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Tue. 1 Dance, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Wed. 2 Crafts, Quilting
Blood Pressure Clinic, 11 a.m. - NOON
Potluck, 12 NOON
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.

Thurs. 3 Wii Bowling, 1 p.m.
Community Meal, 6 p.m.

Fri. 4 Closed, HAPPY 4TH of JULY!!

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

Tue. 8 Bus trip to Plain City, depart at 9 a.m.
Dance, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Wed. 9 Quilting, Crafts
Potluck, 12 NOON
Deb's Workshop, 1 p.m.
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.

Thurs. 10 Wii Bowling, 1 p.m.

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

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

Tue. 15 Dance, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Wed. 16 Crafts, Quilting
Potluck, 12 Noon
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.

Thurs. 17 Wii Bowling, 1 p.m.
Community Meal, 6 p.m.

Fri. 18 Dominos, 9:30 a.m.
Movie, 1:30 p.m.

Mon. 21 Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.

Tue. 22 Dance, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Wed. 23 Quilting, Crafts,
Potluck, 12 NOON
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.

Thurs. 24 Wii Bowling, 1 p.m.

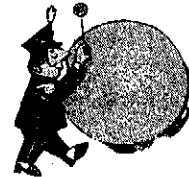
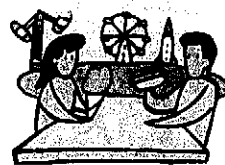
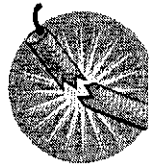
Fri. 25 Dominos, 9:30 a.m.

Mon. 28 Toenail Clinic, 10 a.m.
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
Bingo w/Richland Manor, 2:30 p.m.
Western Square Dancing, 6:30 p.m.

Tue. 29 Dance, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Wed. 30 Crafts, Quilting
Potluck, 12 Noon
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.

Thurs. 31 Wii Bowling, 1 p.m.

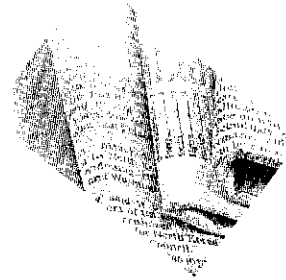


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JULY DINNER MEETING



TIME: Monday, July 14th, 6:00 PM

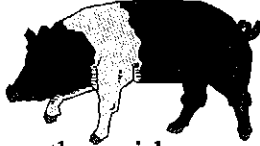
PLACE: Bluffton Senior Center

WHAT: Mt. Cory Temple Fund group will cater the meal. They will be serving ham loaf, potatoes, corn, applesauce, buttered rolls and cake. The cost of the meal is \$7.00 and ticket must be purchased by **Wednesday July 9th**. Tickets MUST BE purchased ahead so there is enough food for everyone!

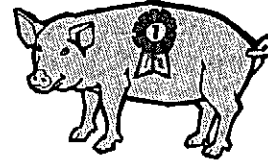
M.C.: Mary Hofstetter

HOSTESSES: Deloris Hermon and friends

PROGRAM: Fred Steiner will share information about the Bluffton Chamber of Commerce. The Bluffton Chamber has become one of the largest and most active chambers in the area. Fred has been involved with the chamber for years and will share all the different activities that the chamber is involved in.



HOBBY CENTER



It is amazing the wide range of interest that **Keith Sommer** has! In June, **Keith** shared his collection of postal peripherals. In July, **Doris Heldman** will share her pig collection. If you have a craft of hobby that you would be willing to share, please let us know, **419-358-8971**.



MOVIE TIME!!!

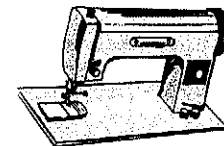


It is movie time again. July's movie is this year's award winner about slavery. The movie will be played on **Friday, July 18th at 1:30 p.m.** This movie is Rated R. As always, the Senior Center will provide the popcorn and you can bring your own drinks or buy them from the fridge. So call a friend and come into the nice cool Senior Center.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

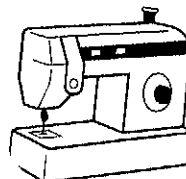
The Bluffton Senior Center will be **CLOSED** on **July 4th** in order that our employees may spend the holiday with their families.

DEB'S WORKSHOP, July 9th



We'll be making draw string backpacks at **Deb's** workshop, **1 p.m., Wednesday, July 9th**.

This is a great back-to-school project to sell in our gift shop. Please make a reservation so we have enough sewing machines to go around.



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**COACH TRIPS WITH TONYA
2014**



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TECUMSEH August 7th Join us for a day trip to see the outdoor drama, Tecumseh with live horses and fire and a whole lot of history. The trip will include a buffet supper and a behind the scenes tour. We will stop on the way to tour the Statehouse in Columbus. Tour cost is **\$91.00** due July 10th. There are still a few seats available. We will be leaving at 12 noon. Please eat lunch before we depart.



RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL, Saturday, September 13th Come and watch people in period costumes (or what they think are period costumes.) There are dozens of shows on multiple stages. Shopping and eating and people watching. We will spend the day with knights and queens. Lunch will be included. Tour cost is **\$54.00** due August 13th. Depart 8:30 AM. We will stop for supper on your own on the way home.

2015

SUNNY ORLANDO FLORIDA March 14-21, 2015 We will stop at the Biltmore Estate on the way to Florida. In Orlando, we will visit The Holy Land Experience, Leu Gardens & House Museum and the Morse Museum of American Art. We will also have a free day to visit the Disney Park of your choice. Brochures are at the desk for full details.

STORE NEWS



Our front door has been updated. Watch next month's newsletter for a story on the door.
THANK YOU!!!!

THANK YOU!!!!

A big **THANK YOU** to all who donated salads and cupcakes for the Car Show and to those who came and worked. It would not have been the same without your help and donations.

THANK YOU'S from members.....

"Please thank everyone who signed the beautiful card for my mom, **Fairy Mesler**. I remember several years ago how bringing my mom to some of your dances there at the Center. Thanks for your thoughts." **Pam Holland** (Fairy's daughter)

"Thank you for the card from the Senior Citizens. It was nice of you to be thoughtful. I am on the mend." **Ray Shinabery**

"Thank you for all the cards and prayers when my grandson died." **Treva Crawford**

THANK YOU.... "I enjoyed the cards I received during my surgery and recovery. Thank you." **Donnas Stone**

Showtime at Der Dutchman in Plain City - July 8th

Ron Retzler's only show in 2014 includes a Violin and Guitar & 'Crazy Bout Country'
Depart at 9:00 am \$65.00 (Due by June 3rd) Chicken and Beef Family Style Lunch

August 18th we are going to Northern Indiana Amish area

to visit the Amish Quilt Gardens, Nappanee Heritage Center, Quilting shops, Coppes
Commons, Wakarusa Dime Store, Linton's Enchanted Gardens and The Blue Gate
Theater for a Family Style Dinner plus a Musical Production
"Josiah for President".

Depart Bluffton at 7:00 am \$90.00 (due by July 3rd)

Mackinac Island and Upper Peninsula of Michigan

September 28 - October 2nd 5 days - 4 nights

Soo Locks Dinner Cruise, Bronner's Christmas Wonderland, Frankenmuth Village Shops,
Carriage Tour of Mackinac Island and the Grand Hotel, The Great Lakes Shipwreck
Museum and more... \$634.00 (Due July 25th) Depart at

"A Branson Country Christmas" presented by Branson's own

Ozark Jubilee Band with Hillbilly Comedy and Holiday music.

Tuesday, November 4, 2014 at Aladdin Shrine Center in Columbus.

Motor Coach transportation departing at 9:00 am and arriving in time for a holiday lunch
consisting of salad, roast turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and all the trimmings..

All this for \$84.00 (due by Sept. 15th)

BLUFFTON'S NIGHT OUT

Mark your calendars for August 5, 2014 as Bluffton, Beaverdam and
Pandora will hold their first annual **National Night Out** celebration
from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. at the Bluffton Community Swimming Pool. The
night will include a "picnic" meal. At this point, they are look-
ing for donations and volunteers. If you are interested in helping,
call **Sgt. Mike Oglesbee** at the **Bluffton Police Dept. 419-358-2961**
ext. 110. We will have more information in our next newsletter.



LIBRARY UPDATE...



The library shelves have come in and the books are on the shelves, thanks to **Louise Hampton**. **Louise** has the books in alphabetical order by the authors' last name with the exception of the Westerns and Amish books which have their own shelves. You **do not** need to shelf your own books when you bring them back. There is a box for returned books. **Louise** will shelf the books once a week. Thank you **Louise** for organizing the library and making it look so pretty.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS.....



Jean Disher, Findlay Dudley & Deborah Snyder, Findlay
Robert & Marilyn Blank, Pandora Duane & Lindy Laux, McComb

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



Donnas Stone Eliose Bunn Jan Simons Marcene Spangler Marlene Cartwright
John Murray Ralph Rammel

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



- Treva Crawford on death of grandson,
- Dean & Darlyn Sommers on death of their son;
- Louise Reichenbach;
- Robert Barnett;
- Joyce Badertscher on the death of husband, Maynard.

TOENAIL CLINIC



Monday, July 28th at 10 a.m. will be our next Toenail Clinic 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.



WESTERN SQUARE DANCING



July 28th at 6:30 p.m. will be our next Western Square Dance. So mark your calendars. New dancers are always welcomed. The cost is \$3 for nonmembers and \$2 for members. Partners are not needed because partners are changed though out the evening.



COMMUNITY MEALS



The community meal will be served by **July 3rd, Shannon Club**. On **July 17th, Bluffton Baptist** will serve the meal. The meals are **FREE**, open to the public and start at **6:00 p.m.** All monetary donations support the Bluffton Food Pantry.



BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

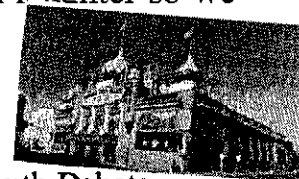
Wednesday, July 2nd will be our next Blood Pressure Clinic from 11 a.m. to 12 NOON. Signature Health Care will send a nurse. Thank you to Mennonite Home Health for being our nurse in June. If you need help with insurance papers, give the office a call, 419-358-8971.



JUNE DINNER MEETING

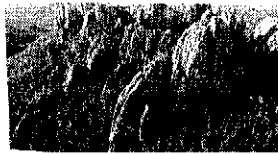
The Senior Center looked like a children's party! Carolyn Green, Pearl Williamson, and Marilyn Wymer decorated the tables with clowns and balloons and colorful napkins. Bill Peebles opened the evening with a joke and a prayer. We enjoyed a delicious meal by Ginny Moser. After supper, Bill lead us in singing, "Happy Birthday" and "Happy Anniversary" to the ones who were celebrating. Tonya interviewed Helen Milan, who was celebrating her 90th birthday and presented her with a red rose and her Life Membership. After the announcements, Tonya lead everyone in children's games. First was "Button, Button, who's got the Button?" Some people found the button easily and some couldn't. Next, we played the chocolate game. People had to open the chocolate bar and eat it with gloves on. Next was "hot potato" and last but not least, we played "Simon Says." There was much laughter so we think there was a good time by all.

B L A C K H I L L S and M T. R U S H M O R E



Well, May 31st finally arrived for the start of our trip to the Black Hills of South Dakota. Thirty-three(33) seniors met in the parking lot behind the Center loading their luggage and getting their name tags. Bob and Bev welcomed everyone aboard the bus which was going to be our "vehicle" for 9 days/nights. At 7:05 a.m., we headed north on I-75 going to I-80 West for Chicago, Il. Arrived in downtown Chicago in time for lunch where we found a food court in Macy's. Pat & Harlan Basinger had been there before and led the group to the area which had several choices. When done eating, one had some time to shop a little or just look around the very, very, large store. Keith and I checked out the Lego Store and American Doll store. We did some Christmas shopping for our three grandchildren and can hardly wait to give them the gifts. Ha! Met the bus across the street from Macy's and headed to Union Station (railroad station) to meet a "step-on guide" for the afternoon. Our bus driver, Mathis, did an "excellent" job driving around all the construction on the streets let alone all the traffic in the area, people and vehicles. The guide mentioned that Chicago is the 2nd largest city in the U.S.A. with Los Angles being 1st; Chicago's population is about 2 million & 700 thousand plus suburbs which totaled around 9 ½ million people total. President Obama lives in Kenwood (a suburb) when in Chicago which we just drove through and a little disappointed. Other facts of town are: 1871 Chicago had a serious fire; 1893 World's Fair held here; 26 miles of lake front on Lake Michigan with 30 beaches all inside the U.S. border; 77 different neighborhoods; about 55 trains a day out of Union Station; and in 1930, Louie Armstrong brought Jazz to 35th street. Last, Trump Tower is the 2nd tallest building in Chicago with staying in rooms: (1 night) \$500 a night! A condo with a 36 degree view, \$12,000 a month. His apartment is on the 89th floor when he is there. Wow!!

Sunday, we left from Mt. Prospect, IL for the Wisconsin Dells. Pat Basinger had a short devotional time for all of us while riding on the bus with singing and some readings from the Upper Room. She reminded all of us that if we just give a "smile" each day to someone we



meet, it just might be the thing that person needs to make it through the day. Arrived at the **Dells** and had lunch and then waited till 2:30 p.m. for our cruise on the lake of the "**Lower Dells**" because of a rain shower. All aboard and enjoyed a quiet ride looking at the many different designs of rocks. Back at the docks and the rain started again. Checked into the motel and went across the road to the **Paul Bunyan** restaurant. It was a "rustic, homey, chuck wagon" atmosphere. Food was very good and tasty! Several bought souvenirs and then back to our rooms for a good night's sleep.

Monday, ate breakfast, back on the bus, and headed west on I-90 towards Mitchell, So. Dak. It was a long day driving across Minnesota with rest stops about every 2 ½ hours and got to Mitchell a little later than planned to see the **Corn Palace**, so we just went to the motel.

Tuesday morning, we headed to the **Corn Palace** early. What a beautiful building! The murals on the outside of the building are known as "folk art" and all are done with corn (12 different shades of corn), prairie grass, wheat, and rye. The **Corn Palace** is the only one in the world! The murals on the outside were an agricultural theme and so breath taking! More murals inside which were about the American Indians and pioneers in the area. Continued on to the **Badlands** near Rapid City, So. Dak. Crossing this state, homes were far apart and you might see some cattle out in a large field and maybe a house now and then. Very, very, bare around there and I sure won't like to be living in that area! A sunny afternoon of riding and a few folks took naps or play their iPods or Kindles. We arrived at **Badlands National Park**, and **Mathis**, our driver, followed the signs to the entrance and away we went. The road and severely eroded mixed grass prairie seemed to just go on, on, and on, curve here and there, and then finally arrived at the west end of the park. The **Badlands** are exposed layers of fossilized soils and different rock formations created by erosion from many, many years. Back in civilization again, we checked into our motel for our three day stay in Rapid City. Walked down through the parking lot to **The Diner** for supper. The restaurant was decorated like back in the 50's and waitresses wore the poodle skirts, white blouses, and ribbons in their hair. Really a great setting! When everyone was through, we headed to Keystone to see **Mt. Rushmore**, for the the night light show. Was sort of sprinkling and cool when we arrived at the mountain with fog moving in. So the light show didn't happen exactly like it was to be. We did see the four men for about 10 minutes (fog lifted) and then fog came back and covered them well. The Forest Ranger still continued with their program and at the end invited Veteran's to come to the stage to honor them for their service. **Kathy Hayes, Betty Heldman's daughter**, from our group, an ex-Marine, went up with the others. It was nice to have a person in our group that could take part in the program. Fog started to lift again as we got closer to Rapid City.

Wednesday, we returned to **Mt. Rushmore** to see and enjoy the mountain with a very beautiful sunny day. Took a lot of pictures and **Keith** and I plus others checked out the museum showing tools and other items used to carve out the faces. It was unbelievable that NO one died while working on the mountain, but one man fell and broke some ribs. Got souvenirs and purchased a dish of **Thomas Jefferson's** vanilla ice cream at the Ice Cream Shop. The recipe was his mother's and was tasty, \$5.00 a dish, it should have been! Ha!! Loaded up and on to see **Crazy Horse** and eat lunch there at the welcome center. This mountain sculpture isn't done yet, just the head/face with no arm or horse yet! There was a lot of things to see around the mountain with a tour offered to drive close to it. After several hours here looking over the gift shop and items from the American Indians in the area, we went to **Custer State Park** and **Wildlife loop**. Saw a lot of bison and new calves, some antelope, and even little prairie dogs. Stopped at **Coolidge Inn General Store** for a break, an ice cream break, and the group picture was taken. Returned to Rapid City having a full day of educational information about everything we saw. I believe people sure slept good this night too. Ha!

(The story continues next month, August newsletter.)



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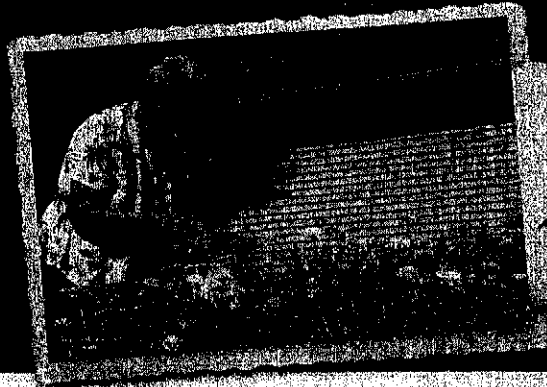
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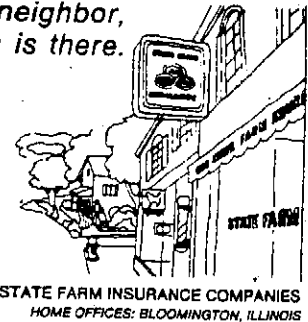
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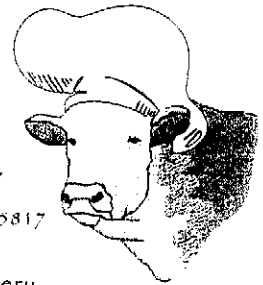


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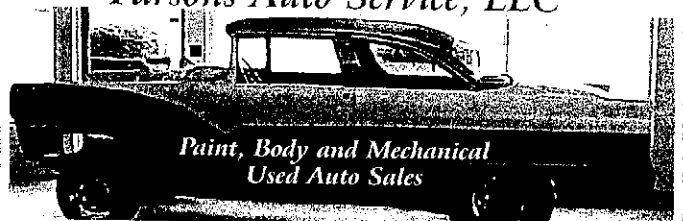
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