5 fee for parking at the Columbus Museum of Art. There may also be other fees for the tour—a group tour fee ($3) and an admission fee ($8–14); however, these are being negotiated. Participants will be notified of final costs in their confirmation letter.
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CHECK COURSES FOR WHICH YOU WISH TO REGISTER

FEES:
FOR A $50.00 (Non-refundable)

FEE, LEI PARTICIPANTS MAY SIGN UP FOR AN UNLIMITED NUMBER OF COURSES FOR THIS TERM.

All courses require a minimum of five participants to run. Notices of cancellations will be made.

Certain courses require additional fees or supplies, as noted in the course description.

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ONLINE registration can be done at go.osu.edu/LEI

PHONE registration and credit card payment can be made at 740/725-6340

MAIL a copy of this form and a check payment to:
Community Relations, LEI
The Ohio State University
1461 Mt. Vernon Avenue
Marion, Ohio 43302

A confirmation letter with room assignments will be mailed approximately one week before the beginning of classes.

REGISTRATION OPENS ON September 4

Space is limited, register early!