



Bluffton Senior Citizen Center

# Happenings

October 2024

## Larry McCullough and Janice Newton turn 90 Preserving one's family history topic of October dinner meeting

**TIME:** Monday, Oct. 21, at 6 p.m. (one week late)

**PLACE:** Bluffton Senior Center

**WHAT:** The Pandora Lunch Box will cater the meal. We will have baked chicken breast, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, roll and apple crisp. The cost is \$12 and reservations must be made by Oct. 16 so the caterer can prepare.

**MC:** Dianne "Cookie" Cook

**PROGRAM:** Raina Rausch will present a program on Preserving One's Family History.

Larry McCullough and Janice Newton will turn 90 years young in October. We will celebrate Janice and Larry's birthdays at our October dinner meeting with a red rose and Life Membership.

## Medicare 101 program offered Oct. 16 by Allen County Council on Aging

The Allen County Council on Aging will be at the Bluffton Senior Center on Wednesday, Oct. 16, at 2:30 p.m. to present Medicare 101.

This program is a must if you are getting ready to switch to Medicare so you can start to learn about all the options you need to consider so you can make good decisions. It is also helpful to anyone who has questions about Medicare options and how to switch from traditional to advantage plan or back again.

Registration is not required but is helpful so the presenters know how many to plan for.

## And, remember Medicare open enrollment is from Oct. 15 to Dec. 7

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## It's almost time for peanut brittle!

Our peanut brittle is still a crowd favorite and a great fundraiser for the Senior Center. It takes at least 30 volunteers each week to make the sweet candy. New volunteers are always welcomed.

Not everyone can make it every week so we encourage people to come when they can. We will start making the candy on Wednesday, Oct. 28, at 8 a.m. and will continue each Monday morning through November.



## Looking for Christmas garage sale donations; event is Nov. 1 and 2

Our annual Christmas Garage Sale is Friday, Nov. 1, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 2, from 9 a.m. to noon. Set up is Thursday, Oct. 31, at 10:30 a.m. after Tai Chi class. Clean up is Saturday, Nov. 2, at noon.

Please have your Christmas donations brought to the Senior Center by Wednesday, Oct. 30, so they can be priced before the sale starts. A sign-up sheet for volunteers will be in the office. Thank you in advance to all our wonderful volunteers.

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## Vaccination clinic here Oct. 28

The Allen County Health Department will offer a vaccine clinic at the Bluffton Senior Center on Monday, Oct. 28 from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

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## OUR SYMPATHY

Tom Sandy on the death of his mother

## THANK YOU


### Dear Friends,

Thank you for pushing me out the door, to the hospital. Many thanks to all of you!

**Love, Thelma Page**

## MEMORIALS


The Bluffton Senior Center has been gifted with a donation from John and Barb Deeds in memory of Evelyn Reese. We will record Evelyn's name in our Memorial Book so all can see how much she meant to us.



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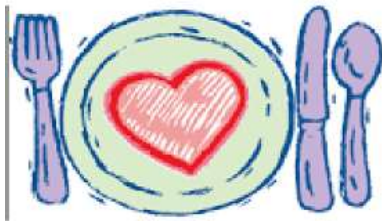
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## Make your appointment for October toenail clinic

Our next toenail clinic with Dr. Kirk is Monday, Oct. 28, starting at 9:30 a.m. An appointment is needed to have your toenails trimmed.

Please call 419-358-8971 to make an appointment. A \$10 fee is due at the time of the appointment.



**Community meal**

## Oct. 3 and Oct. 17 dates for next community meals

On Thursday, Oct. 3, the Bluffton Lion's Club will serve the meal. St. Mary's Catholic Church will serve the meal on Thursday, Oct. 17. All meals start at 6 p.m. and are free and open to the public. A good will offering is taken to help the Bluffton food pantry.

## Laurie Bell's music boxes on display

In September, Lois Goodman shared her collection of Shirley Temple glassware. It brought back memories of my favorite Shirley Temple movies. In October, Laurie Bell will share her collection of music boxes. If you have a collection, hobby or art work that you would be willing to share, let Tonya know.

**Hobby Center**



The next two pages of this month's newsletter tells about bus trips with Tonya and trips with Debbie.

If you want a copy of the Trip Policy, stop by the office and pick one up.

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### Blue Ridge trip taking standby

This trip is full. We are taking standby. We will be motor coaching to Tennessee. We depart at 8 a.m. If you are leaving your car in the parking lot behind the Senior Center for the duration of the trip, please let Tonya know along with your license number by Oct. 3.

### Still plenty of room for our trip to the islands



There is still lots of room! Join us for 12 days in the Hawaiian Paradise. Trip includes a seven-night cruise on Pride of America, Norwegian Cruise ship and four nights on land. Visit four islands, Pearl Harbor, the famous North shore and enjoy a Luau Dinner. Prices start at \$7,299. The total is due Oct. 1. Brochures are available in the Senior Center. Level 2 trip.

### Water bottle trip update

Starting this fall, our day trips will no longer include a bottle of water. Everyone is encouraged to bring their own water on the trip. The exception to the rule will be when an organization donates water for a trip.

## Trip activity levels

The following is an explanation of the levels assigned to the trips.

**LEVEL 1** – Minimal walking through parking lots and drop off locations. Standing while waiting in line and for entrance to tours. Will include steps and uneven surfaces throughout day and steps in and out of motor coach.

**LEVEL 2** – Moderate walking/standing, up to half a mile, may include stairs and/or uneven terrain. Plus on and off motor coach more than once.

**LEVEL 3** – Lots of walking/standing for multiple hours. May include flights of stairs and/or uneven terrain. Could include long days.

**LEVEL 4** – Extensive walking/standing, climbing stairs or hilly walkways and/or extended weather exposure.

## BUS TRIPS WITH DEBBIE

### Don't miss our Christmas lights tour



Our Christmas lights tour is Dec. 11 Join us for a night of Christmas lights and fun. We will leave the Senior Center at 5 p.m. and go to Upper Sandusky for a delicious meal of pizza before seeing the lights in

Upper's Winter Fantasy of Lights. Cost is \$70 and includes supper and snack. Level 1

### Taking standbys for "Holiday Inn" on Nov. 14



We are taking standby on our trip to LaComedia to see "Holiday Inn" on Nov. 14. Get an early start on some Holiday Spirit with the musical "Holiday Inn," the musical that introduced the song "White Christmas." Enjoy a wonderful buffet meal and great seats at the LaComedia Dinner Theatre. Cost is \$102 due at time of sign up. Depart at 9 a.m. Level 1.

### "Noah" trip planned in 2025

It's Noah at Sights and Sounds Theater April 29-May 1, 2025. Enjoy two nights and three days in Pennsylvania. Visit an Amish farm, ride the Strasburg Railroad and see the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary production of Noah. The trip includes four meals and a two-night stay in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Prices start at \$627. Brochures available at the Senior Center. Level 2.



### Trip payment policy summary

Remember, day trips can be paid with a credit card over the phone if you cannot come into the Senior Center in person. Overnight trips must be paid with cash or check and reservation form must be filled out. If you want a copy of the Trip Policy, stop by the office and pick one up.

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- Bridge** Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.
- Crafts** Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.
- Dominos** Fridays at 9:30 a.m.
- Dulcimers** Tuesdays at 1 p.m.  
*(except the first Tuesday of the Month)*
- Exercise Class** Mondays & Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m.
- Euchre** Thursdays at 1 p.m.
- Hand and Foot** Fridays at 9:30 a.m.
- Line Dance w/Lois** Fridays at 2 p.m.
- Pizza Time** Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m.
- Social Hour** Tuesdays at 3 p.m.
- Tai Chi** Tuesday & Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

## Bingo

- Monday, Oct. 7 at 2:30 p.m. with Bridge Home Health
- Monday, Oct. 14 at 2:30 p.m. Sr. Center
- Monday, Oct. 21 at 2:30 p.m. with HCS Management
- Monday, Oct. 28 at 2:30 p.m. with Taylor Place

## Cooking Class

Wednesday, Oct. 16 at 11 a.m. with Sunrise of Findlay

## Line Dance Class

Oct. 8 & 22 at 11 a.m., \$2 members, \$3 non-members

## Song Circle

Oct. 9 & 23 at 2:30 p.m. Everyone welcome!

## Western Square Dance

Oct. 10 & 24 at 7 p.m., \$3 members, \$4 non-members

# October calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Tai Chi 9:30 Social Hour 3	Bridge 9:30 Exercise 1:30 Pizza Time 2:30	Tai Chi 9:30 Crafts 9:30 Euchre 1 Community Meal 6	Dominos 9:30 Hand & Foot 9:30 Bowling 9:30 Line w/Lois 2	
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27	Peanut Brittle 8 Toenail Clinic 9:30 Vaccine Clinic 9:30 Exercise 1:30 Bingo 2:30	Tai Chi 9:30 Dulcimers 1 Social Hour 3	Bridge 9:30 Exercise 1:30 Pizza Time 2:30	Tai Chi 9:30 Crafts 9:30 Set up sale 10:30 Euchre 1	Christmas Garage Sale 9-5	Christmas Garage Sale 9-1

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## Looking ahead!

**For those interested in 2025,  
we have plans for trips involving:**

- Around Lake Ontario, July 9-14
- Grand Canyon and Red Rocks, Sept. 9-14

**We are also working on the  
following day trips for 2025:**

- Feb. 20** – Jersey Boys at LaComedia
- March 20** – Indoor Mystery trip
- April 10** – Into the Woods at LaComedia
- May** – Indiana Amish Country
- June 5** – Children of Eden at LaComedia
- June** – History Village tour
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- July 31** – Matilda at LaComedia
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- Nov. 13** – Scrooge at LaComedia
- December** – Christmas tour