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## OLD WINDHAM UNITED CHURCH LASAGNE SUPPER AND AUCTION



Among the many items to be auction at the Old Windham United Church lasagne supper and auction on September 18 is a quilt made by Eleanor Cole (left) and Glenna Liles (centre) Chair of the auction committee, Dianne Elliott (right) said the sale will include more than 100 items. Story on page 5

**SCOUTING AT  
5th SIMCOE - ST. MARY'S**  
ATTENTION GIRLS AND BOYS AGES 5 TO 13:  
Do you like spending time outdoors, camping, hiking, playing games, doing crafts, learning new skills and having lots and lots of fun?  
Then join 5th Simcoe - St. Mary's Beavers (ages 5 to 7), Cubs (ages 8 to 10) or Scouts (ages 11 to 13)  
Registration for 2010-11 will be on Monday, September 13th at 7:00 p.m. downstairs in St. Mary's Parish Centre.  
The yearly membership fee is \$151.00. For further information contact Carole Mazur at 519-428-2097.

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CORNSTOCK**

Sept. 10, 11 & 12 2010  
at The Wagon Wheel  
Corn Maze

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at N.Y.C.A. and HN Women's Services*

# SIMPLY INSURANCE

## FALL AND WINTER INSURANCE TIPS

Fall and winter are just around the corner. It is time to think about how to prepare your home for the months ahead. Preparing in advance will help prevent losses when the foul weather hits.

Here is a checklist to help you prepare:

- 1) Check your eaves troughs and downspouts to be sure they are clear. Backing up of water and ice can cause significant damage to your home.
- 2) Remove debris from your window wells. Window wells full of leaves and debris can make it much easier for water to get into your home.
- 3) Lock your outbuildings – sheds, garages, etc. If you are not going to be entering your outbuildings very often, or if you have a detached garage, it is wise to keep them securely locked to prevent theft and vandalism.

4) Clean and remove any clutter on your yard as this poses a liability hazard. Items hidden under fall leaves could present a trip hazard which could lead to legal action against you.

5) Have your furnace checked by a heating specialist – especially if it is older. It is best to know it is in peak operating condition BEFORE heating season.

6) Change your furnace filter. Clogged filters reduce efficiency of your furnace and present a potential fire hazard, if your furnace overheats.

7) Have your gas fireplaces inspected and cleaned. Bugs and spiders can easily clog gas ports reducing the efficiency of the unit. Time to deal with this is BEFORE heating season.

8) If you have a woodstove, clean your chimney and stove thoroughly now, and if you have any questions regarding the

safety of the unit, have it WETT inspected. Having your stove and stovepipe brought to current code will give you peace of mind and will help reduce the chances of a loss due to its use.

9) Take a moment to be certain that you smoke detectors are working properly. Also, now is a good time to check or install a carbon monoxide detector in your home, protecting you from exposure to this deadly gas.

10) Plan to have a competent person check on your home if you are away for more than four consecutive days to be certain that your property coverage stays in effect.



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