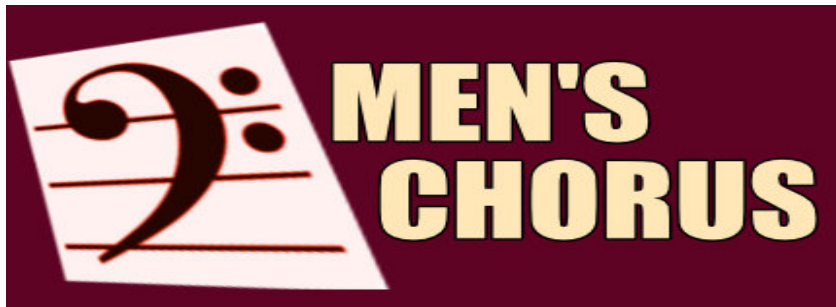




Bluffton Senior Citizen Center Happenings

January,
2024



Richard Bucher's men's chorus performance at Jan. 8 potluck

TIME: Monday, Jan. 8, noon

PLACE: Bluffton Senior Center

WHAT: Potluck meal. The staff at the Senior Center will provide vegetable beef stew. Please bring a side to go with the soup or a dessert.

MC: Diana Cook

PROGRAM: Richard Bucher's Men's Chorus will sing for us.



Harlan
Basinger
announces
Larry Core
as volunteer
of the year.

Larry Core - volunteer of the year

The Volunteer of the Year for 2023 is Larry Core. Larry has served on the Board of Directors for many years. He has been working all year to get approval to put a lift on the back of the Senior Center.

Larry has also done a lot of maintenance around the Senior Center and the apartments over the years.

Thank you, Larry, for all you do and congratulations.

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Price starts at \$2,837 per person based on double occupancy. Brochures are available in the office. \$250 due at sign up.



Need more info on these trips? Presentation set Jan. 30

On Tuesday, Jan. 30, at 2:30 p.m., representatives from Country Travel Discoveries will be at the Bluffton Senior Center to show pictures and answer questions about our trips to the Best of Alaska and the Blue Ridge Country.

The photos make a great travelogue show so even if you can't go on the trips, you are welcome to come and enjoy the show.

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See one of the Bible’s most hope-filled stories as it comes to life in this brand-new original stage production from Sight & Sound Theatres. \$532 per person/double occupancy.

Registration and \$100 deposit due at sign-up. Balance due by Jan. 15. Brochures available in the office. This trip is full. We are taking standby.

Celtic Woman

Celtic Women perform in Lima April 10

Join us for a wonderful evening of performances packed with exciting instrumentals and breathtaking harmonies in Lima on Wednesday, April 10.

Including Irish dancers, bagpipers, and an array of traditional Irish instruments, including the bodhran, tin whistle, and uilleann pipes.

We will stop at Cracker Barrel for supper on your own before the show. We have hired Allen County RTA for transportation. Departing at 4:30 p.m. \$70 due at sign up.

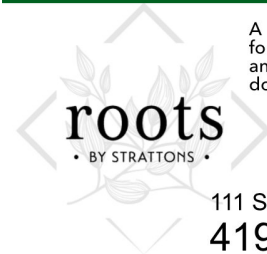
Winter toenail clinic details

Our next toenail clinic with Dr. Kirk is Monday, Jan. 22, at 9:30 a.m. There are no openings at the time of printing the newsletter, but we are taking standby and appointments for Feb. 26. There is a \$10 fee due at appointment time.



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Time to renew your membership

January means it is time to pay dues. Membership gives you access to our monthly newsletter which lets you know all the latest and greatest going on in the Senior Center. Dues are still just \$20 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.

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Kitchen donation box update

We have another change in the donation boxes that are kept in the kitchen of the Senior Center. The youth group previously collecting tooth brushes and toothpaste tubes will no longer be collecting them. The organization recycling them is no longer doing it.



The following is still be collected:

- **Bluffton Lions Club** collects old glasses, used batteries (but not rechargeable batteries), ink cartridges and old cell phones.
- **A Findlay 4-H** group collects caps off bottles and cans.
- **Mathew 25 Project** collects medical supplies, but not pill bottles.
- **The Senior Center** collects Community Market receipts. We get 1% back on all receipts. We need the complete receipt. Please don't cut off the bottom. It makes them unusable.

Senior Citizens will host monthly winter Farmers Market



The Bluffton Farmers Market is interested in having a winter farmers market and asked if we would be interested in hosting. We said yes.

The market will be open on the fourth Saturday of the month, January through April at the Senior Center. Hours will be 8:30 to noon. No animals will be allowed in the building during the farmers market. Anyone willing to help run the Senior Center cash register during the market, please talk to Deb or Tonya.

Our winter weather closing plan

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.

January holiday closing announcement

The Bluffton Senior Center will be closed on Jan. 1 for the New Year. We will be open on Jan. 15, Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

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Dec. 1

Men's High Scores

Jerry Cupples	184
Larry Armstrong	155
Russell Koontz	150
Rick Mawhorr	149

Women's High Score

Bev Baxter	123
Kathy Bogart	122
Bev Armstrong	121
Nancy Buettner	112

Men's High Series

Jerry Cupples	321
Larry Armstrong	301
Rick Mawhorr	288
Chuck Sehlhorst	273

Women's High Series

Bev Baxter	237
Bev Armstrong	218
Kathy Bogart	216
Nancy Buettner	206



At the time of printing the January newsletter, we do not have a list of meals for 2024.



Barb Deeds' Little People collection on display

Fran Core's Nativities from around the world brought baby Jesus to the Senior Center for Christmas. Thank you Fran for sharing.

In January, Barb Deeds will share her collection of Little People. If you have a collection, hobby or art work that you would be willing to share, let Tonya know.

Tell us when you change your address

If you are going south for the winter or if you have moved, please don't forget to tell us. If you are receiving our newsletter by mail, the post office will not forward it because we mail it third class. We pay to mail it and we pay again when it comes back to us. We can mail it to winter addresses if we have them. Or you may receive the newsletter by email and it will go with you. But we would still like change of addresses to keep our records up to date. Same goes with phone number changes.

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Bowling	Fridays at 9:30 a.m. at Southgate Lanes
Bridge	Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.
Crafts	Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.
Dominos	Fridays at 9:30 a.m.
Dulcimers	Tuesdays at 1 p.m. (Except the first Tuesday at the library)
Exercise Class	Mondays and Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m.
Euchre	Thursdays at 1 p.m.
Hand and Foot	Fridays at 9:30 a.m.
Social Hour	Tuesdays at 3 p.m.

Bingo

Monday, Jan. 1 no Bingo, *Happy New Year*

Monday, Jan. 8 at 2:30 p.m. with MHCO

Monday, Jan. 15 at 2:30 p.m. with HCS Management

Monday, Jan. 22 at 2:30 p.m. with Senior Center

Monday, Jan. 29 at 2:30 p.m. with Bridge Home Health

Cooking Class

Wednesday, January 17 at 11 a.m. with Sunrise of Findlay

Line Dance Class

Jan 9 and 23 at 11 a.m., \$2 members, \$3 non-members

Song Circle

Jan 10 and 24 at 2:30 p.m. Everyone welcome!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Closed Happy New Year	2 Social Hour 3	3 Bridge 9:30 Exercise 1:30	4 Crafts 9:30 Euchre 1 Community Meal 6	5 Dominos 9:30 Hand and Foot 9:30 Bowling 9:30	6
7	8 Monthly Dinner Meeting 12 Exercise 1:30 Bingo 2:30	9 Line Dance 11 Dulcimers 1 Social Hour 3	10 Bridge 9:30 Exercise 1:30 Song Circle 2:30	11 Crafts 9:30 Euchre 1 Square Dance 7	12 Hand and Foot 9:30 Bowling 9:30 Dominos 9:30	13
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21	22 Toenail Clinic 9:30 Exercise 1:30 Bingo 2:30	23 Line Dance 11 Dulcimers 1 Social Hour 3	24 Bridge 9:30 Exercise 1:30 Song Circle 1:30	25 Crafts 9:30 Euchre 1 Square Dance 7	26 Dominos 9:30 Hand and Foot 9:30 Bowling 9:30	27
28	29 Exercise 1:30 Bingo 2:30	30 Dulcimers 1 Trip talk 2:30 Social Hour 3	31 Bridge 9:30 Exercise 1:30			

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