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JUNE 2018

- Fri. 1 Dominos, 9:30 a.m.
- Mon. 4 Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
Bingo w/MHCO, 2:30 p.m.
- Tue. 5 **Tonya's Mystery Trip,**
Depart at 7:45 a.m.
Dance, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- Wed. 6 Quilting, Crafts
Potluck, 12 Noon
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
Volunteer Talk, 2:30 p.m.
- Thurs. 7 Euchre, 1 p.m.
Community Meal, 6:00 p.m.
By Menn.Home Communities
- Fri. 8 Dominos, 9:30 a.m.
Movie, 1 p.m.
- Mon. 11 Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
Monthly Dinner, 6 p.m.
Catered by
- Tue. 12 Line Dance Class, 3 p.m.
Dance, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- Wed. 13 Quilting, Crafts
Potluck, 12 Noon
Deb's Workshop, 1 p.m.
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
- Thurs. 14 Euchre, 1 p.m.
- Fri. 15 **Bob's Mystery trip,**
Departs at 9:30 a.m.



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- Fri. 15 Dominos, 9:30 a.m.
- Mon. 18 Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
Bingo w/Brookdale, 2:30 p.m.
**CRAFT SUPPLY SALES –
ALL WEEK!!!!**
- Tue. 19 Dance, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- Wed. 20 Quilting, Crafts
Potluck, 12 Noon
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
- Thurs. 21 Euchre, 1 p.m.
Community Meal, 6 p.m.
By St.John UCC
- Fri. 22 Dominos, 9:30 a.m.
- Mon. 25 Toenail Clinic, 10 a.m.
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
Bingo w/Good Samaritan
At 2:30 p.m.
Western Square Dance class, 6:30 pm
- Tue. 26 Line Dance Class, 3 p.m.
Dance, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- Wed. 27 Quilting, Crafts
Potluck, 12 Noon
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
Elder Abuse Talk, 2:30 p.m.
- Thurs. 28 Euchre, 1 p.m.
- Fri. 29 Dominos, 9:30 a.m.





TIME: Monday, June 11th, 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Bluffton Senior Center

WHAT: Meal catered by Luke's Bar and Grill. They are serving chicken breast, red skin potatoes, green beans, rolls and ice cream. The cost is \$8.50 and tickets need to be reserved by June 6th.

HOSTESS: Bev Painter

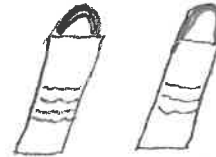
MC: Jim Bemiller

PROGRAM: Fred Steiner will show photos from his new book, "The Bluffton We Never Knew."

In June, Marjorie "Midge" Moser will turn 90 years young. We will celebrate Midge's Birthday at the June Dinner Meeting with a Red Rose and her Life Membership. Congratulations Midge.



HOBBY CENTER



Phyllis George's display of Lighthouses got me in the mood for summer. Thank you Phyllis for sharing. In June, Bob Sehlhorst, owner of the Bluffton Slaw Cutter, co. will display his collection of slaw cutters. Come and check it out. If you have a collection, hobby or art work that you would be willing to share, please let Tonya know, 419-358-8971.



VOLUNTEER TALK

Wednesday, June 6th at 2:30 p.m., Miranda Ridenow from the Area Agency on Aging 3 will be at the Bluffton Senior Center to talk about the **Retired Senior Volunteer Program**. This is one of the largest volunteer networks in the nation for people 55 and over. You can use skills and talents you've learned over the years, or develop new ones while serving in a variety of volunteer activities within your community. Come and hear about these exciting opportunities.

ELDER ABUSE TALK



Wednesday, June 27th at 2:30 p.m., Ann from the Area Agency on Aging 3 will be at the Bluffton Senior Center to talk about **Elder Abuse**. What is **Elder Abuse** and what can you do if someone is being abused or if you just suspect abuse. Come and learn more in this FREE program.

MOVIE TIME



It is summer movie time and our first movie will be **Florence Foster Jenkins**, on **Friday, June 8 at 1 p.m.** The inspirational true story of a New York heiress and socialite who obsessively pursued her dream of becoming a great singer but she didn't have the voice. A very fun movie graded PG. Bring your friends!!





COACH TRIPS WITH TONYA

Mystery Trip June 5th We will depart Bluffton at 7:45 a.m. on our way to somewhere fun. Lunch is included. \$70.00 due May 8th.

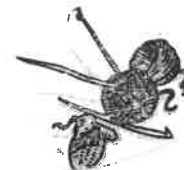
NEW Food Tour Aug. 9th Everything is food related. Our tour will start at a Jelly and Jam making factory with a free sample. The next stop is a Chocolate Shop with a free sample. Lunch is at the Blueberry Patch. Choose from chicken salad on a bed of lettuce with a blueberry muffin, quiche with a blueberry muffin or soup and salad with lemon-blueberry bread. Next, we visit Guggisberg Cheese factory and get a sample of their Baby Swiss. Our last stop is an ice cream parlor where you can purchase ice cream. Cost is \$84.00 due July 9th. Depart 7:45 AM and return approx. 7:30 PM.

Scotland, England and Wales Sept. 10-20, 2018. It is not too late to join us for a great trip to Great Britain. We will fly to Scotland and see where Golf was started. We will visit Stonehenge, Rosslyn Chapel, Tower of London and the birthplace of the Beatles. Brochures are in the office for more details.

Tour cost includes air fare and starts at \$4600.00. Final payment is due June 20th.

Agawa Canyon Sept 30-Oct 3. This tour is currently full. We are taking standby. This trip is limited to 44 people. Tour cost starts at \$799.00. A passport or passport card is required for this trip. Deposit is due now!

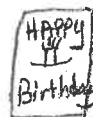
CRAFT SUPPLY SALE



We have too many craft supplies. We are having a sale the week of June 18th – 22nd. If your church, family, or friends need craft supplies, please spread the word!



DEB'S WORKSHOP



Our homemade greeting cards are becoming so popular that **Jean Cook**, our card making volunteer, can hardly keep up. So, **Deb's Workshop** for Wednesday, June 13th, starting at 1 p.m. will be a card making assembly line. No special creative skills are required. Please sign-up so we have enough materials assembled. The cards made will stay at the Center for sale at the shop.

DANCES

The Tuesday Night Dance is every Tuesday night from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. It is free for members and \$1 for non-members. Line Dance classes will be June 12th and 26th at 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$2 for members and \$3 for non-members. Western Square Dance class will be June 25th at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$2 for members and \$3 for non-members.



Mystery Trip - June 15th. \$82.00 (Due by May 15th.)

ShowTime presents "A Tribute to the Legendary Patsy Cline"

July 10th at the Der Dutchman, Plain City, Ohio

Cost \$75.00 (due June 1st)

Please note the change of date on the Chattanooga Choo Choo

This change was made by the Tennessee Valley Railroad

I trust this will not affect your participation.

Chattanooga Choo Choo, 4 days, 3 nights — July 31 to Aug. 3rd

\$680.00 due June 1st

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"Annie" at LaComedia 0N August 16, CANCELED

ShowTime presents Ron Retzer Trio "Sounds of the Sixties"

Oct. 4th at the Der Dutchman, Plain City.

Cost \$75.00 due Sept 4th

ShowTime presents the Taylor Family Trio - Accomplished Harpist Tiffany Envid

Dec. 4th at the Der Dutchman Plain City

Cost \$75.00 due Nov. 4th

THANK YOU...."Thanks for all the cards, prayers, and good wishes while I was sick. May God bless you all. You are a great bunch of people!"

Rosemary Meyer

The next Toenail Clinic with **Dr. Kirk** will be June 25th at 10 a.m. Appointments can be made by calling **419-358-8971**. Cost is **\$10.00**.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS...

Bill McKibben, Bluffton Mark & Rita Hershberger, Lima Marvin & Gloria Diller, Bluffton
Larry & Barbara Kinn, Bluffton Dave & Valarie Campbell, Bluffton

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

Carlene Nusbaum Bob Painter Rosemary Meyer Phyllis George

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

- Lloyd Paul;
- Charlotte Brauneller on the death of her brother.

AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA HISTORICAL LECTURE'S

The Bluffton Senior Center will be hosting talks from the **Hancock Historical Society** once a month on the second Monday of the month. The first talk will be July 9th at 3 p.m. At each talk there will be a sign-in sheet. We ask that you sign-in because we are paying the **Historical Society** and the **board** wishes to justify the expense. To help cover the cost, we will have a donation bucket next to the sign-in sheet. Will talk about ice cream.

YOU ARE GETTING A NEW MEDICARE CARD

Medicare will mail new Medicare cards between **April 2018 and April 2019**. Your card will have a new Medicare Number instead of a Social Security number. Make sure your mailing address is up to date so you get your new card. Visit sss.gov/myaccount or call **1-800-772-1213** to correct your mailing address.

Persons living in Ohio will receive their cards after June 2018. Visit Medicare.gov for the latest updates. This new card will help to keep information more secure and help protect against identity fraud. Beware of anyone who contacts you about your new Medicare card.

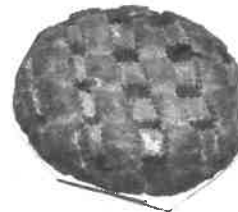
LIBRARY NEWS

In June, the Library will highlight **Lori Wick**. **Lori Wick** is an author of Christian Romance novels. **Ms. Wick** writes a combination of historically based novels and present day. In our library, you will normally find her books both in general fiction and in westerns. But in June, they will be in the featured section.



AMISH LAND EXCURSION

APRIL 24-27, 2018



Tuesday, April 24th, 42 Senior Citizen's boarded a bus which was going to Lancaster, PA. Bev Painter welcomed everyone and hoped they would have a good trip followed by a short prayer. Debbie, our bus driver, drove the bus out of the parking lot and headed east for Highway 30. As we left Bluffton, it was raining and seemed to follow us most of the way to PA. Stopping for rest stops and snacks, lunch, and continued east, we arrived about 6:15 p.m. at Shady Maple Smorgasbord at East Earl, PA. (heart of Lancaster County). They sort of brag that they have the largest smorgasbord that has 100 daily items to choose from (traditional meats, 14 vegetables and grilled specialties), traditional Pennsylvania "Dutch" cooking, with a "special" meat item each day. The restaurant feeds about 3000 people each week day and Friday/Saturday up to 9000 people with closed on Sundays. The basement has a very large store (40,000 sq.ft.) of unique gifts. If you felt hungry after the meal, it was your own fault. Back on the bus and heading to Lancaster to our hotel for three nights, Heritage Hotel Lancaster, off Interstate 30. A quiet bus as we returned to the hotel having full stomachs.

Wednesday morning, up bright and early, we were scheduled for a 7:15 a.m. breakfast. At 8:30 a.m., back on the road again going to Kitchen Kettle Village at Intercourse, PA. to pick up our tour guide, Shirley. We had a very enjoyable and interesting (3 hour) tour of the countryside with Amish homesteads; one room schools and would see children playing outside; stopped at a Bake Shop ran by the Groff family outside of the town, Bird-in-Hand. Even met a few horse and buggies and saw wash hanging out on porches and the clothes line that moves on a pulley fastened on the house to a post or barn. About 12 noon, we arrived back to Kitchen Kettle village for lunch and time to walk around to check out the little shops before going to see the play, "Jesus." This village has 50 unique shops with restaurants and even lodging. During the year they have six special "holiday" or "entertainment" programs for people to attend. Around 2:15 p.m. we arrived at the Millennium theatre for the "Sight & Sound", "Jesus." It started at 3 p.m. and lasted for about 2 ½ hours. There is no way I can write about such an overwhelming production that we experienced! The life story started with a boat of men fishing at Galilee and continued his life experiences up through the resurrection and ascension with ending with the Pentecost. It was mentioned in the publicity that it took over three years to first set up this production. The director/producer stated that this isn't a history lesson on the most famous person ever to walk the earth; not necessarily a story of Jesus' life; but a story of Jesus' love, which we believe, is life! Actors/Actresses, stage props, animals, and music and all the etc's were OUTSTANDING!!! I truly went away feeling excited, exhausted, and continued reliving all the different scenes. (The auditorium holds 2000 people and was full that day.) This is one show I would suggest to try and see and worth the expense of the ticket and drive to Ronks, PA. in Lancaster Co. It's there until January 5, 2019. About 5:30 p.m. we went next door to the Hershey Farm Restaurant and were served a family style meal. It was chicken and ham plus the trimmings included pie and homemade ice cream and the famous "Shoo-fly-pie." On the way back to the hotel, bus was again very quiet remembering scenes from the show along with a "full" stomach.

Thursday was a beautiful, sunny, warm day! Headed north towards Krieder's Dairy Farm located at Manheim, PA. It is under the third generation leadership of Ron Krieder, with 475 dedicated people working there with the 3,000 acre farm. The dairy operation houses 1,700 cows and calves; plus the poultry operation with 6 million chickens that lay eggs for selling. They supply retail and wholesale customers with fresh milk, ice cream and eggs. Chickens lay 1.8 million eggs a day. They have 60 thousand (free range) chickens in one house laying brown eggs. After 1 year, chickens are replaced and usually weigh from 3 to 4 lbs. and used for chicken soup. Then there are 40 semis delivering the 18 week old new chickens to their barn. The guide said it is quite a sight to see

them all arrive at one time. The cows are all Holstein, are labeled "clean" because they receive no shots or additives in their feed; and are milked around the clock (you might say) at 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. - 2 a.m.; entering a spot to ride on the carousel that moves very slow while being milked; and milk goes through a tube to the holding tank keeping it cold and then a tank truck hauls it to a processing building where it is pasteurized and packaged in bottles and jugs. While watching this all, we received a small bottle of chocolate milk which was tasty. This milk has been "blessed" by a Rabbi who lives on the farm. There are two of them and one works during the day and the other at night. They have added a silo that was by another barn and moved closer to the dairy sheds. People can walk the stairs to the top (172 steps) and see over the Kreider's valley. A few of our people did just that! They said it wasn't too bad. Right!!! At 11 a.m. we loaded back up and took the guide back to the Welcome Center and headed to Lititz, PA. Here is where the famous Wilbur Chocolate store and Museum are. The museum wasn't open but the store was and after lunch, we all stopped by and bought a few items. Walked in the store and one could smell "chocolate." Quite a few Wilbur bags were present on the bus. Ha! For lunch, one could eat wherever they wanted or just sit on a bench and watch people and enjoy the warm sunshine. About 2:10 p.m. the bus left for the Barnyard Gallery to listen to and watch Elva Hurst, artist, do a "Chalk Talk." She shared her life story growing up in an Amish family that was very strict. She always loved to draw and that wasn't really accepted and so her and her boyfriend, who was Amish too and wanted to be an airplane pilot, decided to leave their families and go to Oklahoma. Here they got their training for the things they wanted to do, then married and raised a family and decided to return to the area and live close to their relatives even if shunned. She was drawing a countryside scene while talking and was unbelievable! Rolled it up and sent it back with us to display at the Senior Center. It is being framed and will be hanging soon in the Center. Stop and enjoy the beautiful sight!

Thursday evening we went to the "Dutch" Apple Theater for the dinner show titled, "Show Boat." (A secret—it was just around the corner from our hotel and the bus driver drove us there so NO one would fall walking over there. We all truly appreciated that very much.) Here we had a choice of three main meats—prime rib, pork loin, trout, and a macaroni dish with the trimmings and a dessert. Wow, the plates were full and NO ONE left feeling that they didn't get enough food. Several little "white" boxes went back to the hotel room with several. After the meal, most of us enjoyed the musical (but some felt a little different). It took place during a time period that spans 40 years from 1887 to 1927; a difficult time in American history including racial prejudice. Some of the language was harsh but that was used at that time. Several songs were familiar to us: "Ol Man River", "Only Make Believe", and "Can't Help Lovin Dat Man". The actors and actresses did very good. When finished, we returned to our room and packed suitcases for loading at 8 a.m. Friday morning. Had breakfast at 7:15 a.m., back on the bus and left the parking lot at 8:45 a.m. for Ohio. Most of the morning everyone seemed rather quiet and looking over the group, it seemed like a lot of them were sleeping, like I was. About noon or so, we stopped for lunch and had several choices with a 45 minute limit and back on the road again. At 6:30 p.m. or so, we arrived in the parking lot behind the Sr. Center and people were gathering up their "goodies" and saying good-bye to old friends and to the new friends and pick up their luggage. To me, it always seems a little strange when we arrive and have to think that we are home and back to the usual routine of our lives. As usual, many thanks go to Bev and Bob for all they did for us on the trip: the delicious homemade cookies, bottle water and coffee, quizzes to entertain us, and the candy treats. As usual, we are very thankful for the safe trip and look forward to the next trip. One last question that needs an answer: "Does anyone know where Jerry Althaus is?"

by Shirley Sommer

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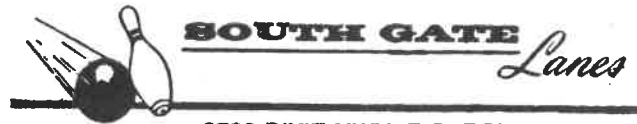


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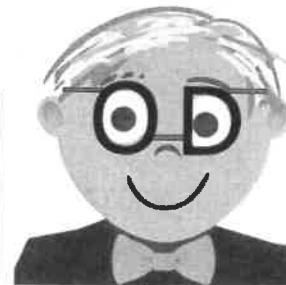
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