

May

2021

Bluffton Senior Center

Together

We can't gather like this photo yet but check out the list of things that we can do. Activities are still limited in number of people and we must stay 6 feet apart. Come and have some distance fun together.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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30	31 Closed Memorial Day					

As always, activities are subject to change. Call 419-358-8971 for updates.



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I am vaccinated! It makes me feel so much safer even though I don't go many places or see many people outside of the Senior Center and I still wear my mask. Someone recently told me that I didn't need to put a mask on for them. I responded that I wear a mask as a sign of respect for the people I am around more than anything else. I don't think I am a carrier and I don't feel like most of the people that I am around are carriers of harmful germs but out of respect for their health and my family's health and my own health, I will continue to wear a mask around people outside of my inner circle. As far as the Senior Center is concerned, the state still requires face coverings inside the building along with social distancing and hand sanitizing. We are still waiting on updated guidelines on group sizes, activity restrictions and trip permissions. If we wish to stay open, we need to follow all the guidelines from the state so please be patient and mask up.

REMEMBER If you are sick or not feeling well or if you have been around someone who is showing symptoms of COVID-19 or if you are waiting on a COVID test or if you have been traveling out of state to a highly effected area, we ask that you refrain from coming into the Senior Center to help protect other members and the staff. THANK YOU.

90th BIRTHDAYS

In May, Anita Huber and Sara McCune will each turn 90 years young. Unfortunately, we can't celebrate together yet. We will make sure that Sara and Anita get their life membership and red rose. Congratulations ladies.

SENIOR BREAKFAST

The Bluffton Exempted Village Schools is going to have a Senior Citizen Breakfast on Friday, May 14 at 8:30 a.m. in the Middle School parking lot. The jazz band will be entertaining. Breakfast will probably be a simple affair and may be served in a sack. They have not yet announced a rain date. These young artists have not been able to perform live for over a year so come out and enjoy a live performance. The Bluffton Senior Center will be sponsoring the breakfast.

CLOSINGS

The Senior Center will be closed on Monday, May 31 in observance of Memorial Day.

FRED STEINER TO SPEAK AT CENTER

We are bringing speakers back beginning with our own Fred Steiner on Wednesday, May 5 and Thursday, May 13 at 10 a.m. Because of COVID restrictions, we can only allow 10 people to attend at a time so Fred will present the same program twice. **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.** Please call 419-358-8971 to make your reservation. Fred Steiner will provide readings from his recent book "Bluffton Anthology, A Creek Runs Through It." The book includes dozens of short essays and stories about Bluffton, contributed from 12 Bluffton authors and from Steiner. You'll discover that in junior high Ben Luginbuhl beat Ben Roethlisberger, eventual Pittsburgh Steeler's quarterback, in a game of "Horse." John Triplehorn sat on the OSU bench with some frozen rabbits during the famous 1950 OSU-Michigan football snow bowl game. Richard Minck may have created jewelry for Marlon Brando. Lots more stories like these are in the book. The book will be available signed by Steiner at the program. The book with tax cost \$26.65.

HOBBY CENTER

The Caramel Slag Glass display by Sheila Niswander was beautiful. I hope you had a chance to see it. In May, we will have a surprise display. Stop and see it. If you have a collection, hobby or artwork that you would be will to share, let Tonya know.

BOARD MEETING

We will have a Board Meeting at the Senior Center on Thursday May 27 at 1:30 p.m. So that the board can meet in person and socially distant, the Senior Center will be closed the hour of the meeting.

ACTIVITIES AT THE CENTER

We are bringing back as many activities as we can safely. If there is an activity that you miss and we have not brought back, please talk to Tonya. Members have helped us come up with safe ways to do the things that they wanted to do. We are open to your suggestions.

BINGO

We are bringing Bingo back on Monday May 10 at 2:30 p.m. There is a limit of 10 players and **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.** Please call 419-358-8971 to make your reservation. Please do not arrive more than 10 minutes before the game starts. Please wear a mask. If your friends who are not members wish to play, they will need reservations and will have to give us their address and phone number when they register for contact tracing purposes.

LINE DANCE CLASS

The next Line Dance Classes will be Tuesday, May 11 and 25 at **11 a.m.** The class is limited to 10 people. **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.** Please call 419-358-8971 to make your reservation. Masks must be worn into the building but can be removed for the dancing. Please do not arrive more than 10 minutes before the class starts. Cost is \$2 for members and \$3 for non-members.

DOMINOES

Mexican Train Dominoes is on Fridays at 9:30 a.m. There will only be four people allowed at a table. Masks will be required at all times. We will have hand sanitizer on each table and recommend that it be used often. **Reservations are required** so that we have a space for everyone. **NO SNACKING** will be allowed during the game but we recommend that players bring their own water bottles.

JAM SESSIONS

Jam Sessions with Charlie Saylor are Wednesday, May 12 and 26 at 2:30 p.m. The group is limited to ten people and MASKS MUST BE WORN at ALL TIMES. The Mask must cover the nose and mouth. Listeners are welcome.

EXERCISE CLASS

Exercise class with Joy will be every Monday and Wednesday in May at 1:30 p.m. as long as we all stay healthy. Only 10 people may be in a class at a time so **reservations are required.** All equipment used must be sanitized after use so please don't put it away. Masks must be worn into the building but may be taken off during the exercise.

DULCIMERS

The Rainbow Dulcimer group practices at the Senior Center on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. If you wish to listen to them practice, we ask that you sit away from the group for COVID distance practices.

EUCHRE

The Senior Center has table dividers and plays euchre on Thursdays at 1 p.m. Please call ahead and make a reservation. We will have hand sanitizer on the table and recommend that it be used often. **Reservations are required** so that we have a space for everyone. **NO SNACKING** will be allowed during the game but we recommend that players bring their own water bottles.

TOENAIL CLINIC

Our next toenail clinic is set for Monday, May 24, at 10 a.m. If you want an appointment for May, call 419-358-8971. You must have an appointment to be seen on that day. Cost of the clinic is \$10 due the day of the clinic. Please do not come more than 10 minutes ahead of time and please wear a mask.

COMMUNITY MEALS

The Community Meal on May 6 with St. John's United Church of Christ will continue as a drive through behind the Senior Center in May. Please enter from the Family Dollar side of the alley and exit behind the police station. The May 20 Community Meal with Mennonite Home Communities at 6 p.m. will be served at Maple Crest out their front door.

Thank You

A special thank you to all my friends at the senior center for your kind thoughts and prayers of sympathy at the passing of my brother Donald Sigler. Hope to see you all soon.

Mike and Judy Erven

Thank you to all who helped with our annual garage sale. It was a big success. We could not have done it without you.

Tonya Meyer

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Elsie Feister on the death of her brother

Arts and Craft Festival

The Arts and Craft Festival for 2021 is on hold at this time. This is usually one of our smaller fundraisers. We lost four fundraising opportunities last year. We are looking for new fundraising ideas. Let Tonya know if you have any new ideas.

COVID-19 VACCINES

If you or someone you love needs the vaccine, the state website for vaccines is now up and running. Go to gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov and put in your zip code. You will be directed to vaccine clinics in your area. If you do not have internet access or just want help, call or stop by and we can help. You will need your Medicare and insurance cards handy.

TRIPS

As of the printing of this newsletter, we are still waiting on the state to give us the go-a-head to start planning day trips. Stay tuned for updates and changes.

BUS TRIPS WITH DEBBIE

Since we can't do day trips at this time, Debbie has been coming up with short trips that you can do on your own. Flyers are available at the Senior Center for each outing with restaurant recommendations and phone numbers for calling ahead. Debbie has been doing a lot of research and has some new trips for you to consider. Hopefully soon, she will be planning actual Day Trips.

COACH TRIPS WITH TONYA

Wisconsin's Northwoods Aug 28 – Sept 3, 2021 Join us on a trip to find the hidden treasures of the famed Northwoods. We will visit a ginseng farm, a cranberry bog and will have supper where John Dillinger's gang had a shootout. A \$250.00 deposit is due at the time of sign up and prices start at \$1777. Brochures are available at the Senior Center.

New England Rails and Resorts October 3-11, 2021 The new brochures are in at the Senior Center. The trip is full at this time but we are taking stand by. A \$250.00 deposit is due at the time of sign up.

Life is not about waiting for the storm to pass. It is about learning to dance in the rain.

If you are suffering from depression or know someone who is, don't wait to get help. Call 1-800-567-4673 to talk to a professional.

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