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# The New Ewe News

## Ten Little Turtles Sitting on A Log

When Gary and I bought our property in Newaygo, we looked at the Muskegon River and thought how blessed we are. But the real blessings are those we found in God's nature. We can sit on the patio at dusk and hear the owls talking to each other, the tree toads calling to one another, and even see the eagles pass by as they are finding their dinner. Since moving to our property, one of the greatest blessings I have experienced are the "ten little turtles sitting on a log." As you near the cabin you must go by the "beaver pond" i.e. a swamp area where the beavers savor the flavor of the young white birch trees. Oh yes, many of the logs landed smack dab into the center of the pond. Even though we were distressed by the loss of the trees, I become ever so blessed by the little turtles sitting on the limbs of those fallen trees, sunning themselves. One day as I approached, I tried to sneak a picture of my little turtles. But just as the camera clicked, the little rascals slipped back into the muck. Isn't that just like us? One day we will be sunning ourselves, submerging ourselves in all of God's blessings, but when a little trial comes our way or a sin keeps lurking in our mind, we slip back into the sludge. Do you find yourself sitting on a log wondering which way to go? Like my little turtles with their little faces always pointed to the sky, don't look down and slip away...lift yourself up and turn your face toward heaven. Blessings, Mary



## Need a Good Read?

We are pleased to announce that we will soon be carrying a new line of reading and gift books. You may need something that will assist a friend whom may be going through a tough time. You may want to help your grandchildren fill out a memory book on how you grew up. How about teaching a little one some manners? You may find just what you need at TNE. Keep an eye out for our new display!

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NEW HOURS  
M, T, TH, F, S  
10:00 AM-5:00 PM

## ATTENTION-ATTENTION-ATTENTION

Due to the ever rising cost of postage and trying to do our best at being eco friendly, we find it necessary to send our newsletter by e-mail, only, starting with the September issue. **BUT WAIT...PLEASE DO NOT PANIC.** If you currently receiving The New Ewe News by the US Postal Service and would like to continue with that option you will need to call the store. **(231) 652-5262.** This call will automatically confirm the fact that you will continue to receive the newsletter by the US Postal Service. If you decide not to continue to have the newsletter delivered, your name will be dropped from the mailing list but **not** from our customer base. **Please call us before August 1 or better yet call us today!** We hope you understand our need for this change! Thank you.

## **Christmas in July**

Are your Christmas tree lights still on the trees or shrubs outside? Well, turn them on! July 20 will begin our Christmas in July days as we introduce you to all the new and luxurious Christmas fabrics. We have many wonderful new fabrics from Moda to Benartex to Williamsburg and many in between. From July 20 to August 1 you will have a chance to purchase any Christmas fabric at 20% off the retail price. Come by and see some of our samples and get some fresh ideas for the up coming Christmas season.

**You don't stop laughing because you grow old. You grow old because you stop laughing! Take heed and pass this along to a friend who needs to laugh!**

## YOU ARE A VERY IMPORTANT PERSON

A special thank you for a wonderful night of building community at the Newaygo Worship Center. More than 85 of you came for a wonderful dinner, great entertainment, in a gorgeous place. There were beautiful quilted, knitted, felted, crocheted items on every wall, doorway, dresser, and chest. But mostly, I saw friends and strangers unite in happy conversation. I saw both young and old come together with a common goal. There were many who received a prize or two, however, you were **all** winners. Praise Him, who has given each of you the blessing of individual talent. I wonder, should we do it all over again next year? What do you think?

## *Something new has been added...*

In May, I invited Vicki, Cyndy, a close friend and quilter Pat, and driver Cathie to the International Quilt Market in Pittsburgh, PA. We loaded the car with various sized luggage bags, food, and lots of water. An onlooker may have thought we were traveling for a month instead of 4 days! We stopped along the way to a few quilt shops, many gas station potty breaks and even Cabala's. The market was a wonderful, learning experience and we came home much the wiser (of course). As we passed by the many alluring booths of beautiful merchandise, we came upon the Accu Quilt booth. Many of you know exactly what the Accu Quilt is, on the other hand, for those of you who don't, please let me explain. The Accu Quilt machine will cut precise shapes without the use of a scissors or rotary cutters. It will cut up to 10 layers of fabric into shapes for quilting, appliques, strips, and novelty projects just with a turn of the handle. It uses a steel roller over dies to cut the precise shapes. We will be using this product to make quick, unusual quilts tops, charm packs, jelly rolls, and a variety of kits. In the very near future, we trust we will be able to pass on this service to our customers at a minimal cost for us to cut the many different sizes and shapes for your quilt tops. We currently have dies for the Dresden Plate, Rob Peter to Pay Paul, Take 5, a variety of circles, 3" alphabet, and many more. Feel free to stop by and check it out. Remember, we are still learning. We hope you will love this service as much as we anticipate creating an easier way for you to quilt!

## *Important Stuff... All Classes on Sale*

**Lace Class (Intermediate)** - Jane is back in town for a couple of weeks and has decided to do a lace class for us. The project we settled on is a scarf made from a delicate light weight yarn with a beautiful crocheted edging made with your choice of the many gorgeous yarns. The combinations are endless for everyone on your Christmas list. Sign up today. Tuesday, July 14 & 28, from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm. Class cost (at 1/2 off regular price) will be \$17.50 + materials.

**Top Down Sweater** - If you are tired of knitting scarves, join us on Thursday, July 16, 23, & 30 for the next step. Jane will be teaching you the basics of the top down sweater. You will be knitting a nice, classic, summer/fall cardigan. Other top down sweater patters are available, also. Learning this unique version of knitting will put you well on your way to many new patterns & styles to knit. The classes will take place at the shop from 1:00—3:00 pm. Cost: \$20.00 plus materials. This is a really fun project, call us today.

**Beginning Sock** - Fall is just around the corner and how fun to wear your own hand knit socks to those football games. Val will be starting an easy to do sock class on Saturday, August 1, 8, & 22 from 10:30 - 12:30 pm. Yes, I will put this class at 1/2 the regular price, also. Please sign up today and get this great deal. Cost: \$17.50.

**Advanced Sock Making** - Join us on Saturday, August 1, 15, & 22 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm for our advanced sock class. Val has selected a beautiful lace knit sock for you to do. She will guide you through the steps to a beautiful finished project. Class on sale at \$17.50 plus materials. Call today to register.

**Knitting 101 Summer Version** - This is a quick, fun class for our summer beach buddies. Lorna will instruct you on the basics of knitting; cast on, knit, purl, increase, decrease, & bind off. Grab your "morning coffee group" and join Lorna on Wednesday, July 29 and August 5 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm **OR** August 5 and August 12 from 3:00 - 5:00 pm. The cost at 1/2 off will be \$15.00, due at registration. Call today. Tomorrow you will be knitting along with that second cup of coffee.

**Be Aware...Watch for Cars With Signs on Their Roofs...And I am not Talking About Pizza Delivery!**

Yes, I'm talking about the new crew of drivers training students.

Just a short time ago, I heard a "joke" about a drunk being the safest driver on the road! There were 3 cars with drivers...the first was drunk, the second was talking on his cell phone, the third was eating a McDonalds and texting. Which was the safest driver? The Drunk. His main objective was to keep his wheels between the two ditches and get home. The others didn't even notice the ditches.

Here is some info about Defensive Driving 101

\*\*\***Pay Attention** - This is your best defense, since distractions cause most accidents. Don't eat, drink, or talk on your cell while driving. Keep your eyes on the road and on other drivers.

\*\*\***Put some distance between you and other vehicles.** This includes tailgaters. But what do you do when others don't follow that rule? Get in the other lane and let them pass you.

\*\*\***Be extra cautious at intersections.** Don't assume that everyone will stop at a red light or stop sign. Slow down as you approach an intersection, even if the light is green or you don't have a stop sign. Look both ways before you continue - you never know when someone is trying to "beat the light".

\*\*\***Be courteous.** Allow someone to merge when two lanes narrow to one and get out of the "fast" lane if you want to drive a little below the speed limit. Be nice! You never know what the other drivers may do.

**ALWAYS EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED**

**And to that new crew of driver training students...**

**We know you will do great, you are a great bunch of kids!**

PS: Congrats to Adam, our 16 year old grandson...He is now on the road! mlv

## **More Important Information about classes!**

### **Quilting 101 - On Sale...1/2 off in July, only!**

Take 6 hours (3 class times) to learn the exciting art of quilting. You will be using a prepared kit in soft colors. If you want another color, you will be expected to come in prior to the class to pick out another color. Vicki will do some extra classes in July to accommodate all who wish to sign up for this deal! Pay only \$17.50 (original price tag is \$35.00) for class + materials. We must have 4 students per class...so call a friend and join us in the air conditioned class room and make your first quilt. Call today for your 10:30 am class, starting Wednesday July 15, 22, & 29. Class fee is required at time of registration. Call the store for additional times and information.

**Project of the Month** - Continues...every 2nd Tuesday. July 14 we will be making "August Sun" using charms to make a wonderful 51" x 51" table topper or wall hanging. The August project will feature September Leaves & in September we will be creating a beautiful Pumpkin topper. Cost \$12.50 + materials for each class **OR** any three classes for \$30.00. Check out the savings and call to register today.

### **Take 5** - A class for all you beginner + students.

Now you have learned the basics and would like to go on to piece something a little more difficult. Come to our Take 5 class. Take 5 minutes to pick out 5 different fabrics, cut 5 shapes, and finish your project in 5 hours. It may take a little longer for each of the above steps, however, you will be well on your way! **Now, here is the deal...** Sign up for this workshop, purchase your fabric and we will cut your Take 5 pattern **absolutely free** + take 50% off your class fee. What a deal! Date: Monday, July 20 from 10:30 - 2:30. Complete cost: \$17.50 + materials. Maximum class size: 6.

**Attention all Shop Skippers:** We cannot thank you enough for visiting our little shop in Newwaygo. What a great week. If this was your first time at The New Ewe or if you have been a friend since the beginning, our gratitude to each of you for taking the time to drop in to purchase that "one" little piece of fabric or yarn to finish your last UFO! We hope to see you again. Without you, we would not be here. Thank you!

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**As promised: To all you who attended the VIP Dinner (& all those who wished they did!)**

### **Dee's Hot Chicken Salad**

Bake a whole chicken (small) at 400 degrees for 1 1/4 hours, basting every 15 minutes with juices from chicken. (Fill cavity of chicken with chunk of green pepper, wedge of lemon, 2 garlic cloves, chunk of onion and salt.) Rub the outside of chicken with butter then drizzle with a little oil (not olive oil). Bake in a shallow dish uncovered.

Casserole - shred and chop the chicken and place in 9 x 13 casserole with 2 cups of cooked rice.

Sauté 8 oz. pkg of sliced mushrooms with 1 cup of chopped onion and 1 cup of chopped celery.

Note: I don't sauté too long as I like my veggies. a little crisp. Add to casserole and season with a touch of rosemary or your favorite chicken spice. I use miracle blend from a special place in Traverse City. Mix in a bowl: 3/4 cup mayonnaise, 1 can of Cream of Chicken Soup and a big glob of sour cream. I also drain the fat from the chicken drippings and add that to the sauce.

Topping: 3 tablespoons of melted butter in a sauté pan. Sauté 3/4 cup crushed cornflakes with the same amount of slivered almonds. Sprinkle on casserole and refrigerate overnight or bake immediately. 350 degree oven for 1/2 to 3/4 hour. Any questions, please call The New Ewe. We will put you in touch with Dee.