

# Dishes in the bathtub

Renovation Update.  
 Many of our readers have asked how our house renovation is going. It's going.  
 As of last week, I would guess we are 98% done with our "forever home" out in the middle of nowhere. That broken window that held a Cheerio box for 6+ years... It's fixed.  
 Backstory, in case you missed that initial column...  
 When we looked at our *new-to-us-home* over six years ago, it needed a lot of TLC, to say the least. There were broken tiles, ugly paint colors, odd wall placements, sagging deck, separated concrete... and the front of a bright yellow Cheerio box in the broken front window.  
 In June of this year—six years later—house had been fixed in some areas by the previous owners, but still needing lots of TLC, and still that *same* Cheerio box in the broken front window.  
 "How can they pour a new concrete porch and build a garage, but not get that window fixed!?" I asked my husband upon revisiting the house.  
 Strange.  
 First, let me say, I know WHY the window was never replaced... it took FOREVER to find someone to do it. No one knew where the window came from, they couldn't order, etc. We try to stay local. That is hard sometimes, but we made it work with Mr. Wagler Windows.  
 Anyway.  
 I took the yellow, weathered box down a few weeks before the Mr. Wagler said our glass replacement



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would be in. Putting up the new bright white window blinds, that box had to go. I had left it up, thinking it probably kept the cool air in and the hot air out. Maybe bugs out. Logical, right?  
 Not really.  
 I removed the box. No hot air coming in, and it was a warm day. No bugs could really fit. The outside glass was still in tact; the inside was broken.  
 There was really no purpose of that Cheerio box in the very front window of the house.  
 None.  
 The only purpose I could see, was as an eyesore. I could NOT wait to throw that box away.  
 After all, hardly anything is original in the house. And if it is original, it's been nearly completely transformed.  
 We have painted every surface, replaced every floor, taken out some walls, everything.  
 My kitchen was finally finished Friday before last. THANK YOU DEAR GOD I HAVE A KITCHEN SINK!  
 You know you really miss a kitchen when your nightly prayers include that of health and wellness of loved ones, forgiveness of sins... and a finished kitchen.  
 Also, when my 9-year-old son walks in from school and says, "Oh thank goodness-- no more washing dishes in the bathtub!"  
 Ha. Currently, we

are doing the little stuff. People ask if we are about done...  
 No. We won't be done when our kids go to college- God willing.  
 My husband is slowly replacing all the outlets. I considered doing it myself over the weekend while he was out of town. Thought I might YouTube it. Decided I would end up dead so thought I should probably wait.  
 He's only shocked himself a few times (he's fine!).  
 The drawer handles need to be put on my kitchen drawers. Also thought about doing that myself-- but I'd like them symmetrical and level, so thought I should wait on that as well.  
 Little stuff. There is all kinds of little stuff that will keep up busy for the next year or so I figure.  
 In the meantime, we are starting to enjoy the country life.  
 Adding to our other two dogs, we got a puppy last week. She's a cute little beagle mix and makes the kids (and me) as happy as can be.  
 Thinking the puppy might nip Conleigh's "I want a pony and a kitty" desires in the bud.... I was terribly wrong.  
 We are settling in quite nicely. I've already scratched the new hardwood pretty good, making the house officially "ours."  
 And, guess what's still sitting in that little room (the one with the new window), off my new kitchen?  
 ...that weathered yellow Cheerio box. I couldn't bring myself to throw it away.  
 To me, it's a small memento of how some things are just meant to be.



## How do you plan to celebrate Halloween?

By Roving photographer Clevis Jeffries



"I probably will pass out goodies to the trick-or-treaters."  
 — Mike Rowe



"I will pass out candy to the trick-or-treaters"  
 — Judy Morgan



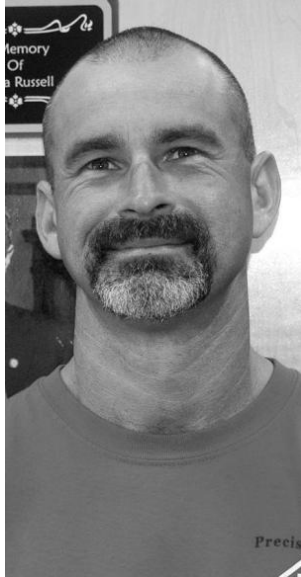
"I plan to help my church with Halloween activities."  
 — Linda White



"I plan to take my kids to church for a fall festival."  
 — Jessica Acosta



"I plan to pass out candy to the trick-or-treaters in my neighborhood."  
 — Kathy Townsend



"I plan to take my kids trick-or-treating."  
 — Kevin Chaulklin

## What's Happening

All times are Central

### Tomorrow

#### SVFD Halloween

The Summersville Fire Department will be in full fall operation Oct. 31. Kids can visit the Haunted Screams from 6 to 7 p.m. Adults may go with their children or wait for the scarier extreme adult time from 7 – 9:30 p.m. (possibly later). The annual Halloween open house begins at 4 p.m. Oct. 31 with a free soup supper for the community to enjoy. The SVFD will be giving goodies for all the trick or treaters.

#### GCPL Halloween

The Library will be handing out treats to children who come in on Halloween during business hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### Weekend

#### GCPS Fall Festival

The Green County Primary School Fall Festival is Friday, Nov. 1 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Food will be served at 4:30, crowning of candidates at 5 p.m., free games/events at 5:30 and the live and silent auction at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend and support the school.

#### Legion Post 124

The American Legion Post 124 will have their regular monthly meeting Friday, Nov. 1 at 6 p.m. with a meal to follow. The Veterans Breakfast will be held Saturday, Nov. 2 at 8 a.m. at the Post. Call 270-932-6562 for new eligibility requirements.

#### Trail Ride, Plow Day

A Fall Trail Ride, Plow Day, and Bean Cooking will be held Saturday, Nov. 2 at 10 a.m. at the farm on Mattie Jones Road, off of Old Caven Bend Road, in New Salem. Signs will be posted. Lunch will be provided. For more information call Cliff Sullivan at 270-299-6462 or Vernon White at 270-405-1684.

#### Genealogical Society

The Green Co. Genealogical Society will host its annual book fair Saturday, Nov. 2 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Green Co. Public Library, 112 West Court Street. The event will feature genealogical and historical publications as well as Kentucky authors. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information, contact Martha Houk at 270-932-4950.

### Happening Soon

#### Family pendant

Make your own family photo pendant with Ms. Laura Johnson at the Green County Public Library Monday, Nov. 4 at 4:30 p.m. Please call 270-932-7081 to register. Please bring a photo to be copied to make the pendant.

#### GCIS Fall Festival

The Green County Intermediate School Fall Festival is Friday, Nov. 8 from 5 to 7 p.m. Food will be served starting at 5, crowning of candidates at 5 p.m. with games/events following and the live and silent auction at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend and support the school.

#### Holiday Bazaar

The Green County Extension Homemakers Holiday Bazaar is Saturday, Nov. 9 at the Green County Extension Office. The event will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and feature a soup and sandwich cafe, handmade crafts, holiday decor and pictures with Santa. For more information call the Extension Office at 270-932-5311.

#### VFW Veterans Svc.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5813 will conduct a Veterans Day Service Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. inside the Old Courthouse. Community is encouraged to attend.

#### GCIS SBDM Council

The Green County Intermediate School SBDM Council will hold their regular monthly meeting Nov. 14, at 4:30 p.m., in the conference room.

### Ongoing events

#### Story Hour/LapSit

Story Hour, a specialized educational and fun hour for children ages 2-5, meets at the Green County Public Library every Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. LapSit Lullaby, for children ages birth to 2 years old, meets every Wednesday morning at 10 a.m. at the Library.

#### Walking program

The library holds a walking program with Ms. Missy every Friday morning at 8:30 a.m. No registration required.

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