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Tue. 1 Dance, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Wed. 2 Crafts, Quilting, Potluck
Blood Pressure Clinic, 10:30 a.m.-Noon
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
Eucher, 1:30 p.m.

Thurs. 3 **AARP Tax Assist. 9:00 a.m.**
Bowling, 9:30 a.m.
Community Meal, 6 p.m.-6:15 p.m.

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

Mon. 7 Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.

Tue. 8 Dance, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Wed. 9 Crafts, Quilting, Potluck
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
Eucher, 1:30 p.m.

Thurs. 10 **Tax Assist., 9:00 a.m.**
Bowling, 9:30 a.m.

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

Mon. 14 **Happy Valentine's Day!**
Monthly Dinner Meeting, Potluck
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.

Tue. 15 Dance, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

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



Wed. 16 Eucher, 1:30 p.m.

Thurs. 17 **Tax Assist. 9:00 a.m.**
Bowling, 9:30 a.m.
Board Meeting, 1:30 p.m.
Community Meal, 6 p.m.-6:45 p.m.

Fri. 18 Exercise Class, 11 a.m.
Bridge, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Cards, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Mon. 21 **President's Day**
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
Bingo, 2:30 p.m.

Tue. 22 Dance, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

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

Thurs. 24 **Tax Assist, 9:00 a.m.**
Bowling, 9:30 a.m.

Fri. 25 **Craft Supply Sale, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.**
Exercise Class, 11 a.m.
Bridge, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Cards, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Sat. 26 **Craft Supply Sale, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

Mon. 28 Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.





FEBRUARY DINNER MEETING

TIME: Monday, February 14th, 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.: Clarence Kooker

HOSTESSES: Rosemary Meyer and friends

PROGRAM: Kristie Groman Schey will play the piano for us.



BLOOD PRESSURE

Our next Blood Pressure Clinic will be Wednesday, February 3rd. Peg Murphy will be our nurse from 10:30 am – Noon. Thank you to Ameri Care for sending a nurse in January. If you need help with your insurance papers or Medicare Part D, please call the Senior Center at **419-358-8971**

HOBBY CENTER

Believe it or not, everything in the display case in January was musical! What a variety of music boxes. Thank you **Sheila Hurlburt** for sharing. In February, **Larry Armstrong** will display his collection of antique soldering irons. If you have a collection or artwork that you would like to share, please call Tonya at **419-358-8971**.



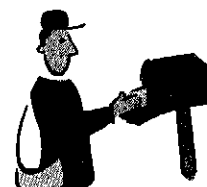
PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE BENEFIT



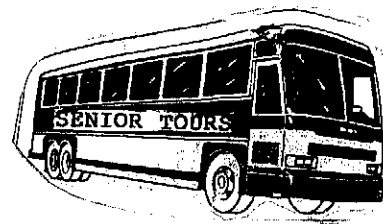
Our annual Pancake Day with the Lions Club will be **Saturday, March 5th** from **7:00 am to 1:00 pm**. We need lots of volunteers to make the day go smoothly. We have shifts of workers so no one needs to work all day. Please sign up in the office if you can help or call **419-358-8971**. Thank you in advance.

ADDRESS CHANGES

Please remember the Bluffton Senior Center when you head south for the winter, north for the summer or just move across town! We try to keep our address book up to date but we need your help! Every time we mail a newsletter to a **WRONG ADDRESS**, it costs the Senior Center over a dollar. Please help us get the information correct the first time around. Thank you!!



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MOTOR COACH TRIPS

May ... Mystery Trip ???



July 20-29 ... Colorado's Vintage Railways Tour We will take a motor coach to Chicago and ride the California Zephyr overnight to Denver where we will meet our tour guide. Once in Denver, we will ride rails on five famous Old West-style passenger trains. Prices start at \$1975. Tour is limited to 42 people and is filling up fast. See the brochure at the Senior Center for details. Tour by World Wide Country Tours.

September ... Renaissance Festival



INCOME TAX



It is everyone's favorite time **TAX TIME!!** AARP will offer **FREE** Income Tax Assistance at the Bluffton Senior Citizen's Center on **Thursday mornings starting at 9 a.m. February 3rd through April 7th**. This service is **FREE** of charge but you **MUST** make an appointment. Please call **419-358-8971** for an appointment. You **MUST** bring a **Photo ID** and your **Social Security Card** or the volunteers cannot help you with your taxes. Also, bring last years returns, current forms received by mail, SSA-1099 form if you were paid Social Security benefits, all 1099 forms showing income, all W-2s and all information concerning 2010 income. If you are itemizing, the forms will not be ready until the end of February or beginning of March, because of recent laws passed by Congress. Also, if itemizing, please have all items added up, as the volunteers do not have time to do this for you.

THANK YOU'S.....

"Dear Friends, To everyone that signed the get-well card, the get-well cards received from others, and who visited me at the hospital and Richland Manor. I really appreciated it! Thank you so much. I am improving every day." **Janice Shafer**

"Thank you for the birthday party at the center, cards and thoughts. It is greatly appreciated!" **Lovina Creeger**

"Dear Friends, Thank you so much for all your prayers, cards, telephone calls, and visits. You never realize how much these things mean until you need all the love, cares, and friendship. I'm doing fine. Thanks again and God bless all of you." **Lenore Reiter**

"To the Bluffton Senior Center, Thank you for the get-well card and signatures I received from the Center. It means a lot to be in your thoughts." **Mary Cook**

"Thank you for your cards & many prayers during my stay in the hospital and at the home. I am now at my home receiving therapy for a hip replacement. Hope to be out and about real soon." Love, **Daryl Amstutz**

Bus Trips with Bob & Bev

LaComedia Dinner Show - 7 Brides for 7 Brothers - Thur. March 3rd.
\$70.00 due by Feb. 10th. Depart the Center at 9:00 am.
Visit Friesingers Chocolate Factory after the show.

Lima Beane Barbershop Harmony Show . Sat. March 12th.
Featuring, Old School Quartet, International finalists in 2010.
And a comedy group, Bustin Loose. \$22.00 due by Feb. 11th.
Depart the Center at 1:00 pm. - Stop at Cracker Barrel on return.

Vaughnsville Dinner Theater Sat. March 26th.
Presenting a great musical Comedy - "*BREAKING UP IS HARD TO DO*"
\$32.00 due by March 4th.

??? Mystery Trip Friday April 8th. ??? \$25.00 due by March 18th.
Depart at 8:30 am, Breakfast included, lunch on your own

Bearcreek Farms presents Ernie Haase and Signature Sound, Gospel Concert.
Plus a great Amish Style lunch - Sat. June 11th \$70.00 due by May 5th.
Visit the General Store and shops after the show.

LaComedia Dinner Theatre - "Church Basement Ladies, 2nd Helping".
Thurs. Sept. 1st \$70.00 due by Aug. 5th Depart at 9:00 am.
Plus a stop at Friesingers Chocolate Factory.

Vermont Kaleidoscope Trip - September 27th to October 3rd
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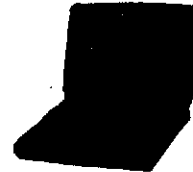
This is certain to be another enjoyable experience with White Star Tours.

Complete information regarding the trips is available at the desk.



The Bluffton Ministerial Assoc. sponsors FREE Community Meals on the first and third Thursdays of each month. The meals are free and start at 6 p.m. All donations support the Bluffton Food Pantry. Everyone is welcome, so please come on by. Next meal is February 3rd, First Mennonite; February 17, Presbyterian.

EMAIL THANK YOU



We have had over 30 people volunteer to receive their newsletter by email. This might not seem like a lot but over the course of one year, but 30 newsletters will save the Senior Center over 5000 copies, over 2520 pieces of paper and over \$75.00 in postage. If you would like to receive your newsletter by email, send your email address along with the name on the newsletter to srcenter@wcoil.com. If you are receiving the newsletter by email and need to switch back to a mailed copy, please let the Senior Center staff know. Thank you for your patients as we make this little steps into the Twenty First Century.



WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS.....

Jack & Rose Cottle, Pandora Joanne Niswander, Bluffton Marlene Rhodes, Harrod
Ernie Boyer, Lima Jean Parent, Bluffton

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

Carole Haines Mary Jane Cook Alta Schaller



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

- Virginia Geiger on the death of her brother.

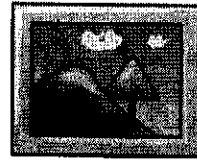
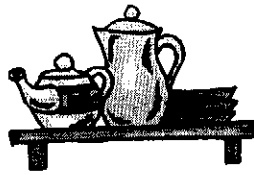


JANUARY DINNER MEETING



Over 30 people gathered at the Senior Center for a wonderful potluck lunch on January 10th. Ruth Bartels, her daughter, Carol Long and niece, Dorothy VanMeter were hostesses and decorated the tables with pretty pink flowers. Don Wymer was MC and made us all laugh with his great jokes.

After lunch and some announcements, and acknowledged January birthdays and anniversaries, our speaker, Elaine Rich, was introduced. She took us all down memory lane as she recited poetry that many of us had learned during our school days. It was a nice afternoon at the Senior Center.



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SMITHVILLE, OHIO and NEIGHBORING AREA

It was a cool, windy Tuesday morning (Nov. 16th) when 33 Senior Citizens boarded a Trailways bus heading east to Smithville, Ohio. After about 1 hour or so, we stopped at a rest area and there **Bob and Bev** served us fresh baked cookies, plus chocolate or banana bread along with coffee for us to enjoy. After several cookies or breads, we continued down the road heading towards Smithville.

Here we drove through town and came to **Mishler's Weaving Mill**. This is a working mill and have about 132 looms, large & small, some work by hand and some are motorized and do the weaving mechanical. About 6 weavers were working when we were touring the mill. They make rag rugs, place mats, dishcloths, curtains, bath towels, and used to make cider press cloth. But due to health regulations today, they aren't allowed to make the cider cloths anymore.

Back on the bus and back to downtown area to see the oldest church in Ohio and Smithville, **Church of God**. **Rev. John Winebrenner** was the founder of the **Church of God**. We then walked to the other buildings located behind the church forming their "Historical Village." We checked out the carriage barn, a log cabin, a pottery shop, a house with old furniture, a blacksmith shop and finally a tin shop.

After about 45 minutes or so, we boarded the bus and off we go to the "**Barn**" restaurant for lunch. Wow, what a very interesting place to eat and the food!! If you went away hungry, it was your own fault. I saw several "carry-out" containers come along with us on the bus. Surprise to us coming out to the bus, RAINING!! It continued through the rest of the day and evening plus some fog, too.

Now we were heading to Dalton to see **P. Graham Dunn**, "**Inspiration Art, Home Décor and Gifts**." They make plaques from designing, carving, and then use laser engraving on the products where writing is needed or a design. Their largest customer is **Cracker Barrel restaurants** and then Christian bookstores. They hire about 100 young adults being Amish and Mennonites. Their mission is to "**Lift Him Up**." They seek to do this with the products that remind us of who He is and what He has done by the verses and etc. with the lasers.

Continuing south to **Heini's Chesse Shop**. Rain or not, we all headed inside and the buying begun! We were allowed so much time and loaded down with many bags and we were soon back on the bus. Everyone seemed to be smiling with their purchases. Ha!

Happy and excited and looking forward to **Walnut Creek Market Place**. We were able to get a bite to eat here if we wanted to, purchase bake goods, more cheese, or gifts or just watch people. Loaded again and I mean loaded, we headed to the bus through the rain and purchases all in place headed to Bluffton.

Was rather a very quiet bus ride and one could hear the rain beating against the bus, top and sides. After an hour and half, we stopped at a rest area. Back on and settled, **Bob** asked if anyone had lot a "fishing lure?" He continued to say he found it on the floor by his seat and described it. The people in the back area started to laugh and we said the mystery was solved. **Carol Groman** claimed it and when you see her, you might ask her about her "fishing lure." Ha!

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What a busy day and such an informative day! Again, many thanks to **Bob and Bev** and our good driver, **Henry**, for a safe trip. **Shirley Sommer**

Craft Supply Sale

Weather permitting, we hope to have a craft supply sale Friday, Feb. 25th and Saturday, Feb. 26th. Please check in the office for details or to sign up to help.



December 23, 2010

Men's High Game:

Walter Miller	189
Don Barth	181
Ron Fullom	171
Mike Bastian	168

Women's High Game:

Sue Adam	182
Mary Zuppardo	141
Sue Adam	134
Wanda Hefner	133

Men's High Series:

Walter Miller	333
Ron Fullom	330
Mike Bastian	326
Bud Kantner	323

Women's High Series:

Sue Adam	316
Mary Zuppardo	248
Faye Eley	237
Wanda Hefner	232

January 13, 2011

Men's High Game:

Ron Fullom	190
Mike Bastian	178
Mike Bastian	178
Walter Miller	177
Dick Marquart	177

Women's High Game:

Wanda Hefner	171
Mary Zuppardo	137
Eloise Buettner	134
Faye Eley	117

BOWLING

Thursday Morning Seniors
scores bowled on: Dec.30

Men's High Game:

Walter Miller	205
Ron Fullom	187
Bob Badertscher	179
Rick Mawhorr	175

Women's High Game:

Eloise Buettner	143
Evelyn Reese	140
Wanda Hefner	136
Evelyn Reese	125

Men's High Series:

Walter Miller	367
Ron Fullom	347
Mike Bastian	342
Bob Badertscher	337

Women's High Series:

Eloise Buettner	283
Evelyn Reese	279
Wanda Hefner	254
Faye Eley	238

January 6, 2011

Men's High Game:

Jack Wickham	201
Basil Meyer	179
Don Barth	172
Dick Marquart	170

Women's High Game:

Wanda Hefner	146
Eloise Buettner	140
Mary Zuppardo	139
Sue Adam	135

Men's High Series:

Jack Wickham	362
Dick Marquart	325
Al Eversole	316
Don Barth	307

Women's High Series:

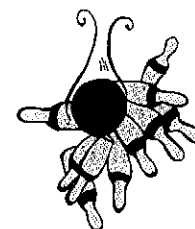
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Mary Zuppardo	246
Faye Eley	241

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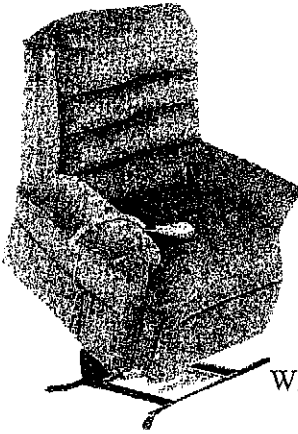
Mike Bastian	356
Dale Huber	321
Al Eversole	317
Jack Wickham	311

Women's High Series:

Wanda Hefner	293
Eloise Buettner	251
Faye Eley	231
Nancy Frick	225



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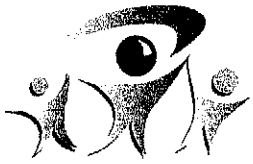
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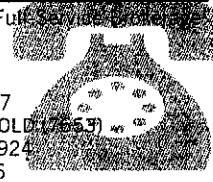
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