



Bluffton Senior Citizen Center

Happenings

June,
2025

Roy and Caitlin Couch entertains at June dinner

TIME: Monday, June 9, at 6 p.m.

PLACE: Bluffton Senior Center

WHAT: The Pandora Lunchbox will cater the meal. We are having spaghetti and meatballs, salad, garlic toast and cupcakes. The cost is \$11 and reservations need to be made by Wednesday, June 4.

MC: Richard Bucher

PROGRAM: Caitlin Couch and her father Roy will play for us. Caitlin plays piano and Roy will accompany her on his horn.



Steiner presents Swiss migration story on June 5

Fred Steiner will present a Swiss Family Migration program at the Center at 11 a.m., Thursday, June 5. The presentation's focus is on how and why our ancestors immigrated to Bluffton, using the example of his maternal great-grandparents, Rudolf and Barbara Amstutz Althaus.

Rudolf Althaus, who immigrated to America from Switzerland in 1845, owned a Bluffton general store and was also a trained landscape artist, painting scenes of Switzerland in oil, selling them to other Swiss immigrants.

The parents of Barbara Amstutz Althaus immigrated to America in the 1840s, originally moving to Wayne County before settling in rural Beaverdam. The program is free and open to the public.

Transportation for seniors topic of AAA3 program June 11



TRANSPORTATION

Leann Unverferth, Mobility Manager from the Area Agency on Aging 3, will be at the Bluffton Senior Center on Wednesday, June 11, at 2 p.m. to talk about transportation services.

Leann hopes to identify areas of need and find solutions.

Leann will have a brief presentation followed by a Q & A. She would love to talk to anyone who has transportation concerns or ideas. The program is free and open to the public.



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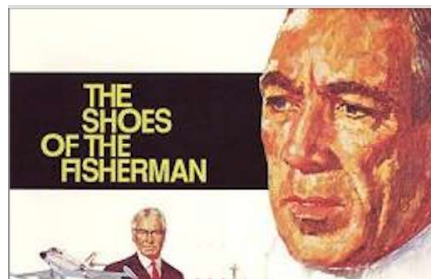
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Events at the Center

First movie of the summer "Shoes of the Fisherman"



Our first summer movie will be on Friday June 13, at 1 p.m. We will be watching "The Shoes of the Fisherman." This 1968 movie is based on the 1963 book by Morris West.

Anthony Quinn stars as a priest in a Soviet concentration camp who is freed and made a Cardinal just before the current Pope dies. This fictional movie has an accurate portrayal of a Conclave, unlike the movie "Conclave." The movie is free.

We will supply the popcorn. Feel free to bring your own drink and snacks and a friend.

Craft supply sale June 27-28

The Bluffton Senior Center will have a craft supply sale on Friday, June 27, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday June 28, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. We have had many donations of craft supplies and we cannot keep them all. Please let your friends, family, church group, etc., who do crafts be aware of the sale.

Any volunteers who would like to help with the sale, please let Tonya know. The Friends of the Library will hold its book sale the same weekend at the library.



Calling all sewing project volunteers

Deb Beer, craft director, is in need of people to sew strips together to make rugs. Our rugs and placemats are some of our best sellers at the Senior Center store.

They are made by cutting fabric into strips, sewing those strips together and then weaving them on the loom. We have a cutter and weavers, but need sewers.

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We also have a group who plays Rummikub from time to time. They keep a game in the cabinet also.

You can also find Chess, Checkers and other games in the cabinet.

Beside the cabinet is a Corn Hole game. If you and your friends would like to play a game (one that belongs to the Senior Center or your own) you are welcome to do so as long as it doesn't interfere with a scheduled activity. If not sure, just call and ask. We will do our best to find you a space to have fun.



June 23 clinic taking standby

Our next toenail clinic with Dr. Kirk is Monday, June 23, at 9:30 a.m. At this time, the clinic is full, but we are taking stand by. Appointments are available in July and August. To make an appointment, call the office at 419-358-8971 or stop by and sign up.

Next meal is June 19



Bluffton Trinity Church will serve the community meal on June 19. The meal starts at 6 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

A good will offering is taken to assist the local food pantry. During the summer, there will only be one meal each month.



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Headings collection is our June display

Wow, Phyllis Smith is very talented. I hope you had a chance to see her paintings.

In June, Ron Headings will share his collection of American Gothic Parodies.

If you have a collection, art work or hobby that you would be willing to share, please let Tonya know.



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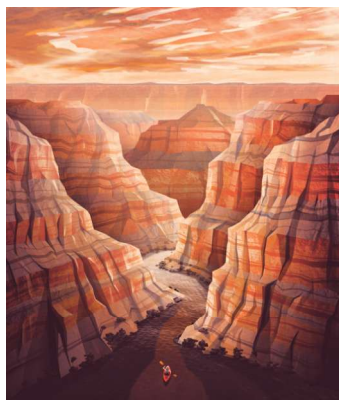
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July 9-16 - Around Lake Ontario



Please bring your ID with you. Please let Tonya know if you don't receive your nametag by June 24. Brochures available at the Senior Center. This trip is a level 2.



Sept. 7-16 - Grand Canyon & Red Rocks

This trip is full. Brochures available at the Senior Center. This trip is a level 2.

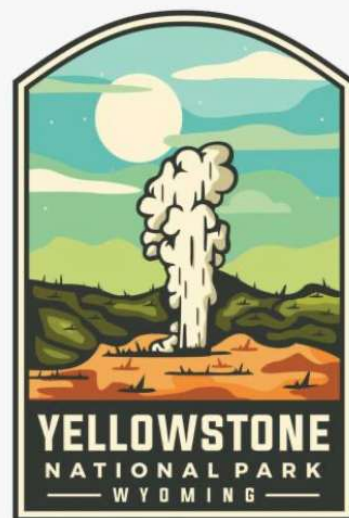
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The animals of Yellowstone are much easier to see in the winter. The average temperature in January is 20 degrees. But the coaches are nice and warm.

Price starts at \$3,897. Brochures available in the office. Cost includes airfare, 12 meals and all gratuities. This trip is a level 2.



BUS TRIPS WITH DEBBIE



New trip!

Buffet lunch followed by hilarious play

"The Play That Goes Wrong at LaComedia," Sept. 11 –

Enjoy a lovely buffet lunch followed by a hilarious play - a play within a play. Welcome to opening night of Cornley University Drama Society's production of "The Murder at Haversham Manor," where things are quickly going from bad to utterly disastrous.

With an unconscious leading lady, a corpse that can't play dead, and actors who trip over everything (including their lines), this hilarious show within a show is Broadway's funniest smash hit! Cost is \$106, due at sign up. Trip departs at 9 a.m. Level 1. First day to sign up is June 12.

August trip set for Springfield

Visit the Frank Lloyd Wright's Westcott House in Springfield on Thursday, Aug. 21.

Frank Lloyd Wright, a visionary architect, impacted modern architecture. Westcott House is in the Prairie Style built in 1908 and is the only Prairie Style house by Wright in Ohio. The trip includes lunch.

Trip departs at 8:45 a.m. Cost is \$104 and is due at the time of sign up. Trip is a level 3 as seating is very limited on the tour.

Departure times for June and July trips

- **June 15** - "Children of Eden," at LaComedia, departs at 9 a.m.
- **June 18** - Barn Quilts and Garden Quilts Tour, departs at 7 a.m.
- **July 23** - Air Stream plant factory tour includes pizza lunch, visit to Bellefontaine and a history museum in the afternoon. Closed toe shoes required. Cost is \$80, due at sign up. Trip departs at 9 a.m. Level 4. There is still room on this tour. Don't miss it.

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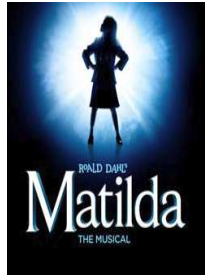
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Matilda at LaComedia, July 31:

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With her positive attitude and some fun songs, Matilda makes her own happy ending.

A great buffet lunch is included. Cost is \$106, due at sign-up. Trip departs at 9 a.m. Level 1. Last day to sign up is June 20.

RTA trips return

After taking a year off due to staffing issues, we are bringing back RTA trips. These are designed to help people become familiar with riding the RTA bus that now comes to Bluffton.



It is also a nice little trip out of town for those with cabin fever. We ride the regular bus route, so please note that the bus does not wait on anyone.

Everyone needs to be at the stop before the bus arrives. The RTA bus does not give change, so bring \$1 bills to pay for your fare. Sign up sheets are in the trip book.

RTA July 17 to Delphos

We will depart from the town hall on the 8:45 a.m. bus and ride the bus all the way to Delphos. Please note, the bus goes through Lima so the ride is an hour long.

Once in Delphos, you are free to explore the town on your own. The Canal Museum is open on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon. The Creamery opens at 11 a.m. and is about two blocks from the bus stop. The thrift store that is a half block from the bus stop opens at 11 a.m. as well.

There are also several restaurants within walking distance. We will meet back at the bus stop at 1:45 p.m. for the ride back to Bluffton. A staff member will accompany everyone on the bus.

RTA Aug. 6 to Beer Barrel

We will depart from the town hall on the 10:45 a.m. bus. At the bus terminal in Lima, we will switch buses and get off at the Beer Barrel on Market Street. After a nice lunch on your own, it is back on the bus, switch buses at the terminal and back to Bluffton. A staff member will accompany the group.

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—Jean King and Mary Paul

Trip policy

If you want a copy of the Trip Policy, stop by the office and pick one up. We will no longer be able to take credit cards for any trip because of the rising credit card fees.

This means that we will no longer be able to take reservations over the phone. All trips must be signed up in person or a check may be sent in the mail.

Trip activity levels

The following is an explanation of the levels assigned to the trips.

LEVEL 1 - Minimal walking through parking lots and drop off locations. Standing while waiting in line and for entrance to tours. Will include steps and uneven surfaces throughout day and steps in and out of motor coach.

LEVEL 2 - Moderate walking/standing, up to half a mile, may include stairs and/or uneven terrain. Plus on and off motor coach more than once.

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Crafts Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.

Dominos Fridays at 9:30 a.m.

Dulcimers Tuesdays at 1 p.m.
(Except the first Tuesday of the month)

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.

Matter of Balance
Mondays at 9 a.m.
(Registration required)

Pizza Time Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m.

Social Hour Tuesdays at 3 p.m.

Bingo - each session begins at 2:30 p.m.

Monday, June 2, with Bridge Home Health

Monday, June 9, with MHCO

Monday, June 16, with HCS Management

Monday, June 23, with Taylor House

Monday June 30, a bring a prize

Cooking Class

Wednesday, June 18, at 11 a.m. with Sunrise

Line Dance Class

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Matter of Balance 9 Exercise 1:30 Bingo 2:30	3 Social Hour 3	4 Bridge 9:30 Exercise 1:30 Pizza Time 2:30	5 Children of Edon depart 9 Crafts 9:30 Fred Steiner 11 Euchre 1	6 Hand & Foot 9:30 Dominos 9:30	7
8	9 Matter of Balance 9 Exercise 1:30 Bingo 2:30 Dinner Meeting 6	10 Line Dance 11 Dulcimers 1 Social Hour 3	11 Bridge 9:30 Exercise 1:30 Transportaion Talk 2 Pizza Time 2:30	12 LaComedia Sign up Crafts 9:30 Euchre 1 Square Dance 7	13 Dominos 9:30 Hand and Foot 9:30 Movie 1	14
15	16 Matter of Balance 9 Exercise 1:30 Bingo 2:30	17 Dulcimers 1 Social Hour 3	18 Barn Quilts 7 Bridge 9:30 Exercises 1:30 Pizza Time 2:30	19 Crafts 9:30 Euchre 1 Community Meal 6	20 Hand and Foot 9:30 Dominos 9:30	21
22	23 Matter of Balance 9 Toenail Clinic 9:30 Exercise 1:30 Bingo 2:30	24 Line Dance 11 Dulcimers 1 Social Hour 3	25 Bridge 9:30 Exercise 1:30 Pizza Time 2:30	26 Crafts 9:30 Euchre 1	27 Craft Supply Sale 9-4 Dominos 9:30 Hand and Foot 9:30	28 Craft Supply Sale 10-1
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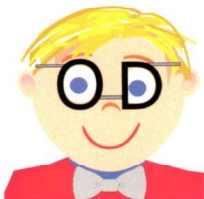

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