March

2023

Bluffton Senior Center

Let the Fun Times Roll

Winter is almost over and the days are getting longer. Come and join us for fun times here at the Senior Center. Remember, activities are canceled during the Annual Garage Sale but we only do it once a year.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Bridge 9:30 Exercise 1:30	Crafts 9:30 Euchre 1 Community Meal 6	Bowling 9:30 Dominos 9:30	4
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Thank you for all your prayers and good wishes while I was laid up with my knee surgery. And a big thank you to the Senior Center staff for working extra hours and filling the gaps as I recovered. Now on to Spring and some fundraising. The Annual Garage Sale is at the end of the month. Read about it here in the newsletter.

MONTHLY DINNER MEETING

TIME: Monday, March 13, 12 noon.

PLACE: Bluffton Senior Center

WHAT: Potluck meal. The staff at the Senior Center will be making chicken noodle soup. Please

bring a side to go with the soup or a dessert.

MC: Bev Armstrong

PROGRAM: Fred Steiner will present "Before we were Pirates"

Bev Painter and Ruth Anna Bixel were not able to celebrate their 90th Birthdays in February so we will be celebrating at the March Dinner Meeting.

ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

Our Annual Garage Sale will be Thursday, March 30, 9 to 6, Friday, March 31, 9 to 6 and Saturday, April 1, 9 to 1. On Monday, April 3, we will have half price day in the morning. We will be taking donations for the garage sale up to Monday, March 27. Please no clothing or shoes. Only clean usable items. Set up for the sale will be Wednesday, March 29. We need LOTS and LOTS of volunteers to open the boxes and put the items out for sale. We also need volunteers to help with the sale on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and lots of volunteers to box up what does not sell on Monday, April 3 at 1 o'clock. Sign up for volunteers is in the office at the Senior Center. Call Tonya if you have any questions.

Because the garage sale takes up the whole Senior Center, the following activates have to be canceled during the sale; bridge, exercise class, euchre, dominos. We will try to make room to have Bingo on Monday, April 3. If we have enough volunteers cleaning up, we can make room and get set up for it.

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TOENAIL CLINIC

Monday, March 27 at 9:30 a.m. is 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.

MAKE AND TAKE

On Wednesday, March 8 at 10 a.m., we will be turning coffee filters into shamrocks using green food coloring and pipe cleaners. For \$1 you get to take home a shamrock bouquet. Please sign up in advance.

HOBBY CENTER

The hundred-year-old Valentines shared by Louise Hampton were intriguing. I hope you had a chance to see them. In March, Jane Shaw will share her collection of quilts. If you have a collection, artwork or hobby that you would like to share, let Tonya know.

COMMUNITY MEALS

On Thursday, March 2, the Lion's Club will be serving the Community Meal. St. John's UCC will be serving the meal on March 16. Meals are served at 6 p.m. and are free and open to the public. A good will offering is taken for the local food pantry.

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.

BINGO

We have added another Bingo to our schedule. Bridge Home Health will sponsor a monthly Bingo on the first Monday of the month at 2:30 p.m. Bingo is free and open to the public.

CRAFT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Greeting Cards: You have all been faithful in saving greeting card fronts so the Center can recycle them into new, handmade greeting cards to sell. What we need now is someone to assemble them into cards. If you can use a paper cutter and glue stick, you are qualified. Don't worry, we will give you all the guidance you need. Contact Deb in the craft area if interested.

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. (except the first Tues, they are at library)

Exercise Class

Mondays and Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m.

Euchre

Thursdays at 1 p.m.

Bingo

Monday March 6 at 2:30 p.m. sponsored by Bridge Home Health

Monday, March 13 at 2:30 p.m. sponsored by MHCO

Monday, March 20 at 2:30 p.m. with HCS Management

Line Dance Class March 14 & 28 at 11 a.m., \$2 members, \$3 non-members

Jam Session

March 8 & 22 at 2:30 p.m.

Western Square Dance March 9 & 23 at 7 p.m., \$3 members, \$4 non-members

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

John Niese, Columbus Grove Kerris and Nancy Wright, Bluffton Cheryl Mudler, Bluffton Ned and Dee Basinger, Pandora Paul and Shirley King, Bluffton Jane Dunlap, Bluffton Robert Wilch, Bluffton Don and Ann Leader, Bluffton

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

Bev Painter

Barb Krugh

Marty Hostetler

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Corrinne Boehr

DUES

If you have not paid your 2023 dues, they are now overdue. The dues are still \$20 for the year. They can be paid at the office, mailed in or over the phone with a credit card.

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

It is not too late to join us on this wonderful trip up the Danube. The pre-trip is to Poland and Slovakia. Or you can just do the cruise up the Danube. Spend your days marveling at Europe's most beautiful landscapes and evenings docked so you can take in the nightlife of its magnificent cities. Pre-Cruise option to Poland is Aug 9-14 with the cruise only Aug 13-21. The cruise begins on the 14th where the pre-tour folks will meet up with the cruise only folks. Pre-cruise option starts at \$1,497 per person and cruise pricing starts at \$3,747 per person. A deposit of \$250.00 is required at sign up. See brochures for all options.

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. The price includes the coach ride to and from Nashville. Optional tour available to visit Nashville highlights. Prices start at \$1757. \$250 deposit due at sign up. See brochure for details.

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BUS TRIPS WITH DEBBIE

"Moses" at Sight & Sound Theater March 14-16, 2023 If you are one of the lucky people on this trip, don't forget that you leave at 7:30 am on the 14th. All payments should be paid by now.

Ladies day in Medina Wednesday, April 26 This trip is full. We are taking standby. Cost is \$120.00 due March 15th. Trip departs at 7:00 a.m.

Men's trip, June 1st Men this one is for you! (Ladies are welcome to join us) 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 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. We will stop at Benny's Pizza for supper before we head back home. Lunch and supper included. Cost: \$130 ~ Depart @9:00am

The Confession, the musical Tuesday, July 25 Lunch and show at the Bluegate Theatre in Shipshewana, IN. Watch here for details.

Creative Day Away Mystery Trip Thursday, August 31. Join us for a fun and creative Mystery Trip. Lunch is included. Details to be revealed on the trip. Limit 25 people. Cost is \$92.00.

Mudhens Game Wednesday, September 13. We will enjoy a day at the game with lunch included. Watch here for details.

GRANT AWARDED FROM TRIPLETT

In July of 2022, the Bluffton Senior Center received a grant of \$1375.00 from the R.L. and Etta L. Triplett Memorial Foundation. The money is to be used toward trips for our members. Trips offer an educational, entertainment, social and emotional benefit to members. The Foundation recognizes this and wants to help more members take advantage of trips. The money will be used in a scholarship format. Members can apply for help paying for a day trip from the Senior Center. Money can only be used by members and only used to pay for day trips offered by the Senior Center. Money will be given on a first come basis and members are limited to using the scholarship money only once. We are very grateful to the Triplett Foundation for the opportunities that this will open up to some of our members. At this time, we still have scholarship money available. If you are interested in learning more about the R.L and Etta L. Triplett Memorial Foundation, there are brochures in the Senior Center.

THANK YOU

Dear Senior Citizens, I want to thank you for your very nice dinner on Monday. And Donna Lora was very entertaining. I've always loved Bluffton community and met some lovely people on Monday. Thanks also for the Life Membership.

Sincerely, Phyllis McAdo

BOWLING

1-6-23 No Tap		1-13-23		1-20-23	
Men's High Score		Men's High Score		Men's High Score	
Rick Mawhorr	193	Jerry Cupples	204	Jerry Cupples	192
Harlan Basinger	172	Rick Mawhorr	177	Dick Marquart	183
Norm Reichenbach169		Joe Herrmann	175	Rick Mawhorr	169
Joe Herrmann	163	Connor	150	Russell Koontz	166
Women's High Score		Women's High Score		Women's High Score	
Kathy Bogart	173	Bev Armstrong	144	Kathy Bogart	121
Bev Armstrong	157	Kathy Bogart	141	Pat Basinger	115
Barb Paxson	143	Barbara Paxson	123	Evelyn Grace	106
Pat Basinger	141	Pat Basinger	122	Marcia McCafferty 10	
Man's High Carias		Men's High Series		Men's High Series	
Men's High Series Rick Mawhorr	361	Jerry Cupples	389	Jerry Cupples	327
	326	Rick Mawhorr	295	Rick Mawhorr	326
Harlan Basinger Joe Herrmann	315	Joe Herrmann	292	Dick Marquart	317
Norm Reichenbac		Walter Paxson	265	Russell Koontz	297
Women's High Series		Women's High Series		Women's High Series	
Bev Armstrong	297	Bev Armstrong	287	Kathy Bogart	240
Kathy Bogart	294	Kathy Bogart	248	Pat Basinger	216
Pat Basinger	260	Barbara Paxson	246	Evelyn Grace	198
Barbara Paxson	251	Nancy Buettner	223	Marcia McCafferty	/197

1-27-23		2-3-23		
Men's High Score	Men's High Score			
Jerry Cupples	182	Rick Mawhorr	169	
Russell Koontz	165	Jerry Cupples	166	
Walter Paxson	160	Dick Marquart	155	
Joe Herrmann	144	Larry Armstrong	152	
Women's High Sc	ores	Women's High Score		
Bev Armstrong	141	Bev Armstrong	153	
Pat Basinger	126	Kathy Bogart	150	
Barbara Paxson	118	Sue Mawhorr	129	
Kathy Bogart	115	Barb Paxson	126	
Men's High Series		Men's High Series		
Jerry Cupples	331	Rick Mawhorr	336	
Walter Paxson	310	Jerry Cupples	321	
Russell Koontz	293	Dick Marquart	304	
Joe Herrmann	240	Russell Koontz	293	
Harlan Basinger	240			
		Women's High Series		
Women's High Se	ries	Kathy Bogart	283	
Bev Armstrong	260	Bev Armstrong	268	
Pat Basinger	225	Jenny	237	
Kathy Bogart	217	Marcia McCafferty 23		
Barbara Paxson	207			
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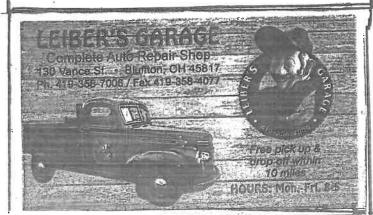
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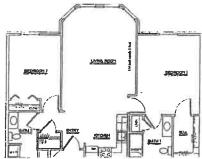
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