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Warmer weather will be here before we know it!

BCSSI Olympics water aerobic participants enjoying the Witham Family YMCA heated pool.

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To promote independence and provide enriching opportunities for older adults in Boone County.

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Boone County Senior Services, Inc.

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From the desk of our Executive Director Anita Bowen



It's typical for me during the holiday season to take some extra days off to spend time with my family. Since my son is still in school, it's important to coordinate my work schedule with the school schedule so that we are all home at the same time... or at least that's the goal!

During this time at home, I also like to do a little work in getting rid of "stuff"...whether that be old files that can be purged or clothing and household items that need a new home. I actually like doing this kind of thing, as it makes me feel more organized and we gain a little extra space in the house. For those of you who have lived in your home many, many years, you know that it doesn't take long before the closets, drawers and cabinets are filled to overflowing. Anyone else ever have to shut a closet door quickly before things come tumbling down on you? This is the kind of thing that I am trying to get away from as we begin a new year with a plan to de-clutter and simplify.

At BCSSI during 2018, we also spent months getting organized for a New Year (and actually for the next FIVE years) as we have updated our Strategic Plan out through the year 2023!! You know that we also celebrated our first 40 years of history, so it was a fabulous time of looking back while also planning forward. Here are the four broad goal areas that I would like to share with you, and you can look and listen for more details as the five years unfold:

- 1. Expand our programming options and attract diverse ages.
- 2. Broaden our reach throughout Boone County with intentional focus on smaller communities.
- Increase our organizational capacity by expanding staff and enhancing our physical assets.
- 4. Develop new revenue sources through a comprehensive development program.

As our customer, or interested person in another way, we want to keep you informed of what's happening at BCSSI, and continue to offer you ways to share your input on what you need and want from a senior service organization <u>AND</u> public transit provider in Boone County. Our door is open to you and we love when you stop by to visit even when we don't have a specific program or activity taking place in the building. Our hours in Lebanon are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and in Zionsville on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. or other days by appt.

If the weather cooperates this winter, we hope to see you in our cozy Lebanon lobby with a book that you grabbed off of the BCSSI Book Shelf or in the Zionsville Town Hall which offers lots of beautiful meeting space for us to enjoy with you. We can have coffee or hot tea ready quickly and will be happy to have your cheerful company. May it be a safe and healthy winter for us all.

Until Next Time, Anita



Merry Christmas Y'all! Oh what fun we had wreath making! Thank you Anson Senior Living and Creative Carla for making spirits bright during the holiday season and hosting a wreath making party!

Santa and the staff from The Waters of Lebanon brought a little extra Christmas cheer to Book Club in December. Pictured is Book Club leader Kay Martin with Santa! Thank you as well to Kay and Ellen Witte for the special gifts and treats enjoyed by the Book Club attendees.





BCSSI Personal Services staff members provide special in-home care to our clients so they can stay independent longer. We are thankful for their dedication, hard work and personal touch they bring to each client's home. Thank you ladies!!!

Thank you to the BCSSI Board of Directors for hosting and preparing a delicious Christmas meal and party for the BCSSI staff. Thank you to Wilhoite Farms for the delicious pork loin.





Congratulations to our Executive Director, Anita Bowen, for being selected as the Boone County Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year! We are proud of you Anita! Thank you for your leadership and commitment to BCSSI!

Shiloh Rice and her new service dog Dax recently visited BCSSI. Boone Area Transit "BATS" is proud to provide transportation services to Shiloh and her special friend. Thank you Shiloh for using our services and visiting our office! Assistant Director of Transportation Kate Koehler is pictured with Shiloh and Dax. Contact BATS today for your transport... 765-482-5220 or 317-873-8939!





Coffee Connection 2 Community assembled special gift bags for our Boone County Sherriff's Department. Coffee Connection enjoys doing special projects and making donations for several groups throughout Boone County. For more information about Coffee Connection turn to page 9 & 10.



We are grateful for Ellen Witte (left) showing us how to make terrariums and to Barb Carrell (right) for teaching us how to paint. BCSSI offers many fun activities throughout the year. Mark your calendar now for several of our programs highlighted throughout this issue.





Looking For A Good Winter Read?

Stop in and select a book from our BCSSI Bookshelf located in our Lebanon office lobby. Thank you to volunteer Kay Martin for making it possible.

BCSSI Bookshelf Rules:

- Please take a book or books to enjoy.
- DO NOT return the books, pass them along or donate them to the library book sale.
- You DO NOT have to be a member of the BCSSI book club to take a book.
- Please share how you liked the book with other seniors.

*At this time we are not taking book donations. For more information about the BCSSI Book Club turn to page 9!

> Master Driver Congratulations to Boone Area Transit driver Dale Gardner for receiving his Master Driver's Award from "RTAP", Rural Transit Assistance Program!

Save the Date for BCSSI Theater Thursdays!

Join us at the Lebanon 7 Theater 1600 N. Lebanon St., Lebanon

9:00AM – Breakfast Snack 9:30AM – Special Movie Shown for those age 60 and over for only \$1!

March 21

April 18

May 16

June 20

July 18

August 15

September 19

October 17

Movie list coming soon!

*All movies are either rated PG or PG-13 Review at www.imdb.com

For Transit Call (765)482-5220 or (317)873-8939

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Thank you, Anita, all your staff, volunteers and sponsors for a wonderful four days of love, friendship and enthusiasm during the 2018 BCSSI Olympics. I enjoyed looking at all the photos of happy participants and officials. You and all the other photographers captured so many memorable scenes that I am sure will keep memories in our hearts for years to come. I am honored to be a subject with

others in so many shots. Thanks for that as well. Congratulations to all who made it a success. Our whole County shone with participants' joyful activities and socializing. I am looking forward to next year and more folks joining the fun and fellowship. It makes Boone residents proud I'm sure.

Respectfully yours, John M. Quinn, Lebanon resident SAVE THE DATE 2019 BCSSI Olympics August 26-29





Jan/Feb Classes & Activities

Call 482-5220 for Registration and Information

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All Classes & Activities held at BCSSI, Lebanon

<u>Tech Time Tuesday</u>

Bring in your phones, tablets, eReaders, cameras or laptops, or use one of our computers, and get *free* independent instruction from Yvonne Frankewich. Work on your projects or pick one from the instructor. Every Tuesday from 12:00-3:00PM. Call BCSSI for an appointment.

SHIP Counseling & CICOA Benefits

Stephanie Balusik-Fultz from CICOA will be available by appointment to provide seniors with unbiased information about Medicare, Nursing Facilities, Emergency Response Systems, Benefits, Nutrition, Social Security, and more on January 23 and February 27 Call BCSSI for an appointment.

Legal Assistance

Free legal assistance will be offered January 15 and February 19 BCSSI Legal Assistance is an opportunity for older adults to ask questions of a legal nature and for the attorney to give simple legal advice. For more in-depth assistance, the attorney can make a referral or give the client other options. Call BCSSI for an appointment.

Lunch & Learn

Join us for a **FREE** Lunch & Learn about current topics that affect seniors and their caregivers. The



luncheon is the first & third Wednesday of the month at noon and is limited to 30 people. For reservations call BCSSI.

- Jan. 2BCSSI UpdateJan. 16Winter SafetyFeb. 6Aperion "Who Are We"
- Feb. 20 Nancy Boggs w/Signature Healthcare at Parkwood



Sharon Walker talks about Essential Oils at a recent Lunch and Learn. See above for upcoming topics.

Classy Crafters

Classy Crafters will meet at **1:30 on January 16 and February 20.** Bring your ideas for the new year!

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All Classes & Activities held at BCSSI, Lebanon

Coffee Connection 2 Community

The second Thursday of every month at 9:30AM for Coffee and Conversation. On January 10 please bring gloves, mittens and scarves for Teen Challenge. On February 14 please bring personal items for House of Grace (Thorntown).



Sandy Whybrew, Diane Davis, Camilla Bowman, and Evelyn Garrison show off their creations from a recent Muffins and Masterpieces.

Art Class

There will be no art class on Jan. 3. Every Thursday, 9:30AM-12:00PM with instructor Shirley Luttrell. Cost is \$5 per class. Shirley will work with beginner or intermediate students and any medium. There will be an all day art class Thursday, January 10 and February 14 from 9:30AM-3:30PM. Artists can attend all or half of the day. The afternoon will include painting projects, special papers and techniques. Cost is \$10 for the full day. Call BCSSI to register.

Cover to Cover Book Club Date Change for January

Book club will meet **Tuesday, January 8** and February 5.

<u>Game Day</u>

Every Wednesday from 1:30-3:30. Come to for card games, dominoes, Bocce Ball, etc. Bring some snacks to share and come play with us! Players are responsible for organizing enough players for their table.

Thank You to all of our 2018 Lunch and Learn Sponsors!

Clinton House (now Aperion) Homewood Health Campus Signature Healthcare at Parkwood The Waters Copper Trace Family-first Senior Living Greenhouse Cottages The Stratford The Hearth at Tudor Gardens Zionsville Meadows





Jan/Feb Activities Zionsville

Call 317-873-8939 for Registration and Information



Zionsville activities are held in various facilities

Caregiver Support Group

The group will meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 6:00-8:00PM at the Zionsville Town Hall, 1100 W Oak St., Rm. 203. Elizabeth Oberholtzer, Social Worker at Zionsville Meadows, will be the facilitator. Call BCSSI to register.

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Art Class

There will be no art class on Jan. 1. Every Thursday, 9:30AM-12:00PM with instructor Shirley Luttrell. *Class* is held in Room 204 of the Zionsville Town Hall. Cost is \$5.00 per class. Call BCSSI to register.

Zionsville Boone Area Transit Drivers Bill Compton, Jerry Chung and Bob Compte (left to right) are proud to serve our Zionsville residents! Give BCSSI a call today and let these fantastic drivers transport you this winter! Lunch and Learn 2nd and 4th Friday of the month at noon. Lunch is free to the first 30 registrants in the Zionsville Town Hall Community Room. Call BCSSI to register.



- Jan. 11 Meet and Greet w/ Homewood Health Campus
- Jan. 25 TBA
- Feb. 8 Stay Fit
- Feb. 22 Meet and Greet w/ Anson Senior Living

Coffee Connection/Sip & Learn

You are invited to join us at **Zionsville Fire Station #91** at **10:30AM on January 4 for Winter Safety and February 1 for Cardiac Care Awareness.** Sponsored by: Copper Trace Family-first Senior Living.



Get Out and Go with BCSSI!

Trips depart from: BCSSI Lebanon

Zionsville, Thorntown or Jamestown pick-up available for some trips

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Shopping

Tippecanoe Mall

Thurs. Jan. 31 9:00AM \$6.00

Greenwood Park Mall Fri. Feb. 15 and Old Time Pottery 9:00AM \$10.00

Special Interest

Shopping in Avon:Thurs. Jan. 17Hobby Lobby,9:00AM \$6.00Michaels and Lunch





Food, Fellowship and Fun... Lunch and Learn on the road enjoyed traveling to Wick's Pies and Warm Glow Candle Company in October. Join us in 2019 as we travel to five new locations! See below!

Save the Date for the 2019 Lunch and Learns on the Road!

March 23 (Saturday)- Mystery Café at Buca Di Beppo's in Indianapolis **Registration begins January 15th.*



May 22 (Wednesday)- Amish Acres, Nappanee, IN

July 24 (Wednesday)- Hunter's Honey Farm, Martinsville, IN + Oasis Diner & Gilley's Antique Mall in Plainfield, IN

September 25 (Wednesday)- Anderson's Winery & Vineyard, Valparaiso, IN

November 22 (Friday)- Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago, IL

BCSSI Travel Group 2019 Trips

Virginia Beach and Williamsburg June 16-22, 7 days, 6 nights lodging and 10 meals, \$899. Enjoy visiting the Virginia Beach Boardwalk, Colonial Williamsburg, Dinner Cruise and entertainment, Nauticus & Battleship, Yankee Candle Village, Virginia Beach Aquarium & Marine Science Center and more! Sign-up is January 9th from 9-10a.m. at BCSSI, Lebanon.



Travel group leader Dan Warkentein and his wife Judy.

Nova Scotia September 9-21. More information to come in the next Senior Sounds. **No registrations or payments are accepted at this time.**

Motorcoach transportation provided by Diamond Tours. For information contact travel group leaders: Virginia Beach, Cathy Adams 765-894-0492 and Mount Rushmore, Dan Warkentien 765-864-2665.



BCSSI Spotlight... Betty Linn

BCSSI celebrated its 40th Anniversary in 2018. During the year, we asked current and past

staff, supporters and clients to share some history with us from their involvement with the agency over the years. Long time Boone County resident, retired nurse and BCSSI staff member Betty Linn contacted us and shared a little about her involvement with BCSSI. Betty was hired in the early 1980's by founding Executive Director Margot Corson to assist with the newly formed Home Health Aide program that was modeled after a program in Illinois, and was a joint effort with the Boone County Health Department (BCHD). She also worked with fellow BCHD nurse and BCSSI volunteer Mary Marrs. Betty assisted in implementing a traveling Health Clinic that would go to various locations throughout the county providing health screenings, vaccinations, food and health education and more. BCSSI and the

BCHD maintained health records of each individual who attended the clinics. Betty shared that many residents did not go to a local doctor for a health check-up but would attend the free clinics which were conveniently located near their residence. BCSSI no longer offers the Home Health Aide program but the agency does offer Homemaker Services and the clinics have evolved into the Boone County Senior Health & Wellness Expo which is hosted each fall. (Details on the next page.)

Betty is 94 years young and currently lives at CrownPointe of Lebanon. BCSSI provides transportation services to Betty. She moved to Boone County in 1962 to a family farm with her husband Hank. She has three children Beverly Freshour, Kathy Heath and Tom Linn. She has thirteen grandchildren. Betty is passionate about nursing and helping individuals and enjoyed her time with BCSSI.

BCSSI is thankful to individuals like Betty who assisted in making our agency the wonderful organization it is today. Thank you Betty for sharing your story and passion with us!



Did you know?

Preventive Health Clinics have always been an integral part of BCSSI, BCSSI has expanded its clinics into an annual Senior Health & Wellness Expo with 50 vendors/exhibitors displaying their services. The Expo offers free screenings, flu shots & more for seniors. About 500 attendees visit each year. The Expo is also a fundraiser for the agency and has profited over \$116,000 in it's eleven year history.





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From our supporters...

"As a former Foundation board member and a recipient of BCSSI services for my mom and myself, I understand the importance of the Foundation. Donations to the Foundation help BCSSI when funds are needed for expenses, such as the recent insurance increase, when no other funds are available." ~Jane Hammock, Lebanon

"As we grow older, it is a comfort to know Boone County has the Senior Services organization. With a broad range of services and a committed staff, it is an invaluable resource for our aging population. The BCSSI Foundation was established to provide backup financial support to ensure the Agency's ability to continue and grow to meet the changing needs." ~George & Nancy Tikijian, Zionsville

"Bob and I support the Boone County Senior Services Foundation as a way of making sure the BCSS Agency can improve its services and meet any short fall of funds during the year. The Foundation helps on insurance, unexpected expenses, and a multitude of needs as they occur." ~Bob & Diana Lamb, Lebanon

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SAVE THE DATES 2019 Boone Senior Expo: October 5 BCSSI Olympics: August 26-29



Important Prescription and Over-the-Counter (OTC) <u>DRUG REMINDERS</u>:

- Be aware that some of your medicines won't mix well with other medications, including OTC drugs, herbal remedies and alcohol.
- Read all labels carefully and follow the directions exactly.
- Look for pictures or statements on your pill bottles that tell you if you need to take the medicine with food; shouldn't drink alcohol; or gives other important instructions.
- Remind your doctor and pharmacist about any previous conditions that might affect your ability to take a certain medicine.
- Don't be afraid to ask questions if you do not understand something about your prescription or want more information.
- Dispose of all medications properly. See disposal locations upper corner of this page.



FREE Medication Disposal Available

The Boone County Jail, Zionsville Police Department and the Whitestown Police Department all offer a medicine collection box. The drop boxes located in the lobby, are available seven days per week and are open for public use. Accepted items include prescription medications, liquids, patches, over the counter medications, vitamins, supplements and pet medications.

Thank you to Drug Free Boone County for your support of BCSSI and our efforts to help make Boone County a safe and healthy community.



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In HONOR OF our 2018 Senior Sounds volunteers who help get our newsletters prepared to mail to YOU!

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Boone Area Transit System operates by appointments made in advance. We welcome calls for LAST MINUTE transportation for non-medical, unscheduled appointments! Please call to check the schedule and hopefully we can help you get where you need to go!

Boone Area Transit System (BATS) is looking for drivers!

Individuals must be willing to obtain (or already have) a public Passenger License, must pass a physical exam, drug test and background check and must be able to operate a wheelchair lift (training provided). Contact Director of Transportation Cindy Elliott 765-482-5220 or 317-873-8939 or cindy@booneseniors.org for a complete job description. Boone County Senior Services, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



BCSSI Personal Services Division has openings!



Interested individuals with experience in homemaking/ personal care, should **contact Cindy Hickson**, Director of Personal Services, for more information or drop off a resume/complete an application at BCSSI. Openings include homemaking and personal care attendants. BCSSI is certified as a Personal Services Agency by the Indiana State Department of Health and is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Background check required. **Contact 765-482-5220 or 317-873-8939 or chickson@booneseniors.org.**

Apple Dip Submitted By: Jo Ann Pullen



8 oz. cream cheese 1/2 c. brown sugar 1 tsp. vanilla 1-8 oz. package toffee bits 1 Tbsp. lime juice 1 Tbsp. lemon juice 4 granny smith apples

Beat together cream cheese, brown sugar and vanilla. Stir in toffee bits. Slice apples and pour lemon and lime juice over. Serve dip with the apples on the side.



Lasagna Soup From Kraft Food and Family

- Tbsp. olive oil
 cloves minced garlic
 2–14.5 oz. cans chicken broth
 1–15 oz. can tomato sauce
 1–14.5 oz. can petite diced tomatoes
- 3 cups wide egg noodles, uncooked
- 3 Tbsp. copped fresh basil
- 3/4 c. ricotta cheese
- 1 1/4 c. shredded Italian cheese blend
- 3 Tbsp. grated Parmesan cheese

Heat oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add garlic; cook and stir one minute. Add broth, tomato sauce and diced tomatoes. Bring to boil over medium-high heat. Add noodles and simmer over medium heat for 10 minutes or until tender. Stir in 2 Tbsp. basil. Mix ricotta, 1/2 c. shredded cheese, 2 Tbsp. Parmesan and remaining basil. Combine remaining shredded cheese and Parmesan. Top each serving with the ricotta mixture and shredded cheese mixture.





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