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Monday – Mike and Justin left for the double wide before I got to the school. Let's hope the work goes fast. The staff was given a real treat today for lunch. Jennifer is a teacher at the school. Her mother catered a home cooked meal for the staff. MY OH MY, what a spread she put out. She loves to cook and it clearly showed by the amount of food she brought in. Bone in ham, meatloaf, chicken and dumplings, corn, baked beans, sweet taters, rolls, green beans, deviled eggs and six different deserts. Bring on the Tums. She does this for the staff two times a year. Plenty of food to feed everyone. Plenty for a meal the next day. Instead of taking a nap I turned my attention to the outdoors. With a leaf blower in hand I cleaned the sidewalks and parking lot. What good will it do? Bout as much good it did to organize the supply room. Meaning, nice one day, the next?!?!?! Happy trails to you, until we meet again. God Bless.

Tuesday – Went to the double-wide with the guys. Yesterday they started putting new particle board on the end connections. Today we finished. Ready to tack up the siding. This is the first chance we were able to get to the site. The owner has already started replacing the flooring that was weather and critter eaten, still has a few to replace. We are back there Wednesday. Fr. Tom would like to get as much done before cold sets in. Stopped and took a look see at a small lake close to where we are working. Really nice setting. The lake is stocked with 5 different flavors. Enough fish to please any angler. Too bad we didn't have any fishing gear with us. Apparently a few years back the county drained about ten feet from the lake. Did so looking for the body of a young man. He was found, not in the lake, but up the road a piece. Back at the school, Audrey was checking off and tagging some clothing with names that came in for Christmas gifts. She was able to get a few of them wrapped. Well, that was about it for the day. Oh yeah, I almost forgot, I fell off the ladder at the site. Only fell about 4 feet, landed on my head so no harm done! Pray that God keeps you (and me) safe.

Wednesday – Back at the double-wide. We finished siding one end. The owner needs to get more siding before we can finish the other end. Too bad they didn't number the strips of siding when taking them off. Needed to do some extra cutting. But we got er done. Cool this morning, low 70's the afternoon. Ideal weather for working outside. God Bless.

Thursday – In the rain we moved desks, chairs and file cabinets to the school donated from a State Farm Insurance office that was relocating. Took up most of the morning. In the afternoon not much going on. I found myself pacing like a caged lion.

FRIDAY – A beautiful Fall day outside. Spent the morning wrapping Christmas gifts. We ran out of boxes so the remainder will have to wait until Monday. Will stop at Dollar Store and Family Dollar to see if they have more. This group of gifts was donated by one woman who ordered 200 pieces through JCPenney. More to come...this is only the beginning. Took a short drive in the country during lunch break. God Bless.

I seem to be getting a lot of stares and finger pointing when I am out and about. It may be the skeletal partner I have riding with me. When I stopped for gas one day a gentleman asked me why his wife was riding with me.” Happy Halloween folks!

I read a magazine article that listed the products manufactured in Kentucky. Some well known are; Ragu sauce, Snuggles softener, Frozen version of White Castle Burgers, Smuckers uncrustable PB&J sandwiches, Kingsford Charcoal briquettes, commercial and military airplane parts, and Red Green's favorite handiman's tool + Duct Tape. Just thought you'd like to know.