

It's an Icon Weekend!

June
11/12
2016

6 pages of what's happening in Bluffton and Ada this weekend and next week

Shirley's Gourmet Popcorn Co. throws a birthday party

Shirley's Gourmet Popcorn Co. is throwing a birthday party on Saturday and you are invited.

According to Pete Suter, its Shirley's biggest party of the year. It's a Shirley birthday celebration from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Shirley's, 117 S. Main St., Bluffton.



“And 100 percent of all sales – every dollar spent – goes to the Lima Junior Service League to provide books and reading programs for kids in Lima and Allen County,” he said.

The event includes:

- Free inflatable games for kids
- Carnival games including Plinko, fish pond, and more
- Balloon animal artist
- Caramel To Die For ice cream sundaes
- Lima Junior Service League activities

All Day:

- -BOGO bags, any flavor (equal or lesser value, limit 2)
- Free small bag of Caramel To Die For popcorn with \$10 receipt from any downtown Bluffton shopping or dining destination
- 100% of all sales donated to Lima Junior Service League

Over 200 youth ambassadors spend the week in Ada

Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar (HOBY) is returning to Ada this week.

HOBY is a four-day leadership seminar for over 200 high school sophomores from northern and western Ohio held June 9-12 at Ohio Northern University, according to Katie Ferren, co-director of Community Service.

The HOBY program inspires students to recognize their leadership talents and apply them in becoming effective, ethical leaders in their homes, schools, workplaces and communities.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, June 11, is a community service day for HOBY Ambassadors.

According to Ferren, Ambassadors will work on house projects, help at the parks, VFW, Ada pool, fire station, ReStore and several other locations.

"We will be have a free car wash from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.-2 the parking lot of the Rite-Aid in Ada," she said.

"Ambassadors will also hold a food drive to help the Ada Food Pantry. Ambassadors will be around to collect can foods and non-perishable food items on Saturday," she said.

Residents should leave can food items on their doorsteps in plastic bags from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Pandora town-wide garage sales underway

Pandora town-wide garage sales, sponsored by Pandora Friends of the Library, take place Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 9-10-11. Over 40 garage sales are scheduled. Lists/maps are available at Pandora businesses.

Bluffton's English Lutheran dedicates addition on Sunday

The congregation of English Lutheran Church invites the community to an open house buffet for the new addition to its facility, said Rev. Kevin Mohr, pastor.

The open house is from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sunday, June 12, at the church 111 Grove St., Bluffton.

Begun in September of 2015, the just-over 5,000 square foot addition includes a fellowship hall with seating for over 150, a serving kitchen, two classrooms, two ADA restrooms, a lounge/reception area, and an accessible drive-up entry-way from our new parking lot.

Main contractors and overseers of the project have been members of the congregation: Robert Neff, architect, Rachel Crawford, interior design, and Robert Fett, general contractor, all of Bluffton. Much of the detail and finishing work has been done by members of English Lutheran, as well.

"The second phase of the building plan involves renovating and flipping the orientation of our current sanctuary by 180 degrees, with two new entrances from the addition, one ramped, into the renovated sanctuary," said Rev. Mohr.

That work will begin soon.

A dedication ceremony of blessing for the new addition will also take place on June 12 during the regular worship time at 9 a.m. Guests are welcome to join us for worship.

Ada United Methodist ice cream social June 15

Ada First United Methodist Church, 301 N. Main St., will hold a Dietsch's ice cream social from 5 to 7 p.m., Wednesday, June 15.

The menu includes hot sandwiches, brownies, side dishes, drinks and make your own ice cream sundae.

Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 youth under 10. Call the church office for tickets at 419-634-4626



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Bluffton artist exhibit opens Sunday in Lima

If you missed Gregg Luginbuhl's art exhibit in Bluffton earlier this spring you have a second chance to view it.

ArtSpace/Lima announced that "Making My Way: A Gregg Luginbuhl Retrospective" will be shown in the Ellen Nelson Gallery from June 12 through July 23.

Luginbuhl has been a fixture on the local and national art scenes for over 40 years. He has taught at the University of Findlay (1976-1984) and at Bluffton University (1984-2014).

In the course of his career, he has produced works in ceramics, stoneware, porcelain, raku, and bronze, among other media. He has exhibited pottery and ceramic sculpture in more than 300 regional and national exhibitions, and his work is included in many public and private collections nationwide.

Among his many awards, he has received three at Feats of Clay National in Lincoln, California, four at the Tri Kappa Regional Exhibition in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, and 35 in Ohio state-wide juried shows.

His work is included in five Ohio Museum collections. His exhibition record includes one-person shows in seven states, and he has been the juror for nineteen regional exhibitions.

Luginbuhl served on the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Designer Craftsmen for a number of years and became president of the organization in 1999, serving through 2001. In 2015, he received ODC's Outstanding Achievement Award.

Making My Way features 80 works selected from every period of Luginbuhl's creative life.

Highlights include The Creation Series, eight raku wall plates (1989-1990), borrowed for the exhibit from Yoder Recital Hall, Bluffton University; the Rustic Decanter series, stoneware trompe l'oeil artifacts with an eye-teasing realism, complete with detachable lids and working handles; and the Fish Series, fabulous creatures of the imagination




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Bingo every Thursday in Ada

Ada Bingo plays every Thursday at the Alumni N-men's Building in downtown Ada. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Bingo begins at 6:55 p.m. Ada Bingo uses new, radio-controlled electronic machines, as well as, traditional paper packages.

Proceeds from Ada Bingo benefits the Ada Lion's Club, Ada Music Boosters and the Ada-Liberty Volunteer Fire Department.

And, every third Thursday of each month is a special Bonus Night at Ada Bingo. These popular Bingo Bonus Nights are held on the third Thursday of each month.

When Ada Bingo reaches the Level 1 payout minimum (at least 40 players), payouts will be at Level 2 prize levels. And, if the number of players normally needed to reach Level 2 is achieved (65 players), Ada Bingo will pay out at Level 3 prize levels.

Bluffton's calendar

Saturday - June 11

- Farmers' market, South Main St., 8:30 a.m.-noon

Monday - June 13

- Senior Citizens monthly potluck

Thursday - June 16

- Free community meal, senior center, 6 p.m.

Friday - June 17

- Festival of Wheels, Main Street, 2-8 p.m.

Ada calendar

Saturday - June 11

- Author Lynne E. Scott at Ada library, 10 a.m.

Wednesday - June 15

- First United Methodist ice cream social, 5-7 p.m.

Friday - June 17

- Dean Alstaetter performing, The Inn at ONU, 5 p.m.

Festival of Wheels on Main Street June 17



The 49th Bluffton Festival of Wheels cruise-in, sponsored by the Bluffton Lions hits Main Street on Friday, June 17.

The event is open to antique cars, classic cars, trucks, tractors, golf carts, fire engines, motorcycles and Cushman's.

This year's show opens for parking at 2 p.m. and registration for vehicles is from 2 to 5 p.m., rain or shine.

Judging begins at 5 p.m. with trophies awarded at 7:30 p.m. A cruise down South Main Street begins at 8 p.m. For more show information go to: www.blufftonlionsfoundation.org

The festival includes a \$10 pre-registration fee if paid by May 31. After May 31, registration is \$12.

Women's soccer camp June 18

The women's soccer team at Bluffton University will host an ID Camp from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, June 18.

The camp is open to players aged 15 and up who aspire to compete at the collegiate level.

The registration fee is \$80 and includes lunch and t-shirt. Registration forms can be found at www.bluffton.edu/athletics/womenssoccer/ For more information, contact Sara Savard, women's soccer assistant coach, at savards@bluffton.edu

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Pages views	78,152

Ada Icon (launched March 2012)

Total views	11,974
Individuals	7,453
Pages views	19,589

90 % of Icon viewers live and shop here

Facebook facts

Bluffton	2,257 followers
Ada	1,321 followers

May 1 to May 7 reaches

Bluffton	6,671
Ada	2,288

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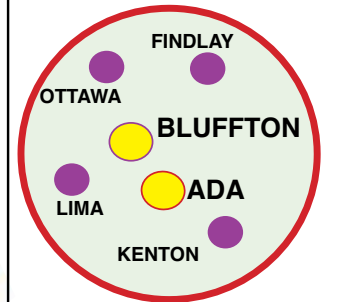
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