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Thurs. 1 Euchre, 1 p.m.  
**Community Meal, 6 p.m. by SHANNON Club**

Mon. 19 Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.  
**Bingo w/Bluffton Hearing Center, 2:30 p.m.**

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



Tue. 20 **Line Dance, 3 p.m.**  
Dance, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Mon. 5 **Closed – Labor Day!**

Tue. 6 **Line Dance, 3 p.m.**  
Dance, 6 p.m.- 8 p.m.

Wed. 21 Quilting, Crafts  
Potluck Meal, 12 Noon  
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.  
**Self-Defense Class, 2:30 pm**

Wed. 7 Quilting, Crafts  
Potluck Meal, 12 Noon  
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.



Thurs. 22 Coach trip to **Cuyahoga Train Trip, depart at 8:15 a.m.**  
**Bowling, 9:30 a.m.**  
Euchre, 1 p.m.

Thurs. 8 **Bowling, 9:30 a.m.**  
Euchre, 1 p.m.



Fri. 23 Dominos, 9:30 a.m.  
**Craft Supply Sale, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.**

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

Mon. 12 Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.  
**Monthly Dinner Meeting, 6 p.m. catered by St. John UCC**

Sat. 24 **Craft Supply Sale, 9 a.m.-1 pm**  
**Fall Festival for Bluffton!**

Tue. 13 Dance, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Mon. 26 **Toenail Clinic, 10 a.m.**  
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.  
**Bingo w/Richland Manor, 2:30 pm**  
Western Square Dance, 6:30 pm

Wed. 14 Quilting, Crafts  
Potluck Meal, 12 Noon  
**Deb's Workshop, 1 p.m.**  
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.



Tue. 27 Dance, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

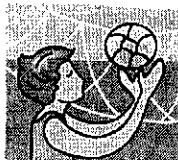
Thurs. 15 **Bowling, 9:30 a.m.**  
Euchre, 1 p.m.

Wed. 28 Quilting, Crafts  
**Crafter's Meal, 12 NOON**  
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.

Fri. 16 **Bus trip to Holmes Co. - Depart at 7:30 a.m.**  
Dominos, 9:30 a.m.



Thurs. 29 **Bowling, 9:30 a.m.**  
Euchre, 1 p.m.



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



**TIME:** Monday, September 12th, 6 p.m.

**PLACE:** Bluffton Senior Center

**WHAT:** Catered by **Connie Kempf and St. John's UCC:** Marcella chicken, seasoned mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce, roll & pie. Tickets are **\$8.50** each and must be purchased in advance. Please make reservations by **September 7th** so the caterer has enough food for everyone.

**M.C.:** Bill Peebles

**HOSTESSES:** Marilyn Wymer

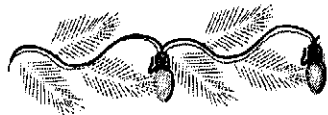
**PROGRAM:** Elaine Wehri will entertain us on the accordion.

**Dwight Lutz** will turn 90 years young in September. We will celebrate **Dwight's** Birthday at our September Dinner Meeting with a red rose and Life Membership. Congratulations **Dwight**.

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**LABOR DAY!**

The Bluffton Senior Center will be **CLOSED, Monday, September 5th** in observance of Labor Day!



**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.

**BOWLING**



School is back in session and that means it is time to dust off the bowling shoes and find the old bowling ball. **Thursday, September 8th at 9:30 a.m.** bowling starts!! Come early to pick your lane and catch up with old friends. New friends, I mean bowlers, are always welcome!!!

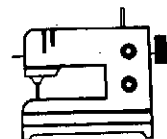


**SELF-DEFENCE CLASS**

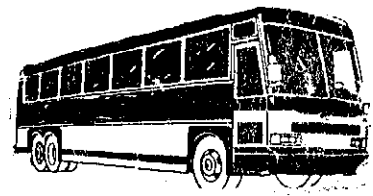
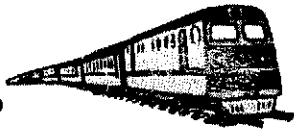


Do you have a plan for personal safety? Learn the top **five self-defense** tips of Senior Citizens. Learn how and when to use your voice. **Nancy Proctor** from BVHS will be at the Bluffton Senior Center on **Wednesday, September 21st at 2:30 p.m.** to present the **FREE** program. Sign-up sheet is in the office or call **419-358-8971** to register.

**DEB'S SEWING WORKSHOP**



**Deb's** sewing workshop will be **Wednesday, September 14th at 1 p.m.** The project will be a **surprise** as **Deb** is still working out the details.



**Cuyahoga National Park Train Ride September 22nd** We will have lunch on the train, if you haven't made your lunch choices, please call Tonya. We will visit Brandywine Falls before turning for home and will have supper in Mansfield. Lunch and supper are included. Tour cost \$93.00 due Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**A Christmas Carol December 16<sup>th</sup>** ...LaComedia will present a musical version of this timeless tale. The trip includes a wonderful buffet lunch and show. \$75.00 per person due November 16<sup>th</sup>.

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**2017 Trips with Tonya**

**September 4-13, 2017 Grand Canyon and Red Rocks**

**December 2017 Christmas in New York City**



Continue to watch here for more details.

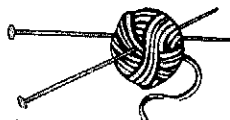
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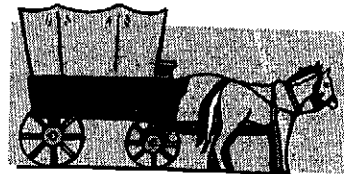
**LINE DANCING**



Are you interested in a fun activity that will also provide great exercise and social time? Line Dancing is for you! Bonnie Newman will start line dance lessons on **Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> and September 20<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m.** and will continue every other week for an hour each class. No experience necessary, just a willingness to learn and have fun. Cost is \$2.00 for members and \$3.00 for non-members per class.



**FALL FESTIVAL**



The Bluffton Senior Center will have a **Craft Supply Sale** on **September 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>** during the **Fall Festival**. We will set up for the sale on Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1 p.m. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** for the setting up and the clean up on Monday morning, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. Please let **Tonya** if you can help.

**APARTMENTS**

The apartments above the Bluffton Senior Center came up for sale! The Board of Directors have decided to purchase them. We should take possession by the end of August. We wish to fix up the apartments to make nice living quarters for our renters. If you like to paint or do other home improvement projects and would like to volunteer your time, please let **Tonya** know.

September 16th, we will visit the Holmes County Amish Area, starting at "The Farm at Walnut Creek" via Horse and Wagon, visit a couple typical Amish Homes. Then on to the Amish Dinner Theater, for an Amish Buffet with all the trimings and an Amish Comedy variety show entitled, "Somewhere Over The Silo" including Blue Grass, side-splitin' improv and parodies, also the great ventrilloquist, Ken Groves. Now, to Walnut Creen Cheese Shop for shoping, bulk foods, ice cream, sandwiches and a bite of supper, (on your own)!

We will depart the Senior Center at 7:30 am. The day will cost only **\$86.00**.

**October 15 - 22, 2016 -- Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine Trip.**

\$1000.00 - Balance now due!

This New England Trip is sold out but we are taking reservations for a duplicate trip October 14 - 21, 2017, so come and sign up.

**Veterans Museums November 9th. \$50.00**, depart the Senior Center at 10:00 AM  
**Neff Marine Military Museum, Findlay, Ohio Lunch at Findlay's Golden Corral.**


Journey to Tiffin, Ohio to **tour the Civil War Museum.**

Return to Findlay and enjoy desert at Dietsch Brothers.

Veterans save \$10.00

Another ShowTime Program by Ron Retzer and Company on December 1st presented at the Northland Performing Arts Center, Columbus, Ohio. We will eat lunch at the Worthington Bob Evans, and it's included in the price of **\$80.00**. Depart the Senior Center at 8:45 am.

Ron's "Spectacular Country Christmas" includes John Parrendo on fiddle, Roger Hoard on Guitar, Jennifer Galownia and Bob Wolfe, vocals. A wonderful group and program.



On behalf of the Race Committee of the Van Wert County Fair, I would like to invite all senior citizens and veterans to attend the harness races at the Van Wert County Fair on Thursday, September 1. Post time is 1:00 p.m. There will be pari-mutuel waging on all races.

Thursday, September 1 is Senior Citizens and Veterans Day at the Van Wert County Fair. All senior citizens and veterans will be admitted free to both the gate and the grandstand for the harness races on that date. I hope to see many of you present for the races on your special day at the fair. If you come as a group and would like to be recognized, just let me know ahead of time and I will recognize you during the races since I am also the track announcer.

Sincerely,  
*Bill Peters*  
Bill Peters

Race Secretary  
Van Wert County Fair  
Van Wert OH

HOBBY CENTER

Basil Meyer's, Mail Pouch Tobacco signs made an interesting display. Basil painted Mail Pouch Tobacco signs on barns in the summer of 1952 in Ohio and Pennsylvania. Thank you Basil for sharing. In September, we will have a display of milk bottles from the collections of Mary Hofstetter, Morris Groman and Keith Sommer. If you have artwork, a hobby, or a collection that you would be willing to share, please let us know.



WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS...

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



Sara Jane Amstutz

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

- Jerry Musser
- Ken & Nancy Knitz on death of a grandchild
- Annie Stocking
- Bob Harris
- Barry Syer
- Judith Augsburg
- Marjorie Miller.
- Olwen Pritchard on the death of her husband



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THANK YOU..."Thank you for your card on the death of my mother. I am especially grateful for your kind expression of sympathy. Your thoughtfulness is sincerely appreciated. **Luquetta Lehman**

"Thank you so much for the get well card. It meant a lot! I had a minimally-invasive heart valve replacement. Which means the doctor didn't have to break my breast bone. He went thru my rib cage on the right side. It may take up to 6 months to get back to normal." **Linda Childs**



TOE NAIL CLINIC



Our next Toenail clinic with **Dr. Kirk** is scheduled for Monday, September 26th, 2016 at 10 a.m. You must call ahead to make an appointment with **Dr. Kirk**, 419-358-8971. A **\$10.00** fee is due at the time of your appointment.

WESTERN SQUARE DANCING



Our next Western Square Dance will be on **Monday, September 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 don't need a partner as partners are changed throughout the evening. So mark your calendars.



Around (47) forty-seven Senior's were greeted by their friends and beautiful variety of flowers on each table made by our hostess, **Leannah Reigle. Mary Hofstetter** was the MC and welcomed everyone with a story about how to "clean/wash your cat." She then led us with prayer for our meal which was served and prepared by the **Eastern Star** of Mt. Cory.

August birthdays and anniversaries were honored by singing to them all. Special birthdays for the month was **Thelma and Marvin Wolford** celebrating their 90<sup>th</sup> birthdays. She was 90 in August and he'll be in September. **Bob Painter** visited with them and then presented them both with a red rose and a Life Membership Card to the Senior Center. **Shirley** read announcements from **Tonya** (on Alaskan trip) and **Deb. Bob** shared about his trips and a few new ones.

About 7 p.m., our music guests, **Paul & Laurel Neufeld-Weaver** entertained us with songs they grew up with and sang when they travel with their family. They explained how they enjoy singing and started with their children when young and continue doing it. Songs are "made up" about food, traditional songs from generation to generation, or about whatever at the moment. They spent 8 months in Guatemala and picked up several songs of the area while there. **Paul** mentioned that when growing up, his father taught them a song about OHIO. When they would cross the state line, they would sing about OHIO and then crossing another state line sing about that state. **Laurel** mentioned that songs can help people feel better about themselves and life in general from the tune or words. They ended their program singing, "**Tell Me Why**" with the audience singing along. A nice evening with fellowship and music was enjoyed by all.

### Alaska and the Yukon



Twenty Nine travelers boarded the motor coach early Tuesday for the great frontier. After a pleasant flight from Detroit to Seattle, we were met at the airport by our tour guide, Donna, and settled into our hotel for the night. We visited a few places in Washington the next day before crossing the border into Canada. We then boarded our ship for the three-day cruise. Some of the group enjoyed the cruise; some said three days were enough. Most of the group were able to spot whales from the ship. After a day at sea we came to Juneau. Many of us took optional tours. Things different people saw on their tours included a bear catching salmon, a porcupine, salmon running, bald eagles, mountain goats and dog sled teams.

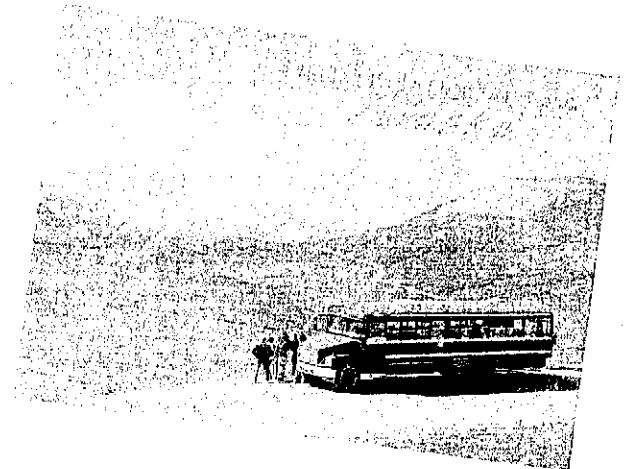
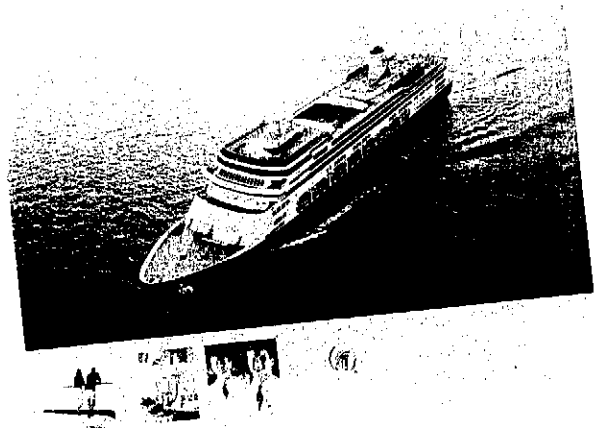
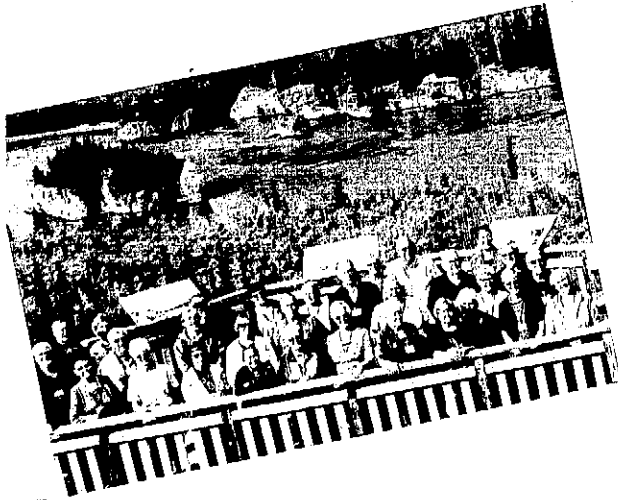
Disembarking in Skagway, we heard all about the Yukon gold rush. We rode the White Pass Train (an engineering marvel) up into Canada, enjoying breathtaking scenery. It took a couple of days to make it all the way to Dawson City, Yukon Territory. Because of the permafrost, this town has only one paved road. We stayed two days and experienced dust and then mud as the weather changed.

We flew on a private charter from Dawson to Fairbanks, AK. Here we learned about the First Nations People and the animals native to Alaska. We also heard a lot about dog sled racing and living in the harsh Alaskan wilderness. Our next stop was Denali National Park. The weather was beautiful and we were able to see the mountain Denali, which is covered (continued)

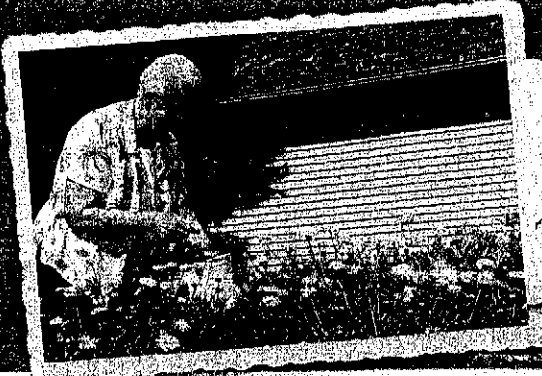
by clouds 70% of the time. We also saw sheep, moose, caribou and a bear. Some from the group went white water rafting or took a jet boat down the river.

The weather turned rainy again as we headed to the coast. Our last day was spent on a boat on the ocean in the hopes of seeing whale but it was not to be. We did see glaciers, seals, otters and eagles. We all came home tired but happy with our travels.

*Pictures from the trip!*



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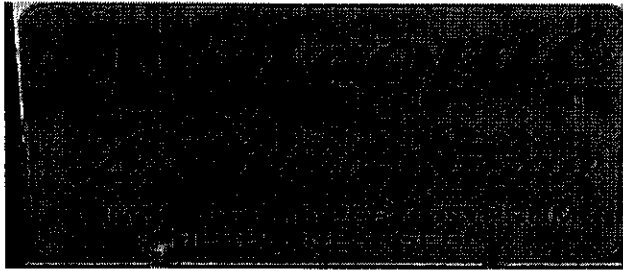
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