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**SEPTEMBER 2012**

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Sat. 1 Motor coach trip departs for **Hawaii**,  
6 p.m.

Mon. 3 **Closed for Labor Day**

Tue. 4 Dance, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Wed. 5 Crafts, Quilting, Potluck  
Blood Pressure Clinic, 10:30 a.m.-12 Noon  
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.  
Cards, 1:30 p.m.

Thurs. 6 Bowling, 9:30 a.m.  
Community Meal, 6 p.m.

Fri. 7 Dominos, 9:30 a.m.  
Exercise Class, 11 a.m.  
Cards, 1 p.m.

Mon. 10 Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.  
Monthly Dinner Meeting catered by  
**Schnipke Inn, 6 p.m.**

Tue. 11 **ASK THE EXPERTS**,  
10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.  
Dance, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Wed. 12 Crafts, Quilting, Potluck  
Return from **Hawaii**....  
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.  
Cards, 1:30 p.m.

Thurs. 13 Bowling, 9:30 a.m.

Fri. 14 Exercise Class, 11 a.m.  
Cards, 1 p.m.

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

Tue. 18 **NO DANCE!!**  
United Way Door to Door Campaign  
6 p.m.

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

Thurs. 20 Bowling, 9:30 a.m.  
AARP You've Earned a Say, 1 p.m.  
Community Meal, 6 p.m.

Fri. 21 Dominos, 9:30 a.m.  
Exercise Class, 11 a.m.  
Cards, 1 p.m.

Mon. 24 Toenail Clinic, 10 a.m.  
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.  
Bingo w/Richland Manor, 2:30 p.m.  
Western Square Dancing, 6:30 p.m.

Tue. 25 Dance, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Wed. 26 Bus trip to **Carlisle Inn**, departs at  
7 p.m.  
Crafts, Quilting, Potluck  
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.  
Cards, 1:30 p.m.

Thurs. 27 Bowling, 9:30 a.m.

Fri. 28 Exercise Class, 11 a.m.  
Cards, 1 p.m.

Sat. 29 **Fall Festival**.... lunch at the Senior  
Center. Final Day of Auction of  
The Ohio State puzzle.





## SEPTEMBER DINNER MEETING

**TIME:** Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> 6:00 P.M.

**PLACE:** Bluffton Senior Center

**WHAT:** The meal will be catered by Schnipke Inn. We will have chicken breast, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli and cauliflower, dinner rolls and cobbler. Tickets are \$7.00 and must be purchased by Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.

**M.C.:** Basil Meyer

**HOSTESSES:** Carolyn Green and friends

**PROGRAM:** Al Basinger will provide music.



## WESTERN SQUARE DANCING



Our next Western Square Dance night will be Monday September 24<sup>th</sup>. At 6:30 p.m., we will start with lessons for those new to the dance or need a refresher course. Then from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m., we will have a dance with a mix of easy and more complicated dances. The cost for the evening is \$2.00 for members and \$3.00 for non-members. No need to have a partner as people change partners through out the night. Come join the fun



## UNITED WAY



There will not be a dance on Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> because of the United Way Door to Door Campaign. Sorry for the inconvenience!! Walkers are still needed, so come tot he3 Senior Center and have some fun.



## BETTE'S POLKA BAND



The Hilty Home is sponsoring **Bette's Polka Band** at the Bluffton Senior Center on Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. The dance will be **FREE** and open to the public so tell your friends and mark your calendars.

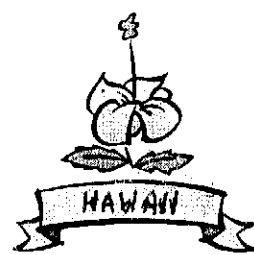
## BLOOD PRESSURE



Our next Blood Pressure Clinic will be Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. Ameri Care will send a nurse from 10:30 am – Noon. Thank you to **Marcene Spangler** for being our nurse in August. If you need help with your insurance papers or Medicare Part D, please call the Senior Center at 419-358-8971.

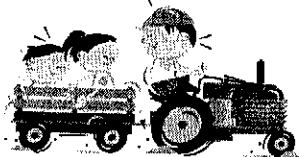
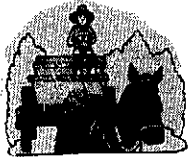


COACH TRIPS 2012



**September 1<sup>st</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> ...Hawaii** The Motor Coach will leave a 6 pm on Sept 1<sup>st</sup>. Aloha everyone!

**December 6<sup>th</sup> ... It's a Wonderful Life at LaComedia** We will take a motor coach to LaComedia Dinner for a fabulous buffet lunch followed by a stage adaptation of the popular Christmas Movie and a stop at the chocolate factory before coming home. Cost of the trip is \$75.00 due Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>.



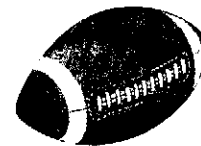
FALL FESTIVAL



After our hot and stormy summer, I think we could all use a little Fall weather. So let's kick it off with the **Annual Fall Festival, Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**. There will be different activities downtown with wagon rides to the Mennonite Memorial Home and bus rides to Maple Crest, the Swiss House, and the Cider Press. The Bluffton Senior Center will be serving a lunch soup, sandwiches, and homemade pie. We need volunteers to work the dinner and we need donations of your delicious homemade pies. There are sign up sheets in the office or give us a call at **419-358-8971**. Please help make this a wonderful day for the Bluffton Senior Center.



**OHIO STATE PUZZLE**  
(Silent Auction)



**Wayne Shafer** has donated an Ohio State Puzzle in the shape of a football, put together and customized framed by **Wayne** himself. To raise money, the Bluffton Senior Center will have a Silent Auction for the framed puzzle. The auction will start **September 4<sup>th</sup>** and end at **two o'clock (2 p.m.) on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>** during the Fall Festival. Bids can be placed at the Bluffton Senior Center. Good Luck!!!!



COMMUNITY MEALS



**Mennonite Community Homes** will serve the meal on **September 6** and **St. John's UCC** will serve on **September 20<sup>th</sup>**. The meals are **FREE**, open to the public and start at **6 pm**. All monetary donations support the Bluffton Food Pantry.



**THANK YOU GARDENERS!**



Those of us who ate the wonderful fresh vegetables would like to **THANK** all the gardeners who donated to our share table. Summer would not be the same without fresh veggies, so **THANK YOU** for your hard work and generosity.

**Carlisle Inn at Sugarcreek presents "Confession" by Beverly Lewis \$110.00** (due by 8/21)

Depart at 7 am **(Wed. Sept. 26th)** - To **Shrock's Amish Farm and Home** - Buggy and Train Ride  
Amish Dinner at Dutch Valley, Confession and Walnut Creek Cheese Company where you can get your  
cheese, bulk foods, a sandwich, enjoy Mudd Valley Ice Cream and more.

**LaComedia - "Smoke on the Mountain Homecoming" October 18th \$74.00** (due by Aug. 15th)  
**A great buffet lunch, a southern gospel musical comedy and a stop at Friesingers Chocolates**

**Showtime at Plain City, November 9th \$64.00** (due by Oct. 15th)  
**DerDutchman provides a great family style dinner of Chicken and Beef - (Depart at 9:15 am)**

**Ron Retzer presents A Special Salute to Veterans.**

**Nov. 27 - Dec. 1st Christmas at Virginia Beach plus a Guided Tour of Colonial Williamsburg**  
5 days, 4 nights, Christmas lights on Virginia Beach, Ocean Front lodging, Christmas Dinner Cruise on the  
Elizabeth River, Norfolk Botanical Gardens, Imax Theater presents the Christmas Story,  
Virginia Air & Space Center, Planetarium Show about the Christmas Star, Tour Colonial Williamsburg.  
Motor coach transportation, several meals, etc. **All for \$480.00** (due by Sept. 20th.)

**\*\*\*\*\*Looking forward to 2013\*\*\*\*\***

**May 13 - 17th -- 5 days 4 nights -- White Star - Smokey Mountain Entertainer Tour**  
3 Continental Breakfasts, 1 Country Jamboree Breakfast, 4 Full Coarse Dinners including  
The Hatfields & McCoys Dinner Theatre, the Smith Family Dinner Theatre, The Dixie Stampede  
Plus Dollywood, the Titanic Museum, The Comedy Barn, Smokey Mountain Opry,  
"Back to Fifties" Show, Guided Smokey Mountain Bus Tour and more.

**\$604.00** (double occupancy)

An additional fee of \$15.00 will be added to all trips for non-members of the Bluffton Senior Center,  
to coincide with the membership fee of \$15.00. May as well become a member and get the  
other benefits of membership such as the monthly news letter, card games, exercise classes etc.

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On Thursday, July 26th we boarded our Bluffton Seniors Bus with Bob & Bev guiding the way.  
Bob drove us past the Gene Autry Mural in Kenton on our way to Plain City, Der Dutchman for a great family  
style meal of chicken and beef and all the trimmings including various pies for dessert. Ron Ritzer and the  
Chrisagis Brothers, twins, presented a musical program featuring country, 50s and 60s hits, patriotic, gospel and comedy tunes.  
After some shopping we boarded the bus with our treasures and returned to Bluffton. Another fun filled trip.



## YOU'VE EARNED A SAY

You've earned a say about the future of **Medicare and Social Security**. That is why **AARP** is taking the debate out from behind closed doors in Washington – so you can make your voice heard. On **September 20<sup>th</sup>, Thursday**, **AARP** Ohio volunteers will be at the Bluffton Senior Center at **1:00 p.m.** They will present all the options politicians are putting on the table and lead discussions. Let your voice be heard, sign up in the office for this **FREE** event or call **419-358-8971** to make your reservation. Refreshments will be served.



## ASK THE EXPERTS WITH MHCO

The Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio are offering **FREE** talks once a month at the Bluffton Senior Center on the second Tuesday of the month from 10:30 am to 11:30 am. The topics will change monthly and there will always be a Nurse and a Social Worker present to answer any questions you may have. All the talks are free and open to the public, so stop on by and see what they have to offer.

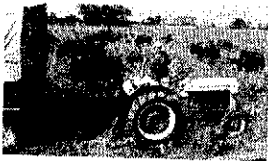
The next talk will be **September 11<sup>th</sup>**.



## DOMINOS



Our next dominos games will be on **Fri., September 7<sup>th</sup> and September 21<sup>st</sup>**. The game starts at 9:30 am but we will work you in if you have to come late. We will teach Mexican Train dominos to anyone interested. If you already play, come and join the fun.



## HOBBY CENTER



The Bunka Art made by **Betty Moser** was like having a little art museum in the Senior Center. Thank you **Betty** for sharing. In August, **Ron Badertscher** will display his FFA tracktors. We are in need of displays for the up coming months. If you have a collection or artwork that you would like to share, please call Tonya at **419-358-8971**.

## WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS.....

Milo & Joann George, Pandora



(I apologize to Charles & Nancy Krohn for not spelling their name right last month. I spelled it Kroh instead of Krohn. S.S.)



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

Cathy Cripe Kathryn Rosenberger Ted Diller Bob Bowersox Marjorie Diller  
Jan Simons

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

- Arthur Hilty.
- Linda Childs & family on the death of her mother.



**THANK YOU.....** "Dear Friends, Thank you for your kind thoughts & words and good wishes. It is greatly appreciated! Thank you again, **Ted Diller**



**TOE NAIL CLINIC**



Our next Toenail Clinic with Dr. Daniel Kirk will be **Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.** You must call ahead for an appointment and there is a charge of **\$10.00** due at the time of your appointment.



**BLAZE OF LIGHTS**

We know it is early to think about Christmas but the thyme for the Blaze of Lights this year is Victorian Christmas. Anyone who would like to be on the decorating committee for the window display at the Senior Center, please contact Tonya.

**STORE NEWS**



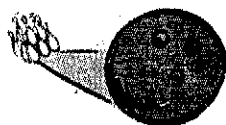
**Betty Moser** and **Trudy Baber** are making ruffle scarves in variegated colors. They are perfect for those nice fall outfits. Come check them out!!!

**THANK**

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**YOU**

**THANK YOU.....** "Your kindness is not just something you've done- it is part of who you are. Thanking God for you today! Thanks for the "garden of good wishes" get well card. It was real encouraging!" **Melba Gerber**



**WII BOWLING SCORES**

August 2nd		August 9th		August 16th	
Dorothy Van Meter	186	Marcene Spangler	185	Dorothy Van Meter	201
Marcene Spangler	179	Dorothy Van Meter	183	Marcene Spangler	189
Susie Berry	174				



## AUGUST MONTHLY MEETING

On Monday evening, August 13<sup>th</sup>, we were greeted with tables covered with a table cloth, brightly colored black eye susans in vases, striped colored napkins and candy. **Mary Hofstetler**, hostess, along with **Ray & Barb Shinabery**, "**Cookie**" **Dianne Cook**, **Keith & Shirley Sommer** as helpers. **Mary** had the people at the tables try and put a little puzzle together to form a "T". Two people were able to figured it out. **Jenny Moser** catered our meal which was delicious! Thanks a lot, **Jenny!** **Roger Edwards** was the M.C. and welcomed us all and followed by prayer.

After we were done eating, **Tonya** interviewed our 90 year old guest, **Walt Early**. He received a red rose and his Life Membership. She then spoke about her trips and **Bob** followed by his trips. **Roger** then introduced our speaker, **Attorney, Greg Reichenbach**, who spoke on "Telemarketing scams." When he ended his talk, he had several questions and then **Roger** dismissed us along with inviting all to return for the September meeting.

### Buyer Be Wise

By Neil Winget, President

Better Business Bureau serving West Central Ohio

August 2012

Last November, there was an issue on the Allen County Ballot that, if approved by voters, would allow the county to select a supplier of electrical energy for residents. This was under what is known as an "aggregate" program. After a bidding process, the Commissioners selected First Energy, a highly rated supplier of electricity, as the supplier of energy to Allen County. (Other counties in Ohio also were involved in similar aggregate plans).

Under an aggregate plan, anyone falling under the programs jurisdiction must either accept the company named, or they must "opt out."

When the letters began arriving in residents mailboxes in Allen County, a great deal of confusion ensued. The BBB began getting literally hundreds of calls concerned that this might be some sort of scam.

It is not a scam.

It is all legal and above board.

First Energy is an honest, reliable company and is an A+ Accredited Business with the BBB.

The plan does not affect citizens living within the city limits of Lima.

If you want to keep your current supplier, you must notify First Energy, either by sending in the form attached to the letter or calling: 1-866-636-3749.

Changes are a way of life these days and there comes a time when we all have to re-evaluate our circumstances.

There is supposed to be a savings with aggregate plans, the BBB cannot comment on that, but anyone contemplating a change should investigate all alternatives.



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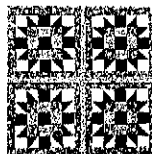


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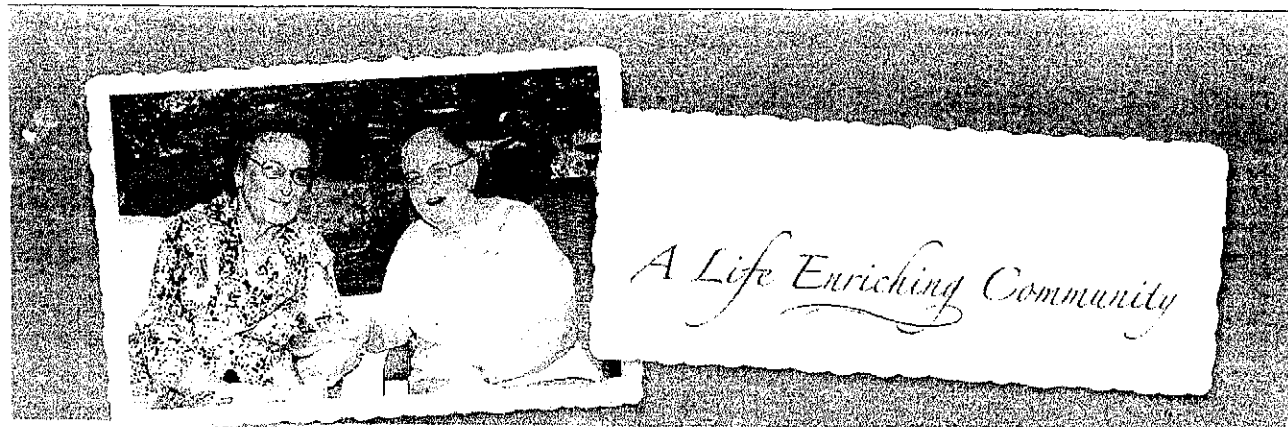
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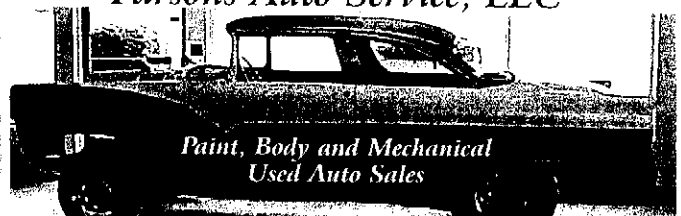
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