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Mon. 3 Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
Bingo w/Hilty, 2:30 p.m.



Tue. 4 Dance, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Wed. 5 Crafts, Quilting, Potluck
Blood Pressure Check, 11 a.m. – Noon
Birthday Party – Noon
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
Cards, 1:30 p.m.



Thurs. 6 Wii Bowling, 1 p.m.
Community Meal, 6 p.m.

Fri. 7 Dominos, 9:30 a.m.

Mon. 10 Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
Monthly Dinner Meeting, 6 p.m.



Tue. 11 Dance, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Wed. 12 Crafts, Quilting, Potluck
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
Cards, 1:30 p.m.

Thurs. 13 Coach trip to Put-in-Bay....
Depart at 7:45 a.m.
Wii Bowling, 1 p.m.



Fri. 14 Car Show Dinner, 5:30 p.m.- 7 p.m.

Sunday 16 FATHER'S DAY!!

Mon. 17 Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
Bingo w/ Elmcroft, 2:30 p.m.

Tue. 18 Dance, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Wed. 19 Crafts, Quilting, Potluck
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
Cards, 1:30 p.m.



Thurs. 20 Wii Bowling, 1 p.m.
Community Meal, 6 p.m.

Fri. 21 Dominos, 9:30 a.m.

Mon. 24 Toenail Clinic, 10 a.m.
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
Bingo w/Richland Manor, 2:30 p.m.

Western Square Dance, 6:30 p.m.

Tue. 25 Dance, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Wed. 26 Crafts, Quilting, Potluck
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
Cards, 1:30 p.m.

Thurs. 27 Wii Bowling, 1 p.m.

Fri. 28 Movie, 1:30 p.m.
Bring your own drink!!

MY GRANDPA

My grandpa has the nicest face,
The biggest, warmest smile;
But most of all, I like the best
My grandpa's homespun style.
My grandpa taught me how to fish
And where the big trout run;
And though his tales were sometimes tall,
He made the day such fun!
So many things my grandpa taught
That make my life worthwhile;
Warm companionship and kindness
And folks are meant to smile.



- Kay Hoffman...IDEALS COUNTRY



JUNE DINNER MEETING



TIME: Monday, June 10th, 6:00 pm

PLACE: Bluffton Senior Center

WHAT: Catered meal by Schnipke Inn. We will be having baked steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed veggies, cole slaw, dinner roll, and strawberry short cake. Tickets are \$7.00 and must be purchased by Wednesday, June 5th.

M.C.: Mary Hofstetter

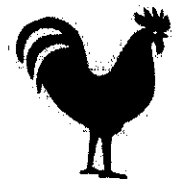
HOSTESSES: Deloris Herman and friends

PROGRAM: It is game night. Come and join the fun. Find out what kind of goofy game Tonya has planned this year☺.

In June, **Eloise Bunn** will turn 90 years young. We will present **Eloise** with her red rose and Life Membership at the June Dinner Meeting. Congratulations **Eloise**.



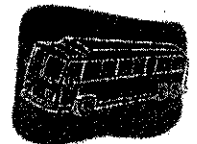
HOBBY CENTER



Carolyn Green's birdhouses and birds brought spring into the Senior Center. Thank you, **Carolyn** for sharing them. The June display will be down on the farm with **Louise LaRoche's** Roosters. If you have a craft or hobby that you would be willing to share, please let us know.



MOVIE DAY



On a warm afternoon, there is nothing like coming indoors to enjoy some time with friends. On Friday, June 28th, we will be showing a fun movie about a tour of Greece. If you have been on any of our trips, you will find the trials and triumphs of this group of travelers quit funny. We will start the movie at 1:30pm in the air conditioned Senior Center. We will provide the popcorn. You can bring your own drink or buy one at the Senior Center. Come join us on a virtual tour of Greece.

Mary Koontz Retires

In May 1983, **Mary Koontz** started working for the Bluffton Senior Center. She was hired by **Betty Cookson** and continued under the next two directors. **Mary** was the Craft Director at the Senior Center and was responsible for helping the crafty senior citizens with their projects. May 17, 2013 was **Mary's** final day at the Senior Center. 30 years, countless hours and more sewing and quilting projects then we can count have made up **Mary's** time at the Senior Center. We would like to say Thank You for a job well done **Mary**.

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COACH TRIPS 2013

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JUNE 13... PUT-IN-BAY This trip is full. We are take standby in case we have any cancelations. Please stop in the Senior Center to pick up your name tag before getting on the coach. Don't forget, we are leaving at **7:45 AM** so we can catch the boat!

JULY 25... SHOPPING TRIP Lets go shopping. We will head south toward Cincinnati and visit Jungle Jim's International Market for a tour and tasting and then go to IKEA. Tour cost \$60.00 due June 27th, lunch on your own at Jungle Jim's or IKEA.

AUGUST 27 – SEPTEMBER 7 ... GERMANY, SWITZERLAND AND AUSTRIA Our trip meeting will be Tuesday, July 23rd at 2 pm. Bring all your questions.

MEMORIAL GIFT

Memorial Gifts were given to the Bluffton Senior Center in loving memory of **Daryl Amstutz** from Ina Mae Steiner, Dennis Humm, Jo and Ed Rankey, Tom and Kathleen Buchhop and the Staff at the Van Wert Middle School. The gifts will be recorded in our MEMORIAL BOOK along with **Daryl's** name for all to see how much he meant to us.

Thank You

Thank you to Dorothy Van Meter and Marcene Spangler for coming to the ONU Pharmacy student talk so they had someone to talk to.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!



Signature Health Services is sponsoring a Monthly Birthday Party. The party will now be on the first Wednesday of the month. **Signature Health Services** will provide a Birthday Cake at our weekly potluck. So come and help those who have a birthday to celebrate. There will be treats and fellowship and lots of fun. The Birthday Party will be Wednesday, June 5th at noon. Come and join the fun.



STORE NEWS

The store is decked out in Red, White and Blue. Come see what is new.



Showtime at DerDutchman in Plain City - Tue. July 9th

Featuring Ron Retzer, a fiddle player and guitarist with a tribute to the "Nashville Sound" era.

Family style lunch - Chicken, roast beef and all the trimmings. Always delicious.

\$65.00 (Due by June 3rd.) **Depart at 9:00 am.**

Crystal Traditions, Celeryville, Planktown and more July 18th \$40.00

Tiffin's Crystal Traditions. Willard Country Kitchen for lunch. Visit and tour Weir's Produce Farms

One of Ohio's best kept secrets, near Shilo, **The Planktown Amish/Mennonite Country Market.**

Return via Bucyrus and their downtown murals. **Depart 9 am**

Bearcreek Farms August 2nd presenting "The Blend" an acapella men's quartet,

specializing in hits of the 50's & 60's plus southern gospel and more. **\$68.00** (due by July 1st)

This is a highly recommended musical group! -- Depart at 10:30 am.

This is the final year for Bearcreek Farms Shows.

LaComedia - September 26th Church Basement Ladies \$75.00 (Due by Aug. 22nd)

Presents: "A mighty Fortress is our Basement" (Depart at 9:00 am)

Amishlands - Lancaster Pennsylvania Sept. 30 - Oct. 4th 5 days - 4 nights

Only \$598.00 (due by Aug. 19th) (Depart at 7:00 am)

Stop at Flight 93 Memorial in PA, "NOAH" at the Millennium Theatre, Strausburg
Railroad Train Ride with Hobo lunch, Guided tours including Kreider's Dairy Farm,

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Biblical Tabernacle, "Jacobs Choice" an Amish experience, American Music

Theatre presents "Broadway Now and Forever" and more,

including Family Style and Smorgasbord meals.



CAR SHOW

The Lion's Club is holding the **Annual Car Show** on **Friday, June 14th** in the evening. The Senior Center will serve a supper of salad bar with homemade pie for dessert. We are looking for volunteers to make salads or pie! We don't expect you to make both. We also need workers to help serve the meal. Please stop by the Senior Center Office or call **419-358-8971**, if you can help, sign up at the office. Supper will be served from **5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**



EXERCISE CLASS



Summer brings a busy schedule for **Joy Diller**, our exercise instructor. So over the summer months, June, July, August, there will **NOT** be exercise classes on Friday. Monday and Wednesday classes will remain the same at **1:30 p.m.** Classes are **FREE** to members and a great way to stay in shape. Come and join us.



DOMINOS



Friday, June 7th & 21st will be our next domino games. The game starts at 9:30 am but we'll work you in if you have to come late. We will teach Mexican Train dominos to anyone interested. If you know how, come and join the fun!

BLOOD PRESSURE



Wednesday, June 5th will be our next Blood Pressure Clinic. **Signature Health Care** will provide a nurse from **11:00 am – Noon**. Thank you to **Peg Murphy** for being our nurse in May. If you need help with your insurance papers, give the office a call.



COMMUNITY MEALS



On **June 6th**, St. Mary's Catholic will serve the Community Meal and on **June 20th**, Bluffton Trinity Methodist will serve. The meals are **FREE**, open to the public and start at **6 p.m.** All monetary donations support the Bluffton Food Pantry.



WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS.....

John & Joyce Hattery, Bluffton Bob Flick, Bluffton Kathleen Hayes, Sidney
Glenn Deringer, Bluffton Emma Jean Hoops, Deshler Phyllis George, Bluffton
Judy Hauenstein, Lima Joe Ignarski, Degrafi

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

Don Dalrymple

Sara Jane Amstutz





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

- Glenn Blosser;
- Charles Kinsinger;
- Joan Wilburn;
- Daryl Amstutz;
- Darvin Luginbuhl.



WESTERN SQUARE DANCING



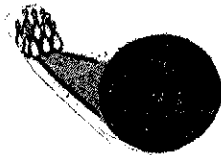
Our next Western Square Dance will be on **Monday, June 24th** at 6:30 p.m. The first half hour is lessons and the dance starts at 7 p.m. The cost is **\$2.00** for members and **\$3.00** for non-members. You do not need a partner as people change partners throughout the evening. Come join the fun!!!



TOE NAIL CLINIC



Our next Toenail Clinic with Dr. Daniel Kirk will be **Monday, June 24th at 10 AM.** 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 in a medical office.



BOWLING BANQUET



The Bowling season came to an end on April 25th with the annual Bowling Banquet. **Walter T. Miller**, was the MC for the event this year. The meal was provided by **Schnipke Inn** from Ottawa. **Walter** open the meal with a prayer. After a delicious lunch, **Walter** shared some jokes. **Tonya & Bob** gave announcements and **Walter** thanked **Joan & Jim Dailey** for making us all welcome at the Bowling Alley. **Walter** then presented the end of year awards. **Rose Hostetler** won the women's award for bowling the highest over her average. The men's award went to **Don Basinger**. Everyone is looking forward to coming back after the summer.

GLENN MILLER CONCERT

We filled the little bus with 25 people and made our way to Indiana and Bearcreek Farms. **Tonya** had a **Glenn Miller** trivia game to play on the way. Once at Bearcreek, there was time to shop before it was time to eat. There were only two stores open as it is the last year for Bearcreek. The meal was very tasty even if it was an hour late. We then made our way to the concert. The **Glenn Miller Orchestra** was excellent. The musicians were very talented and the orchestra leader was very enthusiastic. We all greatly enjoyed the music and had a nice ride home.



Marilyn Wymer and her friends **Carolyn Green** and **Pearl Williamson** decorated the tables at the Senior Center with Spring flowers and stuffed animals. **Clarence Kooker** opened the evening with prayer. We were served a delicious meal by **Columbus Grove Eastern Star**. After dinner, **Clarence** told some stories of his students who were present at the dinner before sharing some jokes. **Tonya** then interviewed **Treva Crawford** who turned 90 in May. **Treva** had several of her family with her to celebrate the special event. After **Tonya** gave her announcements, **Clarence** introduced his wife, **Mary Ann Kooker**, who played the piano for us. She had a wide range of music that we all enjoyed very much.



SMOKY MOUNTAIN TRIP May 13th - May 17th, 2013



Early Monday morning at 7 a.m., a bus loaded with 34 Senior Citizen's left the parking lot and headed to McDonald's to pick up the coffee and hot water for our break down the road. After two hours of traveling, we stopped for a break in Kentucky and was invited to take a cookie and a cup of coffee. The delicious cookies were made by Bev and as usual, very tasty! Having giving our legs an exercise of walking some, boarded the bus and continued our trip south. After this break, people seemed to be awake now and Bob handed out Traveling Bingo.

At noon, we arrived at Berea, KY, "The artist's place for shopping," stated on the billboard. Ate at the "Cracker Barrel", Bob's favorite restaurant. Ha! When Keith and I were just about done eating, a man was being seated close to our table and we recognized him, a blacksmith friend from Delphos, OH. He and his wife were going to Florida to visit family and both of us were shocked to see someone we knew in Kentucky at this restaurant. Back on the bus, still discussing what happened with our stomach's full, we started to see mountains, horses, and white fences telling us we were in Kentucky plus black barns around. Soon the sign read along the road, Tennessee. About 3:30 p.m. we arrived at Sevierville, TN the town before Pigeon Forge, TN. Sevierville was where we stayed for four nights stayed in the "Governor's Inn." It was located up on a hill (not too high) and some of the rooms had small balconies (which Keith and I had) looking towards the Smoky Mountains and Pigeon Forge. It was so relaxing and peaceful sitting out there after riding for 8 hours on a bus!!

Five o'clock, we arrived at the first dinner theater on the trip, "Hatfield & McCoy Dinner Show". Outside decorations were something else and one have thought you were in the hills where "hill-billies" live plus a live donkey, chickens & roosters, and some goats. Inside the theater was arranged something like LaComedia is set up but our food was completely served to us. Food was on metal plates and food came in metal little pots just enough for four people at each table. Showtime was the story of the families feuding with the story given in song, dance, singing, and playing guitars, banjos, and a bass fiddle with a little dialogue in between. A fast moving play and very entertaining. I was exhausted just watching and taking pictures. As we were leaving, Betty Heldman started to crow at the rooster that was sitting on the fence and he was just watching her and then once in awhile would crow back to her. I believe she did this for about 3 to 4 minutes and that rooster just watched her and so did people. Betty said she learned how to crow when she was little while visiting her grandmother who would talk to her chickens. Go Betty go!!!! Returned to the Inn, 8 p.m., and took a few minutes having introductions of the group to each other and Bob made announcements about the next day, Tuesday. After such a BIG day getting up early and all, everyone was ready to go and unpack and relax and go to bed early.

(trip continues in the July letter)

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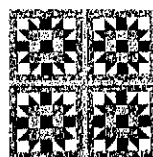
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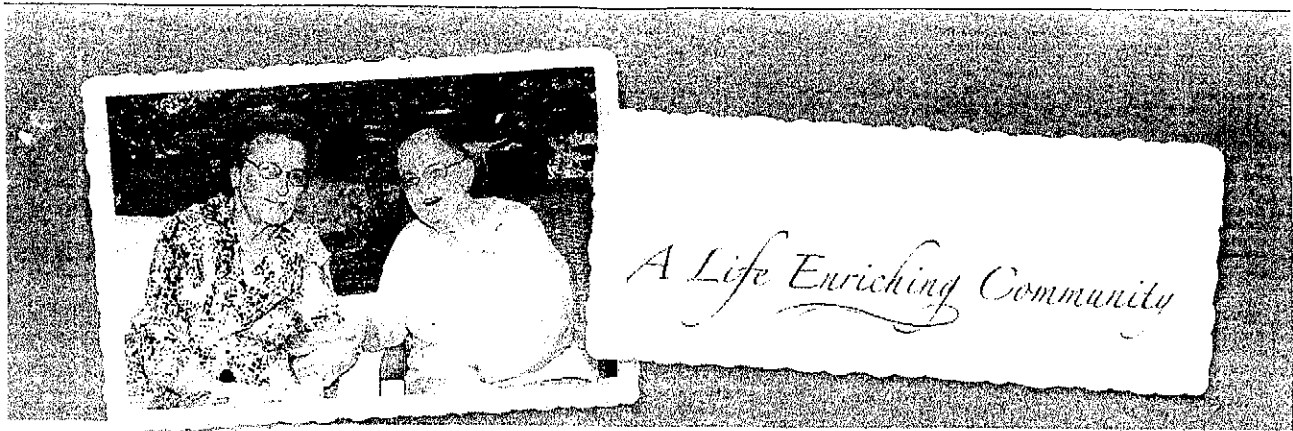
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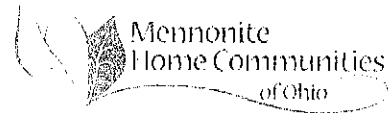
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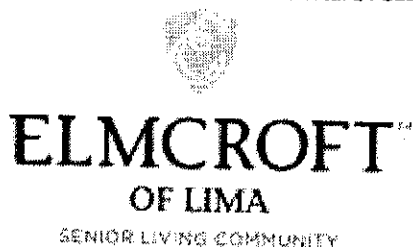
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