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start moving at dusk, and that's the hardest time to see them early enough to avoid a collision. Drive very carefully at dusk. When you see a deer cross the road in front of you, and all seems safe, watch out. Deer often travel in groups, and just when you relax, another deer will bolt across the road in front of you to join it's companion...then another. It's this second or third deer that often get whacked. This occurs frequently with fawns of the year who want to be with mommy.

Raccoon are particularly prone to this. Along County Road #17, there was a dead small raccoon, not an unusual sight. Not thirty feet from this, Momma coon crossed the road in front of my car, then out of the roadside grasses two baby raccoons followed Momma and I didn't have much time to avoid them. They were simply intent on staying close to the old lady, utterly disregarding the hurtling metal object that had crushed their sibling.

This business about wanting to be with the other deer in the herd can cause another problem. A deer crosses the road in front of your car, you cruise along assuming it's well out of the way, but the deer has different ideas. As you approach the spot where he crossed the road, he dashes into the path of your car because he wants to rejoin the group he left. The message is clear. When you see a deer or other animal cross the road, slow down to a crawl. Watch for eyes reflecting your headlights. Sometimes, it's the only warning you will get. It may be a cat, it may be a coon, or it may be a deer. The headlights blind and frighten the animal, and it will act unpredictably. Finally, a deer that does cut in front of your car it is usually running, and if it looks like you may smack it, along with the brakes, hit the horn. Deer always have a little burst of speed in reserve, and the horn gives them the impetus to use it.

- George Underhill

## CRYPTICKLE

We apologize that due to space limitations the cryptic puzzle will not appear this month

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## PUMPKIN DECORATING A FAIR FAVOURITE!

Last year's free pumpkin decorating booth at Milford Fair was a huge success! Thanks to a few great farmers, we had about 60 pumpkins donated to us, and they were all put to good use! This year we are hoping to do the same. If you have pumpkins (1 or 100) growing in your garden that you would like to donate, please call Lori (476-7258).

We also need volunteers to help run this booth. Most importantly, we need someone to organize the other volunteers who will help at this booth. It's really not a big job, and is very easy. We have a few people who have said they would help out for an hour or so each, but we need someone to organize them, as well as pick up the necessary craft items for decorating the pumpkins. If there is anyone who thinks they would like to do this, or would like more information about it, please call me at the number above. I really would hate to see this children's booth discontinued because we couldn't get any adults to run it, and right now that is a serious possibility. So, if you are at all interested, please seriously consider volunteering your time to making a lot of children smile.



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