

Conversation with the Mayor – November 2, 2009  
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## **What's Happening in the Village?**

Lots. Have you spotted the clock in a second story window on Main Street? Do you know where to find the exhibit of Tristan Gellatly's origami? Do you know when the Legion has its monthly steak dinners? When the Fire Department has its monthly pancake breakfast? Or the library its monthly library luncheon and book review?

The answers are: The clock is at 201 East Main, compliments of Centillion Industries; Tristan's origami will be in the Village Hall display case through November; Legion steak dinners are on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday and the Fire Department pancake breakfasts on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday; library luncheons on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday.

A brand new initiative is the Clothing Cupboard which makes children's gently used clothing available at no charge on Monday and Wednesday evenings, 6:30 – 8:00, at First United Methodist Church, 109 Church Street. Those are the same hours of operation as the Food Pantry – on purpose. Donations may be dropped off at the Village Hall, the library, and Breen's IGA. The Clothing Cupboard is an appropriate compliment to the Food Pantry and the efforts of the Good Neighbor Fund, both of which would welcome any support which you might be able to provide. Every single dollar counts and is appreciated.

It's Holiday Bazaar time. St. Anne's Bazaar, including lunch, is scheduled for Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. On the 19<sup>th</sup>, the Historic Palmyra Bazaar at the Alling Coverlet Museum begins. It runs through Saturday, the 21<sup>st</sup>, with lunch available on Thursday and Friday. While you are there, check out the Gift Shop for even more treasures. The church bazaars are great places to find holiday gifts. Yes, it is that time of the year again – already. The actual countdown of number of days to Christmas is noted in the window of Gallery of Style on East Main Street. The steadily declining number of days will startle you. At our house I won't let myself think Christmas until we get through all the fall birthdays.

But now that I have mentioned it, the holidays are coming and that does mean buying gifts. This year give yourself the gift of supporting your community by buying locally. That's exactly what you do when you purchase from a local merchant because the money you spend in our shops and restaurants and gas stations gets used here in other village stores, keeping them vibrant. If we ourselves don't patronize our stores, we could lose them. We definitely don't want to precipitate that downward slide. Things are tough enough as it is. You may be cutting back on gifts this year, but when you buy, buy local. We all, every one of us, benefit when you do. PS: You will save on time and gas too.