

# 2016 *in* photos



# Bluffton in photos - 2016

The Icon posted hundreds of photos in 2016.

As a final look at the year we bid farewell to, here's some of our more interesting feature photos.

There is one for each month (plus three extras on the cover).

## Cover photos

Community Vacation Bible School took place at Emmanuel United Church of Christ. Over 120 youths attended. Here's a view of a game underway.

It was a Night at the Museum at the middle school. Sixth, seventh and eighth graders shared projects focused on famous people from world history. The sixth graders' projects were about countries of the world. The eighth grade projects were about a career of their choice. In all, 260 students participated. It is estimated that 900 plus people visited the museum. In this view is Raina Runk, nurse practitioner.

There's an enormous gaggle of all sorts of feathered friends in a pow wow in the center of the National Quarry just off Jefferson Street.





## January

The Buckeye in an almost black and white version presents itself in its full-winter appearance.



## February

For the first time ever, Bluffton University's women's basketball team won the championship round of the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference tournament. Bluffton defeated Transylvania in the opener and stopped Rose Hulman in the title game. Here's a photo from the Transy contest.



## **March**

Three-year-old Lyla Heinze shows the Easter eggs she gathers at the Mennonite Home-McDonald's Easter egg hunt. She's the daughter of Steven and Traci Heinze. This was her first-ever Easter egg hunt. This year 3,000 eggs were picked up in 90 seconds. The hunt took place in the back yard of the MMH. The eggs were filled with jelly beans yesterday by residents of the Home.



## April

April in Bluffton means that Main Street has many pink, red and white flowering crabapples and pears. Here's a view from the high school while glancing at the town hall and one of those flowering trees.



## May

Noah Strahm watches classmate Kari Diller toss the Frisbee through the hoop. The two Bluffton Kindergarteners participated in elementary school field day at Harmon Field on May 11.



## June

Mandy Kinn cuts Nick Sandler's hair during a Spectrum Salon cut-a-thon. All funds generated from the event supported Bluffton Good Samaritan Women's Group. Nick is the grandson of Sondra Braun of Bluffton.





## July

Over 150 bicycle riders registered for Saturday's second-ever Ride to Remember bike ride. Here's a glimpse of the mass start at 8 a.m. on Snider Road at Bluffton Family Recreation.



## August

Lois Jean Andreas, Mennonite Memorial Home resident, gets chummy with Rebakah Hoff's goat during a pet show. Several rescue dogs and other pets visited with residents.



## September

Decorating pumpkins is a big hit at Bluffton's Fall Festival on the last Saturday of the month. These artists are working on designs at the Bluffton Hospital location of the fest.



## October

Bluffton's Parkview Development landscape changes daily. The new housing development will be constructed in three phases by Three S Development Group. The entire development lies to the west of South Main Street, south of Kibler Street, and bordering Riley Creek and Motter Metro Park on the west. The site contains approximately 29 acres. It has room for 71 units including 49 single family homes and 22 Bayhomes.

## November

Emotions generated by Bluffton's Ream holiday folk art display and the Blaze of Lights span the spectrum. This photo may speak for hundreds who view the lights each year. (Jamie Nygaard photo).





## December

There's some great Bluffton High School girls' soccer teams working their way up from elementary. Here's a U10 girls' team getting ready for an indoor game at Bluffton Family Recreation. That's Tom Downey getting them pumped for the game.