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**Thought for the Week:** Knowledge is power, if you know it about the right person. Ethel Mumford

## SOUP SUPPER

Solid Rock UMC invites you and your family to the Annual "Free Soup for the Soul" Supper on February 14th! Vegetable, Chili or Chicken and Noodle Soup will be served starting at 5pm until 6:30pm. If you have the Winter Blues from all this cold weather, come and let us Warm You Up with a bowl of soup and some great Fellowship! Mark your calendar and invite your neighbors & co-workers to join you! Solid Rock UMC is located at 485 Bennett Drive in Warren. We invite you to join us on Sunday Mornings for Sunday School at 9am and Worship Service beginning at 10am with Pastor Paul Burris!

## 2017 FARM CONCERNS

The economic climate of agriculture in 2017 and beyond will pose new and unique challenges to producers across Indiana. Farmers are invited to join Purdue specialists at one of two workshops in northeast Indiana. Management and decision-making strategies will be shared that can be used to endure economic challenges and maintain financial stability.

"Margins have tightened in recent years for producers. It is important to look ahead and to consider adjustments for their operations. Farmers are re-evaluating their economic options," said Ed Farris, Extension Educator in

Huntington County and a conference organizer.

"Managing for 2017 and Beyond – Working through Challenging Economic Times on Indiana's Farms" is being hosted at the following locations and times:

February 16 – 8:30 AM – 11:00 AM EST – Purdue Extension – Allen County Conference Room 4001 Crescent Avenue Fort Wayne, IN 46815 (Contact: James Wolff, Purdue Extension-Allen Co. (260) 481-6826, jmwolff@purdue.edu).

Continental breakfast served at 8:00 AM.

February 16 – 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM EST Purdue Extension – Wells County, Wells County Community Center 1240 4-H Park Road Bluffton, IN 46714 (Contact: Bill Horan, Purdue Extension-Wells Co. (260) 824-6412, horanw@purdue.edu). Lunch served at 12:30 PM.

Topics and presenters include:

\* "Grain Market Outlook/Making Long-term Cash Rent Decisions." Michael Langemeier, Extension Specialist, Purdue Center for Commercial Agriculture

\* "Managing Crop Inputs While Maintaining Yields" Jim Camberato, Extension Specialist, Purdue Agronomy Department

Workshops are free-of-charge, however pre-registration is required by February 13 at provided contacts. Farm Credit

Services of Mid-America is sponsoring the continental breakfast in Fort Wayne and the lunch in Bluffton.

For more information, contact Ed Farris, Agriculture and Natural Resource Educator, Purdue Extension – Huntington County Office, 1340 South Jefferson, Huntington by calling 260-358-4826.

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Hotcakes for Henderson Pancake Breakfast

This Saturday, February 4th from 7 am - 11 am

All you can eat -- donation basis

Held at Liberty Center United Methodist Church 2905 S Main in Liberty Center (old 303 -- the church by the park)

Funds donated are for a mission trip to Henderson Settlement, one of the poorest parts of the US and will be used for materials home repairs for elderly and disabled.

Trip itself is March 26 to April 1st.

Co-sponsored by nearby United Methodist Churches including but not limited to: Boehmer UMC, Asbury UMC, Bluffton First UMC, Epworth UMC, Bluffton; Markle UMC, Poneto UMC, Petroleum UMC and Solid Rock UMC, Warren.

Questions or directions to pancake breakfast... Pastor Josh Johnson... 765.376.7497.



## 100 DAYS

Mrs. Warpup & Miss Smith's kindergarten class celebrated 100 days of school on Jan. 19th. The kindergarten classes made hats with 100 stars, painted 100 Q-tip dots, ate 100 snacks, and some students brought in 100 items for a guessing game to celebrate the day.

## BASEBALL SEASON

The Warren Baseball & Softball Kid's Leagues are gearing up for the 2017 season...

Our league is for kids aged 7-17 on June 1st of this year and they play all their games and have all their practices at Tower Park. They can play in other leagues as well as long as the nights are not the same. The cost is \$30.00 per child and there are no sales programs. We start practices mid April, games mid May and usually finish the 2nd week of July.

For your \$30.00 your child will get a shirt (some also get hats), a 4 week practice season followed by 12 regular season games and a

double elimination tourney with all teams getting trophies for 1st and 2nd places and the three youngest leagues also receiving runner-up trophies.

We also have an excess insurance policy on the kids which most leagues do not provide that will be very handy in the event your child is injured. We also have a Facebook page (you do not have to have Facebook to view the page) where there are hundreds of pictures of the kids posted every season.

News, schedules, rules and up to the minute rain out information. Search for Warren Baseball/Softball

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## Kudos, Kicks & Karats

### WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU AND YOUR BOSS DISAGREE

from the American Counseling Association

Your boss may be a wonderful person and great to work with, but there are still going to be times when you will have disagreements or differences of opinion. These can be awkward situations, since you know who's in charge but yet you still feel stressed and possibly upset about your reactions.

Since you know workplace disagreements will happen, what you want is a logical process that will get you through such situations without feeling stressed. Your goal is not to win the disagreement, but to get through the process feeling good about how you conducted yourself.

A starting point is to evaluate how important the disagreement really is. We often respond emotionally when there's a disagreement, then find we've made a mountain out of a molehill.

If the problem really does matter, decide whether to deal with it now or later. There's no "right" answer. Sometimes dealing with a disagreement immediately can make you seem argumentative, while at other times, waiting to voice your objections may mean you're acting too late, or are setting up bigger problems. When to act is a decision based on a careful evaluation of the problem and its implications.

Next, consider alternative courses of action. Your boss and you may have opposing directions on the matter at hand, but in reality, there's almost always more than one way to confront a problem. You want to think through any possible alternatives and try to evaluate which one would actually be the best way to proceed.

When you have what you feel is the best alternative, then take action. At this point, the action you're taking is not a heated, emotional response but rather one based on careful and clear evaluation of the situation and possible solutions.

A final step is to evaluate the outcome. You may not have been able to change the decision or action that led to the initial disagreement, but that isn't always your goal. Remember, the boss is still the boss and it's not within your power to change him or her. People are simply who they are.

Fly off the handle and get in a heated argument with your boss and neither you nor your boss are going to feel good about it. But react with a well-reasoned, carefully-thought-out approach, and you'll end up feeling less stressed and much better about this work situation.

"Counseling Corner" is provided by the American Counseling Association. Comments and questions to [ACAcornet@counseling.org](mailto:ACAcornet@counseling.org) or visit the ACA website at [www.counseling.org](http://www.counseling.org).

**ASBURY CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST**  
 8013W 1100S -90, Montpelier  
 Phillip Freel Jr, Pastor  
 Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Wed Carry-in & Fellowship .. 6:30 p.m.

**BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
 8294S 900W 35  
 Harold Smith, Pastor  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Bible Study ..... 6:00p.m.

**BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST**  
 Rev. Barry Humble, Pastor  
 Denise Heininger, S.S. Supt.  
 Sunday Worship ..... 9:30a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:45a.m.

**CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
 Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199  
 Pastor - Heath Jones  
 Youth Leader - Kelly Jones  
 Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:40 a.m.  
 Adult Bible Study ..... Sun 6:30p.m.  
 Youth Group ..... Sun 6:00p.m.  
 Handicap Accessible  
 Little Panther Preschool 765.934.2099

**HEALING WATERS MINISTRY —**  
**5811 W 600 S, MT ETNA**  
 Pastor Wayne Couch  
 260/515-2517  
 Sunday Prayer ..... 9:15 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship Service ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Wednesday Bible Study ..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Sunday Evening Service ..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Daycare provided during Worship

**DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN**  
 8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779  
 Matt Kennedy, Pastor  
 Worship Service ..... 9:00a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:00a.m.

**HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST**  
 101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726  
 Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor  
 1st Worship..... 8:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
 2nd Worship..... 11:00 a.m.

**THE NEW BEGINNING**  
 SR 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto  
 Steve Sutton, Pastor  
 765/728-2065 for more info  
 Sunday Worship..... 10:30a.m.  
 Thursday Prayer Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m.

**HERITAGE POINTE**  
 Chaplains Gerald Moreland, Ginny Soultz & Dick Case  
 Sunday Morning Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.

**OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT**  
 Monday thru Friday  
 Chapel Services ..... 9:00 a.m.

**HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
 375-2510  
 Bus Service 375-2510  
[www.hillcrestnazchurch.org](http://www.hillcrestnazchurch.org)  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Youth Group (Wed.)..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Wed. Midweek Service..... 6:30 p.m.

**SOLID ROCK UNITED METHODIST**  
 485 Bennett Dr, Warren, IN  
 375-3873  
 Paul Burris, Pastor  
 Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Worship Service ..... 10:00 a.m.

**LANCASTER WESLEYAN**  
 3147 W 543 S, Huntington  
 468-2411  
 Doug Sharrard, Pastor  
 Pam Thompson, S.S. Supt.  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Wednesday:  
 CYC/Teen/Adult Meetings .... 7:00 p.m.

**LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 694-6622  
 Aaron Westfall, Pastor  
 Sunday School ..... 9:15 a.m.  
 Fellowship ..... 10:00a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:15a.m.  
 Tues. Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.  
 Wed. Choir ..... 6:30p.m.  
 Monthly Meetings  
 1<sup>st</sup> Mon Ministry Team ..... 7:00 p.m.  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat Mens Prayer Breakfast 8:00 am  
 4<sup>th</sup> Mon ABW ..... 1:30 pm

**LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
 Rev. Josh Johnson  
 Morning Worship .....9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:45 a.m.

**McNATT UNITED METHODIST**  
 375-4359  
 Bill VanHaften, Pastor  
 Lois Slusher, Supt.  
 Coffee Fellowship..... 8:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 9:15 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Bible Study - Wed. .... 7:00 p.m.

**MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST**  
 260/468-2148 Sr 9 & 124  
 Rev. Michael Gallant - "Pastor Mike"  
 Multi-Generational Worship 9:30 a.m.  
 Fellowship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:45-11:30a.m.  
 Sunday Youth ..... 6-7:30 p.m.  
 Come as you are for all services

**PLUM TREE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
 375-2691  
 Jill Miller, Pastor  
 Sunday School .....9:30 a.m.  
 Worship .....10:30 a.m.

**SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN**  
 468-2412  
 Mel Zumbrun, Pastor  
 Worship .....9:30 a.m.  
 Church School ..... 10:45a.m.

**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
 375-2102  
 Pastor Scott Nedberg  
 Youth Pastor - Pastor Heather Parsons  
 Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Contemporary Service - Wed 6:30 p.m.  
 Junior Church ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Youth Meetings-Wed ..... 6:30 p.m.  
 Communion 1st Sunday of the Month

**VB CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
 765/934-3321 Parsonage  
 Jeff Slater, Pastor  
 Jim Knight, Superintendent  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Adult Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Children's Church ..... 10:30a.m.  
 Evening Praise Hour..... 6:00p.m.  
 Hour of Power (Wed) ..... 7:00p.m.

**VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
 765-934-1431  
 Pastor Cindy Osgood  
 Worship Service ..... 9:30 am  
 Sunday School ..... 10:30am  
 Not Home Alone - Wed ..... 3:00 pm  
 Prayer-Bible Study (Thur) ..... 7:00 pm  
 UMW 2nd Wed ..... 7:00 pm  
 Little Ones Book Club 1st Tue 10:00 am  
 Just Older Youth 3rd Tue ..... 12:00 pm  
[www.vanburenumc.org](http://www.vanburenumc.org)

**WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
 375-3022  
 Ethan T Stivers, Minister  
 Ben Renkenberger, Youth Minister  
 Tara Bower and Melinda Haynes - Secretaries  
[www.warrenchurchofchrist.org](http://www.warrenchurchofchrist.org)  
 Fellowship .....9:15 a.m.  
 Worship & Communion .....9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School .....11 to 11:40 a.m.  
 Youth:  
 K-5th grade, Mon ..... 6-7pm  
 Jr/Sr Hi, Sunday ..... 6-8pm

**WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Corner of N. Wayne & Matilda Sts.  
 Pator Rusty Strickler  
 Youth Directors  
 Peter & Mindy Fairchild  
 Sunday School .....9:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Worship .....10:00 a.m.  
 Youth Group: Grades 3-5 ..... 4-5:30p  
 Grades 6-12 .... 5:30 - 7p

**WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH**  
**375-2330** 6th & Nancy Sts. Warren  
 Rev. Allen Laws, Pastor  
 Wesley Welch, Supt.  
 Sunday School .....9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:15 a.m.  
 Wed Bible Study ..... 6:00 p.m.

**FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
 Pastor Richard Ladouceur  
 11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN  
 765-934-3609  
 Sunday Worship..... 10:30 am  
 Sunday School Classes .....9:30 am  
 Youth Group .....6:00 pm  
 Sunday Adult Bible Study..... 6:00 pm  
 Thurs. Bible Study .....7:00 pm

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## AREA NEWS

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Warren, IN ... and if you do have FB "Like" the page to receive all the posts in your news feed.

We had 14 teams last year ... actually the most we have had in the last 8 or 9 seasons. The leagues are broken up as follows: 7-10 year old boys – American Little League; 11-13 boys – National Little League; 14-17 boys – Pony League; 7-12 Junior Girls Softball; 13-17 Senior Girls Softball.

Sign-ups will be available in the Warren Weekly, at Southern Wells school offices, HNHS office and the Warren Post Office as well as on the Facebook page and will run from the 3rd week of February until March 29th.

We would love to have your child join this year if they do not play here already.

administered at 2:30 p.m. on March 8.

A photo ID with signature is required to take the exam. The cost of the class with exam is \$150.00. The cost to take the exam only is \$50.00. Pre-registration is required by FEBRUARY 22, 2017 in order to receive a textbook and avoid a \$20.00 late fee.

Walk-ins will not receive a textbook. English and Spanish exams are available per registration. To register call 1-800-678-1957, or go to [www.indianarestaurants.org](http://www.indianarestaurants.org). For more information call Nancy E. Manuel, Adams County Extension Educator, at 260-724-5322. The class will be held at the Adams Memorial Hospital- Decatur Room #1, 1100 Mercer Avenue, Decatur, IN.

Instructors:

Nancy Manuel, HHS Extension Educator, Adams County Extension Office

Molly Hoag, HHS Extension Educator, Wells County Extension Office

Jessica Bergdall, Environmental Director – Adams County Health Department

### SALAMONIE EVENTS

Feb 1 – Box Top Competition begins

Feb 3 – 5th grade DARE program begins

Feb 7 – 2:55 pm Early dismissal

Feb 9 – 4:00 pm Basketball home game

Feb 17 – Hawaiian Day

Feb 17 – Box Top competition ends

Box Top Challenge: Last year our grand total for box tops was 19,879 box tops. If students bring in a total of 21,866 box tops this year, Ms. Morgan will allow the winning class to slime her ... on Facebook live!

So have your students get those box tops in here. The competition begins Feb. 1 and ends Feb. 17th.

### HP SPORTS REPORT

Heritage Pointe winners week of 1.27.17:

Congratulations to the pool winners this week who were Larry Langdon and Kay Mounsey. Runners-up were Freddie Couch and Homer Huffman. There were 16

players. Good luck to all for next week.

Wi-Fi winners this week were Bob Slusser with a series of 205 and high games of 236 and 200. Next was Sawdust Minnich with a series of 203 and high games of 221 and 210.

Dick Lintner was next with a series of 171 and Mary Dungan had a series of 150.

### COWBOY GATHERING

Share a meal with other horse enthusiasts at the annual Cowboy Gathering at Salamonie Lake on Feb. 25.

The event starts at 5:30 p.m. at the Salamonie Interpretive Center and includes a program on touring the Bob Marshall Wilderness in Montana on horseback, with Sara Anderson.

Lasagna will be provided. Participants can bring a side dish to share. Donations will be accepted.

Seating is limited. Advance registration required by calling (260) 468-2127.

Salamonie Lake ([stateparks.IN.gov/2952.htm](http://stateparks.IN.gov/2952.htm)) is at 9214 West-Lost Bridge West, Andrews, 46702.

### BEACH AT KUNKEL LAKE

Ouabache State Park is building a swimming beach on Kunkel Lake with plans for it to open this summer.

The beach will be near the current boat and bike rental building.

During construction, Kunkel Lake will be lowered.

Depending on weather and other factors, the lake should return to normal pool level in spring 2017.

The swimming beach should accommodate at least 100 people and will be free to visitors after paying park entrance fees. It will not have a lifeguard.

The swimming pool at the park will also be open for the 2017 recreation season with a lifeguarding staff.

For more information, call (260) 227-1595.

Ouabache State Park ([stateparks.IN.gov/2975.htm](http://stateparks.IN.gov/2975.htm)) is at 4930 E. St. Road 201, Bluffton, 46714.

### HONOR ROLL

Second Quarter Honor Roll Students at Salamonie School are as follows:

5th Grade All A's – Rehryn Brooks, Asher Chipchosky, Jay Clampitt, Tessa Maul, Lonna Patrick, Ava Poulson, Brooklyn Scalf, Blake Sheward

4th Grade All A's – Jackson Barlow, Brenna Cady, Evan Clabaugh, Cole Eltzroth, Javin Gray, Lily Hall, Kayda Newman, Braylyn Pelphrey, Jonak Renkenberger, Molly Schindler, Lola Ann Smith, Maleah Warpup.

3rd Grade All A's – Emma Alford, Anna Clampitt, Raylynn Eltzroth, Blaine Feiburger, Evan Kern, James Linker, Isabella Maul, Gunnar McCutcheon, Abigail Michaud, Dalton Stephan

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### SERVSAFE OFFERING

Purdue Cooperative Extension Service of Adams County will be offering a SERVSAFE Retail Food Certification class on March 1 and March 8, 2017. This is for food handlers who need to obtain a Retail Food Certificate. The sixteen-hour class will take place from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. both days. The exam will be



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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 canceled, please notify WW.) Only event, place, time, and sponsor, for events in Warren, and the surrounding area will be listed.

Jan 18 7:00p V - Town Council Meeting  
Feb 1 Noon W - Chamber Luncheon - Assembly Hall  
Feb 1 7:00p V - Town Council Meeting  
Feb 6 5:00p Veteran's Banquet, Banquo Christian Church  
Feb 6 6:30p SSF Planning Meeting @ KBC  
Feb 13 5:00p W - Town Council Meeting, Assembly Hall  
Feb 15 7:00p V - Town Council Meeting  
Feb 16 6:30p W - KBC Board Meeting at KBC  
Feb 18 7:00p V - Town Council Meeting

**Bread of Life Food Pantry** - Wed 2 - 4:00pm & 6 - 8:00p.m. at KBC  
**Bargain Basement** - Friday & Saturday 9 - 4 at KBC ; **Cancer Support Group** - 3rd Tuesday 6:30-8p.m. at Bluffton Regional South Campus  
*These Events Can Also Be Found at [www.warrenweeklyindiana.com](http://www.warrenweeklyindiana.com)*

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2nd Grade All A's – Isaiah Bordeaux, Jacob Chaney, Gage Clanin, Else Fortney, Hayden Geese, Camron Jennings, Abrielle Markley, Nora McDaniel, Elijah Richardson, Carson Shuttleworth, Aubree Speidel, Hayden Yeiter

5th Grade A's & B's – Clayton Bell, Sabil Davenriner, Devon Davis, Aiden DeWeese, Devin Downey Spencer, Izaya Dunno, Parker Ellenburg, Noah Gallegos, Riley Mautz, Julia Spitler, Shaylyn Suchcicki, Hanna Surfus

4th Grade A's & B's – Mia Bustos, Mikayla Cain, Brayden Cantrell, Kinzie Cobbs, Set Gilbert, Landon Green, Hailey Imel, Isabella Leas, Marcus Linker, Caden Moore, Cameron Moore, Cole Rains, Joseph Shively, Aiden Skidmore, Haley Smith, Anna Spitler, Brodee Swaidner, Allen Yohe

3rd Grade A's & B's – Lilly Ballenger, Mackenzie Brown, Donovan Cain, Lola Crawford, Olivia Crouse, Xzavier Driscoll, Lillian Ellis, Izabella Gareri, Ava Green, Hannah Helms, Tristen Helvie, Keaton Jones, Kendra Killen, Ava Markley, Jakira Morris, Reese Nightenhelser, Jayden Rittenhouse, Kirah Sheward, Kael Spahr, Blake Stucky, Garret Yohe

2nd Grade A's & B's – Arianna Cain, Dane Eltzroth, Maison Hilton, Zayden Kratzer, Aubrie Linker, Maddox McCool, Brandon McDonald

## WHO REALLY MADE YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION?

I received a lovely story from one of my readers that I think is typical of many of us. It's so easy for us to look on the other side of the fence and wish before we think. Somebody said, "Be careful what you wish for because you just might get it." I wonder how many of our New Year's resolutions come from wanting to look and feel like someone else, or have what they have.

I discovered that my inner child (Nelly) has changed the way I wish and make resolutions, because she's helped me love who I am right now without any New Year's resolutions coming true. It's very important for me to spend inward inspection time, only for the purpose of realizing that this moment is all I have. This moment, with all the people in my life, is all right. This moment with the circumstances I face, is all right. This moment with the promise that if I really enjoy it, the way it is right now, I'll be practicing to enjoy the next moment and the next and the next, and all is well.

Here's the note:

Dear Pam,

I have discovered more than one child inside me. One is a protective, raging teenager (Mandy) who gets on the defensive too easily. One is just a happy kid who likes to have kid-type fun. (The teenager does too, provided she is doing it to humor the

kid and doesn't have to admit it's for her too.) But here is the story that compelled me to write to you:

All year, I had noticed a family at my daughter's school. The children look like they came straight out of a fairy tale. One day, they were playing with their dad at the park when we were there. He was so gentle and caring with his children. He laughed and played with them. They even included my children in their games. As we were leaving the park, I heard the thought in my head, "I wish I could be in that family."

I immediately envisioned myself as his wife and thought, 'No way! I am happily married to a wonderful man who is a wonderful husband and father. I have never even been tempted to stray! Where in the world would such a sick thought come from?!

I was angry with myself. Then I realized that it was not my adult desire to be his wife, but the desire of someone within me to have a gentle, loving father. Wow! I discovered a scared, shy little girl. She's the one the teenager is so busy protecting. She just wanted to have a safe, loving family to be in, instead of the angry, hurtful home I grew up in. I am enjoying getting to know her. She is so sweet. Many tears later I am finding the peace that has eluded me for so long. Now that little one smiles sometimes. We haven't settled on a name yet, but in time I know we will.

Thank you,

A happier mom of three.

When we get to know our inner child, we really get a second chance at having a great childhood, because we can be the benevolent, happy and understanding parent we may not have had when we were growing up. I love that this woman realized where her thoughts came from. They did NOT come from her adult consciousness, but from that of a little girl in her that

didn't have a happy childhood.

When you read this, did you think about the New Year's resolution you made this year? Was it you that made it, or perhaps the child within?

For more from Pam Young go to [www.cluborganized.com](http://www.cluborganized.com).

You'll find many musings, videos of Pam in the kitchen preparing delicious meals, videos on how to get organized, lose weight and get your finances in order, all from a reformed SLOB's point of view.

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Homeowners searching for qualified tree care companies should look for the following:

· Good References: Ask for references, and check on the quality of their work. Don't be rushed by a bargain and don't pay in advance.

· Proof of Insurance: Ask for current certificates of liability and workers' compensation insurance, if applicable. Be aware that if the tree care company you hire doesn't have insurance or is not a legal company, you could be held responsible as a contractor.

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# GENEALOGY REPORT

## CHRISTNER

Ruth Alice "Peg" Christner, 98, of Warren, IN, died Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2017, at 3:30 a.m. at Heritage Pointe in Warren.

Mrs. Christner graduated from Warren High School in 1935. After attending two years at Ball State College, she was hired to teach fourth and fifth grades in Andrews. After seven years there she taught fourth grade in Huntington. While teaching she took classes and finished two more years of college and got her degree. She later taught in Warren, from where she retired in 1983. She was a member of Tri Kappa, Chautauqua Club, Indiana State Retired Teachers Association and Huntington County Retired Teachers Association. She had been a member of the Warren United Methodist Church, now known as the Solid Rock U.M Church, since 1927.

She was born March 14, 1918, in Markle to Edgar John and Annie McCrum Ellerman. She was married to John Christner, who preceded her in death.

Survivors include a daughter, Dianne (Thomas) Reidy, of Grand Haven, MI; two grandsons, Scott (Karen) Elliott, of Jacksonville, FL, and Jeffrey (Renee) Elliott, of Dothan, AL; and three great-grandchildren.

Calling is Friday, Jan. 27, 2017, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Heritage Pointe Applegate Chapel, 801 Huntington Ave., Warren. A service to celebrate her life will be held Saturday, Jan. 28, 2017, at 11 a.m. at Heritage Pointe Applegate Chapel, with Rev. Ed Clark officiating. Interment will take place at a later date.

Memorial gifts may be made to Solid Rock United Methodist Scholarship Fund. Arrangements are being handled by Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home, in Warren.

## FARKAS

Diane M. Farkas, 63, of Huntington, IN, died Monday, Jan. 30, 2017, at 5:48 a.m. at

Parkview Hospital Randalia, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Farkas graduated from New Prairie High School in New Carlisle in 1972. She was a professional volunteer, dedicating many hours as an EMT in Warren, Hartford City and Montpelier, at the Huntington County Humane Shelter and traveling extensively as a disaster worker for the American Red Cross.

She was born Dec. 13, 1953, in South Bend to Leo and Johnnie Geraldine Raper Jankowski. She married Joseph M. Farkas on June 2, 1973, in New Carlisle and he survives in Huntington.

Additional survivors include a daughter, Jennifer (Bob Kukla) Uttrich, of Chicago, IL; a son, Nicholas (Shannon DisPennett) Farkas, of Fort Wayne; a brother, Philip (Karen) Jankowski, of South Bend; two sisters, Lisa Ann (Josh Mikami) Banholzer, of Seattle, WA, and Tina Louise Stombaugh, of New Carlisle; and a granddaughter Brynn Kukla.

A graveside service will be held Thursday, Feb. 2, 2017, at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Cemetery, South Bend.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Huntington County Humane Shelter or Autism Society of America Foundation, in care of Deal-Rice Funeral Home, 338 E. Washington St., Huntington, IN 46750.

## LIGHTLE

Neldon M. Lightle was born in Blackford County Oct. 16, 1938, to Marzelos and Nellie Shannon Lightle. He passed away Jan. 21, 2017, in his Marion residence.

He graduated from Jackson Center High School, Wells County, in 1956. He married Marilyn Mason Graves on Jan. 30, 1981. Neldon worked for Irving Materials Incorporated as a manager and retired after many years of service. He attended the Converse United Methodist Church in Converse, Ind. He was also a 50-year member and Past Master of Montpelier Masonic Lodge 600. In his free time, Neldon attended his grandchildren's and great-grandchildren's sporting events. He also liked watching the Chicago Cubs and IU basketball. He enjoyed golfing and he was a NASCAR fan, especially Dale Earnhardt Sr.

He is survived by his children, Ron (Nikki) Lightle of Montpelier, Cheryl (Willy) Myers of Leesburg, Nick (Debbie) Graves of Kokomo, Susan Mastin of Tipton, Peggy (Jim) Stoller of Marion, and Annette (Jay) Lamb of Swayzee; brothers, John Lightle of Marion, and Tom (Betty) Lightle of Montpelier; and a sister, Nancy (Jim) Frantz of Poneto.

The family wishes to extend a special thank you to Jennifer Varner and Heart to

Heart Hospice for their kind caring service.

Funeral services will begin at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, in Converse United Methodist Church, 109 E. Wabash St., Converse, with Rev. Curtis Matteson officiating. Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 28, in the church.

In lieu of flowers please direct memorial contributions to Converse United Methodist Church.

Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Home, Larrison-Martin Chapel, 308 E. Marion St., Converse, was entrusted with the arrangements.

## LEE

Crystal I. Gaiser Lee, 89, of Warren, formerly of Mt. Dora, Fla.,

passed away at 9:48 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 22, 2017, at Heritage Pointe in Warren.

She was born on Sunday, Dec. 11, 1927, in Huntington County. She married Robert E. Lee on Sunday, Aug. 10, 1947, in Liberty Center; Robert passed away Nov. 24, 2010.

Crystal was a 1945 graduate of Warren High School and received her bachelor's degree from the University of South Florida in 1965. She was a devoted lifetime United Methodist. She worked at and attended the First United Methodist Church in Mt. Dora, Fla.,

where she was a vocal and hand bell choir director for 12 years. Crystal and her husband lived in Florida from 1961-86, where they raised their three children. Crystal was a music teacher and worked with a variety of public schools and churches throughout her career. Her love for music was her passion and she well known for her sense of humor.

Crystal and Robert enjoyed square dancing and spent several years touring the country and living in Arizona. She was an avid quilter and won many awards for her works of art. Crystal and Robert retired to Warren in 2008.

Survivors include a son, Stephen Lee of Florida; two daughters, Christi (Wayde) Gutman of Arizona and Angela (David Nuss) Lee of Denver, Colo.; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two brothers, Leon Gaiser of Montpelier and Noel Gaiser of Vermont; and sister, Marilyn Miller of California.

She was preceded in death by her father, Oka Gaiser; mother, Estella Lockwood Gaiser; stepmother, Marguerite Llewellyn Gaiser; husband, Robert E. Lee; and sisters, - Dorothy Beitelshes and Doris Burkhead.

In accordance with her wishes, there will be no viewing hours or funeral services. Interment will take

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place next to her husband in the Lehman Cemetery in Payne, Ohio.

Preferred memorials to Heritage Pointe Chapel Arrangements are being handled by Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home in Warren.

## BLAIR

Sue Blair, 82, of Warren, passed away on Wednesday afternoon at Parkview Hospital in Huntington.

Sue was born Oct. 29, 1934, in Blackford County to Marion H. and Martha Marcella Vincent Cheesman. She graduated from Chester Center High School in 1951, from Taylor University with a B.S. in education in 1955 and obtained her master's degree in 1967 from St. Francis. Sue taught home economics, speech and English in both Wells and Huntington counties.

Along with being a homemaker, she also partnered in the operation of Seldom-Rest Farms. Her favorite hobbies included entertaining friends and family, reading and traveling. She was a member of Hope Missionary Church, where she taught Sunday School and was involved in Bible studies for many years, and was well known for book reviews, public speaking and drama.

On June 26, 1954 in Keystone, Sue and Clarence Blair were married.

Survivors include her husband of 62 years, Clarence of Warren; along with children, Darrell (Lori) Blair of Uniondale, Dee (Deb) Blair of Craigville, Dixie (Mark) Hewitt of Marion and Darla (Bruce) Fink of Batavia, Ill.; along with a sister, Jean (John) Siela of Markle. Sue was a loving grandmother to 14 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Daniel Blair; and a sister, Karen Snider.

A service to celebrate Sue's life will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 30, at Hope Missionary Church in Bluffton, with calling for one hour prior at the church. Pastor Gary Aupperle will officiate. Burial will follow at Sparks Cemetery in Wells County. Calling hours will be held from noon to 7 p.m. Sunday at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton.

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## 5 TIPS FOR SAFE SPACE HEATER USE

(BPT) - During the coldest days of the year, space heaters are one of the easiest, most efficient ways to get warm fast. However, when not used correctly, they may also be one of the most dangerous.

Space heaters accounted for 40 percent of all home heating fires and a staggering 84 percent of home heating fire deaths, according to research from the National Fire Protection Association. And, as you might expect,

these tragic accidents most often occur during the year's coldest months. The same research finds nearly half of all home heating fires occurred in December, January and February.

While these facts are sobering, it doesn't mean you need to avoid using your space heater to find the comfort you need during the year's coldest days. You just need to be careful when doing so. To help you keep yourself and your family safe while enjoying comfortable space heater use, Peter Duncanson, of ServiceMaster Restore, offers these five space heater safety tips.

Stay warm and safe this winter by:

\* Reading the labels. When you're out purchasing a new space heater, it's important to know what to look for. Review each model thoroughly and look for a label from a recognized testing laboratory. This label should tell you if the heater's construction and performance meets voluntary U.S. safety standards.

\* Choosing a model with a safety sensor. Before purchasing a space heater, make sure the unit has a safety sensor. This sensor will monitor the heater, shutting it off automatically if it overheats, reducing the risk of a fire.

\* Ensuring cords are in good working order. Whether you're buying a new unit or monitoring your existing one,

always check the condition of the cords as damage here increases the risk of fire. Once you're sure the cords are in satisfactory condition, be sure to use them properly. Never plug a cord into a surge protector. Many surge protectors cannot handle the wattage, which could result in a fire.

\* Keeping drapes and flammable items away from your space heater. A draped linen can quickly catch fire, so protect against this by selecting a location for your space heater with at least three feet of clearance on all sides. The more room you provide your space heater, the safer you'll be.

\* Unplugging it when not in use. Always remember to unplug your space heater when you're not actively using it. This includes when you go to bed and even when you simply leave the room.

A space heater is an effective way to stay warm and comfortable during the winter months, and if you use it correctly, it can also be safe. Follow the tips presented here and your space heater will make this winter your most comfortable yet.

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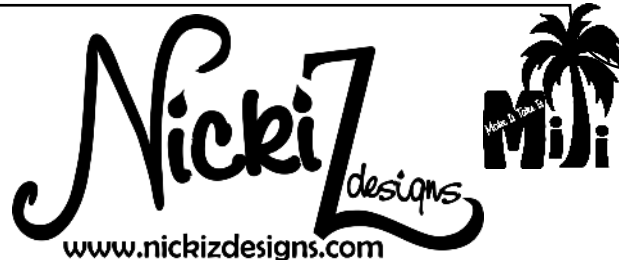
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### 2017 LOOKING BRIGHT FOR SMALL BUSINESS

#### OWNERS

(BPT) - The year 2017 is still in its infancy, but research shows small business owners feel this year could be one of the best in recent memory.

A new survey, commissioned by Staples and conducted by Wakefield Research, found that 85 percent of small business owners surveyed reported feeling "optimistic" about the small business climate in 2017. That's good news for the owners as well as for their communities, because for many, this optimism is motivating owners to put earned revenue directly back into their businesses and employees.

According to the research, 97 percent of respondents said they plan to increase investment in their companies this year, while 67 percent plan to hire new employees. Those fresh hires also appear to be in line for better benefits, as 72 percent of small business owners report they plan to increase staff compensation in 2017.

"We conducted this survey to better understand the pulse of small business owners and to further identify those priority product and service areas in which we can help our customers achieve success in 2017," says Frank P. Bifulco Jr., chief marketing officer, Staples.

The survey included 502 small business owners across the country. For purposes of the research, small businesses were defined as companies that had 10 or fewer full-time employees.

While the research found that small business owners are optimistic about 2017, it also provides a favorable outlook for the years ahead. In fact, many small business owners report they hope to make small business ownership a family tradition. Ninety-one percent of those surveyed said they would encourage their children to start their own business, and 93 percent said they felt

running their own business was the best kind of job satisfaction there was.

Finding the tools to support small businesses

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### PAYING FOR COLLEGE: OPTIONS REDUCE NEED FOR STUDENT LOANS

(BPT) - While only a fortunate few students can expect a free college education by winning full academic or athletic scholarships, everyone can take advantage of a combination of academic aid, grants, fellowships, work-study and student loans to pay for a four-year degree, says Peter Gayle, a vice president for Prudential Advisors. Unfortunately, many prospective students and their families often don't know where to look.

With student debt increasingly becoming a long-term burden on graduates and families, adds Gayle, it's never been more important to minimize the out-of-pocket expenses to put a student through college - and reduce reliance on student loans.

To put the weight of student debt in perspective, The Federal Reserve Bank of New York noted that in 1995, 54 percent of graduates had loans averaging \$11,491. It's more recent data in 2015 showed 71 percent of graduates joined the

workforce with student debt averaging slightly more than \$35,000. What's more, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York estimates 25 percent of those who owe federal student loans are delinquent or in default.

The good news is that anyone willing to put in the time can likely find programs that help foot the bill - helping to reduce the need to take out loans - so a student's education won't break the budget or jeopardize a financial future. According to Gayle, families can take a few initial steps before choosing a school:

- \* Learn how the financial aid process works and get the most out of options that don't need to be repaid.

- \* Understand each school's actual net price - after financial aid - and set realistic expectations, choosing from the most affordable institutions.

- \* Explore types of financial aid, including grants, work study programs and scholarships; examine the specific types of aid available per school and find out how much of a family's demonstrated financial need each school will cover.

- \* Understand the kinds of loans available, including a variety of federal loans and private loans, which may be used to fill any financing gaps after exhausting other options.

- \* Understand how parents' "available income" is used to calculate how much parents are expected to contribute to their child's education, especially for federal financial aid purposes.

Several guides, including Prudential Financial's [www.prudential.com/payingfor](http://www.prudential.com/payingfor)

college, can help families take a carefully considered approach to financing a college education while safeguarding a student's long-term financial future, including the ability to save for retirement.

For families that must use student loans, the federal government is making it easier to understand how to borrow, process applications and repay loans through new online tools. Since 2010, all new federal loans, except Federal Perkins Loans, have been issued through the U.S. Department of Education, which offers information about borrowing and repaying loans.

There are multiple options to repay federally funded student loans, which generally require repayments to start six or nine months after a student graduates, leaves school or drops to half-time enrollment. A few popular choices for repayment include types of income-driven plans, which calculate payments based on a borrower's ability to repay. One catch: It's critical to re-certify income and family size annually to avoid huge monthly payment increases.

When debt becomes too burdensome, some loan programs offer forgiveness through public service, federal government employment, and options like teaching in underserved school districts.

Private loans are trickier since there is no standard: Interest rates and repayment terms vary from lender to lender. It's also worth considering the need for life insurance to cover the full loan balance to aid co-signers or beneficiaries in the event of the

borrower's death, says Gayle. Financial advisors would be well-equipped to help explore this and other options, Gayle notes.

Employers are also beginning to offer employee student debt benefits to put their employees on a course for financial security. At Prudential Financial, for example, new employees hired through the company's campus recruitment program beginning in January 2017 could earn an incentive of up to \$5,000 toward paying off student loans after one year of service. Other companies match student debt payments with contributions to employee retirement savings plans.

Studies show college education can be worth the price. The U.S. Census Bureau estimates that students who attend college can earn nearly twice as much over their lifetimes as those with only a high school diploma. But with college tuitions continuing to rise, families must find the most effective way to finance a child's college education to avoid jeopardizing their ability to save for retirement.

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