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



Sat. 2 Sesquicentennial Parade, 1 p.m.

Mon. 4 "Happy Independence Day!"
Center is Closed!!!



Tue. 5 Dance, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Wed. 6 Crafts, Quilting, Potluck
Blood Pressure Clinic, 10:30 - Noon
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
Cards, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Thurs. 7 Community Meal, 6 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Fri. 8 Domino's, 10 a.m.
Exercise Class, 11 a.m.
Bridge, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Cards, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.



Mon. 11 Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
Monthly Dinner Meeting, 6 p.m.
Catered by Ted's Market.

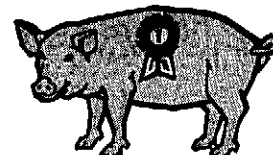
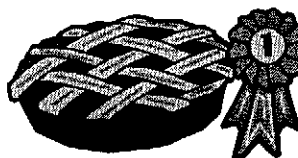
Tue. 12 Dance, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Wed. 13 Crafts, Quilting, Potluck
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
Cards, 1:30 p.m.



Thurs. 14 FREE Lunch at Putnam Heritage,
12 NOON

Fri. 15 Exercise Class, 11 a.m.
Bridge, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Cards, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.



Mon. 18 Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
Bingo, 2:30 p.m.

Tue. 19 Dance, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Wed. 20 Coach trip to Colorado's Vintage
Railways, departs at 8 a.m.
Crafts, Quilting, Potluck
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
Cards, 1:30 p.m.

Thurs. 21 Community Meal, 6 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Fri. 22 Exercise Class, 11 a.m.
Bridge, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Cards, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.



Mon. 25 Toenail Clinic, 10 a.m.
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.

Tue. 26 Dance, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Wed. 27 Crafts, Quilting, Potluck
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
Cards, 1:30 p.m.

Fri. 29 Exercise Class, 11 a.m.
Bridge, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
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Colorado tour returns...



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JULY DINNER MEETING



TIME: Monday, July 11th, 6:00 P.M.

PLACE: Bluffton Senior Center

WHAT: The meal will be catered by **Ted's Market** from Pandora. We will have pulled pork, au gratin potatoes, green beans, dinner rolls, and cheese cake. The cost of the meal is **\$6.50** and tickets must be reserved by Wednesday, July 6th.

M.C.: Carolyn Green

HOSTESSES: Betty Moser and friends

PROGRAM: We are going to play our own version of the hit TV show **Minute to Win It!**

Irene Hamman and Joel Kimmel will both turn that wonderful young age of 90 in July. We will present **Irene and Joel** with a red rose and Life Membership at the July Dinner Meeting. Congratulations to both **Joel and Irene!**

BLOOD PRESSURE



Our next Blood Pressure clinic will be Wednesday, July 6th. **Ameri Care** will send a nurse from 10:30 am – Noon. Thank you to **Marcene Spangler** for being our nurse last month. If you need help with your insurance papers or Medicare Part D, please call the Senior Center at **419-358-8971**



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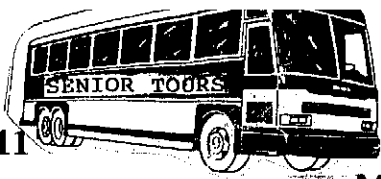


The Swiss Historical Society put displays all over Bluffton for the Sesquicentennial including our front window and display case. **Dick Jordan** was in charge of the display in our display case and he put a variety of objects from Bluffton's past including a Triplet Meter and a Bluffton Slaw Cutter. Thank you **Dick** for putting the display together. In July, **Linda Childs** will display her collection of humming birds. If you have a collection or artwork that you would like to share, please call Tonya at **419-358-8971**.

SESQUICENTENNIAL PARADE



The big 150th Birthday Parade is Saturday, July 2nd at 1 p.m. The parade route is from the High School Football Field, down Main Street up Elm Street to the University Football Field. The Senior Center will have two entries in the parade. The Senior Center bus will be in the parade and there is still room on the bus if you want to be in the parade. We will also have a float in the parade. Featured on the float will be former directors: **Vera Core, Betty Cookson, and Rosemary Meyer** as well as current director, **Tonya Meyer** and some long time volunteers. A great BIG THANK YOU to the Float Committee for making the float possible and to **Nelson and Ann Welch** for the tractor and wagon.



MOTOR COACH TRIPS



July 20-29 ... Colorado's Vintage Railways Tour We will depart the Bluffton Senior Center at **8:00 AM** on the 20th. Tour by World Wide Country Tours.

September 10... Ohio Renaissance Festival is different then any other Festival in Ohio. It is not held in a town but in space built just for the Festival. All the workers are required to dress in period costumes and some of the visitors do also. The only crafts for sale are ones that would have been for sale during that time, like glass wear, candles, quilts and swords. Most of the food would have been available at that time also. But the highlight of the Festival is the shows and jousting. The motor coach will leave Bluffton at 8:30 AM for a full day of fun. Cost is \$60.00 for members, \$70.00 for nonmembers due Aug. 10th. Lunch is included. This is a Saturday tour, so bring your family and friends for some fun.



COMMUNITY MEALS

The Bluffton Inner 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 and food donations support the Bluffton Food Pantry. Everyone is welcome, so please come on by. The **Presbyterian Church** will sponsor the **July 7th** meal and **St. Mary's Catholic Church** sponsors the **July 21st** meal.



TOE NAIL CLINIC



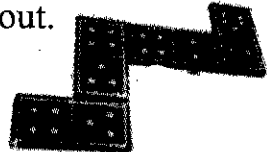
Our next toenail clinic will be **Monday, July 25th at 10:00 a.m.** with Dr. Daniel Kirk of Bluffton Foot and & Ankle. You must call ahead for an appointment and there is a charge of **\$10.00** due at the time of your appointment. To prepare for your appointment, please soak your feet in a basin of warm water for 20 to 30 minutes prior to your appointment time.



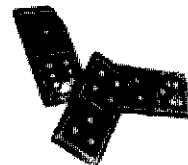
DECK OF CARDS



The Historical Deck of Cards are on sale **ONLY** at the Senior Center. They make great gifts! Come and check them out.

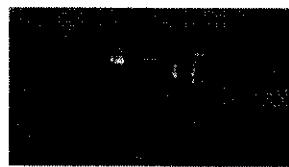


DOMINOS



It's summer, so lets have some fun and play games. **Stephanie Theis** from the Hilty Memorial Home is going to teach us Dominos. **Friday, July 8th at 10 a.m.**, **Stephanie** will teach dominos to anyone interested. If you already play, come and join the fun. We would like to play on a monthly bases. This would be a fun game to add to our Fridays.

The **Ohio Statehouse Trip** on July 19th has been cancelled due to lack of interest.



August 26th we will be going to **Holmes County**, the largest Amish settlement in the world.

The first stop is at **Smuckers** to taste the "Goodness" of their products.

Then to **Lehman's Hardware in Kidron** where we step back in time to the 1840's era where they specialize in non-electric appliances to accommodate the Amish in the area.

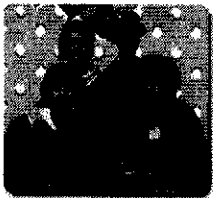
You may want to visit the **Hearthside Quilt Shoppe** just across the parking lot.

We will have a soup and salad lunch at **Mrs. Yoder's Kitchen in Mt. Hope** then to **Heinie's Cheese Chalet & Country Mall**. You can sample over 50 kinds of cheese and home made fudge.

Then, **Coblentz Chocolate Company** is bound to satisfy your Chocolate taste buds.

We may have time to stop by the **Farmerstown** broom and book shop before traveling to Wilmot and the Amish Door for a full dinner followed by a show, "Cotton Patch Gospel" which was set in rural Georgia. This toe tapping, blue grass musical on the life of Jesus is certain to tickle your funny-bone.

All this for only **\$95.00** which is due by Aug. 1st.



LaComedia Dinner Theatre presents "**Church Basement Ladies - Second Helping**" on September 1st. \$70.00 includes a stop at **Freisingers Chocolate Factory**.



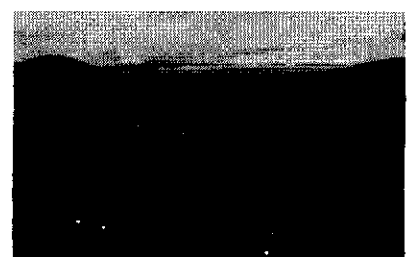
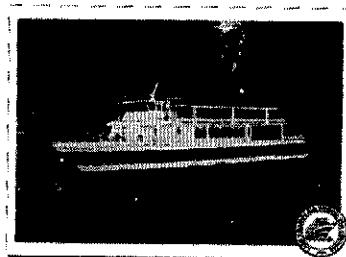
A Taste of Color and Flavor summarizes the **Vermont Kaleidoscope Trip**.

September 27th - October 3rd, 7 days & 6 nights in the peak of New England Fall Beauty.

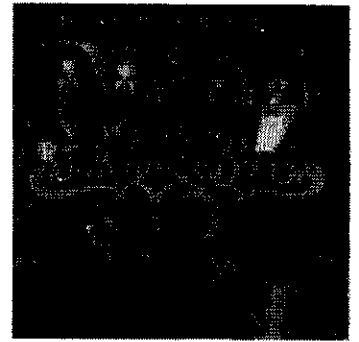
Only \$852.00 (double occupancy) due by July 27th.

This is certain to be another enjoyable experience with White Star Tours. Highlights: Morse Sugar Farms, Green Mountain Coffee Company, Gourmet Luncheon and Cooking Demonstration, Vermont Country Store, Hildene Estate, Cheese Making, Manchester Village, Vermont Marble Museum, Ben & Jerrys Ice Cream Factory, Quechee Gorge, Cruise on Lake Champlain, Apple Orchard and Cider Mill and more. Most meals are furnished, including taxes and gratuities.

We have **10 seats available**. This is a great value, don't miss out, sign up today.

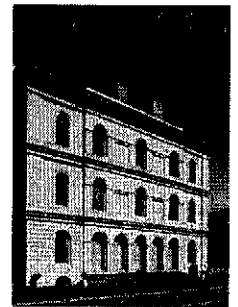
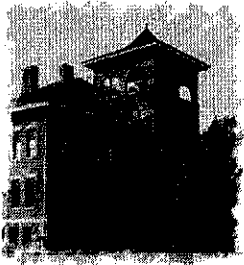


Saturday, November 5th **"The Oak Ridge Boys"** at Bearcreek Farms, includes Home Style Dinner and their show for **\$85.00**. The seats are reserved and waiting on your name. Sign up today.



November 29 - December 1st Festival of Lights at Oglebay in West Virginia

3 days, 2 nights. Guided tour of Wheeling, West Virginia, Oglebay Mansion, West Virginia's Independence Hall, Wheeling Artisan Center, Tour the Glass Museum, Good Time Zoo in Oglebay, Oglebay Park by day and the Festival of Lights Parade at night, Kruger Street Toy and Train Museum, 2 dinner shows, one at Wilson Lodge. We will stay in the McClure House, one of Wheeling's local landmarks and lodging quarters for many historic figures. Lunch breaks, going and coming near St. Clairsville. **\$471.00** (double occupancy). Due by October 10th.



B O W L I N G

April 21, 2011

(late because of space)

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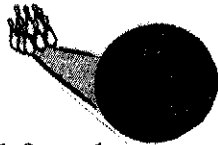
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THANK YOU

A big THANK YOU to all who donated time and baked goods to help make the ARTS AND CRAFT DAY a success. Thank you for all you do for the Senior Center.



SENIOR FITNESS DAY



Members had fun playing games and exercising on Senior Fitness Day, May 25.. Bluffton Family Recreation (BFR) sponsored the event at the Senior Center and other venues around town. **Esther Neff** was the winner at the Center for prizes supplied by BFR. Thanks to all who participated.

THANK YOU.... "I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, and visits during my surgery and since my return home." **Maeola Fett**

THANK YOU.... "Thank you for your concern while I was in the Mennonite Home. I am recovering quite well and out and about again." **Susie Berry**

MISSING..... A book titled **Rain Water** is missing from the Bluffton Library books that they bring for us to read. Would you please check around your home to see if you might have had it. Thanks a lot. **Bluffton Librarian**



WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS.....

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Louise Reichenbach Roberta Knipp Nancy Schneck



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- Bob Hashbarger.

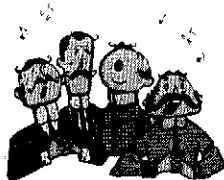


JUNE DINNER MEETING

The Senior Center was decorated Monday evening, June 13th with red, white, and blue flags as our decorations. **Kay and Marline Burkholder** were our hostesses. The food was catered by **Anita's Kitchen**, from Ada. We had oven fried chicken with the trimmings. **Bob Painter** was our M.C. and did a terrific job. He shared some jokes along with some history regarding the flag. **Bob** then asked us all to recite the "Pledge of Allegiance" to the flag.

After acknowledging June birthdays/anniversaries; **Tonya** gave an up-date on her future trips; the community meal; bingo schedule and about the 150th birthday celebration for Bluffton. **Bob** mentioned his trips for the year and then introduced the group for our program. They were five men from Bluffton/Pandora, "**First Grace**": **Ray Rayburn, Darryl Nexter, Jeff Boehr, Doug Luginbill and Jeff Lugibihl**. They sang some traditional, some gospel songs and did a terrific job. It was an enjoyable evening and **Bob** wished us a safe trip home

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and hoped to see us all next month.

Bertie Swank



TONYA'S MYSTERY TRIP, May 12, 2011

Fifteen happy travelers boarded the Senior Citizens' bus and left Bluffton early (8:10 a.m.) on Thursday morning, May 12. Heading south on I-75, we started guessing where we might be going today. We played bingo as we traveled along. It was a bright sunny day and no threat of rain. (What a change!)

Coming into Dayton, we were greeted with the bright orange barrels, so they are still working to widen I-75. On the south edge of Dayton, we turned off and entered the **Carillon Historical Park**. I'm sure that many of you have seen the tall tower on the east side of I-75 as you travel south. The park has 25 exhibit buildings and structures located on a 65 acres campus. We enjoyed our tour of the many buildings.

At noon, we were treated to a delightful lunch on the grounds. After lunch, we boarded the bus and traveled to our next stop which was the **Sun Watch Indian Village Archaeological Park** which is located along the **Great Miami River**. We saw Indian huts (not tents) that have been reconstructed in a village in 1988. Our two tour guides provided us with a lot of interesting information. This place can be found: www.sunwatch.org.

Back on the bus, we found our way through town to our next stop which was the **Wright Brothers Cycle Company** building at 22 W. Williams St., Dayton, OH. Our guide met us at the bus and welcomed us to the site. Printing was the first venture undertaken by the **Wright Brothers** in 1889. Then in the year of 1892, the **Wright brothers** became interested in bicycles and we were able to view a few of the very first bicycles. **Wilbur** then took a passive interest in the challenge of flight during 1896 and 1897. While at the museum, we were treated to an interesting film on how the airplane was invented. The museum was filled with many interesting exhibits. All of these places are located at the south edge of Dayton and would be a very interesting 'day' trip for your family to experience.

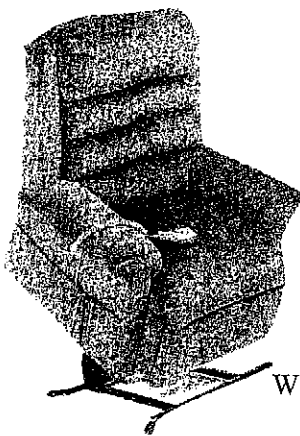
The sun was going down in the west, so it was time to head back home. We made a short stop at **Wendys'** for a bite to eat. (We didn't want to cook supper..) We arrived back in Bluffton shortly after 6:30 p.m. With **Basil** as our bus driver and **Tonya** as the guide, they did a wonderful job and we had a great time. Please plan to go on a mystery trip, sometime, it is a lot of fun.



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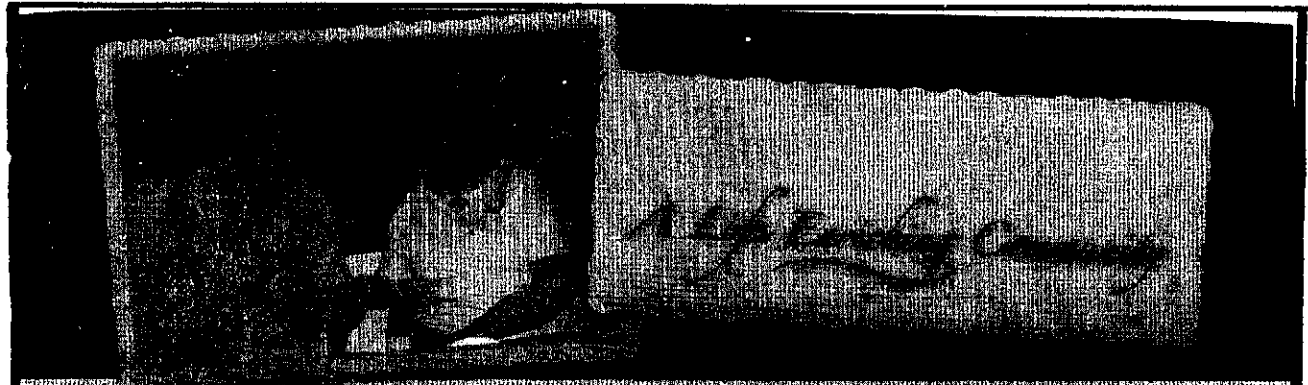
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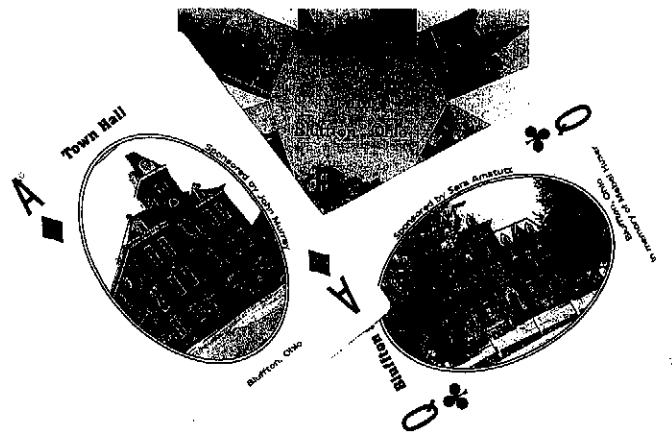
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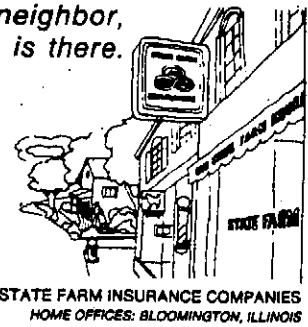
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