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*Have a
Happy
Halloween*



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The Bewitching Hour Halloween (Hallow's Eve) Friday, October 31ST

Why do we thirst for the fearsome? Halloween, haunted houses, scary stories in front of the campfire, spine-tingling books by Stephen King and nightmarish movies like "Hannibal." They all have one thing in common. They feed our need for the creepy. What's the appeal? Experts have a few theories:

We like the adrenaline rush. Fear has the same adrenaline producing effect as excitement.

It helps us bond. Stories around a campfire allow us to form ties with strangers as well as friends.

It helps us deal with real-life terrors. It helps us reenact real horror where the bad guys are caught and punished.

So if you want to get your adrenaline going, Halloween is your kind of holiday. Movie houses, haunted houses, costume shops and more will help you "enjoy" Halloween even more with a whole array of frightfully exciting events. It's the biggest fright night of the year complete with ghosts, goblins, haunted houses and more.

One of the oldest holidays, Halloween was actually named by the church, All Hallow's Eve. Disgusted with pagan celebrations of the dead, spirits and evil on October 31st (New Year's Eve during those times), the church renamed the festival All Hallow's Eve and set it up to honor the hallowed departed saints. While the name stuck, much of the customs surrounding the holiday still lean toward the pagan celebrations.

So whether you decide to hit the video store early for your favorite horror flicks, or you join the wee ones trick-or-treating, or head to a costume party Be safe and enjoy!

**"Double, Double, Toil and Trouble,
Fire Burn and caldron bubble."
Have a "Spook-tacular" Halloween!**



BON APPETIT!

Hay and Straw

- 1 package (16 ounces) linguine
- 2 cups julienned fully cooked ham
- 1 tablespoon butter or margarine
- 3 cups frozen peas
- 1 1/2 cups shredded parmesan cheese
- 1/3 cup whipping cream



Cook linguine according to package directions. Meanwhile, in a large skillet, sauté ham in butter for 3 minutes. Add peas, heat through. Drain linguine; toss with ham mixture, parmesan cheese and cream. Serve immediately.

Chocolate Cream Dessert

- 3/4 cup cold butter or margarine
- 1 package (18-1/4 ounces) chocolate cake mix
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- 4 cups whipped topping, divided
- 3 cups cold milk
- 2 packages (3.9 ounces each) instant chocolate pudding mix

2 tablespoons chocolate curls
In a bowl, cut butter into cake mix until crumbly. Add egg and mix well. Press into greased 13in. x 9in. x 2in baking dish. Bake at 350 degrees for 15-18 minutes or until set. Cool completely on a wire rack.

In a small mixing bowl, beat cream cheese and confectioners' sugar until smooth. Fold in 1 cup of whipped topping. Carefully spread over the crust; refrigerate.

In a bowl, whisk the milk and pudding mix for 2 minutes; let stand until slightly thickened. Spread over the cream cheese layer. Top with the remaining whipped topping. Refrigerate for 2 hours before cutting. Garnish with chocolate curls. Refrigerate leftovers.

Chuckle & Grin...

Differences Between Men & Women

Dressing Up:—A woman will dress up to: Go shopping, water the plants, empty the garbage, answer the phone, read a book, get the mail. A man will dress up for weddings and funerals.

Groceries:— A woman makes a list of things she needs and then goes out to the store and buys these things. A man waits till the only items left in his fridge are half a lime and a pop. Then he goes grocery shopping. He buys everything that looks good. By the time a man reaches the checkout counter, his cart is packed tighter than the Clampett's car on Beverly Hillbillies. Of course, this will not stop him from going to the 10-items-or-less lane.

Laundry:— Women do laundry every couple of days. A man will wear every article of clothing he owns, including his surgical pants that were hip about eight years ago, before he will do his laundry. When he is finally out of clothes, he will wear a dirty sweatshirt inside out, rent a U-haul and take his mountain of clothes to the Laundromat. This is a myth perpetuated by reruns of old episodes of "Love, American Style."

Offspring:— Ah, children. A woman knows all about her children. She knows about dentist appointments and soccer games and romances and best friends and favorite foods and secret fears and hopes and dreams. A man is vaguely aware of some short people living in the house.

Smile

When my wife and I showed up at a very popular restaurant, it was crowded. My wife went up to the hostess and asked, "Will it be long?"

The hostess ignoring her kept writing in her book. My wife again asked, "How much of a wait?"

The woman looked up. "About ten minutes."

A short time later we heard an announcement over the loudspeaker: "Willet B. Long, your table is ready."

Tongue-Tied

A man walks into a store, and tries on a pair of shoes. "How do they feel" asks the sales clerk.

"Well they feel a bit tight," replies the man.

The assistant promptly bends down and has a look at the shoes and at the man's feet. "Try pulling the tongue out," the clerk says.

"Well, theyth sthlll feelth a bith tighth."

From the Managers...

Trick-or-Treat



Halloween is just around the corner and that means trick-or-treating. Burkhart Ridge Residents are asked to please abide by the township trick-or-treating hours of 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Friday night. All Residents are invited to stop by the Welcome Center for cider and donuts and of course candy, too! If you do not plan to give treats, please leave your porch light off. As always, please have a safe and happy Halloween.

It's About Time

Remember, October 26th, 2003 is the end of Daylight savings Time. Please remember to set your clocks back an hour before going to bed Saturday night. In addition we would



also like to remind all residents to replace batteries in their smoke detectors. Batteries should be checked and replaced twice a year. Smoke detector casings should also be cleaned. Remember, just because you have moved into a new home does not mean your batteries are new. We also recommend that all residents install carbon monoxide detectors in their homes. CO detectors can provide the first indication of a potentially life threatening problem with your furnace. If your CO detector does go off, leave the premises and call 9-1-1.

Deer Season Opens



We wish all you hunters out there the best of luck. We hope you get your deer, a big one at that! Just remember that there is **NO HUNTING** on Burkhart Ridge property or grounds. Please inform the office of any hunting so that the authorities may be called. Any resident hunting on Burkhart Ridge property will be prosecuted.

Thinking Ahead...



It's always nice to plan things ahead. As everyone knows winter passes and then spring arrives and people start getting the urge to get out and do things. One of our residents would like to form a golf league and would like anyone who is interested to contact him at his home. Please contact Bill Wolfington at (517) 545-7618 if you would like to play golf. This is a good way to meet some of your neighbors who live in the community. Also please watch for further information on future activities in the clubhouse.

Cut the Fat

Burkhart Ridge would like to ask all residents to please stop placing cooking grease or fat down the drain. These fats have once again caused serious clogs in our sanitary sewer mains. When mains do get clogged, there is a serious potential for sewage to back up in your home. We would like to also remind all residents not to flush any dish rags or sanitary napkins. These items when combined with cooking fats greatly increase the potential for a sewer blockage. We ask everyone's cooperation in helping keep the Community pipes flowing.. If you do suspect a problem with the sewer in your home, it may be part of a larger problem. Please call the office or the emergency pager immediately.



The Great Pumpkin Patch

Burkhart Ridge would like to invite all children and their families to take a trip to the Munsell



Pumpkin Patch located at 6850 Mason Road in Fowlerville, 2.5 miles West of Mason Road. Give your child the opportunity to pick his or her own pumpkin for Halloween. Pumpkins are courtesy of Burkhart Ridge. One pumpkin per child please. Additional pumpkins can be purchased for between \$3.00-\$6.00 each. The trip will depart from the Burkhart Ridge front parking lot on Sunday, October 26th, 2003, at 2:00 P.M.. All interested children are asked to sign-up in the Welcome Center. All children must be accompanied by a legal guardian. Transportation will NOT be provided.

Did You Know...?

Pumpkin facts to enjoy!








- Pumpkin flowers are edible.
- Pumpkins were once recommended for removing freckles and curing snake bites.
- Pumpkins are 90% water.
- Pumpkins are not vegetables – they’re fruits!
- Pumpkins are believed to have originated in North America. Seeds from related plants have been found in Mexico dating back to 7000 – 5500 B.C.
- The name pumpkin originated from the Greek word for “large melon” which is “Pepon.” This was changed by the French into “Pompon.” The English changed that to “Pumpion” and the American colonists changed that into pumpkin.
- About 99% of the pumpkins marketed are used as jack-o-lanterns at Halloween.
- Pumpkins are grown all over the world on six of the seven continents, with Antarctica being the only exception. They are even grown in Alaska.



YOU KNOW YOU'RE FROM MICHIGAN IF...

- You've never met any celebrities.
- You drive 86 mph on the highway and pass on the right.
- Your idea of a traffic jam is 40 cars waiting to pass an orange barrel.
- It's easy to get Vernor's ginger ale and Sanders hot fudge sauce and Faygo pop.
- You've had to switch on the heat and the 'A/C in the same day.
- The movie "Escanaba in Da Moonlight" wasn't funny. You consider it a documentary.
- The word "thumb" has a geographical, rather than anatomical significance.
- You show people where you grew up by pointing to a spot on your left hand.
- Traveling coast-to-coast means driving from Port Huron to Muskegon.
- When giving directions you refer to "A Michigan Left."
- You know when it has rained because of the smell of worms.
- Owning a Japanese car was a hangin' offense in your hometown.

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5 Office Closed	6 LATE FEES ASSESSED FOR ALL LATE RENTS <i>Yom Kipper</i>	7  Rose Became National Flower (1986)	8	9	10	11 Office Closed
12 Office Closed	13  <i>Columbus Day</i>	14	15 <i>Poetry Day</i>	16  <i>World Food Day</i>	17	18  <i>Sweetest Day</i> Office Closed
19 Office Closed	20	21	22	23	24  <i>United Nations Day</i>	25 Office Closed
26 Pumpkin Patch Trip--2:00 P.M. Daylight Savings Time Begins Office Closed	27	28  Statue of Liberty Dedicated (1886)	29	30	31  <i>Halloween</i>	