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JANUARY 2012

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Sun. 1 **HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**

Mon. 2 Closed for New Year holiday!!

Tue. 3 Dance, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Wed. 4 Crafts, Quilting, Potluck
Blood Pressure Clinic, 10:30 am-Noon
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
Cards, 1:30 p.m.

Thurs. 5 Bowling, 9:30 a.m.
Community Meal, 6 p.m.

Fri. 6 Exercise Class, 11 a.m.
Bridge, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Cards, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Bingo, 2:30 p.m.

Mon. 9 **Monthly Dinner Meeting, Noon**
Potluck
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.

Tue. 10 Dance, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Wed. 11 Crafts, Quilting, Potluck
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
Cards, 1:30 p.m.

Thurs. 12 Bowling, 9:30 a.m.

Fri. 13 Dominos, 9:30 a.m.
Exercise Class, 11 a.m.
Bridge, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Cards, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Mon. 16 **Martin Luther King Day**
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
Bingo 2:30 p.m.

Tue. 17 Dance, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Wed. 18 Crafts, Quilting, Potluck
Hearing Clinic, 10 a.m. – Noon
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
Cards, 1:30 p.m.

Thurs. 19 Bowling, 9:30 a.m.
Community Meal, 6 p.m.

Fri. 20 Exercise Class, 11 a.m.
Bridge, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Cards, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Mon. 23 Toenail Clinic, 10 a.m.
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
Bingo, 2:30 p.m.

Tue. 24 Dance, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Wed. 25 Crafts, Quilting, Potluck
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
Cards, 1:30 p.m.

Thurs. 26 Bowling, 9:30 a.m.

Fri. 27 Dominos, 9:30 a.m.
Exercise Class, 11 a.m.
Bridge, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Cards, 1p.m.- 4 p.m.

Mon. 30 Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
Western Square Dancing Lessons,
6:30 p.m., Dance, 7 p.m.

Tue. 31 Dance, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

JANUARY DINNER MEETING



TIME: Monday, January 9th, 12:00 P.M. NOON

(We have our monthly dinner meeting at NOON during the winter because the weather may not be good.)

PLACE: Bluffton Senior Center

WHAT: Potluck meal. Please bring a dish to share and your own table setting.

M.C.: Barbara Shinabery

HOSTESSES: Ruth Bartels and friends

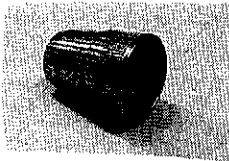
PROGRAM: Duane Bollenbacher will entertain us with his humor.

Margaret Weaver will turn that wonderful young age of 90 in January. We will celebrate **Margaret's** birthday with a red rose and Life Membership at the January Dinner Meeting. Congratulations **Margaret**.

BLOOD PRESSURE



Wednesday, January 4th will be our next Blood Pressure Clinic. Ameri Care will send a nurse from **10:30 am – Noon**. Thank you to **Menonite Home Health** for sending a nurse last month. If you need help with your insurance papers or Medicare Part D, please call the Senior Center at **419-358-8971**. **Medicare Part D open enrollment will be from Oct. 15th to Dec. 7th, 2011.**



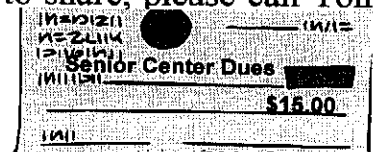
HOBBY CENTER



Mona Reichenbach's crèches brought Christ into Christmas at the Senior Center. Thank you **Mona**, for sharing them over Christmas. In January, **Della Salter** will share her thimble collection. If you have a collection or artwork that you would like to share, please call **Tonya** at **419-358-8971**.



JANUARY IS "DUES" MONTH



The 2012 dues are now due!! The dues are now **\$15.00** per person for the year. We hope you enjoy the Senior Center and our monthly newsletter and will continue to show your support. You may bring in your dues or send them to us at **132 N. Main St., Bluffton, OH 45817**. Thank you. Don't forget, you can opt to receive the monthly newsletter via email, if you choose. Just email your request to **srcenter@wcoil.com**.



HEARING CLINIC



Our next **FREE** Hearing Clinic will be **Wednesday, January 18th** from **10 a.m. – Noon**. **Marcus Young** will be at the Bluffton Senior Center to do free hearing screens and to check and clean hearing aids. **NO APPOINTMENT** is required but can be made by calling the Senior Center at **419-358-8971**.

COACH TRIPS 2012

September 1st – 13th ...Hawaii As we shovel snow this winter, lets all dream on Hawaii's warm beaches. We will spend ten beautiful days on three islands; Maui, Oahu and the Big Island of Hawaii. We will visit volcanoes, beaches and have a chance to go whale watching. See Hawaii's most celebrated landmarks: Diamond Head, Waikiki Beach and the USS Arizona Memorial. Continue to watch for more details.

November ... It's a Wonderful Life at LaComedia

COMMUNITY MEALS

The Bluffton Inter Church Board sponsors the FREE Community Meals on the first and third Thursdays of each month. The meals are free, open to the public and start at **6 p.m.** All monetary donations support the Bluffton Food Pantry. Everyone is welcome, so please come on by. **St. Mary's Catholic Church** will sponsor the **January 5th** meal and **Trinity Methodist Church** will sponsor the **January 19th** meal.

DOMINOS

We will be playing dominos **Fri., Jan. 13th, and Fri. Jan. 27th.** We will teach Mexican Train dominos to anyone interested. If you already play, come and join the fun.

TOE NAIL CLINIC

Our next toenail Clinic with Dr. Daniel Kirk of Bluffton Foot and & Ankle will be **Monday, January 23rd at 10:00 a.m.** 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. If you wish Medicare to pay, you need to make an appointment with Dr. Kirk at his office.

BINGO!!!

Richland Manor has joined our regular Bingo sponsors. The **Hilty Home** sponsors Bingo on the **first Monday of the month,** (Because the first Monday of the month is a Holiday, **Hilty Home will have Bingo on Friday, Jan. 6th at 2:30 pm**) **Elmcroft of Lima** sponsors the **third Monday of the month** and **Richland Manor** will sponsor the **fourth Monday of the month.** All Bingo games start at **2:30 p.m.** and **FREE** and open to the public. Bring a friend and come join us for some fun.

Sat. March 3rd. "Fiddler on the Roof" at Niswonger Performing Arts Center
in VanWert. **\$55.00** due by Feb. 1st. This is a great production in an outstanding facility.
Depart 11:00 am We'll stop at Bob Evans at noon for lunch on your own.

The Lima Beane Barbershop Harmony Show - Sat. March 10th featuring the **2006 International Champs "Vocal Spectrum"** and a comedy group called **"Bustin Loose"** **\$25.00** due by Feb. 1st.
Depart 12:45 am We'll stop at Cracker Barrel after the show, on your own.

May 6 - 12th. Branson and the Ozarks 7 days - 6 nights

\$674.00 double occupancy, due by March 1st. Highlights: Anheuser-Busch Brewery and Clydesdale Farm, Lambert's Throed Rolls Restaurant, Brett Family Singers, Baldknobbers Hillbilly Jamboree, Twelve Irish Tenors, Showboat Branson Belle, Cassandra' The Voice of an Angel, Jim Stafford, Dolly Parton's Dixie Stampede. All this and more. 6 breakfasts, 4 dinners , taxes and gratuities included. Stop by the Senior Center for more details and sign-up.

Friday June 1st Mystery Trip \$63.00 dinner included depart at 2 pm

Wed. July 25th Showtime at Der Dutchman Plain City, Ohio
\$64.00 due by May 15th depart at 9:15 am. Featuring **Ron Ritzer and the Chrisagis Brothers**
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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNTIES

As the economy continues to struggle, the Bluffton Senior Center, like many non-profit organizations and businesses continues to struggle to make ends meet. Although all our tax levies have passed, the moneies we receive from those levies is less then it was five years ago because of changes in tax laws and a smaller revenue base. With costs continuing to raise, we need to start looking for other ways to bring in money. The following are some ideas. We want to hear from you, what do you think of these ideas? Do you have a good idea that you can share?

- Our peanut brittle is always a big hit at Christmas time and brings in a good amount of money. Could we make candy for Easter? Possibly chocolate covered eggs? We would need a couple of people with experience in candy making and someone to take charge of workers.

- Santa is a big hit during the "Blaze of Lights." We have been asked if Santa is coming back at anytime in December? We know how to make pancakes. Would anyone be interested in helping plan a breakfast with Santa?

- If you have enjoyed the Senior Center and it's services over the years, maybe you can give back to the next generation by remembering the Bluffton Senior Center in your will.



VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

The Board of Directors have awarded the VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR to Geniece King, posthumously. Geniece served on the Board of Directors for many years, quilted, and did embroidery and sewing and for many years worked in the kitchen during fundraisers. Geniece's son, Wayne and his wife, Becky accepted the award on Geniece's behalf at the December Dinner Meeting. She will be missed by all.



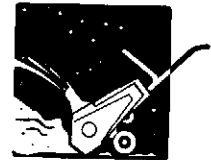
WESTERN SQUARE DANCING



Our visitors in November had such fun dancing at our Senior Center that they would like to come on a monthly basis. Monday, January 30th, we will open the Bluffton Senior Center in the evening. At 6:30 p.m., we will start with lessons for those new to the dance or need a refresher course. Then from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m., the caller will call dances. The dances will be based on the crowd.: complicated dances for experience dancers or easier dances if we have a lot of new comers. The cost for the evening is \$2.00 for members and \$3.00 for non-members. This is a fun and exciting way to get some good exercise and meet new people.



WINTER WEATHER



The calendar may not say WINTER yet but winter weather is on its way. If the Bluffton Schools are CLOSED due to the winter weather, ACTIVITIES at the Bluffton Senior Center will be CANCELLED for safety. If the weather turns bad in the middle of the day, please call before heading out. In care of a Level 3 Snow Emergency, the Senior Center will be closed! We use WLIO, Lima announcement system to announce closing and cancellations. If in doubt, don't hesitate to call the Senior Center before leaving home, 419-358-8971.

Thank you! THANK YOU, WHIRLPOOL Thank you!

The Bluffton Senior Center has been blessed with two new refrigerators from Whirlpool at a deep discount. Because of the economy, Whirlpool no longer gives appliances away too non-profit companies. The Senior Center was able to afford the discounted price by using Memorial money donated to the Senior Center in Memory of beloved members. Thank you to all of you who have given Memorials in the passed and thank you to Terry Green, son of Carolyn Green who arranged the purchase.

Thanks to Betty Moser, Carolyn Green, and Richard Cartwright who helped clean and move the refrigerators.

(At the time of printing, the old refrigerators were still available to purchase.)

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS.....

Dianne Cook, Bluffton Gloria Kershner, Lima Jean Ream, Bluffton
Peggy Rinehart, Arlington Janet Zorn, Arlington Eldon & Barb Wical, Jackson Center
Vallerie Phillips, Mt. Cory

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

Mary Ann Jordan Don Wymer Sherlyn Lugibihl Treva Crawford Loyce Plauger
Barbara Bushong Bertie Swank

WE EXPRESS OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS....

- Morris Groman on the death of his sister;
- Virginia Geiger;
- Edith Meyer.

DONATION BOXES

The Bluffton Elementary PTO has added a donation box to our collection of donation boxes in the Senior Center kitchen. The PTO is saving Community Market receipts, Tyson labels' Box Tops for Education, Our Family UPC's and Ink Cartridges. The proceeds go to the Bluffton Elementary School. The box is located in the kitchen next to the Matthew 25 Ministries box that collects empty pill bottles and the Lion's Club Box that collects eye glasses, cell phones, printer ink, cartridges, hearing aids, batteries – 9 v, AA, AAA, C& D and hearing aid batteries.

DECEMBER DINNER MEETING

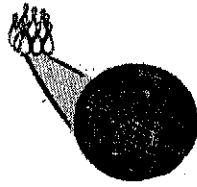
Christmas brought out the crowds for the December dinner meeting. Ninety people gathered at the Senior Center on a cold but sunny afternoon. The tables were decorated for Christmas and so were most of the people including **Tonya**, who was MC for the day. **Tonya** Opened with prayer and then some volunteers helped the staff of **Richland Manor** serve the lovely lunch of ham, potatoes, broccoli and pie.

After lunch, **Carolyn Green** interviewed **Darvin Luginbuhl** and **Roberta Knipp** who both celebrated their 90th birthdays in December. Then **Tonya** presented the Volunteer of the Year Award to **Geniece King's** son and daughter-in-law. **Geniece** passed away this year but the Board of Director's wanted to honor all the work that she has done for the Senior Center over the years.

After announcements, **Tonya** introduced the entertainment for the day, **Phil & Kristi Schey**. The young couple took turns playing Christmas music on the piano. Then they took requests from the audience and played a melody of all the songs requested, trading places at the keyboard mid song. When the **Schey's** finished playing, **Barry Schneck** from Richland Manor took the microphone and called "Bingo." With prizes of candy, cookies, poinsettias and candle; many winners enjoyed them along with **Nancy Schneck** won the coverall prize. A fun and merry time was had by all and wished a safe trip home.



THANK YOU....”Thank you so much for the card with so many names which you sent when I had knee repair surgery. I have recovered well.”
Colletta Mullenhour



BOWLING

December 8

Men's High Game

Jack Wickham	190
Bob Badertscher	182
Jack Wickham	179
Bud Kantner	172

Women's High Game

Faye Eley	171
Faye Eley	156
Sue Adam	143
Lois Barth	136

Men's High Series (2 games)

Jack Wickham	369
Bob Badertscher	349
Bud Kantner	334
Ron Fullom	310

Women's High Series (2 games)

Faye Eley	327
Sue Adam	253
Lois Barth	244
Susann Mawhorr	162

November 17

Men's High Game:	
Dick Marquart	176
Ron Fullom	169
Rick Mawhorr	169
Dick Marquart	168

Women's High Game:	
Faye Eley	122
Sue Adam	122
Susann Mawhorr	115
Lois Barth	100

Men's High Series:	
Dick Marquart	344
Bud Kantner	309
Ron Fullom	307
Jack Wickham	301

Women's High Series:	
Sue Adam	235
Faye Eley	222
Susann Mawhorr	194
Lois Barth	178



December 1

Men's High Game:	
Don Barth	200
Ron Fullom	181
Jack Wickham	177
Rick Mawhorr	172

Women's High Game:	
Sue Adam	142
Faye Eley	133
Faye Eley	125
Lois Barth	101

Men's High Series:	
Don Barth	349
Jack Wickham	321
Ron Fullom	317
Jim Baumgartner	314

Women's High Series:	
Faye Eley	258
Sue Adam	242
Lois Barth	195
Susann Mawhorr	155

December 15

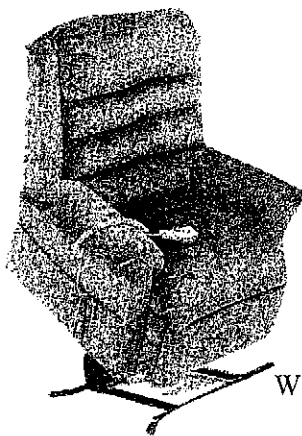
Men's High Game:	
Ron Fullom	202
Walter Miller	197
Jim Niekamp	190
Dick Marquart	182

Women's High Game:	
Norma Rigdom	153
Wanda Hefner	147
Norma Rigdom	142
Faye Eley	136

Men's High Series:	
Ron Fullom	354
Jim Niekamp	345
Walter Miller	344
Jack Wickham	330

Women's High Series:	
Norma Rigdom	295
Wanda Hefner	260
Faye Eley	254
Tonya Meyer	243

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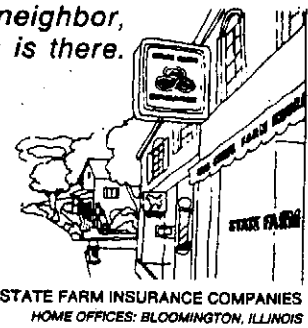
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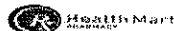
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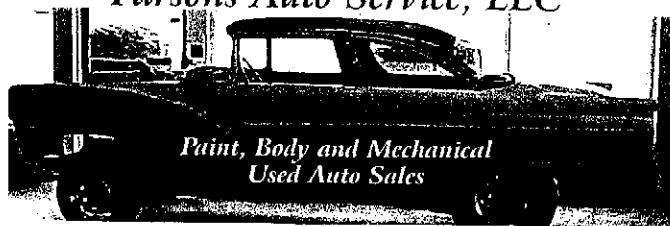


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