

Senior Center has great crew of bus drivers

It has been a couple of years since I last wrote for the Senior Center, but I just feel so fortunate to live in this lovely community that cares so much for our seniors that I just felt it was time to write and share my gratitude.

It has been a year and a half since I decided my eyes had gotten bad enough to make me an unsafe driver, so I gritted my teeth and quickly sold my car. As much as I loved my car, I knew I shouldn't drive. If it was in the garage, it would really be tempting, so I sold it and I'm really glad that I did.

All the years I worked at the Senior Center, I would tell others how great the Mini Bus service was and urge people to use it but really didn't think I would ever need it. Mother Nature has a way of fooling us!

I just can't brag enough about our wonderful drivers. There are at least eight buses, and every driver has all kinds of special training on how to help the people walk safely and how to safely load and unload wheelchairs.

They are also able to help those who

are mobile but just can't make it up and down stairs; they can ride on the lift. Our drivers come to your door and walk you to the bus and also back to your door.

They even come in the stores to walk you back to the bus and load and unload your groceries for you. We have a Mini Bus in Ranchester-Dayton

that brings people into town from all around that area for doctors' appointments, shopping, for lunch or maybe to visit with a friend.

One of the many things I'm really grateful for is not having to drive in bad weather; now that's a double blessing! I have yet to have a grouchy driver; there is always a cheery greeting and a big smile — I love them all!

They are usually very busy, so call ahead for an appointment.



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Since the Mini Bus is a service of the Senior Center, there is a minimal fee for the ride. Prices are broken down as follows: For individuals 60 years of age or over, \$2.50 within Sheridan, \$3 from Dayton and Ranchester

to Sheridan, and \$7+ outside the five-mile radius of the city of Sheridan.

For individuals less than 60 years of age, \$4 within Sheridan, \$4.50 from Dayton and Ranchester to Sheridan, and \$10+ outside the five-mile radius of the city of Sheridan. There is also a discount rate for purchasing packets of 10 tickets. For more information, contact Transportation for the center at 674-9272.

I know I'm getting older, but I never

expected to see signs of aging on the Blond Hussy! I got a good close-up of her the other day, and I could see some gray hairs here and there.

I'm sure there is the beginning of a middle-age spread, and when no one was watching, I saw her rubbing her knee as if arthritis had paid her a visit. The hussy was still trying to stir up trouble with the guys, and their wives are still jealous.

I had to chuckle when she was flirting with them. They weren't nearly as eager to chase her, and when they tried, it was more like Chester on the old "Gunsmoke" shows. At least they aren't trying to use the Mini Bus!

Hope you all have a wonderful and safe (no slipping on the ice) Christmas and a bright and shiny new year!

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Center Stage is written by friends of the Senior Center for the Sheridan community. It is a collection of insights and stories related to living well at every age.