

February

2023

Bluffton Senior Center

All we need is Love

Wouldn't the world be a better place with more love in it? I don't have a Valentine but I love my friends, my family and all of you. Let us love one another and enjoy life. (1John 4:7-8)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Bridge 9:30 Exercise 1:30	2 Crafts 9:30 Euchre 1 Community Meal 6	3 Bowling 9:30 Dominos 9:30	4
5	6 Monthly Dinner Meeting Noon Exercise 1:30	7 Dulcimers 1 Dance 3	8 Sr. Breakfast @ school 8:30 Bridge 9:30 Exercise 1:30 Jam Session 2:30	9 Crafts 9:30 Euchre 1 Square Dancing 7	10 Bowling 9:30 Dominos 9:30	11
12	13 Exercise 1:30 Bingo 2:30	14 Line Dance 11 Dulcimers 1 Dance 3	15 Bridge 9:30 Exercise 1:30	16 Crafts 9:30 Euchre 1 Community Meal 6	17 Bowling 9:30 Dominos 9:30	18
19	20 Presidents' Day Exercise 1:30 Bingo 2:30	21 Dulcimers 1 Dance 3	22 Bridge 9:30 Exercise 1:30 Jam Session 2:30	23 Crafts 9:30 Euchre 1 Board Meeting 1:30 Square Dance 7	24 Bowling 9:30 Dominos 9:30	25
26	27 Toenail Clinic 9:30 Exercise 1:30	28 Line Dance 11 Dulcimers 1 Dance 3				



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FEBRUARY 2023

In February, I will finally have my knee replacement surgery. Because of my surgery, our Monthly Dinner Meeting will be held a week early. Hopefully, we won't need to disrupt the rest of the schedule so you won't even know I am gone. Enjoy your shortest month!

MONTHLY DINNER MEETING

TIME: Monday, February 6, 12 noon.

PLACE: Bluffton Senior Center

WHAT: Potluck meal. The staff at the Senior Center will be making broccoli cheddar soup. Please bring a side to go with the soup or a dessert.

MC: Beth Lamb

PROGRAM: Courtney McLaughlin will sing for us. Courtney is a music major at ONU.

In February, Ruth Ann Bixel and Bev Painter will both turn 90 years young. We will celebrate their birthdays at our February Dinner Meeting with a Life Membership and a red rose.

MEMORIALS

The Bluffton Senior Center has received a donation from Helen Hawk in memory of Elaine Harris. We have also received donations in memory of Dortha Radabaugh from Mildred James, Sue Gratz, Christina and Chad Baker and Diane Wenger. Elaine and Dortha's names will be added to our Memorial Book so all can see what they meant to us.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Your dues are due if you haven't paid them already. Dues are still just \$20.00 a year. You can pay in person, or by mail or even phone it in with a credit card. Please let us know if there are any changes to your address or phone number or if you are going south for the winter. If you wish to receive your newsletter by email, send Tonya an email at srcenter@wcoil.com.

WINTER WEATHER CLOSINGS

If winter weather hits and the Bluffton Schools close, the Bluffton Senior Center will cancel all activities. If Allen county goes to level 3, the Senior Center will close. If the weather turns bad during the day, please call ahead. Phone calls are always welcome to check before heading out into the weather.

TOENAIL CLINIC

Monday, February 27 at 9:30 a.m. is the date of our next Toenail Clinic with Dr. Kirk. Appointments are required and the clinic cost is \$10.00 due at the time of your appointment. Please stop by the office or call to make an appointment.

HOBBY CENTER

Bob Minto impressed many people with his pottery. Some of his work is still for sale in the store. In February, Louise Hampton will share her mother's collection of Valentines. If you have a collection, art work or hobby that you would be willing to share, let Tonya know.

MAKE AND TAKE

Wednesday, February 8 at 10 a.m. will be our next Make and Take. We will be making foil art and foil art boxes. The cost is \$1 and reservations are appreciated. Call the office to sign up.

COMMUNITY MEAL

On February 2, the Bluffton Presbyterian Church will serve the Community Meal. The English Lutheran Church will serve on February 16. Meals are served at 6 p.m. and are free and open to the public. A free will offering will be taken to assist the local food pantry. In 2022, the community meals raised \$3,094.00 for the Bluffton Food Pantry.

ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

Our Annual Garage Sale will be on March 30, 31, April 1 and half price day on April 3. You may bring donations for the garage sale at anytime up to March 28. We do not take clothing or shoes for the sale. We also do not take old picture tube TVs. Please make sure your donations are clean with some life in them. If you have questions about whether we will accept an item you can call Tonya or talk with Louise. We have limited space to store larger items so those are best to bring closer to the date of the sale.

ACTIVITIES

Activities are the backbone of what we do. I think we do it well but you be the judge. If there is something we could do better or an activity that we don't offer that you would like to see, let us know. Members are also always welcome to invite guess to check out the activities in case they would like to join the Senior Center. The only activity that requires membership is exercise class. But membership does have privileges.

Bowling	Fridays at 9:30 a.m. at Southgate Lanes
Bridge	Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.
Crafts	Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.
Dances	Tuesdays at 3 p.m.
Dominos	Fridays at 9:30 a.m.
Dulcimers	Tuesdays at 1 p.m.
Exercise Class	Mondays and Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m.
Euchre	Thursdays at 1 p.m.
Bingo	Monday, Feb. 13 at 2:30 p.m. sponsored by MHCO Monday, Feb. 20 at 2:30 p.m. with HCS Management
Line Dance Class	Feb. 14 & 28 at 11 a.m., \$2 members, \$3 non-members
Jam Session	Feb. 8 & 22 at 2:30 p.m.
Western Square Dance	Feb. 9 & 23 at 7 p.m., \$3 members, \$4 non-members

CRAFTS

We have had questions about the difference between Craft days and Make and Take days. A Make and Take is an item you make and can take home. Sometimes we might have you make some extras for the store. Thursday mornings are designated Craft Day but crafts can be worked on any day we are open. On Thursday, the quilters, weavers and some sewers and other crafters are usually here working. There is community in all working at the same time. Back in the early 90s, there would be thirty people working on crafts on Craft Day. It was the social event of the week. We now play more games and have more dances. If you are interested in making things for the store talk to Deb Beer. You can make things at home if you prefer. You can work a day other than Thursday if you prefer. Deb can give you ideas about what is needed or will sell.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Charlotte Brauneller, Rawson
Cindy Basinger, Bluffton
Carolyn Shaw, Bluffton
Victor Styer, Bluffton
Rhonda Hohenbrink, Columbus Grove
Jerry Burkholder, Bluffton
Mark Burkholder, Bluffton
Renee Bogart, Columbus Grove
Brenda Schick, Harrod
Jeff Althaus, Columbus Grove
Jane Steinmetz, Bluffton

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Dortha Radabaugh

COACH TRIPS WITH TONYA

Lion King in Toledo May 3

The world's #1 musical, Disney's The Lion King is coming to Toledo at the Stranahan Theatre. We will have dinner at American Table Family Restaurant in Perrysburg before the show. Cost is \$150 due March 1. Trip departs at 3:30. This trip is full. We are taking standby.

Northwest Coast Adventure July 10 – July 19, 2023

This trip is sold out but we are taking standby. Cost starts at \$4,377.00.

The Magical Danube & Poland August 13-21, 2023

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Opryland December 10-13, 2023 Kick off the Holidays in Country Music's Capital City. We will motor coach down to Nashville with a lunch stop on the way. We will be staying at the Grand Opryland Resort which has been described as a Disneyland for adults. We will have boat rides, concerts, lights, ice sculptures and the Grand Ole Opry. Prices start at \$1757. \$250 deposit due at sign up. See brochure for details.

BUS TRIPS WITH DEBBIE

"Moses" at Sight & Sound Theater March 14-16, 2023. Join us for spectacular entertainment from the banks of the Nile River to the depths of the Red Sea! An unlikely hero set adrift as a baby-----until God calls him to lead His people out of Egypt and into the Promised Land. Take a journey with Moses as he ventures through the wilderness, encounters God at the burning bush, and rises to the top of Mount Sinai. We will be eating Dinner at Martha Eash's Amish Home. **Cost:** \$500 per person / double occupancy. Check the brochure for more exciting details!

Ladies day in Medina Wednesday, April 26 Ladies (Men are welcome to join us) let's enjoy a wonderful day of eating, shopping, laughing and discovering together in historical Medina, Ohio. The city is well known for the Victorian architecture on its picturesque square, restored to make you feel as if you are stepping back in time. We will enjoy a delightful afternoon tea at Miss Molly's Tea Room, with a delicious tiered tray full of special appetizers, fresh baked scones, tea bread and finger sandwiches. Complimented with sweet surprises and served with a pot of hot tea. We will be touring two elegant Victorian homes built in the late 1800's. Visiting the Root Candles original beekeeping and candle factory built in 1878, a place to find unique and stylish home accents and gifts including Vera Bradley, as well as other sought-after brands. We will have some on-your-own shopping time in the downtown square. And to end the trip, we will be stopping by Brothers Antiques. Cost is \$120.00 due March 15th. Trip departs at 7:00 a.m.

Men's trip, June 1st Men (Ladies are welcome to join us) this one is for you! Our first stop will be at Rise and Roll coffee shop for a collection of donuts and coffee. We will then have a tour of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg car museum. After a tasty lunch, we will finish with the National Truck Museum. Cost is \$95.00 due April 24. Trip departs at 7 a.m.

Covered Bridge & Lavender Farm Tours ~ Tues. June 13, 2023 Come with us to Union County for an adventurous day of Touring. We will tour bridges, (some built as early as the 1800's), then have a wonderful lunch on a Covered Bridge. We will make a stop at Der Dutchman Bakery, & Carlisle Gifts. Then we will venture over to Purple Plains Lavender Farm for our next tour. After that we'll head over to Dutch Mill Greenhouse. With all that adventure we might be getting hungry again, so we will stop at Benny's Pizza for supper before we head back home. Lunch and supper included. **Cost: \$130 ~ Depart @9:00am**

BOWLING

Dec. 16, 22

Men's High Score

Jerry Cupples	181
Dick Marquart	162
Rick Mawhorr	155
Larry Armstrong	142
Walter Paxson	142

Women's High Score

Kathy Bogart	158
Bev Armstrong	149
Pat Basinger	138
Beth Lamb	124

Men's High Series

Jerry Cupples	335
Rick Mawhorr	295
Walter Paxson	281
Larry Armstrong	276

Women's High Series

Kathy Bogart	310
Bev Armstrong	283
Pat Basinger	236
Nancy Buettner	224

Dec. 23, 22

High Scores

Larry Armstrong	157
Chuck Selhorst	142
Bev Armstrong	124

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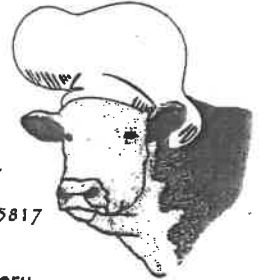
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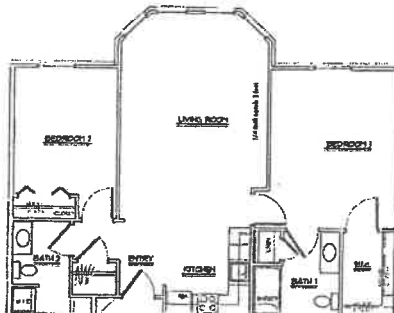
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