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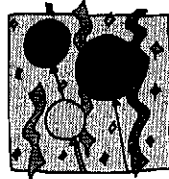
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Mon. 1 **Peanut Brittle, 8 a.m.**
(Last day to make brittle!)
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
Bingo w/MHCO, 2:30 p.m.



Tue. 2 Dance, 3 p.m.- 5 p.m.
Bus trip to **Christmas Lights.**
Depart at 3:45 p.m.

Wed. 3 Quilting, Crafts
Blood Pressure Clinic, 11 a.m.
Potluck, 12 NOON
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.

Thurs. 4 Bowling, 9:30 a.m.
Wii Bowling, 1 p.m.
Community Meal, 6 p.m.



Fri. 5 Dominos, 9:30 a.m.

Mon. 8 **Monthly Dinner Meeting, 11 am**
FREE – must register!!
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.

Tue. 9 Dance, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.



Wed. 10 **Sr. Breakfast at Middle School**
8:30 a.m.
Crafts, Quilting
Potluck, 12 NOON
Deb's Sewing Workshop, 1 pm
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.

Thurs. 11 Bowling, 9:30 a.m.
Wii Bowling, 1 p.m.



Thurs. 11 **Western Square Dancing,**
6:30 p.m.

Fri. 12 Dominos, 9:30 a.m.

Mon. 15 Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.

Tue. 16 Dance, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Wed. 17 Quilting, Crafts
Potluck, 12 NOON
“Stress” talk, 12:30 p.m.
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.

Thurs. 18 Bowling, 9:30 a.m.
Wii Bowling, 1 p.m.
Community Meal, 6 p.m.

Fri. 19 Dominos, 9:30 a.m.

Mon. 22 Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
NO Toenail Clinic,
NO Bingo

Tue. 23 Dance, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Wed. 24 **Closed!**

Thurs. 25 **MERRY CHRISTMAS !**
Closed!

Fri. 26 Dominos, 9:30 a.m.

Mon. 29 Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.

Tue. 30 Dance, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Wed. 31 Quilting, Crafts, Games!!!
Potluck, 12 NOON
Close at 1 p.m. No Exercise!

Thurs. Jan. 1 **HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**
Center Closed!!

DECEMBER DINNER MEETING



TIME: Monday, December 8th, 11:00 AM

PLACE: Bluffton Senior Center

WHAT: Catered by Richland Manor. They will be serving whatever Susan wishes to make, so you know it will be good. The cost of the meal is **FREE** but reservation must be made by **Wednesday, December 3rd**. Reservations **MUST BE** made ahead so there is enough food for everyone!

M.C.: Tonya Meyer

HOSTESSES: Richland Manor

PROGRAM: BINGO by Richland Manor



HOBBY CENTER

Dean Sommers sure has talent as evident by his stained glass artwork. I hope you all had a chance to see it. In December, **Doris Heldman** will share her collection of angels. If you have a collection or artwork or hobby that you would be willing to share, please let us know.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

The next Blood Pressure Clinic will be **Wednesday, December 3rd at 11 a.m.** SIGNATURE HOME HEALTH will send a nurse. Thank you to **Cookie** who was our nurse in November.



PEANUT BRITTLE



They say lots of hands make light work! It has been true this year. We have one more day to go. Monday, December 1st will be our last work day followed by a Pizza Party Talk to Tonya for details.



HOLIDAY HOURS



During the months of November & December, the Bluffton Senior is **OPEN** on Saturday morning from 9 a.m. to Noon. Members are welcome to come in and enjoy the Center during those hours.

FAMILY



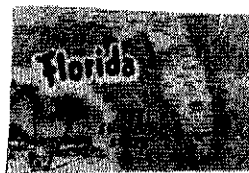
As your children, grandchildren, friends, and relatives come to visit over the holidays, bring them into the Senior Center and show them around. They might find something they need to finish their holiday shopping and we would love to meet them.

STRESS!!!!

Bridge Home Health and Hospice will present "Stress from the Holidays" on **Wed. Dec. 17th at 12:30 p.m.** You're welcomed to join us for a potluck lunch at 12 NOON or just come for the program at 12:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome!



COACH TRIPS WITH TONYA
2015



SUNNY ORLANDO, FLORIDA March 14-21, 2015 We will stop at the Biltmore Estate on the way to Florida. In Orlando, we will have a Capone's Dinner and Show one evening and visit Universal's City Walk on another evening. 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. Price starts at \$829.00 per double occupancy. Brochures are at the desk for full details. We need a few more people to make this trip a go.



OREGON'S NATURAL WONDERS, September 12-20 2015, We will fly out of Cincinnati to Portland. 9 days, 8 nights and 13 meals later we will fly home to Columbus. Cost per person in double room is \$2597. Brochures are at the Senior Center.



SOUTH PACIFIC WONDERS, October 13-30, 2015 Australia and New Zealand with Collette. 18 days, 24 meals starting at \$7,349 per person. We fly out of Detroit for the Land Down Under. See the Great Barrier Reef, Sydney Opera House, Christchurch, Mt. Cook National Park and more. Brochures are in the Senior Center or call and we will mail you one.

TOENAIL CLINIC



There will NOT be a **Toenail Clinic** in December because **Dr. Kirk** will be on Christmas Holiday at that time. Our next **Toenail Clinic** will be **Monday, January 26th at 10 a.m.** 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 a medical office.



WINTER WEATHER



Like it or not, winter is coming! Some might say it is already here. If the Bluffton Schools are **CLOSED** due to winter weather, all **ACTIVITIES** at the Bluffton Senior Center will be **CANCELLED** for safety. If the weather turns bad in the middle of the day, please call before heading out. We use the **WLIO** hometown stations in Lima announcement system to announce closings and cancellations. If in doubt, don't hesitate to call the Senior Center before leaving home.



CHRISTMAS CLOSINGS



The Bluffton Senior Center will be closed on Wednesday, December 24th and Thursday, December 25th for the Christmas Holidays. The Center will be **OPEN, Wednesday, December 31st until 1 p.m.** We will have quilting and crafts for those that wish and games for everyone else followed by a **NOON** potluck. The Center will be **CLOSED, Thursday, January 1st** for the New Year. **NOTE:** this is the first Thursday of the month but there will be **NO** Community Meal that night.

Tuesday, December 2nd - Christmas Lights

Stay on the Warm Bus

Depart The Senior Center at 3:45 pm - Dinner on your own at Bob Evans Restaurant
Visit the Upper Sandusky Park Display - Then to Mansfield/Richland County
Fairgrounds

Return to Bluffton about 9:00 pm - All this for **\$38.00**

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

Showtime With Ron Retzer at DerDutchman in Plain City
Crazy Bout Country II on July 8th
Karen Knott Comedy, Don Knott's daughter, October 8th
Ron Retzer and others Christmas Show December 1st.

We are planning a 2015 abbreviated trip to the Badlands of S. D. and Black Hills plus, Buffalo Bill's Historical Center, 2 day guided tour of Yellowstone, The Grand Tetons, A real Cody Wyoming Rodeo, and Cody Cattle Company Chuckwagon Dinner, Captain's Dinner Cruise on the Mississippi and a visit to the John Deere Factory in Moline, Illinois. This will be a 14 day trip. June 1 - 14 \$1884.00

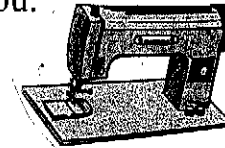
Holmes County Amish Trip

On Saturday, October 11th, 8:00 am 49 Seniors left for Holmes County. After a stop at the Mansfield Rest Area for Bev's cookies and coffee we proceeded to the Farmstead Restaurant in Berlin for a buffet lunch. After lunch we headed to the Rollin' Ridge Ranch where we boarded horse drawn wagons with Amish drivers and guides who took us through hills and valleys where we saw pot belly pigs, some only 1 week old, llamas, elk, deer, watusi cattle, ostrich, emus, Hunphrey the camel, much larger than when we saw him several years ago, and many other unusual animals. We boarded the coach again and went to the "Amish Comedy Theater". We enjoyed a ventriloquist who never moved his mouth, a three piece country band and Amish vocalists. A young Amish man did a vocal and dance number including the "electric slide" and a puppet routine. It was a very entertaining show. Back on the bus to Walnut Creek Cheese Company where some bought cheese, breads, bulk foods, sampled jams and jellies and of course sandwiches and ice cream.



A big THANK YOU to all who helped set up, tear down, and worked the **Christmas Garage Sale**. It could not have gone any smoother, thanks to all of you.

DEB'S WORKSHOP



Wednesday, Dec. 10, volunteers will gather for **Deb's Workshop at 1 p.m.** This month we will be sewing fabric shopping bags. These reusable bags are about the size of a regular plastic grocery sack. Please sign up so we have enough sewing machines. **Thanks** to everyone who came to the Nov. workshop. Together we made 10 microwave bowl holders.

BLAZE OF LIGHTS



Thank you everyone for your hard work on this very busy day! What a wonderful kitchen crew! Thanks for all the pies and cakes and everyone who came out to work. We couldn't do it without you.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS.....

Nancy Horvath, Lima Jim Bemiller, Bluffton Patsy Davies, Bluffton



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

Ann Rankey Welch Treva Shafer



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

- Ara Woolley.



NOVEMBER DINNER MEETING

Fall was in the air with leaves and gourds and pumpkins decorating the tables. **Mary Amstutz** and **Jo Edwards** did a wonderful job decorating the Senior Center. **Bob Painter** opened the evening with a prayer. We were served a delicious dinner of ham loaf and the trimmings by the members of **Eastern Star 550**. After dinner, there was the election of officers. **Roger Edwards** and **Betty Moser** were reelected and **Harlan Basinger** will be joining them on the board. **Roger** then read the list of names of our members who passed away in the last year. Bob then shared the true meaning of **Veteran's Day**. After announcements, Bob introduced **Lynn Miller** who shared pictures and stories of his walk through Portugal and Spain. A good time was had by all.

BRANSON SHOW, Columbus, Ohio



On November 4th at 9:00 p.m., 49 Seniors boarded our motor coach ready for the trip to Columbus to see the show, "Branson Country Christmas." On the way, **Bob** passed out a Christmas quiz of song titles with **Bob Schroeder** getting all the answers correct. After that a second sheet was given out that had drawings to illustrate Christmas songs. Shirley Sommer got all of these correct. We had a total of 14 quiz winners. (continues on page 6)

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We arrived at the **Aladdin's Shrine Center** at 10:45 a.m. We were greeted by their hostess, and then escorted to our table for lunch. We had a real "thanksgiving lunch" of turkey and the trimmings complete with pumpkin pie. Way too much for seniors, but very tasty! The show began with "**Doofus Doolittle**" with his unique style of "Hillbilly Humor" along with the **Ozark Jubilee Band** consisted of three terrific musicians accompanying the singers as they performed country songs and several religious songs. During intermission, **Doofus** became **Randy Newman** (his real name). Beginning of the second half, they did a tribute to the veterans including a recitation about 9-11 and then sang Christmas songs. Some of the most popular Christmas songs were "**Jingle Bells**," "**Frosty the Snowman**", and "**Silent Night**" and many other popular ones. **Randy** has many awards playing the fiddle and treated us with his version of "**Orange Blossom Special**." He received a standing ovation.

Now on the bus and heading to **Greater's Ice Cream** store. Here we heard about the background story of the company that started in the 1800's. The Ice Cream is known for not having any air pumped into it like other brands have. We all were treated to a dish or cone of our choice of ice cream and so delicious!! Returning to the bus with a cookie or two made by **Bev**, we headed towards Bluffton arriving at 7:30 p.m.



BOWLING



Thursday Morning Seniors	
scores bowled on:	16-Oct

Men's High Game:	
Rick Mawhoor	202
Ron Fullom	188
Mike Bastian	177
Basil Meyer	172

Women's High Game:	
Nancy Frick	172
Sue Mawhoor	136
Tonya Meyer	123
Bev Armstrong	114

Men's High Series:	
Ron Fullom	347
Rick Mawhoor	343
Basil Meyer	342
Jim Baumgartner	331

Women's High Series:	
Nancy Frick	306
Sue Mawhoor	242
Tonya Meyer	235
Bev Armstrong	227

Thursday Morning Seniors	
scores bowled on:	23-Oct

Men's High Game:	
Mike Bastian	198
Walter Miller	198
Al Eversole	183
Jim Baumgartner	174
Jack Wickham	170

Women's High Game:	
Sue Mawhoor	127
Tonya Meyer	120
Bev Armstrong	114
Nancy Sidey	111

Men's High Series:	
Mike Bastian	336
Al Eversole	331
Jack Wickham	324
Jim Baumgartner	315

Women's High Series:	
Sue Mawhoor	224
Bev Armstrong	218
Tonya Meyer	212
Nancy Sidey	197

Thursday Morning Seniors	
scores bowled on:	30-Oct

Men's High Game:	
Rick Mawhoor	188
Larry Armstrong	181
Ron Fullom	174
Jim Baumgartner	173

Women's High Game:	
Bev Armstrong	147
Nancy Frick	124
Tonya Meyer	113
Nancy Sidey	102

Men's High Series:	
Rick Mawhoor	349
Ron Fullom	324
Clarence Kooker	318
Bob Badertscher	317

Women's High Series:	
Bev Armstrong	284
Nancy Frick	223
Tonya Meyer	220
Nancy Sidey	197

EXTRA - Trip Story

MACKINAC INLAND & UPPER PENINSULA, MI

Well here it is, September, 28th, Sunday morning at 8 a.m. and 48 seniors have boarded the bus and on our way to Mackinac Island and Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Bob introduced our bus driver for the trip, Randy, and he then spoke a few words. Bob then had a prayer for safe traveling, strength, and patience for our driver for the five days. About an hour or so down the road, Bev, led us in a "morning devotional" time. She read from the Upper Room, sang three songs, read a poem regarding changes we have in our lives and how the seasons change every year. We then closed with everyone repeating the "Lord's Prayer". It was then mentioned that two people on the bus were celebrating their birthdays, one that day, Judy Erwen and Randy, bus driver, on Saturday. So we all sang "Happy Birthday" to them. Judy then passed out suckers for everyone to enjoy. Thanks, Judy!! After 2 ½ hours, we stopped at a road side park, used the restrooms, and enjoyed Bev's homemade cookies and coffee, tea, or hot chocolate. Yum!! Not much more than 45 minutes or less, we saw signs stating Frankenmuth. Blinked and there it was "Bronner's Christmas Wonderland." All around their yard, were Christmas decorations which looked like a winter wonderland without snow. This store is very large and inside it seems to just keep going, going, and going with such a variety of Christmas decorations everywhere plus had a section for Halloween items. I would hear myself saying, "Oh my, oh my, where do we start?" So the first thing most of us did, was to eat a bite at the little café and then off we went. Keith and I decided to purchase Christmas ornaments for our family and that would special since it was from here. When it was time to return to the bus, there were quite a few "Bonner's" shopping bags or plastic bags boarding the bus. Ha! We then drove to "River Place", which is a group of "specialty shops," built sort in a circle close to the river. Some people shopped, watched people, watched TV in a bar & grill, or just visited among ourselves. Several had to have a little cone/dish of ice cream before we left to register in the hotel for the evening. We returned then to the Zehnder's Splash Village located next door to Bronner's and took our items to our rooms and rested for a little while before going to supper. Around 6 p.m., we were back on the bus and headed down town area to Zehnder's Restaurant for a family meal consisted of Bavarian sausage and chicken plus the trimmings. (A waitress told a group of us that they have 12 dining rooms in the restaurant and serve about 1500 people an hour! There weren't any slow moving waiters or waitresses that we saw!) Our meal was ended with peach strudel and I'm very sure that NO ONE left hungry! Checked out their gift shop for about 20 minutes before we needed to leave on the bus for our motel. Back at the motel, I felt I wanted to walk some around the parking lot to help settle my food plus to enjoy the festive Christmas decorations of Bronner's. It was so beautiful with a quiet evening out and felt myself "smiling" all the time. Just truly undiscrivable!!!

Monday morning was rather a lazy one since yesterday was rather a full one of traveling and all had to get up early to leave. After a wonderful breakfast buffet, back on the bus and Randy welcomed all of us and hoped we all were rested and looking forward for another good day. We drove through downtown Frankenmuth and sort of saw that there wasn't anything happening there and noticed that we didn't know where to park the bus and would be a lot of walking again. So it was suggested that we go to an Outlet Mall at Birch Run. We arrived there and was given about 2 ½ hours to go wherever one wanted to go. Again, some people just choose to sit and visit, watch people, or eat some lunch when it was noon, or did go shopping. Keith and I headed to a "Book Warehouse" and both found a book or two. Surprise!! Ha!! At 1:10 p.m. the bus arrived back to the spot we were let out and back on the road again and heading north to Mackinac Bridge and Mackinac City and St. Ignace on the Upper

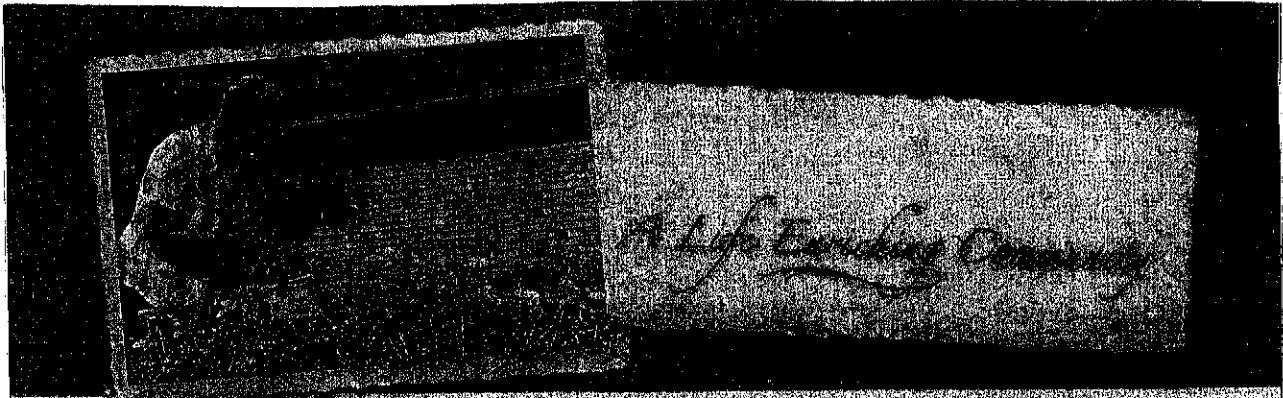
Peninsula. Keith had a book with information about the bridge and shared it with the people before we arrived. Some of that information is: bridge is 5 miles long, opened up November 1, 1957, cost – 100 million, height in the middle is 199 ft. above the water, **Lake Michigan** on the west side/**Lake Huron** on the east, used 41,000 ft. of wire for the main cables and was 24 ½ inches in diameter and held up with 2 steel towers that are 552 ft. above the water. We continued traveling and all of a sudden we noticed that the trees were turning beautiful color of red, gold, orange, ruby, brown, and green. It was very nice to see and made one think how special our “seasons” are and the beauty each one creates. Before we realized, up ahead was the beginning of the bridge. Paid our toll and away we went driving on the bridge and going up higher and higher and listening to the sound of the tires on the bridge and looking down at the rough water, I sure felt a little uneasy for a second or two. Sure glad it wasn’t real windy because they say the bridge does move some. Oh my!!! Arrived at our motel for the next three nights, **Best Western** in **St. Ignace**. The temperature was 51 degrees at 5 p.m. Rather cool from what we all were used to in Ohio. So out came the heavier coats, gloves and hats. Had a wonderful supper buffet at the motel’s dining room of BBQ ribs/chicken and the trimmings. It was inside because of the weather instead of outside on the beach of the lake which I feel was better anyway. When everyone was finished with the meal, **Bob** reminded everyone that tomorrow we needed to board the bus at 8:20 a.m.

Tuesday morning, we woke up early to allow time to get ready and eat breakfast with a lot of other people. There were two other buses at the same hotel and the dining room was just so large. We did have a certain time to go and that did help some. We arrived and the main dining room full, so Keith and I and several others, took our breakfast out on the closed patio to eat. It was a little cool and one had to eat those scrambled eggs and sausage fast before they got cold! Ha! Loaded up and arrived at the dock in time and we board the **Shepler’s Ferry** boat, hydro-jet boat, to **Mackinac Island**. The captain took a little side trip by the bridge, so one could see how it looked being under it and looking up at the very, very large steel structure . It was drizzling some outside, so everyone had to be inside and the windows sort of fogged over and hard to see (temperature outside was 43 degrees with a wind). Arrived at the island at 9:30 a.m. and three wagons were waiting for our group of 49(with the driver) to load for the tour. We were shown around the town, the Grand Hotel, horse stalls/sheds, the farrier’s shop, carriage/wagon shop, Governor’s Mansion, some resident’s homes, and by the Mackinac Fort. We stopped by the famous **Grand Hotel**, which we had to do a “self-tour” of the place following a map. A hotel staff person mentioned to go up to the cupola on fourth floor to look out and see the bridge, **Straits of Mackinac** and the beautiful grounds of the hotel. Here in this room was hanging a very beautiful chandelier they received as a gift and made of glass with pink flowers on it. It is hard to describe, one just has to see it. Lots of pictures were taken of it. Took some more pictures outside of the hotel where several people were waiting to use the Taxi carriage to get to downtown, which takes 10 minutes or so to walk there. They waited and waited and nothing and finally decided to walk it slowly and got along o.k. Before Keith and I got to Main Street, we checked out where the first Blacksmith Shop was located on Market Street and looked it over. It isn’t used anymore until there is a “special” occasion and then a blacksmith will demonstrate in it. On to Main Street and one could see shop after shop selling t-shirts, clothes, books, toys, souvenirs, places to eat, bikes to rent, candy shops (dozen of Fudge shops – we were told about 1000 pounds of fudge is made in the summer), street cleaning people, wagons carrying hay, and people. After eating a bite and walking around and found some items

we wanted, we felt it was getting closer to the time to go to the dock and wait for the ferry for the ride back to the main land. Got ourselves some ice cream and arrived at the dock and found several of our people there to and waiting and eating ice cream. Ha! Four o'clock, the **Shepler Ferry** loaded us on and this time, Keith and I and some of our other people decided to try and ride on the top. It was a little cold but you could see a lot better and with a hat or hood, it just wasn't that bad. Supper then was scheduled for 5:15 p.m. at the **Mackinac Grill In St. Ignace**. We had several main items to pick from and then the rest of the meal we had to take. Ours was very good and being outside all day, doing all that walking, it seemed we all were rather hungry. Ha! The **Best Western** had offered to take anyone that wanted to go to the **Kewadin Shores Casino** that evening, they would take them and pick them up later. Some of the group wanted to go and had a good time. The rest of us headed to our rooms and collapsed.

Wednesday was another very busy day planned. Checked the temperature and it was 53 degrees for the morning/day and partly sunny. Had our breakfast and loaded on the bus and heading to **Whitefish Point on the Upper Peninsula**. Arrived at the **Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum by Lake Superior**. The items and stories were well done, I felt, and very easy to understand. While reading the stories, seeing the items recovered, it was rather a very sobering time to me. The only wreck I really knew about was the "**Edmund Fitzgerald**" in November 10, 1975. Again, reading the account, it sort of just gave me a funny feeling. From here, one was able to walk through other buildings: home of the light house keeper & family; coast guard shop; the gift shop; and then you could walk out towards the lake on a dock. One wasn't allowed in the lighthouse, but we could hear the "fog" horn. Soon it was time again to get on the bus and go to the **Tahquamanon Falls**. We were to be there at noon for lunch and shop at their Gift Shop before the tour to the falls. A lady Forest Ranger led our group through the woods to the falls and shared the story about the area and what all she does being a ranger. She stated that last winter they received about 215 inches of snow and that sure kept them busy. Most of us stopped at the 1/3 mile part of the path to see the "high" falls and the rest of the group continued on and went down 94 steps to get a little closer to the falls towards the bottom part of them. This fall is the second largest waterfall east of the Mississippi River. They were very beautiful and such a roaring sound it made. The trees surrounding the falls, made a beautiful picture with the color of the leaves. Before boarding the bus, it was again time for a treat of ice cream and away we went again heading for **Sault St. Marie, Michigan**. This then made us at the east point of the **Upper Peninsula** by the **St. Lawrence Sea Way** and meeting **Lake Superior**. We arrived at the dock a half hour early and one could shop again for "souvenirs" that we hadn't got before or still need. Ha! About 5:30 p.m. our boat, "**Holiday**" was ready and we went to the dining room for our tables. We enjoyed a buffet supper of chicken and pork chop with the extras and cake later. The boat was going through the Soo Locks and when down eating and entering the locks, some of us went up on the top deck to see better the operation. We were on the American side of the locks and took about 12 minutes to raise our boat up to go out. The gates opened and away we went. The captain drove us around the lake a little, past a steel mill that refines iron ore into steel (on the Canadian side) and then headed back to the locks to return to the dock. If I remembered right, going back through, it took only 8 minutes to lower the water for us and away we went. It was so amazing to me how this all works and still don't understand it at all but very fascinating to me. Just think, the people in town, have to carry their Pass Ports with them all the time in case they need to cross the river into Canada and the other way for the Canadian people. I know from the traveling on this trip in the **Upper**

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Peninsula with all the trees and few people in between; one needs to not mind being alone a lot or not have people close by. It sure wouldn't be for me, I need people. When traveling back to St. Ignace for the night, the bus was rather quiet again with everyone tired from a very busy day.

Had a good breakfast Thursday morning and planned to leave at 9 a.m. It was raining very hard and several got a little wet going between our rooms and the dining room of the motel. Later on during the morning, we gradually ran out of the rain and it was cloudy for most of the day. People were again quiet on the bus, probably thinking about all we did those three days in the **Upper Peninsula**, sleeping, reading, playing games on Ipods/or phones, or just watching the scenery going by. About 12:30 pm, we stopped for lunch at a **Country Buffet**. Everyone seemed to be satisfied and back on the road again. Two hours or so down the road, we made another stop and it was at **Cabela's**. Boy, the men's faces sure lite up when they realized they could go shopping for an hour. The "credit cards" where handed out (ha!) and happy faces entered the store. Bus driver took the bus and filled up with diesel and most of the shoppers where done by then. Quite a few bags came on board and what a talkative bus it was again. Pulled into Bluffton at 6:20 p.m. and unloaded the luggage, people said their good-byes and collected their luggage and away they went.

A lot of thanks were given to **Bev and Bob** for being good host and hostess; for the delicious cookies; entertainment with games and "jokes." Ask **Bob** why the microphone quite working after the last joke? Looking forward to seeing our new friends on another trip or at the Senior Center for our many programs.
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