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AUGUST 2014

Fri. 1 Dominos, 9:30 a.m.

Mon. 4 Exercise Class, 1:30 pm Bingo w/MHCO, 2:30 p.m.

Tue. 5 Dance, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. National Night Out.. 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Wed. 6 Crafts, Quiltling
Blood Pressure Clinic, 11 a.m.
POTLUCK MEAL, 12 Noon
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.

Thurs. 7 Coach trip to Tecumseh, depart at
12 Noon
Wii Bowling, 1 p.m.
Community Meal, 6 p.m.

Fri. 8 Dominos, 9:30 a.m. **Movie, 1:30 p.m.**

Mon. 11 Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.

Monthly Dinner Meeting, 6 p.m.

Catered by Ginny Moser

Tue. 12 Dance, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Wed. 13 Quilting, Crafts
Potluck Meal, 12 Noon **Deb's Workshop, 1 p.m.**Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.

Thurs. 14 Wii bowling, 1 p.m.

Fri. 15 Dominos, 9:30 a.m.

Mon. 18 Bus trip to Indiana Amish Area

Depart at 7 a.m.

Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.

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Tue. 19 Dance, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

20 Crafts, Quilting
Potluck Meal, 12 Noon
"Back Pain" – talk, 12:30 p.m.
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.

Thurs. 21 Wii Bowling, 1 p.m.

Board Meeting, 1:30 p.m.

Community Meal, 6 p.m.

Fri. 22 Dominos, 9:30 a.m.

Mon. 25 Toenail Clinic, 10 a.m.
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
Bingo with Richland Manor,
2:30 p.m.
Western Square Dancing, 6:30 p.m.

Tues. 26 Dance, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Wed. 27 Quilting, Crafts, Gossip Potluck, 12 NOON Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.

Thurs. 28 Wii Bowling, 1 p.m.

Fri. 29 Dominos, 9:30 a.m.















AUGUST DINNER MEETING



TIME: Monday, August 11th, 6:00 PM

PLACE: Bluffton Senior Center

WHAT: Ginny Moser will cater the meal. She will be serving meat loaf, au gratin potatoes, corn, perfection salad, bread and cake. The cost of the meal is \$7.00 and ticket must be purchased by Wednesday, August 6th. <u>Tickets MUST BE purchased ahead so there is enough food for everyone!</u>

M.C.: Basil Meyer

HOSTESSES: Becky Marshall and Dianne (Cookie)

PROGRAM: Kate and Ryan Strickler are a sister and brother team. They played piano for the Wednesday workers last spring and we were so impressed that we booked them for a dinner meeting.

HOBBY CENTER

We don't want to be piggish about it, but we think the July display was cute. Thank you **Doris**Heldman for sharing your pigs. In August, **Dortha Radabaugh** will share her bell collection.

If you have a craft of hobby that you would be willing to share, please let us know, 419-358-

8971.

MOVIE TIME!!!

We have one last movie for the summer and this one is to get you ready for the Fall. The movie will be played on <u>Friday</u>, <u>August 8th at 1;30 p.m.</u> This award winning movie is the story of a well-to-do woman who takes a boy off the streets and into her family. The boy grows up to be an NFL star and part of the family. Based on real events, this heart warming story will lift your spirits. This movie is rated PG-13. As always, the Senior Center will provide the popcorn.

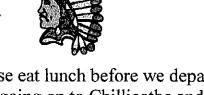
DEB'S WORKSHOP, July 9th

August's workshop project will be "quilt as you go" placemats. **Deb's** workshop will be at **1 p.m. on Wednesday, August 13th.** This is a great way to machine quilt and easy to do. Please make a reservation so we have enough sewing machines to go around. There were 7 people (the most ever) for the July workshop and we had a great time. But, it shows that we really need you to make a reservation so we have room for everyone.

MEMORIALS

The Bluffton Senior Center has received a Memorial Gift in memory of Vera Core from Roger and Jo Edwards. We have received a Memorial Gift in memory of Dean & Darlyn Sommers' son, Dan, from Sherlyn Lugibihl. Vera and Dan's names' will be put in our Memorial Book for all to see how much they meant to us.

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TECUMSEH August 7th We will be leaving at 12 noon so please eat lunch before we depart. We will stop on at the Statehouse in Columbus for a tour before going on to Chillicothe and the show. The trip includes a buffet supper and a behind the scenes tour. Estimated time of return is 2am.

RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL, Saturday, September 13th The Festival has something for everyone, shows, good food, shopping, games, shows, entertainers, a queen and even a museum. All the shows are free with admittance and lunch is included in the trip. We will spend the day with knights and queens. Tour cost is \$54.00 due August 13th. Depart 8:30 AM. We will stop for supper on your own on the way home.

2015

SUNNY ORLANDO FLORIDA March 14-21, 2015 We will stop at the Biltmore Estate on the way to Florida. In Orlando, we will visit The Holy Land Experience, Leu Gardens & House Museum and the Morse Museum of American Art. We will also have a free day to visit the Disney Park of your choice. Brochures are at the desk for full details.

OREGON'S NATURAL WONDERS, September 2015, details to follow. Keep watching here!!

STORE NEWS

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THANK YOU'S...."Thank you for the beautiful floral arrangement for **Vera Core**. Your kind expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated." **Family of Vera**

"Thank you so much for the Get-Well card I received along with your thoughts and prayers. It was greatly appreciated."

Marlene Cartwright

BACK PAIN!!!

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Bridge Home Health and Hospice will present a Health matter's Educational talk at the Bluffton Senior Center on Wednesday, August 20th after the weekly potluck. The topic will be on "Back Pain." Ouch!! Join us for our potluck at NOON or just come for the talk at 12:30 p.m. The talk will last approximately 30 minutes and is FREE and open to the public.

August 18th we are going to Northern Indiana Amish area

to visit the Amish Quilt Gardens, Nappanee Heritage Center, Quilting shops, Coppes Commons, Wakarusa Dime Store, Linton's Enchanted Gardens and The Blue Gate

Theater for a Family Style Dinner plus a Musical Production

"Josiah for President".

Depart Bluffton at 7:00 am \$90.00 (due by July 3rd)

Mackinac Island and Upper Peninsula of Michigan

September 28 - October 2nd 5 days - 4 nights
Soo Locks Dinner Cruise, Bronner's Christmas Wonderland, Frankenmuth Village Shops,
Carriage Tour of Mackinac Island and the Grand Hotel, The Great Lakes Shipwreck
Museum and more... \$634.00 (Due July 25th) Depart at 8:00 am

Amish Country Theater, Saturday, October 11th \$90.00 (due Oct. 1st)

Depart Bluffton at 8:00 am, Homestead Buffet for Lunch, Rolling Ridge Ranch, Horse and Wagon tour of exotic animal park, "Buggy Fever", a Hee Haw type musical comedy and varitey show, enjoy shopping, a sandwich and ice cream at the Walnut Creek Cheese Company before our journey back to Bluffton.

"A Branson Country Christmas" presented by Branson's own

Ozark Jubilee Band with Hillbilly Comedy and Holiday music.

Tuesday, November 4, 2014 at Aladdin Shrine Center in Columbus.

Motor Coach transportion departing at 9:00 am and arriving in time for a holiday lunch consinting of salad, roast turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and all the trimmings..

All this for <u>\$84.00</u> (due by Sept. 15th)

SURPRISE!!

We have 3 programs scheduled for 2015 at LaComedia "South Pacific" Thursday, April 9th
"Church Basement Ladies and their Last Potluck", Sept. 24th
"Christmas Story" November 12th.



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WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS....

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SENT CARDS TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS IN THE HOSPITAL....

Marilyn Benroth Betty Moser Corrine Boehr

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

- Vera Core.

TOENAIL CLINIC

Monday, August 25th at 10 a.m. will be our next Toenail Clinic with Dr. Kirk. You must call ahead for an appointment and there is a charge of \$\sumentint{\Sigma} 10.00\$ due at the time of your appointment. Medicare does not cover the clinic because it is not in a medical office.

WESTERN SQUARE DANCING

Our next Western Square Dance will be August 25th at 6:30 p.m. So mark your calendars. New dancers are always welcomed. The cost is \$3 for nonmembers and \$2 for members. Partners are not needed because partners are changed though out the evening.

COMMUNITY MEALS

The community meal will be served by August 7, Bluffton Lion's Club. On August 21st, St. Mary's Catholic Church will serve the meal. The meals are FREE, open to the public and start at 6:00 p.m. All monetary donations support the Bluffton Food Pantry.

POWER DOOR

Many have already seen and used the newest change at the Bluffton Senior Center. **Ken & Lee Cookson**, sons of former director, **Betty Cookson** purchased a handicap accessible door system in honor of their mother. The door system with buttons on the inside and outside allow the door to open, hands "Free." The door will be a permanent reminder of **Betty Cookson's** long service to the Senior Center and to Bluffton.

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The Senior Center held a ribbon cutting ceremony on July 7th with Betty Cookson doing the honors. Betty's son, Lee, his wife, and their children and grandchildren were in attendance for the ribbon cutting plus former director, Rosemary Meyer, as well as most of the current board members and both Bluffton papers. After a few words of welcome, Betty cut the ribbon and everyone went inside where it was cool and enjoyed some cookies and ice tea.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

Our next Blood Pressure Clinic will be Wednesday, August 6th. Clarabeth Bixel will be our nurse from 11 a.m. to 12 NOON. Thank you to Signature Health Care for sending a nurse in July. If you need help with insurance papers, give the office a call, 419-358-8971.

Reports of trips taken by Sr. Citizen's from the Center.....

Showtime at **Der Dutchman**, Plain City....Tuesday morning July 8th, a group of 38 Seniors couldn't dodge all the rain drops to get on the Excursion's Trailways bus. Driver, **Tim**, and his umbrella was a big help! We departed about 9 a.m. and the weather improved as we traveled southeast from Bluffton. **Bev** pointed out the **Gene Autrey** mural in downtown, **Kenton** and **Bob** recited a bit of nonsense as we traveled. We arrived in Plain City, OH, about 11 a.m. with everyone ready for the family style feast that consisted of southern fried chicken, roast beef, taters and gravy, salad and hymmy pie. **Ron Retzer** and his musician friends, playing keyboard, guitar and fiddle presented various styles of music including gospel, country, blue grass, and others entertaining us for a couple hours. After some time for shopping, we returned to Bluffton reminiscing about our day of food, music, and fellowship.

Cuyahoga River Trip, Cleveland.... We boarded our motor coach at about 8 a.m. for our trip to Cleveland. The weather looked cloudy and rainy but Tonya kept us busy with games and jokes. As soon as our motor coach arrived at the dock for our ship, The Goodtime III; the sun popped out and we had a beautiful rest of the day.

After boarding the ship, we were severed a great lunch and then began our cruse up the **Cuyahaoga River**, the river who's name means "**Crooked River**" was appropriately named as this water way takes 100 miles with curves and turns to travel 35 miles. We had a narrator who told us about the 17 bridges of many different types and styles that we went under. It was interesting to watch them open so we could pass under them.

When we returned to the dock at 2 p.m. after a quick extra cruise on Lake Erie; we again boarded our motor coach. Our driver "Tim" had some more twist and turns for us as he maneuvered our motor coach down and around the narrow streets of Cleveland to the flats where the Greater Cleveland Aquarium is housed in the old Power Plant. This at one time provided the power to all of Cleveland, plus the buildings' architecture was interesting and the aquarium was lots of fun! I enjoyed the Jelly Fish, Shark Sea tube, and the Touch Pool with Stingrays in it. This pool was the most interesting place with people & children, although I didn't try to touch a Stingray!

A supper stop was made on the way home and all had a good time. Thanks, Tonya.

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Thursday was going to be a busy day again! Started right in Rapid City seeing their "Journey Museum." Here we explored the heritage of the cultures of the Black Hills region. Displays of the pioneers and the American Indians who lived here years ago. After an hour or so, we went to the Black Hills Gold Factory. We had a tour showing us how they make the gold jewelry plus had to cut a diamond. We saw a "raw" diamond that was being registered for their records weighing about 4 carats and valved at \$300,000 to \$400,000. Wow!! Quite few people purchased a piece of jewelry to remember their visit here. (I got myself a necklace and earrings and Keith got a small bottle of gold flakes.) We then had a little time and the guide felt that we needed to see Sturgis, home of the world's largest motorcycle gathering (also known as "Mecca of the World of Cycles"). I had to admit, it was exciting for me to be able to drive through and see the town. A small town of about 3,000 people, but when the cycles arrive, 1st of August, grows to 400,000 to 500,000 people, elbow to elbow and a constant roar of cycle engines. This all started back in 1937 and seems to continue to grow. It is said that 800-900 vendors set up and the 2 hottest items are T-shirts and turkey legs. Ha! How they figure the attendance is to weigh the trash when they all leave. The money during this time the town makes is divided up among the businesses and their Senior Center is also included in that. How great is that!! From here, we went to Deadwood. The town is being restored to like it was in the days gone by. It was made famous by Wild Bill Hickok and Calamity Jane. We had a tour here and was shown the cemetery were these two people were buried. Town is very active yet with 80 establishments with slot machines, a Blackjack game, a Texas Hold'em game and poker tables. Just a short distance, was a town named, Leadville, where there is a active gold mine (named Homestead Mine) and still going today as a Stanford Underground Laboratory. Headed back to our motel









which was a welcome sight after a very busy, informative day! Friday, suitcases set out in the hallway to be loaded on the bus while we ate breakfast. Done eating and back on the bus, Wall Drug, here we come! Another quiet bus as most mornings were until they had a few hours of sleep and the rest area stop. Soon, Mathis, leaves the four lane road for a two lane road and enters a small town, see a large grain elevator, one very large store (about 3 blocks long??), little stores on the other side of the street and people everywhere. Here it was Wall Drug! (Was a surprise to me by being so plain like.) We had about 1 hour to shop/look around and check out the candy store and the lunch shop. FREE water was offered, 5 cent coffee, and fresh doughnuts were available. I didn't have time for that because I was looking for photo albums. The first and last store I was in, there they were and that made my trip!! Back on the bus and heading EAST!!! Lunch was ate at Al's Oasis which has been serving visitors for 90 years. It is family owned and is a" one stop" w/ a supermarket, clothing store, gift shop, restaurant, and a saloon and filing station. Continued on to Souix Falls, So.Dak., for our night stay. Registered at the motel and out for supper at the Cracker Barrel (Bob's favorite).

Saturday after breakfast, we're on the road again driving through Iowa. Had rain, rain, and more rain with fog across the whole state. About 20 miles or so from Bettendorf, Iowa, where we stayed the night; we passed the World's Largest Truck Stop, I-80. We didn't have time to stop but just looked as we passed by. In Bettendorf, we stayed at the Isle Casino Hotel. We again had a very lovely buffet and of so much food! After everyone was FULL, you could go and check out the casino and try your skill at the slot-machines or go to your room and rest and watch TV. We all received a card for \$10 to use in a machine if you wanted to. Some were lucky and some lost! It was something to see and an experience to remember and a GREAT place to people watch!!!

Sunday we enjoyed a lovely breakfast and back on the road at 8:15 a.m. (Central time). Bev had a short devotional time with singing and a reading from the Upper Room and then a Bible quiz. When done, some took a nap again, (maybe had a late night??) play games on their kindles, reading, or just visiting and watching the countryside. Stopped for lunch and couldn't end our trip without making another stop at WAL-MART (for water or rest stop or snacks)! Arrived at Bluffton about 6 p.m. Picked up their luggage, said good-by's to old and new friends and away they went.



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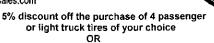
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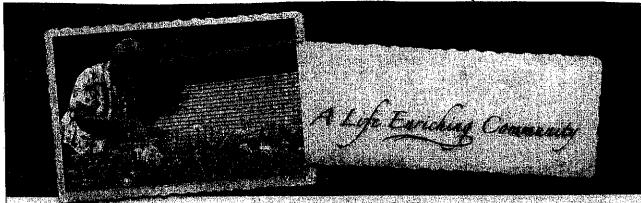
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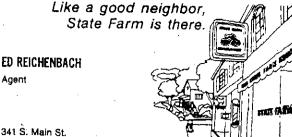
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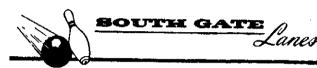
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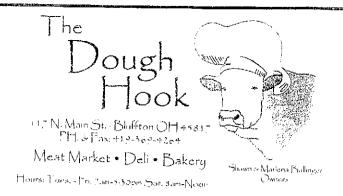
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Thanks were expressed to Bob & Bev for being great host/hostess with tasty, homemade cookies served at our rest stop breaks plus coffee and water, stories/jokes shared, quiz's (about Ohio, So.Dakota, misc. and the Bible) and all the candy passed in the afternoons. Winners for all the quiz's were:Bob Blank, Ken Kline, Margaret Wolford, Jo Edwards, Deb Stauffer, Pat Basinger, Joyce Daniel, Evelyn Robinson, Barb Krugh, Betty Heldman, Nancy Davenport, Mary Ann Moser, Larry Esmonde, Jim Stauffer, and Elizabeth Rettig. Enjoyed listening to soft music during the long drives and watching a movie, appreciated the short devotional times just reminding us to give thanks to God for safe traveling, enjoyable time, and being with our driver, Mathis. Great memories again, and thanks Bob and Bev.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT!

You are invited <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>August 5th from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.</u> for the Bluffton, Pandora, and Beaverdam's <u>Ist National Night Out</u> celebration at the Bluffton Community Swimming pool. There will be FREE admission all day and the event will be from 6 pm-9 pm that night. <u>National Night Out</u> is a nationwide event in it's <u>3lst year</u> and is held on the first Tuesday in August annually. The purpose of <u>National Night Out</u> is to build strong partnerships between the <u>Police</u> departments and the communities they serve. There will be activities, a FREE meal, and snacks for those in attendance. The event is hosted by the Bluffton and Pandora Police departments. The Bluffton, Beaverdam, and Pandora Fire and EMS departments will also be participating in the event.



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