

## **Issue # 65 January 2010**

**1-Jan-2010 9:07am 6°**

This year started out a little cold. I show over night it got down below zero. Even with this it will be the warmest day of the year so far.

### **Weather**

I have been collecting weather data since I installed my own weather station back in 2004. Wow I am starting my 8<sup>th</sup> year already!

You can see the summary of that data on my weather page at <http://www.doerofthings.com/weather>. At the bottom of the page are links for other weather station near Woodstock posting their data.

### **Restaurants in Woodstock**

A couple months ago I decided to list my restaurant list of in Woodstock. I think it is more of an Eatery List. Oh, let's call it Marty's Random Eateries.

If they serve food and have a place inside to sit and eat it should be on my list. Later today I will check it one more time and put it in this issue.

I have been telling people that there are about 80 eateries in Woodstock. My current list has 72. Well that's today.

Yesterday Mary told me that O'Leary's Pub is closed. They just open

a few months ago. They were located at 113 S. Benton. That is at the far south end of Benton near those stairs that goes down to Jefferson Street.

There is a new one for my list called Scoops. They have been building it for the last few months. It is not open yet. It is located at the corner of Madison & Judd. It is a hot dog stand and may not have any seating inside.

There still another one for my list. I think the name is China Palace. Someone told me that they are open for business. I must have an Eastwood drive address. It is on the south end of that mall where the Driver License, Office Depot, Alde's, dollar store, and the Laundromat are now. You know where Jewel used to be a few year back. Yes Jewel moved a few years ago.

I have to go through this list again because I see there are a handful of place that I still am not sure are eateries.

Remember to be on Marty's Random Eateries they must serve food and have a place to sit inside.

The full list will be later in this issue.

**Go to page eleven to see the list**

**Exercising**

I started exercising by going to Cardinal Fitness on the 12<sup>th</sup> of last month. I have missed a few days with excuses like I moved snow all morning or I can miss a day once in a while, and today is it is a holiday.

I guess I am the only one to blame. I am the only one that will get the benefits of my exercising. Maybe I can hire someone to exercise for me. Yah right! Some things you just have to do for yourself! I guess I just have to get up and do it.

**Birthday**

Happy Birthday Ned!

**4-Jan-10 11:01am 15°**

You may notice I stopped using 20 in front of the year. If I remember I will start using it again after the year 2090. I will be around 144 then so my thought may be a little more random and you will have to remind me.

**Today's Plan**

After breakfast I saw that the mail was in the mail box and Becky had left me a note that I had to sign for something and it would be at the Post Office after 3:30. It thought I might have just missed her so I could have drove down the street and looked for the mail truck. I didn't!

I went to lunch after two o'clock and visited with Ammie until three and headed over to Cardinal and found no place to park. I looked in the window and it looked full inside so I came home.

When I pulled in the drive I remembered that I could pick whatever I had to sign for at the Post Office. It was only 20 after when I got there. I was

hoping Becky was walking fast because it was so cold. This wasn't the case. I decided to wait for a few minutes.

I was standing over in the corner playing with my cell phone when Becky came in and said that she was sorry I had to come to the Post Office to pick it up.

She needed to get some postage and had to stand in line too. I kidded her that she could do her own postage. She said; "Those are the rules. "

So I know my parcel was back and I got in line behind her. I was out of there in 5 minutes. It was the replacement ear phone I got the other a couple weeks ago that were bad. They work just fine.

Thanks Zetronix!

**2010 Calendar**

I hear that a few people didn't get a new calendar this year. So I created one online that you can print. Or you can ask me for one. I printed a few on 110 pound papers. That is about as heavy as a postcard. I use both sides and punched a hole in the top so you could hang it on a nail if you like.

I am trading them for one US dollar. A paper dollar or a dollar coin will be accepted.

I will put a few in the car so if you want one let me know.

**The Pilgrims**

I see Mike and Petra were in Entroncamento, Santarem, Portugal yesterday.

**New Reader**

I see I have some new readers. Amie or did you just tell me it is Ammie. Please remind me! I think Gentry is reading it to. I'm not sure on your



spelling either. Lily may be reading it too. I see there is copy sitting at Town & Country Restaurant right there for you all to see it.

Maybe Chico and Julio are reading it too. Are your names spelled correctly? You two guys keep changing you names so if your names are really Jose and Chaco let me know. Wait, if I ask you your names you might tell me. ☺

### **Very Tired**

One of my friends is working too many hours in a row. It is very hard to work from 6:00am to 1:00pm and then go to another job from 2:00pm to midnight. Then get some sleep and get up go back to work at 6:00am and do it again.

### **I Tried It**

I did something like that back in 1983 for about 9 months. It was all at one place.

I had been without work for a year. I started this job and they wanted to work over time the first. I declined the first day. I never saw eight hours again. I worked twelve plus hours a day and six plus day a week. And I stared at irregular hours.

Yes I would start at midnight and work until eight at night then get a little sleep and come back at six in the morning. Sometimes I would get to sleep and I would get called to see it I was about ready to come back in. In the first 6 weeks I couldn't even get to the bank to cash my pay checks. I had 5 payroll checks and my last unemployment check in my pocket. It was good money but at what cost!

After a while it gets to be too much. One day I was driving down Tryon Grove Road and was not sure if I was going toward home or work.

I was laughing because I really didn't know. I thought and thought trying to remember what was along the road and what I should see ahead. Then I remembered the field with the goats.

Tryon Grove road goes east and west from Greenwood Road and the corner that I turn at highway 31 on the south end of Richman. That is about a three mile stretch of road that about did me in.

I always thought they must be mountain goats because they would be one on the big branch in the tree. Yes they did really were in the tree.

Anyway I came up on the goats and started laughing some more. I could not remember it they should be on the right or left side of the road. I was very confused!

I thought; "This is nuts, am I really driving or am I dreaming? How will know if I am going to work or on my way home?"

After a while I remembered that on one end of the road there is a stop sign and the other end is a traffic light. Then I said to out load; "I hope it is a stop sign..." Just then I came around the corner and saw that traffic light. Yes I was on the way to work. None the less I was wasted all night.

I was glad that that happened and I know what I was doing to myself. I leaned the word "NO!" After a while I

tried to get hours when I started at the same time and/or maybe cut my hours back.

After about nine month I need to get out of there. I asked to get on regular hours and they said it wasn't to happen. I said; "Yes it is!" and turned in my time.

I enjoyed the work but I figured my mental health was more important.

The moral of this story is to remember that once in a while you can handle long hours but too many hours without a day off is not good.

**Heard on the Radio**

I was listening to public radio station the last few days, 91.5 FM. This morning they were talking about random things that were strange. Because I was not remembering the whole story I went to the internet to get the details.

I think you might like this story.

**Please Return to Laura Buxton**

*Once there was a little girl who lived in Staffordshire, England named Laura Buxton. Laura was ten years old on this day, her birthday.*

*On a whim, Laura Buxton decided to do something sort of like sending a message in a bottle, only with one of her birthday balloons. So, on one side of the helium balloon, she wrote PLEASE RETURN TO LAURA BUXTON, and on the other, her address. Then she set free the balloon, watching it float off into the sky. She thought she would never see the balloon again.*

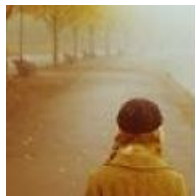
***The journey begins..***

*Buxton's balloon had made it across the country and ended its journey when it became stuck in the hedge on the property of another little girl's family in the countryside of Wilt.*

*The little girl was also 10 years old. She was also named Laura Buxton.*

*So the second girl, called "Laura #2", wrote a letter to "Laura #1" - The first Laura got the letter and was shocked.*

*After that, the two girls arranged to meet, and when they did, they were surprised to discover more similarities:*



*First, they looked alike - They were the same height, had the same hair color, and were dressed in similar outfits, both wearing pink jumpers and jeans.*

*They each had brought, unbeknownst to the other, their pet hamster (or was it guinea pig?) with them to the meeting. Both guinea pigs were brown and each had an orange patch on their bottom. Each girl had a pet rabbit - a gray one, and a 3-year-old black Labrador, which were stunning coincidences.*

Source: [hubpages.com/hub/PLEASE-RETURN-TO-LAURA-BUXTON](http://hubpages.com/hub/PLEASE-RETURN-TO-LAURA-BUXTON)

**Think About Random**

Since my newsletter is what I call Random Thought I am always looking up other random thing up on the internet. Tonight it was Random Acts of Kindness.

After viewing many sites they are giving list of random acts of kindness for you to do. Are they really random if you are reading them from a list?

I think maybe you should just do something nice for no reason at all. Do it because it may make you feel better.

The person you do it to will feel good in your fall out. Making yourself feel good may make someone else feel good. Then they might do a good deed to their self feel good and cause someone feel good and they might do the same.

Woops I think I started something here. What a good way to start the year!

**06-Jan-10 8:03am 12°**

**Many Birthdays**

Wow 3 Birthdays today! All three work the same place. Kim, Mike and Kelley all work at the Three Brother Restaurant. I wish you all a Happy Birthday!

**07-Jan-10 1-:14pm 20°**

I woke up to a bunch of snow to move before I went for breakfast. After I

