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CALL CHAIRMAN CHRIS WARD, 229-0560, JOANNE SWONK, 229-7987 OR MARIANNA BAIR, 229-6402 TO BE ADDED TO THE LIST OF VOLUNTEERS WHO CAN BE CALLED. A LONG LIST OF VOLUNTEERS ASSURES SEVERAL WILL BE ABLE TO HELP FOR AN HOUR OR TWO.

EDNA PEACH TO VISIT GREEN OAK

Long time resident, Edna Peach, will be feted at a pot luck Wednesday, July 14, noon/30 at the Gage House Museum, 6400 Kensington Road, Edna now resides in Arizona. The Green Oak Township Historical Society is hosting an opportunity for Edna's friends to greet her.

Dates to Remember:
- July 8, 15, 22, 29, 1-3 p.m. Archives Filing, call 810/229-6402 to confirm.
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