Out & About in Gallatin County

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Boo! Scared ya, didn't I? It's almost Halloween, which scares me to pieces! Time is moving so fast it's not even funny. Seems like I was just going on about October's bright blue weather and now it's practically November! But hasn't it been a glorious October? So, what's been going on this week?

•**Blaire Sullivan and Emily Beatty** attended Chloe Dunavent's destination wedding in Sevierville, TN, this month. The day was filled with love and so much joy. Wishing the couple a great future! Emily and Blaire spent Friday evening sitting around a fall bonfire while catching up on their favorite This and That articles from this paper!

•**Georgia Green** has been under the weather all week with a sinus infection. Hope you're feeling better by now, Georgia.

•**Clancie Sanders** reported that Sunday was their annual Tri-County Day where the five churches come together and worship. It was held at Second Baptist, Owenton, Reverend Chris Hagan, pastor. The morning speaker was Reverend James Travis, Second Baptist, Ghent. She says the music, the fellowship, the food, and just everyone being together made the whole day wonderful. Let the church say AMEN!

•**Sue Johns** has had a very busy week. They had a potluck at church last Sunday and she was so busy that she had to rely on Deaton's Market to provide some of their delicious banana pudding instead of making it herself. She says it was a big hit! Monday was also a busy day. She went to church to continue training their new office administrator, then on to a doctor's appointment. That evening, she and **Carey** attended the judge's debate. It was great seeing so many folks there and engaged in the upcoming election.

Tuesday, she prepared a meal for the Cornerstone Church in Covington. Their congregation prepares meals every other month for folks that need a hot meal. Wednesday afternoon, she and Carey were out campaigning, then Thursday and Friday were catch-up days around the house.

•**Randy and Vicki Dunavent** spent the last week at the hospital. Randy was diagnosed with pancreatitis on top of gallstones. He was admitted on Tuesday and finally had his surgery on Sunday. Hopefully he will be discharged on Monday (as I'm writing this). I'm sure prayers for his speedy recovery would be very welcome. Hang in there, Randy (and you, too, Vicki!). I'm right next door if you need anything.

•**Sabrina Baron** attended the debate between the candidates for Judge/executive in the upcoming election on Monday evening. It was very well attended and informative. Tuesday, she went to practice for River Valley Voices after a full day of teaching. She says the voices are coming together very nicely.

Wednesday was a day in Northern Kentucky with **Barb Kinman**. They had lunch at Asiana in Crestview Hills (excellent Thai food) and went shopping at World Market and Trader Joe's. Christmas merch is in full swing everywhere. Next, they stopped at Lowe's and Kohl's, then Costco for gas. She says it was a fun but tiring day.

Thursday was spent teaching again. Then on Friday, her wood stove was finally completely installed. Lots of house cleaning and organizing made for another long day. Saturday, she went to Corydon, IN, for the Corydon Extravaganza with Jackie and Courtney Sargent. It was a lovely day of shopping for antiques, vintage, and crafts. They also stopped at The Red Barn in Corydon and Uptown Country in Buckner.

Saturday was spent with the fam going to Mulberry Orchard in Shelbyville to celebrate **Luka Murdock's** fifth birthday. He is the youngest son of **Courtney Hill Murdock.** It was a beautiful day and a wonderful place for kids to have fun with lots of activities – giant slides, giant bubbles, zip line, bouncy things, hayrides, farm equipment, and more. Sabrina says she is now completely hooked on apple cider slushies. And the fried peach pie was amazing. HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LUKA!

•**Shannon Shirley** took her granddaughter, **Emma Ruby,** to Carrollton to the extension center for their 4H program, where Emma met three of her friends and did a cooking class, which was absolutely amazing. Afterwards, they had dinner together. She says Emma Ruby is a chips and queso girl, just like her Maw-Maw Shannon.

Wednesday, they got word that **Bryan's** cousin was in the hospital, so they are sending prayers and love for him to get better soon.

On Friday, she and Bryan went to 88 Buffet in Madison. She says Bryan needed his Chinese food fix! Saturday, they went to the new Publix in Union and met her best friend and husband to check out the new store. And Sunday at the Shirley house is football and NASCAR. Bryan was happy with the Kyle Larson win.

•**Jimmy and Rosie Smith** enjoyed date night in Florence on Thursday evening. They went to see Whalefall, but Rosie says she wouldn't recommend it.

•**Reva and Brad Rahe** went to Halloween Haunt at Kings Island on Friday night with the kids, the in-laws, and Brad's sister, Melanie. On Sunday, they had chili for dinner and watched Scream while they carved pumpkins with Bre, Hayden, Rachael, and **Jacob** – their annual tradition.

•**Mary Jane McCarty and Cassie Lambert** spent a few days in Switzerland last week while Cassie presented her thesis at a fashion conference in Lugano. Mom says she aced it! Afterwards, they spent two days in Venice, Italy. They rode a gondola through Venice, ate some great food, and took a glass blowing class in Murano, Italy. Mary Jane says it was amazing!

•**Jacquelene and Joe Mylor** attended the Chili supper/Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat at St. Joseph Church on Saturday evening. It was a lot of fun and a good time was had by all.

•**Connie and Kentucky Davis** spent the week in Clearwater, Florida, having a wonderful time visiting some friends. They went to a boxing match – the tickets were Connie's birthday present for Kentucky. They went to Tarpon Springs and Treasure Island, and then St. Petersburg. Sounds like a good trip!

•**Angela Lewis** says she worked late every night last week, so not much fun or exciting to report there. She and **Dwayne** did go to the Fall Festival at the nursing home and visit with Dwayne's grandmother. She says that's always a good time.

•**Chad Cuthbertson-Adams** had a good week at work, got to hang out with his mom for a few hours, then spent Saturday shampooing his carpets. On Sunday, he went to church, played the pre-service music, fixed lunch and spent the afternoon relaxing by watching Big Brother 16 with the hubs.

•**Vona Fuellhart** and The Wildflowers and Watchmen have been busy learning, serving, and finding ways to "BEE A BLESSING" in their community. This past week, the club continued its second week of safety classes, reviewing important safety practices for participating in parades and community events. Through firsthand accounts of situations that had occurred during previous activities, the students were reminded of just how important these lessons can be. They were thankful to have learned about these situations rather than having to experience them themselves. Thank God for His guidance and foresight! The club also put its "BEE A BLESSING" theme into action by hosting a petting zoo at Lighthouse Church's annual Fall Festival, an event the club looks forward to participating in each year. Dressed in their straw farmer hats and "BEE A BLESSING" T-shirts, the children helped visitors enjoy a hands-on experience with a variety of friendly animals. Visitors had the chance to pet four rabbits, three baby lambs, a very large duck, a large rooster, four adult alpacas, and two baby alpacas.

The children handed out "Be a Blessing" bracelets and little bee pins to the young visitors, sharing a simple reminder that everyone can find ways to be a blessing to others. With beautiful weather, hayrides, and other fun activities, everyone enjoyed a wonderful time together. It was a great opportunity for the Wildflowers and Watchmen to serve their community, share smiles, and spread a little kindness.

Through safety lessons, community service, and fun activities, the Wildflowers and Watchmen continue to learn that being a blessing isn't just something we talk about—it's something we put into practice!

•**Mary Jane Day** attended the River Valley Voices choir practice Tuesday evening. There were 30 members present and it went very well. There's still room for more, so if you're interested just let her know and she promises you will enjoy every song. Thursday, she and **Louise Hiles** met with 12 other members and extension agent **Ronda Rex** at the Northern Kentucky Homemakers Annual Meeting. It was held at Honey Locust Farms in Morning View, and it was a beautiful venue. They thoroughly enjoyed viewing all the projects that had been awarded blue ribbons at the County Fairs and were now judged to be sent to the State Fair. There was also a silent auction and of course a very good meal.

Friday, she met her sister Betty Jean, her brother Jr., and their dear friend Ed Wurster and his wife Sylvia at the Olive Garden on Colerain Avenue for their annual birthday lunch. They celebrate together and it's always such a pleasant time. Ed's not related but he shares their date so he's like family. HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MARY JANE AND OTHERS! That evening, she went to the Pumpkin Festival at Gallatin Nursing and Rehab. When she says they had a scary house, she means it. Those little monsters made her hold her breath and more. There were lots of interesting vendors and the cake walk was another fun game to play. Of course, there was good food available too plus their raffle. The weather was perfect so they had lots of people having a good time.

Saturday, she attended the Trunk or Treat festivities at St. Joseph Church. They had a delicious meal, your choice of chili or soup -- 8 varieties -- salads, and of course lots of desserts. After dinner, the kids got to have fun with all the cars that were decorated for the treats -- 21 vehicles were involved. They had full bags and buckets and their costumes were so cute. Several of the adults dressed too and they were so funny, but **Fred and Marilyn Russell** were chosen as the best adult costumes; they were so good.

Sunday after Mass, she had breakfast with **Vicki & Ernie Carrier and Jim Kluemper.** Yes, it's part of her Sunday and it's such a fun way to share with good friends.

•**Spike and Barbie Wright** managed to keep busy last week. Spike covered court in Carroll County on Monday, then had Carroll County Hospital board meeting in the afternoon. While he was gone, **Lucy Deaton and Shelia Ackermann** came over and Brittany Craig-Kraemer, my massage therapist friend, came and gave us all massages. Unfortunately, we had to rush because I wanted to go to the judge's debate at 6:30 and I barely made it. I got there just as it was beginning. I was very pleased with the number of people attending. I just hope they all actually get out and VOTE on November 3rd.

Tuesday, Spike and I met **Karen Webb** over at the office, then later I drove to Ghent to meet Vicki Harmon a couple hours before practice started so we could record the soprano parts of each of our songs to use as practice tools for the individual sopranos. It's a big help if you can practice at home on a tricky part. Everyone was quite surprised to see me already at practice when they walked in – they act like I'm habitually late or something! What the heck? After practice, Spike and I went to El Nopal for dinner, then stopped at Kroger to get a few groceries before going back to Ghent to pick up my car and head home.

Thursday, Spike covered court in Owen County, then went to Keeneland with **Jerry Lillard**. Sounds like they had a good time, although unfortunately he didn't make any money. That evening, we had dinner at **George Zubaty's**, but I had to skip out and go to book study at church. We had a good discussion with **Fr. Jim, Charlie McGinnis, Lucy Deaton**, and I participating. Hopefully next time we'll have a few more people able to make it. I spent the rest of the evening and most of Friday typing. I did go over to church Friday afternoon to set up the silent auction for Saturday's fall festival, but that didn't take too long since I had lots of helpers.

Saturday was a fun day! St. Joseph Church had a chili supper and silent auction after 4:30 mass, followed by Trunk or Treat in the parking lot for the kids. Spike went with me and attendance was great, the food was delicious, and the silent auction brought in a nice amount of money for the building fund. And even more important, everyone seemed to have a wonderful time. The weather was just perfect for hanging out in the parking lot and checking out the decorated cars. And the costumes were such fun! I learned what an axolotl was from **Tony and Regina Trenkamp's** grandson, **Finn**. And I had trouble finding Fr. Jim because he was dressed up as a layperson and blended right in with everybody else. It was too funny!

Sunday, we attended Warsaw Christian Church together. I did the special music and Spike served at the table. Afterwards, they had a meal in the fellowship hall, so we had a wonderful lunch and a chance to visit with pastor Susi Greene. When we got home, Spike headed out to **Joe's** for his afternoon football, and I ended up taking a nap! I woke up when he got home to play D&D with the kids. Then I fixed myself some dinner and went upstairs to type. Story of my life!

Another week gone in a flash! I must say, I'll be glad when Halloween is over – and this candy gets out of my house! WHY do I keep buying candy I like when I KNOW I shouldn't have any? I should really make Spike sit on the porch and hand out the candy – maybe I won't eat as much that way! Watch out for all the little ghosts and goblins this weekend, and have a HAPPY HALLOWEEN! Until next week!

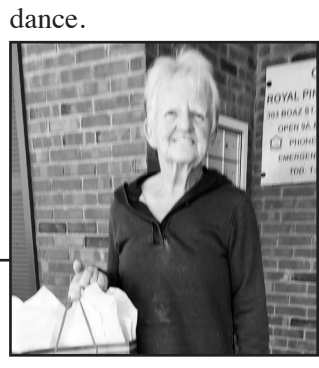
Royal Pines Apartments Annual Chili Cook-Off

On Friday, October 23, Royal Pines held our annual chili cook-off. We had six pots of delicious homemade chili and a pot of white chicken chili.

Making our event more special - our members, Barry Alexander and Steve Zimmer, of our great Gallatin County/Warsaw Fire Department judged each pot.

The winner was Linda Eckler and honorable mention, Sally Davis. The event was rounded out by some specialty homemade desserts and sweets.

Thank you to the GCFB and all who participated. We had over 25 in attendance.



Linda Eckler



Barry Alexander and Steve Zimmer, judges

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Gallatin County Planning & Zoning meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 3rd, has changed to Tuesday, November 10th, 7 p.m., at Warsaw City Hall Meeting Room @ 303 East Main Street Warsaw, KY 41095.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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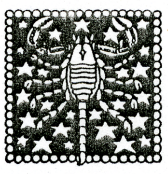

THE SCORPION

•Thursday, October 29 - Debbie Wash, Cassandra Lutz

•Friday, October 30 - Steven Reeves, Ashley Riddle, Rev. Shelley M. Webb, Michelle Dameron, Trace Allen King

•Saturday, October 31 - Gina Portwood, Sarah Jo Beeson, Kristy Conley, Debra Gregory, Glendola Connelly Lilly, Mary Scott, Emma Sue King

•Sunday, November 1 - Aaron Terrell

•Monday, November 2 - Frankie Rose, Jimmy King

•Tuesday, November 3 - Sallie L. Richards

•Wednesday, November 4 - Sean Joseph Brady, Corey Burris, Braden Wayne Sullivan, Mike Oechsner

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YOGA

•Tuesday mornings at 10 AM. Chair Yoga at 9:15 a.m.

STORY TIME

• Tuesday @ 10:30 AM for ages 2–5. Miss Emily leads weekly themed stories designed to spark imagination and nurture a lifelong love of reading. This week's special theme: Wear your pajamas and bring your appetite, it's Pancakes and Pajamas Storytime.

ZUMBA

•Tuesdays at 6 PM with instructor Carmen Williams.

NA MEETINGS

• Wednesday evenings, 7 PM. Please enter through the small meeting room door in the back parking lot.

AA MEETINGS

• Friday evenings, 7 PM. Please enter through the small meeting room door in the back parking lot.

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