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Fall and Halloween decorations about West Liberty. The days are getting cooler and the leaves are starting to change color. Beautiful!



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Pickrelltown Road



Bootastic Used Book Giveaway

Saturday, October 20
The Teddy Bear Den
10 am - 1 pm

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Free books and balloons for the kids and books for the adults too!  
South of West Liberty on 68,  
in between Liberty Motors and  
Yoder Construction.



## **The Haunting on Valley View Road**

The Stone Mansion sits high on the ridge of Valley View Road, long since abandoned and neglected by the family heirs. It was built in the 1840's by an influential, wealthy man, Charles Newcomb for his lovely young bride, Esther.

If appearances are anything to go by, Charles adored his wife. However, appearances can be deceiving. Local folklore passed down from the servants families was that Esther found out quickly that her husband didn't love her. In fact, he just married her to keep his house and be his beautiful hostess.

Over time she grew to be frightened of her husband and of what he might do if she didn't keep up the pretense of being on love with him when entertaining guests. When the house was empty of people to impress Charles completely ignored her.

Esther became very lonely with only the servants to talk too. She began a friendship with Timothy, the gardeners son who was a couple years older than she was. They would talk for hours when he wasn't working.

When she was with Timothy it was the only time she was truly happy. Then one day Esther was gone. Charles told everyone she went to her childhood home to see to the care of her parents.

Timothy knew something was wrong because he knew that Esther's parents died when she was young, and she had gone to live with her Uncle and Aunt. Charles started to behave very oddly, spending hours in the old root cellar which was located under the Breakfast Room.

Two weeks later he ordered everyone from the Breakfast Room saying he was going to replace the fireside hearth. He spent hours in the room and the root cellar. At first digging sounds could be heard and then scraping and chiseling noises.

Charles called everyone into the Breakfast Room to see the new fireplace hearth. He seemed overly proud of it and Timothy felt an eerie chill fill his body. Becoming more suspicious, Timothy began to search in the old root cellar for Esther. He went under where the fireplace was and became enraged when he saw what the underside of the hearth was made from.

A cemetery headstone. Charles had carved it for Esther indicating that she had dies the day before Charles said she went home. Timothy could not find her body but felt because of headstone it must be close. The next morning Charles was found in a broken heap at the bottom of the front staircase and Timothy was never seen again.

No one has lived in the house since Charles' death. You see, folks say it's hunted. Haunted by a woman. The only ones who go to the house these days are the teenagers who go on a dare. The ones who have seen the female apparition says it looks like the lady in the portrait in the Breakfast Room. Esther!

Folks still believe that Charles found out about Esther spending time with Timothy and locked her in the root cellar to teach her a lesson. When she died, he buried her somewhere in the cellar to hide her body. Esther's ghost came back looking for the only true friend she had in the house on Valley View Road. The moral of the story id that things are not always how they seem, so don't believe everything you hear.

I hope you enjoyed my little mystery story which I wrote for a speech when I was a member of a Toastmasters Club.

**October Events-**

- \*Spooktastic Free Used Book Giveaway-  
'Saturday, October 20, 10 am - 1pm.  
The Teddy Bear Den, south of West Liberty  
on 68, in between Liberty Motors and Yoder  
Construction. Free balloons for the kids!
- \*Beggar's Night 25th 6-7:30 pm
- \*Ghosts & Goblins Halloween program at  
Mac-O-Chee Castle 27th-28th 4:30-6pm
- \*Christmas Tree Auction part one-  
decorating October 1 - November 1
- \*Bidding for the Christmas Tree Auction

**November Events-**

- November 2-23 at Town Hall.
- \*Christmas in the Village- November 2 & 3  
Decorations, Christmas Preview,  
music and more.
- \*Lions Club Ham & Turkey Raffle  
Monday, November 19, 7pm at the Fire House

**Bible Verse of the week-**

*Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but  
be transformed by the renewing of your mind.  
Then you will be able to test and approve what  
God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect  
will.* Romans 12:2

**QUOTES**

"If you don't like something, change it. If  
you can't change it, change your attitude."  
Maya Angelou

"Life is 10 percent what happens to you  
and ninety percent how you respond to it."  
Lou Holtz

**Rev. Tami Wenger****Women's Inspirational Speaker**

is accepting bookings for your upcoming  
womans event!

~Travels through out the United States for-

- ~Retreats
- ~Seminars
- ~Workshops
- ~Banquets
- ~Groups
- ~Missionary
- ~Clubs
- ~Circles
- ~Church Programs

Rev. Tami likes to incorporate games, props,  
poems, songs, quotes, worksheets and  
other fun surprises into her programs.

Current programs are-

1. Button Blessings
2. Praying Through Life's Storms
3. Learn to Forgive and Fly Free!
4. How Does Your Garden Grow?
5. Pamper Me!
6. Bloom Where You Are Planted!
7. Quilted With Love
8. Be The Lighthouse!
9. Project Teddy Bear & Friends

What you are looking for will determine my  
fee for attending your event. Such as gas  
mileage, travel expenses, hotel or other  
expenses.

Rev. Tami is a non-denominational Minister  
and an inspirational speaker since 2009.  
She has nine women's programs she wrote  
or she can write a program to fit your theme.  
Call and book Rev. Tami for your Women's  
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