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Unsung Heroes

It reminded me of 1963 all over again. I have told you before how my father and his brothers would pull their brand new Chevy's into my grandmother's yard at her farm in the country ... they would get out wearing their sparkling white (short) sleeve t-shirts and rolled up blue jeans and wash and wax those strong, beautiful beasts until they shone like the sun.

Well, here I was again almost blinded by the waxed shine of a vehicle a group of men were working diligently on and for some reason the two images collided in my head; one an image of those Sundays in 1963 and one of the firefighters before me washing and waxing their huge red fire truck.

Who are these men & women? Middlebury, Shipshewana and Bristol all have individuals dedicated to serving; firemen, policemen and EMTs. What is their story? How did they come to be everyday heroes? How do their families feel every time they leave their home to com-



plete their "stint" at the station?

Everyday heroes are usually unsung heroes. They are the men and women that we have (sadly) somehow taken for granted. What we may not stop to consider is that they spend long hours in training. Their routines are precise and their jobs demand absolute focus. They are dedicated to the point of keeping their minds alert and their bodies in top shape ... just in case. Just in case they need strong arms to pull a child from a burning house ... just in case they need strong legs to help pry a heavy object off of a crash victim ... just in case they need a strong back to carry an unconscious elderly person to an awaiting ambulance.

Their minds are filled with information they gather in their ongoing studies on how to use each piece of their equipment, how to administer first aid, how to deal with trauma victims; their education is never ending. They

spend additional long hours testing their equipment to ensure that it will be at its peak performance, if needed.

Even during their "off time" you will most likely see them running, biking, lifting weights, studying, and praying. They eat, sleep and breathe their



commitment to serving.

There may be days on end that they won't need to be in the best condition possible or use half of the knowledge in their heads but all it takes is once ... one time to make the difference between saving a life and losing the battle. That kind of dedication is to be honored ... never taken for granted.

Have you ever wondered what their first thought is as soon as they hear the alarm sound? What about what they're thinking on the drive to their appointed destination? What goes through their heads when they hear children screaming or see people in pain that are suffering with horrendous trauma?

What if you were the one to dial 911? What if you were the one that needed them to know just what to do and just how to do it in the very mo-



ment you needed it?

I find comfort in knowing they are right down the street immersed in their routines. Once in a while I hear their sirens blaring as they run off to this call or that and I always say a quick prayer for their safety and the safety of the person(s) they are on their way to assist.

Some people are moved to serve once they've been a victim themselves. Others just seem to be born with the desire to serve in this way.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could pause and take just one lazy afternoon out of our days and celebrate these individuals and hear their reasons for being so selfless? (Come on, somebody pencil this in!!)

The most unexpected things can happen at the most unexpected times and leave a huge mark on our hearts and the knowledge of what it feels like to be that person that needs help. On a cold October night (it seems like forever ago now) I watched as dedicated men and women that were well practiced in their duties dove into icy, frigid waters to search for and then recover the lifeless body of my late husband.

I have a deep admiration for these people. Even during the most somber notes of the night they knew how to embrace me, gently inform me and calm me. Believe me, they were in pain of their own (to this day I can still recall the intense sadness in their

eyes) ... just because they train for this doesn't make what they do easy ... they are human ... they were experiencing a very traumatic and mournful event and yet they kept their chins up and did their job. Looking back, I really hope they had someone at home waiting to hug them when they got there.

At any moment of their lives these men and women could be called into action to help you or someone you love. They wouldn't give it a second thought ... they'd just do it.

Why not show them how much you appreciate them ... Wednesday, June 30th let's show these men and women how much we appreciate them by either taking flowers to the stations with thank you notes attached or by honking as we pass by that day ... just do it!

*anyone wishing to



pass on a FREE appreciation note for our Firemen, Policemen and EMT's via our newspaper may do so in July's edition. Email them to editor@agoodneighbornews.com no later than July 20, 2010. Please keep them to 20 words or less. Thank you! Submissions will not be returned.

LOOK INSIDE FOR VALUABLE COUPONS FROM THESE MERCHANTS:

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Inside The Tea Room

The Tea Room. What is it? Well, it's a compilation of a lot of the thoughts, feelings and experiences of myself and other women right here in our community. It can be found at www.agoodneighboronline.com (just click on the link The Tea Room on the homepage) and immerse yourself within the 27 pages you will find therein.

Come On In is your invitation to enter with a directory of everything you will find waiting inside for you.

HospitaliTEA is your first introduction to Brenda the prose writer.

Scents of Cinnamon offers up recipes that have been tried, tested and found delicious!

Cozy Country Corner gifts you with bits and pieces for the heart and soul.

Humble Home Remedies lays claim to all things good that grandma passed down to help us accomplish the daily tasks of being a housewife in the easiest way possible.

Small Town Stuffing is a growing list of our small town businesses that have

lots of goodies just waiting inside! Check them out! We would like to list

events here also!!! Where are your submissions???

Fairy Dust speaks to the child within each and every one of us. Go ahead ... take a peek!

Glory, Grace & Gratitude is filled with prayers, praises and good, wholesome thoughts.

Brenda's Blog seems to be a tell-all in as much as it allows you to go inside the

mind that creates all of this "stuff".

Ye Ol' Quilt Rack is simply that ... a patch of this with a stitch of that and before

you know it ... something beautiful is revealed.

Shh ... Lullabies & Fireflies takes us into the wonderful world of pregnancy and babies.

Heaven's Gate allows us to take a deep breath and realize that we survived this in all of its complex difficulty and shows us that it is okay to

keep a place tucked away in your heart to hold this

loss, sadness and love.

Beautiful points the finger at every woman walking and commands her to pick her head up and RECOGNIZE!!!

Like Fine Wine ... yes ladies, we may be getting older and yes, we are definitely getting better! Woo hoo!!! Plus ... let's talk about menopause, shall we???

"I Do" love stories abound ... submit yours!!! Whether you're single, engaged, just married or celebrating your 75th ... come on in and share it with the girls!!!

The Prayer Wall no judgment, no condemnation ... just a place to hang your prayer on the wall and release the anguish within. All are welcome.

OUT OF THE DARKNESS a very real and vivid look at depression and how it affects us and those around us.

Garden of Grace is filled with the poignant writings of our very own Christine Nicole. You won't want to leave the room.

The Lighthouse tells the true-life story of Joe Groh. In one second his life was changed forever. A must read!

From the Pulpit if you would ever like to revisit the same From the Pulpit of the A Good Neighbor News this is your chance ... word for word the same of every submission

we've ever had.

At His Feet my home. The place I feel I have always been. Come on in and you'll understand.

Stand Up! This is your one chance in this eternal life to get it right ... get up off of your seat and STAND UP!!! LIVE YOUR LIFE!!!

Mermaids & Princesses provides a peek inside a child's mind that knows no drama, responsibility or anger ... it's just one little girl's imagination running free.

Meet the Author enter at your own risk.

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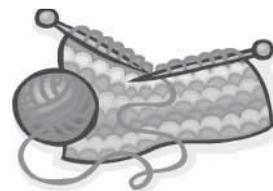
More than anything else The Tea Room has always been for sharing and if you would just take a look inside and add your own feelings as you feel led to ... email them to Brenda@agoodneighboronline.com and I will make sure to post them on the appropriate page (as you designate). I want us to all get together and appreciate our differences and revel in our sameness! Come on girls, do this!

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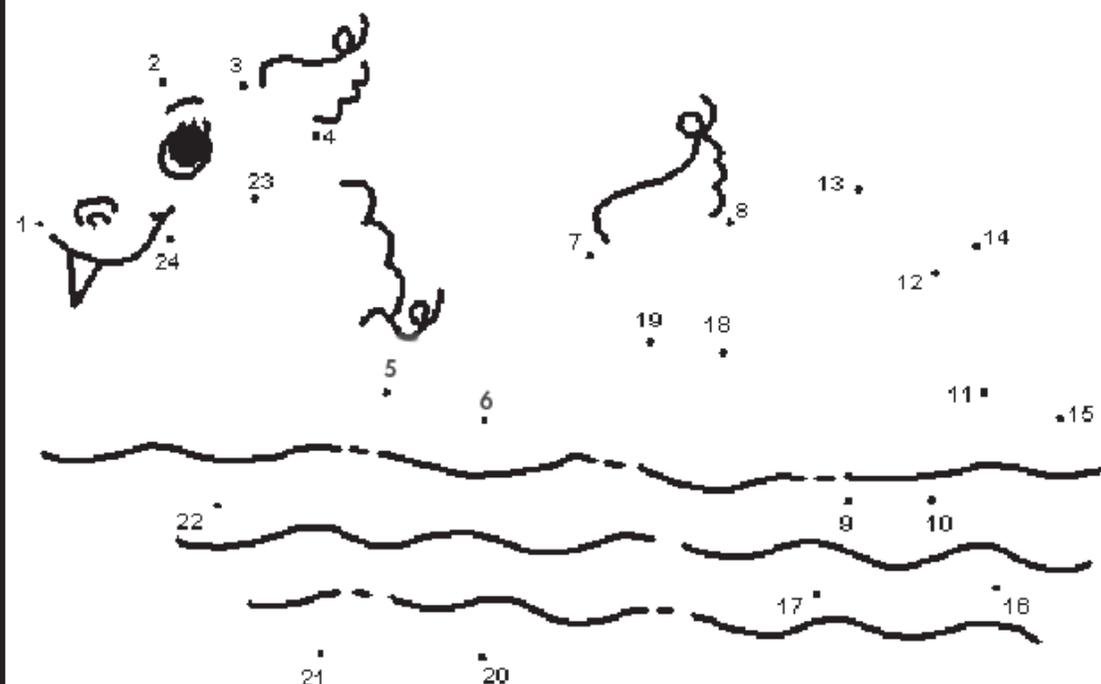
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DAY PASS SAVINGS COUPON

From the Pulpit

ONE FOOT IN THE GULF

For the last few weeks the good folks of Dawn Estates have been carefully and kindly avoiding a frequent pedestrian as they drive to work in the morning and return home in the evening. Perhaps you yourself have seen this foot traveler crossing North Main Street near Old Creamery Antiques or driven passed him somewhere on Bristol Avenue between Krider Garden and the city limits. He walks morning, noon and occasionally in the evening. Sometimes you have to dodge both him AND Elmer (the gentleman who rides the big tricycle) on your way into town.

He's about six feet tall, medium build, fifty-something with dark hair and a bald spot. He wears a small charcoal-colored backpack with a white ball cap and a black umbrella hanging on the side when they're not needed. Now and then he carries a coffee mug decorated with pictures of largemouth bass in his right hand. He didn't lose his license from DUIs and he's not just walking for his health. This man is walking to and from work every day this summer because he has fallen under conviction.

How do I know so much about this fellow? Because he's me, the pastor from Middlebury Church of the Brethren. My decision to begin walking to work (about a mile each direction) came about in this way. Four weeks ago I was working on my sermon for May 23. The upcoming Sunday was going to be my Double-Nickel birthday. When you approach a mile marker like that, you are forced to stop and take stock. Your life is more than half over. You examine your routines and ruts. You step outside yourself and try to look yourself over from God's perspective. Not always pretty. I had a fairly profound feeling that some things needed to change.

The selected scripture for May 23 was Psalm 104. Among other things, this passage sings the praises of God who made the sea and all the creatures ("living things both small and great") that live there. Pondering this passage turned my thoughts toward the Gulf of Mexico and the environmental tragedy that was just coming to light a month ago. At that time we still had no idea of the scope of the disaster and no oil had started washing up on beaches.

But already the finger-pointing and blame-game was beginning. Who was at fault—BP, Halliburton, Transocean or the U.S. government regulatory commission?

But the more I thought about it the more I fell under conviction. Who's to blame for the disaster in the Gulf? I am. You are. All of us who regularly (and mindlessly?) enjoy an oil-based lifestyle are to blame for the travesty that is occurring in God's beautiful Gulf of Mexico. You and I and our cars, boats, lawn mowers, motorcycles, RVs and ATVs. You and I and our plastic containers and wrapping materials and electronic equipment. You and I when we set our thermostats too high in winter. We are the ones who drive the demand for oil and gas, and because there are huge profits to be made, companies like BP are willing to take more and more risks to find oil and deliver it to our gas tanks and furnaces, even if they don't know how to plug a hole when something goes wrong a mile deep in the ocean.

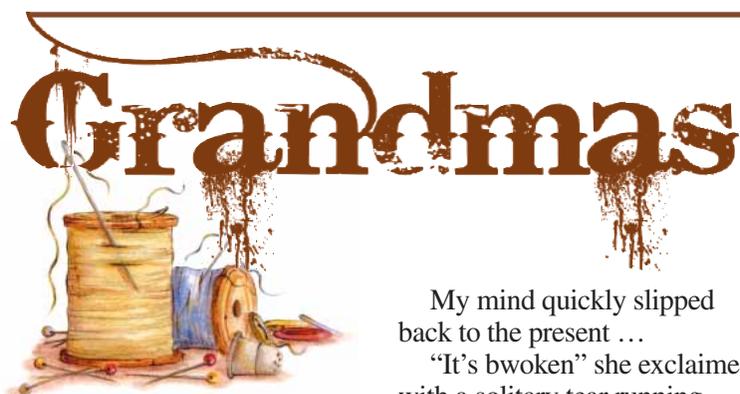
So, partly as a protest against the prevailing culture but mainly as a small, practical way to reduce my own consumption of oil, I decided to walk to work for the rest of the summer. I purposely slowed down my commute so that I could get back in touch with God's beau-



tiful creation—and back in touch with God. So far I've only saved a little more than a gallon of gas, but that has kept more than 22 pounds of carbon dioxide out of the skies above Middlebury. I've heard a lot more birds singing, really noticed the flowers blooming and had some good conversations with people on my way to work. I've felt the morning dew on my face, watched the sunrise and enjoyed the breeze. Ruach, the Hebrews called it. Wind. Breeze. Spirit. As I walk back and forth each day, I've been asking that Spirit for guidance in how to live a more creation-friendly life, honoring God's good gifts of ocean, sky, fresh water and land.

I invite you to join me in driving less, walking more, buying local produce, recycling everything you can and doing your best to leave this world in better shape than when you found it. Do it for the fish, the shrimp, the dolphins and the children. Do it for your neighbors. Do it for God.

"May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works.... Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!" (Psalm 104:31, 35b)
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Grandmas

It was an old, worn bit of cloth ... well, at least grandma claimed it was. I found out as I got older and began to pay closer attention to things that it was actually made up of several bits of cloth and as one would wear out another would be applied by a very exacting method. I could tell by the stitching. When I asked her about it she declared that you couldn't "marry" old cloth with new so that if one piece needed mending there was a very intricate process that had to be carried out; one that she seemed to enjoy considering the sparkle in her eye as she showed me. That old ragged bag had to be ages old for sure and yet it was still the most beautiful drawstring bag I had ever seen. My grandfather had passed on when my dad was only 9 years old and this was the last thing he had ever purchased for her so it was precious to her and as I would find out later she would keep it and use it until the day she passed at the ripe old age of 99. She used to call it her gunnysack and she kept all kinds of wonderful things in it. Gum, bandages, Kleenex, a tiny bottle of iodine, butterscotch candies and always just enough money to buy us socks or a chocolate fizz down at the five and ten.

My mind quickly slipped back to the present ...

"It's bwoken" she exclaimed with a solitary tear running down her cheek.

What's broken, baby? Grandmas always know how to wait it out ... the indecision, the hesitation, the little gulps of air in and out.

"My fwriendship, nana ... it's bwoken".

There it was. Not twenty minutes earlier this little charge had been out playing in the yard with her lifelong friend, seemingly happily, and now here she was with flushed cheeks and a trembling lip claiming that the friendship had come to an end.

Now, now there little miss, why don't you just come sit here at the table and tell nana all about it. I'll cut you a piece of this apple pie and wipe that tender little tear from your eye and you can just take your time sorting things out.

"Awight nana" and with a teensey tiny smile the dark clouds parted and the sun began to peek through once again.

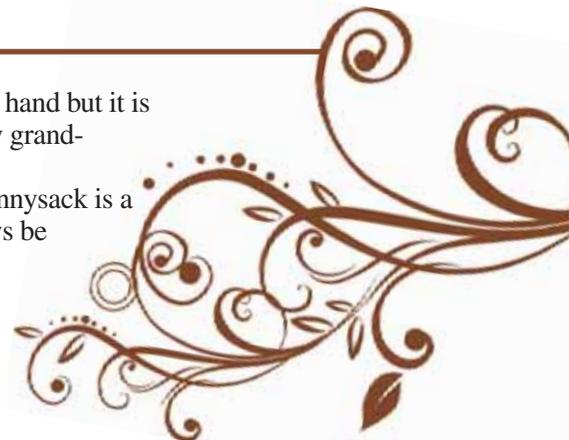
Once again I find myself thankful for my grandmother, for the grandmother my mother is to my children and for the grandmother I try to be for my own grandchildren. I just marvel at this ... isn't it wonderful that no matter what the situation, grandmas always seem to have the perfect cure right there in their "gunnysack" ... just

waiting for the right timing to present itself? Apple pies, kisses, hugs, a kind word, a soft touch ... all of these things and more are there to soothe each of us right when we need it regardless of how old or how young we may be.

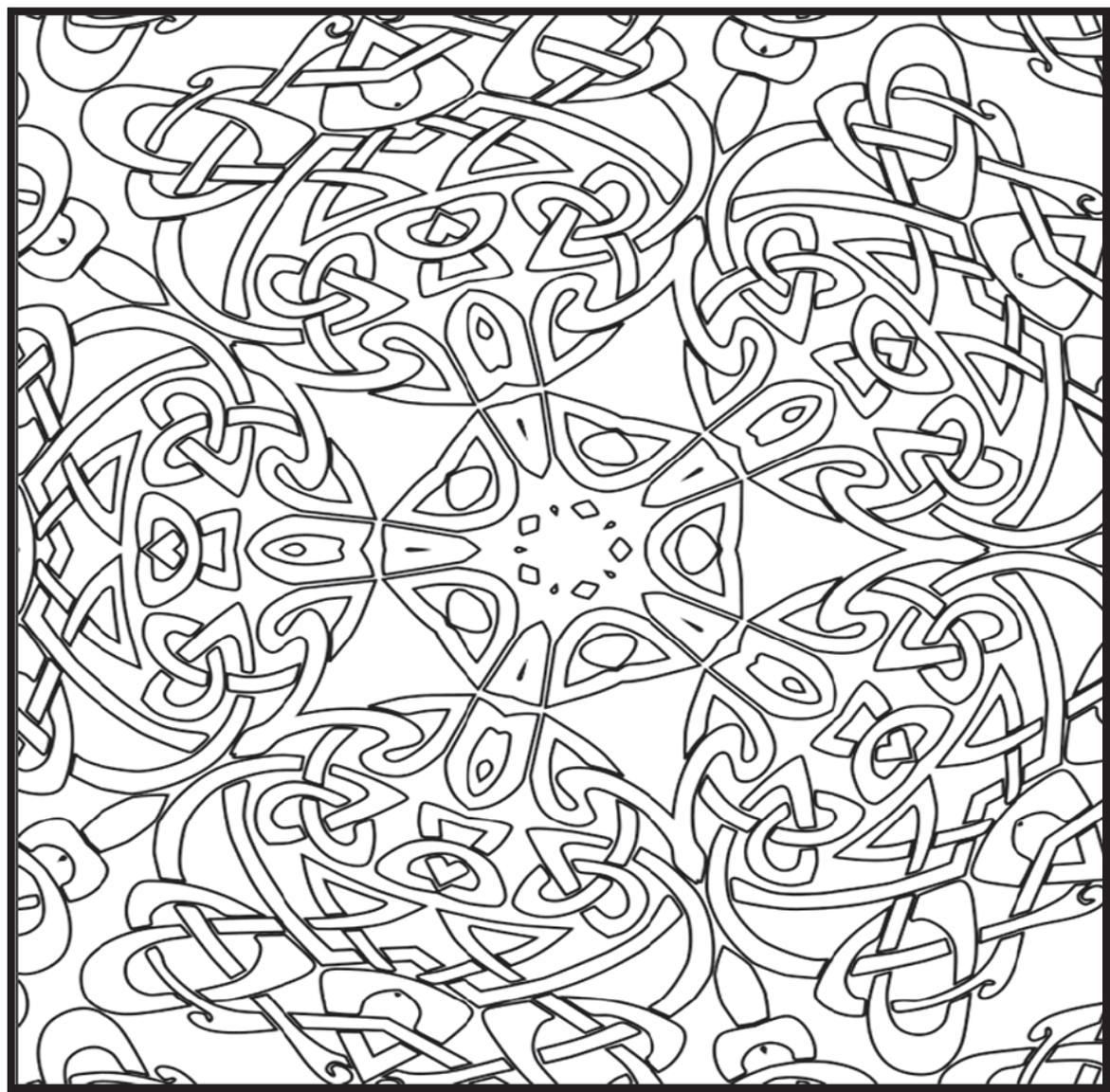
The "gunnysack" I "carry" may indeed be carried more in

the heart than the hand but it is modeled after my grandmother's.

Grandma's gunnysack is a thing I will always be thankful for.



Kidz Korner



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How about the fact that the A Good Neighbor News supports and drives local business? Why wouldn't you want your dollars to stay close to home and benefit the people around you? Generating local trade helps all of us. The paper is small so your ad won't be lost. The professional layout of the paper lends itself to highlighting your ads and making them more appealing. Time and again our readers tell us that they read the whole paper front to back. Why, you're doing the same thing right now.

Do you enjoy the paper?

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The purpose of this note is to make you aware that the paper needs advertisers and local support. If you advertise please take a moment to consider our little paper; it really is a great way to get your message out. We are adding a new service section and giving the classifieds a new look with added features.

If you do advertise your local business or services in other publications may I ask why you haven't tried the A Good Neighbor News?. It would be helpful for us to learn what you're thinking and how you feel about the paper. Perhaps your input can help us make our paper better. What I'm really asking for is your advice and help. I'm being very Sincere here: I really want to hear from you. I know it's a lot to ask for someone to take the time out of their busy day to help someone you don't even know but if I don't ask I can't learn so please your advice and opinion are welcomed My number is 574 825-1677 just ask for Bob ... I really do want to hear from you. *Thank You!*

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What makes this list of merchants so impressive is that these are the places we already shop at and receive services from so what are you waiting for? Go ahead ... join the Club today and realize the benefits other Club members are already enjoying!

SHIPSHEWANA:

Along the Pumpkinvine - 145 Harrison Street
 Alpha Building Center - 0855 N. SR 5
 Bread Box Bakery & Café - 120 Morton St.
 Classic Auto Detailing - 7020W 200N
 Classic Jewelers - 350 S. Van Buren Suite G
 Country Yard Outlet - 400 N. Van Buren
 Daily Bread Café - 255 E. Main Street
 Dutchman Hunting Supplies - 8435 W. US 20
 Hostetler's Health & Wellness - 260 N. Morton Street
 Hostetler's Hudson Auto Museum - 760 S. VanBuren St
 Hostetler's Main Street Shoppe - 275 E. Main Street
 Indiana Auto Connection - 805 N. SR 5
 J. Farvers Book & Gift Shoppe - 455 S. VanBuren Street
 JoJo's Pretzels - 205 N. Harrison Street 1st Floor (Mercantile)
 L & R Marine - 8435 W. US 20
 L.A. Enterprises - 8275W 050N
 Lasting Impressions Gift Shoppe - 165 Harrison Street
 Lighthouse Christian Bookstore - 225 N. Harrison Street
 Morton Street Coffee - 260N. Morton Street
 Pampered Pet Boutique - 230 N. Morton Street
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 Red Wagon Toys - 225 Harrison Street
 Shipshe General Store - 420 N. Van Buren Street
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 Shipshe Pizza - 145 N. Village Drive
 Shipshe Rental Center - 0900 N. SR 5
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 Shear Artist, Inc. - 655 CR 17 Suite 3 (Behind Bullard's Market)
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 Laura's Country Store - 1255 W. SR 120
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 The Gathering Place Restaurant - 407 3rd Street
 Twin Mills Camping Resort - 1675 W. SR 120

LAGRANGE:

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From Our Kitchen

Summer Cucumber Salad

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- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh chives
- 1 (8 ounce) container reduced-fat sour cream
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 1 large English cucumber, sliced

DIRECTIONS

1. Mix the dill, chives, and sour cream together in a small bowl. Stir the lemon juice into the sour cream mixture; allow to sit at room temperature for 30 minutes.
2. Place the cucumber slices in a large bowl. Add the sour cream mixture to the cucumbers and stir gently until evenly coated. Serve immediately.



Garden Gab

Weeds; I loathe them. I can't tell you how many times I practically put my back out of commission within four or five hours from working on my knees and inching along as I eradicate the entire flower bed of them only to step out on the porch in the morning to see their perky little heads lifted towards

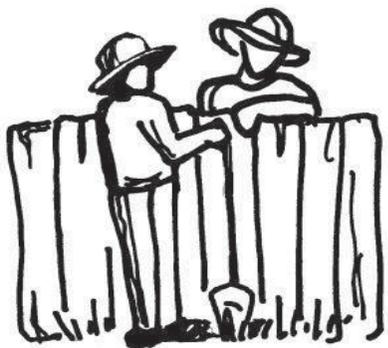
me as if to greet me (or are they blatantly sneering?). How is it that they reproduce so fast and why is it that we are so intent on causing their demise? I have wondered on more than one occasion what would happen if we just let them go. What's the worst that could happen? Does anyone know?

Someone told me once upon a time that his friends from Australia came to visit and were absolutely fascinated with our dandelions. They thought it was just "glorious" to have these beautiful yellow puffs abound in the yard and then turn into perfect round globes of tiny white seeds that



floated about so gracefully. Seriously?! Perhaps it's all in how we perceive a thing to be. Perception, ah ... weeds. As I pause for a moment to think about this I realize

that I just can't "chance it" ... it's time to go gather my gardening gloves, hand rake and knee pad and get to it again. Note to self: do not forget the muscle rub this time.



TALK ACROSS THE FENCE

Come on, *slow down*. What's your hurry? As citizens of very small towns located here in Northern Indiana we need to realize that one of the most precious things about small towns is that things move at a slower pace than they do in the big cities. There is no reason to want to emulate or imitate the fast pace necessary for city living. (Remember, these thoughts come from a transplant from Chicago.) We are especially blessed to live in a community that is seasoned with the Amish. Our small towns are especially quaint and harken back to an era of antique lace and simplicity; when a man's work ethic was evidenced by the crafts he mastered. *Slow down*. Some of the very things that help to create the ambience and charm of our towns is county roads, horses and buggies

... not to mention small children playing freely with total abandon. *Slow down*. I, myself, have been guilty of driving too fast up and down some of our county roads. I am not necessarily talking about speeding ... simply driving too fast for the conditions or in consideration of the small hills one after another that are not so easy (or even impossible in some cases) to see beyond. I understand what it is to feel rushed and in a hurry. Almost all of us have been guilty of going too fast at one time or another. I guess all I'm really trying to say is this ... wouldn't it be nice if we all just make a concerted effort to slow down. There are so many benefits to be realized if we would such as: it's absolutely amazing what you see around you when you do. *Slow down*.

UP COMING EVENTS

This summer St. John of the Cross in Bristol is not taking time off from investigating the Bible. One of St. John's parishioners, Laura Barnett, has begun a study of the Book of Ruth which is a lovely short story. Laura, who has for countless years been a wonderful facilitator for many of St. John's groups, will begin the study on Thursday, June 17. It will be held for the next six Thursdays beginning at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to attend. For more information, call 848-7114.

St. John of the Cross in Bristol will be hosting their annual Strawberry Social on July 10 from noon until 5 pm. The Social will be held during the Bristol Homecoming weekend, and for the first time St. John of the Cross will have a float in the Bristol parade. A barbershop quartet will entertain our visitors from 2:30 until 3:30 with good old fashioned tunes. Tickets at the door are \$3.50 for adults, \$2.50 for children twelve and under with advance tickets 50 cents cheaper. Shortcake, strawberries, ice cream, whipped cream (but no cherry) are included for the ticket price. Carry-out is available. The proceeds will be shared between several of the church's outreach programs.

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Fact: Shopping for a Bargain?
Distressed properties account for a large part of today's housing market; however, after some consideration, most buyers choose to keep looking rather than purchase a home in foreclosure. According to the NAR 2009 Profile of Home Buyers and Sellers, almost half of all buyers and 56 percent of first-time buyers considered purchasing a foreclosed home but ultimately did not. The survey revealed several factors that went into buyers' decisions not to move forward with a foreclosed property. Twenty-five percent of buyers couldn't find the right home, 17 percent thought the home was in poor condition and 16 percent felt the process was too difficult. Ten percent of buyers ended up purchasing a foreclosed home.



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- The whole thing
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- Any factual evidence
- Affirm
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- A church elder
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- Lava
- Outer or exterior
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- Decorative case
- Pledge
- French for "Room"
- Maize
- Fifty-seven in Roman numerals
- "Come in!"
- Arduous journey
- Give temporarily

DOWN

- Bad treatment
- Sail supports
- Lifeless
- Eagle's nest
- At one time (archaic)
- Maori club
- Habituate
- Sea duck
- Someone who fights for a cause (archaic)
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- Hefty volume
- Auth. unknown
- The period preceding Easter
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- Current event
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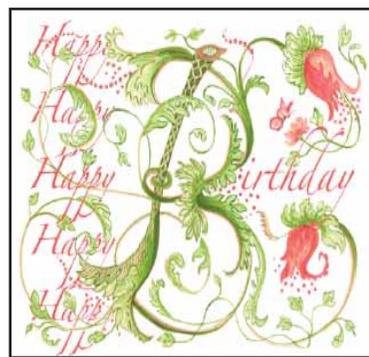
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To the Editor:

How many Americans will give serious thought to what the 4th of July and the Declaration of Independence is all about? If you really study this document, one cannot help but notice that there is a lot of talk about God in it.

He is named four times in the document. As a lawgiver, the author of "the laws of nature and of nature's God." As a maker, the "Creator" who endowed us with our unalienable rights. As a judge, "the Supreme Judge of the world." And as a protector, "Divine Providence" to whom we look for protection.

This document looks up at God, and acknowledges His supremacy. The authors appeal to His authority for the basis of their actions. They seek His protection. They acknowledge that their rights are a gift from Him. In the Declaration, we accused King George of violating "the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God." It meant "King George was violating the will of God and the laws of the Bible that was our foundation. This is was why we became patriots.

The book that the founders said they used in writing the Declaration was John Locke's Two Treatises of Civil Government, from 1765. This is the basis of the Declaration. This quotes the Bible 1,700 times to show the proper operation of civil government.

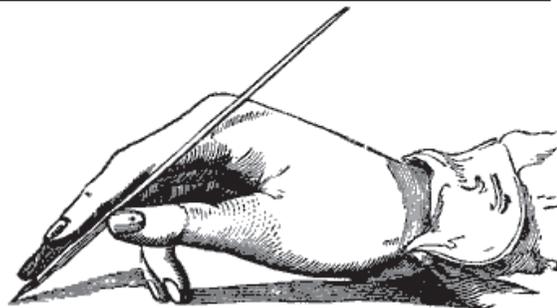
Our Founding Fathers firmly believed that they prevailed because God had a hand in establishing America.

But, look at our country today. We have forgotten God. We now see America's founding principles slowly being destroyed. This can be directly traced to our country's willful rejection of the Bible as our source of divine authority.

It's time for a Great Awakening in America; we need to go back to the principles of the Bible and the Declaration of Independence.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It seems as if every newspaper you have ever opened has a section that invites their readers to participate on some level. We felt that a "Letters to the Editor" section would be a good place for us to start. We invite you, our readers, to submit comments on current events, life in general, the paper itself or perhaps you have questions that you would like to ask ... all on a topic of your choosing. Please keep it light and uplifting whenever possible. We look forward to hearing from you. We reserve the right to limit and / or edit any submissions at our discretion. Please email all inquiries to editor@agoodneighbornews.com.



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Bobby is Bob's son. He's been here the longest working for his father. He is our only multi-faceted guy. Bobby can go out on service calls or installs. He has a 3 year old son that is just adorable and a wife that really compliments our family with her gentle spirit. The thing our customers say about Bobby (besides that he is so helpful and kind) is that he always has a smile on his face and they know he loves his Labrador retriever and he loves to hunt.

Terry is our senior technician. Terry came to us with

over 20 years of experience in the HVAC industry. He and his wife have four grown children and 5 grandchildren. Terry brings an open mind to the table and when you combine that along with all of that experience you have a winning combination. He's good at what he does and our customers rave about him. They seem to really like Terry's execution of all of that knowledge and they know he is genuine. Terry likes to spend time with his family in his spare time. He enjoys swimming and fishing. He also likes to go to T-Ball games to cheer on his granddaughter. We've heard from the grapevine that he's a pretty good cook too!

Adam is our senior installer. Adam is married with two young sons (so cute!). One of the first things Adam did after arriving was take home one of the kittens that were here at the time to his family. She has a perfect home. Adam will go the

extra mile to make sure his installs are done right. He's a thinker and we like that. The feedback I get on Adam is very consistent ... he is considerate to the point of taking extra care in our customer's homes and taking as much time as needed to explain their new systems to them so that they understand how to operate and maintain them. Adam loves to fish in his spare time. I think I heard something about driving go carts too.

Ricardo is also an installer.

He is bi-lingual and is a true asset in his own right. Ricardo has a beautiful little boy at home that he is very proud of. Ricardo is always looking out to make sure that things are left looking better than ever before he leaves a job. He is a very hard worker and never complains. Ricardo completes the team here at our little company. Ricardo is still pretty young and loves to do a lot of different things in his spare time. He's rather mysterious (just kidding Ricardo!) so if you want to know more ... just ask him.

All of the comment cards that come back to me as well as the phone calls I get about my guys all leave me with a smile on my face. I know these guys care about our customers. I know they love what they do and I know they are extremely considerate.

Now that you've been introduced to everyone look for their comments on the technical side of your equipment in the upcoming issues of the A Good Neighbor News. We can all learn a lot from these guys!

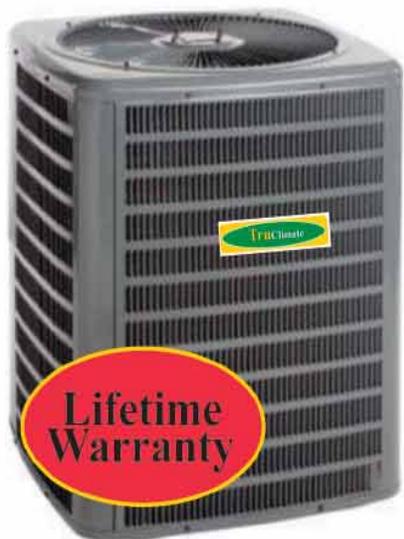


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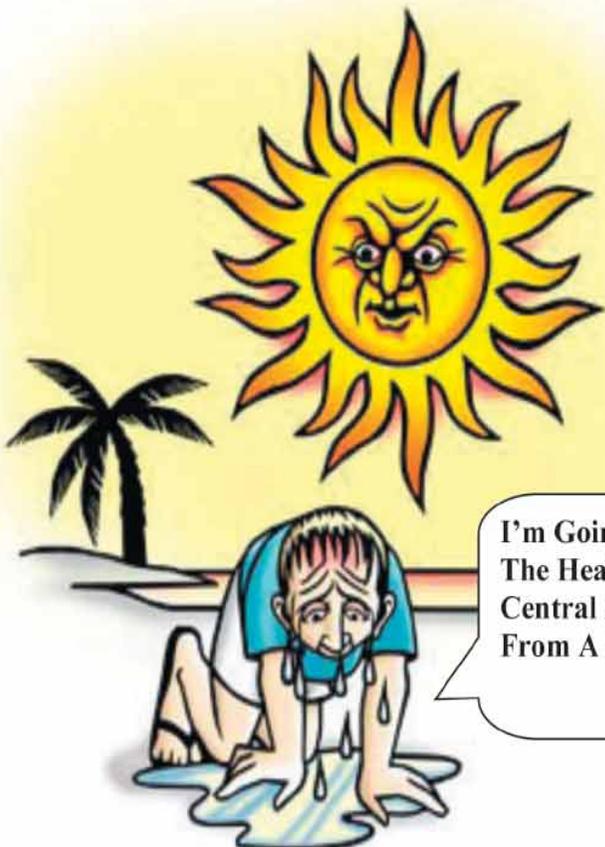
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Time flies and you and I both know it. This is not the first time that I have worked under a fast approaching newspaper deadline and tried to juggle our normal 8 to 5 work at the same time. As a result, something always goes missing and this month it is BACK

PAGE COUPON ADVERTISERS! Having said that, let me say this ... I am SO thankful for the advertisers that grace our pages this month including those here on the back page in the clip-n-save section. I apologize to my readers for not being more attentive to this

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Hope Perkins of Middlebury K.O.A. for inviting us to have fun right here in our own "backyard"! Who knew the K.O.A. had so many great things for a family to enjoy right here at home? Thank you Hope!

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That concludes the first edition of our new look. I would love to know what you think of it and what you'd do different if you were able to change anything. I will eagerly await your reply at editor@agoodneighbornews.com.

This new look has been challenging but I have loved every minute of it (thank you Jessica and everyone at KPC News)! I think I have learned more about the newspaper business this month than in the 13 months previous.

My dearest friend, (you know who you are), pushed me into this world of writing and I am ever grateful to her for her love and support along the way!

You, my readers, have also been invaluable to me as you have encouraged me month after month to continue this labor of love. It has taken 13 months (instead of 9) to really give birth to what can be and now, well, now it is time to watch it grow! Come along with me as we journey into a new chapter of the A Good Neighbor News!

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