

CADGEWITH JOURNAL

February 2016

THE ICE STORM

Weakened batteries created havoc
Windshields featured design by Jack Frost.

Creaking springs signaled freezing winds,
A few drivers warily ventured out.

Power lines sagged precipitously
Ice-laden limbs shimmered like diamonds.
Cars slid dangerously at each stop light
Early morning joggers risked falling.

Pedestrians wearing seldom used mufflers and gloves
Cautiously crossed slippery streets.
Lights glimmered in the morning haze
E.M.S. sirens wailed eerily as they hurried in the darkness.

Near-vacant streets seemed unnatural
Lonely school buses waited for their boisterous charges.
Radios blared the good news to students,
Harried parents scrambled for babysitters.

Downtown parking spaces abounded
The bank thermometer flashed 22 degrees.
Restaurants vainly waited the morning rush,
Grocery store aisles were strangely empty.

Trapped families sat glued to the TV
Praying for a break in the weather.
Knowing that conditions were bound to change
They'd best relax and make the most of it!!!

Shared and written by
Bob Vondale

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Winter Wonderland??? I think last January was a payback for our mild December. It is great to see our roads being plowed this year. Thank you to Jake and Rob.

I am really excited to see Cheryl Moon jumping in with both feet to take charge of our Neighborhood Watch. She has really great ideas and has already made some important improvements. She has recruited new Watch members and plans to have an "Informational Meeting on February 10th at 2 pm. Come and meet your Neighborhood Watch, ask questions and get yourself informed.

Remember that The SOUP and SALAD LUNCHES are at noon at the Clubhouse the third Thursday of each month. Bring something to pass that you think will go with soup. Come and enjoy fellowship with your friends and neighbors. God said "Love your neighbor as you would yourself!"

Let us make 2016 the very best year ever and to remember to love one another.

Larry King ~~~~ President



MEN'S BREAKFAST NEWS

FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, THE MEN'S BREAKFAST THAT IS HELD EVERY FRIDAY MORNING AT 8 AM, HAS BEEN CHANGED!!!

WE WILL BE MEETING AT

MIJO'S RESTAURANT

THAT IS LOCATED ON

GRAND RIVER

BY THE AIRPORT!!!

ANY QUESTIONS ~~~ PLEASE CALL

RAY SNYDER AT

JOIN US FOR A GOOD MEAL,

LIVELY CONVERSATION

AND FRIENDSHIP!!!



PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY
SPEED LIMIT IN THE PARK IS
15 MPH
ROADS ARE SLIPPERY



SOUP AND SALAD

Our first SOUP and SALAD LUNCHEON was a great success.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the meal very much. There was a lot of good conversation and happy laughter.

Be sure and mark your calendar for the February SOUP and SALAD LUNCHEON that will be held at the Clubhouse on February 11th at noon.

The soup will be provided. All you have to do is provide a dish to pass. Something that would go nicely with soup.

We hope that we will see you there. Any questions, please call Bob Vondale at



BINGO UP-DATE

The time schedule for BINGO for the months of January through April is:

1st and 3rd Tuesday

Time is 2 pm

Location is the Clubhouse



If you have any questions ~~~

Please call ~~~

Frank Wyzywany at

COME AND JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN AND CHALLENGING GAMES!!!

GROUNDHOG DAY

Punxsutawny Phil has a special skill

He is good at Prognosticating

So for his shadow we are waiting.

Will he see it and return to his hole?

Or is Spring coming ~~~ we need to be told!

February is not far away

So hurry and get here Groundhog Day!!!

THE COLOR OF FRIENDSHIP

PINK is for giving so generously

And for always being there for me.

YELLOW is for memories of laughter and tears

That undimmed throughout the years.

*PURPLE is for sharing the deepest parts
Of the cherished dreams within our hearts.*

GREEN is for helping me to grow

In more ways than you will ever know.

BLUE is for loyalty, tried and true

Knowing that I can count on you.

I thank God for the gifts our friendship holds,

Most of all for your heart of GOLD.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Since 1976, the month of February has been a time to honor the contributions and achievements of African Americans. We owe much of the study of black history to Dr. Carter G. Woodson. Born to parents who were former slaves, Woodson later went on to earn a Ph.D. from Harvard University. He became concerned when he noticed that history books often ignored the important contributions of African Americans. Woodson chose February to celebrate Black History because the birthdays of two men who greatly influenced black Americans, Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln.



CHINESE NEW YEAR



The Chinese calendar is based on a combination of lunar and solar movements. New Year's Eve and New Year's Day are a time for families to celebrate together. Traditional celebrations often include a religious ceremony given in honor of Heaven and Earth, the gods of the household and the family ancestors.



MARDI GRAS



Every year in New Orleans, Mardi Gras is celebrated. It marks the day before Lenten fasting. Many parades are put on by krewes, which are clubs. They decorate fantastic floats and throw favors like beads, cups and plastic coins called doubloons to the crowds of people.

February Frenzy

H Y L H Z X W Y H H W O V E R
 I D I E I O Z E V A N A G R O
 B N H A R M L N H Y L O Y O M
 E A P R E O D W R E H K U L A
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 P V E J R R E T N I W F G O S
 T J U E S C A R D S B P O I Z

**HAPPY
 BIRTHDAY
 TO ALL OF
 OUR FRIENDS
 AND
 NEIGHBORS
 WHO
 CELEBRATE
 THEIR
 BIRTHDAY IN
 FEBRUARY
 HAVE A
 LOVELY DAY
 AND
 HAPPY YEAR
 AHEAD !**

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| ARROW | CANDY | CARDS | COLD |
| CUPID | DATING | FEBRUARY | FLOWERS |
| FOLKLORE | FORECAST | GROUNDHOG | HEART |
| HIBERNATE | HUGS | KISS | LOVE |
| PHIL | PUNXSUTAWNEY | ROMANCE | SHADOW |
| SIX WEEKS | VALENTINE | WEATHER | WINTER |



THOUGHTS

- "We are only young once ... that's all that society can stand!"
- "Middle age is when you begin to wonder who put the quicksand in the hourglass of time!"
- "Time, like a snowflake, disappears while we are trying to decide what to do with it."
- "You are braver than you believe and stronger than you seem and smarter than you think you are."
- "Even if you are on the right track, you will get run over if you just sit there."
- "There are many ways of going forward but only one way of standing still."
- "Gather the crumbs of happiness and they will make you a loaf of contentment."






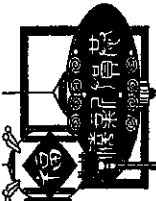



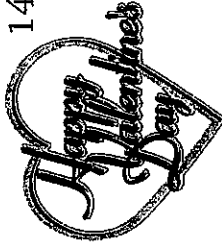


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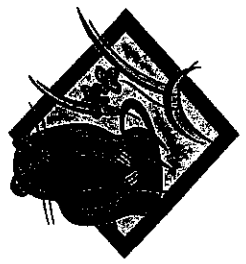
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
FEBRUARY BIRTHSTONE Amethyst FEBRUARY FLOWER Violet Black History Month	1 WATER OFF 9 AM - NOON BIBLE STUDY 10:30 AM	2 BREAKFAST @ FLAP JACK - 8 AM BINGO - 2 PM GROUNDHOG DAY 	3  ASH WEDNESDAY	4 NO C.F.A. BOARD MEETING	5 MEN'S BREAKFAST @ MLJO'S on Grand River 8 AM	6 NO COFFEE & CHAT UNTIL SPRING
7  SUPER BOWL SUNDAY 6:30 PM - CBS	8  Chinese New Year of the Monkey	9 Mardi Gras  SHROVE TUESDAY "Pancake Day"	10  SOUP AND SALAD NOON	11  Lincoln's Birthday	12 MEN'S BREAKFAST @ MLJO'S - 8 AM	13 NO COFFEE & CHAT UNTIL SPRING
14  Happy Valentines Day	15  PRESIDENT'S DAY	16 BINGO - 2 PM	17 WOMEN'S BREAKFAST AT GUERRAZZI'S 8:30 AM	18 EUCHRE 2 - 4 PM	19 MEN'S BREAKFAST @ MLJO'S - 8 AM	20 NO COFFEE & CHAT UNTIL SPRING
21 Washington's Birthday	22 	23 BINGO - 2 PM	24 BINGO - 2 PM	25 MEN'S BREAKFAST @ MLJO'S - 8 AM	26 MEN'S BREAKFAST @ MLJO'S - 8 AM	27 NO COFFEE & CHAT UNTIL SPRING
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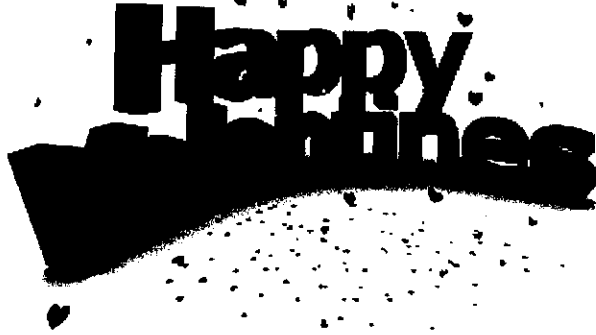


GROUNDHOG DAY

February 2nd is a popular day in the United States for celebrating Groundhog Day. It is a legend that has been with us for centuries and its origins are clouded in the mist of time with ethnic cultures and animals that awakened on specific dates. Myths such as these tie the present to the past when nature definitely influenced our lives. It is the day the groundhog comes out of his hole after a long winter sleep to look for his shadow. If he sees it we have six more weeks of winter. No shadow ~~~ it means a sign of Spring!!!

Cadgewith Farms Newsletter

February 2016



Effective Immediately

The office hours will be from 9 AM – Noon every day of the month. We will no longer be open until 5 pm during rent week. There is a locked drop box on the front door that you can put your rent check into anytime.

If you need a receipt for the year for your accounting purposes, please call the office 24 hours before this is needed so that we may have this ready for you. As you all know we no longer give out monthly rent receipts.

Power Outages

If at any time your power goes out, please make sure that you contact Consumers Energy at 800-477-5050. The office automatically receives notification when power is out. We do not need to get a call from you to report it. We are made aware of this immediately. Again, please make sure that you contact Consumers at 800-477-5050.

Solicitors NOT WELCOME!!!!

We have been having some issues lately with solicitors coming into the community and harassing our neighbors. We must put an end to this. If you see a solicitor or they come to your door CALL 911. DO NOT CALL THE OFFICE OR NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH. Soliciting is against the law. This is Dewitt Township ordinance:

Sec. 5-29. - Prohibited conduct.

The following acts or activities shall be prohibited: No peddler, solicitor or vendor shall enter upon or call upon a place of residence or business within the township after having been expressly notified by the occupant that no solicitation is desired, or where the owner or occupant has displayed a "no soliciting," "no peddlers," "no solicitors," "no salespersons," "no trespassing" or similar sign or containing words of similar meaning on the premises;

Facebook

Check us out on Facebook. There are 2 different places to check us out. The first one is the Cadgewith Farms Association page. This is where you can have "closed" discussions with your neighbors with any issues you may have. If you are a part of this group add your neighbors. The other page is for the Cadgewith business page, this is where you can come and check out any events that are going on or any announcements that we have to give. Come and "FRIEND" us.

MAINTENACE NOTE

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT WHEN WE DO HAVE SNOW THAT YOU DO NOT SHOVEL OR SNOW BLOW IT INTO THE ROADS. THIS MAKES KEEPING THE ROADS CLEAN AND SAFE HARDER FOR OUR GUYS. ALSO, WE WILL ONLY BE PLOWING THE END OF DRIVEWAYS WITH BIG SNOW STORMS.

Emergency Preparedness

More tips to be prepared:

- Have at least a three-day supply of food, water, and medication.
- Be sure to also have adequate infant or pet supplies.
- Have first aid kits for your home and car.
- Keep flashlights and a portable radio handy. Make sure you have fresh batteries. Lanterns and battery operated lights are a safe alternative to candles.
- Develop a plan so you can stay in touch with your family in a disaster. Be sure each family member has a copy of your communication plan.
 - Keep a list of emergency numbers near your phone. Most land-line phones should still work.
 - Charge electronic devices and cell phones that can be used to report an emergency, check the status of a power outage or find local emergency assistance.
 - If you have electrically powered medical equipment, before a power outage occurs ask your physician, nurse or equipment supplier about an emergency plan.
 - If you have a generator, have a transfer switch installed by a licensed electrician to protect first responders and our workers. See our [Generator Safety brochure](#) for additional tips.
 - Keep some cash on hand in case ATMs and credit card machines are not working.

12-Month plan to be ready

January – Make a Plan	Understand what puts you at risk from disaster and take steps to lower your risk
February – Water	Have 72 hours (3 days) worth of water stored for your household
March – Sheltering	Know how to respond safely when instructions are given to evacuate or take shelter
April – Food	Have an emergency food supply that will meet the needs of your household for 3 days
May – Work, School and Community	Make sure the people who count on you are prepared
June – Unique Family Needs	Be aware of and prepare for your family's unique needs
July – Family Communication Plan	Have ability to communicate with your family during a disaster
August – Get Involved	Make you community stronger by getting trained to help
September – Be Informed	Make sure everyone in your house can receive, understand and act when there is information of an emergency
October – Power	Be able to safely meet your basic needs during an electrical outage
November – Emergency Supplies	Remember important items that may be overlooked
December- First Aid	Be prepared to give first aid while waiting on ambulance