

REAL NEWS FROM BARTLEY REAL ESTATE

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Upcoming Events

COMMUNITY WALK
DOWNTOWN
CARROLLTON
SUN OCT 12
MEET AT POINT PARK
2 TO 4PM
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Let us post your next event in this space FREE!
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Happy Halloween

Halloween trivia and fun facts....

Halloween is Oct 31st, the last day of the Celtic calendar, originally a pagan holiday, honoring the dead. It was referred to as All Hallows Eve and dates back 2000 years. Marking the end of summer and the harvest, it was the beginning of dark, cold winter, a time associated with death. Celts believed ghosts of the dead returned to earth, causing trouble and damaging crops. To commemorate, they built huge sacred bonfires and wore costumes of animal heads and skins and told fortunes. Afterwards they relit their own hearth fires from the sacred bonfire to protect them during the coming winter. In the seventh century, Pope Boniface IV designated All Saints Day, a time to honor saints and martyrs. That day was also known as All Hallows and eventually became Halloween.

Orange and black are Halloween colors because orange is associated with the Fall harvest and black with darkness and death.

Halloween candy sales average about \$2 billion dollars annually in the U.S.

Tootsie Rolls were the first wrapped penny candy in America.

The ancient Celts thought that spirits and ghosts roamed the countryside on Halloween night so Celts began wearing masks and costumes to avoid being recognized as human.

Snickers candy bars are the most popular trick-or-treat candy.

The common brown bat lives up to 32 years.

The movie *Halloween* was filmed in 21 days, shot in Spring using fake autumn leaves.

IMPORTANT INFO ABOUT FIRST TIME HOME BUYER TAX CREDIT

At a glance...

The tax credit is available for first-time home buyers defined as buyers who have not owned a principal residence during a 3-year period prior to purchase.

The maximum credit amount is \$7500.

The credit is available for homes purchased on or after April 9, 2008 and before July 1, 2009.

Single taxpayers with incomes up to \$75,000 and married couples with incomes up to \$150,000 qualify for the full tax credit.

The tax credit works like an interest-free loan and must be repaid over a 15-year period.

*Source: www.federalhousingtaxcredit.com

MEET KATRINA



Born and raised in Carrollton, Katrina Bartley is an Owner and Associate at Bartley Real Estate. She has worked in the family business since she was a child, answering phones and making copies. Katrina graduated from CCHS and UoFL with a Bachelors Degree in History and an Associates Degree in paralegal. Although her parents encouraged her to get into real estate early on, Katrina was intimidated by the exams and it was 10 years later she got "the bug." She admits real estate is a tough business. She is passionate about customer service, professional conduct, and loyalty. "I don't take lightly the responsibility I have to my clients. Everyone who walks thru our door will be treated with respect, no matter what their financial status is...we are here to help, not to judge," she added.

CLEVER USES FOR.....



PACKING PEANUTS...

FLOWER POT DRAINAGE: SPRINKLE THE PEANUTS IN THE BOTTOM OF POTS TO PROVIDE DRAINAGE FOR YOUR HOUSEPLANTS.

PET BEDDING: STUFF PEANUTS INTO AN OLD ZIPPERED PILLOW COVER TO CREATE A SOFT BED FOR YOUR DOG OR CAT.

AIR FRESHENER: PUT A HANDFUL OF PEANUTS INTO A POTPOURRI JAR AND SPRITZ WITH YOUR FAVORITE PERFUME TO DEODORIZE A ROOM.

"BREAKABLES" PROTECTOR: POUR PEANUTS INTO PLASTIC NEWSPAPER WRAPPERS AND TIE THE ENDS. WHEN YOU'RE TRAVELING, USE THESE BAGS TO CUSHION THE BREAKABLES IN YOUR SUITCASE.

VINEGAR...

ELIMINATE PAINT ODORS: PLACE A BOWL OR TWO OF VINEGAR IN A FRESHLY PAINTED ROOM TO DISPEL THE ODOR.

CLEAN CHROME: TO REMOVE SOAP OR HARD-WATER BUILDUP ON CHROME FIXTURES, PUT TISSUES OVER STAINED AREAS, THEN POUR FULL-STRENGTH VINEGAR OVER THEM. LET SIT FOR ABOUT FIVE MINUTES BEFORE REMOVING AND RINSING.

STOP THE ITCH: FOR RELIEF FROM INSECT BITES, SOAK A CLOTH IN VINEGAR AND PLACE IT OVER THE AFFECTED AREA.

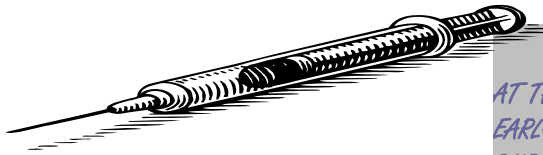
FOR SHINY HAIR: RINSE FRESHLY WASHED HAIR WITH A SOLUTION OF ONE TBSP VINEGAR TO ONE CUP WATER TO GET RID OF SOAP BUILDUP AND GIVE SHINE.



RECIPE OF THE MONTH CANINE "PARTY" SNACKS

- 1/4 C WATER
- 1/4 C OLIVE OIL
- 2 TBSP GRANULATED CHICKEN OR BEEF BULLION (NOT CUBES)
- 1 TBSP GARLIC POWDER (OR ANISE SEED OR CUMIN)
- 12 OYSTER CRACKERS

IN A SMALL SAUCEPAN, BOIL WATER THEN ADD OLIVE OIL, BULLION AND GARLIC POWDER. SIMMER FOR A FEW MINUTES, WHISKING CONSTANTLY, THEN REMOVE FROM HEAT. LET COOL AT ROOM TEMPERATURE. IN A SEPARATE LARGE MICROWAVEABLE BOWL, ADD OYSTER CRACKERS. GRADUALLY ADD THE BROTH OVER CRACKERS, MIXING WELL WITH EACH ADDITION UNTIL ALL LIQUID IS INCORPORATED INTO THE CRACKERS. PLACE BOWL WITH CRACKERS IN MICROWAVE ON HIGH FOR 3 MINUTES. REMOVE AND STIR. COOK ON HIGH FOR 3 MORE MINUTES. REMOVE AND LET STAND UNTIL COOL. STORE IN SEALED CONTAINER. YES, IT'LL SMELL UP YOUR KITCHEN, BUT YOUR DOGS WILL BE HAPPY.



TIME FOR FLU SHOTS

THE FLU SHOT IS MADE UP OF THREE INFLUENZA VIRUSES, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE INFLUENZA VACCINE STRAINS RECOMMENDED FOR THAT YEAR. VIRUSES FOR THE FLU SHOT ARE GROWN IN EGGS. IN GENERAL, ANYONE WHO WANTS TO REDUCE THEIR CHANCES OF GETTING THE FLU CAN GET VACCINATED. PEOPLE WHO SHOULD GET VACCINATED ARE:

CHILDREN AGED 6 MONTHS UP TO AGE 19

PREGNANT WOMEN

PEOPLE 50 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER

PEOPLE OF ANY AGE WITH CHRONIC MEDICAL CONDITIONS

PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN NURSING HOMES AND OTHER LONG TERM CARE

PEOPLE WHO LIVE WITH OR CARE FOR THOSE AT HIGH RISK FOR COMPLICATIONS FROM FLU

FLU SHOTS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CARROLL COUNTY HEALTH CENTER AND CARROLL COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

SEEN IN CHURCH BULLETINS

AT THE EVENING SERVICE THE SERMON TOPIC WILL BE "WHAT IS HELL?" COME EARLY AND LISTEN TO OUR CHOIR PRACTICE
 OUR YOUTH BASKETBALL TEAM IS BACK IN ACTION WEDNESDAY AT 8PM IN THE REC HALL. COME OUT AND WATCH US KILL CHRIST THE KING.
 THE PEACEMAKING MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TODAY HAS BEEN CANCELED DUE TO A CONFLICT.
 REMEMBER IN PRAYER THE MANY WHO ARE SICK OF OUR COMMUNITY.
 POTLUCK SUPPER SUNDAY AT 5PM - PRAYER AND MEDICATION TO FOLLOW.

HOW TO HAVE A SUCCESSFUL GARAGE SALE

- ❖ GET A PERMIT FROM THE CITY.
- ❖ GET NEIGHBORS TO JOIN IN.



- ❖ START EARLY TO GET THE MOST TRAFFIC AND THOSE EARLY BIRDS.
- ❖ GET A CASHBOX AND CHANGE. HAVE ONE PERSON TO MANAGE THE MONEY. KEEP A CALCULATOR CLOSEBY.
- ❖ STOCK UP ON BAGS AND NEWSPAPER FOR WRAPPING.
- ❖ MAKE YOUR DISPLAY ORGANIZED BY CATEGORY.
- ❖ ADVERTISE YOUR SALE AND USE BALLOONS AND SIGNS ON SALE DAY.
- ❖ HAVE AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET AVAILABLE FOR CUSTOMERS.
- ❖ ATTACH PRICES WITH REMOVABLE STICKERS. REMEMBER CUSTOMERS ARE LOOKING FOR BARGAINS SO BE REASONABLE WHEN PRICING.
- ❖ DONATE LEFTOVERS TO CHARITY OR A RESALE SHOP.

10 WAYS TO CUT ENERGY BILLS THIS FALL

- ✚ PLUG AIR LEAKS WITH CAULKING, SEALING, OR WEATHER STRIPPING.
- ✚ PROPERLY MAINTAIN THE HEATING SYSTEM YEARLY.
- ✚ INSTALL A PROGRAMMABLE THERMOSTAT TO SAVE \$\$ WHILE YOU'RE NOT HOME OR YOU'RE ASLEEP.
- ✚ SEAL AND INSULATE HEATING DUCTS.
- ✚ INSULATE! FOCUS ON THE ATTIC.
- ✚ CLOSE FIREPLACE DAMPERS WHEN NOT IN USE.
- ✚ LET SUNSHINE NATURALLY HEAT YOUR HOME.
- ✚ LOWER THE THERMOSTAT ON THE HOT WATER HEATER.
- ✚ INSTALL STORM WINDOWS OR TAPE CLEAR PLASTIC SHEETING TO INSIDE OF WINDOW FRAMES.
- ✚ USE COMPACT FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS IN PLACE OF INCANDESCENT BULBS.



WHAT DO YOU CALL A PIG THAT DOES KARATE?
 A PORK CHOP.

HOW DO WE KNOW INDIANS WERE THE FIRST PEOPLE IN NORTH AMERICA?
 THEY HAD RESERVATIONS.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN FROGS PARK ILLEGALLY?
 THEY GET TOAD.

WHY WERE THE TEACHER'S EYES CROSSED?
 SHE COULDN'T CONTROL HER PUPILS.



INGREDIENTS OF A GREAT REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT

- ✓ Central air conditioning is the most sought-after feature by most buyers.
- ✓ Buyers are serious about storage space including walk-in closets and a 2-car garage.
- ✓ Go with energy-efficient features in windows and appliances.
- ✓ A backyard is important with a fence preferably.
- ✓ Always keep resale in mind.

Source: www.frontdoor.com

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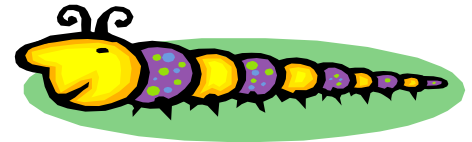
STORING APPLES AND PEARS

FROM THE 1900 FARMER'S ALMANAC...

THEY SHOULD BE GATHERED IN EARLY OCTOBER AND PACKED AT ONCE IN BARRELS OR BOXES AND PLACED IN A COOL DRY CELLAR WHERE THE TEMP WILL VARY BUT LITTLE FROM 8 DEGREES ABOVE THE FREEZING POINT OF WATER. IN SUCH A PLACE THEY SHOULD BE KEPT UNTIL WANTED FOR USE OR SALE. TO CHANGE THE AIR OR TEMP WILL HASTEN DECAY.

AND HERE'S THE MORE MODERN VERSION...

APPLES KEEP WELL FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS AT TEMPS BETWEEN FREEZING AND 45 DEGREES IN A STYROFOAM CHEST OR A DOUBLE CARDBOARD BOX IN A COOL MUDROOM OR CELLAR THAT WILL APPROXIMATE ROOT CELLAR CONDITIONS.



CAN THIS GUY PREDICT THE WEATHER?

MOST CLAIMS OF ANIMALS PREDICTING WEATHER RELATE TO BEHAVIORAL CHANGES. HOWEVER, SOME ANIMALS' APPEARANCES CAUSE PEOPLE TO WONDER IF THEY MIGHT BE LOOKING AT A LIVING, BREATHING DOPPLER RADAR SYSTEM.

ONE OF THESE CREATURES IS THE BANDED WOOLLY BEAR CATERPILLAR. SOME PEOPLE BELIEVE THIS FURRY INSECT, WHICH BLOSSOMS INTO A TIGER MOTH IN SPRING, CAN PREDICT THE SEVERITY OF THE COMING WINTER. ACCORDING TO FOLKLORE, IF THE CATERPILLAR'S CENTER BROWN STRIPE IS LONG, WINTER WON'T BE TOO HARSH. IF THE TWO BLACK STRIPES RUNNING ON EITHER SIDE ARE LONGER THAN THE CENTER STRIPE, BATTEN DOWN THE HATCHES.

SO DOES THIS CATERPILLAR HAVE AN INBORN ABILITY TO GAUGE THE STRENGTH OF UPCOMING SEASONS? NOT AT ALL. A SCIENTIST WHO STUDIED THESE CREATURES FOR YEARS EVENTUALLY SCRAPPED THIS ENTIRE RESEARCH PROJECT. HE FOUND ONE GROUP OF WOOLLY BEAR CATERPILLARS LIVING NEAR A SECOND GROUP OF WOOLLY BEAR CATERPILLARS. THE PHYSICAL EVIDENCE OF THE TWO GROUPS

BUYING OR SELLING?

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