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# The Apple Newsletter

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## Garden Update

Anyone interested in helping with this year's vegetable garden is welcome to contact Bonnie at 219-805-3717 or Bob Votaw at [cpvotaw@gmail.com](mailto:cpvotaw@gmail.com). The end of the season is quickly approaching and we will need some help winterizing our beautiful garden.



Century Club is a success! Over twenty names have been added since last month's newsletter. Keep up the good work everyone! This is such a wonderful way of showing your continuing support of CHN and our programs.



Your Buddy Bags Walk/Run Team. Join us on Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> for Hub City Race and on Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> for Witches in the Woods. Both of these races will be at the Lake County Fairgrounds in Crown Point.

Find out how to join and/or support **Team Buddy Bags** by emailing Paul Sills:  
[Harrier113029@gmail.com](mailto:Harrier113029@gmail.com)  
[hometownhappenings.net](http://hometownhappenings.net)



## Lowell Labor Day Parade

It was a hot time in the old town Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. It was a matter of "hurry up and wait", but we made it through a long and hot day. Thank you, Paul Sills, for the use of your beautiful Audi, the Ledezma Family for their vehicle and participation, the Koenig Family for their enthusiasm and help distributing candy and trinkets. Thank you, Ruth and Aracely, for proudly carrying our banner. Thank Sasha Naum, our favorite Ukrainian, for walking with us and handing out brochures. Next year we will be more prepared, with chairs, drinks and food!



550 East Burrell Drive, Crown Point  
Main Entrance

**September 9th and September 10th**  
from Noon until 3:00 pm

**Fundraiser**  
**To Honor the Memory**  
**of Judy Bronowski**  
*Her generosity lives on!*



All items are \$5 each  
(The cost of 1 Buddy Bag)  
All items are new or like new.  
All clothing is woman's size small or medium.  
Shoes are sizes 8 to 10

Join us Saturday September 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup> as we honor the memory of Judy Bronowski with a CHN Fundraiser.

Come and see all the amazing articles of clothing and other items donated by the Bronowski Family.

Each item is priced at \$5.00.

All proceeds benefit the programs of Community Help Network and those we serve.



Tavern on Main is returning to Ladle of Love on Saturday September 16<sup>th</sup>.

Chef Honey will be crafting a pasta dish with his homemade sauce. Bonnie has made squash soup from what the garden has offered. Please join us!

Ladle of Love



Bi-Monthly Luncheon  
1st and 3rd Saturdays  
11:00 a.m.  
to  
1:00 p.m.



**Household Pantry** – Providing hygiene items, paper products and cleaning supplies to low-income families in South Lake County. Open Tuesdays 9:00 am until 1:00 pm and Saturdays 9:00 am until Noon. The number of families utilizing the pantry has increased significantly. We are in need of Community Partners who can keep a collection bin for pantry items in their place of business. Call or email if you are interested. Thank you!



**Little Free Library** – A large selection of books for all ages. All books are free. Open any time there are people at the warehouse. We are interested in new or lightly used children's books. Our Household Pantry clients often have their young children with them and they much enjoy the library. We have a new batch of donated books, come see!

*From Bonnie's Messy Desk*



And, we're off!  
 We did our first packing of the 2023-2024 school year on Tuesday September 5<sup>th</sup>. Our usual crew of dedicated packing volunteers arrived early and eager to start. These volunteers, and all of our volunteers, are an essential and much appreciated part of the CHN family. Whether they are packing Buddy Bags, unloading boxes of donated items from Amazon, helping in the Household Pantry or picking vegetables in the garden, we would be lost without our volunteers.



You can see our many volunteer opportunities via our website.  
<https://www.communityhelpnet.org/how-to-help/>



*We've made a few changes to the inspirational cards. Now the kids have something to color. And, we put important information for parents on the back side.*



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