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Mon. 1 **Labor Day...Closed!!!**

Tue. 2 Dance, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Wed. 3 Crafts, Quilting
Blood Pressure Clinic, 11 a.m.
Potluck Meal, NOON
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.

Thurs. 4 Bowling, 9:30 a.m.
Wii Bowling, 1 p.m.
Community Meal, 6 p.m.

Fri. 5 Dominos, 9:30 a.m.

Mon. 8 Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
Monthly Dinner Meeting, 6 p.m.

Tue. 9 **Matter of Balance, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.**
Dance, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Wed. 10 Quilting, Crafts, "Talking"
Potluck Meal, NOON
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.

Thurs. 11 Bowling, 9:30 a.m.
Wii Bowling, 1 p.m.

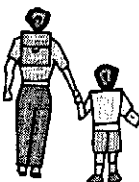
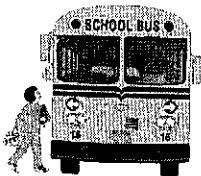
Fri. 12 Dominos, 9:30 a.m.

Sat. 13 Coach trip to **Renaissance Festival,**
Depart at 8:30 a.m.

Mon. 15 Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.

Tue. 16 **Matter of Balance, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.**
NO DANCE, United Way – Door to
Door campaign, 6 p.m.

Wed. 17 Crafts, Quilting



Wed. 17 Potluck, **NOON**
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.

Thurs. 18 Bowling, 9:30 a.m.
Wii Bowling, 1 p.m.
Community Meal, 6 p.m.

Fri. 19 Dominos, 9:30 a.m.

Mon. 22 **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. 23 **Matter of Balance, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.**
Dance, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Wed. 24 Quilting, Crafts, "Talking"
Potluck Meal, NOON
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.

Thurs. 25 Bowling, 9:30 a.m.
Wii Bowling, 1 p.m.

Fri. 26 Dominos, 9:30 a.m.

Sat. 27 **American Girl Breakfast Tea, 9:00 a.m.**
Fall Festival Lunch, 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Mon. 29 Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
Planning for a "Sound Retirement"
6:30 p.m.

Tue. 30 **Matter of Balance, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.**
Dance, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.



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SEPTEMBER DINNER MEETING
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TIME: Monday, September 8th, 6:00 PM

PLACE: Bluffton Senior Center

WHAT: Catered by Ted's Market. The meal will be pulled pork, potato salad, green beans, applesauce and cheese cake. The cost of the meal is \$7.00 and ticket must be purchased by Wednesday, September 3rd. Tickets MUST BE purchased ahead so there is enough food for everyone!

M.C.: Clarence Kooker

HOSTESSES: Marilyn Wymer and friends

PROGRAM: ????????

In September, **Betsy Steiner** will turn 90 years young. We will celebrate **Betsy's** birthday at the September Dinner Meeting with a Red Rose and Life Membership. Congratulations, **Betsy!**

A MATTER OF BALANCE

The Bluffton Senior Center will be hosting classes on balance put on by the **Area Agency on Aging**. A **Matter of Balance** can help reduce the fear of falling and increase the activity levels of older adults who have concerns about falling. Classes will start Tuesday, September 9th from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Each class is two (2) hours long, once a week for eight weeks. Registration is required and can be made by calling the Bluffton Senior Center at **419-358-8971** or stop by the office. The course is **FREE** but space is limited, so sign up soon.

HOBBY CENTER

We rang in the new "school year" with **Dortha Radabaugh's** bell collection! Thank you, **Dortha** for sharing. In September, **Cary Childs** will share his horse collection. If you have a craft or hobby that you would be willing to share, please let us know, **419-358-8971**.

DEB'S WORKSHOP

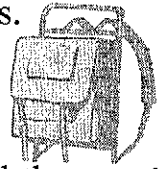
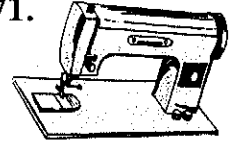
Deb will be going to England in September to visit the grandchildren and so there won't be any workshop.

MEMORIAL

The Bluffton Senior Center has received a Memorial Gift in memory of **Vera Core** from **Wayne and Rebecca King**. **Vera's** name will be put in our Memorial Book for all to see how much she meant to us.

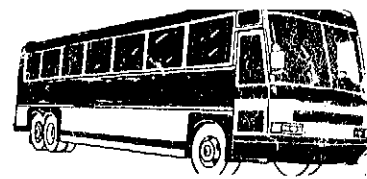
STORE NEWS

Do you have a grandchild that needs a school bag? Check out the string bags that our ladies have made in **Deb's Workshop**.



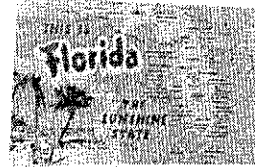


**COACH TRIPS WITH TONYA
2014**



RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL, Saturday, September 13th The Festival has something for everyone, shows, good food, shopping, games, shows, entertainers, a queen and even a museum. All the shows are free with admittance and lunch is included in the trip. We will spend the day with knights and queens. Tour cost is **\$54.00** due August 13th. Depart 8:30 AM. We will stop for supper on your own on the way home.

2015



SUNNY ORLANDO FLORIDA March 14-21, 2015 We will stop at the Biltmore Estate on the way to Florida. In Orlando, we will have a Capone's Dinner and show one evening and visit Universal's City Walk on another evening. We will visit The Holy Land Experience, Leu Gardens & House Museum and the Morse Museum of American Art. We will also have a free day to visit the Disney Park of your choice. Price starts at \$829.00 per double occupancy. Brochures are at the desk for full details.

OREGON'S NATURAL WONDERS, September 2015, details to follow. Keep watching here!!

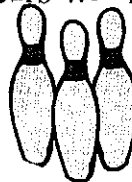
THANK YOU GARDENERS!!! Those of us who enjoyed the wonderful fresh vegetables would like to thank all the garden who donated to our share table. Summer would not be the same without fresh veggies, so **THANK YOU** for your hard work and generosity.



UNITED WAY

There **WILL NOTE** be a **dance on Tuesday, September 16th** because of the "United Way Door to Door Campaign." Sorry for the inconvenience! We are looking for volunteers to walk during the door to door campaign. The more volunteers we have, the less time it takes. So, please let us know if you can help!

BOWLING



It is time once again to dust off that bowling ball and shoes and head to the lanes. The Senior Bowling League will start **Thursday, September 4th at 9:30 a.m.** at the Southgate Lanes in Bluffton. New bowlers are always welcome and everyone competes against their own handicap, so skill isn't necessary. This is a great way to make new friends while getting some exercise. Please be a little early, so you can get your lane assignments. Come out and join the fun!

THANK YOU..."Thank you so much for helping with our Sci-fi Scavenger Hunt this summer. We really appreciate your support of library programs." **Esther**, employee of library

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) Depart at 8:00 am

Amish Country Theater, Saturday, October 11th \$90.00 (due Oct. 1st)

Depart Bluffton at 8:00 am, Homestead Buffet for Lunch, Rolling Ridge Ranch, Horse and Wagon tour of exotic animal park, "Buggy Fever", a Hee Haw type musical comedy and varitey show, enjoy shopping, a sandwich and ice cream at the Walnut Creek Cheese Company before our journey back to Bluffton.

"A Branson Country Christmas" presented by Branson's own

Ozark Jubilee Band with Hillbilly Comedy and Holiday music.

Tuesday, November 4, 2014 at Aladdin Shrine Center in Columbus.

Motor Coach transportation departing at 9:00 am and arriving in time for a holiday lunch consisting of salad, roast turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and all the trimmings..

All this for \$84.00 (due by Sept. 15th)

We have 3 programs scheduled for 2015 at LaComedia -

"South Pacific" Thursday, April 9th

Church Basement Ladies "Last Potluck", Sept. 24th

"Christmas Story" November 12th.

We are planning a 2015 abbreviated trip to the Badlands and Black Hills plus, Buffalo Bill's Historical Center, 2 day guided tour of Yellowstone, The Grand Tetons, Cody Wyoming Rodeo, and Cody Cattle Company Chuckwagon Dinner, Captain's Dinner Cruise on the Mississippi and a visit to the John Deere Factory in Moline, Illinois. This will be a 14 day trip. More details forthcoming.



The kids are headed back to school so it is time to start thinking about the Fall Festival. The Bluffton Senior Center is going to add an "American Girl Breakfast Tea" in the morning to draw in more customers. The tea will start at **9:00 a.m.** We will need volunteers to make rolls, muffins, and coffee cakes for the tea. There will be a craft project for the girls to do and door prizes. Volunteers are needed to serve the tea, help with the crafts, and clean up and get ready for lunch.

For lunch, we need pies donated. We will also need volunteers to serve lunch and clean up from lunch. Lunch will be served from **11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** and will be soup, sandwiches, and homemade pie. We will need lots of volunteers to help make this busy day success. If you can help, please stop by the office to sign up or call **419-358-8971.**



WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS.....

Kathy Spencer, Continental Olwen Pritchard, Bluffton Pat Miller, Columbus Grove
Pat Lane, Columbus Grove Ronnie & Pat Hartley, Huntington, Indiana

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

Esther Neff Marilyn Lenhart Gordon Best Linda Cherry



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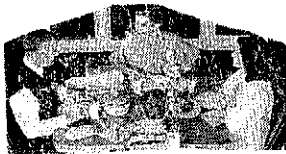
- Chuck Kissling on the death of his brother.



WESTERN SQUARE DANCING



Our next Western Square Dance will be **September 22nd at 6:30 p.m.** 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.

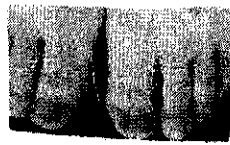


COMMUNITY MEALS



The community meal will be served by **September 4th, Emmanuel UCC . On September 18th, Ebenezer 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.

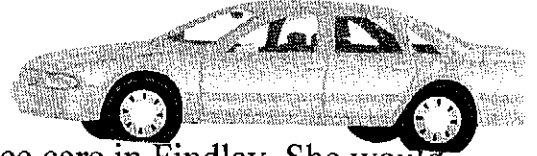
THANK YOU..."Thank you so much for the card while I was in the hospital. It really up-lifts your spirit to receive cards when you are ill. Thanks again, **Marilyn Benroth**



TOENAIL CLINIC

Monday, September 22nd at 10 a.m. will be our next Toenail Clinic with Dr. Kirk. You must call ahead for an appointment and there is a charge of \$ 10.00 due at the time of your appointment. Medicare does not cover the clinic because it is not in a medical office.

HELP NEEDED!!!



We have a member who can't drive and who's mother is in hospice care in Findlay. She would like to visit her mother once a week and is willing to pay \$25.00 per ride. Her visits would last only about an hour at a time. If you would be willing to help her out, please contact **Tonya** for more information.



JULY DINNER MEETING

It was a patriotic looking Senior Center for the July dinner meeting. **Deloris Hermon** and **Leannah Reigle** decorated the room with flags. **Mary Hofstetter** opened the evening with a poem and a prayer. After a delicious meal, catered by Mt. Cory Temple Fund group, **Mary** had us use our brains to think about roses. **Carol Groman** and **Bill Peebles** each won a prize for their long list of words/names with the word "rose or roses" in. After announcements were given, **Fred Steiner** got up and gave everyone a copy of Explore Bluffton (more are available at the Senior Center) and told us about the work of the Chamber of Commerce. This included how very close it was to getting the OSU band to play in the "Blaze Parade." It was an interesting evening and fun was had by all.

AUGUST MONTHLY MEETING



After a rainy afternoon, forty-eight people ventured out to the Senior Citizen's Center for the monthly meeting. **Diane (Cookie) Cook** and **Becky Marshall** were the hostesses and decorated the tables with sort of a County Fair theme. They used quart canning jars with burlap around them and had flowers arranged in them with fruit/vegetables laying in the center of the tables. **Jenny Moser** catered a delicious ham load meal including scalloped potatoes, "fresh" cut off the cob corn, jello, bread and homemade jams. Dessert was red cake and ice cream. Hum! **Basil Meyer, MC**, greeted our guests and followed by prayer before the meal. Birthdays and anniversaries were mentioned and sang too after the meal. **Bob** made announcements for **Tonya** (on vacation) and himself followed by **Deb**.

Our program was a brother and sister, **Kate (16)** and **Ryan (13) Strickler** playing the piano. They each played songs that they might have wrote themselves or music from books. A duet was played of the theme song from the musical "**Beauty and the Beast**" which was just beautiful! Everyone seemed to really enjoy then very much! **Basil** then invited all to return in September and have a safe trip home!



TECUMSEH TRIP!

A wonderful day trip was planned for our group by **Tonya**. The State House in Columbus was an architectural and history lesson for all of us while we tried to remember if we had once learned the information in Jr. High or High School many years ago. Ohio, the 17th U.S. State, founded in 1803, placed the State House in several other cities until now were the present State House of today downtown Columbus. Building begun in 1839 and finally finished in 1861. The Greek revival structure was finished with Italian marble and beautiful carved wood. We observed additions that were made at several different times in its history. We had a review of what we probably once learned about Ohio government i.e. senate, representative, and court systems but sadly few could name the present representative and senator who represent us. After some FREE time to check out artifacts, and a quick stop in the gift shop, we hurried to our bus so we could hit the afternoon rush hour out of Columbus. Ha!

South we went to our next stop, Chillicothe to enjoy our outdoor adventure in the hills of southern Ohio. Our guided tour of the scenes behind the stage area and etc. had down on the stage to learn how special effects are created, what to watch for in the play (like falls from cliffs), visiting the horses with explanations of how they are maintained and trained as well as learning about costume changes and prop arrangements. Those with mobility issues opted out on the stage behind scenes tour by seeing the same information via video. A delicious outdoor buffet awaited us after which we had some time to enjoy the Indian museum, gift shop, or just some quiet time sitting outdoors with our fellow travelers. All were amazed as the story unfolded about one of Ohio's famous native Americans, Tecumseh. Again, we wondered if some time in our past, we learned all this in our history classes. Nothing tops a drama in the outdoors with horses, cannons, and canoes slipping through the water.

After feeling well entertained, we returned home having refreshed our memory of beautiful Ohio.

Mary Hofstetter

SHANNON CEMETERY PROJECT

We are pleased to announce that progress on the named project has now moved to the next phase. This continuing conversion from cemetery to Park-Cemetery is a combination of the Village Council and interested community people.

We look forward to the project being a major improvement to our Village, while still naming all those known to have rested in this place some 150- 175 years ago.

As you are all aware, funding for these extra projects, through political processes, is difficult using tax payers funds. It is now time for our community, organizations, individuals, people who have heirs here, and civil groups to help out.

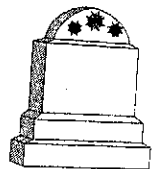
The present situation is one in which the Village is helping in every way possible, but would need many years to find sufficient funds.

We are suggesting a concrete slab for relocating all the stones; a parking area; a gazebo to shelter those that come to view names; a plaque that will list all known who rest here; some comfortable landscaping.

We believe all will benefit, and make checks out to Village of Bluffton % Shannon Project for your tax exempt gift.

P.S. All stones are stored in a secure, donated area.

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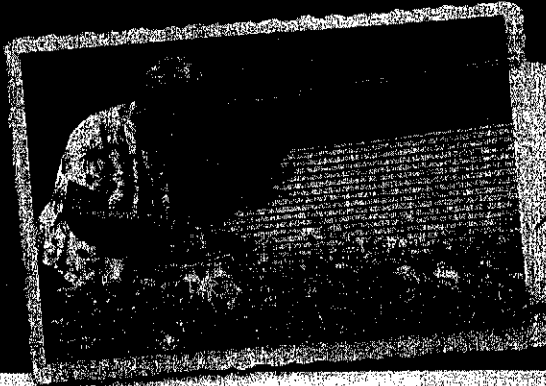
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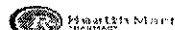
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