

It's an Icon Weekend!

July 30 -
July 31,
2016

14 pages of what's happening in Bluffton and Ada this weekend and next week

Bluffton's National Night Out Tuesday



Scene from last year's Night Out

The Bluffton and Pandora police departments Tuesday, Aug. 2, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Bluffton Community Swimming Pool, host the third annual night out.

Participating in the evening are fire and EMS departments from Bluffton, Beaverdam-Richland Township and Pandora. All events of the evening are free, including a free meal and snacks.

Fireworks

In conjunction with National Night Out, the Bluffton Area Chamber of Commerce hosts a free fireworks display at dusk, or approximately 9:45 p.m.

Here's this year's NNO plan:

- The Bluffton pool has free admission all day and night
- Food serving begins at 6 p.m.
- Snow cones
- Ice cream
- Touch a truck display
- Bounce houses
- Popcorn
- Fire truck rides
- Hose bowling
- Face painting
- Mini golf
- Handout and lots more



Lincoln Highway Buy Way Sale Aug. 11-13

It's Lincoln Highway Buy Way Time! Sale dates: Aug. 11, 12 and 13.

For 12 years, Ada CIC and the Ada Area Chamber of Commerce have continued to sponsor the Lincoln Highway Buy -Way Yard Sale. This year is no different.

Ada is one community among many that choose to celebrate the historical Lincoln Highway with the great Buy-Way. Interested in joining in the celebration with your own sale? We're here to help!

Simply call the Water Office and provide us with some basic information – your name, the location of your sale, the dates you wish to have your sale running, and your phone number. There is a nominal fee of \$10 to have your sale listed as part of our great Lincoln Highway Buy Way. By participating in this event, you will get:

- your sale included on our one of a kind map that shows the participating garage sales;
- the Lincoln Highway volunteers distribute the completed map, with your sale listed, throughout the Village, as well as advertisements for the overall event;
- the use of a directional Lincoln Highway Buy Way yard sign, pointing garage salers toward the direction of your sale.

The Lincoln Highway Buy-Way is a great tradition in Ada, and we look forward to working with you to keep it going!

Have questions about Ada CIC or the Lincoln Highway Buy-Way sale? Call the Water Office at 419-634-4045, and we will be happy to help.



Bluffton community worship service Sunday



Scene from last year's worship service

Bluffton's annual summer community worship service is at 9 a.m., Sunday, July 31, in the Bluffton Presbyterian Church lawn. It is sponsored by the Bluffton Area Ministerial Association.

The theme is drawn from the community VBS program, "Deep Sea Discovery," and music from that event will be shared by children who attended VBS during the service.

This relaxed worship experience includes musicians Scott Edwards and Dave and Jane Sycks, plus reflections on the VBS daily themes from area ministers. Also, the Icon understands that a special mystery guest will make a splash at the scene!

In case of inclement weather, the service will be held in the Bluffton Middle School cafetorium.

Offering will go to the Bluffton Community Assistance Program food pantry.

For questions, contact Kevin Mohr at elchurch@wcoil.com or at 419-604-9339, or your local pastor.

Backpack Blessings July 30 in Alger

Alger First United Methodist Church will sponsor a Backpack Blessings from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturday, July 30, at USV Schools.

Alger Assembly of God Church is cooperating with the project. Schools supplies such as boxes of tissues, index cards, markers, and pens, will be passed out to USV children.

Blood drive Aug. 4 at St. Mary's

Bluffton's next American Red Cross blood drive is from noon to 6 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 4, in St. Mary's Catholic Church.

The drive is in the church large room at 160 N. Spring St., Bluffton. To schedule an appointment call 800-RED-CROSS or go to www.redcrossblood.org sponsor code "smccbluff".



Ada's coffee shop reopens after renovation



Northern on Main will reopen as Cosi

By Amy Eddings - Ada Icon

The long wait is almost over for the writers, dreamers, time-wasters and schemers who have been without a hang-out since Ada's only coffee shop, Northern On Main, closed for good last May. Its replacement, Cosi, is slated to open in early August, according to officials at Ohio Northern University.

The "fast-casual" restaurant chain has 98 locations, primarily in New York City, with three in Columbus. This would be the only Cosi in northwestern Ohio.

The menu is built around Cosi's signature flatbread, developed from a "centuries-old" Roman recipe, according to Cosi's website. It's baked fresh every 20 minutes in a hearth that will be a central part of the redesigned NOM space, said Dr. Adriane Thompson Bradshaw, ONU's vice president for student affairs and dean of students in an interview earlier this summer.

"When you walk in there, you'll smell the bread baking" she said. "They give out little samples while you're ordering and waiting. So, it's an experience."

Thompson Bradshaw said ONU's dining services contractor, Sodexo, decided to partner with Cosi at the off-campus site at 534 S. Main St. because of its expanded menu.

While Northern On Main's offerings were limited to sandwiches, pastries, pre-packaged salads and bottled juices, Cosi's menu bumps it up a notch with made-to-order salads, individual or family-sized pizzas and trendy "bowl" meals of vegetables, protein and grains.

Breakfast items will no longer be limited to yogurt, granola, muffins and the signature Ada Icon cinnamon roll. At Cosi, diners can choose from egg sandwich wraps, egg white cups for the cholesterol-conscious, and sandwiches made from a "squagel," Cosi's square version of a bagel. It comes in ten different flavors, including cinnamon raisin, poppyseed and cranberry orange.

"This will be like a full restaurant," said Thompson Bradshaw. "We think it will work very well."

What Ada will lose is a place for the general public to get Starbucks Coffee. Cosi will serve its own coffee blend, and its own version of fancy espresso-based drinks.

ONU students, faculty and staff will still be able to get their Starbucks fix at the student-named Polar Espresso coffee kiosk that opened this spring in McIntosh Center. "It's been wildly popular in the couple of months that we had it open," said Thompson Bradshaw. Another coffee kiosk with the "Starbucks format" will open on the first floor of Heterick Memorial Library in the fall, she said.

She said Cosi will bring a new dining experience to Ada, one she hopes students and residents alike will embrace.

"I know some people were pretty bummed," she said of the demise of Northern On Main. "But we believe this will be well-worth the wait."

Lots going on in Aug. at BFR

Here's what's happening this month at Bluffton Family Recreation.

Girl Scouts Summer Series - Aug. 8-12

Girls in grades Kindergarten through sixth may participate in a Girl Scout Summer Series held at BFR from 9 to 11 a.m., Monday, Aug. 8, through Friday, Aug. 12.

The series theme is "It's Your Planet – Love It!" Activities include discovering what real scientists do, exploring wonders of science with hands-on activities and learning the scientific method.

The program fee is waived thanks to several donors. Contact Autumn Swanson at 419-225-3055 or autumnswanson@gsw.org for more information. Registrations are due Saturday, Aug. 6.

Flag Football - Aug. 22 – Oct. 1

For youth ages 7 to 10, games are Saturdays at 9 a.m. each week from Aug. 22 to Oct. 1. Registration is \$55 before Aug. 12 and \$65 after the 12th.

U6 Soccer - Aug. 23-Sept. 29

Registration is open now through Friday, Aug. 12, for U6 soccer. The season starts Tuesday, Aug. 23, and continues through Thursday, Sept. 29, with games on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Registration fee is \$45 for members and \$60 for non-members. There is a \$5 late registration fee.

Labor Day Coed Softball Tournament - Monday, Sept. 5

BFR teams up with Bluffton-Pandora Youth for Christ for a double-elimination coed softball tournament held in the Pandora Park.

There is room for eight teams.

In addition, the event includes a homerun derby and yard games and picnic for families. The cost is \$200 per team. Games start at 9 a.m.

How to contact BFR

For more information on any of these programs contact Bluffton Family Recreation, 215 Snider Road, Bluffton, 4190358-4150, or bfr@wcoil.com.



Ada Music Booster barbecue tickets on sale

Tickets are now on sale for the Ada Music Boosters chicken barbecue.

It is held at the Ada Village Park prior to the first home football game of the year from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Friday, Aug. 26, when the Bulldogs host Upper Scioto Valley.

The barbecue is a major fundraiser for the boosters. Proceeds benefit numerous projects for Ada's instrumental and vocal music programs.

Tickets are on sale now through Thursday, Aug. 18, at the following locations:

- Contact any Ada High School Marching Band or Guard member
 - Contact Kelly MacDonald at 330-212-3215. Leave your name, phone number or email to receive a confirmation.
 - Email the Music Boosters at adamusicboosters@adabulldogs.org
- Priced at \$8, the dinners include one-half barbecue grilled chicken, green beans, cheesy potatoes and a dinner roll. Cold drinks are available the day of pick-up for 50 cents each. The dinners are provided by BBQ Express.

More information on this and other projects, plus the music department calendar of events, is always available online at www.AdaMusicBoosters.org.

From the web page, you may also print a booster patron/membership form, or you may now give online to support the Music Boosters.



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It happened in Bluffton



- Top - British soccer camp at BFR
- Center - Tommy Tire Sales customer appreciation day included visit from a camel
- Bottom - Fun activity at Bluffton community VBS



Here's a look at Ada



- Top - Four Ada HS cheerleaders named all-American
- Center - Ada water tower gets a new paint job
- Bottom - Liberty National Bank's Project Warmth promotion (Monty Siekerman photo)



Ada Icon

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Chat

Ada stadium story reaches 7,774 on Facebook

The biggest story on the Ada Icon this past week involved the Ada stadium painting photos. The story had 7,774 reaches on Facebook, 14 shares, 164 likes and 15 comments.

On Bluffton's calendar

Saturday, July 30

Farmers' market 8:30 a.m.-noon

Paws 2 Read, library, 10 a.m.

Sunday, July 31

Community worship, Presbyterian lawn

Emmanuel UCC family movie night, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 2

Gardeners of Bluffton-Pandora, group project Cool Road

National Night Out with fireworks, Bluffton swimming pool

Wednesday, Aug. 3

YFC pool party, 8:30-10 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 4

Bluffton Pathway/village street & alley committee,
town hall, noon

Red Cross blood drive, St. Mary's, noon-6 p.m.

Bluffton pool season passes now half-price

Season passes at Bluffton Community Swimming Pool are now half-price, according to Jennie Wilson, pool manager.

That means the following:

- Family pass is now \$65
(Good for two adults and three youth. Additional youth are \$5 per child)

- Single individual pass is now \$50

Passes are available at the pool.

Pool hours are:

Mondays through Fridays - noon to 8 p.m.

Saturdays and Sundays - 1 to 7 p.m.

Phone for the pool: 419-358-2066, extension 6.



Let's go...



... swimming!

Ada Swimming Pool

Phone: 419-634-2049

Hours: 1-8 p.m. daily

Lap swims: M-W-F, noon to 1 p.m.

Tuesday night swims: 8 p.m. to midnight

Admission: \$3 per person

Youth 3 and under free

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Phone: 419-358-2066, ext. 6

Hours: Noon to 8 p.m., Mondays to Fridays

1 to 7 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays

Admission: \$4

Youth 2 and under free

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Every Saturday

8:30 a.m. to noon

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On Ada's calendar

Monday, Aug. 1

Teen writing group, Ada library

Tuesday, Aug. 2

Family storytime, public library, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Adult book group, public library, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 3

Knit and Crochet Club, public library, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 4

Adult coloring, public library, 6 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 5

ONU summer session 2 ends

Tween book group, public library, 4 p.m.

Ross Skaggs, Jazz Inn, The Inn at ONU, 5 p.m.

Chuck Summers (9 & Wine), 7:30-9:30 p.m.

More Bingo details:

Alumni N-men's building,

Doors open 5:30 p.m.; Bingo begins at 6:55 p.m.

Pricing follows: 9 Bingo cards, good for all 16 games = \$10,

18 cards = \$15, 27 cards = \$20, 54 cards, plus the use of a

Bingo-mate electronic machine = \$35.

TICKETS ON SALE WHILE THEY LAST AT BFR

Tickets \$9

LARSON FABRICS

Brisket fundraiser

Friday Aug. 12 3-7 p.m. Benefit for BFR's indoor arena turf project

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Bluffton, SC 29917
www.blufftonfamily.com
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