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## SMALL TOWN LOVE

-By Senior Writer Brenda Dwyer



I was driving North on Main Street when I glanced in their direction. They weren't holding hands or looking at each other yet there was something compelling about them.

They were walking on the sidewalk ... in the same direction I was driving. Their steps were purposeful and they strode in well practiced sync. Their movements seemed fluid and effortless. I was so struck with the “perfect” picture of them that I even glanced back in my rear-view mirror to imbed their image in my brain. This makes it easier for me to try to capture it on paper later - to share with you. He was tall and lean and looked to be 60ish ... he wore a baseball cap. She was more petite and ex-

uded relaxed confidence. He walked to her left so that he protected her from the street. Between them was a chocolate lab that seemed to have spent many happy years with them. He or she (the lab) looked like it was possibly the reason for the walk. I identified more closely with the lab ... a bit overweight, yet happily walking along in life amidst people who love you. To see them together brought thoughts of well worn love that can only be experienced after numerous years of life shared with all of its trials & joy. All together, it was a wonderful small-town sight to behold ... a beautiful kind of “this is why I love Middlebury so much” sighting.

It was a recent blustery



fall day in what I'll refer to as “pumpkin land” in Shipshewana. (Shipshe is chock full of those bright orange orbs these days!) She was young, maybe late teens, early 20's ... she hugged her tiny infant daughter close to her chest as she spoke soft soothing words into her little ear. Normally I don't hear others speaking clearly (unless I am engaged in conversation and can see lips - it helps) due to my partial deafness. I, for whatever reason, could hear distinctly little whispers in bits here and there about pumpkins and carving, pumpkin pie and “when I was a little girl ...” They walked off through the scattered pumpkins, I am sure, in search of the very best one and I watched and remembered (happily) days gone by with my parents ... then ...with my children. The wind blew that young mother's hair in wisps about her face and yet her eyes reflected the concentration therein and at the same time her complete contentment. This was a “first” for them ... a moment she would store up in her heart to last her the rest of her days.

The park looked lonely as if it needed something ... where was everyone? Bristol has a beautiful little park ... nestled right on the river. As my eyes followed the length of the river they happened upon a young couple; the two were bent over (almost huddled) together on a park bench and clearly displaying the “Wow, it's really cold out here” body language that we all seem to adopt this time of year. She was rubbing her hands

together and then blowing on them. As soon as she completed this action he wrapped her hands in his and they shared a sweet look. They seemed familiar with each other. Nothing about their behavior appeared awkward. Young love. My mind flew back to the very first time my daughter introduced me to her (now) husband. The look in their eyes, the soft touches, the smiles ... it was all there in front of me to be witnessed yet again. There are some traits of love that are indiscriminate and cross all barriers and create “sameness” in all of us. There are small nuances

within love that we can all identify with and appreciate and ... treasure.

Thinking back on these various moments in time that happen as I am enroute to one place or another I realize how happy I am because of them. They bless me and make me thankful. They give me a sense of connection and enrich my small-town experience. The fall leaves, in their vibrant colored splendor, can not compare to ... but can only enhance the magnificent “patch quilt” of God's glory that thrives around us every single day ... right here ... in our small towns.



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# Inside The Tea Room

-By Brenda Dwyer

white slacks were now solid brown and wet to the core. My blouse was slimy and stuck to me like a second skin. As I looked around at the others in our group we all looked as if we had just taken a dunk in a mud pond. How did this happen? Five executives

were all tumbling like little rag dolls in a torrential rain. The wind was gusting and drowning out our squeals as we fell. Five out of five of us were suddenly transformed into little children as we laughed and hollered and soaked up this sudden and spontaneous incident. What else could we do? The laughter was contagious. None of us had control of this situation. By the time we all landed at the bottom of the hill we were so choked up we could barely speak but the smiles on everyone's face spoke for us. Not one person complained of falling ... not one was hurt. Not one person remained of the five that began the descent from the



on their way from a penthouse board meeting simply taking a "shortcut" to a small bistro just down the way and all of a sudden we

## M-U-D

Slippery slopes of mud ... that's all they were. It was raining so hard that the grass beneath us ended up just soaked and as we ventured down those "harmless" little hills we began slipping and sliding and then laughing so hard our bellies hurt. I tried so hard to catch my breath but just when I felt I was on solid ground again ... off I would slide. My

top of the hill, for the five who once stood at the top of the hill were professionals, dressed to the nines, full of confidence and puffed up with stature. The five who landed at the bottom of the hill were mud-covered, tassel headed, little kids who had just taken the ride of their lives and were basking in the wonder and surprise of

it. None of us are sure why it happened but I am here to tell you it transformed us one and all. To this day I take more time with my children to see the world from their perspective and to revel in the childlike freedoms that still abound. Mud ... it sure does wonders for the "complexion"!



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

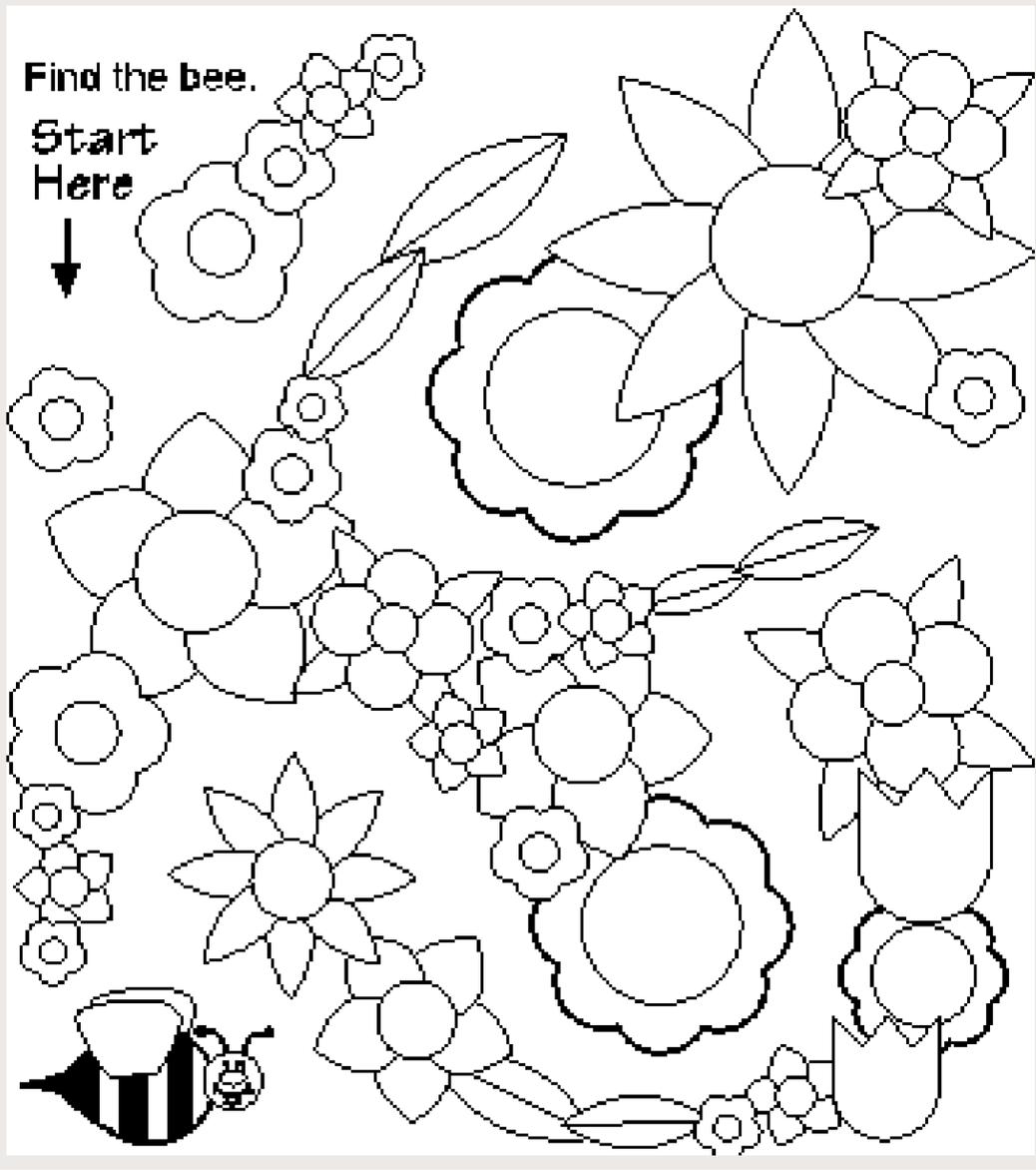


It seems as if every newspaper you have ever opened has a section that invites their readers to participate on some level. We felt that a "Letters to the Editor" section would be a good place for us to start. We invite you, our readers, to either submit comments on current events and/or the paper itself, or ask questions 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 [AGNeighborNews@aol.com](mailto:AGNeighborNews@aol.com).

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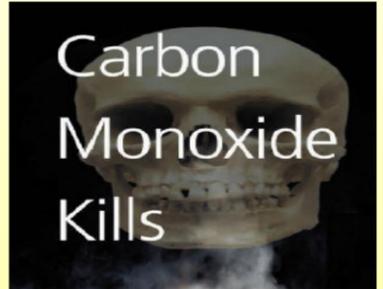


# Only pay what you can afford SALE



Faulty furnaces new or old can kill!  
Don't tell me *you can't afford* to have your furnace checked for safety before winter.

Hello my name is Bob Dwyer and I own A Good Neighbor Heating & Cooling in Middlebury. Every year people die from carbon monoxide poisoning. I'm afraid poisonings will be worse this year than ever before in Elkhart & Lagrange county. The current economic conditions and unemployment rate may prevent homeowners from having their furnaces checked because they can't afford it. This is deplorable! I cannot stand idly by knowing someone; an innocent child or an entire family could die. I learned the heating business from my father who learned it from his father. I have spent my entire life working in this trade I have made good and bad decisions. I was told not to make an offer like this because it's bad business ... there's just too much to lose. I decided my losing some money is better than someone possibly losing a life.



## The Offer

I will dispatch a service truck with a trained technician to your home. That tech will check your gas furnace for safety. The heat exchanger will be inspected with a camera designed to identify cracked or breached heat exchangers. The venting system will be inspected for proper draft and operation. If necessary; combustion analysis will be performed. You will be supplied with a written report on the condition of your furnace. This is not an offer to clean, service or repair your furnace. The sole purpose of this inspection is to help insure your safety; to save lives. This inspection would normally be \$129.00 For those of you who can afford the inspection I'm offering a sale price of **\$89.00. To make sure everyone takes advantage of this inspection; those people that just can't afford the sales price may, instead, pay whatever they can afford \$5, \$10, \$20, \$30, \$40 dollars ... name your price. If you want to pay the sale price but can't pay the whole \$89.00; send payments, it's okay, I understand.** This whole offer is about saving lives ... *together* we can make a difference. Please understand I'm not a rich man ... I'm just a normal guy with a small business so please be brutally honest with yourself before you decide to take advantage of this offer. Many people truly do need help ... if you *can* pay the \$89.00 sale price that will allow me to service more families that are at risk but can't afford the \$89.00.

## The Rules

When you call in to make an appointment for the safety check you must tell the dispatcher how much you intend to pay for the service so they can have the paper work ready for the tech. Again please understand the more you pay ... the more families we can help.

## Recap

Full price \$129.00 sale price \$89.00  
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**Limited time offer:** We can stop this offer at anytime for any reason. The purpose of this offer is to protect our community. By participating in this offer and paying the \$89.00 fee you will potentially be saving lives ... perhaps your neighbor's!

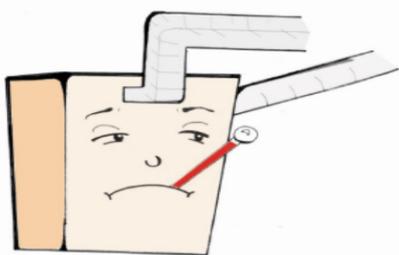
## The Ugly Truth

**Things you don't know about carbon monoxide and carbon monoxide alarms:**

I'm often told by people that they believe they are protected from carbon monoxide because they have an alarm. I have even been told there are other heating contractors that have told their customers to go to the store and buy a carbon monoxide alarm "just in case" because their furnace has a small crack. This advise can poison you and your family. Look I don't have enough room in this ad to tell you all the ugly truths about carbon monoxide alarms but I will tell you this; if you're a senior citizen, pregnant woman, if you have infants or children in the home or have someone in the home with heart or respiratory problems you can be in danger.

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# From our Kitchen

## HOT APPLE CIDER

### INGREDIENTS:

|                          |                                |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 6 cups apple cider       | 6 whole allspice berries       |
| 1/4 cup real maple syrup | 1 orange peel, cut into strips |
| 2 cinnamon sticks        | 1 lemon peel, cut into strips  |
| 6 whole cloves           |                                |

**DIRECTIONS:** Pour the apple cider and maple syrup into a large stainless steel saucepan. Place the cinnamon sticks, cloves, allspice berries, orange peel and lemon peel in the center of a washed square of cheesecloth; fold up the sides of the cheesecloth to enclose the bundle, then tie it up with a length of kitchen string. Drop the spice bundle into the cider mixture. Place the saucepan over moderate heat for 5 to 10 minutes, or until the cider is very hot but not boiling. Remove the cider from the heat. Discard the spice bundle. Ladle the cider into big cups or mugs, adding a fresh cinnamon stick to each serving if desired.



## PULLED PORK

### Ingredients:

|                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| 4 lb pork roast           | 5 or 6 whole cloves                     |
| 2 onions, sliced, divided | 2 cups water                            |
| 1 onion, chopped          | 16 oz bottle of your favorite BBQ sauce |
|                           | salt and pepper                         |

**Preparation:** Place one sliced onion at the bottom of Crock Pot. Stud pork roast with cloves and season with salt and



pepper. Place roast in slow cooker on top of the sliced onion. Cover with the second sliced onion and add enough water to fill Crock Pot two thirds of the way. Cover and cook on low 8 to 12 hours. Remove roast. Remove and discard cloves, bone and fat as well as any water, onions and grease remaining in pot. When pork roast is cool enough to handle, use a fork or your fingers to pull it apart until the entire roast is shredded. Return the pulled pork to the crock pot. Mix in the chopped onion and BBQ sauce and cover. Heat on high for 1-3 hours or until the onions are soft. Serve on large, crusty buns with a mustard based Carolina-style BBQ sauce. Garnish with dill pickle spears, thinly sliced raw onion and pickled pepperoncini (Italian banana peppers). Serve with crisp, homemade Cole slaw. Carolinians would put the Cole slaw on the pulled pork sandwiches...that's up to you.

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~A Good Neighbor News~

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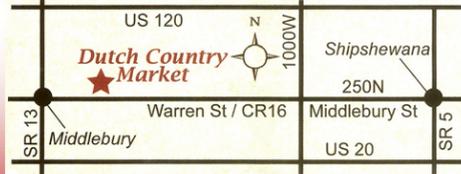
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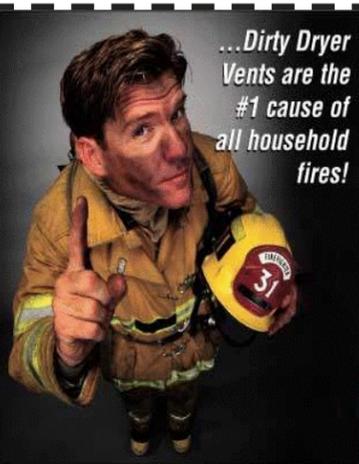
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