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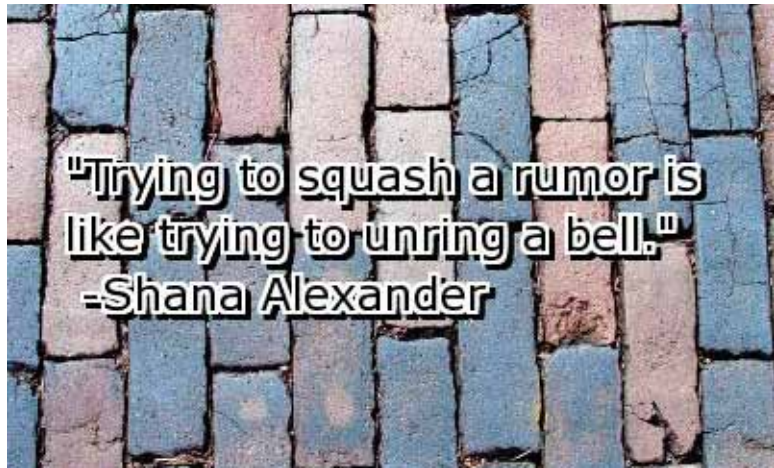
INSIDE THE TEA ROOM



by Brenda Dwyer ©

Cress was probably about 17 years old when I first met her. She was complex and intriguing. She reminded me of someone else I had known a long time ago. If I were to say she had a cache full of good advice and life experiences that would propel her successfully out into the world beyond high school, I would have been grossly over-optimistic. Cress was naïve and vulnerable combined with stubborn and defiant; it seemed to me to be a recipe for failure. I was wrong. About four years ago, at the ripe old age of 23, Cress found herself leaping into her third "serious" relationship with a boy that had no job, no car, and no plan. She was working a full time job and felt obliged

RUMOR has it.....



by Brenda Dwyer ©

There is a wind blowing that is carrying a very distinct and fowl (even rank) smell with it. Wow, not how I usually start out one of my stories is it? I am inclined to be just a bit harsh here to get your attention. You see, there is a war being waged right here on our own turf and I wonder if anyone else has noticed. I see daughters and sons disrespecting their parents, neighbors bickering back and forth, teachers filled with discontent and dissatisfaction, ministers that are preaching what people want to hear (presumably out of fear) rather than preaching from the word of God. And, I hear rumors. I see employees who care more about being entitled to something than working for something, competitors forgetting the gentle side of competition and spreading malicious lies to gain a stronghold instead of selling their wares based on their own merit. And, I hear rumors. I see leaders becoming self-centered as opposed to selfless and young mothers feeling helpless. And, I hear rumors. I see industries losing their edge on our national soil and I see small business being attacked and stretched to its limits. And, I hear rumors. I hear people say that being a "Judas" is not so bad in today's times and I see disaster looming. And, I hear rumors. I do not give credit to

rumors - I have always sought the truth for myself so that I can come to my own conclusions and I am greatly disturbed by what I see. Sure, circumstances in this life can be challenging but life is not without hope.

sleep? I think it's high time we all took a look at what is truly important in our lives and will be important in the lives of future generations and we pick up our "can do" attitudes from yesteryear, dust them off and try them on for size again. We are given such an inexpressibly wonderful gift every single day - a new start - and yet we seem to be in a lazy rut that we are making little attempt to crawl out of. Have you ever stopped to think about your actions or the words you speak? Do you respect little ears that

immense destruction that one little lie can cause? Are you a pretender? Do you go to bed feeling empty every night because you have spent another long, arduous day pretending to be someone you are not? Hmm, did that give you pause? Are you a two-faced person? Do you carry the "good" you to church and go through the motions but behind closed doors or even out in public Monday thru Saturday become the "real" you that is void of caring? Are you someone who fools themselves into thinking their bad behavior is righteous? Are you? It is not too late to be the person that Jesus would love to hang out with; that God finds favor in. It is not too late to be the person that those little children in your life can look up to and respect. It is not too late to be the person that your spouse loves coming home to every day and your children actually enjoy spending time with. It is not too late. It is not too late to stand up - reveal those ugly rumors for what they really are and instead develop beautiful testimonies. In fact, it's the perfect time. There is a wind blowing that is carrying a very distinct and courageous aroma with it ... one that is full of possibility.



Hope propels us beyond the here and now, beyond the reality before us and into the vision beyond. We have always proven to be a strong people so why are we are becoming passive instead of aggressive? Why are we not constructively fighting for what we know to be right instead of being persuaded to be docile and accept what is blatantly wrong? Why are we not teaching our children to respect their "turf" and by doing so to respect their elders, the land they live on and each other? Why are we like puppets on a string (think: lambs being led to their slaughter) instead of being proactive? Has everyone been lulled to

are about? Hmm ... could use some improvement on that one? Yea, well ... what about adult to adult - are you an honest person? Do you always tell the truth - are you aware of its immeasurable value and the



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The McCourts have accumulated a very large amount of medical bills and will continue to acquire more as constant blood work and scans are performed to catch any reoccurring cancer early. They are in danger of losing their home because of this.

We are having a fund raiser for Mike McCourt and his family along with the Nation LMS Foundation to help further the ongoing research of this rare form of cancer. Any form of donations would be greatly appreciated.

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PULPIT IN THE WOODS

SPRINGTIME FATIGUE

by Pastor Steve Ellis

Isn't springtime a wonderful time of year? I especially like spring just before summer begins. Things are warm and the sky is blue and everyone seems happy to be outside. The long cold days of winter are just a memory and we look forward to all the things of summer.

There is one thing however that really gets me thinking. I call it, Springtime Fatigue. It comes every spring and early summer when I overdo my outside activities. It's almost as if I become a child again and want to do everything I can outside, at one time. Planting

things, digging gardens, mowing grass, landscaping, walking outside, or whatever else I can come up with. The result is always the same; sore aching muscles, and a desire to collapse in front of the television. Why I overdue activities every year is beyond me. I always tell myself, "not this year" and then turn around and do it anyway. It seems like I have heard about this problem before.

I remember reading about a man named Paul who said "What I want to do, I do not do, and what I do not want to do, I do". I think he must have been suffering from Springtime Fatigue like the rest

of us. The only difference is, he wasn't talking about yard work, or walking in the woods, or anything like that. He was talking about life. People usually know when they should not do something, but then we human beings do it anyway. I have never been able to figure it out. Why do we humans do things we know are going to hurt us? At the same time we know that we are supposed to do certain things that will help us and yet we don't. Things like, eating the right foods, getting plenty of rest, taking care of our bodies, and so on. And yet, we don't do those things. We human beings are a complicated species.

Why do we do such goofy things, even when we know we shouldn't? I think it's because God trusts us so much that he gives us the freedom to choose for ourselves. Unfortunately we seem to choose the ways that burn our fingers over and over again, but most of us do eventually learn. So, if you are suffering from Springtime Fatigue, just think of it as a learning experience about freedom of choice. Enjoy your walk.

SALISBURY'S STAKE

by Stephanie Salisbury

Ecclesiastes 3 tells us that there is a season for everything in life. If you can imagine it, there is a time for it to happen, good or bad, joyful or depressing. The range of emotions that we encounter in a lifetime is nothing short of awesome, and I don't mean that in the 1980s 'totally gnarly, awesome, radical, man' kind of way. I mean, we should be in awe of it, truly. Like a rainbow where there are just a few basic colors but an entire world created of blends of those colors, so are emotions. There are shades of happy, shades of angry, shades of sadness. Right now I am feeling a very distinct blend of joy, sorrow, and hope.

Our son is graduating from high school. He, himself, has run the gamut of emotions this year, most especially in the past month, for a myriad of reasons. Graduating is a happy occasion, it's true -- but it's also a fearful occasion. So much that you knew before is over: waking up at the same time five days a week, seeing familiar faces you've known your entire life on a regular basis, picking your meal and eating off of a tray, being in a band or choir or club -- the list goes on and on. Granted, there will be versions of this in little flashes throughout your life. Getting up the same time every day for work is different than it is for school. Eating off a tray at McDonald's is different than being surrounded by 200 people you've known for so long, in the same room, laughing and goofing off and getting ready for your next class. The reflections of high school will last forever, but this time, this moment... it's over.

I have spent so much of my own life waiting for the next moment. When I was little, I wanted to be older like my brother so I could go out with my friends whenever I wanted to. When I was in high school, I just wanted to get away from there because I lived in misery most of the time. When I was single, I couldn't wait to be married, and when I was married the first time I couldn't wait to be single again. When

I lived in Niles, I couldn't wait to get out of there, and when I lived in Ann Arbor, I couldn't wait to get home. Now, I look back on everything I "couldn't wait" to do, and I am hit with the stark realization that I should have waited. I should have tried to postpone so many things for as long as I could, because there are times in your life that you will not get back.

I will never have recess again.

I will never learn how to drive a car again.

I will never stand on the gymnasium floor and play 'popcorn' with the parachute again.

I will never have a first kiss again.

I will never live in my parents' home again.

I will never be in a building with the 92 other people I graduated with again.

On the surface, there are positive and negatives to all of these statements, but the rush of emotions that each conjures up is something that I will only ever again experience in memories. I look at where I am in life right now: a small town in Indiana, working three to four jobs on a weekly basis, and waiting for the next milestone in my life.

But I've learned some things along the way. I'm not pushing *this* moment aside while I wait. I'm living in the season of life that I am in, enjoying the clip-clop of the horses that carry the Amish buggies down our county roads right here in Middlebury, being able to see the stars so clearly every night, having fun with our teenagers instead of constantly changing diapers and having sleepless nights, directing theatre and working with my husband, and holding hands on our second-hand sofa while we watch the biggest TV we can afford, all 32 inches of it, in our living room at night before we fall asleep exhausted and tackle the next day together.

I've finally learned to cherish this season while I'm waiting for the next instead of suddenly looking around and wondering where it went someday.

Thank God for small miracles.

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A word from Bob Dwyer, Jr.



Asking for Help

Hello neighbors! Brenda and I need your help. It's been our pleasure to bring you the Good Neighbor News for the last four years; this has truly been a labor of love. When we started the paper it was never our intention to make a profit at it. We were looking for a way to advertise our heating business. As time went by the paper started becom-

ing something special; readers found stories they can relate to, memories were awakened, smiles and tears became common. The paper offered clean and moral content for the entire family to enjoy. Many readers call to let us know how much they enjoy the paper and so many times we hear that they read it from front to back. It has truly been a blessing for Brenda and myself to be gifted with the opportunity to serve and share with our friends and neighbors ... this little paper truly humbled us. As I mentioned earlier this has never been about money.

The paper has lost money every month since the first edition and that's ok. The paper is

ASKING FOR HELP

delivered FREE to every home, business physical address and PO Box in all of Middlebury, Bristol, Shipshewana and Topoka. The postage and printing cost to do this is several thousand dollars per month. Other towns ask us to expand the paper to their area or send copies to readers outside the current coverage area. The only income the paper receives is the small amount we recover for advertising space which is far less than our cost.

It's hard for Brenda and I to get out and look for advertisers - we have little time between getting the paper out and running our heating and cooling

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THE CAT'S MEOW



by Brenda Dwyer ©

I have never seen such a beautiful sunrise as I did this morning. The sun rose slowly with grace and dignity, ready to warm the earth with its far reaching rays. It seems the older I get, the earlier I rise. Brittle can sleep straight through the breakfast that Brenda puts out for us but not me ... I like to wake early, stretch a bit, bathe a bit and then hop up onto the feed stand to warm my spot before breakfast arrives ... not to mention I am sure to get wonderful pets about my ears and down my back as well as soft words spoken to me - it's a treat that I've never missed out on and hope I never do. Every day is the same regardless of weather. Routine is something I've always embraced but I can't say the same for the kittens being born lately, they just want to rush through everything and it seems

the more random their activities; the better. They are spontaneous which is okay but they are messy in the process. They will play with a toy here or there and just leave them lay about with total abandon. They don't put anything away or care for it the way I did all those years ago. When I was a kitten, I always liked to keep my toys in a safe place, usually tucked into the corner beneath the roof of the feed box or under my favorite bench. So much has changed over the years and although some of it is better - there is much destruction in the process of the family unit. Taj has noticed this as well. We have talked long into the day on this very subject. Although she never had kittens of her own, she has noticed out here that kittens are nothing like they were back when she was young. Things change with time and that's okay, perhaps it's exactly as it should be. All I know for sure is that when Brittle wakens I think I will sing the virtues of rising early and capturing more of the day. Hm, maybe not ... Taj just reminded me that if I do that I will surely regret losing the peace I cherish so much in the early hours. I'm sure she's right. Well, time to go prowl the woods and see what's new. Have a wonderfully routine day. Prrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr

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- Make a mixture of 2/3 cup water, 1/3 cup white vinegar, and 2-3 Tablespoons dish soap. Spray where the ants are marching.
- Splashing plain rubbing alcohol on yourself and allowing it to dry will deter mosquitoes from biting you.
- Use half vanilla (has to be pure vanilla) and half water and for a mosquito and tick repellent.
- Dab lavender oil on your pulse points; it smells great on you but repels insects.
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- Sprinkle ground cayenne pepper around the garage and especially near entry holes. Pests don't care for the smell of it.
- Mice hate the scent of peppermint extract. Simply sprinkle *pure* peppermint extract on the items in your garage you don't want the mice in or on.

CHILD'S PLAY



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- 1 Cup sliced almonds
- 1 Cup chocolate chips

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350 F.
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3. Whisk in sugar, eggs and vanilla.
4. Stir flour, baking powder & salt into the mixture.
5. Pour 3/4 of the batter into a greased 9"x13" pan. Spread with Raspberry Peach Champagne Jam, and swirl remaining batter over the top.
6. Sprinkle with sliced almonds and chocolate chips.
7. Bake 20-25 minutes

RASPBERRY JAM BROWNIES



FROM OUR KITCHEN

TOTAL TIME: 15 min **PREP:** 15 min

YIELD: 6 to 8 servings

INGREDIENTS

- 1 head broccoli
- 6 to 8 slices cooked bacon, crumbled
- 1/2 cup chopped red onion
- 1/2 cup raisins, optional
- 8 ounces sharp Cheddar, cut into very small chunks
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons white vinegar
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup halved cherry tomatoes
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

DIRECTIONS

Trim off the large leaves from the broccoli stem. Remove the tough stalk at the end and wash broccoli head thoroughly. Cut the head into flowerets and the stem into bite-size pieces. Place in a large bowl. Add the crumbled bacon, onion, raisins if using, and cheese. In a small bowl, combine the remaining ingredients, stirring well. Add to broccoli mixture and toss gently.

BROCCOLI SALAD



A WORLD OF WONDERS

FISHING

by Monica Clark

Brad loads up our fishing poles and the motor thrums quietly as I scramble not so gracefully into the boat. It's her first time on the water in a long time, but she's looking good. My folks have spent the last few months fixing her up, and they certainly outdid themselves. Our little boat has new lights, a handy new electrical system and a fresh coat of paint, brilliant white along the bottom with a jaunty coat of lime green on top. You'd know her at once if you saw her out on the water.

We set out through wispy bits of fog. The sun's pale eye peers weakly from above. We find a quiet cove along the north shore near a wetland filled with wild sumacs. Red-winged blackbirds sing out their peculiar whistle-trill call. Canadian geese with fluffy yellow goslings add their voices to the morning. Seven cranes wing their way slowly across the sky, flapping like pterodactyls from

another era. A swan feather, perfect and pristinely white, floats on the water just out of reach. We fish for awhile and then move on.

Brad guides the boat through a clutch of lily pads, their circular leaves float like pancakes just below the surface. He angles us into the mouth of a channel and slows the motor so we can explore the quiet backwaters. It is a wild place, swampy and overgrown. Arrowroot and cattails plunge up out of the mud and knobby unfurled water lilies, like clenched fists, reach up out of the water. Two geese paddle slowly, languorously ahead of us, and a small painted turtle rests high on the branch of a sunken log. The sun burns off the last of the fog and the little turtle basks in the first rays of morning heat. He plops off his perch as we approach. Sorry, little fella...

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to "take care" of him. My heart went out to her. Yet, as she was progressing through her years I could see great potential in her. She was conscientious, she was caring, she was careful with her money and she had enough determination to lead. Cress worked hard and even though her personal life seemed to be in desperate need of "something", her professional life was about to take her to a place she had never even dreamed of. When I said Cress was into her 3rd "serious" relationship - what did you visualize in your mind? Did you see a girl living with these boys? Did you see a girl on the brink of possible pregnancy? Did you see a girl that was on a path to disappointment? If you did, that's because you didn't look closely enough. Cress has yet to "give" herself to a boy. She is saving herself for marriage. She is naïve (?) enough to believe in happily ever after. So, Cress had a boyfriend but she knew that it wouldn't lead to marriage ... he was looking for something she would never be willing to give him ... the same thing the last two were looking for. The

ago I got a call from Cress. The giant nuclear conglomerate she works for has had her based in Zaire, Africa for the past two years. She is in love for the first time in her life - with a 1 year old that she was introduced to in an orphanage there. This beautiful baby girl that has stolen Cress's heart has AIDS and is perfect in every way. Her affliction is simply a condition to be monitored in Cress's mind - and trust me - her eyes are wide open on this one. Cress has strong ties with the couple that has petitioned for adoption for this precious baby girl and things look good. Cress finds herself amazed at where life and opportunity have taken her. She makes a good living, owns a grand house and gives of herself to those less fortunate so that her life will have purpose and meaning. She has left "boys" behind and hopes to one day meet a man that will steal her heart but in the meantime she continues to pour herself into the work that matters most to her and the art that fascinates her ... the art of opening yourself up to unforeseen possibilities and love.

end came when in a two weeks span he had only called once - she heard through a friend that he was seen with someone else. Well, Cress was fine with that. It just made it easier for her to focus on the tasks at work. Her work intrigued her. She found her days flying by as she immersed herself into the jobs she was assigned. Cress, for the first time in her life, looked forward to going into her office every day and embracing what lie ahead. She had no idea that her life was about to change. About a month

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 Crystal Valley Computers - 830 S. Main Street Suite A
 Crystal Valley Furniture & Floor Covering - 201 S. Main
 Crystal Valley Power Equipment - 11720W 250N
 Dairy Queen - 416 N. Main
 Dirk's Quality Automotive - 108 W. Wayne Street
 Fay Schwartz Attorney - 103 N Brown Street
 Fox RV, Inc. - 13431 CR 22
 Grand Rental Station - 131 Orpha Drive
 Healthy Pets - 851 US 20
 Hochstetler Roofing - 56781 CR 43
 Hoosier Tae Kwon Do, Inc. - 106 Wayne Street
 Indiana RV Connection - 503 N. Main
 Irongate Self Storage - 53070 SR 13
 Jenkins Automotive (NAPA Auto Parts) - 132 Orpha Drive
 Jerry's Standard Service - 101 N. Main Street
 Justrite Nails - 851 US 20
 Long's Convenience Marathon - 995 US 20
 Middlebury Hills Restaurant - 104 US 20 (Corner of SR13 &
 US20)
 Middlebury K.O.A. - 52867 SR 13
 Monteith Tire - 132 Orpha Drive Suite B
 Mr. Appliance of Elkhart County - 53855 SR 13
 Old Creamery Antiques - 333 N. Main
 Rullis Italian Restaurant - 851 US 20 Suite 2
 Shady Lane Welding - 56322 County Road 35
 The Cinnamon Stick - 102 S. Main Street
 The Getaway Tanning & Hair Salon - 426-1 N. Main Street
 The Market Place - 511 S. Main
 The Out Post RV - 57756 CR 37
 Unique Finds Resale Shop - 304 N. Main
 Varns & Hoover - 101 S. Main Street
 Village Inn Restaurant - 107 S. Main Street

GOSHEN:

7 Eleven - 1000 S. Main Street
 Balloon Express - 125 S. Main Street
 BetterWorld Books - 118 E. Washington Street
 DQ Grill & Chill - 723 W. Pike Street
 Erv's Vac Shop - 906 Linway Drive
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 Goshen Antique Mall - 107 S. Main Street
 Goshen Farm & Lawn Center, Inc. - 2413 Lincolnway East
 Hoogies Sports House - 119 E. Lincoln Ave.
 Jenkins Automotive (NAPA Auto Parts) - 1028 Lincolnway E.
 Joselena Fashions & Alterations - 125 East Lincoln Ave

Maple City Hobbies - 102 S. Main
 Merle Norman - 125 S. Main Street
 Monteith Tire - 1021 N. Greene Rd
 Monteith Tire & Auto Service Center - 2613 Caragana Ct.
 North Side Appliance Inc. - 1920 Elkhart Road
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TALK ACROSS THE FENCE

by Brenda Dwyer ©

As she looks in the mirror she sees the big brown eyes, the thick, long, curly hair that now reaches almost to her waist and the scar that crosses her right cheek. It is all she ever sees. There are days when she is feeling just a bit more brave that she will look closer and see the slight dark circles under the long-lashed eyes, the high cheekbones that tell of her Indian ancestors, the brown skin that speaks of her father's African American heritage and the beautiful golden streaks in her hair from her Caucasian mother. It's the scar that feels so heavy on her heart. The scar that she wishes she had enough money to have something done with; the scar that tells a story of hatred, misunderstanding and ignorance. A fat, salty tear falls from the corner of her eye and rolls to her full lips. No. She can't. She has to keep her mind on what is good, what is right, what is precious. Stop. Breathe. She hugs herself to calm herself. So many weeks ago and yet it is still as raw, as potent as it was then. Go back to the beginning, she tells herself ... give this story new meaning. She was just five years old and fresh from her first day in kindergarten when another little girl brought her attention to the fact that she was somehow different. That little girl asked her, "What are you?" In com-

plete innocence she answered, "I'm human!" A new bond was formed; a friendship that is still strong, beautiful and treasured. They would grow up together and go through all twelve grades together ... the "Thelma and Louise" of their class. Life was good and they had both gone off to college and then to University together. Boyfriends couldn't even penetrate their bond. They were "sisters" from day one. Now here they were all of these years later - each with a wonderful husband and children. Seven weeks ago they were to meet at a new deli in a little strip mall on the edge of town. As she was getting out of her car to go inside a man she had never seen before stepped towards her from the bumper of her car. He asked her where she was headed. As she closed her door and stepped to the curb she told him she was meeting a friend in the new deli. She had no reason to be afraid. They lived in a reasonably small town where trouble never found its way to. Before she could even realize what was happening he called her a very ugly word and told her that her kind had no business here and then he moved his hand to her face and in one fast-as-lightening swipe he cut a deep slash into her flesh. In the

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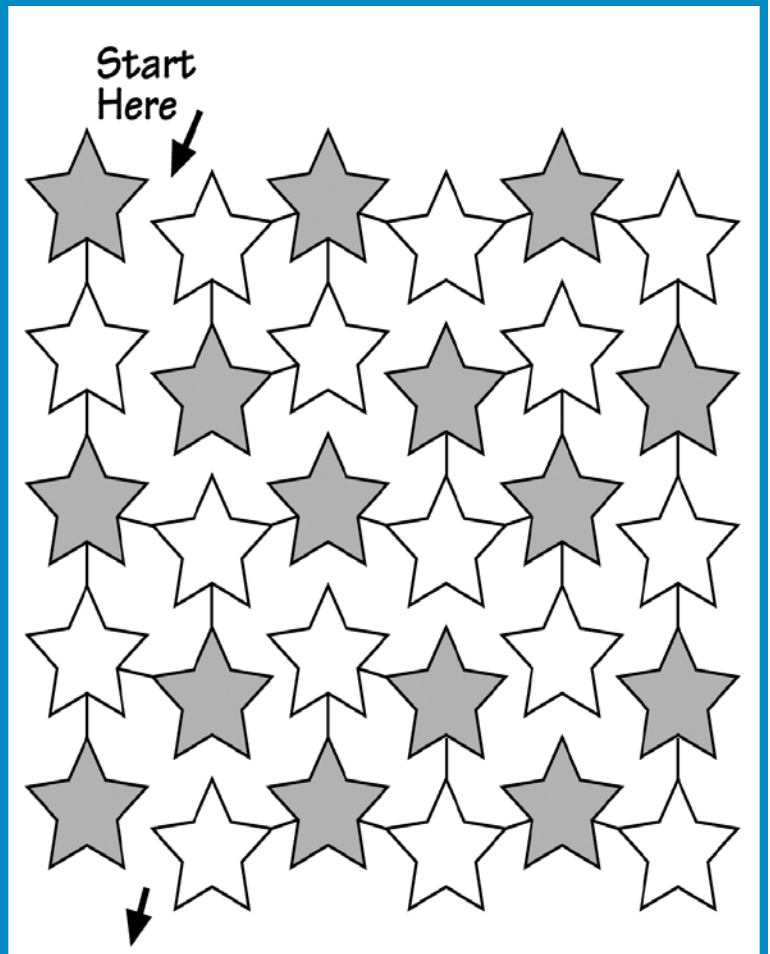
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From the desk of Bob Dwyer

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The regular price for a complete check up is \$129.00, at times we offer a coupon and you can get the service for \$79.00 This one time offer (and you probably won't see this ad again) ... is for just \$39.95 that's the complete price for us to check the whole air conditioning system including the indoor coil. **You must have this coupon and you must call to schedule your appointment before June 15th, the check up must take place before July 1st, No exceptions permitted and this offer can not be used in conjunction with any other offer being advertised anywhere by A Good Neighbor.**

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SUDOKU OBJECTIVE

The objective of the game is to fill all the blank squares in a game with the correct numbers. There are three very simple constraints to follow. In a 9 by 9 square Sudoku game:

- Every row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order
- Every column of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order
- Every 3 by 3 subsection of the 9 by 9 square must include all digits 1 through 9



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WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters in each word to spell something pertaining to Father's Day.

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ANSWER: Picnic

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WORD SEARCH

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15. APPORTION (HYPHENATED)
16. TRIG FUNCTION
17. DISINFECT
18. SETTLE DEFINITELY
19. ANITA BROOKNER'S "HOTEL DU ____"
20. DESERTED
22. A PINT, MAYBE
23. ARM BONES
25. MONEY SUBSTITUTE
26. LONG-JAWED FISH
27. WINGDINGS
29. ____ AND CHEESE
30. BULGARIAN UNITS OF MONEY
31. "____ ALIVE!" (CONTRACTION)
32. AIRLINE'S HOME BASE
34. JAPANESE STRINGED INSTRUMENT
36. 100 CENTAVOS
37. FLIGHT DATA, BRIEFLY (ACRONYM, PL.)
38. CONSTELLATION NEAR CYGNUS AND ANDROMEDA
41. CABERNET, E.G.
42. "60 MINUTES" NETWORK
45. BRIO | 46. AND SO FORTH (ABBREV.)
48. ZEN ENLIGHTENMENT
50. "CRIKEY!"
51. ____ PREVIEW
53. CITY IN CENTRAL GEORGIA
54. "THE ____ DABA HONEYMOON"
55. KIND OF CONTROL
57. COLD AND WET
58. ALEHOUSE
60. MOVING AS A THROG
63. CAUSING VOMITING
64. CAMP OUTHUSES
65. MEXICAN SHAWL
66. AND SO FORTH

DOWN
1. BALAAM'S MOUNT
2. BORDELAISE INGREDIENT
3. MAD
4. TRUE HEATH (PL.)
5. UNDERTAKE, WITH "OUT"
6. DRUDGERY
7. ANISE FLAVORED LIQUOR (PL.)
8. FETOR
9. ADAPTS
10. TUMOR ON MUCOUS MEMBRANE
11. TELEKINESIS, E.G. (ABBREV.)
12. NUMBER OF LINES IN PRINTED | MATERIAL
13. SECURED AREA WITHIN ANOTHER SECURED AREA
14. CAPITAL OF IRAN
21. DESK ITEM
23. ALTENDORF IS ITS CAPITAL
24. AROMATIC SOLVENT
28. NOURISHMENT
30. SUE GRAFTON'S "____ FOR LAWLESS"
33. STRAW HAT
35. "____ PRESIDENT," CHILDREN'S BOOK BY LANE SMITH
36. BALLPOINT, E.G.
38. EMISSARIES OF THE POPE
39. GEORGIA NEIGHBOR
40. DEAD BODY
42. ADDICTIVE NARCOTIC
43. MORE DEEPLY TANNED
44. ANGER, E.G.
47. BOVID MAMMALS
49. NATURAL ASPHALT DEPOSIT (2 WDS)
51. BACON BIT
52. FORT KNOX UNIT
56. CAMPUS MILITARY ORG.
59. PILOT'S ANNOUNCEMENT, BRIEFLY
61. BAUXITE, E.G.
62. FED. CONSTRUCTION OVERSEER |
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TALK ACROSS THE FENCE

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next instant her friend was at her side and the man was nowhere to be seen. An ambulance came from the fire department – there was blood everywhere. Her hospital stay lasted a few short days; numb days that she barely remembers. She was spoken to by victim's advocates and they strongly suggested counseling to help her get through the next weeks, months. She had declined. She's always lived a strong, faith-based life and she thought it would get her through and now here she is today ... seven weeks into carrying this new badge of hatred emblazoned on her skin and she realizes that this is where the story must take a new turn. This badge of hatred can instead be a badge of hope and courage ... with God

all things are possible. With God she can take this experience and forge ahead in her life and give the same hope she feels resurrected with in this moment to other young women and men who may one day be face to face with the same experience. Victim no more ... she smiles (for the first time since that day) back at her face ... a fresh start ... a fresh look. Now she sees a face in the mirror that she is familiar with and likes ... full lips that are curved into a beaming smile, a beautiful brown face with high cheekbones that are proud of their ancestry and a heart full of love that is evident in her eyes ... those big brown doe eyes that everyone adores. She is God's child. A child that knows how to get back up and keep going even when she's been pushed down.

PULPIT IN THE WOODS

ATTACK OF THE CROCUS

by Pastor Steve Ellis

As a child I used to love some of the old monster movies. By today's standards they aren't very scary. Movies like Attack of the Body Snatchers, Attack of the Ants, The Blob, and many others. It seems like something was always attacking someone and threatening life as we know it. I think that's still happening today.

When the weather first broke I was walking and enjoying the new warmth of spring when the attack began. There right in front of me, and everyone else, were these small white and purple flowers with bright orange centers. I don't remember ever seeing them before even though I know they have been there year after year. There they were, luring me into their trap. They practically were begging me to come and sniff. I bet they have consumed countless people without ever being noticing. Oh well, there goes my imagination again. How could something so beautiful be so dangerous? For those who suffer from hay fever, the answer is obvious. The attack is under way.

Now my sense of humor can get me into trouble but, I think I'm on firm ground here. It isn't the obviously dangerous things like lions, and tigers, and bears that we need to be wary of. They are so obvious that everyone knows to stay away from them, but the beautiful things can be more difficult to recognize, and just as damaging. I don't think evil comes wrapped up in an ugly package. It is more likely to come with beautiful wrappings to lure us into making a mistake. Often, that which is most brightly wrapped in nature, is actually a warning to stay away.

The best way to avoid such beautiful traps, and the attack of the crocus, is to know the one who made them. Yes God made even those things that can be harmful to us, but he wants us to recognize them for what they are. God will protect us if we ask. So when the Crocus attack, or a giant mutant ant chases us, or whatever life throws at us, we can rest assured that we can survive.

Enjoy your walk.



Are we heading into another dog day summer?

It's just around the corner... the soft warm breezes whisper of a very hot summer ahead. Are you ready? The winter thaw has taken us to Spring's doorstep so don't delay in making sure your comfort isn't compromised.

We all want to feel cool and comfortable in the Summer months...

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PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE

Detailed descriptions of the programs below

JUNE

Saturday, 2nd **National Trails Day Bike Ride**
9 am meet at Essenhaus

Thursday, 7th **Stewardship Day - Bird Garden**
6:30-8:30pm at Krider Garden

Monday, 11th **Summer Fun Starts**

Friday, 15th **Fun Friday - Basket Ball Contest**
6-8pm at East Park

SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday, August 18th **Middlebury Riverfest** at Riverbend Park

JUNE

National Trails Day Bike Ride on Saturday, 2nd at 9 am meet at Essenhaus. Come ride with us to Shipshewana and back. Learn about the Trails of Middlebury vision, updates on phase 2 of the Pumpkinvine Nature Trail and a new bicycle friendly initiative.

Stewardship Day - Bird Garden on Thursday, 7th from 6:30-8:30pm at Krider Garden. Come out to learn about native flowers and shrubs that will attract birds, then help us spruce up our Bird Garden.

Middlebury Summer Fun Day Camp - June 11th-July 20th. Free day camp to children ages 5-12 that live in the Middlebury School District. Camp runs Monday-Friday 9am-3pm. Must pre-register. For more info contact the park office at 825-3283.

Fun Friday - Basket Ball Contest on Friday, 15th from 6-8pm at East Park. Come participate in a free throw and 3-point contest, prizes awarded.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

"Dog Days of Summer" Pet Showcase (DOGS ONLY)

Sponsored by: The Humane Society of Elkhart County

Saturday, June 23, 11 am – 2 pm

Location: Martin's Pet & Garden,
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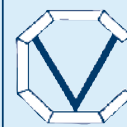
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I spot something big deep in the swamp. A deer, I think, but Brad says, "No, it's a crane." I stare at it like one of those magic pictures and then suddenly I see her head and neck. The crane hunkers down, inches above the water, trying to blend in on a raised black mud nest. She is an amazing sight and a wonder to behold.

We ease back out of the channel and head out into the wide open waters. Colors chase each other on top of the small, round-

ed waves that roll and shimmy against the boat. Blue, silver and gold fight for dominance and roll like quicksilver on the shimmering waves.

A great fishing story ends with a giant fish or at least a wild fish tale. Ours ends instead with the steady rise and fall of the boat, sun shards breaking themselves against the water, the swift snick of the line as it leaves the reel, the creak of the crank, the sun on our faces, and a warm wind ruffling our hair. That, my friends, is fishing.



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TURNING OUT

by Pastor Steve Ellis

It's funny how we tend to get used to things that occur on a regular basis. The other day I was walking along the edge of the woods at Krider Park when I heard the clip clop of a horse's hooves. I looked around and there was no horse or carriage. It was then that I realized that the horse and carriage were some distance away on the main road. I couldn't see them but I could easily hear that familiar sound. There have been many times when sitting on the front porch of my home that I have seen a horse drawn carriage go past. I wave at them and they wave back in a way of recognizing our universal acceptance of another human being. I have become accustomed to hearing and seeing that familiar sight. I imagine that most people in Middlebury have experienced the same thing. The problem is that I have become so accustomed to seeing and hearing that familiar sight that I now tend to ignore it and not even realize it's there. I have found that a horse and carriage can go right past me and I don't notice. How can I tune out something so obvious?

This is a question for our relationship with God as well. If I really look, I can see God in everything around me. Yes God is in the carriage that goes by, in the sunshine that warms my back, and in the beautiful flowers that come up in springtime. But how often do I just tune it out? God is always there and yet because he is present in everything we see, hear, and do, we take it for granted and simply ignore the maker of all these things. As life progresses it becomes nearly impossible for us to see the God of everything because we have grown so accustomed to tuning God out.

There's one other area that we are expert at tuning out - - Human beings! Each human is in the image of God. Each human body is God's temple. How often do we tune out people without thinking that we are actually tuning out God? Maybe as we go through life looking for God's presence we might be well off to look at the person next to us. God's image is right there, all the time.

Enjoy your walk.



A GLOSSARY FOR THE STORYLINE "DESTRI OF NOCHAM" CAN BE FOUND ONLINE @ www.agoodneighbornews.com

by Brenda Dwyer ©

The first swift strike to her sword sent a chilling reminder to Destri that this was indeed war; the spirit of it was as evil as its intent. Destri straightened her stance and whistled a high trill to alert her fadji. The steed arrived in an instant and Destri grabbed its great mane in a swift stroke and was upon its back in a breath. Over the heads of the detestable she soared and then pounced back upon them leaving a trail of gaping mouthed heads upon the land. This venomous lot

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FATHER'S DAY WISHES...

by Bill Raybuck

Father's Day... a day to say thank you to the man who helped give you life and sacrificed so much, so you could have more. Dad, I know you watch over me, and I know that I'll see you again someday, but I miss you more than you could possibly know, and not a day goes by where I don't think of you and our times together. After Mom passed, I learned more about you than I had ever known before. Maybe it was loneliness, or maybe you knew your time was short, and you wanted to open up, but whatever it was, I'm thankful we shared those moments. From our talks over coffee, to our moments watching the snow fall, I realized how much like you I'd become. Our crooked smile, our hearty laugh... the way we try to do anything we can to help someone smile and brighten their day. I carry those traits proudly, and I tell people you're the inspiration behind how I try to live my life. I remember you being the strongest man I knew as a child, and I feared making you angry or disappointing you. I also remember you being an emotional man who wasn't afraid to shed a tear when sadness or grief overtook you. Most of all, I remember you being my friend. People say that you can't be your children's friend, and I wholeheartedly disagree. I'm living proof how even after his death; I still call my Dad one of my best friends. Happy Fathers Day Dad, I love you, and if I live to be half the man you were, I'll be a lucky man.



AS I SEE IT...

by Uncle Bill

It can stay like this all summer, and you won't hear me complain... 70's temperatures, and sunny?? Love it!! Never was a fan of excessive heat, hot tubs don't thrill me, and saunas? Are you kidding me? Nope... give me a cool sunny day and I'm all smiles. I would love to go to London, enjoy those foggy mornings and overcast days, and it's on my "Bucket List". I love to hear people complain about it not being hot enough, then when the heat hits with a vengeance, they complain that while they wanted heat, they didn't want it "THIS HOT". I usually just laugh at them as I turn the thermostat down even farther, and let the cool crisp air conditioning take my troubles away. As I see it, when you're cold, you can always put on more layers, but when you're hot, you can only get so undressed. Enjoy the weather folks...

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THE MEMORY BANK

by Bill Raybuck

Driving down the road and listening to music... I LOVE IT. Music is, and always has been a big part of my life. A song can take you back, and the right one can take you to a place that has yet to happen. I think back to when I was a kid spending the afternoon with my Mom cleaning the house and listening to either polka music, or some old classic country. Watching her "dance" would make me laugh, and even as I reminisce now, I'm smiling. Family gatherings guaranteed music and dancing, and I learned some pretty sweet moves if I do say so myself. I miss those days, and think of them often. What song brings a smile to your face? What song brings a tear to your eye? Music is funny that way and too many underestimate its abili-

ties. When I was a teen, I loved Rock and Roll, but to fall asleep at night, I listened to Classical music because it calmed me. Christian and Gospel music now inspire me, and keep me grounded... I feel sorry for those who will one day have to bury me, because I have this long list of songs I want to have played... Some will be about how I felt about them all, others about how I felt here while on this journey we call life. In the end, life is like a song... a story that has a beginning and an end, but it's what's in the middle, that leaves an impact on those who listened. I hope these words have brought back some wonderful memories to you, and I encourage you to put some music on, dance till your feet ache, and make a few deposits in the bank.

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being played out on her sacred homeland. All at once a deafening thunder rolled forth from the land and it was led by Mihai. He was erect upon the shoulders of the head Sembit when Zorath first struck him. Destri pulled on the mane in her hand and brought the steed straight down upon Zorath so quickly that he didn't even feel the piercing of her blade. With one precise stab he was brought to his end and the mighty Hangnar cried out when

he saw it. Destri pulled Mihai up by the hem of his queil and carried him to the waiting arms of Abaznar. For the first time in her life Destri felt something akin to hatred stirring in her heart. She pushed it down and returned to the battlefield more determined than ever to end this atrocity and the horrendous vermin named Hangnar that had brought this ugliness to her eyes and this foul stench to her nose. She prayed as her sword swung high then low that her people would never

have to witness anything like this again. She prayed for her eyes and her memory – that the gruesome sights before her not be embedded there – that one day she would nurse a baby to sleep with wonderful, soft thoughts filling her head instead of this. She prayed to the heavens from the deepest places in her soul that they would guide her sword and the swords of the many who aided her and that they would be victorious ... and then her entire world went dark.

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THE SOLUTION...

by Bill Raybuck

We all have problems that need figured out, and nobody is exempt from the turmoil and stresses of life. "Flying by the seat of your pants" solutions occasionally work, and again I say, occasionally. While in the stressful moment, most people will grasp at the first thing that jumps in their mind that may help to alleviate the problem. But, therein lies another problem... a "Band-Aid" fix is merely temporary, and not meant to solve the issue, but only to postpone the problem. I use to have what most would call mini panic attacks because I didn't allow myself time to think of a solution. If this is something that you have problems with yourself, allow me the opportunity to explain how I overcame that adversity. It will seem simple, too simple, and yet it really is... Depending on the problem, you have to say to yourself, will this affect me today? Tomorrow? Can I address the problem now, and begin the act of solving the issue? The key is to not let yourself think ahead to the worst possible outcome, because that's when fear and dread creeps in. Take a breath, ask yourself those questions, and go from there... controlling your mind to elude fear is easy once you adjust your train of thought. It takes time, so expect some "slips", but stay vigilant, and strengthen your resolve...

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by Loretta Miller

It's a not so early Saturday morning but I'm hoping to get this out before our trusted mailman creaks to a stop at the end of the sidewalk. It's not far to the the mailbox, which has been a blessing many a time cause I tend to quick remember a letter, a card etc. then, oh yes, not far to run. The girls are in the basement doing laundry and every so often I hear a squeal. I can only imagine what's going on?! We held a family garage sale here a couple weekends ago and we had a customer who was probably in his late 60's or early 70's. He told us that one day he will live in a little cottage at the end of a long winding lane. He'll own a little pony and cart and go fetch the mail. I thought that was neat to still have a dream like that in his sunset years. It's good to reach for the moon. If you miss you might grab some stars. I'm not totally sure about the long lane thing though, I guess I'd

imagine all the snowplowing in the winter and I'm not sure that would be my cup of tea. I'm watching my neighbor's children today and I figure they'll be driving the pony and cart around all day. A little child can entertain himself for hours on end with a little pony and cart. It's worth the investment. As I sit here writing a bowl of cereal with milk went flying across the floor. Oh great, such are the everyday happenings with children. Crash! There goes the basket of toys that were sitting on the coffee stand in the living room. Hmm, I think I'm in for an eventful day. Talking about adventures, two of my brothers are hiking the Appalachian Trail. They'll be gone for about 6 weeks. The last time John called in, he said everything's going fine for him but Marc's got blisters on his heels the size of quarters. He said it takes a while to get him bandaged up and ready for the hike when they get up in the morning. I'm guessing John

had his share of blisters too, but, oh no ... that wouldn't do to fess up, being Mr. Tough Guy. Actually, he said the smoky mountains are harder to climb than he thought at first. They aim to hike 15 miles a day. Every so often they come to a checkpoint and pick up their food supplies that they had shipped to certain stops on the trail. Very obviously they can't carry it all with them. So they're just having a grand old time. You could ask my brothers anything about hunting or fishing and they could give you a good rundown on about anything you'd want to know and more. My brother John actually makes fishing poles to his standards and Marc makes some thingamajigs that go with them. I know the difference between a fish and a fishing pole but that's about it. Our sympathy goes out to the Ira Mullet family on the passing of their dear dad and grandfather. As he was loved so he will be missed.

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