

# *More Favorite Poems from Family Flyer Poem Contest*

## *Marti's Place*

Relax and have a drink or two and  
don't forget the awesome view!  
Walleye, Perch, Catch of the day... a perfect meal,  
enjoy your stay.

The birthday offer is quite a deal,  
so dine on your Birthday and get a FREE meal!

*By Ronda Cook of Valparaiso*

## *Grumpy's Heating and A C*

Grumpy, how did you get that name,  
are your shoes too tight, or your bunions inflamed?  
Cheer up dear man, there are furnaces that need repair,  
people need heat and also cool air.  
Put a smile on your face, and wipe off that frown you  
have work to do do all around town.

*By Arlene Clark of Cedar Lake*

## *Ace Hardware*

Their slogan always says,  
"Ace is the place..."

Just inside the door You'll find a helpful face.  
Possibly you stopped there for a new furnace filter,  
Or maybe an old smoke alarm Is finally out of kilter.

The service there is excellent  
In fixing Saucepan Handles.  
There's also much to choose from  
If you need some pretty candles  
Of course, one can't forget  
The lure of Fannie May  
Whether for yourself  
Or to make somebody's day  
It's where to go for many needs  
Cards, doormats or paint  
They'll treat you very royally  
And you'll have no complaint!

*By Marilyn Owen of Valparaiso*

## *Oil Exchange*

Oil Exchange is within your price range.  
They'll go the extra mile & give you a smile.  
Their service is so fast & you know it will last.  
So stop in today, it's not out of your way.

*By Donna Schroeter of St. John*

## *Osby Water Conditioning*

My sinks, clothes and appliances were all  
crusty and stained,  
Minerals in the water that were not filtered  
or strained.

I replaced my old Water Softener with a  
doubt in my heart,  
Knowing a few dollars and my wallet will part.

To my surprise after the installation,  
The decision was a revelation.

Now I'm saving a bunch of dough,  
And my water is clean and soft as snow.

*By Walt Szymanski of Valparaiso*

## *Art Hill Ford Dealership*

Just by chance, Dad was thinkin'  
About a new luxury MKX Lincoln.

While a Fiesta model by Ford  
Was the car Mom could afford.

But Junior eyed the Mazda2  
For his graduation...that would do.  
And Grandpa wanted something used

But not as old as me, he mused.

Where could each one find his car?

At Art Hill, best dealership by far.

With all the models that they sought  
And easy payments, four cars were bought.

*By Beverly Stanislawski of Crown Point, IN*

## *Bath Pro*

Are the people to know.  
A remodeled bath in just one day  
Easiest to clean, by the way.

Won't mold or mildew

Does this sound good to you?

Then call 464-3342

*Joyce Spoolstra of Valparaiso, IN*

### ***Edible Arrangements***

If you're having a party, don't delay  
Call Edible Arrangements right away  
They'll bring delicious fruit in a beautiful bouquet  
To decorate your table in a tasteful, healthy way  
Your guests will love it, you will too  
Let Edible Arrangements do it all for you!

***By Patti Leininger of Crown Point***

### ***Exterior Designers***

Other Designers are Inferior  
Choose a contractor named "EXTERIOR"  
It's Family Owned, all work guaranteed,  
and the effects will be superior

***By Denise Payne of Hobart***

### ***Oil 'N' Go***

If your vehicle's oil level is running low,  
just drive your car over to "Oil 'N' Go".  
Since there's two locations from which to choose,  
it's easy to see that you've nothing to lose.

You can use a coupon to save money,  
or buy a gift card for your honey!  
So get your oil changed the right way,  
Go visit "Oil 'N' Go" today!

***By Lynne Pistello of Hobart***

### ***Eenigenburg Quality Water***

If I told you it was a drive up  
Where they come right out to your door.  
I bet you'd think of hot dogs,  
french fries, burgers, cokes and more.

It isn't a place to order food,  
if that was what you're thinking.

What a surprise, It's "Eenigenburg's"  
Where good waters make for drinking!

They rent or sell softeners that make your water pure,

You fill it up with special salt,  
but how it works, I am not sure.

In most any kind of weather,  
be it hot or cold or freezing,  
just wait in your car and out they come  
bringing salt in any season.

Eenigenburg's is a special place,  
different that any around,  
they care about the water we drink,  
it's better than any I've found.

***Written by Ellen Hogan of St. John***

### ***Crown Feed***

Whatever you need that pertains to a critter,  
be it kibble or traps or birdbaths or litter,  
The place that will have whatever you need,  
you can find it at 1000 East Joliet Street.

If there's something that's "bugging" you,  
they will find you a spray,  
or peanuts for your squirrels or bales of hay.

The plants in the greenhouse,  
Linda takes care of so well,  
will look great in your garden,  
and have a heavenly smell.

There's toys for your kitty's and bunnies, and dogs,  
There's salt for your softeners, and corn for your hogs,  
There's beds and there's bowls and feeders and seeds,

You can find almost anything you need at  
"CROWN FEED"

***by Pamela Vrablic of Crown Point***

### ***Welch's Meats***

Try Welch's Meats they just can't be beat!

For ribs, brats, chicken or pork chops,  
It will be your new place to shop.

Make a quick stop at the Deli Line  
all the meats and salads are really fine.

Hot soup is always ready to go, you just can't say no.

Try the Apple Slices and Pies,

Real yummiie, that's no lie!

The produce is fresh everyday, what more can I say.

Give Welch's a try for a really good buy!

***by Linoa Komanski of St. John***

### ***Gruel Bros.***

If you need a new mower,  
or your snow-blower won't blow,  
or you just need a tune-up,

There's a place you should go!

The people are friendly,  
and they know what to do,

their business has just reached year 72.

They service their products unlike any others,  
so drive on down to your local Gruel Brothers!

***by Pamela Vrablic of Crown Point***

*Please read this but also do keep this in mind,  
I'm not close to being a poet of any kind.  
Art is more of my kind of thing, but just for the fun, thought I'd give it a fling.*

One Saturday morning  
when the sun was shining so bright,  
I decided to take a cruise to take in some site.  
I picked up my favorite magazine...  
*The Family Flyer*, I mean.

To plan out my day's route,  
And also have on doubt,  
I flipped through the pages  
To get all the right stages,  
I'm no good with directions  
and didn't want to guess,  
I jumped in and programmed my new GPS!  
It talked to me all through the day  
And told me where to go without delay.

The first stop we made along our way,  
Was the *Sweet Tooth Dessert & Cafe*.  
We parked and got out and opened their door,  
Before I bought anything...I knew I'd want more!  
The sights and smells were just delicious,  
cakes, cookies, and sweet candy dishes.

On with our cruise without any delay,  
me and my Garmin, again on our way.  
Our next plan was do some shopping.  
So down the road we went not even stopping.

The sign above the store I could see way up high,  
It said "Welcome All to *Crown Feed & Supply*."  
As we took a good look all around,  
Here inside are some things that we found;  
All kinds of food for any loving pet.  
More than you could find anyplace, I bet.

I bought a 'GREAT BIG' chewing bone  
For my puppy who was at home alone.  
Now she would know it is her I love.  
Also some seed for the cooing dove.

We drove down the road staying right on track,  
In search of a "yummy-good, mid morning snack." We  
stopped in at *Red Apple Pancake House*  
to get our fill.  
Didn't forget my coupon to get 10% off my bill.

As we drove past  
*Valentino's Cafe' & Ice Cream Parlor*  
I rolled down my window and shouted with glee:  
"we'll be back for Ice Cream,...bout quarter to 3"

I remembered the appointment I had for my car. with  
*Collins Auto Repair*, 1 mile away, not too far  
Need my "poor old PT" mended.  
Due to that great pothole... it's all dented.

While I sit and wait on my repair.  
I'll go get my nails done and... maybe my hair.  
That means a call to  
*Victoria's Merle Norman Shop*  
To shape N Repair and put polish on top.  
And if I call *Bella Salon & Day Spa* ... maybe  
They'll be able to make me "all stylin Free"

Got one more shopping trip  
before end of this rhyme,  
It's my "hometown Health Food Store"  
... *Herb Thyme*  
Need all the help with my health I can get.  
I also can go to their internet site...  
*HERBTHYMEMARKET*.

On the trip home from all this fun day  
I just wanted to wash my cruiser today.  
*Adam's Auto Hand Wash* is the place to go,  
What to do to make it shine, they sure do know.

Driving back home from this fun-filled time  
It's been so much fun making this corny rhyme!

I'm going to *Marti's Place* down on the river.  
No... Not the place they serve onions and liver!  
A restaurant with good food and many finds of fish,  
where they give you free food and birthday wish.

Thank you *Family Flyer* for your very fun magazine  
for the numerous special deals in it I've seen.  
We would all be so bored without nothing to read and  
never know where to go for what we need.

Thanks for the challenge and for all the fun,  
of making this poem from starting till done.

*Written by Carolyn J. Piske of Lowell, IN*