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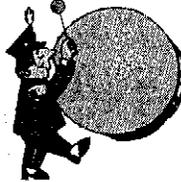
MAY 2014

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



Fri. 2 Dominos, 9:30 a.m.

Mon. 5 Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
Bingo w/MHCO, 2:30 p.m.



Tue. 6 Matter of Balance, 1 p.m.
Dance, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Wed. 7 Quilting, Crafts, & Potluck
Blood Pressure Clinic, 11 a.m.-Noon
Noon Potluck
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.



Thurs. 8 Wii Bowling, 1 p.m.

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

Sat. 10 Arts & Crafts Festival...
Lunch at 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.



Mon. 12 Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
Monthly Dinner Meeting.. 6 p.m.
Catered by Schnipke Inn

Tue. 13 Matter of Balance, 1 p.m.
Dance, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Wed. 14 Quilting, Crafts & Potluck
Noon Potluck
Deb's Workshop, 1 p.m.
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.



Thurs. 15 Wii Bowling, 1 p.m.
Board Meeting, 1:30 p.m.
Community Meal, 6 p.m.



Fri. 16 Dominos, 9:30 a.m.

Mon. 19 Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.

Tue. 20 Matter of Balance, 1 p.m.
Dance, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Wed. 21 Quilting, Crafts, & Potluck
Hearing Clinic, 10 a.m.- 12 Noon
Noon Potluck
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.

Thurs. 22 Wii Bowling, 1 p.m.
Tablet Class, 1:30 p.m.
Western Square Dancing, 6:30 p.m- 9 p.m.

Fri. 23 Dominos, 9:30 a.m.

Mon. 26 Closed in "Honor of Memorial Day"

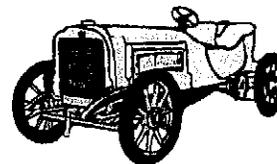
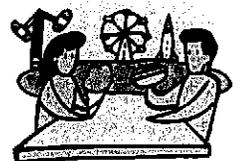
Tue. 27 Matter of Balance, 1 p.m.
Dance, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Wed. 28 Quilting, Crafts, & Potluck
Noon Potluck
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.

Thurs. 29 Wii Bowling, 1 p.m.

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

Sat. 31 Bus trip to "Black Hills"
Depart at 7 a.m.





MAY DINNER MEETING

TIME: Monday, May 12th, 6:00 PM

PLACE: Bluffton Senior Center

WHAT: Schnipke Inn will cater the meal. They will be serving BBQ pulled pork, au gratin potatoes, green beans, apple sauce, buttered rolls and chocolate mousse. The cost of the meal is \$7.00 and ticket must be purchased by **Wednesday May 7th**. Tickets MUST BE purchased ahead so there is enough food for everyone!

M.C.: Bob Painter

HOSTESSES: Betty Moser and friends

PROGRAM: Wendy Chappell Dick will perform.

Louise Reichenbach and **Carolyn Green** will both turn 90 years young in May. We will present **Carolyn** and **Louise** with their red roses and Life Memberships at the May Dinner Meeting. Congratulations **Louise** and **Carolyn**.



TOE NAIL CLINIC



There will be **NO** Toenail Clinic in May because of Memorial Day. We are taking reservations for June, please call the office 419-358-8971.

APOLOGY

Our apologies to **Eilene Mericle!** We forgot to mention in the April newsletter that **Eilene** was turning 90. **Eilene** was unable to make it to the April Dinner Meeting, so **Tonya** delivered her red rose and Life Membership to her.

MEMORIAL DAY



The Bluffton Senior Center will be closed, Monday, May 26th in observance of Memorial Day. Never forget their sacrifice!!

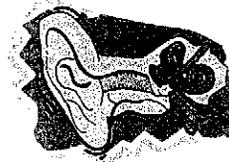
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Thanks

A great big THANK YOU to all the wonderful helpers with the April Garage Sale. We could not have done it without you

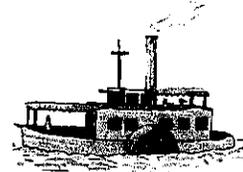
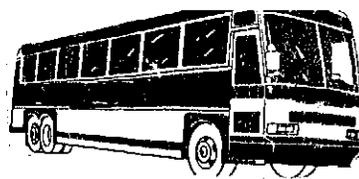


HEARING CLINIC



The Bluffton Senior Center will host a hearing clinic on Wednesday, May 21st from 10 a.m. – Noon. A representative from **Beltone** in Findlay will be on hand to do a FREE hearing checks. Appointments are recommended to avoid long waits. Call **419-358-8971** to make an appointment.

**COACH TRIPS WITH TONYA
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CRUISE OF CUYAHOGA RIVER June 19th We will have a cruise with narration on the Cuyahoga River through Cleveland with a hot buffet lunch. The cruise will be followed by a trip to the Cleveland Aquarium. Tour cost is **\$92.00** due May 20th. Depart at 8:15 am. We will stop for supper on your own on the way home. There are still a few seats available.

SCOTLAND CANCELED due to lack of ticket sales.



TECUMSEH August 7th Join us for a day trip to see the outdoor drama, Tecumseh. The trip will include a buffet supper and a behind the scenes tour. We will stop on the way to tour the Statehouse in Columbus. Tour cost is **\$91.00** due July 10th.



RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL, Saturday, September 13th Come and watch a real Joust, visit a torture chamber, shop for "old time" goods, see wonderful shows, or try your hand at a game of chance. We will spend the day with knights and queens. Lunch will be included. Tour cost is **\$54.00** due August 13th. Depart 8:30 AM. We will stop for supper on your own on the way home.



TABLET CLASS

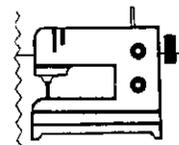
Does this sound familiar?? You get on iPad, Kindle Fire, or other tablet for Christmas and your grandkids set it up for you, download a bunch of games and then the tablet sits in one spot until the grandkids come over again. Well dust off that tablet and bring it to the Bluffton Senior Center. **On Thursday, may 22nd at 1:30 p.m.**, we will have a basics tablet class. The class will cover symbols, downloading, and delegating apps and connections to Wi-Fi and other basics. The class is FREE but limited and registration is required. Sign-up soon by stopping at the office or call, **419-358-8971**.

STORE NEWS



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DEB'S WORKSHOP



The May project for **Deb's Workshop at 1 p.m., Wednesday, May 14th**, is a weighted trash bag. This lined fabric bag is about 5 inches across and is attached to a narrow pillow filled with sand. It also features a hidden plastic strip to keep the bag open at all times. The bag can be used for trash in your car or as a thread catcher for sewing projects. Besides keeping the bag from slipping, the sandbag also functions as a pincushion. Sign up for **Deb's Workshop** today! Suggestions are welcome, if there is a project you would like to see taught in **Deb's Workshop**.

Depart Sat. May 31 at 7:30 am - to June 8 -- ----- 9 days - 8 nights

Black Hills and Mt. Rushmore

Plus a Guided City Tour of Chicago, Wisconsin Dells Cruise, The Corn Palace Wall Drugs, Crazy Horse Mountain Carving, Badlands National Park, 2 full days with a guide in the Black Hills, Custer State Park, Historic Deadwood, Mt. Rushmore Lighting Ceremony and more.

Only \$1035.00

Showtime at Der Dutchman in Plain City - July 8th

Ron Retzler's only show in 2014 includes a Violin and Guitar & 'Crazy Bout Country'

Depart at 9:00 am **\$65.00** (Due by June 3rd) Chicken and Beef Family Style Lunch

August 18th we are going to Northern Indiana Amish area

to visit the Amish Quilt Gardens, Nappanee Heritage Center, Quilting shops, Coppes Commons, Wakarusa Dime Store, Linton's Enchanted Gardens and The Blue Gate Theater for a Family Style Dinner plus a Musical Production "Josiah for President".

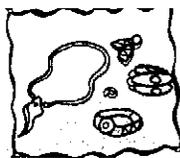
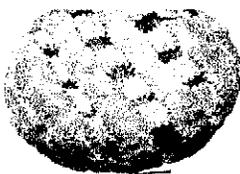
Depart Bluffton at 7:00 am **\$90.00** (due by July 3rd)

Mackinac Island and Upper Peninsula of Michigan

September 28 - October 2nd 5 days - 4 nights

Soo Locks Dinner Cruise, Bronner's Christmas Wonderland, Frankenmuth Village Shops, Carriage Tour of Mackinac Island and the Grand Hotel, The Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum and more...

\$634.00 (Due July 25th)



BLUFFTON ART AND CRAFT FESTIVAL

Saturday, May 10th, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

The Bluffton Annual Arts and Crafts Show is the day they close off Main Street in downtown Bluffton and set-up craft booths.

The Senior Center will be **OPEN ALL DAY!!!** We will be serving coffee and hot doughnuts for breakfast starting at **8:30 a.m.** Lunch will consist of sloppy jo, chili dogs, and hot dog sandwiches, potato salad, cole slaw, chips, and homemade pie along with drinks. Serving time for lunch will be between **10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

We will need **30 homemade pies** for our luncheon. Please sign-up in the office or call us at **419-358-8971.**

Volunteers are needed for all types of jobs this day, so mark your calendars now and sign-up as soon as possible. We have sit down jobs and walk around jobs, jobs handling food, and jobs handling money, jobs talking to strangers and more behind the scenes jobs. Tell us what you like to do, we have the job for you!!!

WESTERN SQUARE DANCING



Our next Western Square Dance will be on **Thursday, May 22nd** at 6:30 p.m. The forth Monday is Memorial Day so the dance is being moved for the month. So mark your calendars. New dancers are always welcomed. The cost is \$3 for nonmembers and \$2 for members. Partners are not needed because partners are changed though out the evening.

A MATTER OF BALANCE

The Bluffton Senior Center is hosting classes on balance put on by the Area Agency on Aging. The classes every Tuesday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The class is full but we hope to offer it again in the fall.

COMMUNITY MEALS

The community meal will be served by **May 1st, English Lutheran.** On **May 15th, First Mennonite** will serve the meal. The meals are **FREE**, open to the public and start at **6:00 p.m.** All monetary donations support the Bluffton Food Pantry.

BOWLING BANQUET

On April 24th, thirty-one people gathered to celebrate another fun year of bowling. **Mike Bastian** opened the meal with a prayer and then we all enjoyed a wonderful lunch of baked steak and etc. plus cake. After lunch, **Tonya** shared news of up-coming events at the Senior Center. **Mike** presented **Joan Daily** with a "thank you" card. **Joan** shared a letter about **Jim's** passing. **Mike** presented **Faye Eley** and **Basil Meyer** with trophies and ended the gathering with some jokes. A good time was had by all.



Elaine Harris help decorate the Senior Center for Easter with her EGG COLLECTION. Large and small, they were all beautiful! I hope you got to see them? In May, **Betty Heldman** will share her Cabbage Patch Doll collection. If you have a craft or hobby that you would be willing to share, please let us know, **419-358-8971**.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC



Our next Blood Pressure Clinic will be **Wednesday, May 7th** from 11 a.m. to 12 NOON. **Ameri Care** will send a nurse. Thank you to **Clarabeth Bixel** for being our nurse in April. If you need help with insurance papers, give the office a call, **419-358-8971**.



WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS.....

Gary & Gloria Grant, Harrod Doris Cotsamire, Ada Linda (Lin) Rumer, Bluffton

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

Pat Dalrymple Sandy Cherry Ina Mae Steiner



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

- Ralph Rammel on the death of his sister;
- Ruth Badertscher on the death of her brother;
- Linda Miller on the death of her mother;
- Joe Goodman;
- Margaret Dray.



THANK YOU...."Thank you for the cards, prayers, thoughts, and phone calls during my recent illness. It was much appreciated." **Barb Bushong**

"To my friends at Bluffton Sr. Center: Thank you for my many cards and your attendance at my 90th birthday celebration." **Eilene Mericle**

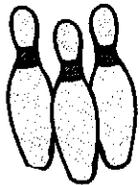
APRIL DINNER MEETING



On a balmy April evening, 75 senior citizens gathered at the Senior Center for a lovely evening of food and music. **Sharleen Olson, Marilyn Lenhart, and Marlene Cartwright** had decorated the tables for Easter with bunnies, chicks, and bright colors. **Roger Edwards** opened the evening with a joke and a prayer. The Mt. Cory Methodist Church served a lovely meal of cheesy chicken with etc's plus homemade pie. **Eilene Mericle** who turned 90 in April, was not able to make it to the dinner meeting. After a few more jokes from **Roger; Bob, Tonya, and Deb** gave their announcements for the month. **Roger** then introduced the **Neufeld Weaver family**. **Daughter, Anna**, (12 years old) was the STAR of the show. **Anna** and her mother both played the piano and all three sang together. A good time was had by all.

I.C.E.

After the winter we had, no one wants to hear the word **ice**. But **I.C.E.** stands for **In Case of an Emergency**. Some cell phones have an **I.C.E.** button for just this reason. Imagine you are hurt and can't talk, how do the authorities know who to contact? Don't assume you will get hurt in Bluffton where everyone knows you. You can easily add a contact in your phone with the name **I.C.E.** and the number of a loved one. Emergency personal will know to look for it. You can also keep a card in your wallet near your ID with the words **In Case of an Emergency** call and just a number. Don't put the person's relationship to you, just a name and number or just a number. Just one more thought, if you live alone, who would know if something happened to you in your home? An easy and cheap solution is get a "call buddy" to check in with every day.



BOWLING



Thursday Morning Seniors	
scores bowled on:	27-Mar

Men's High Game:	
Ron Fullom	183
Dick Marquart	171
Dwight Baumgartner	158
Bud Kantner	154

Women's High Game:	
Nancy Frick	162
Faye Eley	133
Bev Armstrong	110
Rose Hostettler	109

Men's High Series:	
Ron Fullom	343
Dick Marquart	312
Dwight Baumgartner	305
Bud Kantner	300

Women's High Series:	
Nancy Frick	309
Faye Eley	252
Bev Armstrong	220
Sue Mawhoor	201

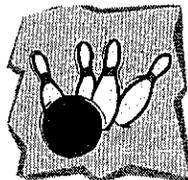
Thursday Morning Seniors	
scores bowled on:	10-Apr

Men's High Game:	
Rick Mawhoor	211
Dick Marquart	172
Basil Meyer	165
Ron Fullom	155

Women's High Game:	
Faye Eley	162
Nancy Frick	157
Sue Mawhoor	148
Bev Armstrong	126

Men's High Series:	
Rick Mawhoor	333
Basil Meyer	324
Dick Marquart	305
Bob Badertscher	292

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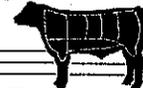
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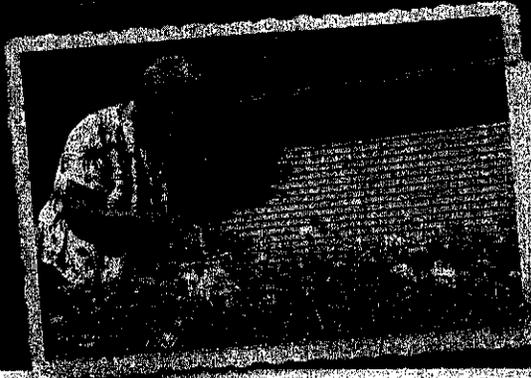
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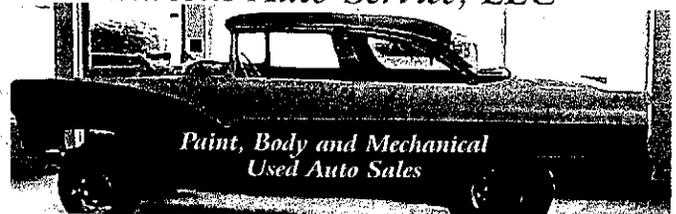
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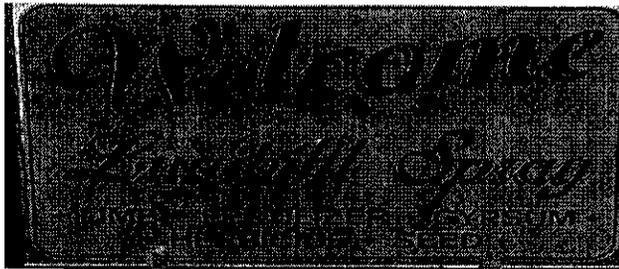
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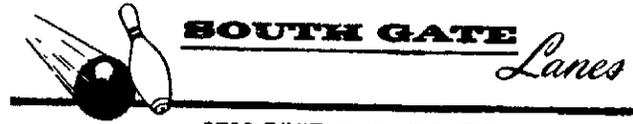
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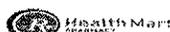
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