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Thought for the Week: A great city is that which has the greatest men and women. Walt Whitman

FAMILY SWIM

Salamonie School invites Warren to open swim days from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. on: Sunday, Feb. 21 Sunday, March 7 - Sunday, March 21 Sunday, April 11 - Sunday, April 18 Sunday, May 2 - Sunday, May 16

All elementary students must be accompanied by an adult and cannot be dropped off. Middle school students may be dropped off; however, students must be responsible and follow all school rules or will be asked to leave. One piece girl swimsuits and boy swim trunks are mandatory. The cost is \$3.00 per person. Come in and enjoy the afternoon with your family in a nice heated pool!

STORY TIME

After school story time for grades kindergarten through third grade begins again on Monday, February 22. Children should have received papers from their teachers with dates and times. It is open to all students in these grades. If you have questions, call the Warren Public Library, 375-3450.

MOVIE NIGHT

The outreach committee at Van Buren United Methodist church 108 S 2nd St invite you to a family movie night on Saturday February 20th at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall to see "SHORT" free pop and popcorn. Come join us for a fun evening any questions call Melinda at 765-662-2023.

VACCINE CLINIC

The Huntington County Health Department will have an H1N1 Flu Shot Clinic at the Warren Pharmacy on Monday, February 22nd from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. The H1N1 Flu shot is available to ANYONE FREE of charge. (The seasonal Flu vaccine is not available) If you have questions about vaccinations you may call the Health Department at 260-358-4831.

Residents of neighboring counties are welcome! You do not need to be a Huntington County resident.

This service is provided by the Huntington County Health Department. The Warren Pharmacy is simply providing a location for this excellent service.

DEADLINE 2.25

The Purdue School for Back Yard Fruit Growers will take growers through "Adventures in Backyard Fruit Production" in a series that offers opportunities to learn about modern fruit production practices including: general fruit culture, variety selection, harvesting and storage, and pest ID and control.

The program will take place from 9:30–11:30 a.m. on March 4, 11, 18, and 25 and April 1. The program will be held at the Blackford county Extension Office at the Annex. Participants also have to option to access the sessions from home via a high-speed internet connection or the program will be offered in an alternate format. Please call for details.

If you would like a detailed brochure, please call the Purdue Extension Service of Blackford

County at 765.348.3213 or stop in our office at 119N High Street, Hartford City.

To make a reservation call 765.348.3213 before February 26, 2010.

NUTRITIONAL ANALYSIS

A Compass Bio-Survey to determine your body's unique nutritional preferences will be available at the Warren Pharmacy on Tuesday 2/23/10 or Thursday 2/25/10 between 1:00 PM and 5:00 PM. This service is available at no charge with your purchase of nutritional products.

Proper nutrition is essential for everyone for the proper function of our body! This is a safe, non-invasive and inexpensive method of evaluating your state of health and the nutrition your body may be lacking. The primary feedback mechanism is called GSR for Galvanic Skin Response.

A FREE brochure explaining the Compass System is available at the Warren Pharmacy.

You may call Pharmacy Technician Marsha Crickard at the Warren Pharmacy, 260-375-2135 to schedule an appointment.

PHARMACY PLAN

Just a reminder that the Peytons/Kroger Pharmacy plan, has chosen once again, to work with the Warren Pharmacy and allow us to process prescription claims! We are constantly striving to fulfill all of the regulatory requirements and contractual agreements with Pharmacy Benefit Managers and Insurance Companies so that you may receive quality pharmaceutical care from your

local Pharmacist, Terry Daniels P.D., and our experienced staff.

HOMESCHOOL PHYS ED

Huntington University's Department of Physical Education will again offer a physical education program for elementary-aged home-schooled children this spring.

There will be nine sessions during the University's spring semester. Class time is from 1:15 to 2:05 p.m. in the field house of the university's Merillat Complex for Physical Education and Recreation. The dates for the sessions are March 4, 11, 25; April 1, 8, 15, 22, 24; and May 6.

Building on a similar program last fall, the spring curriculum will continue to integrate physical education with other curriculum areas. This service is available to all area homeschooled children in elementary grades, including students from Huntington and surrounding counties. Families who have not previously been involved in the program are asked to come a few minutes early on March 4 to complete the registration forms.

Huntington University students conducting the elementary physical education class are either physical education majors or elementary education majors. Curriculum development and supervision of the classes are provided by Jody Davenport, instructor in physical education. More information can be obtained by emailing Davenport at jdavenport@huntington.edu.

NEW AT WPL

New books received at the Warren Public Library include the following.

Adult fiction: The Postmistress by S Blake; Coming of the Storm by W Gear; Devils in Exile by C Hogan; Double Trouble by S Warren; The Crimson Rooms by K McMahan; A Night Too Dark by D Stabenow; Matthew's Story by E Lustbader; The Last Surgeon by M Palmer; Letter To My Daughter by G Bishop; Rebecca's Choice by J Eicher; A Stranger's Wish by G Roper; Thugs and Kisses by S Jaffarian; Down River by K Harper.

Non-fiction: Dollars To Donuts: Comfort Food & Kitchen Wisdom.

MOLDY CORN ISSUES

Moldy corn questions have persisted this year from both livestock producers and corn growers. There are issues with storing moldy corn for farmers. They also want to learn how to prevent another mold outbreak in 2010 and beyond. Livestock producers are closely watching corn for mold contamination that is being fed particularly to swine and reproducing cattle, sheep and goats.

In the northern one-third of Indiana the most common mold found in corn fields was Gibberella (or "Gib") Ear Rot. Gib ear rot can be readily identified in the field on intact ears, but it is much more difficult to identify after the grain has been shelled. It is a pink to reddish mold that begins at the tip of the ear and develops toward the base.

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Leave news and/or advertising at PJ's Flower and Gift Shop, mail to P O Box 695, Warren, fax to 260.375.7007 or email to wwkwly@citiznet.com. Van Buren residents may call Mary Jo Zoda at 765-934-3637.

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KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

THANK YOU

I wish to thank you everyone who helped organize, sent cards, called, visited, or attended my 80th birthday party. It was a very enjoyable time for everyone.

Thank you again,
Bea Blake

THE UPTOWN GARDENER

by Ruth Herring

A Happy Belated Valentines Day to all. Our day was quite nice with our Gayle and granddaughter Sarah spending some time with us and had a nice lunch. Cold day but sunny and I can take that.

When thinking of what to write I reflected back to Valentines Day at school. It was a special day for most all of grade school. A few days before we were making things that reflected the month of February, hearts, snow flakes and silhouettes in black and white of the presidents who had birthdays. We were excited to start making the big red crepe covered box that was trimmed with our art work. If our work didn't show up on the box it was used to decorate our room. Valentines day we brought our cards some bought and many hand made to place proudly in the box. In the afternoon we anxiously waited for time to have our party and pass out the valentines which all of had a turn on doing. Refreshments were from our moms always home made treats. It was a very special day we looked forward to. I remember one year it was snowing huge fluffy flakes and our teacher said Mother Nature was shaking out her feather pillows. I still think of that on a snowy day.

Kids today probably share the day but a bit different, cards look different but still have the same sentiments, treats come from a grocery store maybe a bit fancier, but lack the love our moms put into it.

While I was working at our local library I made a valentine box and was a hit with the kids, and this kid had fun doing it for them. Just another good memory of days past. I would love to have some of the valentines I received that have become lost over the years. Wayne has several and it is a treat to look them over.

In the greenhouse the geraniums are looking good and some cuttings are rooting nicely. Soon I will start getting flats ready for seeds.

Glad for the covering of snow in the yard to cover the spring bulbs that are trying to come up. Perhaps it will slow down their progress.

These winter snow days I spend in the house and was watching the food channel and found a quick and very easy recipe for fudge which I tried and is quite good. I rationed it out all week as we really didn't need it but when you have a bad case of cabin fever you often do dumb things. Here it is for all you ladies, who like myself, might not have gotten a red heart box of candy this past week. I was lucky Kendra came in the evening with one for grandpa and I. Thank you, you are as sweet as the chocolate and so is our little great granddaughter!

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 Gary Riley, Pastor
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 Wed. Bible Study6:30 p.m.
 Thurs. Kings Kids6:30 p.m.
 BYG Youth Svc. (2&4Sun.) .. 6:00 p.m.
 CWF Ladies (3 Tue)6:00 p.m.
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 2nd Worship Service10:30a.m.
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 Wed - Circle of Friends (3yrs old - 5th grade) . 6:30-8p.m.
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 OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT
 Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat
 Chapel Services9:00 a.m.
- THE NEW BEGINNING**
 SR 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto
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 765/728-2065 for more info
 Sunday Worship.....10:30a.m.
 ThursdayPrayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.
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 Worship Service10:00 a.m.
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 Worship10:30 a.m.
 Wednesday:
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 694-6622
 Pastor Dan Sommer
 Sunday School9:00 a.m.
 Fellowship 9:55a.m.
 Worship 10:15a.m.
 Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
- LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
 Pastor Devin Cook
 Morning Worship9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School10:45 a.m.
- MCNATT UNITED METHODIST**
 375-4359
 Bill VanHaften, Pastor
 Lois Slusher, Supt.
 Coffee Fellowship.....8:30 a.m.
 Worship9:15 a.m.
 Sunday School10:30 a.m.
 Bible Study - Wed. 7:00 p.m.
- MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST**
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 Tony Johnson - Pastor
 Trad. Worship 9:00 a.m.
 Mdrn Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Fellowship 10:00 a.m.
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 Sunday School9:30 a.m.
 Worship10:30 a.m.
 Sunday Evening6:00 p.m.
 Mid-Week (Wed)6:00 p.m.
- PLUM TREE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**
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 Sunday School9:30 a.m.
 Worship10:30 a.m.

- SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN**
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 Mel Zumbrun, Pastor
 Worship9:30 a.m.
 Church School10:45a.m.
- UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**
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 Junior Church 10:00 a.m.
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 Communion 1st Sunday of the Month
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 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Adult Worship10:30 a.m.
 Children's Church 10:30a.m.
 Evening Praise Hour..... 6:00p.m.
 Hour of Power (Wed) 7:00p.m.
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 Sunday School 10:30a.m.
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 Sunday School Classes9:30 am
 Youth Group6:00 pm
 Sunday Adult Bible Study..... 6:00 pm
 Thurs. Bible Study7:00 pm



AREA NEWS

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Purdue Extension specialists, Charles Woloshuk and Kiersten Wise, recently released a publication (BP-77-W) called "Diseases of Corn: Gibberella Ear Rot." They provide information on how to identify and manage the disease in this publication which can be found on-line at this link: <http://www.extension.purdue.edu/extmedia/BP/BP-77-W.pdf>.

Wise encourages tillage in a field which has had Gib ear rot if corn is to be planted in the same field in 2010. A rotation out of corn by planting soybeans will also allow the infected residue to degrade. She also notes that some corn hybrids are more resistant than others to Gib ear rot. However, many of the newer popular hybrids do not have good resistance ratings.

Ohio State University Extension specialists have provided up-to-date information on storing moldy corn as well as hybrid selection. Specifically they discuss the mycotoxins that are produced in corn ears infected with Gib ear rot. To review questions and answers surrounding moldy grain and mycotoxins, refer to the OSU Extension Agronomic Crops Team Crop Observation and Recommendation Network (C.O.R.N.) newsletter at <http://agcrops.osu.edu>. At this site, you can click on the "Corn" icon to see the information.

Livestock producers can also find current information on a mycotoxin called zearalenone which is produced by the fungus that causes Gibberella ear rot. This mycotoxin is of concern in both ruminants (cattle, sheep, and goats) and non-ruminants (swine and poultry). The highest concern is with reproducing

livestock, as feeding moldy corn can cause adverse effects.

Purdue Extension specialists in the Animal Science Department at Purdue have prepared two new publications which discuss the effects of zearalenone. One publication (AS-598-W) is called "Zearalenone Concerns in Reproducing Livestock." Although there is more limited research involving the feeding of moldy corn to sheep and goats, Purdue Extension specialist, Mike Neary has written a new publication (AS-597W) called, "Mycotoxin Concerns in Sheep and Meat Goat Feeding." Both of these publications can be found on-line <http://www.ces.purdue.edu/extmedia/ansci.htm>.

If you have questions, contact Ed Farris, Agriculture and Natural Resource Educator, Purdue Extension – Huntington County Office, 354 N Jefferson – Suite 202, Huntington by calling 260-358-4826.

HUNTER EDUCATION

A Hunter Educator course will be offered Monday, March 8, Wednesday, March 10 and Thursday, March 11, 5:30 – 9 PM at the Wells County Community Center at the 4-H Park.

Participants completing the class will receive certification which is required to obtain a hunting license in Indiana and other states.

Pre-registration is required by calling 260-824-0692. The class is free and open to the public. Youth who are under age 16 must be accompanied by a guardian. Attendance at all three classes is required for completion.

Class instructors will include

certified instructors Mike & Jodi Pinkerton, Darrel Reynolds, Rich Falk, Rick Bergman, Tracy Myers, and Indiana Conservation Officer Kenny Wireman. The event is organized by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. For more information and details, call 260-824-0692.

WHERE \$\$ GO

When payday rolls around, many consumers will be trying to figure out which bills they will pay and which ones will wait until another paycheck comes in. With increasing costs for necessary expenses such as gasoline, utilities and healthcare, consumers are finding it harder to make ends meet. If you, like many others, are wondering how you can stretch your paycheck and make your money go further, you will want to attend the program "Where Does Your Money Go?"

"A fresh look at your financial situation can give you new insight into ways to change spending behaviors in order to have more money," says Karen Hinshaw, Purdue Extension Educator for Consumer and Family Sciences. "There may be enough money coming into the household to pay for expenses that are needed if some unnecessary items are eliminated or postponed. This program gives participants an opportunity to rethink how they are currently spending money and make a plan for future spending."

The "Where Does Your Money Go?" program will be presented by Karen Hinshaw, Purdue

Extension Educator, at the Courthouse Annex 2nd Floor Meeting Room on Monday, February 22nd at 5pm. Please call to sign up to attend either free class, 260-358-4826.

If you have a disability that requires special assistance for your participation, please contact the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, Huntington County at 260-358-4826.

NATIONAL FFA WEEK

The 9,500 FFA members from across the state will celebrate National FFA Week Feb. 20-27, 2010. Lead Out Loud is the theme this year as members pledge to show off what makes them premier leaders in their schools and communities. More than half a million members around the nation will participate in National FFA Week activities at the local and state levels.

The focus of National FFA Week is to tell the community and the country about the great opportunities available through FFA. From its beginnings in 1928 as the Future Farmers of America, the National FFA Organization today reaches out to all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. FFA is committed to developing character and leadership skills, as well as preparing members for a lifetime of civic leadership and career success.

As a part of National FFA Week, the 197 chapters throughout Indiana will be hosting events in their schools ranging from spirit days and community service projects to preparing breakfast for the teachers. The Indiana FFA is planning an Indiana Day of Service and a Page Day. On the Day of Service chapters throughout Indiana will be doing special service projects in their own area. On Page Day Indiana FFA members will devote a day to working in the State House.

Indiana FFA members are the leaders of tomorrow and

dedicated to community service activities like toy and food drives, landscape projects, and visiting the elderly at the nursing home. Whether it's working with elementary children or serving as a chapter officer, FFA members make a positive difference on those around them. They are success-oriented students who are driven to achieve their goals. FFA builds leaders, and leaders impact the future.

FFA members have opportunities to attend national leadership conferences, start their own businesses, and apply for awards and scholarships. Through classroom instruction and hands-on learning, agricultural education and FFA are making a positive difference in the lives of students.

FFA members are our future engineers, scientists, teachers and producers. One of every five Americans is employed in the food, fiber and natural resources industries, and FFA members are preparing for one of those 300 careers in agriculture.

For more information about National FFA Week, visit www.ffa.org/ffaweek or contact the Indiana FFA.

ALZHEIMER'S VICTORY

In a victory for persons with Alzheimer's disease, a recent policy change by the Social Security Administration now allows early onset Alzheimer's to be included in its Compassionate Allowance Initiative. Under this initiative, the Social Security Administration (SSA) find individuals with certain diseases or conditions eligible for Social Security disability (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits by the nature of the disease. While applicants still have to meet other SSDI and/or SSI criteria, when it comes to the disability criterion,

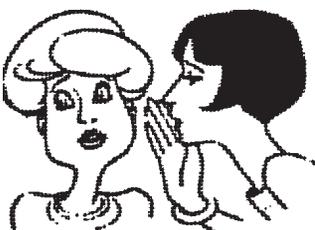
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Community Calendar

Items listed here are open to the public. If there is an admission charge or items are for sale or a donation is necessary, there is a one-time \$5 fee to be listed. Events can be listed for as long as 6 months. (If an event is cancelled, please notify WW.) Only event, place, time, and sponsor, for events in Warren, and the surrounding area will be listed.

- Feb 17 Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
- Feb 17 Ash Wednesday
- Feb 22 Washington's Birthday
- Mar 3 Warren Chamber of Commerce, noon, Assembly Hall
- Mar 3 Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
- Mar 8 Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m., Assembly Hall
- Mar 14 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- Mar 15 KBC Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m. at KBC
- Mar 17 St Patrick's Day
- Mar 17 Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.

Bread of Life Food Pantry - Wed 2 - 5:00pm at KBC or by appointment - Call 375-2381. Bargain Basement - Friday & Saturday 9 - 4 at KBC Cancer Support Group - 3rd Tuesday 6:30-8p.m. at Bluffton Regional South Campus



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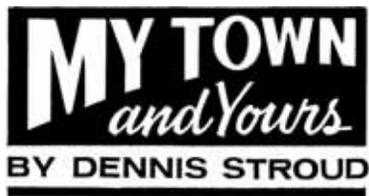
they are considered eligible by virtue of the disease and fast-tracked for a favorable decision about their eligibility for SSDI and SSI benefits. Early-onset Alzheimer's refers to those diagnosed with the disease under the age of 62.

Since 2003, the Alzheimer's Association has been advocating on behalf of individuals with early-onset Alzheimer's as they navigate the Social Security disability determinations process and welcomes the SSA's decision. Until now, those with early-onset Alzheimer's disease have faced a myriad of challenges when applying for SSDI or SSI, including a long decision process, initial denials, and multiple appeals.

"This is a victory by the Alzheimer's Association on behalf of people with early-onset disease," says Linda Altmeyer, Director of Programs for the Greater Indiana Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, which serves persons affected with Alzheimer's in 73 Indiana counties.

Today, approximately 5.2 million Americans have Alzheimer's disease, including 100,000 Hoosiers. Every 71 seconds, someone develops Alzheimer's disease, making Alzheimer's disease the 6th leading cause of death. The direct and indirect costs of Alzheimer's disease and other dementia amount to more than \$148 billion annually.

The Alzheimer's Association is the world leader in Alzheimer's research and support. Having awarded more than \$150 million to nearly 1,300 research projects, the Alzheimer's Association is the largest private funder of Alzheimer research. The Association's vision is a world without Alzheimer's disease. For more information about Alzheimer's disease, call 800.272.3900 or visit www.alz.org/indiana.



Dr. Daniel Palmer served for almost thirty years in an area that extended from Rockcreek Township on the north, far into Jackson Township on the south and reached from near the middle of Liberty Township on the east to the center of Wayne Township on the west. He was nearly ready to retire before there was a single mile of gravel road in Salamonie Township. Sometimes it would require the better part of the day or a night to reach the home of some sufferer and return to the office where they would change horses and start out on another long trip no matter how stormy the weather might be. It required an extraordinary amount of physical stamina to endure the strain under which they had to work.

In those days, wounds filled with pus and there were few operations aside from amputations. There were no sugarcoated tablets or medicine and drugs were either swallowed in powder form or in a syrup mixture. The most prevalent ailment suffered by the first settlers was a form of malaria, which was caused by mosquitoes, but that fact was not known then. The disease was called plague or in the language of the day it was called, "the shakes." It would start with a severe chill and the patient would shake for hours.

The next stage was severe nausea. The standard remedy was quinine which was generally mixed with molasses or apple butter to disguise the taste, but there were some hardy souls who would put raw quinine in their mouths and then take a sip of water, swallowing the horrid stuff as quickly as possible. Typhoid fever was another common cause of illness during the summer and fall and took a heavy toll in the winter and spring.

In those days every community had its "granny remedy" for diseases. Whiskey and rock candy was a great mix for coughs and colds. Pennyroyal tea was in great demand and white oak bark soaked in whiskey with other roots and herbs added was supposed to be good for

many complaints.

Nearly everybody had to take a course of sulfur and molasses every spring to purify the blood, which was thought to become badly contaminated during the winter. Sage, saffron and sassafras all had curative properties, but the remedies easiest to take were those applied by the conjure method.

For several years Dr. Palmer had urged that there should be instruction in higher branches of learning and was largely instrumental in calling a public meeting at which the matter was discussed by the patrons of the school. Jacob G. Young, member of the board of directors of the school, presided, and Dr. John S. Sprowl was the secretary of the meeting. Dr. Palmer presented the following resolution which was adopted unanimously; Resolved—That this school shall be called the Warren District Graded School and that in addition to the branches of law, we have the following: Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Natural Philosophy, Composition and Physical Geography.

Dr. Daniel Palmer's picture sits with honor in our museum, for the schools never had a better friend. He was an early teacher here, served as a member of the old township school board, and to the day of his death took a keen interest in school affairs. He was the real father of our schools.

CHAUTAUQUA

The Chautauqua Literary Club met February 5, 2010, at Heritage Pointe. President Sharon Gebhart welcomed the members and guest present, then opened the meeting with a reading of the Collect. Roll call was answered by telling A Valentine School Remembrance, followed by Thank You's from the Bread of Life Food Pantry, and Pathfinders, then the business meeting. A newspaper clip was read concerning the beginning of Chautauqua Club in Warren.

Linda Howell introduced the program given by Cynthia Wehr, President of the Board of Directors, and an Advocate of McKenzie's Hope, a Huntington County Child Advocacy Center. She became involved as circumstances in her work compelled her to say, "God, put

me where you need me!" She then began organizing a way to help the community become aware of and involved in better protecting their children from child abuse and neglect.

The focus of McKenzie's Hope for the new year is to increase education in the community about child abuse and neglect, where more children would be protected, and misconceptions about child abuse can be straightened out and children can be protected before abuse happens.

5 Disciplines for interview involvement at McKenzie's Hope; Welfare, Physical (medical), Mental Health, DCS, Law Enforcement and Prosecution are used, all in a completely safe, compassionate, and comfortable environment for the children.

It took about 18 months for the McKenzie's Hope Advocacy Center to get off the ground. It would not have happened without every form of assistance from the community, for which they are very grateful. The need of advocacy for children is great and ever increasing, as well as the need for continued and increasing financial support from the community.

"The Center will coordinate a unified response to child abuse reports so that every child is treated with equal importance and care in a safe, compassionate, child focused center to promptly and thoroughly investigate child abuse." From the Centers Mission Statement.

Thank You for respecting our Children!!

Delicious refreshments were served by hostesses Martha Shafter, and Lou Ann Shafer to Janet Beavens, Lucille Beavens, Sue Blair, Nancy Bonham, Ann Brauchla, Freddie Couch, Barbara Engle, Elaine Eckman, Sharon Gebhart, Linda Howell, Phylis Hubartt, Joan Huffman, Karen Hunnicutt, Georgina

Laymon, LuEllyn Pond, Peggy Schweickhardt, Lou Ann Shafer, Martha Shafer, Ann Spahr, Carolyn Sparks, Alice Whitmore, Freda Van Winkle, Ruth Alice Christner, Florence Mott, Bertha Turner, and guest Cynthia Wehr.

The next meeting will be held March 5, 2010, at 1:30 p.m. Heritage Pointe.

FALL DEAN'S LIST

Samantha Drayer of Warren achieved the Dean's list for fall semester at The University of Findlay as announced by Daniel J. May, Ph.D., vice president of academic affairs. She attained a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale and is an equestrian studies major.

COPING WITH COYOTES

It is not uncommon anymore for coyotes to be seen occasionally in urban and suburban areas of Indiana, but that doesn't necessarily mean there are more of them.

One reason for higher visibility of coyotes at this time of year is that February is their mating season. Consequently, coyotes may be more mobile and more apt to be out in the open during daylight hours.

Another factor is snow cover. The brown coat of a coyote in motion can be seen more easily against a white backdrop.

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GENEALOGY REPORT

SPIKES

John H. Spikes, 71, of Markle passed away at 12:25 p.m. on Thursday, February 11, 2010 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

He was a 1956 graduate of General Robert E. Lee High School in Jacksonville, Florida. He was a member of the Florida State National Guard 124th and enlisted in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He was a member of the American Legion Post 7 of Huntington and Son of the Confederate Veterans. After his discharge, he worked in construction at a ship yard in Jacksonville. He later worked at General Electric in Fort Wayne for 32 years, retiring in 1994.

He was born on July 13, 1938 in Daytona Beach, Florida, a son of Herbert I. and Leonora E. (Bridier) Spikes.

He is survived by longtime friend and the love of his life: Catherine A. Schlup of Fort Wayne; a daughter: Debra L. Gregory; grandson: Anthony J. Gregory and wife Lindsay and a great grandson: Andrew L. Gregory.

Interment was at the St. Augustine Cemetery in St. Augustine, Florida.

HAGGERTY

Barbara "Jean" Haggerty, 68, of Warren, IN, passed away at 1:30 AM, on Monday, February 15, 2010 at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana in Fort Wayne, IN.

She was born on Tuesday, April 15, 1941, in Marion, IN. Mrs. Haggerty was a member of the Hillside Wesleyan Church in Marion. She had formerly worked for Kitco in Bluffton for 10 years and was also a homemaker. She married Edward Charles Haggerty on August 23, 1958 in Marion, Indiana. She was the daughter of the late Boyd Botkin and Martha (Miller) Newell of Warren, IN.

Survivors include Mother-Martha (Miller) Newell of Warren, IN, Sons-Steve (wife, Robin) Haggerty of La Fontaine, Mike (wife, Stacy) Haggerty of Warren, Tim Haggerty of Fort Wayne, Sisters-Kathy Peckinpugh of Florida, Suzie Donaldson of Marion, Rhea Smart of Marion, Brother-Nick Botkin of Indianapolis, 10-

Grandchildren, 5-Great Grandchildren and 2-Step Grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her Husband-Edward Charles Haggerty, Father-Boyd Botkin, and Daughter-Lisa Stockman.

Arrangements are being handled by Glancy - H. Brown & Son Funeral Home, 203 N. Matilda St., Warren, Ind., where the family will receive friends from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at the funeral home.

Funeral service will be at Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home at 11:00 AM Thursday, February 18, 2010, Pastor Gary Bingham officiating. Interment will be at Woodlawn Cemetery in Warren, Ind.

Memorials to American Diabetes Association, 6415 Castleway West Drive, Suite 114, Indianapolis, IN 46250.

WATSON

Jane A. Watson, 78, of Andrews, IN, passed away at 11:50 AM, on Sunday, February 14, 2010 at the Heritage Pointe in Warren, IN.

She was born on Sunday, March 22, 1931, in Markle, IN. Mrs. Watson was a Homemaker. She had worked for Majenica Telephone Company as an Operator from 1947 - 1956. She also worked for Zimmerlee Slaughter House as a meat cutter. She was an accomplished Organist and a tutor at Andrews School and had played the organ at the Heritage Pointe (United Methodist Memorial Home) for many years. She graduated from Lancaster High School in 1949. She had lived in rural Andrews for many years before moving to the Heritage Pointe in Warren just a couple of weeks ago. She was a member of the Lancaster Wesleyan Church. She married Robert E. Watson on August 13, 1967 in Warren, Indiana and was the daughter of the late Arthur Simon Zimmerlee and the late Ruth Irene (Leavell) Zimmerlee.

Survivors include her Husband-Robert E. Watson of Andrews, Ind. and a Sister-Mrs. Lloyd (Lois Ann) Cole of Wautoma, Wis.

She was preceded in death by her Father-Arthur Simon Zimmerlee, Mother-Ruth Irene

(Leavell) Zimmerlee, Step Brother-Rev. Garl Beaver and Step Sister-Margery Ring.

Services were held at Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home with Pastor Doug Sharrard officiating. Interment was at the Mt. Etna Cemetery in Mt. Etna, Ind.

Memorials to Lancaster Wesleyan Church-Building Fund 3147 W - 543 S Huntington, IN 46750

UNCAPHER

Berniece E. Uncapher, 81, of Hartford City, IN, passed away at 3:38 AM, on Tuesday, February 16, 2010 at St. Vincents Seton Specialty Hospital in Indianapolis, IN.

She was born on Wednesday, April 18, 1928, in Brookville, IN. Mrs. Uncapher had been a longtime resident of Blackford County. After raising 11 children, she went back to corresponding school where she received her high school diploma. Mrs. Uncapher then attended Taylor University for voice and photography lessons. She was a member of the Jefferson Christian Church in Upland and an avid photographer.

She married Rev. Billie R.

Uncapher on July 12, 1945 in Hugo, Oklahoma. Mrs. Uncapher was the daughter of the late Ashby Robbins and the late Lucy Lee Robbins.

Survivors include sons Billie Edward (wife, Donna) Uncapher of Marion, Ind., John Mark (wife, Missy) Uncapher of Haleyville, Ala., Leslie Jonathan (wife, Marie) Uncapher of Arley, Ala., Stephen (wife, Beth) Uncapher of Hartleton, Pa., Daughters Eunice Rose Uncapher of Hartford City, Ind., Rebecca Ruth (husband, Todd) Burcroff of Gas City, Ind., Naomi Elaine (husband, Daniel) Richard of Gillette, Wyo., Judith Angeline (husband, Terry) Atnip of Lander, Wyo., Brothers Daniel (wife, Katie) Robbins of Montpelier, Ind., and Marshall Robbins of Marion, Ind., Sister Evelyn (husband, Bud) Whitesell of Andrews, Ind.

She was preceded in Death by husband Rev. Billie R. Uncapher who passed away on May 15, 2001, father Ashby Robbins, mother Lucy Lee Robbins, Sons David J. Uncapher, Valentine Daniel Uncapher, and Samuel Uncapher, sister Dorothy Baker and brother Carol Robbins.

Arrangements are being handled by Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 West Windsor Street, Montpelier, Ind., where the family will

receive friends from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Funeral Home on Thursday, February 18, 2010. Funeral service will be at Jefferson Christian Church at 11:00 AM Friday, February 19, 2010, Rev. Connie Hull and Rev. William Babb will be officiating. Interment will be at Marion National Cemetery in Marion, Ind.

Memorials to: Gideons Bible International P.O. Box 511 Upland, IN. 46989.





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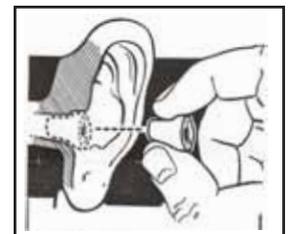
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Coyotes are opportunistic feeders and are highly adaptive to their surroundings. Readily available food sources are attractive to them, and small woodlots, riparian corridors and open fields represent suitable habitat.

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources does not track population numbers on coyotes, but an annual survey in which deer hunters log wildlife sightings provides some insight. In 1992, the first year of the survey, hunters reported seeing 10 coyotes statewide per thousand hours of hunting. By 1995, the index reached 20 sightings and remained steady between 24 and 28 ever since.

Documented human-coyote conflicts are extremely rare. To reduce the chances of a conflict, the DNR and the U.S. Department of Agriculture offer the following advice:

- Do not feed coyotes;
- Do not allow pets to run free. Provide secure nighttime housing for them;
- Feed pets indoors whenever possible. Pick up leftovers if feeding outdoors and store pet and livestock feed where it's inaccessible to wildlife;
- Eliminate water bowls and other artificial water sources whenever possible;
- Position bird feeders in a location that is less likely to attract small animals or bring the feeders indoors at night;
- Do not discard edible garbage where coyotes can get to it;
- Secure garbage containers;
- Trim and clean shrubbery at ground level to reduce hiding cover for coyotes or their prey;
- If you start seeing coyotes around your home, discourage them by shouting, making loud noises or throwing rocks, but NEVER corner a coyote—always give the coyote a free escape route.

Coyotes are wild animals protected by Indiana law, which requires the DNR to provide for the protection, care, management, survival and regulation of wild animal populations. Under that authority, the DNR establishes the methods, means and time of taking, chasing and selling wild animals.

The DNR controls the population of coyotes primarily by a regulated hunting and trapping season, which runs

from Oct. 15 through March 15. A hunting or trapping license is required, unless the individual is hunting or trapping on land he/she owns. In addition, Indiana law allows landowners, or a person with written permission of a landowner, to take coyotes year-round on private property.

More information about coping with coyotes or other wildlife can be viewed by clicking on the Dealing with Nuisance Wildlife icon at www.dnr.IN.gov or by going to www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/2351.htm.

WELLS 4-H OPEN HOUSE

The annual 4-H Sign Up Day and Open House will be held Saturday, February 20th, 8 AM – 12 Noon at the Wells County Community Center at the 4-H Park in Bluffton.

4-H members and families are encouraged to stop by to fill out membership forms, meet with your club leaders (pick up last year's record notebook), pay your club dues, and pick up this year's manuals and meeting schedules.

4-H volunteers will answer questions and get you signed up for 2010.

The club schedule for the event will be:

8–10 AM - Lancaster Township Achievers, Hurryin' Harrisons (Harrison Township), Liberty Township Happy Go Lucky, Jackson Township Jaguars
10 AM – 12 Noon - Chester Chargers, Jefferson Township Knightriders, Nottingham Township Nobles, Rockcreek Rollers (Rockcreek and Union Townships).

Information tables will also include schedules and forms for Archery, Horse & Pony, 4-H Dog Obedience Club, 4-H Pistol Safety, 4-H Shot Gun Safety, and Mini 4-H.

4-H membership forms for Wells County are due April 1, 2010.

Youth in grades 3–12 may join 4-H and youth in grades 1 & 2 may join Mini 4-H.

If you have questions about any project, please call your 4-H Club Leader or the Wells County Extension Office, 1240 S. 4-H Road, Bluffton IN 46714, 260-824-6412 or email rsherer@purdue.edu.

TACK AUCTION

The Wells County 4-H Horse & Pony Club will host a Tack Auction on Saturday, February 20 at the Wells County Community Center at the 4-H Park.

Doors will open at 5 PM and the Auction will begin at 6 PM. Chad Bricker will be the tack vendor and consignments are available. Donated items are encouraged for the silent benefit auction.

Food and beverages will be available. All proceeds to benefit the Wells County 4-H Horse & Pony Club. For more information, contact Lisa Toliver, 708-224-7030 or Ray Carroll, 260-701-4033.

JR PORK DAY

The Purdue Cooperative Extension Service will be holding the annual Junior Pork Day, Saturday, March 6, at Lilly Hall of Life Sciences on the campus of Purdue University, West Lafayette.

The event, which is designed for youth interested in pork production and / or the 4-H Swine Project will feature mini workshops. The topics will include: How to Judge Feeder Pigs, Market Hogs, and Gilts; Evaluating Cuts of Meat; Swine Health Tips; and Micro-organisms and You.

Lunch will be served and is sponsored by Johnsonville Brats.

The afternoon sessions will include: BBQ Pork – flavors across America; Ear Notching & baby pig health; and Preparing for Show Day & Swine Showmanship.

The program is being supported by the Crossbred Classic, Indiana Swine Breed Associations and the Purdue University Animal Sciences and Youth Development and Ag Education Departments. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Brian Richert – Extension Swine Specialist at 765-494-4837 brichert@purdue.edu or Kyle Culp – Graduate Assistant and Youth Livestock Program Specialist at 765-494-8427 culp@purdue.edu

MORELAND AT STATEHOUSE

Rep. Dan Leonard (R-Huntington) was joined during session recently at the Statehouse by members of the Warren Church of Christ.

At the start of each session day an invocation is given by the "Pastor of the Day," which is a special honor and features pastors from all over the state. Pastor Gerald Moreland was today's featured pastor.

"Coming to the Statehouse to watch the legislative process in action is a great opportunity for Hoosiers to see first-hand how bills become law," Rep. Leonard said. "Pastor Moreland's prayer was well-crafted and delivered. It's a special day for him.

"I want to encourage more Hoosiers to come to the Statehouse and take part in the law making process. It's always open to the public."

WORKING MOTHERS

by V Neil Wyrick
Working mothers carry a double load; guilt and exhaustion. They are featured as jugglers on a family circus calendar that is always full to the overflowing. They are often tired and tired of being tired. Many would prefer to be working part time. Fathers, according to some recent polls are of a different breed as 79% of them prefer to be working full time.

Many of the working mothers that I have been talking to are constantly on the lookout for added gifts of efficiency and energy from Father Time. When it comes to either of these needed attributes I kept hearing the phrase, "I am overwhelmed by deficit spending."

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their time and energy paycheck because more and more mothers prefer not to work full time outside the home. "It just isn't an ideal situation" is what I hear from a limited research of some of my friends who are mothers.

Time management is, of course, the only answer because in today's shaky economy choice often doesn't exist.

Delegation is the beginning of efficiency vs. exhaustion. Give some chores to the kids. Don't try to be a super mom and do it all. If you don't delegate all you end up with is a bunch of spoiled lazy children with a weary complaining mother. Set aside some personal time. This isn't being selfish. It is being wise.

Stay ahead by planning for the future rather than just letting things happen. "I don't worry about tomorrow. I let tomorrow take care of itself." I've heard this excuse for procrastination more times than it would seem common sense would allow. Simplify. Simplify. Simplify. Have a priority list so that some things at the bottom of the list are truly treated as things at the bottom of the list. Don't make everything decision time. Set up patterns such as always shopping on Friday afternoon (if you are part time employed or self employed) because that is when stores are the least overcrowded.

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Set aside time for a date with your husband, take a walk in the open air, read a good book, etc. Variety is also a good thought to be practiced.

Early in our marriage my wife worked, even when children began to come. She followed some of the advice above and added on her own creative thinking to the mix. What she didn't do was just sit back and not try to do something with the shortage of time that was inevitable.

When, however, no matter what you do things get out of hand, keep it to yourself. It just isn't good to be in a constant soul bearing mood. The workplace really is for work and unless your boss is Mr. Empathetic his or herself keep your problems to yourself.

This is a short column that has only touched on the problem of working mothers and is not meant to challenge and solve any and all decisions that must be made. Call it a toe dip into a small sea of suggestions that might make you read a good book on time management.

And then...of course...follow some of the advice given.

SCARLET O'HARA SYNDROME

by The FlyLady, Marla Cilley
Our homes are filled with tons of stuff. There is only so much space in our homes but our stuff is expanding to fill every crack, crevice and cubby hole. It has grown at a cancerous rate! In fact it is not only multiplying at a remarkable rate but it is consuming us at the same time.

It is robbing us of our self-esteem. It is stealing our time and it is alienating us from our family and friends. We have to put a stop to it. I want you to think about when you first contract this disease of stuff!

In our book Body Clutter we ask you what your comfort food was. We wanted you to look at why that food soothed you. I am going to use this assignment when it comes to our clutter. Clutter doesn't happen overnight. It gradually sneaks in the door.

My clutter began to accumulate after having nothing but the clothes on my back after a bad marriage. Within a year I had accumulated everything I could possibly need

into my two bedroom cabin up on the farm. I like to think of this as the Scarlet O'hara syndrome. I was determined to never be without my stuff again. As a result of this stubborn resolve I unconsciously began collecting. Not for the sake of a cherished item but because I was trying to fill an empty hole. This is much the same way we do it with food. We will never be able to get enough stuff to fill that hole.

I want to help you eliminate this need for more stuff and at the same time give you the courage to let the clutter go! You don't need stuff to define you as a person! This clutter is standing in the way of your peace! I want you to take Scarlet's quote and use it to help you eliminate your clutter. Let's take her determination and utilize that power to Fling!

"As God is my witness, they're not going to lick me. I'm going to live through this and when it's all over, I'll never be hungry again."

I am going to reword the quote for my FlyBabies.

As God is my witness, CLUTTER is not going to lick me. I'm going to live through this and when it's all over, I'll never be hungry for stuff again.

We can stop this cancer in its tracks with our SHE traits. We have determination! We can hyper-focus and we want to FLY! Finally Love Yourself!

Are you ready to get rid of your clutter one bag at a time? That is how it came into your home! You can't organize clutter; you can only get rid of it! Organizing clutter is no better than a Band-Aid on a cancerous tumor. The growth needs to be removed before the healing can take place.

For more help getting rid of your CHAOS, check out her website and join her free mentoring group at www.FlyLady.net or her book, Sink Reflections published by Bantam and her New York Times Best Selling book, Body Clutter published by Fireside. Copyright 2010 Marla Cilley Used by permission in this publication.

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TRAVEL TIPS TO SAVE YOU MONEY

(StatePoint) Whether you're planning a romantic getaway or looking for an adventure on your own or with a bunch of friends, getting more for less is almost always at the top of the list.

"To travel to amazing destinations or explore other cities expands our horizon and perspective on life. Traveling takes you out of your comfort zone and routine, and opens a whole world of possibilities," says global traveler Dr. Vivienne Flavia Finnegan, whose new book, "Flavia's Global Adventures," encourages women to empower themselves and to look at travel as a way to explore life and appreciate the wonders of culture, food, people and beauty.

"In these times of recession and strain, travel is still a great bet for relaxation, fun, and excitement," she adds.

What better way to relieve stress than to save some bucks when planning that next vacation? Here are some tips from Flavia, who has traveled across the U.S. and to dozens of countries globally, to help you become a savvy traveler:

* Be Flexible: Bargains are available if your travel dates and destinations are flexible. Just prior to the hectic high season is the more affordable shoulder season. Cost savings and fewer crowds make this the ideal time to visit your chosen hot spot.

* Consider Less Popular Destinations: Get off the beaten track and take the road less traveled and less expensive. Venture away from popular tourist destinations to reap these rewards.

* Join Loyalty Programs: There are many loyalty programs from hotel chains and frequent flyer programs. Loyal hotel guests also are more likely to get upgrades. Join at least two frequent flyer programs for a wider choice of deals.

* Create a Package: A combination of hotel and flight package can provide big savings, whether booking online or through a travel agent.

* Negotiate: It's often possible to garner some extras to stretch your travel dollar. By negotiating directly with someone like the reservations manager, you may be rewarded with a complimentary breakfast or dinner.

* Hotel Launches: New hotels often provide a great opportunity for special introductory prices.

* Short Term Apartments: Traveling with several people can provide great value. Most apartments have cooking and laundry facilities that can save you a bundle, making them perfect for stays longer than one week.

* Buy a Phone Card: Telephone charges at hotels can be astronomical. A phone card is a real money saver.

* Walk: Aside from providing exercise, in small cities walking is a great way to get around and see the sights.

* Avoid Mini Bar Madness: The mini bar has been the downfall of many a traveler. Stock up on snacks at the local store.

* Get Travel Insurance: It will cover you for the unexpected and give you peace of mind.

"With a little planning you can rest easier knowing you're a smart traveler," concludes Flavia, whose new book includes photos, essays, and even drink and food recipes from the many places she has visited.

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The fudge recipe is 1 can of sweetened condensed milk, 2 1/2 cups semi sweet chocolate chips, 2 tablespoon butter, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 1 teaspoon vanilla, melt all slowly stir well to blend and pour into a 8 inch lightly greased pan cool and cut in squares. They said to sprinkle the top while warm with a bit of sea salt which I didn't do.

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