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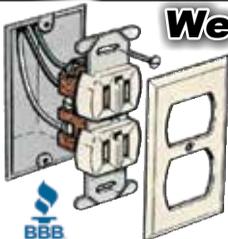
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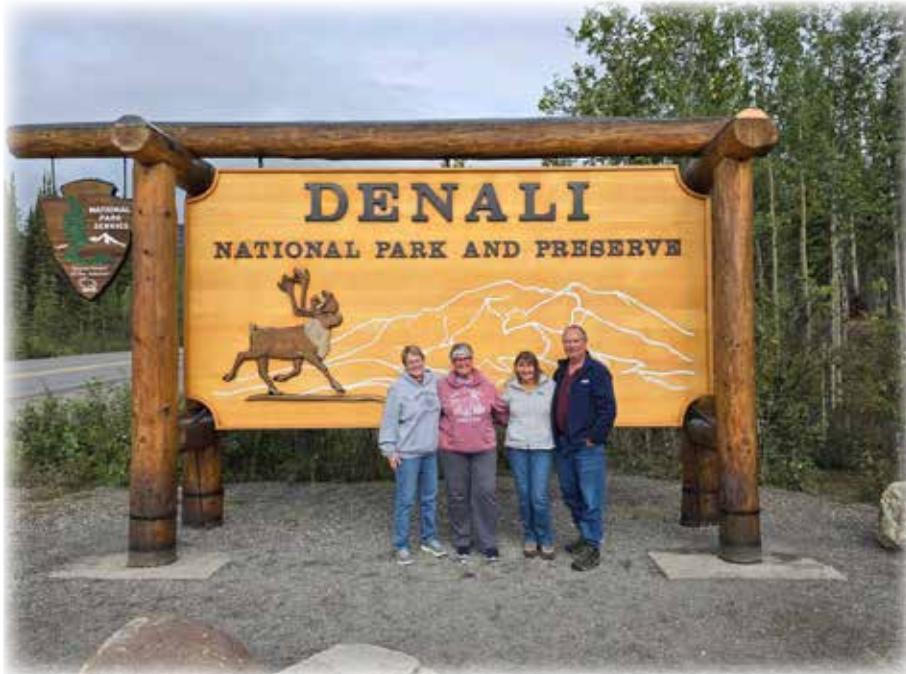


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Southwind H.O.A. Secretary and good neighbor Connie Brandt is leaving Southwind to return to her roots in Milton, Ohio.

The Southwind community is a little sad but wishing Connie and Jim the best as they leave to go back to Ohio. Connie and Jim have lived here for four years. During that time Connie has been elected to the H.O.A. Board, become activities

Director was on the rent negotiations committee, and this past year became Secretary of the Board.

Connie grew up in Hamilton, Ohio. She met Jim in Sharonville, Ohio and they have been married for 44 years. Connie first owned and managed two bars early in her career. She then settled down as an R.N. to a career in nursing for 40 years. Jim's family had roots here with his uncle City Manager of Dunedin and his brother living at Westwind next door. They enjoyed visiting so much that they moved here four years ago. They have loved living here, in particular due to the great neighbors and friends but it was time to go back to family and friends. Jim and Connie have 4 children and 6 grandchildren and two great granddaughters. We all wish the Best to Connie and Jim and hope they keep us posted on how things are going back in Ohio.



October Sudoku

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9	6	2	8	7	5	1	3	4
8	5	4	1	9	3	6	2	7
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October Holidays



- 🎃 **Major Holidays**
- Indigenous Peoples' Day / Columbus Day** – October 13, 2025 (Second Monday)
- Halloween** – October 31

Monthly Observances

- Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- National Book Month
- National Pizza Month
- Emotional Wellness Month
- National Cybersecurity Awareness Month
- National Bullying Prevention Month

Health & Awareness Days

- World Mental Health Day – October 10
- National Depression Screening Day – October 9
- National Mammography Day – October 18
- Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day – October 15
- World Arthritis Day – October 12
- World Menopause Day – October 18
- National Physical Therapy Month – All October

Animal & Nature Days

- World Animal Day – October 4
- National Fetch Day – October 19
- National Black Dog Day – October 1
- National Pitbull Awareness Day – October 26
- National Pumpkin Day – October 26

On patience

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On questions

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Leaf It Alone

A man spent hours raking his yard into perfect leaf piles. His dog thought it was a game and dove into every single one. The man sighed, “I guess fall is for falling... apart.”

Pumpkin Patch Panic

A toddler in a pumpkin patch picked the biggest pumpkin and tried to carry it. After two steps, she dropped it and yelled, “It’s too spicy!” Her parents still aren’t sure what she meant.

Sweater Weather Confusion

A Floridian wore a sweater on the first cool morning of October. By noon, it was 85°F again. He said, “I regret everything,” while peeling it off in the parking lot.

Squirrel Surveillance

A woman noticed a squirrel staring at her from the tree every morning. She started waving. One day, she brought it a peanut. The squirrel took it, then threw an acorn at her. “I guess he prefers local produce.”

Costume Crisis

A kid wore a vampire costume to school but forgot the cape. He improvised with a black trash bag. When asked what he was, he said, “I’m a budget Dracula.”

Decor Dilemma

A man decorated his porch with fake cobwebs. His neighbor complimented him—until she realized they were real cobwebs. He shrugged, “Nature’s doing a better job than I ever could.”

On Wisdom

By three methods we may learn wisdom: First, by reflection, which is noblest; second, by imitation, which is easiest; and third by experience, which is the bitterest.

— *Confucius*

On experience

Good judgment comes from experience, and often experience comes from bad judgment.

— *Rita Mae Brown*

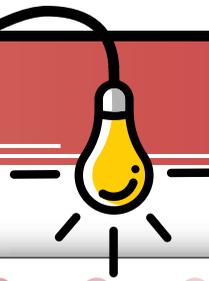
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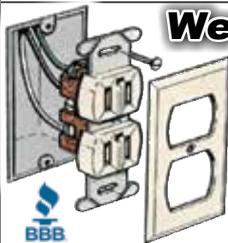
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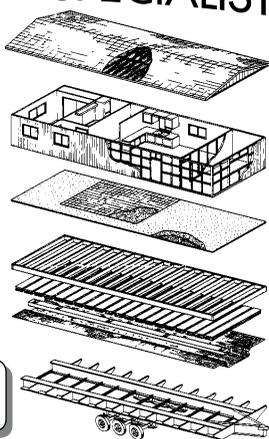
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Autumn

The Great Leaf Chase

A man tried to rake leaves on a windy day. Every time he made a pile, the wind scattered it. After the fifth attempt, he yelled, “I’m just giving the yard a haircut now!” His dog thought it was a game and chased every leaf like it was a squirrel.



Sweater Roulette

A woman wore a chunky sweater to work because it was 55°F in the morning. By lunchtime, it was 82°F. She spent the afternoon fanning herself with a file folder and muttering, “Florida fall is a prank.”

Pumpkin Spice Panic

A guy ordered a pumpkin spice latte and took it outside to enjoy the crisp air. A gust of wind blew leaves into his cup. He took a sip and said, “Extra fiber. Very seasonal.”

Forecast Fail

A family planned a fall picnic based on a “clear skies” forecast. It started raining halfway through. They huddled under a tree with soggy sandwiches and declared it “a very authentic autumn experience.”

Squirrel Sabotage

A woman set out decorative mini pumpkins on her porch. A squirrel stole one every day. She finally put out a fake one. The squirrel tried to bite it, got mad, and threw it at her window.

On change

We all have big changes in our lives that are more or less a second chance.
— **Harrison Ford**

Life belongs to the living, and he who lives must be prepared for changes.
— **Johann Wolfgang von Goethe**

On stepping into life

It may be hard for an egg to turn into a bird, it would be a jolly sight harder for it to learn to fly while remaining an egg. We are like eggs at present. And you cannot go on indefinitely being just an ordinary, decent egg. We must be hatched or go bad.
— **C.S. Lewis**

On rules for life

Always speak the truth, think before you speak, and write it down after-wards.
— **Lewis Carroll**



Halloween



Origins & History

- **Ancient Celtic Festival of Samhain:** Halloween traces back over 2,000 years to the Celtic festival of Samhain, marking the end of the harvest and the beginning of winter. Celts believed that on this night, the boundary between the living and the dead blurred, allowing spirits to roam the earth.
- **Christian Influence:** In the 8th century, Pope Gregory III designated November 1 as All Saints' Day, and the night before became known as All Hallows' Eve, eventually shortened to Halloween.
- **American Evolution:** Irish and Scottish immigrants brought Halloween to the U.S. in the 19th century. It evolved from somber spiritual traditions into a fun, community-centered celebration.

Traditions & Activities

- **Trick-or-Treating:** Children dress in costumes and go door-to-door saying "Trick or treat!" to receive candy. This practice stems from medieval "souling," where people collected food in exchange for prayers.
- **Costume Parties:** People of all ages wear costumes ranging from spooky creatures to pop culture icons and attend themed parties.
- **Pumpkin Carving & Jack-o'-Lanterns:** Inspired by Irish folklore about "Stingy Jack," people carve pumpkins into faces and light them with candles to ward off spirits.
- **Haunted Houses & Corn Mazes:** These attractions offer spooky thrills with eerie decorations, jump scares, and ghostly themes.
- **Horror Movies & Storytelling:** Watching scary films and sharing ghost stories are popular ways to embrace Halloween's eerie vibe.

Symbols & Superstitions

- **Ghosts & Spirits:** Represent the belief that the dead return on Halloween night.
- **Witches & Black Cats:** Associated with magic and superstition.
- **Skeletons & Gravestones:** Symbolize death and the afterlife.
- **Bats & Spiders:** Creatures of the night that add to the spooky atmosphere.

Source:

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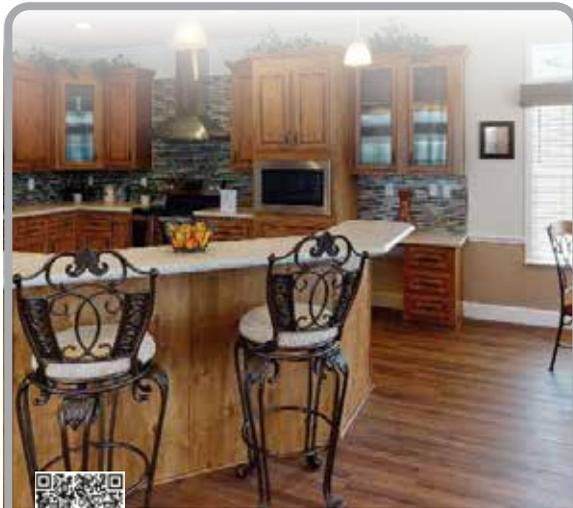
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Halloween Pets



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 **The Costume Rebellion**
A cat named Luna was dressed as a bat. She tolerated it for exactly 3 minutes before climbing onto the bookshelf and knocking down every Halloween decoration in protest. Her owner said, “She’s not a bat—she’s a wrecking ball.”

 **Superdog Takes Flight**
A Labrador named Buddy wore a Superman costume with a cape. During trick-or-treating, a gust of wind caught the cape and made it flap dramatically. A toddler screamed, “He’s flying!” Buddy just ran faster, loving the attention.

 **The Pumpkin Thief**
A pug named Olive was dressed as a pumpkin. She blended in so well with the porch decorations that neighbors kept trying to pick her up, thinking she was a plush toy. She didn’t mind—she got belly rubs every time.

 **Bunny in a Shark Suit**
A rabbit named Snowball wore a shark costume. When guests arrived, she hopped out from under the couch, and one person shrieked, “It’s a land shark!” Snowball paused, then casually started nibbling on a shoe.

Animal Quotes for Halloween

“My dog’s Halloween costume cost more than my own. He’s going as a spoiled brat.”

“Cats are the only creatures that can knock over your decorations and still look like they’re doing you a favor.”



“My pet’s costume is so good, even the squirrels are scared.”

“If you think ghosts are scary, try taking a costume off a cat.”

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