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## **Dennis Gallant, Bluffton mayor, Oct. 11 chamber breakfast speaker**

Dennis Gallant, Bluffton mayor, will provide a state of the village address during the Friday, Oct. 11, Bluffton Area Chamber of Commerce breakfast.

Gallant, who served on Bluffton council for several years, became mayor in February when Eric Fulcomer resigned and accepted a new position in Illinois. Gallant was council president at the time of Fulcomer's resignation.

Devine Interventions will cater the October breakfast. Diamond Manufacturing and Sycamore Lake Wine Co., Columbus Grove, are the breakfast sponsors.

Invited guests to the breakfast include the members of the Bluffton University homecoming court and the senior members of the Bluffton High School homecoming court.

In addition, the chamber will recognize Sam Diller, who has sold his Main Street business to Scott Basinger, Pandora attorney.

Chamber members interested in making announcements at the meeting are asked to contact Fred Steiner at [blufftonchamber@gmail.com](mailto:blufftonchamber@gmail.com) to be added to the agenda.

Breakfast serving is from 7 to 7:30 a.m. The meeting begins at 7:30 a.m. and is in the third floor of the Bluffton town hall.

## **Vote on-line to help Diamond Manufacturing**

Tammy Whitlow, administrative manager of Diamond Manufacturing of Bluffton, needs your vote.

Diamond is in the running for a \$250,000 small business grant and anyone may vote to help the business obtain the grant.

"We were given this opportunity because we are a certified women-owned company. Go to: <https://www.missionmainstreetgrants.com/search/businesses> and all you need do is put in our zip 45817 and we are the only company that pops up," she said. That action provides the company with one vote toward its goal.

# **Bluffton Child Development Center needs subs and 3-year-old class sponsor**

The Bluffton Child Development Center, 325 County Line Road, has two immediate needs, according to Lauren Osting, director.

First, the Center is in desperate need of subs. “We need subs willing to work flexible hours anywhere from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.,” said Osting.

“One additional need we have at the Center is the need for a sponsor for our three-year-old classroom. For \$500 a business, group, individual or organization can become sponsor for the classroom. During the school year the sponsorship provides the room with supplies,” she said.

For more information on either of these items contact Osting at the Center, 419-358-8222.

## **NW Physical Therapy offers free therapy screenings**

In celebration of National Physical Therapy Month in October Northwest Physical Therapy, Inc. offers free therapy screens to the public during the month of October.

These screens will be available at all four outpatient locations including Bluffton, located in the BFR Sports and Fitness Center, 215 Snider Road.

A physical therapy screening takes approximately 10-15 minutes and will be performed by a licensed clinician. A therapy screening helps identify issues that may be causing unnecessary pain.

“People don’t often realize that the pain they deal with everyday doesn’t have to be a part of their life,” said Wanda Dean, physical therapist and owner of Northwest Physical Therapy.

Dean adds: “A physical therapist is a highly trained medical professional who is able to identify key factors that may be attributing to chronic back pain, headaches, knee pain, etc. Once these factors are identified, the therapist works with the patient to provide long-term relief through education and very specific interventions.”

To schedule a free therapy screening during the month of October, call the Bluffton office at 419-358-6978.



Dear Chamber Member

The BFR will be hosting a FREE Halloween Party (scare free) on Sunday, October 20, 2013 from 2-4pm. Games and crafts 2-3 costume judging at 3. For us to keep this a free community event we are looking for donations. *Please see below on how you might be able to help:*

Donation 1- Your company/business donates prizes or candy for booths

Donation 2- Your company/business sets up and provides prizes for your choice of booth  
(BFR has ideas and materials)

Donation 3- Your company/business provides the cookies and/or drink for snack table

All companies/businesses participating will be able to display their company/business logos during this FREE community event. Recognition will be given to all who volunteer or donate.

If interested in any of the above please fill out bottom portion and give me a call/or email by **Oct. 14!**

Thank you,

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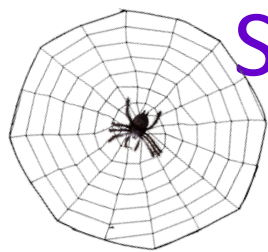
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Judge (costume contest) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

BFR Sports & Fitness  
invites you to a  
FREE Community Halloween Party



Sunday, October 20th

2pm-4pm at BFR

Crafts and Games: 2-3:00pm

Costume Contest: 3:00PM



Crafts

Candy

Game



Costume Contest

Family/Team Category

Age groups: 0-3yrs, 4-6yrs,

7-10yrs, 11yrs+

Prizes

\*no scary costumes allowed\*



# Bluffton chamber fall calendar

The Bluffton Area Chamber of Commerce announces several Bluffton fall events. Some of these are chamber sponsored, other chamber supported, while others are for information purposes. We will release more information on many of these event as they come closer on the calendar.

## October

- Friday, Oct. 4 - Bluffton High School homecoming parade
- Friday, Oct. 11 - Bluffton chamber breakfast
- Saturday, Oct. 12 - Bluffton University homecoming
- Saturday, Oct. 12 - DTR Industries 25th anniversary celebration
- Wednesday, Oct. 16 - Senior citizens breakfast, Middle School, 8:30 a.m.
- Sunday, Oct. 20 - BFR Halloween party, 204 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 26 - Final Bluffton Farmers' Market of the season, 8:30-noon
- Saturday, Oct. 26 - Town Hall Concert Series, The Rough and Tumble, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 31 - Bluffton trick-or-treat night, 6-7:30 p.m.

## November

- Wednesday, Nov. 6, Town Hall Concert Series, Moxie Strings, 7 p.m.
- Friday, Nov. 8, Bluffton chamber breakfast
- Saturday, Nov. 9 - Downtown holiday open house
- Downtown holiday garlands hung; Ream display posted on Presbyterian Church lawn, Dates to be announced
- Thursday, Nov. 28 - Thanksgiving
- Saturday, No. 30 - Blaze of Lights

## Downtown holiday open house Nov. 9

Downtown Bluffton merchants are putting together a Saturday, Nov. 9, holiday open house event. For more information contact Aphaphanh Nussbaum at Ten Thousand Villages.

### **Santa will visit Bluffton several times in November and December**

The chamber has invited Santa to town this fall. He will be here Saturday mornings of Nov. 23, Dec. 7 and Dec. 14 and Santa and Mrs. Santa Claus will also be here during the Blaze of Lights night on Nov. 30. More information is coming.

### **Bluffton Area Chamber of Commerce Board:**

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