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### ***September Presidents Letter-***

Well the Roundup of the Rednecks is over and if you were not here you missed one of BEST RALLYS in years.

The members of the DOUBLE DOZEN were here at our BELLEVUE CAMPGROUND during the week preceding the rally and did a lot of things to help get things ready and I would like to thank each of them for all they did. If you missed this Rally you missed a good one!!

The results of the election are published elsewhere in this newsletter. I wish to congratulate the new officers and wish them well. From now until the end of the year there will be a time of transition. However the best thing you can do is go to your campground and see what there is to be done, to help out.

At Bellevue we have the new 50 amp plugs in and inspected. The water line extension is in and inspected and the trenches are back filled.

Now that the ALL AMERICAN RALLY is over, there will only be 4 weeks until our Halloween Party at Bellevue. Be sure to make plans to be there.

In closing it is quickly becoming time to think about closing up our campgrounds. There are many things that have to be done. All the equipment has to be serviced and winterized before being put into storage. Picnic tables need to be put away and a zillion other things done. Would you please have a talk with your Campground Director and find out what you can do to get things closed up for the winter.

Dick Hamlin  
President TTCM

### ***Welcome Corner-***

Eric & Bri Brandel #4728 MAL from Muskegon MI



## ***2011 Election Results-***

### President

<b>Roger Vogel</b>	<b>235 votes</b>
Dick Hamlin	88 votes
Leo Fitzpatrick	1 vote
No votes	10

### Vice President

<b>Daryl Westphal</b>	<b>153 votes</b>
George Behler	151 votes
Bill Rollenhagen	13 votes
Gordon Dennis	1 vote
No votes	16

### Secretary

<b>Leo Fitzpatrick</b>	<b>206 votes</b>
Sharon Westerhouse	98 votes
Elizabeth VerPlank	2 votes
Brenda Hilderbrandt	2 votes
Debbie Steenbergh	13 votes
No votes	13

### Treasurer

<b>Brenda Hilderbrandt</b>	<b>232 votes</b>
Kathleen Rollenhagen	76 votes
Leo Fitzpatrick	3 votes
No votes	23

### Bellevue Director

<b>Kork Wielinga</b>	<b>171 votes</b>
Tom & Herman	133 votes
Herman Hazard	4 votes
Robin Atkins	1 vote
No votes	25

### Hesperia Director

<b>Lefty McGahan</b>	<b>282 votes</b>
Kork Wielinga	20 votes
Bill Rollenhagen	2 votes
Leo Fitzpatrick	1 vote
No votes	29

## ***Thank you!-***

Thank you to the current executive board Dick Hamlin, Bill Rollenhagen, Sharon Westerhouse, Kathleen Rollenhagen, Tom Westerhouse, Herman Hazard, Lefty McGahan and Don Westphal for all the hard work and time that you have dedicated toward our camping organization. You are much appreciated!

## ***Please keep in your prayers-***

Bob & Marie Dillenbeck and their family. Bob & Marie's daughter Carol had just passed away. Bob and Marie are members of the Draggin Train chapter. We are very sorry for their loss, our thoughts and prayers are with them at this time.

Please also keep in your prayers John Schultz who has been ill. John is a member of Double Dozen and was previously Campground Director at our Bellevue Campground.

## ***Offishal Redneck Shirts-***

Anyone who would like to donate back their Offishal Redneck Shirt for another outing next August. Donations can be given to me or left at Bellevue in a donation box.

Thanks

Linda Vella

## ***Newsletter Letter-***

If you would like an article in the October Newsletter please have it submitted to me by October 1 to [dsteenbergh@aol.com](mailto:dsteenbergh@aol.com) or Debbie Steenbergh 28231 Lorenz, Madison Heights, MI 48071

### ***Teen Report-***

The teens would like to thank all who supported their act of civil disobedience by purchasing TP insurance and voted at the meeting to reinstate the long held tradition of selling TP insurance and removing the TP ban. The teens enjoyed helping plan and run the Iron Skillet Game. They enjoyed the water balloon volleyball even though we were making up rules as we went along. Mike Modelski was a big help in acting as informal judge and rule maker. The dripping teens enthusiastically declared that the game was a “keeper” and want to play it again. The teens enjoyed pizza and beverages at teen flats both Saturday and Sunday.

FYI – to the general membership, this particular group of teens is interested in revitalizing the teen club. They want to elect teen officers and have planned activities. To this end, Tina Mullins is planning on holding a teen meeting and organizing games for teens at the Halloween Rally so if you bring any teens please let Tina Mullins of Double Dozen TTCM #3712 know. She is planning on extending a personal invitation to ALL teens to participate. The teen club may be expanded to include all teens even if the teen’s parents are not a member. The teen will simply need the sponsorship of a current TTCM member.

### ***Redneck Reunion Review and Recap-***

Campers arriving Friday night were greeted by toilets with flowers grown out of them. The decorations committee, headed by Gayla Alm, left no stone unturned. ‘You Might Be a Redneck if...’ sayings were tacked up everywhere you looked. Hunting and fishing magazines were stocked in the outhouses for your readin’ pleasure. Registration was one big hay day. Everyone hooted when presented with their ‘Ofishal’ Rally shirts that consisted of flannel shirts with the sleeves removed and the word ‘Ofishal’ spray-painted in construction orange. The sleeves were then used as goody bags filled with fly swatters, Redneck bubble bath (bag of beans with instructions to cook, eat and then fart in the bathtub) DNR fishing info, and several other items donated by Joe Anderson (thank you!). Leftover sleeves were later cut up into Redneck napkins for dinner. Gayla Alm and Linda Vella are the best Recycle Rednecks this side of the holler! Sign-up sheets for serving both Saturday and Sunday breakfasts were also available at Registration. This worked out real well as Chapter representatives filled both sheets and cooked us some extra-special vittles. Thanks to all of you! Friday night’s hospitality was provided by the MALs. The second sheet cake will be used at the Halloween Rally.

After Saturday’s breakfast, Ms. Liz VerPlank drove her ‘cart’ and proudly led our noise parade at 10am. The sun was shining, the weather was so hot that the trees were bribing the dogs, and children’s grins lit up the campground. Souvenir photos were taken of member families by the ‘still’ and later assembled by Gayla and Linda into a beautiful burlap ‘pitcher’ frame. They were tacked to a tree limb and available for members to pick up later. After the Opening Ceremony, twenty of TTCMs finest played Lisa Modelski’s Hillbilly Euchre while listening to over a hundred TV theme songs. That Cheryl Vogel knew nearly all of them even if she can’t carry a tune in a bucket! Sno-cones, tattoos and tie-dyed objects were enjoyed by folks of all ages—from blue-hairs ‘n hats to yard-crawlers. Special thanks to Clan Duneland Winnies for these popular activities!

The Tacky Scavenger Hunt was a huge success—so much, in fact, that there was a 4-way tie. Items such as a squished bug, live fish bait, an expired truck registration, and a ‘pork and beans’ label (to name just a few) were ‘tacked’ to poster boards using duct tape, tacks, etc. It was announced that there was to be a tie-breaking ‘Hunt-off’ at the Awards Ceremony and to ‘come prepared.’

The MALs then sold sloppy joes in a hotdog bun, chips and pop for lunch. Apparently, two can live as cheap as one if one don’t eat cuz there was lots left over. Like any Redneck event, it was soon discovered that y’all can’t run your electric toilet plunger, your coon-skinning electric shears, and your electric heel/elbow sander at the same time. Needless to say, half the campground lost power. I’m pretty sure them Rednecks then went to the other side of the campground and plugged their Appalachian Appliances into their neighbor’s units, because it wasn’t long until the other half of the campground lost power.

The Restless Ones ran a marvelous Cake Roulette for big folks and curtain crawlers alike at the lower picnic shelter. Haystacks and Cow Pies were among some of the tasty treats that were gambled off and winners went home happy as ticks on fat hogs.

Due to the power loss, Adult Bingo in the building was hotter than the Devil's Pitchfork and the big balls could not be used without power. Despite the heat, Tom Szyzyzyke-ski (you know the feller I mean) and Clan did a fine job calling the Bingo numbers, even if we did have to play with their small balls.

Power was finally restored and the ladies of Double Dozen handed out the pre-paid dinners. Their groceries were mighty tasty! Two pieces of chicken, a container of baked beans, a roll, butter and half an ear of corn-on-the-cob were assembled into red plastic baskets (like the kind you get at the County fish fry) and handed out with 'ofishal' Redneck napkins. Once you returned the basket, you were given your choice of homemade peach or blueberry cobbler in 'ofishal' redneck Tupperware (plastic margarine, sour cream, whipped topping, butter, etc. bowls). Once again, it was Redneck Recyclin' at its finest and we'll be able to wash and use those baskets again. There was only one grouchy old coot that tossed her basket on the counter and walked away muttering grumpily about how she wasn't about to come all the way back for her cobbler. I want to say right now in all sincerity: "Thank you, ma'am. I enjoyed your cobbler very much."

The Snuff Queens were a 2 local yokels (Mark and Randy from Bellevue and Charlotte) that entertained us until after midnight in the lower picnic shelter. Jimmy Buffet songs and other tunes were strummed on their 'gee-tars'. New verses to some old favorites along with some band originals packed the dance floor and tail-feathers were a shakin'. After passing a Mason tip jar around, the boys stayed and played another 'mini set' for an encore. For any of you Hillbilly 'puter geeks, their facebook page is [www.facebook.com/thee-snuff-queens](http://www.facebook.com/thee-snuff-queens). Also, you won't go so broke you can't pay no attention for hirin' them, either.

On Sunday morning, it rained so hard the animals was pairin' up, thus most things were delayed a teeny bit. After breakfast, Tom Crisfield led the church service in the building. He brought his guitar and led the congregation in praises and prayers. Thanks Tom! The best sermons are lived and not preached and you lead by example.

Redneck games were set up near the basketball court. A rolling pin toss, toilet seat horseshoes, chicken wing fling, frog toss, iron skillet toss, milk jug ball toss, balloon darts and a Nascar race were enjoyed by many. If you had a chance to go to the game field, it was more fun than watching someone with a broken leg on rubber crutches! Every ankle-biter and rug-rat went home with a bag full of prizes, even the ones that couldn't hit the side of a barn with a handful of rice. The teens all participated and had great fun attempting to fling rubber chickens into clothes baskets held by partners.

Lee Mullins had 19 redneck men and 16 redneck women including teens that competed in the Iron Skillet Toss. Each was allowed three tries. BIG THANKS to Cody and Phoenix (teens) who willingly fetched AND returned the frying pans home each time the pan was tossed. Winners for the men were David Felimonik (1<sup>st</sup>), Dan Mills (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Jim Carriveau (3<sup>rd</sup>). The female winners were Nicole Mills (1<sup>st</sup>), Debbie Steenbergh (2<sup>nd</sup>), and teen Caitlin Eschenhuer (3<sup>rd</sup>). The 3<sup>rd</sup>-place winners were each awarded an eight-pound sack of taters to lift so they can work on their arm strength. The 2<sup>nd</sup>-place winners were awarded cornbread mix to cook in an iron skillet and the 1<sup>st</sup> place-winners were awarded a silver spatula.

To avoid being run out of the county by the womenfolk, Tina Mullins opened the rolling pin toss for women and did not allow the teens nor the menfolk to compete. First place was awarded to Camé Tobias. She received two pie pans because the judges figured if she kin wield a rolling pin that good, she must know how to bake a pie or two. Second place went to Nicole Mills who received a pie needin' a lil' help (one she could bake in the oven). Third place went to Marci Westphal who received two little pre-bake pies.

The Double Dozen men were not to be outdone and insisted on participating in the rolling pin toss also. They were quite competitive, runnin' around like a bunch of Raid-sprayed roaches. Dan O'Dell held the lead for a while but ended in third place. Lucky for Jim Carriveau, even a blind squirrel gets an acorn once in a while and took first place followed closely by Mike Mullins. Pride points were awarded in lieu of prizes. Speaking of pride points, Double Dozen and Blossomland each had four winners and Duneland Winnies had one winner. After working up a sweat, concessions including Donna Carriveau's lemonade and Dave Gerke's roasted sweet nuts were available for a small fee.

A combined children/adults ten-cent auction was huge this year. The Restless Ones did a great job setting up and manning the event despite the fact that many bags had to be tacked to picnic tables because they were wet and the tape wouldn't stick (kinda like tryin' to nail jell-o to a tree?). Thanks to all the members that donated their trash for our treasure!

Tina Mullins then herded the teens up for a game of Water Balloon Volleyball. Water balloons were placed in a blanket held by a player at each end and tossed (OK—heaved) over the volleyball net. Players with empty hammock-like blankets on the other side tried to catch the heaved water balloons before they could hit the ground and break. Well, some of them couldn't swing a dead cat without hittin' a Wal-Mart. Needless to say, there wasn't a dry eye (or ear) on the field. Members from atop the holler really enjoyed being spectators and there was lots of knee-slapping and gut-busting laughs. That was just more bang for their buck—yet another free show was included in that Rally fee!

The Children's Bingo was called and then there was a dinner break until the Awards Ceremony. This gave many of the worker bees time to get their last-minute raffle tickets from the various chapters. Bee-you-ti-ful picnic baskets with plastic dishware, a handmade Budweiser photo album, several 50/50 raffles, a wooden side table, and basket of wine/snacks were some of the items that were up for grabs. There was also a handsome duo (you know who you are Leo Fitzpatrick and Dave Rogers) selling tickets for a lovely carved walking stick, a chair, a wooden black bear, and a fire pit to name a few.

The Awards Ceremony was another free show enjoyed by all. Roger Vogel did a fantastic job of emceeing the evening as he was brief and concise and kept the ball rolling. There were some consistently lucky winners (Steenberghs, Vogels, and O'Dells to name a few with Mike Steenbergh winning beer—well butter my buns and call me a biscuit if that wasn't rigged!), but the real treat was the Hillbilly Euchre Prize presentation given by Lisa Modelski. A 'speshal' prize had to be created for the couple that had 5 math errors between them on their score sheets. (I won't embarrass you, Gordon and Cheryl Dennis, since y'all as close as 2 cockroaches on a bacon bit, but one of ya needs to brush up on yer finger-countin'). Homemade hillbilly prizes were also given to 3 other players.

Tina Mullins was the first of these to be called to the stage, having come in dead last. She was handed a brown paper bag and given about 10 items including the following: some French fries (cuz she was a few short of a Happy Meal), 2 cans of beer (cuz she was 2 short of a 6-pack), a dime (cuz she was 10 cents short of a dollar), and a yellow crayon (cuz she wasn't the brightest crayon in the box).

Stanley Horn had the highest score despite the fact Stanley was the ONLY player to talk during the non-talking round and despite the fact that his wife, Esther Horn, added his score wrong! Stanley dutifully shuffled up to the stage quick as a herd of turtles and was handed an empty 'brief' case, made out of a pair of men's boxer briefs with the legs sewn shut and a handle added. His treasures included: redneck potpourri (complete with 2 real teeth that were given back by the Tooth Fairy, a beer tab, nail aka redneck toothpick, etc.), a yard stick (that came from someone's yard), a redneck switchblade (rubber bands and popsicle sticks), a redneck flashlight (2 sticks and a stone to rub together) and others. The crowd's favorite was a bar of soap with a hole drilled out of it and raffia handles attached to either side—a 'weiner washer'. Esther was particularly excited to see this—I think they like to nestle with one another while roasting hot dogs. I think Stanley's favorite gift was a pair of hillbilly beer-noculars made out of 2 beer cans with a duct-tapes strap. Once Stanley put them around his neck he was instructed to look out them and tell Lisa he loved her. Well, Stanley is a wee bit hard of hearing, so Lisa repeated, "Tell me you love me." Stan replied, "I love you too!" The crowd roared at this.

When the 2<sup>nd</sup> place female winner was called to the stage, she looked nervous as a long-tailed cat in a room full of rockin' chairs. Inez Cummings was handed a duct-tape/playing card 'poke' (big thanks to Linda Vella for helping assemble this!) and awarded several items to fill it with. Inez laughed along with the crowd when presented with her belly button duster (a 2-inch mini toilet bowl brush crafted from a pipecleaner and a long bead). It was apparent she'd been looking for one. She was then presented with some Nascar earrings (complete with hotwheels cars taken right from Lisa's ears concocted with a paperclip and pencil eraser backing) and a matching Nascar (hotwheels) necklace that promptly fell apart; a straw hat (some assembly was required as it was just a bag of straw at this point); a 3-step diet plan (3 numbered forks with 1, 2 and 3 tines missing) while being teased for her new 'friendship' and other treasures. However, her eyes really sparkled at her 'pad-about' slippers. They were genuine Always feminine napkins with glitter and flowers. Although Inez practically begged to slip her piggies into those, she was denied since several beads had fallen to the floor and we didn't need no casualties! The Gordons, Tina, Stanley, Inez and Dick Hamlin all hung in there like loose teeth and did a great job of allowing fun to be poked at them in a non-malicious and humorous way!

More raffle and prize tickets were drawn. Liz VerPlank was very appreciative of the Hesperia Sewing Bee gift she won; MALs donated some lovely crocheted/knitted throws; the Happy Camper's Children's Basket was won by Chloe (I think!). Two special awards were given for the best dressed Hill Billy-Bobby-Ray (Gordon Dennis) and Hill

Billy-Bobbie Sue (Barb Ennis). The ladies were all jealous of Barb's teeny pooch sticking out between her daisy dukes and her tied-up shirt. For lookin' hotter than donut grease at a fat-man convention, Barb was presented with a 'lectric dishwasher (a washcloth with an electric cord attached) for her efforts. The men were equally envious of Gordon's svelte belly and hair extensions and the way the ladies sighed every time he strutted by cuz he was slicker than deer guts on a glass doorknob. Gordon was presented with a genuine, duct-tape wallet to complete his ensemble. A doormat for the 'Best Crap at Yer Shack' went to the Parsons for their creativity in decorating their camp site. I think they spent more brain cells on their ideas than most do on their edumacashun.

Smiling campers left the festivities to participate in the Progressive campfire. Happy Campers provided Turtle soup, Double Dozen's Janet Felimonik made Redneck Caviar, the Restless Ones put out a spread of candy, cheeses, and dip accompanied by crackers and pretzels, River Raisin offered some sweet corn on the cob and Duneland Winnies cooked biscuits on a stick over the campfire and filled them with jelly. It was nice to have the hot food, cuz it got so cold there were dogs stuck to fire hydrants all over the campground.

It was a great rally and really showed the creativity of several members. Thanks to any that participated, helped out in some way, or just plain enjoyed themselves. Thanks to those of you that came so far you get Tuesday's paper on Fridays. Kim O'Dell of Double Dozen received several compliments personally and many of you (Don Westphal, Nancy Henry and Herman Hazard, to name a few) went out of your way to show appreciation for all of the hard work that went into the Redneck Reunion Rally.

### ***Bellevue Halloween Outing-***

Double Dozen will be hosting the Halloween Outing this year which will be held at the Bellevue Campground Sept 30 – Oct 2. We welcome anyone that would like to lend a hand setting up, adding something new to the trail, dressing up to be an active participant, donating items or providing creative ideas for the Haunted Forest.

We are challenging everyone to a Chili Cook Off for dinner on Saturday. One roaster of chili will be provided as part of registering for the outing. Biscuits, crackers, baked potatoes and toppings such as butter, chives, cheese and sour cream will also be provided. Anyone is welcome to enter a chili but we are asking each chapter with 6 or less members attending to provide a crock pot of chili and the larger chapters to provide a roaster or two depending on the number in their chapter attending. A panel of judges will be selected for determining the winner.

Duneland Winnies will be taking care of the activities on Saturday such as making caramel apples, photos, pumpkin carving, children craft, children games, children and teen costume judging.

A volunteer is needed for Hospitality Friday evening. This would include getting any assistance needed for setting up any tables and chairs that are needed, covering the tables, making coffee, serving the cake that will be provided and clean up. There could also be an activity during hospitality if someone would like to volunteer.

A volunteer is needed for breakfast Saturday. This would include getting any assistance needed for setting up any tables and chairs that are needed, covering the tables, making coffee, preparing the ham and Texas Toast that will be provided and clean up.

Decorate your campsite and don't forget to bring those treats for the children Trick or Treating from campsite to campsite.

Contact Kim O'Dell at [odells1982@yahoo.com](mailto:odells1982@yahoo.com) or (734) 502-9611 to volunteer or get involved in the Haunted Forest.



**BELLEVUE TTCM HALLOWEEN OUTING  
SEPTEMBER 30 – OCTOBER 2**

**HOSTS: DOUBLE DOZEN**

**FRIDAY NIGHT HOSPITALITY: COFFEE, CAKE & CIDER  
PLEASE REGISTER & PAY CAMPING FEES AT THIS TIME**

**SATURDAY ACTIVITIES: PUMPKIN CARVING FOR CHILDREN  
(Bring your own pumpkins & carving tools)  
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES – DUNELAND WINNIES  
COSTUME JUDGING  
TRAILER JUDGING  
TRICK OR TREATING \*  
HAUNTED FOREST**

**SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST-  
FRENCH TOAST & HAM  
COFFEE (Bring your own place setting)**

**SATURDAY AFTERNOON DINNER:  
CHILI COOK-OFF – BRING CHILI FOR JUDGING  
BAKED POTATO BAR  
COFFEE & PUNCH (Bring your own place setting)**

**\*Bring enough candy for approximately 100 children.  
\*\*Please pre-register so we will have enough food for everyone.**

**Mail form and check to:  
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Telephone: 248-930-6897**



**2011 Bellevue Halloween Registration Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Name \_\_\_\_\_ TTCM# \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ X \$6.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Teens \_\_\_\_\_ X \$6.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children \_\_\_\_\_ X \$2.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

Is Handicap Parking Needed? YES or NO (Please circle)

**Registration Deadline is September 20, 2011  
Make checks payable to: DEBBIE STEENBERGH**



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\*From I-69/I-94, north on I-69, exit #48. Go west on M-78, approx. 2 miles. South on Ionia Rd. to West Baseline Rd. East to 16<sup>th</sup>. Turn left at stop sign and follow for ¼ mile.

Hesperia Campground: 6777 M-20, Hesperia, MI 49421 (231)854-9913  
\*From Hesperia, head 3.5 miles west on M-20.  
\*From White Cloud, West 16.5 miles on M-20, campground on south side.

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