

## *Welcome to Our Newest Tenants*



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## **Musings from Activities . . .**

~ Abbey Agra

Halloween in Minnesota is a time of excitement, tradition, and a strong sense of community. As the leaves turn vibrant shades of orange and red, the small towns come alive with festive decorations and spooky events that bring us all together. From pumpkin patches to trick-or-treating, the region offers a charming Halloween experience that captures the essence of autumn and the small-town spirit of the holiday.

One of the highlights of Halloween is the abundance of local pumpkin patches and apple orchards. The tradition of visiting these family farms is a beloved part of the Halloween season, providing both young and old with memories that last a lifetime. In September, The Rustic Iron Orchards (formerly Holmberg Orchards) visited Hill Street Place. Rosie Petty described how their dwarf apple trees will take 3 years to bear fruit. Dwarf apple trees range from 10-15 feet tall and produce fruit faster than standard trees. Standard trees reach 25-30 feet tall and produce more fruit than dwarf trees. The orchard offers a corn boat, hayride, Johnny Apple Seed play yard, inflatables, photo opportunities, country store, petting zoo, and a school house. The Rustic Iron Orchards are only open 2 months out of the whole year!

In addition to the apple orchards, rural Minnesota is known for its community-driven Halloween events. Here at Hill Street Place, we have trick-or-treaters come every Halloween, even during the shutdown. Kids leave here smiling ear-to-ear with their bags full of candy. At SMSU, they offer a trick-or-treat route that goes all around campus. One of the stops is the Campus Religious Center. Last year, we decorated spooky cookies. Suffice to say, it got messy real fast. Parents and kids alike got their hands dirty with frosting, sprinkles, and candy. But it was worth it to see all ages have fun handcrafting their yummy creations.

In conclusion, Halloween in rural Minnesota is a special time of year that combines the beauty of the autumn season with the thrill of the holiday. From the family traditions of visiting apple orchards to the community Halloween events that bring people together, the region offers a Halloween experience that is both unique and deeply rooted in local culture. As the nights grow longer and the air grows cooler, the people of Southwest Minnesota embrace the spirit of Halloween, creating memories that will last for generations.

## **Advice from a PUMPKIN**



1. Be well-rounded
2. Get plenty of sunshine
3. Give thanks for life's bounty
4. Have a thick skin
5. Keep growing
6. Be outstanding in your field
7. Think big!



# PUT THIS on YOUR CALENDAR!

## Upcoming Events . . .

<b>BINGO</b>	<b>1,8,15,22,29</b>
<b>Men's Group: Twins</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Reminisce: Sound of Cinema</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>500 Card Party</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>BINGO Night</b>	<b>5,19</b>
<b>Coloring Fun</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Hope Harbor: Games</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Chautauqua: Tech Rescue</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Fire Drill</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Fire Station Open House</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Brain Games</b>	<b>11,18</b>
<b>Sing Along with LuAnn</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Absentee Voting</b> wear red, white, & blue	<b>14</b>
<b>Flu Shot Clinic &amp; COVID Shot</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Museum Tree Crafts</b>	<b>16-18</b>
<b>Catholic Daughters Garden Party</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>HSP Apparel Orders</b>	<b>17-23</b>
<b>Wii Bowling</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Wheelchair &amp; Walker Clinic</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>PO•KE•NO 50¢ to play</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Monthly Birthday Party</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Lunch Outing: KB's in Ghent</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Card Makers</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Virtual Voyage</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Game Day: Mexican Train</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Candy Corn Day</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Page Turners Discussion</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Music: Darwin &amp; Cheryl</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Fold &amp; Deliver</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Trick-or-Treaters</b>	<b>31</b>

**Page Turners Book Club** will be reading *Saturday Night at the Lakeside Supper Club* by J. Ryan Stradal. If you would like a copy stop into the Activities Office. Join us for a discussion in the Pool Table Room on Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Health & Wellness Clinics** - Curana Blood Pressure Clinic on Tues., October 1<sup>st</sup> in the Pool Table Room at 3:00 PM. Curana also offers in-home visits. • Hearing Aid Clinics: Guza Hearing Center on Tues., October 8<sup>th</sup> or Hearing & Speech on Tues., October 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 PM • Avera offers Lab Draws on Tuesdays, ask Susie for more information.

**Intergenerational Fun** - Come listen to the Holy Redeemer 2nd Grade Readers at 8:30 Tues. mornings. Mrs Rettey's class on Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> and Mrs Klaith's class is here on Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> • On Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> HRS 3rd grade will be leading 10:30 AM Rosary. • HRS Anna Lenz' 6th grade Music Students will be Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> • The Girls of Hope Harbor will be here on Tues, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 PM.

**Religious Opportunities** - Join Morning Worship in the Dining Room 9 AM Sundays. • TV Mass, Rosary & Communion is held in the Dayroom 10AM Sundays • Baptist Service is at 5PM on Sun. Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> • Lutheran Service is on Thurs., Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> at 10AM in the TV Room • Catholic Mass: Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM in the Dining Room, Wednesdays 10:00 in the Morningside Heights Chapel. • Hill Street Place Bible Study is on Wednesdays at 9:30 AM in the Dayroom. All are welcome to join.

**HSP Apparel Orders** - Place your orders Oct. 10-23<sup>rd</sup>.

## Last Month at a Glance . . .



## Loving Lucy

## ~ Activity Connection

On October 15, 1951, Lucille Ball brought her sitcom *I Love Lucy* to television audiences. The show's plot was relatively simple: the naïve and ambitious wife of a popular bandleader strives for attention despite her obvious lack of talent. Luckily, the actor who played this character, the inimitable Lucille Ball, had plenty of talent. Her comedic genius propelled the show to the top of the charts. *I Love Lucy* was America's most-watched Emmy Awards and a George Foster Peabody Award for excellence.

*I Love Lucy* was the first television show to be filmed using multiple cameras in front of a live studio audience, though many said such a production could not be done. This live audience proved vital, as it provided a real-life laugh track for the sitcom. Most episodes were filmed in just 30 minutes. Production didn't stop for actor's mistakes, it was up to the other actors to bail them out. Just about the only time production did slow down was for Lucy's big costume change. But the comedy kept on coming, and *I Love Lucy* became a sensation.



As Halloween approaches, images of bats often flutter into our minds, adding a spooky touch to the season. However, there's much more to these fascinating creatures than their eerie reputation suggests. Let's explore some interesting facts, common myths, and the many benefits bats provide.

Bats are the only mammals capable of sustained flight, with over 1,400 species worldwide. They range in size from the tiny bumblebee bat, weighing less than a penny, to the large flying foxes with wingspans of up to six feet. Despite their diversity, bats share some common traits, such as echolocation, which allows them to navigate and hunt in the dark by emitting high-frequency sounds.

One common myth is that bats are blind. In reality, all bats can see, and many have excellent night vision. Another misperception is that bats are aggressive bloodsuckers. While vampire bats do exist, they are just three species out of more than a thousand, and they mainly feed on livestock, not humans.

Bats play crucial roles in ecosystems. They are natural pest controllers, consuming vast amounts of insects, including mosquitoes. A single bat can eat up to 1,000 mosquitoes in an hour! Additionally, fruit bats are vital pollinators and seed dispersers for many plants, including those that produce bananas, mangoes, and avocados.

Despite their benefits, bats face numerous threats, including habitat loss and diseases like white-nose syndrome. Conservation efforts are essential to protect these misunderstood animals.

As Halloween casts its spooky spell, remember that bats are more than just a symbol of the season. They are remarkable, beneficial creatures deserving our respect and protection. By dispelling myths and understanding their important, we can better appreciate the incredible world of bats.

# Believable or Batty?



Determine if the sentence is true (believable) or untrue (batty).

- Believable or Batty?** Bats are the fastest mammals.
- Believable or Batty?** Bats don't ever fall into true sleep.
- Believable or Batty?** Bats live to be about two years old.
- Believable or Batty?** The average fruit bat weighs less than a deck of cards.
- Believable or Batty?** Vampire bats don't feed on blood directly but get blood from the mosquitoes they eat.
- Believable or Batty?** Bats have belly buttons.
- Believable or Batty?** Bats and deer get along.

- Believable. Specifically, the Mexican free-tailed bat can fly 100 miles an hour faster than any other mammal can run or swim.
- That's Batty! Bats actually sleep a lot—up to 20 hours a day.
- That's Batty! Bats live longer than most small mammals. They can live up to 40 years.
- Believable. Fruit bats weigh a little under an ounce, while a deck of cards weighs about an ounce.
- That's Batty! Vampire bats bite animals to feed on their blood.
- Believable. Like most mammals, bats give birth to their young with an umbilical cord attached, so they have belly buttons.
- Believable. Bats have found that the bugs they eat congregate around deer. Deer appreciate the relief from

ANSWER KEY:



# PUMPKIN RING CAKE

## INGREDIENTS

- 3 cup Original Bisquick mix
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 2 1/2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
- 1/4 cup milk
- 4 eggs
- 1 can (16 ounces) pumpkin
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1 tablespoon milk
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla



## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Heat oven to 350 F. Grease and flour 12-cup fluted tub cake pan.
2. Beat Bisquick, granulated sugar, brown sugar, butter, pumpkin pie spice, 1/4 cup milk, eggs and pumpkin in large bowl on low speed 30 seconds. Beat on medium speed 3 minutes. Spread in pan.
3. Bake about 50 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes; turn upside down onto heatproof plate or wire cooling rack. Remove pan; cool cake completely.
4. Stir remaining ingredients until smooth and thin enough to drizzle. Drizzle over cake.

Makes 12 servings.

## Thrifty Thrills

~ Activity Connection

You don't need to spend a fortune to have a good time. Perfect the art of frugal fun on October 5, International Frugal Fun Day. Picnics, becoming a tourist in your hometown, flying a kite, planning the perfect nap, organizing a neighborhood talent show, attending a minor league ball game—all of these can cost five dollars or less to enjoy. You can also expand your idea of frugal fun by planning a frugal romantic dinner, learning something new on the cheap, or even crafting with inexpensive recycled materials. Frugality is a mindset. By embracing it, you can discover countless ways to have fun without breaking the bank.

## Postcard Magic

~ Activity Connection

World Postcard Day, celebrated on October 1, is a tribute to the humble postcard, a charming piece of communication that has been connecting people for well over a century. The first postcard was sent in 1840 by Theodore Hook, featuring a hand-painted design. However, it wasn't until 1869 that postcards became an official means of communication in Austria-Hungary, quickly gaining popularity worldwide.

Postcards were an instant hit due to their convenience and affordability. By the early 1900s, they had become a popular way to send quick messages, travel updates, and holiday greetings. This era, known as the "Golden Age of Postcards," saw millions of postcards sent and collected.

Postcards have played a significant role during wartime. Soldiers sent the cards to their families, providing brief but heartfelt updates from the front lines. These cards were often adorned with patriotic images and slogans, serving as both communication tools and morale boosters.

Postcard collecting, known as deltiology, is one of the world's most popular hobbies. Collectors cherish postcards for their historical value, artistic designs, and personal messages. Some rare postcards can even fetch high prices at auctions.

World Postcard Day encourages people to rediscover the joy of sending and receiving postcards. In an age dominated by digital communication, postcards offer a tangible, personal touch that emails and texts can't replicate.

Participating in World Postcard Day is simple. Find a postcard, jot down a message, and send it to a friend or family member. You can also join postcard exchange groups online to connect with people worldwide. By celebrating World Postcard Day, we honor a timeless tradition that continues to bring joy and connection to people everywhere.