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Mechell Karnes, Executive Director

-Established 1970-

Rhonda Purdin, Director of Foods

# **FUNDRAISING EVENT RAISES OVER 12,000**

BY MECHELL KARNES

Our annual Elvis Presley Tribute Show featuring Tyler Christopher and his live band was a huge success. We are excited to report that the event raised \$12,268.00 for our operation. Not only was this fundraiser a financial success, our guests and membership praised the performance as excellent, and all echoed that they had a wonderful time. The center was able to sell 263 tickets, selling out the event. Due to high demand for tickets, center added overflow the seating, which added 13 extra seats. We budgeted to bring in \$11k but are thrilled with the results, as our expenses increasing just like everything else. All our fundraising dollars brought in help pay for items such as our utilities (electric, gas, water, etc.), which are over \$26,000 a year.

The event was Saturday, March 23rd and this was the eighth time Christopher has performed for our organization.

Director, Mechell Karnes. scheduled Christopher to return in 2025. Look for more information



Award winning tribute artist, Tyler Christopher, wows audience members with an authentic and exciting performance at the Highland County Senior Citizens Center's event this past March.

this Winter and ticket availability. The show started off with the band playing, building the excitement of the crowd. Then, "Elvis Presley" took the stage with his guitar, dressed in a sharp white jacket with black slacks and tie, just as Elvis looked in his youth. The 1950's Elvis Presley was brought to life with Christopher's voice and dance moves. Swinging his arms, shaking his knees and hips, mimicking the exact dance moves of Elvis in the 1950's. When the 1956 song, Hound Dog started, the dance floor filled with folks from the audience.

Several ladies wearing rabbit ears also joined. The rabbit ears were in reference to the line, "Well, you ain't never caught a rabbit..." Later, during (Let Me Be Your) Teddy Bear, Elvis handed down teddy bears to audience members who approached the stage. After several songs and cheers. Christopher briefly disappeared for a costume change to an all black suit, that shimmered gold, and 1960's performance started the part of the show.

The song, What'd I Say, really showcased the drums and

Christopher's abilities to get the audience excited and to participate. After the 50's and 60's were enjoyed, an intermission was taken. Then, the house lights flashed and the band began to play the 1968 song, Also Sprach Zarathustra and theme from the film, 2001: A Space Odyssey. Elvis Presley took the stage in his iconic jumpsuit with his arms in the air, the crowd cheering while the song, C. C. Rider began to play and his dance moves followed.

Throughout the evening, Christopher's performance was praised by audience members with "whoo-hoos," yells of excitement and lot's of dancing on our dance floor. The new larger stage allowed for Christopher to add to the show with more dancing, and there wasn't a bad seat in the house.

The two-hour show was authentic. exciting and electric, featuring a guitar, lead а bass guitar, keyboards, drums, а backup vocalist and a professional tribute artist whose voice is incredibly like the sound of Elvis Presley. Our event was truly the ultimate Elvis Presley tribute. The show covered Elvis' entire career.

Members and show goers stated to the senior center, "I got a scarf and a teddy bear. Our group thought he was tremendous!" - Rosetta Williams. Patti Gregg stated, "I liked how personal he was and went out into the crowd during his performance." Mary Jo Copeland also enjoyed the event. "It was a great show!"

The center thanks our many sponsors and volunteers who also helped make the event possible.

Other past fundraising efforts, which also help get the word out about the center, were our annual Hot Chocolate Bombs and our Build-A-Buddy Creation Boxes. Overall, we did well with these fundraisers, but we ended up short of a combined amount of about \$300 of our income goal; however, our expenses were covered by sponsors. See page 4.

Our upcoming events are listed in this newsletter. Please join us for these events and tell others.

### **MEMBERSHIP FUN**

Our annual membership Easter egg hunt was this past March. Eggs contained a number inside that corresponded with a prize. Prizes were gift cards to Dairy Queen, candy, popcorn and puzzle books. A \$100 Visa card was also awarded. Thank you to Rural King, Greenfield Skilled Nursing and Bell Gardens Place. McCarty Associates brought us the Easter Bunny and also made a donation. We appreciate all our sponsors; without them, activities such as these would not be possible. Please sign the "thank you" cards that the Front Desk has set up to send to all of our supporters.

### **NEW TAKE HOME MEALS**

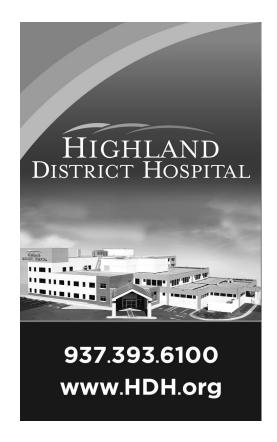
Listen for our dinner bell at noon every Monday, Tuesday and Friday for a hot and yummy lunch to enjoy with friends for only \$5 and dessert for \$1 at the center. These meals feature local meats and recipes.

Coming soon, the center is offering take-home meals. These meals are also made at the center, and then frozen for your convenience to enjoy them at any time.

Rhonda Purdin, Director of Foods, is excited to be offering this feature. The food trays we use are specifically designed for food transport and to reheat food.

The center coordinated with the Highland County Health Department to ensure the cooling and freezing process of our hot within meals was our food licensing. The center was required purchase а commercial refrigerator for this process.

The idea for this feature was out of a change for our Home Delivered Meals clients. We provide a hot, made-that-morning meal each day, Monday through Friday, for our Home Delivered Meals clients. However, since we do not deliver on Saturday or Sunday, we were required to provide them with a frozen meal of an exact brand. Recently, this brand became unavailable and we were not



satisfied with the alternative option. To ensure the quality of our program, we decided to provide our clients with our meals too as their weekend option. These meals, because not delivered that day, would need to be frozen. The result, convenient and quality meals for everyone. Bon appetit!

A menu with pricing information will become available soon.

### **SERVICES AT THE CENTER**

The AARP returned to the senior

center providing free tax services for 140 individuals. They expect to return for the 2025 tax season as long as AARP volunteers are available. Look for info in January.

The Ohio Department of Insurance is returning to the center this Fall for one-on-one Medicare counseling by appointment only. They provide Medicare beneficiaries with free, objective, health insurance information. Once they provide the center with a

schedule, our Front Desk can take appointments.

If you need immediate assistance with your Medicare plan, you can call OSHIIP at their hotline at 800-686-1578.

Invite your friends and neighbors to the center. They can visit a few times before they commit to sign up for membership. Don't forget the gym is included in your membership. We look forward to seeing you all!

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Pictured are Eagles members Charlie Roberts, Secretary and Pat Ryan, President with our membership.

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# STRONGER!

Gym included in your membership
-9 hydraulic pieces gentle on joints
-Recumbent bikes-low to ground
-Work out at your pace and level!





Don't forget the event is only from 4pm to 9pm. If you go any earlier, part of your sale will NOT count for our fundraising event.

Look for more details about extended senior center hours on May 7th for those attending this event! Also, look for how you can ride with us to this event from the senior center and back with FRS free of charge. See you from 4pm to 9pm on Tuesday, May 7th at Big Ernie's.

# Fundraising: How are we doing so far?

Event:	Goal	VS.	Actual:
<b>Valentine Hot Chocolate Bombs:</b>	\$1,200		\$980
Elvis Presley Tribute event:	\$11,000		\$12,268.86
Easter Build A Buddy event:	\$500		\$427.84
Eat Big Ernie's event:	\$500		TBA
Kona Ice events:	\$250.95		TBA
Caramel Chocolate Apples:	\$5,000		TBA
Senior Expo:	\$10,000		TBA
Turkey Bingo:	\$6,000		TBA
Christmas Build-A-Buddy:	\$1,200		TBA
<b>Christmas Hot Chocolate Bombs:</b>	\$1,150		TBA
Other:	STBA		TBA
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Total Goal Needed: \$37,800.95 - as of April: \$13,676.70

We have budgeted to raise \$37,800.95 in fundraising. These funds are not extra funds but funds that help pay our expenses.

These annual fundraisers are vital for the senior center's operation each year. One example of an expense is our utilities. Our 2023 utilities were over \$26,000.

### Fundraising helps make a difference!

We apprecaite our volunteers, staff and sponsors for their support and hard work.



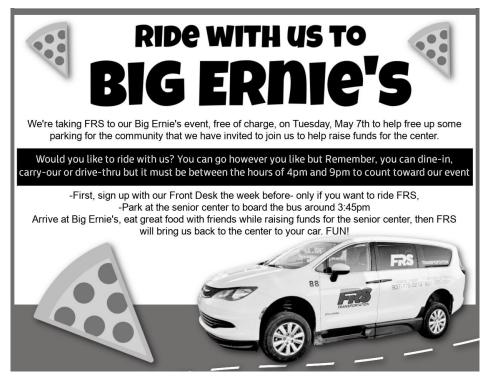
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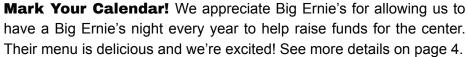
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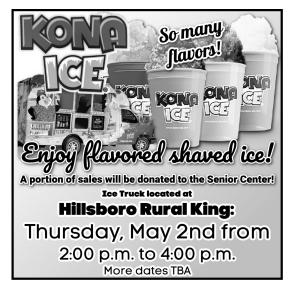












### **May- A Great Month For Treats!**

Kona Ice is the best shaved ice treat and they are coming to the Hillsboro Rural King parking lot on May 2nd and donating a portion of all sales to the senior center. We also appreciate their generosity to the center! Yum!



### MONDAY, TUESDAY, FRIDAY 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Various Games/Activities Puzzles

Billiards STRONGER Gym

Join us for lunch \$5 - Monday, Tuesday & Friday AT NOON ON THE DOT!

SPECIALS:	TIME:	Sponsored by:
Chair Volleyball Prize Day	1st Friday of the month- Prizes awarded	Sponsored by: Highland County Homecare
Chair Volleyball Prize Day	2nd Monday of the month-Prizes awarded	Sponsored by: Heartland Hospice
Chair Volleyball Prize Day	3rd Friday of the month Prizes awarded	Sponsored by: Queen City Hospice
Chair Volleyball Prize Day	Last Tuesday of the month- Prizes awarded	Sponsored by: Greenfield Skilled Nursing
Chair Volleyball Prize Day	Last Friday of every month- Prize awarded	Sponsored by: Legacy Skilled Nursing
Blood Pressure Checks	2nd Tuesday of the month, 10:30am-11:30am	Provided by: Hospice of Hope
Mental Health Checks	3rd Tuesday of the month, 10:30am-11:30am	Provided by: Highland District Hospital
Blood Pressure/Sugar checks	4th Tuesday of the month, 10:30am-11:30am	Provided by: Highland County Health Department
Bunco Tournament, every Tuesday.	Last Tuesday of the month- Prizes awarded	Sponsored by: Edgewood Manor of Greenfield
Billiards Tournament	Last Monday of every month-Prizes awarded	Sponsored by: Edgewood Manor of Greenfield
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BINGO	TIME:	Sponsor:
1st Monday of every month	12:30 p.m.	Hospice of Hope
2nd Monday of every- OTHER- month	12:30 p.m.	Bell Gardens Place
3rd Monday of every month	12:30 p.m.	Bring a small gift for prize- call Front Desk for details
Last Monday of every month	12:30 p.m.	The Laurels of Hillsboro
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NOTE: If there are 5 Monday's in a month, the 4th Monday bingo prizes will be hosted by: Greenfield Skilled Nursing and Rehab at 12:30 p.m.

LIVE BANDS	*All bands break for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.*	BAND:
Monday:	10:00 a.m 1:30 p.m.	Trailblazer Band
Tuesday:	10:00 a.m 1:30 p.m.	The Sunshine Band
Friday:	10:00 A.M 1:30 p.m.	Wires and Wood



### Daily Schedule: Time: Instructor/Sponsor:

### MONDAY:

STRONGER Gym	9:00 a.m 3:00 p.m.
Various card games	9:00 a.m 3:00 p.m.
Cornhole	9:00 a.m 10:00 a.m.
Chair Volleyball	10:00 a.m 11:00 a.m.
Bingo (see above details)	12:30 p.m 1:30 p.m.

### TUESDAY:

STRONGER Gym	9:00 a.m 3:00 p.m.
Various card games	9:00 a.m 3:00 p.m.
Cornhole:	9:00 a.m 10:00 a.m.
Color Pencil Group -Free hand, pro or beginners	9:30 a.m 3:00 p.m.
Chair Volleyball	10:00 a.m 11:00 a.m.
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Bunco 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. with a noon lunch break

Euchre 11:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY: CLOSED - Home Delivered Meals will be delivered THURSDAY: CLOSED - Home Delivered Meals will be delivered

### FRIDAY:

STRONGER Gym	9:00 a.m 3:00 p.m.
Various card games	9:00 a.m 3:00 p.m.
Cornhole	9:00 a.m 10:00 a.m.
Chair Volleyball	10:00 a.m 11:00 a.m.
Oil, Acrylic, Colored Pencil- Multi Medium Art Group	9:30 a.m 3:00 p.m.
Euchre	11:00 a.m.
Line Dancing: Beginner or advanced	11:00 a.m 12:00 p.m.

**Mark Your Calendar** 

### We will be closed on...

Monday, May 27th - Memorial Day
Monday, SEPT 2nd - Labor Day
Monday, SEPT 30th - Prep for Expo event
OPEN for expo event ONLY - Tuesday, OCT 1st
Friday, NOV 1st - Prep for Bingo event
Friday, NOV 29th - Thanksgiving Break
Monday, DEC 23rd - Friday, DEC 27 - Christmas Break

Please note: other days may be added that are not announced here. Subject to change. Call 937-393-4745



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The Highland County Health Department team of nurses are at the senior center every 4th Tuesday of the month from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Each month they offer free sugar checks, so keep this in mind if you want to fast before your test. They offer blood pressure checks and can help you keep track of your numbers. We appreciate them! Depending on the month, they offer other free screenings at the senior center such as cholesterol screenings, kidney function screenings and more.

For a full list of their services, call and schedule an appointment for their location at 1487 North High St. Suite 400. Call: 937-393-1941.

### Sudoku- Difficulty: Hard Answer: p. 13

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# A glance at the center's original photo albums: 1975-1997





Top right: Valentine's Day dance at the center in 1997. The framed quilt pictured is now behind our front desk. Top Left: Annual flea market event at the center in 1986. The storefront glass panes were updated to windows in 2019 after half the originals were destroyed by straight line winds. Drop ceilings and updated lights were added in 2011.



The front of the center's building and the center's van in 1983.



At the center the membership is volunteering folding and taping the center's newsletter to go out in the mail in 1988.





# Soap Olympics aundry Let the games begin

Friday, May 24th at 11am Join us, it's LOADS of fun!

Deadline to sign up: 05/21 Sign up at the Front Desk

Bring a 100.8 fluid ounce containter of laundry soap into the center and be entered to play in the Laundry Soap Olympics! This is NOT a competition to see who brings in the most laundry soap, the laundry soap is your "ticket" into the games and will be donated to the center to use to keep us clean.

The Laundry Soap Olympics are like minute-it-to-win-it games that are laundry themed. The membership can play to win prizes by bringing in a 100.8 fluid ounce donation of laundry soap, as their "ticket" to participate in the games for an opportunity to win prizes.

We use a lot to keep our kitchen and bathrooms nice and clean

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# Picture it, Senior Center, 2025 Good Times at the Senior Center. Activities, Events & Triends ...





Top Left: Member, Shirley King, is pictured working on her beautiful colored pencil project. This art group meets every Tuesday around 10am to 3pm. Top Right: Bunco players roll the dice in anticipation of getting a BUCNO! Bottom Left: 263 folks give a standing ovation to Tyler Christopher's outstanding performance at our annual Elvis Presley Tribute Show this past March. Bottom Right: A picture of "Elvis Presley" was snapped just before he sang, Johnny B. Goode and the lead electric guitarist showcased his amazing playing skills.









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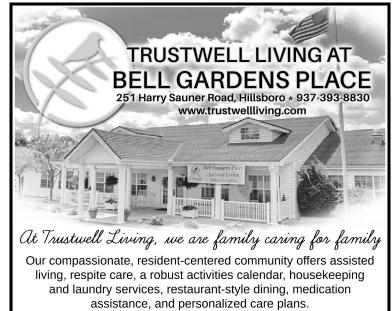


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# The Bleach Party of the Year!

In 2023 we had our very first bleach party and it was a success. The center carefully plans and budgets for supplies every year but donations are also an important part our operation and can be a tax write-off. We are a 501(C)(3) non-profit organization. We like to

have theme parties for our donation requests for fun and as an appreciation celebration too.

Last year, our membership and members of the community donated 2,971 ounces of bleach, which aleved our supply budget for other items needed. We use unscented bleach as the health department requires. If you would

like a chance to win a \$100 gift card, please bring unscented bleach to the Front Desk. They will document how much bleach you bring from now until the party. You don't have to be present to win. Join us for the party for cake, punch, chair volleyball and fun! Those who donate will be entered to win other prizes too.



## Membership Recipe Box

Pat Z. shared her recipe with our kitchen staff so we could enjoy her recipe and so can you!

### Pat Z's Cabbage Casserole

1 head cabbage, split in half

2-Ibs of hamburger

1 cup of rice

2 eggs

1 cup of tomato juice

1 cup of celery, chopped fine

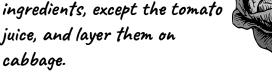
Salt & pepper to taste



Staff. Rhonda member, Pat Z. with her Cabbage Casserole that the senior center prepared for lunch for the membership to enjoy.

### INSTRUCTIONS

Layer 1/2 sliced cabbage in pan Mix together all other ingredients, except the tomato juice, and layer them on



Layer the second half of cabbage.

Pour tomato juice on cabbage and cook at 350 degrees until the cabbage is soft or however you like your cabbage. Enjoy!

### Do you have Facebook? We do!



Please "like" and follow us to help others know about the senior center. Thank you for your help!

Don't look, unless you're ready. Here is the Sudoku answer key. Puzzle on page 7.

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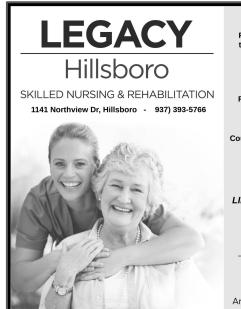




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It's my home away from home.

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The mission of the Highland County Senior Citizens Center is to promote wellness of the members through recreational, education, and social opportunities.

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