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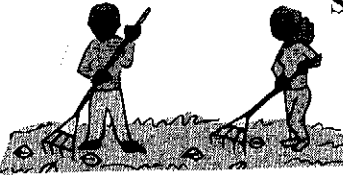
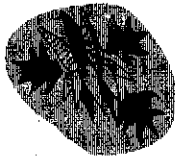
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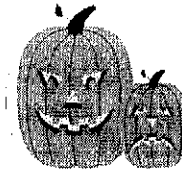
OCTOBER 2015

- Thurs. 1 **Bowling, 9:30 a.m.**
Scams seminar, 2 p.m.
(No Wii Bowling)
Community Meal by
Bluffton Lion's Club
- Fri. 2 Dominos, 9:30 a.m.
- Mon. 5 Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
Bingo w/MHCO, 2:30 p.m.
- Tue. 6 Dance, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- Wed. 7 Quilting, Crafts
Potluck lunch, 12 Noon
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
- Thurs. 8 **Bus trip..”Karen Knott’s”**
Show, depart at 8:45 a.m.
Bowling, 9:30 a.m.
Wii Bowling, 1 p.m.
- Fri. 9 Dominos, 9:30 a.m.
- Mon. 12 Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
Monthly Dinner Meeting, catered
By Eastern Star, 6 p.m.
- Tue. 13 **Joint Pain Class, 12:30 p.m.**
Dance, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- Wed. 14 Quilting, Crafts
Potluck, 12 Noon
Deb’s Sewing Workshop, 1 pm
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
- Thurs. 15 Bowling, 9:30 a.m.
Wii bowling, 1 p.m.



OCTOBER 2015

- Thurs. 15 **Community Meal, 6 p.m.**
By Ebenezer Mennonite
- Fri. 16 Dominos, 9:30 a.m.
- Mon. 19 Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
- Tue. 20 Dance, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- Wed. 21 **Senior Breakfast at Middle**
School , 8 a.m.
Quilting, Crafts
Potluck lunch, 12 Noon
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
- Thurs. 22 **Bowling, 9:30 a.m.**
Wii Bowling, 1 p.m.
- Fri. 23 Dominos, 9:30 a.m.
- Mon. 26 **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. 27 Dance, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- Wed. 28 Quilting, Crafts
Potluck Lunch, 12 Noon
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
Travel to Nova Scotia presentation,
2:30 p.m.
- Thurs. 29 **Bowling, 9:30 a.m.**
Wii Bowling, 1 p.m.
- Fri. 30 Dominos, 9:30 a.m.



TIME: Monday, October 12th, 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Bluffton Senior Center

WHAT: Mt Cory Eastern Star #550 will be serving. Tickets must be purchased by Wednesday, October 7th so the caterer will have enough food for everyone. Menu is baked steak, mashed potatoes, buttered corn, roll, tropical fruit and cake.

M.C.: Mary Hofstetter

HOSTESSES: ROSEMARY MEYER AND FRIENDS

PROGRAM: Ryan and Kate Strickler will entertain us on the piano. This brother and sister duo that entertained last year will be back for the evening.



Doris Conrad will turn 90 years young in October. We will celebrate **Doris'** birthday at the October Dinner meeting with a red rose and Life Membership. Congratulation's, **Doris!**

SCAMS

Those scammers just don't stop! The Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel will be at the Bluffton Senior Center on Thursday, October 1st at 2:00 p.m. to talk about the latest scams and how to protect yourself. The program is FREE and open to the public so bring your friends.

TOE NAIL CLINIC

Our next **Toenail Clinic** with **Dr. Kirk** is scheduled for Monday, October 26th at 10 a.m. You must call ahead to make an appointment with Dr. Kirk, 419-358-8971. A \$10 fee is due at the time of your appointment.

SENIOR BREAKFAST

The Bluffton Exempted Village School District has offered a **Senior Breakfast to Senior Citizen's** in the community for several years. The breakfast is **FREE** and sponsored by area businesses while students entertain during the breakfast. The **Bluffton Senior Center** will be sponsoring the October breakfast on Wednesday the 21st of October at 8:30 a.m. at the Bluffton Middle School cafetorium. The Senior Center will also be raffling off **3—2016 Memberships** at the breakfast, so come and join us.

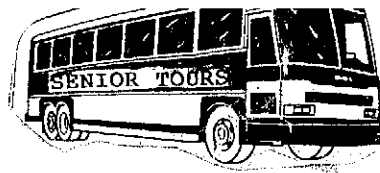
JOIN PAIN

On Tuesday, October 13th at 12:30 p.m., **Dr. Sumon Nandi, M.D.** will discuss the latest treatment options, the causes of joint pain, what joint replacement surgery involves and the realistic expectations after joint replacement. The program is **FREE** and **OPEN** to the public.

BOWLING

It is never too late to join the bowlers on Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m. at the Bowling Alley. New bowlers are always welcomed and everyone bowls against their average. This is a great way to make new friends while getting some exercise. Come out and beat **Tonya's score**, it's not hard to do!!!



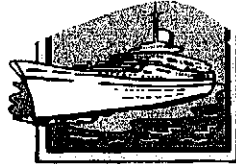


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NOVA SCOTIA

The Bluffton Senior Center is sponsoring a trip to Nova Scotia in June 2016 with Collett. A Collett representative will be at the Senior Center on Wednesday, October 28th, at 2:30 p.m. to tell us about the tour. Come and enjoy the beautiful pictures.

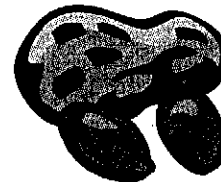
DEB'S SEWING WORKSHOP

At Deb's workshop on Wednesday, October 14th at 1 p.m. We are going to be making purses. Now, this isn't as complicated as it sounds. Think of it as a small tote bag with inside and outside pockets. Please remember to sign up in advance!!

STORE NEWS

We are trying to get ready for Christmas because it will be here before you know it. If you have any ideas of things we could make for the store, please let us know.

NOVEMBER FUNDRAISERS



The busiest fundraising month of the year is coming soon:

Peanut Brittle

We had a GREAT crew last year, we would love to see you all come back and help but we would also love to see new volunteers to join us. Many hands make light work! Peanut brittle starts Monday, November 2nd at 8 a.m.

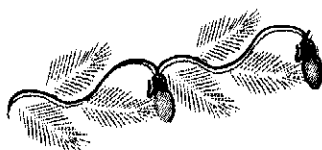
Christmas Garage Sale

We already have a lot for the sale but we will take more! The sale is November 13th and 14th, so please bring your items by Thursday, November 12th, so they can be priced.



Blaze of Lights

The Bluffton Blaze of Lights is Saturday, November 28th. Please mark your calendars!! We need LOTS of volunteers that evening to serve the hundreds of people that come through our door.



DerDutchman in Plain City - Thursday, October 8th. Karen Knott

Do you remember Barney Fife? Karen is his daughter, doing a tribute, "TIED UP IN KNOTTS". We have a few tickets left. \$80.00 The bus departs at 8:45 am.

"A Christmas Story" at LaComedia on Thursday November 12th.

Ralphie Parker wants only one thing for Christmas: An Official Red Ryder Carbine-Action 200 shot Range Model Air Rifle! \$80.00 (Due now.) Bus departs at 8:45am.

ShowTme at DerDutchman in Plain City on Tuesday, December 1st.

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"I want to thank you for the nice get-well card and wishes I received. I'm home from the hospital and feeling much better! **Gordon Best**

"Thank you everyone who signed, sent, get-well cards and visits and phone calls. Thank you for all prayers. It means so much when you can't do anything. Also for the sympathy card for the passing of my brother, **Charlie Shipler**. God bless each and every one of you." **Lenore Reiter**

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- Ruth Bartels
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**45 YEARS AND COUNTING UPDATE
(new info, please read)**

Our window display for the month of September was quilts. The Bluffton Senior Center has been quilting from the very beginning. Quilting is still a good money maker for the Senior Center.

The **Hobby Center** display in September is the Senior Center Scrapbooks. The books are stored in the lounge area and can be looked at any time. We have opened them to some interesting pages and will change those pages and books every couple of weeks.

WESTERN SQUARE DANCING



Our next Western Square Dance will be on **Monday, October 26th at 6:30 p.m.** New dancers are always welcomed! The cost is **\$3.00** for non-members and **\$2.00** for members. You do not need a partner as partners are changed throughout the evening. So mark your calendars.

MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT

Just a reminder that **MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT** begins **October 15th** and runs **through December 7th**. You may be able to save money by changing plans. If you have had any changes in medication, it is a good idea to look at your **Medicare Part D** plan. The **Allen County Council on Aging** can help Allen County residents or check with your counties' **Council on Aging**.



INDIANA TRIP, July 30, 2015

At 8:00 a.m., forty-eight (48) people plus bus driver, **Rick**, traveled to Indiana on a beautiful July 30th. After a rest area pit stop, we then enjoyed **Bev's** cookies & coffee. **Bev** tested our knowledge of the 50 state nicknames and gave us a 20 question multiple choice trivia quiz. **Bob** guided us to **Cook's Bison Ranch** in Wolcottville. Two wagons carried our group out to the pasture where we were greeted by 100 bison who surrounded our wagons & ate food pellets out of our hands. We returned to the barn where we dined on a lunch of slow cooked pulled bison meat, baked beans, coleslaw, corn bread, and cake.

Our next stop was **Coppes Commons** in Nappanee where we met our guide, **Sue**. The building's original use was as a kitchen cabinet factory, but it now contains 13 stores. Some of us enjoyed eating the **Rocket Science Ice Cream** which was made instantly using a flash frozen process as we watched. **Sue** guided our bus while she explained the **Heritage Trail** history which travels by 19 flowers quilt gardens containing more than 1,000,000 blooms & 21 hand painted quilt murals. Before leaving Nappanee, we visited 2 flower quilt gardens, and toured the **John Hartman House & Heritage Welcome Center** where we saw a 7" pie pan which is used annually at their apple festival.

In Wakarusa, we saw a **Wild Geese Flower Quilt** garden, and enjoyed FREE jumbo jelly beans and flavored popcorn at the **Dime Store**. We headed for Elkhart & viewed a painted elk sculpture, then went to the **Bristol Bonneyville Mill Park** dahlia test garden and painted quilt mural. In Middlebury, there were more painted quilt murals with the **Dutch Country Market** flower quilt garden containing 7700 plants.

We next traveled to Shipshewana where the **Blue Gate Restaurant** served us family style supper and pie for dessert. Afterwards we went upstairs to the theatre to enjoy the **King's Brass**, an instrumental group. When the concert ended, we followed the full moon back to the Bluffton arriving not much before midnight.

Harlan & Pat Basinger

 THANK YOU.... "I would like to thank everyone for your blessing and your friendship. I hope to be home soon."
Ray Shinabery



THE WILDS AND DICKINSON RANCH TRIP

September 11, 2015, 8:00 am. Fifty One Senior Citizens departed Bluffton under sunny skies with Tim at the wheel of our Excursions Trailways Bus. We stopped South of Marion Ohio at a US 23 Rest Stop to partake of Bev's cookies and coffee. What do you mean "You don't like raisins?" We arrived at The Wilds, southeast of Zanesville about 11:30 am where we enjoyed cold cut sandwiches, salad, fruit and drink at the Wilds Overlook Café. We boarded 2 air-conditioned Safari Tour Buses. Lee, a school teacher, was our driver/ guide for the next couple hours and very knowledgeable. The Wilds is one of the largest Conservation Centers in North America, located on nearly 10,000 acres. It is home to rare and endangered species from around the World and home to hundreds of indigenous species. The mission of the Wilds is lead and inspire by connecting people and wildlife. Just a few of the animals in residency at the Wilds include; Antelope, Horned Oryx, Wild Horses, Sichuan Takin, African Painted Dogs, Cheetahs, White and Black Rhinos, Giraffe, Camels, several kinds of Deer, and Ostrich. Many man made lakes provide sanctuary for a host of birds and fish. Some of the animals remained hidden on a warm day like today. Climate controlled winter quarters are available for some animals and some weather the elements all winter long. Hospital facilities are also available. After a short visit to the gift shop, we were on our way through the hilly terrain of Belmont County. After about an hour of traveling narrow roads, State Routes, I-77 and I-70 we followed a gravel road through Muskrat Valley to the ranch which is located in the Appalachian foothills of Southeastern Ohio. The Dickinson Family own and operate this 5000 acre ranch supporting 1600 head of grass fed cattle. They raise 3 Registered breeds, Texas Longhorn, Dutch Bue Lingo and African Watusi. The cattle graze on open pasture all year long, even with a foot of snow covering the grass. The Dickinson logo is "Longhorns Head To Tail". The majority of their land is re-claimed coal mine territory, the black stuff has been removed and 6 inches of top soil replacing it. To get an up close and personal look at the cattle and the grass lands we boarded 2 school buses re-designed to cope with the rough and bumpy terrain. Two young ladies, Teu and Becky were our driver/guides for an hour or so. Everyone received a bag of "Kow Kandy" to feed the cattle. They would eat out of your hands if you choose. When the driver blew the bus horn the cattle came to the bus for a snack. The horns of the Longhorn measure 80 inches or more, tip to tip. The Dutch Bue Lingo may be mostly black or red but is unique because their white belt must completely encircle their body. The African Watusi, multi colored, have huge diameter horns at the base of their skull. Following the tour of grasslands and cattle we gathered at the barn for a dinner of Longhorn roast beef, parsley potatoes, glazed carrots etc. After dinner and a trip to the gift shop we started our 3 hour trip back to Bluffton. It's amazing to see all of these animals in their natural habitat. Bob and Bev distributed a couple brain teaser quizzes to help pass the travel time. We had a dozen prize winners.

MOVIE



DID YOU KNOW???

Most of the movies that the Senior Center shows in the summer are owned by the Center and can be borrowed. Did you know that the TV in the lounge area has a DVD player and a VHS player. If you don't have a player at home and want to watch a movie, just ask **Tonya** to set you up in the lounge. Just make sure to give yourself enough time to watch the whole movie.



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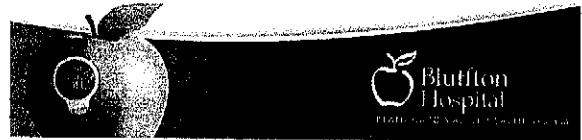
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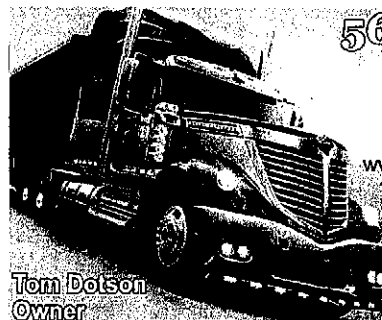
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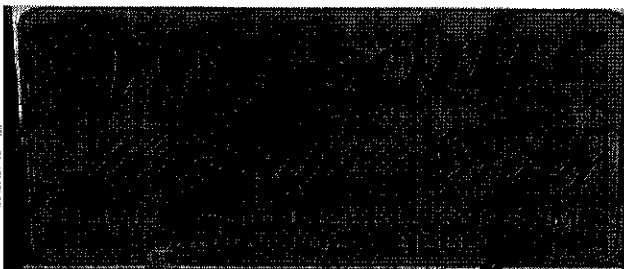
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