

It's an Icon Weekend!

June 25
to July 1
2016

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

It's a "Swiss Day" in Bluffton on Sunday



**Samuel Amstutz, pioneer
Bluffton-Pandora photographer**

The Bluffton Swiss Community Historical Society will celebrate a prominent local farmer, entrepreneur and community servant at its annual June Swiss Day event, Sunday, June 26.

John U. Amstutz, who lived and worked in the late 19th and early 20th century, was a coffin-maker and undertaker for the local region.

In addition, he provided a variety of community services from his property including a sorghum cane mill and press, a cider press, wood and metal-working shops, a clock shop and general store, a photography studio, and a weighing scale for produce loaded farm wagons.

The public is invited to attend the annual event on Sunday, June 26, at the Ebenezer Mennonite Church.

The day begins with displays of local artifacts at 12:30 p.m. prior to a pot luck dinner at 1 p.m. Bring table service and a hot and cold dish to share.

The presentation on John U. Amstutz follows the meal beginning at 2 p.m.

At the conclusion of the Swiss Day event, and Schumacher homestead located on Bixel Road) will be open for visitors.



Aqua Zumba Saturday at Ada pool

Aqua Zumba is held every Saturday at the Ada pool from 12:05 to 12:40 p.m. Taught by certified aqua Zumba instructor Lynne Scott, the class is open to anyone. Those 12-17 must be accompanied by a parent. Thirteen people attended last week. Cost is \$5 per class.

Grace Church block party Saturday

Grace Gospel Church will sponsor a block party with free food, games, prizes, music, and a bounce house from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 25. The church is located at 323 N. Gilbert St., Ada. The public is invited

Blessing of Bikes at Ada church

Sugar Grove United Methodist Church will hold a Blessing of the Bikes following the 9:30 a.m. service on Sunday June 26, at the church on State Route 81 east of Ada.

The community is invited to ride motorcycles, scooters, mopeds and bicycles to church for the blessing. A potluck picnic will follow in the church basement. All are welcome.

Cars and Coffee on Saturday

The second Bluffton cars and coffee event of the season is from 8 to 11 a.m., Saturday, June 25, according to Tim Boutwell of Heated Vehicle Storage, 906 N. Main St.

“Cars and coffee is a gathers of auto enthusiasts where drivers congregation to enjoy a cup of coffee and kick tires,” said Boutwell. “There is something for everyone including classics, exotics, sports cars, luxury cars, imports and domestics.”

The event is open to the public. Coffee and pastries are provided by Common Grounds.

Door prizes are awarded every 15 minutes.

Cars and coffee takes place on the fourth Saturday of the month between May and October.





Piano rehearsal from last year

**Ada-Bluffton Icon
viewer scorecard
June 17-June 23**

25,079 page views
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**Registration underway
for ONU youth piano camp**

ONU's Piano Camp (July 25 - 29) is accepting registrations for pianists ages 6 - 14.

Music can be used to tell stories of all kinds. From folk songs to symphonic poems, music can be a powerful language to communicate a narrative.

This year, our campers will explore composers who have told stories through their works. They also will learn ways of creating dramatic effects to tell a story at the piano.

Campers will have the chance to tell a tale of their own by composing a piece that they will perform at the end of the week. They also will improve their own solo piece during daily master classes and play in a duet or trio, all featured in a recital on Friday.

Campers will also participate in Dalcroze Eurhythmics sessions, which include ear-training, improvisation and movement. The elementary and middle school camps run concurrently.

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This week in Bluffton

Saturday, June 25

Jim Boedicker at Farmers' Market
Cars and Coffee, Heated Vehicle Storage, 8-11 a.m.
Library storytime at Farmers' Market
Quarry Farm, Pandora, Summer Family Day 1-3:30 p.m.

Monday, June 27

Western Square Dance, Senior Citizens Center, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 30

Swim meet - Ada at Bluffton

This week in Ada

Saturday, June 25

Grace Gospel Church block party, 10-12:230 p.m.

Sunday, June 26

Boots and Badges family event in Forest, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Monday, June 27

Apollo school board, 7 p.m.
Ada swim team at Van Wert

Wednesday, June 29

St. Mark's Lutheran Church community meal
5 - 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 30

Swim meet Ada at Bluffton



Registration underway!

Adult softball league sign-up

- Games at village park
- \$300 per team
- Register now
- Games July 11 - Aug. 17

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BFR has a summer event for you

Several sports camps, team sports and individual athletic opportunities are available this summer at Bluffton Family Recreation, according to Joseph Beagle.

Adult softball league

An adult softball league is forming for summer play. Games are Mondays or Wednesdays at 6 p.m. from July 11 to Aug. 17 at the Bluffton village park. The cost per team is \$300. Teams can register online at www.bfronline.com/register.

Adventure Camp – ages 3 to 6

Thursdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

July 14 – All About Animals

July 21 – Sports Galore

Aug. 11 – Time Capsule

Fun Fitness – for youth who completed K to 3rd grade

Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday, June 6-7-8

4 to 5:15 p.m. – snacks included

Parachute Fun – for youth age 3 to second grade

Friday, July 22, 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Parent or grandparent accompany required

Olympic Stars

For youth who completed K to 4th grade

Dabble in many Olympic events. Each day includes two sports

Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday, Aug. 15-16-17

5 to 6:15 p.m.

Ride to Remember bike ride

The 2nd annual Ride to Remember bike ride on Saturday, July 16, offers several new features, according to the planning committee.

BFR is one of the event sponsors. This year's ride begins and ends at the Bluffton Community Swimming Pool at Main and Snider Road, next to BFR. Registrations are being accepted at: www.RideToRemember.net.

For additional information on any of these programs contact Bluffton Family Recreation, 2015 Snider Road, Bluffton, or call 419-258-4150.



Summer Family Day at Quarry Farm

The Quarry Farm Nature Preserve & Conservation Farm, Pandora, is holding the Summer 2016 Family Day on Saturday, June 25, from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

Bring yourself, friends and family for an afternoon of fun in the gardens, woods and wetlands. Make your very own lasting leaf t-shirt, watch a demonstration of how to make a cement and fabric pot or make a walking staff and take it with you along the trails to count butterflies, Blanchard's cricket frogs, see visiting birds from Black Swamp Raptor Rehab as well as residents of the farm animal sanctuary. Admission to the event is free; tax-deductible donations are welcome.

The Quarry Farm Nature Preserve & Conservation Farm is located 1/8 mile north of 14321 Road 7L, Pandora. For more information, visit www.thequarryfarm.org or call 419-384-7195.

This week at the Bluffton Public Library

Saturday, June 25

Storytime at Bluffton Farmers' Market
ACT: Raising Safe Kids, 10-11:30 a.m.

Monday, June 27

Jammin' at the library, 5:30 p.m.
Gluten free/food allergy group, 6 p.m.
Storytime, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 28

Storytime, 10 a.m.
Dulcimers at the library, 1:30 p.m.
Loving Your Legacy and How to Protect it, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, June 29

Japanese games with Ayuane Hida, 10 a.m.

Thursday, June 30

Firework art activity, 10-2 p.m.
Teen trivia smoothie challenge, 2 p.m.

Friday, July 1

Playgroup, 10 a.m.
Sports movie, 1 p.m.

Saturday, July 2
Closed



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- Top - Armadillo at the library
- Center - Bluffton Child Development Center car wash
- Bottom left - Spectrum Salon cut-a-thon
- Bottom right - Bluffton University soccer camp



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Ada Icon favorite photos of the week

- Top - Ada Public Library Olympic day (Ken Collins)
- Center left - Making birdhouses at the library (Monty Siekerman)
- Center right - The Cadets perform at ONU (Monty Siekerman)
- Swan on the ONU pond (Ken Collins)



This week at the Ada Public Library

- **Monday, June 27**

11 a.m. make and take art, grades K-5.

3 p.m. waffles and art (working on an art project while eating waffles).

- **Tuesday, June 28**

11 a.m. Astronauts, Earth, and Getting to Space. Learn how to launch a rocket through the effervescent fizz of kitchen chemistry or an air compressor. Also, take a stroll through our celestial neighborhood and imagine the enormous size and vast distance of the planets and sun.

3 p.m. teen science, grades 6-12.

6 p.m. family storytime.

- **Wednesday, June 29**

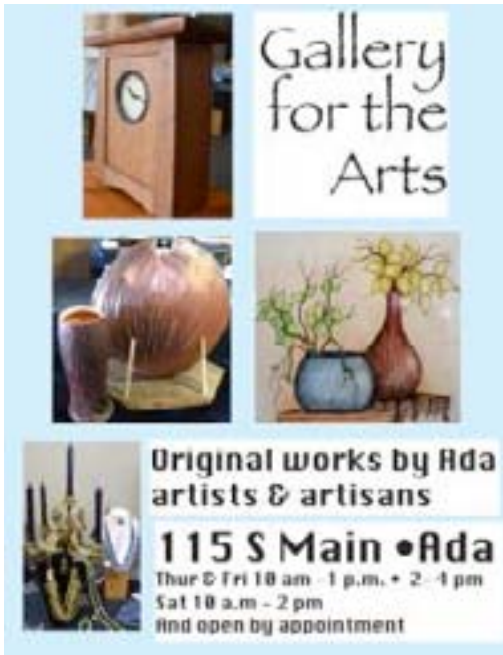
5 p.m. be smarter than your smart phone. Max Gauthier will give an introduction to smart phone mobile devices. Bring your smart phone with you.

- **Thursday, June 30**

11 a.m. Olympic games, grades K-5.

3 p.m. Olympic games, grades 6-12.

6 p.m. Bring your Bill. Public information officer from the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio will answer questions about utility bills and offer advice on possible ways to lower monthly bills.



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The logo consists of a stylized red and green leaf with a white stem, set against a white background.

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

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Admission: \$3 per person

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Bluffton Swimming Pool

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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FINDING DORY (PG)

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How about shuffleboard?

You've watched the shuffleboard matches at the Buckeye Park courts. Here's your invitation to learn the game.

On Saturday, July 2, and July 9, at 1 p.m. at Buckeye Park, the Bluffton Shuffleboard Club will host clinics for anyone interested in learning how to play shuffleboard.

Clinic instructors are Steve Slaughterbeck and Jim Zink. Some of the topics to be covered include basic strategy, court preparation, shooting form and game rules.

The club encourages everyone to come and join in the fun.

Regular club sessions are on Monday and Saturday at 10 a.m. and Thursday at 4 p.m.

"We also have eight annual club tournaments. The annual dues to join the shuffleboard club <http://www.adaicon.com/sites/default/files/pdfs/display/11786-body-works-display.pdf> are \$5," said Slaughterbeck.

For more information call him at 419-358-5528.

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Bluffton Icon story index - June 17 - 23

Thursday, June 23, 2016

Police: Lock cars and homes - nighttime break-ins reported
Bluffton Community Assistance Program sets 12-month budget at \$22,000
Here's Bluffton Food Pantry's summer wish list
And it's getting higer
The day the zoo came to Bluffton
ONU Piano Camp accepting students ages 6 to 14

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

Damaging winds expected this evening and into the early morning hours
Still time to register your team for summer adult softball
Swiss Day June 26 - here's the schedule
It's only a "strawberry moon"
Ada is Model A Ford capital of Ohio on Thursday - 40 cars in town
School board acts on resignations and hirings

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

Summer 'Family Day' June 25 at The Quarry Farm
Virgil Studebaker's Studebaker takes the show
"Courage" theme of this weekend's Relay for Hope
Annie Stocking 1924 - 2016
Next "cars and coffee" is Saturday morning
Emmanuel UCC ice cream social July 22
Free yoga class Thursday at BFR
BFR 5-K moves from Labor Day weekend to Fall Festival in late September
Here's the registration form for Community VBS in July
Trevor Bassitt Division III state champion 110-meter hurdles
Four Pirates receive all-NWC softball honors
Bricker and Bowden named to NWC baseball second team
Name the school year and organization
Bluffton police apprehend three youths for entering vehicles
Grant assists low-income Hancock residents replace and repair septic tanks

Monday, June 20, 2016

There's a shuffleboard court waiting for you - here's your chance to learn the game
15 minutes with a true railroad fan - Jim Sexton
Trinity Lutheran, Jenera, adds Tuesday service
Blanchard Valley Hospital ranked among 100 great community hospitals
Icon's rhubarb pie aged 1 year in the freezer
Toledo Zoo comes to Bluffton library on Wednesday
Council hears final reading of water-sewer surcharge tonight
Cadets drum and bugle corps performs in Ada tonight

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Thursday, June 23, 2016

Chapman named a Scholar All-American
Some Ada rain gauges filled to 4+inches in 4-5 hours
Planning for September Harvest and Herb Festival underway
The water is high in Bluffton
Up close, meet the Toledo Zoo's boa
Your invitation to aqua Zumba on Saturday morning
Getting ready for the games
It's on the library calendar June 24 to July 4
Ready for a catfish tournament? It's July 9 at Liberty Conservation Club
Sliding into home plate
Grace Gospel block party Saturday
Olympics part 2 - middle and high schoolers get in the game
ONU Piano Camp accepting students ages 6 to 14

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

Dayton Howard was retired from Ford Motor, Lima
Ada becomes Model A Ford capital of Ohio on Thursday
Damaging winds expected this evening and into the early morning hours
Registrations underway for Ada Community Engagement Day
Hardin County Pullers hold "fall brawl" in Ada Oct. 1
Ada VFW fish fry Friday night
Ada's next blood drive is July 18
Ready, Set, Grow Preschool registering students for fall
Bill Lawrence worked for the Village of Ada for 30 years

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

Blessing of the Bikes June 26 at Sugar Grove UMC
Jumbo Junior Farmers 4-H Club hears about 4-wheeler safety
Illusion, ventriloquism, juggling...all in one at the library
"Superb" show by the Cadets on Monday
Anyone need a magical wand?
What's it like being a book author?
Ada Rotary selling 55-gallon drums
Five Bulldogs receive all-NWC softball honors
Sautter, Everhart all NWC in baseball

Monday, June 20, 2016

Do I hear five?...YES!...do I hear ten?
15 minutes with a true railroad fan - Jim Sexton
There's lots of slippin' and slidin' going on in the park this summer
Amateur radio field day June 25-26
ONU women's swimming-diving team Scholar All-American team
ONU men's swimming-diving Scholar All-American team
A visit to the ONU pond- photo essay
Singers from over three decades ago
Wanda Mullins was a football lacer at Wilson's Sporting Goods
Skyler, boxer mix, Icon's dog of the week
Icon's rhubarb pie aged 1 year in the freezer
...and The Cadets - tonight at Dial-Roberson Stadium
ONU national tour choir performs tonight at Freed Center



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