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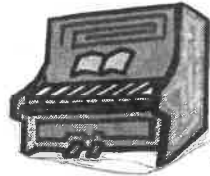
### OCTOBER 2018

- Mon. 1 Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.  
Bingo w/MHCO, 2:30 p.m.
- Tue. 2 Line Dance Class, **Cancelled!**  
Dance, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- Wed. 3 Quilting, Crafts  
Potluck, 12 Noon  
Massage, 12:30 p.m.  
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.  
Agawa tour returns.
- Thurs. 4 Bus trip to Ron Retzer,  
Depart at 8:45 a.m.  
Bowling, 9:30 a.m.  
Euchre, 1 p.m.  
Community Meal, 6 p.m. by  
Bluffton's Lions Club
- Fri. 5 Dominos, 9:30 a.m.
- Mon. 8 Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.  
History Talk, 3 p.m.  
Monthly Dinner Meeting, 6 p.m.  
Catered by Mt.Cory Meth.Church
- Tue. 9 Dance, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- Wed. 10 Flu Shot Clinic, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.  
Quilting, Crafts  
Potluck Meal, 12 noon  
Deb's Workshop, 1 p.m.  
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
- Thurs. 11 Bowling, 9:30 a.m.  
OVAL w/Debbie Mayers,  
10 a.m.  
Euchre, 1 p.m.
- Fri. 12 Dominos, 9:30 a.m.
- Mon. 15 OVAL w/Elaine Wehri, 10 am  
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.  
Bingo w/Elmcroft, 2:30 p.m.



- Tue. 16 Line Dance Class, 3 p.m.  
Dance, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- Wed. 17 Quilting, Crafts  
Potluck 12 Noon,  
Massage, 12:30 p.m.  
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.  
AARP Get Out to Vote, 2:30 p.m.
- Thurs. 18 Bowling, 9:30 a.m.  
Euchre, 1 p.m.  
Community Meal, 6 p.m.  
English Lutheran Church
- Fri. 19 Dominos, 9:30 a.m.
- Mon. 22 Toenail Clinic, 10 a.m.  
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.  
Bingo w/Good Samaritan  
2:30 p.m.  
Western Square Dance, 6:30 p.m.
- Tue. 23 SERS 12 p.m. – 3 p.m.  
Dance, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- Wed. 24 Quilting, Crafts  
OVAL w/Daniel Hodges, 10 am  
Potluck 12 Noon  
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
- Thurs. 25 Bowling, 9:30 a.m.  
OVAL w/Duane Bollenbacher,  
10 a.m.  
Euchre, 1 p.m.
- Fri. 26 Dominos, 9:30 a.m.
- Mon. 29 OVAL w/Lynn Miller, 10 am  
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
- Tue. 30 Line Dance, 3 p.m.  
Dance, 6 p.m. 8 p.m.
- Wed. 31 Quilting, Crafts  
Potluck, 12 Noon  
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.





**SEPTEMBER DINNER MEETING**

**TIME: Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup> , 6:00 p.m.**

**PLACE;** Bluffton Senior Center

**WHAT:** Meal catered by Mt. Cory Methodist Church. They are serving potato fluff, corn, applesauce, roll and homemade pie. Price **\$8.00** each. Need to know by **Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

**HOSTESS: Becky Marshall and Diane Cook**

**MC: Roger Edwards**

**PROGRAM: Dakota Clay**



**HOBBY CENTER**

**Joyce & John Harris**, three face glassware, added a touch of elegance to the Senior Center. Thank you for sharing. In October, we will display some of our treasures from the Scotland, England, and Wales trip. If you have a hobby, craft, or collection that you would be willing to share, please let us know.



**BOWLING**

Don't forget to come out and bowl with us every **Thursday at 9:30 AM** at the Southgate Lanes in Bluffton.

**DEB'S WORKSHOP**

**Wednesday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>, at 1 p.m.**

**Deb's Workshop** for Wednesday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. will be a make and take with **Connie Kruse** of the **Town & Country Flowers**. The Center has collected a number of grapevine wreaths and other fall decorations. **Connie** will show us how to decorate the wreaths. You will get to take your finished product home. The cost is **\$3.00**.



**FLU SHOT CLINIC**

**ONU Health Wise Pharmacy** will off a **Flu Shot Clinic** at the Bluffton Senior Center on **Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.** Most insurances cover the cost of getting the flu vaccine. Remember to wear clothing that allows the pharmacist to access the upper part of your arm and bring your insurance card and your Medicare card.

**TIME FOR YOUR MESSAGE**

Rachel Hohenbrink from Time For Your Massage has been coming to the Bluffton Senior Center doing chair massages for the last eight months or so. We now have her on our regular schedule. Rachel will be at the Senior Center on the first and third Wednesday of every month at 12:30 p.m. She will give chair massages or hand massages until 2:30 p.m. or till she is done, whichever comes first. She has to leave by 2:30 p.m. because she has children in school and needs to be home when they get home. She will give the massage for **FREE** or you coan put money in her tip jar. Thank you, **Rachel!**



COACH TRIPS WITH TONYA

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. We will depart at 7 AM.

2019

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat April 11, 2018 LaComedia will present this fun look at the Old Testament Story. Join us for a delicious meal and great musical entertainment. Cost is \$82.00 for members, \$100 for non-members, due March 11<sup>th</sup>.

Great Canadian Cities May 13 - 20, 2019 Kingston and 1000 Islands, Montreal, Quebec City and Ottawa are some of the highlight for this trip. Brochures available at the Senior Center.

Colorado's Vintage Railways Sept. 8 - 16, 2019 We will be riding four different trains through the Rocky Mountains. Brochures coming soon.

2020



Oberammergau May 2020... I know this seems really early but in order to get tickets to the Passion play, you have to buy them early. We will be taking a small group to join a larger group in Europe. Trip will include transportation from Bluffton. Brochures are coming soon. Price starts at \$5437.

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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 Oct 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$2 for members and \$3 for non-members. Western Square Dance class will be Oct 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$2 for members and \$3 for non-members.

TOENAIL CLINIC

The next Toenail Clinic with Dr. Kirk will be Oct 29<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. Appointments can be made by calling 419-358-8971. Cost is \$10.00.

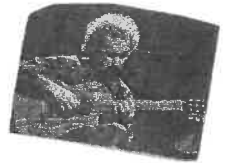


ShowTime presents the Ron Retzer Trio featuring "SOUNDS OF THE SIXTIES".

October 4th at Der Dutchman in Plain City, OH Cost \$75.00 (Due 9/16/18).

Enjoy a family style lunch featuring chicken, roast beef, scrumptious pie etc.

This exciting new show is certain to have you hand clappin' and toe tappin'.



Visit the Holmes County Amish on October 16<sup>th</sup> 2018. (Fee due 9/16/18).

Smuckers, Uhm-m-good, An Amish buffet lunch followed by a new State-of-the-Art Amish

Comedy Theater presentation of "SWINE and DANDY". We'll finish the day at

Walnut Creek Cheese Company where you can shop and purchase supper (on your own).

Sandwiches, ice cream etc. available. Enjoy, then head for Bluffton, Ohio.

ShowTime presents "The SPIRIT of CHRISTMAS" featuring THE TAYLORS

on Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> 2018. \$75.00 due by November 5, 2018 Another fabulous lunch at

Der Dutchman in Plain City followed by the return of the Taylor Family as they lift their voices

in "Celebration of the REASON for The SEASON" .

Also, included is Accomplished Harpist, Tiffany Envid.



(The last of the Chattanooga story from page 7)

she passed out and it truly was a "thinking" game but did have several winners, not me! About 2 p.m. or so, we stopped again at **Cracker Barrel** for our dinner and was able to use up our credit card from the other day when we ate which was nice. People started to check their watches and to see how many hours left until Bluffton and we did arrive safe and sound about 7:30 p.m. Again, we thank **Bob and Bev** for taking care of our needs on the trip, especially the **homemade cookies**; **Larry** for the safe driving the bus; and time visiting with new friends and visiting the old friends we knew before the trip.

**Shirley Sommer**



**WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS...**

Bobbie Hamman, Lima

Teresa Williams, Bluffton

Jane Shank, Findlay

Dianna Reis, Bluffton

Sue Dorsey, Bluffton

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

Ellen Core

Sharon Grieser

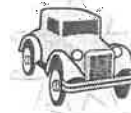


**WE EXPRESS OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

- Gordon Miller,
  - David Pletcher,
  - Sharon Locke,
  - Leland Badertscher.
- Kenneth Wiley (Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>)



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**HISTORICAL LECTURE'S**



The next talk will be **Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m.** and the subject will be **Drive Track Auto Industry.** The **Hancock Historical Society** offer the talks once a month on the **second Monday of the month.** 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.

**MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT**



**October 15 to December 7, 2018 is Medicare Open Enrollment.** Checking your plan could save you money!! Plans change every year and if you are on new medications, it could make a big difference in your plan. Make an appointment with your insurance agent or check with our **County Council on Aging. Allen County Council on Aging is 419-228-6135.**



**CHRISTMAS GARAGE SALE**

Our **Annual Christmas Garage Sale** is **November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.** Please bring in any Christmas item for the sale by **November 7<sup>th</sup>** so they can be priced. As for our big Garage Sale in February. Our basement is **FULL!** We will continue to take items from our members but not non-members until January. **Thank you.**



**PEANUT BRITTLE**

It is almost time to start making our famous **Peanut Brittle.** We will start **Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m.** Please mark your calendars.





**OVAL**

Our Version of Adult Learning classes are designed to stimulate the mind and offer a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Everyone is welcomed. We ask that you sign in for each class to help us with our record keeping.

Thursday, October 11 at 10 a.m., Debbie Mayers, a genealogy and family history researcher and lecturer will present "Copus Hill: A Tragedy in Ohio History." A bit of Ohio History from the War of 1812, emphasizing the massacre at Copus Hill and the role of Reverend James Copus in Ohio History, presented in costume as Sarah Copus Vail, last living child of Reverend Copus. Cost for this class is \$3 for members and \$4 for non-members. Registration is requested.

Monday, October 15 at 10 a.m., Elaine Wehri will present "Auctioneering." Elaine is a very interesting speaker. She is also a realtor and accordion player. Come hear about how she got into auctioneering, what makes a good auctioneer and why she enjoys it. Registration is requested. No fee, we will have the donation basket to help cover expenses.

Wednesday, October 24 at 10 a.m., Daniel Hodges, a Naturalist from Johnny Appleseed Metro Park District will present "Reptiles." Daniel will bring some of his little friends so don't miss out. Registration is requested. No fee, we will have the donation basket to help cover expenses.

Thursday, October 25 at 10 a.m., our own Duane Bollenbacher will present "Math and Logic, Fun and Games." Duane is a math teacher and has always enjoyed math and logic games. Get ready for some hands on fun as Duane shows you the games. Don't worry, we will provide the pencils. Registration is requested. No fee, we will have the donation basket to help cover expenses.

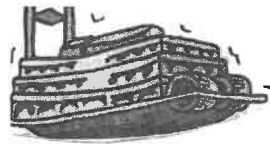
Monday, October 29 at 10 a.m., our own Lynn Miller will present his book "The Power of Enough: Finding Contentment." Lynn has been a pioneer in the study of firstfruits theology and its application to a life of faith. Lynn is also the author of the books "Firstfruits Living" and "Just in Time: Stories of God's Extravagance." Come and see if Lynn can challenge your thinking. Registration is requested. No fee, we will have the donation basket to help cover expenses.

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**THANK YOU....**"Thanks to everyone for your card and kind thoughts for us at this most difficult time." **Sylvia & sons, James, John, Paul**

**THANK YOU.....** "Thank you for the Life Membership, the rose, and a great meal and fellowship. I appreciated all that was done for me and had a great time!" **George McCune**

"I would like to thank everyone who sent me cards, called me and for prays during my hospital stay and now at home. **Phyllis George**



(trip story continues from September letter- Chattanooga, Tenn.)

Its known as the **World's Steepest Passenger Railway** at a breath taking 72.7% grade straight down or up! The track is almost 1 mile long and a rail car can hold about 36 people. The steel cables each pull 70 tons, each 5,000 feet long and either one is capable of pulling a car up or down if necessary. When one got to the bottom or top, people had to get off and let the other people waiting to get on. When the next car came, then you could get on it and return to top or bottom. It was quite a ride – smooth, slow, and unbelievable!! After gathering everyone back together, and loaded on the bus, we were going to **“Ruby Falls”** located by **Rock City**. It is 145 ft tall and known as the world's tallest underground waterfall, a **nature wonder!** One starts with an elevator ride down 260ft into the cave. A guide leads you through the paths and explains about the different geological formations by the walk way such as: **Cactus, candle, Onyx column, frozen nigari, and Ruby's drapery**. About in this area you are now 1,120 ft underground (the height of the **Empire State building in NY**). Temperature always stays in the 60 degrees and no rain inside but places water is running over the rocks. **Leo Lambert** and a group of fellows crawled into a small opening spending 17 hours on hand and knees before hearing the sound of rushing water. They were awestruck by the waterfall and in honor of his wife, **Ruby**, 87 years ago. In 1930, the falls were established as a tourist attraction, one of a kind. It takes about 1 hour and 20 minutes to see the cave with the falls going and returning back to the elevator. Back to the bus and for me I was so glad to be outside and above ground and even good to see the cloudy skies. Ha!! Ate supper at **Bea's Restaurant in Chattanooga**. It is just an old house like (I believe) remodeled in 1950 by a couple and then operated by them and now by the fourth generation. They serve family style with a southern hospitality. They could serve a total of 184 people, with 8 people to the table and have 23 tables. Being round tables with a large lazy susan in the

middle holding the food of several different items. They treated us like they have known us for years and we were just new! If one left feeling hungry, it was their own fault. On the bus going back to the hotel, it was quiet and I'm sure everyone was tired from a very busy day.

Thursday, about 8:30 a.m. departed for **Blue Ridge, GA**. for a 26 mile round train trip to **Murphy Junction** along the **Toccoa River**. We started and ended at **McCaysville, GA**. (sister city to **Copperhill, TN**) for about two hours to walk around town. About half way down main street, one can see a **Blue Line** that crosses the street and in a parking lot of the IGA Grocery Store, you'll see the names of **GA and TN** on each side of the **Blue Line**. This is very popular here because people can stand here, one foot on one side and the other foot on the other side and you are in two different states at the same time. Wow !! ( **Keith and I** stood there like many others and took our picture.) The river that goes through this town has two names: **GA. it is Toccoa River and TN. it is Ocoee River**. In the railroad car, we all switched sides of the car so you could see what you didn't going the other way. Loaded back on the bus (a few quick got themselves some ice cream, yum!) but just glad to head back to **Chattanooga** for our evening meal on the **Southern Belle** riverboat. It was served buffet style and when done, one could go and sit outside on the deck to watch the scenery go by. It was beautiful out with **NO RAIN** and no wind either. Returned back to shore and on the bus and got our suitcases ready for loading at 7 a.m. on Friday morning.

Friday at 8:30 a.m. we were looking at the hotel for our last time and I'm sure some were anxious to getting back to **Bluffton** or wherever home was. The sun was shining and the bus was quiet for about the first two hours. People were just remembering their time here or just tired and sleeping and glad that they weren't driving in all of the **TRAFFIC!!! Larry**, our driver, sure had the patience and did very well with all the vehicles he dealt with each day. **Bev** had a new game

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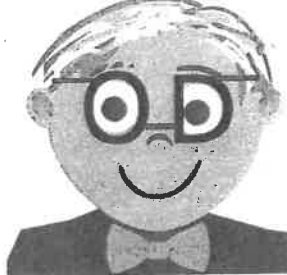


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**AARP Ohio Hosts Voter Issue Forum in Bluffton**

- 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm  
Wednesday, October 17, 2018  
Bluffton Senior Center  
132 N. Main Street  
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**Bluffton, OH** —Join AARP Ohio and members of the Bluffton community for an informative and nonpartisan discussion about the most critical issues facing our state and nation in the 2018 mid-term election. The event is open to all ages and attendees do not have to be AARP members to participate.

"We have a proud 32-year history of non-partisan voter engagement, providing voters with information on where the candidates stand on issues important to our members and their families, so they can make their own decisions on Election Day" said Randolph Baxter, the Volunteer State President for AARP Ohio.

"We urge all candidates to address voters' concerns on issues like Medicare, Social Security, prescription drugs, Medicaid, and caregiving."

For more information or to register for the event, which includes complimentary refreshments please visit [www.aarp.org/oh](http://www.aarp.org/oh) or call toll free by **Tuesday, October 16, 2018 : 1-877-926-8300**. AARP members and all Americans are being encouraged to sign the pledge at [aarp.org/vote](http://aarp.org/vote), and be the deciding difference in this election, and vote.

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