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Tue. 1 Dance, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Wed. 2 Quilting, Crafts, Potluck
Blood Pressure Clinic, 11 a.m.-Noon
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.

Thurs. 3 Bowling, 9:30 a.m.
Community Meal, 6 p.m.

Fri. 4 Dominos, 9:30 a.m.
Exercise Class, 11 a.m.
Return from Amishland tour, PA.

Mon. 7 Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
Bingo w/Hilty Home, 2:30 p.m.

Tue. 8 Dance, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Wed. 9 Quilting, Crafts, Potluck
Deb's Workshop – 1 p.m.
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.

Thurs. 10 Bowling, 9:30 a.m.
**Photo Share from Europe Trip,
1:30 P.M.**

Fri. 11 Dominos, 9:30 a.m.
Exercise Class, 11 a.m.

Mon. 14 Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
Monthly Dinner Meeting, **6 p.m.**
Catered by Mt. Cory Methodist

Tue. 15 Dance, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Wed. 16 Quilting, Crafts, Potluck
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.

Thurs. 17 Bowling, 9:30 a.m.
Spa Day, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Community Meal, 6 p.m.

Fri. 18 Dominos, 9:30 a.m.
Exercise Class, 11 a.m.

Mon. 21 Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
Bingo w/Elmcroft, 2:30 p.m.

Tue. 22 Bus trip to **Holmes County,**
Depart at 8:30 a.m.
Dance, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Wed. 23 Quilting, Crafts, Potluck
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.

Thurs. 24 Bowling 9:30 a.m.

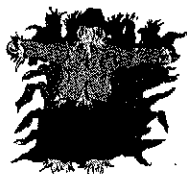
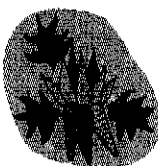
Fri. 25 Dominos, 9:30 a.m.
Exercise Class, 11 a.m.

Mon. 28 Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
Bingo w/Richland Manor, 2:30 p.m.

Tue. 29 Dance, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Wed. 30 Quilting, Crafts, Potluck
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.

Thurs. 31 **Happy Halloween!!!!**
Bowling, 9:30 a.m.
**Public Dance w/ "EAST OF
CHEYENNE" – 5:30 P.M.-8:30 P.M.**
At the Senior Center



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OCTOBER DINNER MEETING



TIME: Monday, October 14th, 6:00 pm

PLACE: Bluffton Senior Center

WHAT: Catered meal by Mt. Cory Methodist Church. They will be serving pork loin in orange sauce, scalloped potatoes, corn, fruit, buttered roll and pie. Tickets are **\$7.00** and must be purchased by Wednesday, October 4th so the caterer has enough food for everyone.

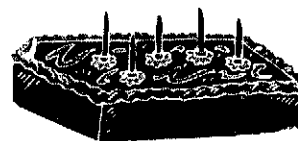
M.C.: Roger Edwards

HOSTESSES: Becky Marshall and Dianne (Cookie) Cook

PROGRAM: Dancers from Gina's dance studio

In October, **Doris Hamman** will turn 90 years young. We will celebrate **Doris's** birthday at our October Dinner Meeting where we will present her with her Red Rose and Life Membership. Congratulations **Doris**.

100 YEARS OLD!!!



We have another Centurion among us. **Irene Stober** will turn **100** on **October 1**. Next time you see **Irene**, wish her a Happy Birthday! She would appreciate cards or phone calls. Congratulations **Irene**.



TOE NAIL CLINIC



Our next Toenail Clinic will be **Monday, October 28th at 10 AM** with **Dr. Kirk**. You must call ahead for an appointment and there is a charge of **\$10.00** due at the time of your appointment. Medicare does not cover the clinic because it is not in a medical office.



MEMORIAL

The Bluffton Senior Center has received memorial gifts in memory of **Phyllis Suter**. Gifts were received from **Sharleen Olson and the Senior Center Quilters**. The gifts will be recorded in our Memorial Book for all to see how much **Phyllis** meant to us.

Memorials have also been received by the Bluffton Senior Center from **Sherlyn Lugibihl** in memory of **Darvin Lugibihl and Charles Kinsinger**. Their names will also be recorded in our Memorial Book for all to see.

BLOOD PRESSURE



Wednesday, October 2nd will be our next Blood Pressure Clinic. Ameri Care will send a nurse from **11:00 am – Noon**. Thank you to Mennonite Home Health for sending a nurse in September. If you need help with your insurance papers, give the office a call.



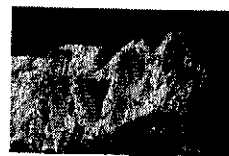
DANCE!!!



Due to an illness in the band, **Bette's Polka Band** will not be able to perform for us in October. Instead, **East of Cheyenne** will be at the Bluffton Senior Center on **Thursday, October 31th from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** The dance will once again be sponsored by the **Hilty Home** so the dance is **FREE** and **OPEN** to the public. There will be a light supper served at 4:30 p.m. for **\$5.00**. So mark your calendars for a night of fun!!!



EUROPE TRIP Photo Share



Attention all you European travelers, we will have a reunion with a chance to share photos, videos, and stories on **Thursday, October 10th at 1:30 p.m.** Bring your photo albums and anything else you would like to share. Copies of the group photo are in and can be picked up at the reunion or anytime. For all those that are interested, the following is **Janet's** address:

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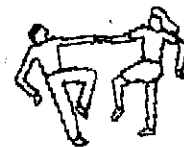


SPA DAY AT THE CENTER

Ladies, are you ready for a **FREE** day of pampering? **Signature Health Care** and **Richland Manor** are bringing the Spa experience to us, for **FREE!** On **Thursday, October 17th**, we will have a luncheon of soup, salad and sandwiches provided by Richland Manor. After lunch, we will take turns having our nails done, chair massages by local massage therapist and facials by a Mary Kay rep. In between, we will have games and door prizes. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the office at 419-358-8971 or stop by the office. Be sure to tell us which services you would like as some of them are limited. So gather your friends and come out for a day of fun.



WESTERN SQUARE DANCING



Our next Western Square Dance will be on **Monday, October 28th** at 6:30 p.m. The first half hour is lessons and the dance starts at 7 p.m. The cost is **\$2.00** for members and **\$3.00** for non-members. You do not need a partner as people change partners throughout the evening. Come join the fun!!!



Holmes County Amish Trip on Tuesday, October 22nd

\$75.00 due by Sept. 30th. Depart at 8:30 am

**Lunch in the home of Andy & Maudie Raber, Tour THE FARM at Walnut Creek
Visit Hershberger's Country Market, (an Amish WalMart with a quilt shop)
Visit Walnut Creek Cheese Company for your evening meal, sandwiches, etc.
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3.5 million CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AT CLIFTON MILL

Wednesday, December 4th \$65.00 (Due by Nov. 4th) Depart at 2 pm

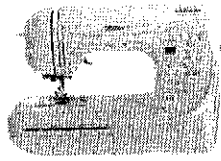
**We'll visit Young's Jersey Dairy Barn for dinner and ice cream
The Mill is powered by Springs and The Little Miami River
We'll see 3.5 million lights - A lighted Covered Bridge -
An Antique Santa Claus Museum -
A Country Store - Pancake Flour and other goodies.**

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**If you wish to compare your present Medicare Supplement
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is from October 15th to December 7th.**

**Please call Bob (Your OSHIP Representative) at 419-358-8971
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The first workshop was a great success. Eight ladies signed up for Deb's workshop on Sept. 11th. They made 18 walker carriers!

The Oct. 9th project is fabric gift bags. Almost all of the Sept. ladies are returning so the Senior Center sewing machines will be taken. Anyone wishing to join us should provide their own sewing machine. See you on **Wednesday, October 9th at 1:00 pm.**

STORE NEWS

Scarves make a great fashion accessory and the Senior Center has all sorts of styles for sale. There are ruffles, cowls, braided and more. Come in and check them out!

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS.....

Barb Easterday, Bluffton Jane Shank, Rawson Ruth Early, Bluffton
Mary Woolley, Findlay



SENT CARDS TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS IN THE HOSPITAL....

Sheila Hurlburt George McCune Donnas Stone Sandy Cherry Joan Dailey
Barb Conner



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- Barbara Gardiner - Phyllis Suter - Marie Daugherty



THANK YOU.... "Thank you for the special card for my 100th birthday! It is a pleasure to read all the names signed on the card. I am amazed to have received so many lovely cards, bouquets, parties, phone calls, visits. All 9 grandchildren from 9 different states came for the celebration! Makes me wonder, do I deserve all this? In appreciation for your concern, thanks a million!!!" **Frances Scoles**



SEPTEMBER DINNER MEETING



Excitement was in the air as 55 people gathered for dinner around tables decorated with seasonal flowers. **Dortha Badabaugh** and **Anna Ruth Reichenbach** had decorated with fresh flowers from their yards. **Carolyn Green**, our MC, opened the evening with a story and a prayer. The **Trinity Methodist Church** served a very large dinner right to the tables. After dinner and announcements, **Carolyn** shared some real life stories about "mice" before introducing **Ann Stratton**. There were about a dozen items for **Ann** to appraise from a carved Chinese statue to dishes and silver to a stool. Everyone was very interested to hear what **Ann** had to say and a good time was had by all.

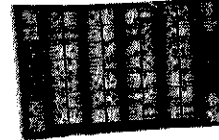


COMMUNITY MEALS

The **October 3rd** community meal will be served by **First United Methodist**. On **October 17th** the **English Lutheran** will serve the meal. The meals are **FREE**, open to the public and start at **6 p.m.** All monetary donations support the Bluffton Food Pantry.



DOMINOS



Our domino players are having so much fun that starting in September games will be **EVERY FRIDAY**. The game starts at **9:30 am** but we'll work you in if you have to come late. We will teach Mexican Train dominos to anyone interested. If you know how, come and join the fun!



B O W L I N G



Thursday Morning Seniors	
scores bowled on:	5-Sep

Men's High Game:	
Dick Marquart	168
Bob Badertscher	167
Ron Fullom	164
Al Eversole	157

Women's High Game:	
Norma Hayes	100
Dottie Cherry	100
Rose Hostettler	89
Rose Hostettler	88

Men's High Series:	
Ron Fullom	326
Dick Marquart	300
Mike Bastian	292
Dwight Baumgartner	284

Women's High Series:	
Norma Hayes	205
Rose Hostettler	189
Bev Armstrong	173
Dottie Cherry	161

Thursday Morning Seniors	
scores bowled on:	Sept.12

Men's High Game:	
Ron Fullom	183
Bud Kantner	180
Rick Mawhorr	179
Al Eversole	171

Women's High Game:	
Stephanie Hight	125
Stephanie Hight	121
Nancy Sidey	111
Bev Stockman	106

Men's High Series:	
Rick Mawhorr	353
Al Eversole	341
Ron Fullom	334
Bud Kantner	327

Women's High Series:	
Stephanie Hight	246
Bev Stockman	201
Tonya Meyer	199
Nancy Sidey	192



Bluffton Senior Citizens tour Alpine Europe

By Ron Lora

Alpine Europe was the destination of 42 persons who on August 27 set out on a Country Travel DISCOVERIES/Bluffton Senior Citizens Center trip to Switzerland, Austria, Liechtenstein, Germany, and Strasbourg, France. We began as a mix of friends, acquaintances, and strangers. Strangers at first, but not by the evening of September 7 when we returned to Bluffton.

Travelling the Autobahn we soon deciphered the meaning of road signs such as umleitung, ausfahrt, nothalt, and bus wendeplatz (diversion, exit, emergency, and bus turning area).

Nearly everyone we met spoke English, but sometimes we demonstrated our simple adaptability, saying: Gruetzi (Hello), Bitte (Please), Vielen Dank (Thank you very much), Sehr gut, (Very good). At one store, hoping to explain myself to a sales clerk, I managed to come up with: Ich spreche wenig Deutsch (I speak little German). Funny how she already knew!

A flood of memories: The Black Forest; small farms; the natural beauty of the high mountain pastures in Switzerland and Austria; the Dobler family brewery in northern Bavaria; a goat farm in the Black Forest; the Haflinger horse farm not far from Innsbruck; the making of apple strudel in Rattenberg; a variety of opportunities in Salzburg, the city of Mozart; a cheese dairy near Lake Lucerne; and the superb view of Lake Lucerne from our hotel balcony.

From there we drove to Mount Pilatus, and via gondolas, cable cars, and the world's steepest cogwheel railway, went up the great mountain, an ascent that afforded breathtaking views of Lucerne Bay and the surrounding rugged cliffs.

Observations: Bicycles everywhere; small cars; an absence of rusty clunkers; countryside without billboards; large trucks forbidden to drive on Sundays until 10 p.m.; solar panels common on buildings.

Two visits that especially interested me: The first was the astronomical clock in the Cathedral of Strasbourg. Twice rebuilt with traces of the original version dating to the 14th century, the clock has several levels. Its base is divided into three partitions, one of which functions only at midnight on December 31 and provides the dates of the new moon and determines the date of Easter.

A central partition shows a calendar, and on the right solar and lunar equations are written. Above them, filing by at the appointed time, are seven divinities representing the days of the week. Still higher is the clock's main structure, showing the phases of the moon and the planetary system according to Copernicus.

At the top level are allegorical figures of the four seasons of the year, and they pass at regular intervals. In the background is the figure of Death, with a scythe in one hand and a bone in the other that strikes the hours. At the upper reaches of the clock Christ blesses the twelve apostles as they file past him. A cock perched high on the turret flaps its wings and crows three times, recalling the denial of St Peter. After they have gone, Christ blesses the audience.

The second visit drawing special attention was the German concentration camp at Dachau. Less than an hour's drive from Munich, it was Hitler's first such camp, where he deposited people who opposed him. It's eerie to think about what went on there: people rounded up, stripped of their identity, and who lived, worked, and died amidst terrible conditions. It interested us to learn that all schoolchildren in Bavaria, Germany's largest state, must visit Dachau.

Tonya Meyer, director of Bluffton Senior Citizens Center who served as the Country Travel DISCOVERIES representative, is due thanks for arranging and leading us during the trip. "Solid," "knowledgeable," "unruffled" and "helpful" characterize her leadership.

Whatever expectations existed before our trip, none were unrealistic. Appropriating the words of an elderly Farm Bureau secretary I once knew, "A good time was had by all."

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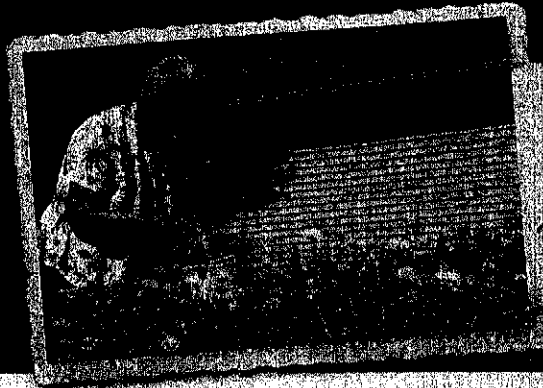
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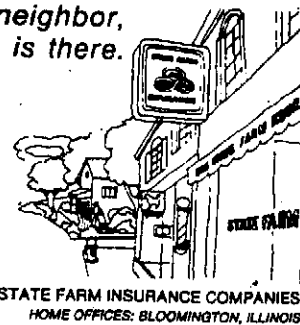
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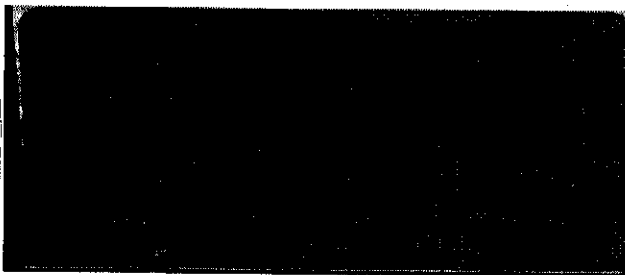
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