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

Thurs. 2 Community Meal, 6 p.m. -6:45 p.m.

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

Mon. 6 Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.  
Bingo, 2 :30 p.m.

Tue. 7 Dance, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Wed. 8 Crafts, Quilting, Potluck  
**Hearing Clinic, 10 am - NOON**  
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.  
Cards, 1:30 p.m.

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

Sat. 11 Bus trip to **Bearcreek Farms -  
Ernie Haas, Depart at 10 a.m.**

Mon. 13 Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.  
Monthly Dinner Meeting catered  
By **Anita's Kitchen - 6 p.m.**

Tue. 14 **Flag Day**  
Dance, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Wed. 15 Crafts, Quilting, Potluck  
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.  
Cards, 1:30 p.m.

Thurs. 16 **Community Meal, 6 p.m.-6:45 p.m.**

Fri. 17 Exercise Class, 11 a.m.  
Bridge, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Cards, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Mon. 20 Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.  
Bingo, 2:30 p.m.

Tue. 21 **Bus trip to Columbus Zoo....  
Depart at 8:30 a.m.**  
Dance, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Wed. 22 Crafts, Quilting, Potluck  
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.  
Cards, 1:30 p.m.

Thurs. 23 **Colorado Pre-trip meeting, 1:30 p.m.**

Fri. 24 Exercise Class, 11 a.m.  
Bridge, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Cards, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
**Car Show Dinner, 4 p.m.**

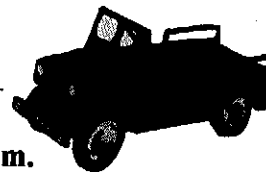
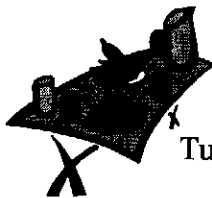
Sat. 25 Center OPEN for shopping!!!!

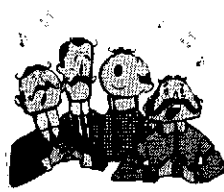
Mon. 27 **Toenail Clinic, 10 a.m.**  
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.  
**Weaving Demonstration, 2:30 p.m.-  
4:00 p.m.**

Tue. 28 **Crochet Demonstration, 10 a.m. -  
11:30 a.m.**  
Dance, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Wed. 29 Crafts, Quilting, Potluck  
**Quilting Demonstration, 10am-11:30am**  
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.  
Cards, 1:30 p.m.

Thurs. 30 **AMERICAN GIRL TEA, 2 pm- 4 pm**





**JUNE DINNER MEETING**

**TIME: Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 P.M.**

**PLACE: Bluffton Senior Center**

**WHAT:** The meal will be catered by **Anita's Kitchen** from Ada. We will have oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, mixed veggies, dinner rolls, and fruit pies. The cost of the meal is \$7.00 and tickets must be reserved by Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>.

**M.C.: Bob Painter**

**HOSTESSES: Kay Burkholder and friends**

**PROGRAM: First Grace, a Bluffton Gospel quintet.**

**Madaline Hartman** will turn that wonderful young age of 90 in June. We will present **Madaline** with a red rose and Life Membership at the June Dinner Meeting. Congratulations **Madaline!**

**BLOOD PRESSURE**



Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> will be our next Blood Pressure clinic. **Marcene Spangler** will be our nurse from 10:30 am – Noon. Thank you to **Ameri Care** for sending a nurse last month. If you need help with your insurance papers or Medicare Part D, please call the Senior Center at **419-358-8971**



**HOBBY CENTER**

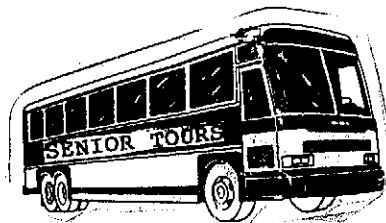


**Clarence Kooker's** book display brought back memories to many of us. Thank you **Clarence** for sharing. In June, the Swiss Historical Society will put a display in the display case and the front window for the Sesquicentennial Celebration. If you have a collection or artwork that you would like to share, please call **Tonya** at **419-358-8971**.

**DECK OF CARDS**

The Historical Bluffton Deck of Cards are finally printed and for sale at the Bluffton Senior Center. The cards are in celebration of Bluffton's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday and a fund raiser for the Senior Center. We would like to thank everyone who helped make the cards possible; those who sponsored cards: Mary Koontz, Ralph Rammel, John Murray, Sara Amstutz, Dorothy Hursey, Alice Rader, Basil & Rosemary Meyer, Jim & Ruth Badertscher, Geniece King, Dean & Darlyn Sommers, Anna Ruth Reichenbach, Mona Reichenbach and Clarence & Mary Ann Kooker. Their sponsorship helped to cover the cost of printing. We would also like to thank those who let us use their photos; Fred Steiner, John Murray, Phillip Weisenbarger, Richard Boehr and Mary Amstutz. The cards are \$10.00 a deck and available at the front desk at the Senior Center.





MOTOR COACH TRIPS

June 16 ... Indians at Tiger Stadium canceled due to lack of sales.



July 20-29 ... Colorado's Vintage Railways Tour There are three seats left for this tour. We will have a pre trip meeting on June 23rd at 1:30pm to answer all your questions. Tour by World Wide Country Tours.



September 10... Ohio Renaissance Festival Queen Elizabeth I rules over the fair and knights on large horses wear shiny armor. What more could you ask for? Maybe a show or five, some good turkey legs or soup in a bread bowl? How about shopping for locally made arts and crafts? Trying your hand at a game of skill? Or watching lots of folks dressed in period costumes? All this can be yours if you come on this tour. 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.

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COMMUNITY MEALS



On June 2nd, English Lutheran will have the meal and on June 16th, First Mennonite will have the meal. 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 donations support the Bluffton Food Pantry. Everyone is welcome, so please come on by.



TOE NAIL CLINIC



The Bluffton Senior Center offers a monthly toenail clinic. Dr. Daniel Kirk of Bluffton Foot & Ankle will be offers his services on the fourth Monday of the month. Our next toenail clinic will be Monday, June 27th at 10:00 a.m. You must call ahead for an appointment and there is a charge of \$10.00. 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.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS.....

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Darlyn Sommers Marica Thomas Susie Berry



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

- Judy Augsburger on the death of her brother.



**Bearcreek Farms presents Ernie Haase and Signature Sound, Gospel Concert.**

Depart 10:00 am A great Amish Style lunch - Sat. June 11th **\$70.00** (due May 5th.)  
Visit the General Store and shops after the show.

**Columbus Zoo - Tue. June 21st. \$40.00** (due May 15th) Depart at 8:30 am

Lunch at the Zoo, on your own. See the new exhibits.

**Ohio Statehouse, Governor's Residence and Heritage Gardens - Tue. July 19th \$55.00**

(due by June 1st) Depart at 8:15 am, Partake at Miss Emma's Table for lunch,  
tour the Statehouse, the Governor's Residence and the Heritage Gardens.

A list of guests must be submitted several weeks in advance  
and you must provide photo ID at the Residence.

**Holmes County Amish - Friday, Aug. 26th. \$95.00** (due by Aug. 1st)

Smuckers, Kidron, Mrs. Yoders for lunch, Heinie's Cheese Chalet, Coblenz Chocolates and  
a Dinner Show at The Amish Door, "Cotton Patch Gospel" Depart at 8:00 am

**LaComedia Dinner Theatre - "Church Basement Ladies, 2nd Helping".**

**Thurs. Sept. 1st \$70.00** (due by Aug. 5th) Depart at 9:00 am.

Plus a stop at Friesingers Chocolate Factory.

**Vermont Kaleidoscope Trip - September 27th thru October 3rd**

**Motorcoach Trip, 7 days - 6 nights in the peak of New England tastes and colors.**

**Only \$852.00** (double occupancy) (due by July 27th) This is certain to be another enjoyable experience  
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Vermont Marble Museum, Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory, Quechee Gorge, Cruise on Lake Champlain, Apple  
Orchard and Cider Mill. Most meals furnished, including taxes and gratuities.

**Sat. November 5th -- Oak Ridge Boys at Bearcreek - Dinner included for \$85.00****Oglebay Festival of Lights Tour, Wheeling WV** 3 days, 2 nights

including Colonel Oglebay's Mansion Museum, The Glass Museum & Artisans Center,  
Kruger Street Toy & Train Museum, The West Virginia Independence Hall and more.

Motor Coach Trip - Time and price to be announced.

\*\*\*Complete information regarding the trips is available at the desk.\*\*\*

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR  
150 YEARS – Activities at the Senior Center**

The recession has been hard on the coffers at the Senior Center. We are hoping the **Sesquicentennial** will bring people into the Senior Center to help with our finances. We are looking for **volunteers** to help with the following activities.....

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup>** during the CAR SHOW, we will be serving a supper of sandwiches and salads. We need **volunteers** to help serve the meal and **donations** of salads. Sign up sheets are in the office.

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>**, we will have the Senior Center open in the morning for shoppers. We would like to have a bake sale. We need your **donations** of baked goods and a couple of **volunteers** to help with the sale.

**Monday, 27<sup>th</sup>**, we will have a weaving demonstration. One of the stores biggest sellers are rugs and many people will buy a rug after seeing one made. We need **volunteers** who would be willing to learn to cut the strips, or sew the strips, and then be willing to show customers how they do it. We also need **volunteers** to help customers as they stop.

**Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup>**, we will have a crochet demonstration. We need **volunteers** who know how to crochet to show off some of their work and **volunteers** to help customers as they shop.

**Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup>**, we will have a quilting demonstration. We need **volunteers** who can quilt to show off their talents and **volunteers** to help customers as they shop.

**Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup>**, we will have an AMERICAN GIRL DOLL TEA. We need **volunteers** to help with tickets, craft projects, and serving the tea. We also need **donations** of cookies to serve with the tea.

**Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>** is the PARADE. We still need **monetary donations** for decorations and candy to throw from the float. To throw candy from the float, we must have people to walk along side the float. We are looking for **volunteers** who can walk a little more than a mile along side the float. The bus will also be in the parade. There is room on the bus for anyone who would like to be in the parade.

There are sign up sheets in the office for all the **volunteer** opportunities and donations of items. **Thank you** in advance for your generosity.



Brass and woodwind musicians of all ages are invited to join the MERCHANT BAND. This community ensemble will perform music from different era's in history, celebrating Bluffton's 150<sup>th</sup> Sesquicentennial birthday. Limited numbers of instruments are available to borrow. Rehearsal dates start on **June 2<sup>nd</sup>** and performance dates start **June 25<sup>th</sup>**. Please contact **Travis Unterbring** at [travisunter@gmail.com](mailto:travisunter@gmail.com) or **Wendy Chappell-Dick** at 419-303-9769 if interested.



## HEARING CLINIC



**Marcus Young** will be at the Bluffton Senior Center on **Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>** from **10 a.m. to Noon** for a HEARING CLINIC. **Marcus** will do **FREE** hearing screening and hearing aid checks. Appointments are not needed but can be made by calling **419-358-8971**.



## NEED FOR CRAFTS



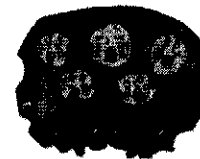
If you have had surgery and wore **T.E.D. hose**, we would like them when you are done with them (wash and clean). **Mary Ann Jordan** can turn them into socks for dolls. Thanks!!



## BOWLING BANQUET

April 21<sup>st</sup> saw the end of Senior Bowling for another season and with that, the ANNUAL BOWLING BANQUET. **Mike Bastian** did a great job as MC for the banquet. Awards were given out for those who bowled over their average on the last day! The Men's Award went to **Dick Marquart** and the Women's Award went to **Evelyn Reese**. Congratulations to all the bowlers on another successful year and THANK YOU to **Joan, Jim and John Dailey** for the fun times!!

## MAY DINNER MEETING



The Bluffton Senior Center looked very musical as **Mary Hofstetter and friends**. Tables were decorated with musical notes and flowers. **Barbara Shinabery, Mc**, opened the evening with prayer. After a delicious meal of baked steak and trimmings plus pie, **Barbara** lead us in singing "Happy Birthday" and "Happy Anniversary" to the ones celebrating. Then **Tonya** and **Bob** gave their lengthy announcements. The ladies of **One is a Number** performed. They sang very unusually songs and some were funny. **Barb** ended the evening with a joke on aging and a prayer.



## SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Friday, June 24 – Saturday, July 2

Bluffton is celebrating it's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday this year! Here are some of the highlights that you can look forward to.

**Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>**, the GARDEN CLUB will have their **Horticulture Show** at the Middle School. The University will have an ART SHOWS all week.  
RELAY FOR LIFE starts the FESTIVAL OF WHEELS at **2 p.m.**.  
Senior Center supper begins at 4:00 p.m. and FIREWORKS at dusk.

**Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>**, GARDEN CLUB SHOW continues,;  
BOY SCOUT INDIAN VILLAGE at Buckeye Park (all week there);  
Senior Center BAKE SALE;  
**John Dillinger** bank robbery re-enactment at **1:15 p.m.** ;  
MISS SESQUICENTENNIAL, **2:00 p.m.** ;  
Historical Ball at THE CENTRE (not Senior Center).

**Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>**,  
Community Church Services, **9:00 a.m.**  
Swiss Homestead, OPEN                      Bridenbaugh School, OPEN

**Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup>**, Weaving Demo at Senior Center, **2:30 p.m.**  
Movie at Town Hall, **7:00 p.m.**

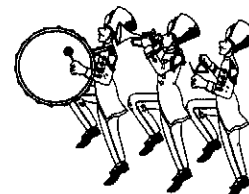
**Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>**, Crochet Demo at Senior Center, **10 a.m.**  
Lectures at Town Hall

**Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>**, Quilting Demo at Senior Center, **10 a.m.**  
Music on Presbyterian Lawn, **7:00 p.m.**

**Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup>**, Family Activities on Church Lawn all day  
AMERICAN GIRL TEA at Senior Center, **2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

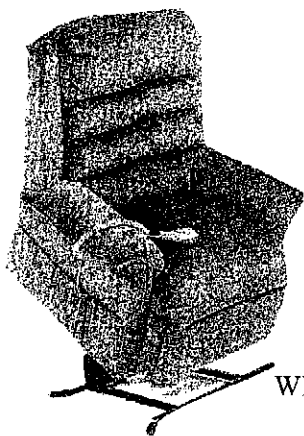
**Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup>**, Boy Scott Indian Village at Buckeye Park  
Movie at Shannon Theater, **9:00, a.m.**  
**1:00 p.m.** Town Hall for Miss Sesquicentennial winner!!! **2:00 p.m.** Quilt Show  
**3 p.m.** Beard Contest **4 p.m.** Civil War Re-enactment at BFR  
**7:00 p.m.** 150 years of American Music at Yoder Recital Hall.

**Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>**, Sesquicentennial Parade, **1:00 p.m.**  
Vintage Baseball Game, **4:00 p.m.**  
Indian Pow Wow, **8:00 p.m.**



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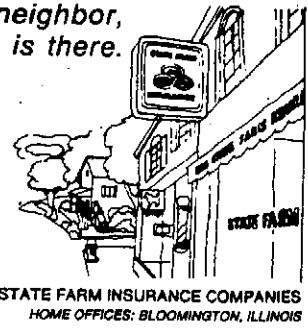
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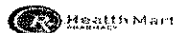
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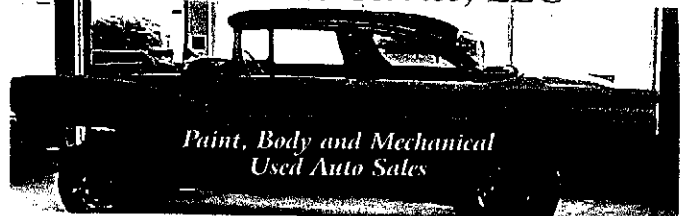


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