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PUMPKIN BLISS

Love came creeping into my heart this morning. It was a soothing, languid motion ... filling me up from my toes, past my belly ... into my head and then tracking slowly back towards my heart where it suddenly exploded; slowly and deliberately.

I fell in love with mankind all over again as I watched parents picking out pumpkins with their children. There stood a child in the back away from the others touching the pumpkins with a sparkle in his eye. His mother had come to buy a pie pumpkin ... a tiny little thing. Her baby boy had his eyes on the pumpkins that were big ... just ready for carving of another kind.

As I watched, a little girl separated herself from her family which was just a few steps away and she went to ask the little boy if he was going to get that pumpkin ... the one he had been especially fond of. He said no ... he wished he could but his mom had just come to get a pumpkin to bake a pie for his grandma. They



were going to take it to her "nursery" home. (I'm sure he meant nursing home). The little girl then wanted to know if he was going to get a pumpkin to carve sometime later. He said no, they couldn't afford it this year.

That little girl went back

and tugged at her mom's jacket and asked her if she could put her pumpkin back and buy a pumpkin for the little boy instead.

I had to turn my face and walk away just a bit as I felt the tears begin to well up. From the mouths of babes once again we are lead; to help others, to be kind, to extend hope during hard times. Even the smallest of gestures can leave a huge imprint on someone's life.

The ripple effect was in motion too. The little girl was touched by the little boy, the little girl's mother was touched by her daughter, the little boy was touched by being the recipient of a gift he never in a million years thought he would get ... the mother of the little boy was touched ... I was touched and who even knows the countless others that will witness this act of kindness through the retelling of it by the little boy, the mothers, the little girl, me ...

Every single day there is beauty all around us ... we just need to open our eyes to it, to be aware in its presence.

We live life at such a fast pace. As much as we struggle to keep abreast of all of our obligations to our families, our

friends and our responsibilities we often fail. We have so much on our plates that our



focus is often diverted away from all of the wonder that still occurs around us each and

every day.

I know I need to regroup, refresh and revive. I find myself more concerned than ever because many in my family, as well as many of my friends say that they feel the pressures of their every day routines are beginning to manifest themselves in negative ways. Some have health issues, some are just drowning in overbearing and unforgiving schedules.

Countless times I find everything else in my world just fades away when I am with my grandchildren. I try so hard to look at life through their eyes and rediscover the world through their fascination.

I don't know when it happened that I allowed my schedule to mandate my life but I have decided that I am going to make a personal effort to make sure that my life dictates my schedule from now on.

The years go by so fast. The days just seem to tumble end over end and before you know it the landscape of your life has taken on an entirely new look. I want to have more control over that look and I want to be able to look back and see beauty behind me ... I want to look to my side and see beauty greeting me and I want to look forward and see beauty beckoning to me; the kind of beauty that lies in unexpected kindness, unselfish giving and undying hope.

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Inside The Tea Room



She wasn't referring to anything office-related ... I was throwing around ideas for my articles this month and we were discussing how very busy we have all become with our responsibilities & our piled-to-the-sky calendars and how as a result we are missing out on family, friends, blessings.

There comes a time in everyone's life where you find it is necessary to stop, re-evaluate, re-group and re-live.

Too often I see parents that look exhausted, spent and stressed. (Wow, can I ever relate!) These parents are often times accompanied by loud, over-active children that are acting out in a not-so-desirable way. The "why" of it is so very evident; there is no balance.

No matter who we are or what our life entails if we do not have balance the obvious will happen ... unbalanced piles fall down. At some point, if you don't re-initiate balance into your life all you will have to show for your life is a heap of a mess.

Balance is vital in our everyday lives. Balance can be a tremendous cure-all. This is no secret. Even in Biblical times balance was essential.

How do you achieve balance? Therein lies the mys-



tery and yet if you sit down and take a good hard look at how you invest your time every day it won't be long before you see where you need to add a little fun, take away a little work, add a little one-on-one with the kids, take away just a bit of one-on-one with the vacuuming, add a little delegation of duties, take away sole-responsibility ... turn your family into a team that works to-

gether to achieve a wholesome outcome.

Life is what you make it and children are representatives of their environment. How about a little harmony? Sound good? Get creative! Get balanced!

As for Janice and I ... we are both applying the process to our lives and it feels good to know that once again balance will be achieved. Time to play!

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Child's Play

From the Pulpit

Who do you say he is?

He was a good boy, but not a trouble-free boy. Trouble seemed to follow him from the day he was born. People tried to kill him before he was old enough to go to school and his parents were forced to leave the country just to save his life. When they could return they lived in a small town like Middlebury up in the northern part of the country where he was born. His step-dad was a carpenter and his mother a homemaker who bore several more children over the years.

When he was twelve the family took a trip and he got interested in talking to some teachers he met there in the church his parents took him to in order to be blessed after his birth. And when his family left to go home, he stayed behind and kept talking with

those teachers until his parents came back to find him days later. He did not mean to cause any trouble, it just sort of followed him. You can understand that, right?

When he grew up he went to see his cousin who had become a preacher. While he was there he asked his cousin to baptize him. It was a blessed occasion that his cousin would always remember. Later, when people would ask about him, his cousin would tell them that he was someone very special. Even his cousin was troubled sometimes by the things he did. There was something different about him that almost defied description.

Eventually, some of the people who used to go and hear his cousin preach made friends with this young man and began to go with him where ever he

went. They hung out together and talked about life together and discussed what it meant to follow God's ways and went to parties and dinners together and listened to him as he, too, began to preach. They saw him do amazing things and they listened to him as other religious leaders came to talk with him. They ran errands for him and they went boating together and did advance work for him in towns where he would be coming to preach about God and about the kingdom of heaven.

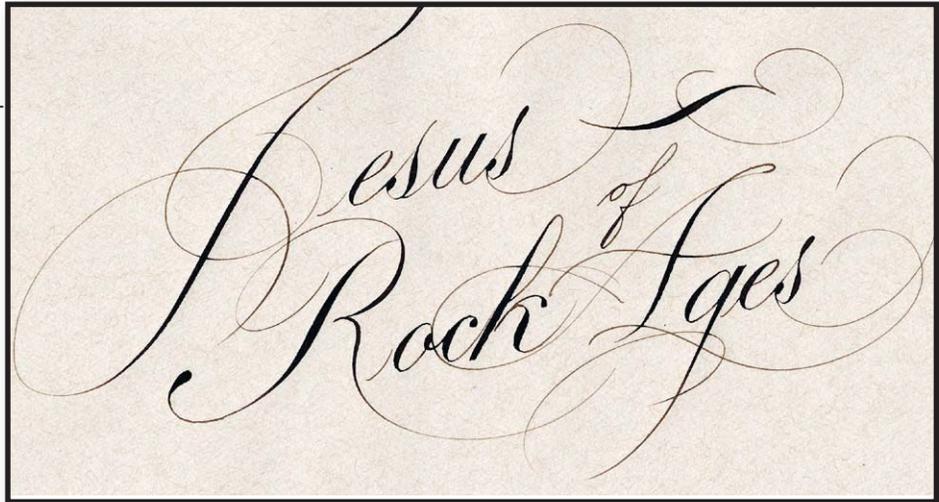
Crowds heard his messages on mountainsides and in churches and just about everywhere in between. People brought their children to meet him and they brought their sick to be blessed by him, many of

them so blessed they were able to recover immediately from their illnesses and afflictions and return to their lives with renewed health and strength. Some said he even raised the dead ... more than once!

But trouble was never really very far from this young preacher. He ruffled the feathers of the religious establishment and gained the attention of the politically powerful and seemed determined to break the unwritten social rules with-

out so much as a second thought. He ate with religious outcasts and religious leaders and even the ones nobody else considered religious at all. He was kind to prostitutes and taxmen and even encouraged others to risk becoming outcasts in order to help people who were abused and being taken advantage of and lonely. The more traditional folks consid-

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Grandmas



"I want to go puddle jumping" she declared with hands on hips and a crooked little smile.

Really? I thought we'd stay inside and bake pumpkin cookies.

"Nope ... puddle jumping" she stated once again with a little shift in her stance.

But you don't have your rain boots here. Your umbrella is still at your house too. I think maybe we could puddle jump another day. How about if I buy you boots and an umbrella to keep here so that the next time you come over and it's raining we can go puddle jumping.

(Her bottom lip began to

tremble) No, nana ... I want to puddle jump today ... right now.

I looked up from her troubled little face and glanced out the window. The rain was just sprinkling now making beautiful little ripples on the puddles and I could see instantly what it was that seemed to be tugging at her heart.

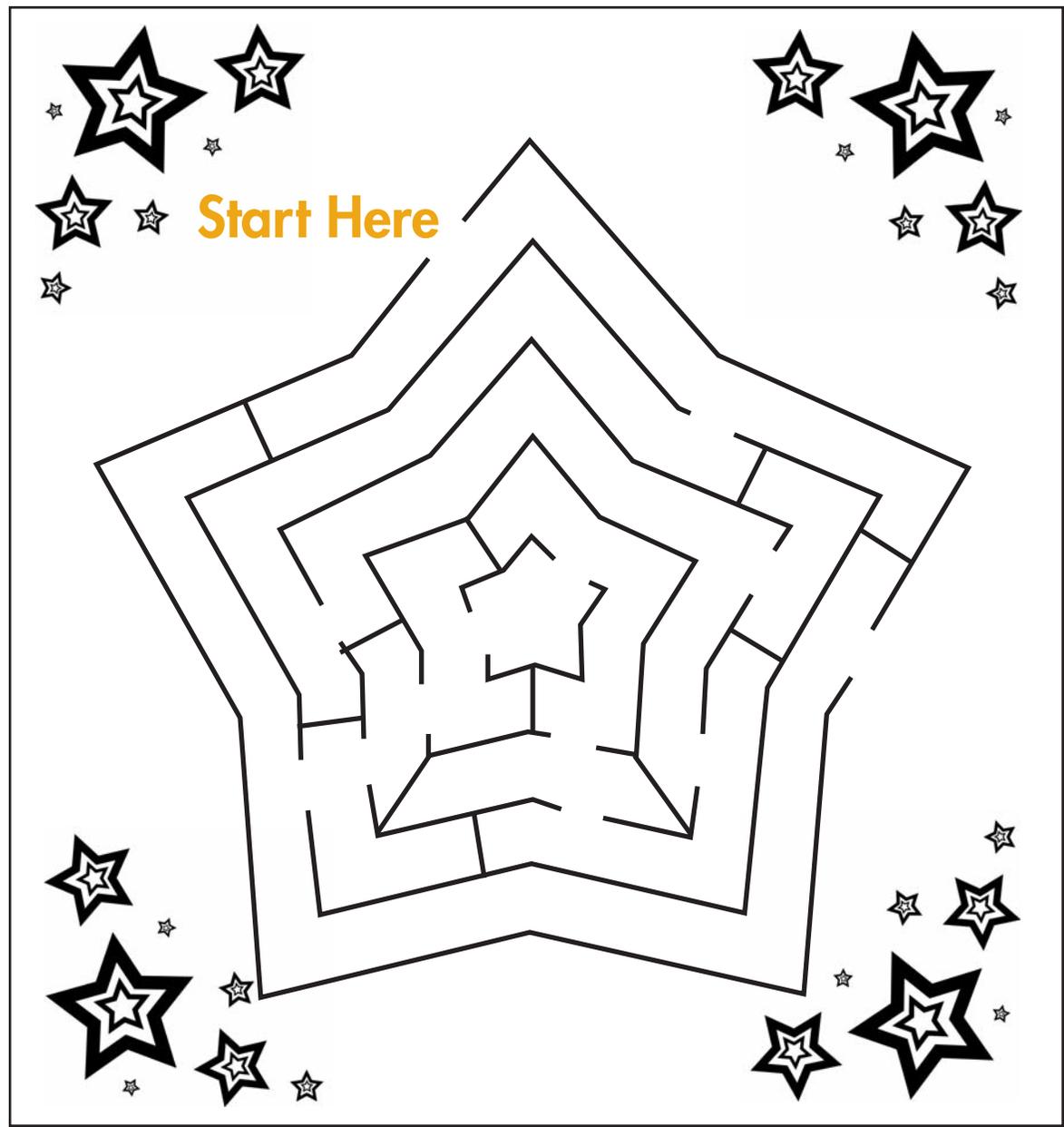
Without another word I stood up, clasped her little hand and we headed outdoors. The rain was a soft fall rain that just barely kissed our faces and blessed our shoulders. We left our socks and shoes on the porch, rolled up our pants legs and off we ran to "kind of" puddle jump. I say "kind of" because we were only into the actual jumping of puddles when I couldn't help myself and jumped into the

puddle - being caught up in the moment. She followed my example and in no time at all we found ourselves just soaked to the skin.

Her little face reflected the glee she felt in her heart and I had the time of my life puddle jumping that day. Yes, there's much to be said for pumpkin cookies but puddle jumping with your grandchild on a mild fall day trumps pretty much anything else in the world in my opinion.



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"HELLO!" "HOW MAY I HELP YOU?"

I can't say enough about good customer service. Growing up I can remember how wonderful it was to be "waited on". The retail clerk, the grocer, the sack boy, waitresses and waiters, the Charlie Chips man, the milk man and so forth and so on ... they were all there to wait on you ... to make your life easier and they did it with such finesse!

Sadly, I find I am hard pressed to find good customer service most anywhere. Take our small towns for instance; most places you go in Shipshewana, Middlebury & Bristol you will be met with a smile and an offer of assistance, however, you don't have to venture too far out to experience a different sort of encounter.

I suppose it all contributes to why we are so passionate about good customer service here. We try to impress upon our employees the value of good customer service. We don't subscribe to an automated answering service either; our customers are valuable to us and we want them to be able to talk to an actual person when they have a need.

We all love to feel special. I find that something as simple as a soft, reassuring voice on the phone can feel pampering and wonderful.

I want to know that when I go out to eat that I am going to be taken care of, that when I go to the store there will be someone there to assist me if I need it, that when I order something and have it delivered that someone will make a special effort to care for my package, that when I call for service I am greeted with a friendly voice and that I have a good experience.

Sure, none of us are perfect and it's true that you can't please everybody all of the time but if you just take pride in what you're doing and try to always do for others as you would have them do for you, well, you just can't go wrong.

When I am out I don't want to hear: Hey ... how are you guys? Is there anything I can get for you guys? Blah, blah, blah ... guys. I am not a guy. I know I'm not the only person this irritates ... many of my friends feel the same way. "Guys" is just lazy terminology when addressing a couple, a family or friends out to dinner. Just leave off "guys" and your tips might increase significantly.

When I dial a number to do business or am seeking an answer I don't have the time or the desire to have to press 1,5,9,6,8,2 to get to a live person who (often times) doesn't know how to answer my question. Why all of the automation? It only causes blood pressures to spike automatically!

Okay ... enough about my personal pet peeves. I suppose my main point here is that good customer service does not have to be a thing of the past. Good customer service is all about being especially mindful of and attentive to the other person. I say it's time for a REVIVAL!

Now ... let me go see who I can pamper.

A GOOD NEIGHBOR NEWS IS LOOKING FOR LOCAL TALENT!

Share your poetry or short stories with the community.

Please email all submissions to editor@agoodneighbornews.com.

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 Justrite Nails - 851 US 20
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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!

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 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
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 Hostetler's Hudson Auto Museum - 760 S. VanBuren St
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 L & R Marine - 8435 W. US 20
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 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
 Shipshevana Harness & Supplies - 815 N. Van Buren Street
 Shipshe Pizza - 145 N. Village Drive
 Shipshe Rental Center - 0900 N. SR 5
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 Shipshevana Harness & Supply - 815 North VanBuren Street
 Simple Sounds, Inc. - 225 N. Harrison Street
 Splash Waterpark Resort - 800 S. VanBuren
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ELKHART:

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 Dapper Dog & Fancy Feline - 54595 CR 17
 Dumor Water Specialists - 4405 Wyland Dr.
 Hickory Meats & More, Inc. - 54595 CR 17
 Ink Cartridge Solutions - 1808 E. Bristol Street Suite G
 Insignia Promotions - 135 Easy Shopping Place
 Jenkins Automotive (NAPA Auto Parts) - 59045 CR 13
 Joshica's Planet Canine - 4411 Wyland Drive
 Martin's Pet & Garden Center - 116 W. Jackson Blvd.
 Paradise Pools - 655 CR 17 (Next to Lucchese's)
 Sautter's Floral & Greenhouse, Inc. - 1725 Toledo Road
 Sassi Tan - 56199 Parkway Ave Suite 10
 Shear Artist, Inc. - 655 CR 17 Suite 3 (Behind Bullard's Market)
 Signature Lanes - 1180 Fremont Ct.
 S-N-J's Heavenly Hair Salon - 23737 US 33 Suite F
 Spectrum Eyewear Gallery - Dr. David Britzke, O.D. - 56028 Parkway Ave., Suite E
 Tip-n-Toe Nail Spa Parkway - 17 Plaza 56199 Parkway Ave. Suite 10
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 The Gathering Place Restaurant - 407 3rd Street
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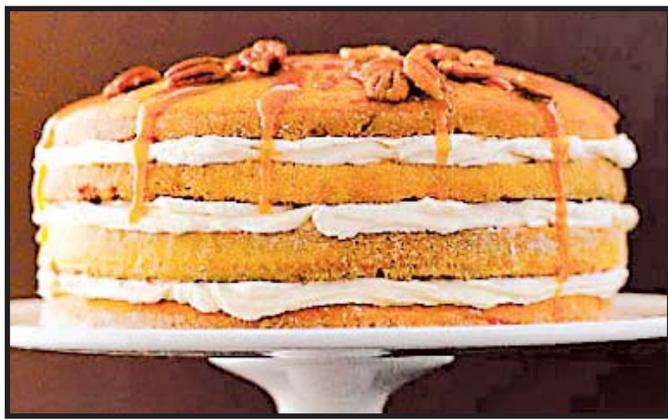
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From Our Kitchen

4 Layer Pumpkin Cake

INGREDIENTS

- 1 pkg. (2-layer size) yellow cake mix
- 1 can (15 oz) pumpkin, divided
- ½ cup milk
- 1/3 cup oil
- 4 eggs
- 1 ½ tsp. pumpkin pie spice, divided
- 1 pkg (8 oz) philadelphia cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1 tub (8oz) cool whip, thawed
- ¼ cup caramel ice cream topping
- ¼ cup chopped pecans

COOKING INSTRUCTIONS

Heat oven to 350 degrees

Beat cake mix, 1 cup pumpkin, milk, oil, eggs and 1 tsp. spice in large bowl with mixer until well blended. Pour into 2 greased and floured 9 inch round pans.

Bake 29 to 30 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pans for 10 minutes. Remove from pans to wire racks and cool completely.

Beat cream cheese in medium bowl with mixer until creamy. Add sugar, remaining pumpkin and spice and mix well. Gently stir in the cool whip. Cut each cake layer horizontally in half with a serrated knife. Stake the cakes on a serving plate making sure to spread ample cream cheese between the layers. Do not frost the top layer. Drizzle the top of the cake with the caramel topping just before serving and top off with the pecans. Refrigerate any leftovers.



GARDEN GAB

Last week I had the ponds turned off for the winter and am just starting to set aside time to venture into the garden and repair the damages of neglect. I anticipate I will have weeding, trim-

ming, cutting, burning and so much more to do once I get out there and I am ready!

I love putting my hands in the dirt! It's hard to explain to someone who has never

done it before but gardening is therapeutic, cathartic and invigorating all at the same time.

There's nothing else quite like the feeling of accomplishment you get when you stand back and gaze upon a beautiful garden ... especially if it is a reflection of all of your hard work.

Gardens are well worth the time and effort. I have enjoyed our gardens with our grandchildren, our friends, our neighbors and even our pets.

The chickens, cats and dogs all love a good romp in the garden and once they figure out that the garden is where I'm headed to they will follow me there with tongues panting, tails wagging, feathers flapping and little feet of all kind quickening their pace.



Our garden is a respite; a place of solitude that seems like a world of its own.

I can remember years ago having just a patio garden in the city. I still had that "hands in the dirt" experience and I remember how beautiful everything looked when cared for. Gardens, if you think about it, are not

all that different from people. The more time you invest in them; the more precious and beautiful they become.

Next time you find yourself outdoors bend down and dig your fingers into the earth. Ah, see there? There's nothing else like it. Happy gardening!

TALK ACROSS THE FENCE



There is a young lady residing right here amongst us that has written and published a book entitled, "101 Things to Do in Shipshewana". The book is by author Melissa Troyer and is

(in my opinion) a vital tool for navigating through the very best of what our area has to offer.

Melissa has given us permission to provide you with excerpts from her book so

we hope you enjoy the following ... it should be just enough to whet your appetite for more.

#56
Oodles of noodles and buzzing beehives
Dutch Country Market is one of the largest country stores you'll

find. It's owned by Norman and Katie Lehman, who work the store along with their children. You can often see Katie and the kids rolling out noodle-dough in

their shop; talk about oodles of noodles, they make 400 pounds a day! Norman has tended bees for over twenty years and processes 36,000 pounds of honey products a year, including comb honey, honey sticks and nine flavors of whipped honey. The Lehman's market is filled with locally-made foods and crafts and even has a working beehive on display. During the summer, their outdoor stand holds locally grown produce and flowers. Dutch Country Market is on the Middlebury-Shipshe road, just two minutes east of Middlebury.

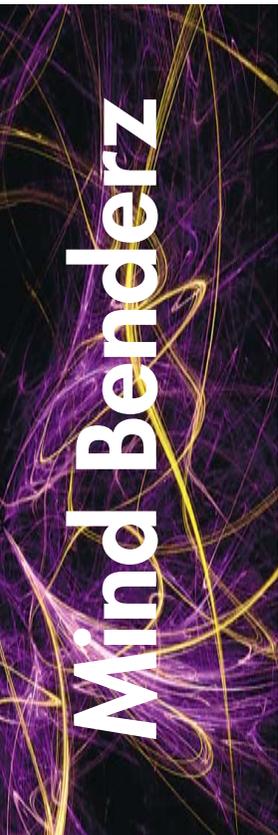
Melissa has provided beautiful pictures that accompany each of the 101 destinations that are sure to delight even the youngest among us.

Make sure you pick up your copy today and hit our country roads ... adventure and good times await!!!



10-10-10-10 BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Remembering St. Francis, faithful steward of God's creatures, St. John of the Cross in Bristol will have a Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 10, 2010 at 10 a.m. All pets are welcome, and the congregation will celebrate the Holy Eucharist on the front lawn of the church. Animals should be leashed or in cages for their own safety. Should rain or heat be a factor, people and pets will move into the parish hall. After the service there will be treats for our furry or feathered friends as well as the people.



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Flowers

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- FORGET ME NOT
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- PEONY PEONY
- PINE TASSLE
- PINK LADY'S-SLIPPER
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- PURPLE LILAC



Crossword Puzzle

DOWN

1. Singer ____ Stewart
2. Compass direction (abbr.)
3. Egyptian cobra
4. Responds
5. Stress
6. Potato ____
7. Charged particle
8. Sweater material
9. European body of water (2 wds.)
10. Reed instruments
11. Actress ____ Davis
16. Characteristic
20. Metered vehicle
21. Health club
22. Pres. Coolidge
23. Begin
26. ____ Beta Kappa
30. Legislate
32. Basker's desire
33. Find a total
35. Agent Smith's nemesis
36. Practical
38. Actress Meryl ____
39. "____ Something About Mary"
40. ____ diver
41. Made docile
44. Swiss peaks
47. MD's group
48. Lyricist Gershwin
49. Nothing
50. Valuable stone

ACROSS

1. Brings up
6. Undercover gp.
9. Comedian ____ Hope
12. Beginning
12. Deary
14. Presidential nickname
15. Going away
17. Building site
18. Complain
19. Group of eight
21. Nova ____
24. Rear
25. Root vegetable
27. CBS rival
28. Muhammad ____
29. "Raiders of ____ Lost Ark"
31. Amtrak stop (abbr.)
34. African antelope
37. As an alternative
40. Pigs' digs
42. Near (2 wds.)
43. Indian boat
44. Land measure
45. ____ Thurman of "Paycheck"
46. Wavering
51. Gamble
52. Strike caller
53. Uncanny
54. Lime drink
55. "Viva ____ Vegas"
56. Biblical song

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PRESS RELEASE:

A Good Neighbor Heating & Cooling Homeowners with Unparalleled Clean Air Are Like Families Featured on Extreme Makeover: Home Edition



IQAir North America names A Good Neighbor LLC; A Good Neighbor Heating & Cooling as Authorized Installer of the World's Most Effective Home Air Filtration System: the Perfect 16

Middlebury, IN, 9/28/10 – The community of Michiana can now experience the same particulate-free clean air system featured on ABC's hit reality television show "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition", as A Good Neighbor Heating & Cooling announced that the world's most effective whole-house air filtration system, the IQAir Perfect 16, has joined their roster of

products and services. As a newly-named IQAir independent authorized installer, A Good Neighbor Heating & Cooling can now transform any home or small business' existing heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system into a medical-grade air scrubber providing ten-times cleaner air.

"Many people are not aware of the quality of life gains provided by clean air. Independent medical research indicates that a person can add as much as eight years to their life by simply eliminating indoor air pollutants," said Frank Hammes, president of IQAir

North America. "At IQAir, clean air is our passion, and it is very important to find local partners in the community that share our same conviction for providing the very best in air quality solutions. A Good Neighbor has shown us, through our selection process, that they have the talent, tools and people to introduce the Perfect 16 to the homeowners of Michiana."

In today's ever-growing health conscious world, it's easy for homeowners to overlook the most basic building block of life: the air we breathe. Independent studies have shown that, on average, indoor air contains three to five times more pollutants than found in air outdoors. The IQAir Perfect 16 is the labor of more than 45 years of Swiss engineering in clean air technology and features the highest filtration efficiency available for removing bacteria, pet allergens, mold spores, dust, pollen and other airborne contaminants. Winner of the 2006 Reviewboard Magazine "Product of the Year" award, the Perfect 16 leverages advanced micro-filtration technology to scrub and purify the circulating air, removing particulate matter without impeding airflow or creating cost-inflating pressure drops in the existing HVAC system. The end results are indoor air that is a crisp, clean and fresh as the

top of a Swiss alp. The IQAir Perfect 16 is the only home-based solution to win the highest possible American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) air filtration score: the MERV 16. The Perfect 16 is so effective in providing exceptional air quality that ABC's hit reality television show "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" has called on IQAir to help 10 deserving families stricken with life-threatening or debilitating medical conditions.

A Good Neighbor is showing its continued dedication to our customers in the Michiana area by offering the best, most advanced and efficient heating, ventilation and air conditioning solutions," said Bob Dwyer, Owner of A Good Neighbor. "The Perfect 16 fits that idea as it is the very best air purification system available and we're excited to be able to offer this medical-grade system to our local community."

To qualify as an IQAir Authorized Installer, A Good Neighbor had to pass IQAir's Air Cleaning College, a rigorous course in air purification technology. As the

IQAir Authorized Installer for Michiana, A Good Neighbor joins an elite network of air quality specialists that implement the industry's leading performance guarantee. The highly trained specialists of A Good Neighbor test indoor particulate levels using advanced laser particle counters before installation to address the unique filtration needs of each individual home. Once the initial inspection is complete, A Good Neighbor's authorized professional installer integrates the custom-tailored Perfect 16 into the home's existing HVAC system. After the installation is complete, the home's air quality is tested again and recorded in a personalized owner's certificate confirming the home as one of the healthiest homes in America.

For more information or to schedule a free air quality inspection, please call (574) 825-1677!



AMERICAN BUS ASSOCIATION NAMES SHIPSHEWANA QUILT FESTIVAL ONE OF NORTH AMERICA'S 100 BEST EVENTS FOR 2011



The Shipshewana Quilt Festival is the region's largest event of its kind, and draws thousands of visitors each June for the four-day event. The dates for the 2011 event are June 22-25.

"To be selected as a Top 100 event after only its second year points to the great collaborative

efforts of many businesses and individuals in the Shipshewana area," shared JoDee Hooley, Group Tour Specialist for the Shipshewana/LaGrange County Convention and Visitors Bureau (LCCVB). "Quilting enthusiasts love the great variety of fabric stores in the area, with everything from large stores in town to small Amish shops in the countryside. The workshops and nationally recognized speakers have also been a big draw, along with additional entertainment and shopping opportunities that

Shipshewana provides."

Beth Thornburg, executive director of the LCCVB, estimates that the economic impact of the 2010 event was \$300,000. According to studies completed by researchers at The George Washington University and Dunham and Associates, one overnight visit by a motorcoach group can leave from US \$5,000 to more than US \$13,000 in a local destination's economy. Those dollars are spent on lodging, meals, admissions, fees, shopping, souvenirs, services and local taxes.

Check out the story and more information on the ABA's Top 100 Events at www.buses.org.

For more information on the Shipshewana Quilt Festival, visit www.ShipshewanaQuiltFest.com.

ABA's Top 100 Events in

North America is an annual compendium of the best events for group travel in the United States and Canada. Each spring, a committee of ABA-member motorcoach and tour operators selects the Top 100 Events for the subsequent year; the list is unveiled in September. Winners are chosen from hundreds of celebrations, festivals, fairs, commemorative events, and more that have been nominated by ABA members. From among the winners, ABA names the Number One Event for both the United States and Canada.

ABA launched the Top 100 program in 1982 to help motorcoach and tour operators plan itineraries. Each year, 100 U.S. and Canadian events are selected for the program. Two events from the list of 100 are singled out for top honors, one

from each country.

Now in its 29th year, the Top 100 Events receive worldwide attention via the media--television, radio, and print--such as USA Today and CNN. ABA distributes some 10,000 copies of the Top 100 Events in North America magazine, featuring the winners, to all of its members and to thousands of travelers worldwide.

The LaGrange County Convention and Visitor's Bureau is the official agency for tourism marketing, planning and development in LaGrange County, Indiana. If you have any questions about LaGrange County or would like more information about Shipshewana and other LaGrange County attractions please go on-line to www.VisitLaGrangeCounty.org or call 800.254.8090.

TECH Talk

Maintain your equipment to prevent future problems and unwanted costs. Keep your cooling and heating system at peak per-

operation of your system and reduce the life of major components.

- Lubricate all moving parts. Parts that lack lubrication cause friction in motors and increases the amount of electricity you use.

- Check and inspect the condensate drain in your central air conditioner, furnace and/or heat pump (when in cooling mode). A plugged drain can cause water damage in the house and affect indoor humidity levels.

- Check controls of the system to ensure proper and safe operation. Check the starting cycle of the equipment to assure the system starts, operates, and shuts off properly.

(Cooling Specific)

- Clean evaporator and condenser air conditioning coils. Dirty coils reduce the system's ability to cool your home and cause the system to run longer, increasing energy costs and reducing the life of the equipment.

- Check your central air conditioner's refrigerant level and adjust if necessary. Too much or too little refrigerant



greater comfort levels. Airflow problems can reduce your system's efficiency by up to 15 percent.

(Heating Specific)

- Check all gas (or oil) connections, gas pressure, burner combustion and heat exchanger. Improperly operating gas (or oil) connections are a fire hazard and can contribute to health problems. A dirty burner or cracked heat exchanger causes improper burner operation. Either can cause the equipment to operate less safely and efficiently.

Actions For You to Do Yourself

- Inspect, clean, or change air filters once a month in your central air conditioner, furnace, and/or heat pump. Your contractor can show you how to do



Twice a year we find ourselves biting our lower lip and wondering if our heating or air conditioning is performing at its most efficient capability. All of us dread getting our first utility bill when we turn on our system for the first time of the season.

The guys asked me to speak on filters this month so I took a look around to see what we had on hand to help you to know just what it is you should be aware of.

Before I came on the scene here 4 years ago I had no idea what to do with my furnace or a/c or even that it ever needed maintenance except for changing my filters once in a while. I have learned so much since I've been here and would like to share some of what I've learned with you.

The following is a pretty basic maintenance checklist, however, if you stick to it you will definitely insure that your equipment is doing its utmost to deliver the comfort you desire in the most efficient way possible. Keep in mind that you need to take added measures with the rest of your home to prevent drafts so that your equipment is not trying to heat or cool the great outdoors as well.

Maintenance Checklist



formance by having a contractor do annual pre-season check-ups. Contractors get busy once summer and winter come, so it's best to check the cooling system in the spring and the heating system in the fall. To remember, you might plan the check-ups around the time changes in the spring and fall.

A typical maintenance check-up by a contractor should include the following:

- Check thermostat settings to ensure the cooling and heating system keeps you comfortable when you are home and saves energy while you are away.

- Tighten all electrical connections and measure voltage and current on motors. Faulty electrical connections can cause unsafe

erant will make your system less efficient increasing energy costs and reducing the life of the equipment.

- Clean and adjust blower components to provide proper system airflow for



this. A dirty filter can increase energy costs and damage your equipment, leading to early failure.

BRING ON THE LEAF PILES!

Bring on the leaf piles! Bring on fall campfires and marshmallow roasting and hot apple cider! Bring on smiles and frolicking the likes of which haven't been seen since last fall! Bring on sweatshirts and cute little yarn caps and cold noses! Bring it on!!!

I love fall. The temperatures are cooler and more tolerable, the air is crisp, the colors of the trees, shrubs and mums and such are just breathtaking and life seems slower-paced somehow and less stressful.

Leaf piles bring out the child in all of us. The raking of the leaves doesn't even seem like work when you have little ones running around in anticipation of the big dive! The higher you're able to rake the leaves the better, however, even small leaf piles have been known to bring forth gales of giggles.

No one cares about the bugs or the spiders that may be lurking in those leaves ... what's to worry? They'll scatter soon enough once they catch on to the hostile

environment (for them) that you are creating. Leaves are one of my favorite ways to recycle. What was once clothing to the tree during the sun's most scorching months is now a ton of fun for young and old alike. Once the playing in the leaves has been exhausted it's time to round them up and put them in nice tidy piles near the street and then retire to a nice campfire and those afore mentioned goodies that await. Yes, I love fall for it soothes my soul and heals my heart.



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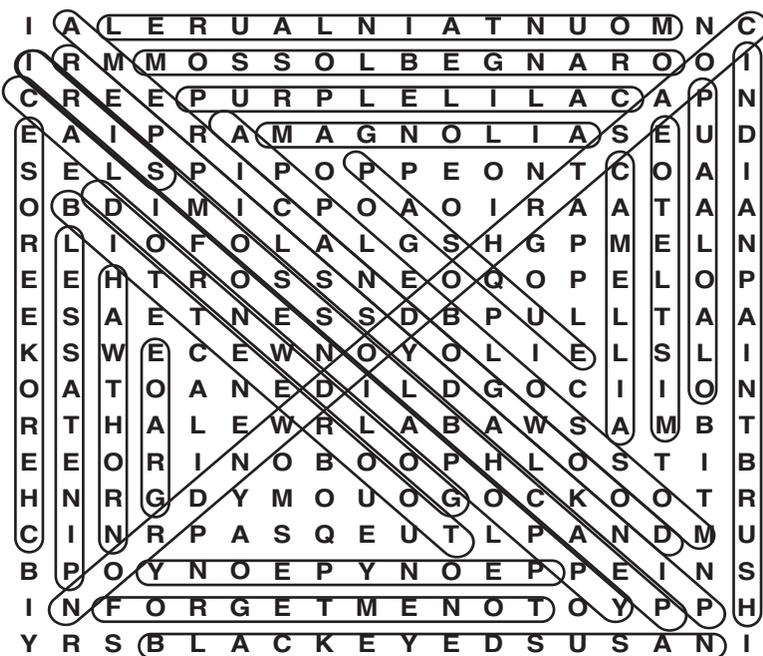
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ered him a dangerous young man, even though he had never been violent with them. The less traditional folks just shook their heads in wonder at the young man.

His love for people was already legendary and his rapport with people seemed as natural as breathing, whether he was eating with the powers that be or the people they exercised their power to subdue and control. People were challenged by him, turned around by him, laughed with him, and loved him right back for all of it. They came to him in daytime and nighttime and asked questions or asked for a blessing, but rarely knew quite what to do with him even after they

found him. Eventually some of them hated him.

Towns like Middlebury and suburbs like Merrillville and even cities like Chicago stirred every time he walked through town. People who liked him and people who hated him all seemed drawn to this young man. The one thing it was hardest to do with him was to ignore him. And eventually, the people who had come to hate him, decided to kill him. The crowds who had so recently adored him, joined now in calling for the death penalty. Only his closest friends seemed to decline to call for his death, but even they abandoned him when the authorities came to arrest him.

Trouble, it seemed, had found him once again, and this time without a way of escape.

Funny thing about that boy who grew into such a controversial young man was that when they killed him, he would not stay dead. The third morning after they laid him in a borrowed tomb and sealed it with a government seal and put a 24-hour guard around it to be sure nobody could steal the body, he was gone from the tomb. The women who went to embalm his body in burial spices found the tomb empty and the guards gone, too. They thought the guards took the body. And when they told his friends, they too wondered who had taken the body.

Nobody was ready for it when he walked through the locked door and stood among the friends who had abandoned him. Nobody was ready for it again a few nights later when he came back to see the one who had been absent the first time. He showed them all the marks on his body from when they had beaten him and killed him. He even showed them where he had been stabbed in the heart after he died. But he was alive again and he ate with them and he even cooked them breakfast one day when they had been fishing all night.

What do you call a young man like that? What do you make of his teaching that you have to die to live and you

have to serve to lead? We can call him by his name, Jesus, but what do we do with him?

I follow him. It is all he has asked any of us to do. He has promised to lead us to a home with God and to give us a place at God's banquet table and I trust him with my life. How about you?

Glenn Ziegler is a deacon and worship Leader for the Merrillville Christian Church. It has also been his privilege to be Brenda Dwyer's little brother all of his life. If you would like to get in touch with Glenn, drop him an email at grz311@yahoo.com. He would love to hear from you about what you will do with Jesus.



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