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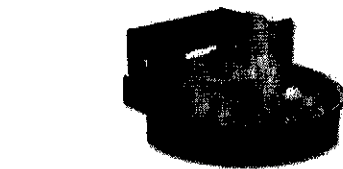
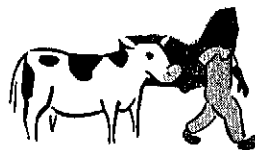
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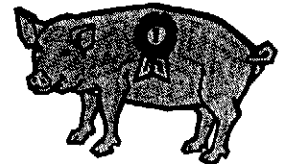
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- Thurs. 1 Wii Bowling, 1 p.m.
Community Meal, 6 p.m.
- Fri. 2 Dominos, 9:30 a.m.
Bus trip to Bearcreek, depart 10:30 am
- Mon. 5 Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
Bingo w/Hilty Home, 2:30 p.m.
- Tue. 6 Dance, 6 p.m.-8 p.m.
- Wed. 7 Quilting, Crafts, Potluck
Blood Pressure Clinic, 11 a.m. - Noon
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
Cards, 1:30 p.m.
- Thurs. 8 Wii Bowling, 1 p.m.
- Fri. 9 **Movie, 1:30 p.m.**
- Mon. 12 Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
Monthly Dinner Meeting, 6 p.m.
Catered by Columbus Grove
- Tue. 13 Dance, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
- Wed. 14 Quilting, Crafts, Potluck
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
Cards, 1:30 p.m.
- Thurs. 15 Wii Bowling, 1 p.m.
Board Meeting, 1:30 p.m.
Community meal
- Fri. 16 Dominos, 9:30 a.m.
- Mon. 19 Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
Bingo w/ Elmcroft, 2:30 p.m.
- Tue. 20 Dance, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.



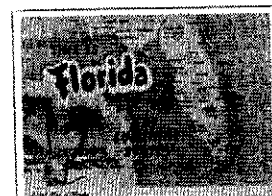
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- Wed. 21 Quilting, Crafts, Potluck
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
Cards, 1:30 p.m.
- Thurs. 22 Wii Bowling, 1 p.m.
- Mon. 26 **Toenail Clinic, 10 a.m.**
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
Bingo w/ Richland Manor, 2:30 p.m.
Western Sq. Dancing - 6:30 p.m
- Tue. 27 **Depart for Europe, 3 p.m.**
Dance, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
- Wed. 28 Quilting, Potluck, Crafts
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
Cards, 1:30 p.m.
- Thurs. 29 Wii Bowling, 1 p.m.





AUGUST DINNER MEETING



TIME: Monday, August 12th, 6:00 pm

PLACE: Bluffton Senior Center

WHAT: Catered meal by Columbus Grove OES #527. They are serving ham, cheesy potatoes, green beans, cole slaw, dinner rolls and cake. Tickets are \$7.00 and must be purchased by Wednesday, August 7th so the caterer has enough food for everyone.

M.C.: Basil Meyer

HOSTESSES: Betty Moser and friends

PROGRAM: Denny Edinger will share his antique post card collection.



In August, **Pearl Williamson** and **Keitha Carver** will both turn 90 years young. We will celebrate **Keitha** and **Pearl's** birthdays at our August Dinner Meeting where we will present them with their Red Rose and Life Membership. Congratulations **Pearl** and **Keitha**.



BLOOD PRESSURE

Wednesday, August 7th will be our next Blood Pressure Clinic. **Clarabeth Bixel** will be our nurse from **11:00 am – Noon**. Thank you to **Marcene Spangler** for being our nurse in July. If you need help with your insurance papers, give the office a call.



TOE NAIL CLINIC



Monday, August 26th at 10 AM will be our next Toenail Clinic with **Dr. Kirk**. You must call ahead for an appointment and there is a charge of **\$10.00** due at the time of your appointment. Medicare does not cover the clinic because it is not in a medical office.

100 YEARS OLD!!!



Our long time member, **Frances Scoles** will turn 100 years old on August 12th. **Frances'** family will be celebrating with her on the Sunday before. Next time you see **Frances**, be sure to wish her a Happy Birthday. She would also appreciate cards or phone calls. Congratulations, **Frances!!!**

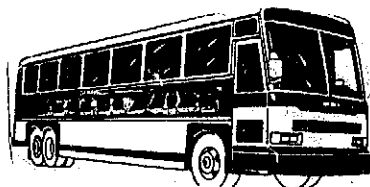
MEMORIAL



A Memorial Gift has been given to the Bluffton Senior Center in memory of **Bev Painter's** brother, **Vernet Damon** from **Betty Bozo**. The gift will be recorded in our Memorial Book for all to see.

THANK YOU...."Thank you so much for giving a gift that was used as a door prize for the library's Gold Outing. We are grateful for your support." **Friends of Library Board**

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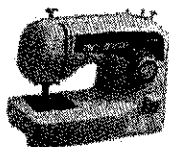
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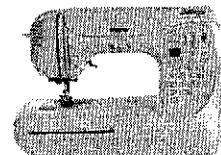
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AUGUST 27 – SEPTEMBER 7 ... GERMANY, SWITZERLAND AND AUSTRIA We will be departing at 3 pm. Don't forget you Passport!



DEB'S WORKSHOPS



Let's try something new! Deb Beer, our new craft director, has suggested holding a once-a-month workshop to build up our inventory of sewn craft items for sale in the gift shop area. Each month, starting in September, there will be a different project. The only skill required is a basic knowledge of using a sewing machine.

We will gather at 1 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month. Participants are invited to join in the weekly Wednesday carry-in lunch at noon, if they desire.

Our first workshop will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 11, starting at 1 p.m. We will be sewing walker carriers. All supplies and equipment will be provided, including sewing machines. We have 6 sewing machines here at the Senior Center. If you have a portable sewing machine and feel more comfortable sewing on your own machine, by all means, bring it. (If you need help unloading it from your car and getting it into the Senior Center, let us know.)

See you Sept. 11! No reservations are required. If you have questions, call the Senior Center at 419-358-8971 and ask for Deb Beer. If she's not here, leave a phone number and she will get back to you.



DOMINOS



Our next domino games will be Friday, August 2nd and August 16th. The game starts at 9:30 am but we'll work you in if you have to come late. We will teach Mexican Train dominos to anyone interested. If you know how, come and join the fun!

COMMUNITY MEALS

The August ^{7th} community meal will be served by ^{Emmanuel UCC} ~~St. John's UCC~~. On August ^{15th} ~~21st~~, the ~~St. Mary's Catholic Church~~ ^{Ebenezer} will serve the meal. The meals are FREE, open to the public and start at 6 p.m. All monetary donations support the Bluffton Food Pantry.



Bearcreek Farms August 2nd

presenting **"The Blend"** an acapella men's quartet,

specializing in hits of the 50's & 60's plus southern gospel and more. **\$68.00** (due by July 1st)

This is a highly recommended musical group! -- Depart at 10:30 am.

This is the final year for Bearcreek Farms.

LaComedia - September 26th Church Basement Ladies \$75.00 (Due by Aug. 22nd)

Presents: "A mighty Fortress is our Basement" (Depart at 9:00 am)

Amishlands - Lancaster Pennsylvania Sept. 30 - Oct. 4th 5 days - 4 nights

Only \$598.00 (due by Aug. 19th) (Depart at 7:00 am)

Stop at Flight 93 Memorial in PA, "NOAH" at the Millennium Theatre, Strausburg Railroad Train Ride with Hobo lunch, Guided tours including Kreider's Dairy Farm, "Back Roads" Amish Farmlands Tour, Kitchen Kettle Village, Farmer's Market, Biblical Tabernacle, "Jacobs Choice" an Amish experience, American Music Theatre presents "Broadway Now and Forever" and more, including Family Style and Smorgasbord meals.

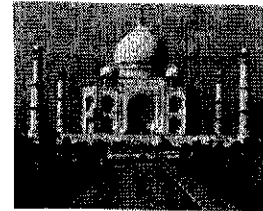
Holmes County Amish Trip on Tuesday, October 22nd

\$75.00 due by Sept. 30th. Depart at 8:30 am

Lunch in the home of Andy & Maudie Raber, Tour THE FARM at Walnut Creek
Visit Hershberger's Country Market, (an Amish WalMart)
Visit Walnut Creek Cheese Company for the evening meal, sandwiches,
shopping and Ice Cream.



MOVIE TIME



Let's take a break from the heat once again with a movie. On **Friday, August 9th at 1:30 pm**, We will show a movie about some British Senior Citizens' who decide to retire in India. This funny and touching movie stars some very famous actors and actresses. Watch as the characters leave their comfort zones as they enter the next stage of their lives in a colorful new country. We will provide the popcorn. You can bring your own drink or buy one at the Senior Center. Bring a friend and join us on a virtual trip to India.



HOBBY CENTER



Louise LaRoche was kind enough to leave her rooster collection roosting for two months in the Senior Center display case so we could enjoy them. Thank you **Louise!** In August, **Dianna Rowe** will share her lighthouse collection. If you have a collection, art work, or interest you would like to share, please let the staff know.

WESTERN SQUARE DANCING



Our next Western Square Dance will be on **Monday, August 26th** at 6:30 p.m. The first half hour is lessons and the dance starts at 7 p.m. The cost is **\$2.00** for members and **\$3.00** for non-members. You do not need a partner as people change partners throughout the evening. Come join the fun!!!

JULY DINNER MEETING



Sixty (60) people gathered at the Bluffton Senior Center on a warm July evening for the dinner meeting. **Kay Burkholder** had the tables set with flags and they looked very patriotic. **Bill Peebles** opened the evening with a poem and a prayer. We had a lovely meal served by the Mt.Cory Masonic Lodge. After some announcements, **Bill** introduced **Dick Boehr**. **Dick** gave a brief history of the Bluffton area before it was Bluffton. He then gave the history of the Shannon Cemetery. **Dick** had maps and photos to show and gave a preview of what the space may look like in the future, and how long it will take to get it done. It was a very interesting evening.

THANK YOU.... "Dear Friends, A special thanks to all the people that had a part in getting everything ready to make my retirement tea a success. It was nice seeing so many of my friends there to wish me the best of luck in my retirement. Thank you for all your cards and phone calls. I enjoyed everything and everybody. I had a very good time. Thank you so very much. " In appreciation, **Mary Koontz**



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CRYSTAL TRADITIONS

On July 18th, 24 Senior Citizens left for a day of fun with Bob and Bev Painter. Our first stop was in Tiffin at Crystal Traditions where we had a demonstration on blowing glass and engraving. Very nice but it was very hot.

Back on the bus and we headed to Willard and lunch at Willard Country Kitchen. By now it was 90 degrees but more to come.

On to Shilo and the Amish Country Market. There was lot's of bulk food and ice cream.

On the bus again and headed to Bucyrus for a tour of the Copper Kettle factory where they make big kettles and kettledrums. We also toured down town and saw the murals. We headed home and arrived just in time for the community meal at the Senior Center.

By Betty Moser



SMOKY MOUNTAIN TRIP - May 13-17, 2013 (continues)



Next the Blacksmith Shop and Keith visited with one of the blacksmiths who also makes knives. From here we went to the Carriage Shop, Leather Shop, Wood Carving Shop, Grist Mill, and the Glass blower's shop. By now, it was nearing 4 p.m. when we were to meet at the front gate with the group. As we were walking that way, some of our group were eating ice cream and so we made a stop too. Yum!! Visiting with our group, they had 10 interest areas to pick from to look out. It would really take 2 days to see and do rides and etc. to cover the area. What I mentioned is what interested Keith and I and what we could cover in the time we had. Back on the bus, all tired from walking and the heat we had that day. We enjoyed the riding back to Pigeon Forge to attend the Dixie Stampede. Another beautiful production with costumes, 32 horses, several wagons, cast of top-notch riders, and at the end, their outfits and horses's harnesses were lite up. Just breath taking!!! The show went on while we were eating our supper with ONLY your fingers!!! When you are done, they do bring warm hot towels to wash you hands. (While waiting for the show to begin at the Dixie Stampede Saloon, Bob & Bev met a couple they had known while living in Florida. They haven't seen them for years and the couple was on vacation in Tennessee. Both couples were so surprised and one never knows who you might meet on vacation.)

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Thursday was our Smoky Mountain tour picking up a guide to ride the bus with us, Sonny Smith, banjo player from the band at Hatfield & McCoy Show. He explained that the Mountains look like they have a blue haze over them like a light smoke because the trees put off a pollen that creates the look. More information he shared of the mountains was they are part of the oldest mountain range in the United States, 2000 miles long from Georgia up through Maine, and has the largest rain forest in the United States. Our bus driver, Jim, drove the bus up a very curvey road to Newfound Gap with an elevation of 5,000 feet. Words just can't describe what one saw of the beauty there. Sonny also told us that salamanders make up the largest official population in the Smoky mountains of wild creatures living there. Black bear, red fox and moon shiners live in the forests, too. Ha! We then drove down to Gatlinburg where we had lunch wherever we wanted to eat and check out the shops there. After a couple of hours, back on the bus and went to the Titanic Museum at Pigeon Forge. When entering, everyone received a boarding pass and had a name on it who you were for the tour. At the end of the tour, you were able to check the list of names to see if you survived the wreck or didn't. Keith and I both survived and our people lived until they were 77 years old. We got to feel what a real ice berg would feel like plus the very cold water (28 degrees cold) that the people fell in. Very, very cold! It was a lot of reading but sort of sobering at the same time thinking how many died and what must have gone through their minds at that moment. One of our people on the bus tour had a great-aunt or aunt on the ship who died by the name of Funk. I'm sure they had some mixed feelings reading her name on the list of people who didn't survive. I know I would if it was a relative of mine.

Our evening was open for supper and so we went to Golden Corral which we all enjoyed a lot with the assortment of food. For some reason strange reason, people took steak, fish, pizza, salads, fruit, and desserts and NO CHICKEN! I'm sure every bite was enjoyed with the variety since all the theater meals consisted of CHICKEN (broasted, baked, fried, or strips), potatoes, cole slaw, half a cob of corn, biscuits, pudding or cookie for dessert. Ha!

Last show for our trip was at the Comedy Barn Theater! It was an evening of laughing, high energy, fast pace family fun. Acts consisted of dogs doing tricks, cloggers, magic show, juggler, singing, and much more. The MC said he went to school with Minnie Pearl and she told him he would be successful if he would do the following: "Don't do or say anything you won't want your grandmother to hear or see." He said it has worked with their success with the Comedy Barn Show and hopes it continues. When you leave, your body sort of hurts a little from all the laughing you did and I'm sure everyone slept rather well that evening.

Friday morning our suitcases were picked up and loaded on the bus by 8:30 a.m. After breakfast, we headed to the East Tennessee Hills to Chestnut Hill, home of BUSH Baked Beans. Today, the company's signature baked beans are the number one selling brand in the United States. We spent about an hour or more looking over their museum and shopping in the store plus watched a 6 minute movie of the operation of the plant. We were introduced to the famous golden retriever, Duke, who is a buddy of Jay Bush and helps to make advertisements. Several of the group bought some memories of the visit and pictures taken around outside the Country Store. Back on the bus and heading north for Ohio, we stopped about 1:30 p.m. at Colbin, KY for lunch. Guess where? CRACKER BARREL! Had our stomachs full and felt we could now make it to Bluffton. Drove through some rain showers and arrived in Bluffton at 8 p.m. at the parking behind the Center. Unloaded the suitcases, picked up our "goodies", said good-bye to our old and new friends and on to home.

Special thanks to our bus driver, Jim Miller, for a safe trip, to Bob and Bev for being great hosts and planning a good trip, and thanks for those delicious home baked cookies, Bev!! Yum!! Looking forward to the September trip to Lancaster, PA and the show "Noah."

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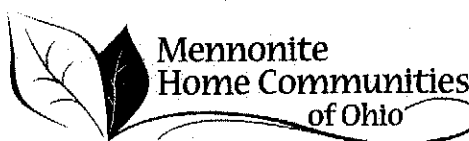
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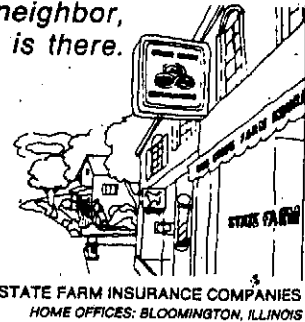
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