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Thought for the Week: You can't deny laughter. When it comes, it plops down in your favorite chair and stays as long as it wants. Stephen King

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2010 4-H THEME/DESIGN

The Huntington County 4-H Leaders Organization recently recognized the winners of the 2010 County 4-H Theme & Design Contest. The following youth received awards for their participation in this annual contest:

* 1st place Theme & Design- Mariah Patrick, Clear Creek Twp, Neighborhood Workers 4-H Club - \$100 US Savings Bond, 4-H duffle bag and hoodie

* 2nd place Design— Kayla Patrick, Clear Creek Twp, Neighborhood Workers 4-H club – 4-H hooded sweatshirt

* 2nd place Theme—Maddie Phillips, Union Twp, Neighborhood Workers 4-H club – 4-H hooded sweatshirt

* 3rd place Design— Jalen Rice, HuntingtonTwp, Golden Eagles 4-H club – 4-H T-shirt

* 3rd place Theme - Ashley Ambriole, Jackson Twp, Neighborhood Workers 4-H Club – 4-H t-shirt

* Honorable Mention – Johnna Cummins, Jefferson Twp, Pork Chop 4-H club and Heath Rush, Huntington Twp, Golden Eagles 4-H Club, 4-H cinch bag.

The winning entry, "4-H Pieces Lives Together" will be used on a variety of 4-H program materials during the year, including the County 4-H Fair Book which will be available in early March.

Pictured below left to right - Johnna Cummins, Mariah Patrick, Maddie Phillips, Jalen Rice. Not Pictured – Kayla Patrick, Ashley Ambriole, Heath Rush



ZUMBA REVIEW

Wow – Zumba has made a big hit at the Sportsman's Club. This past Monday night there were 79 people in attendance. Women and men of all ages were there learning the dances/exercise and moving under the direction of Chrissie Linker.

Chrissie provides classes on Monday, Thursday and Friday evenings from 7 to 8 p.m. It's a fast paced class that burns 600-800 calories in a one hour session. She teaches high impact and her sister, Angel Barr, goes the lower impact route for those who aren't ready or able to do all that bouncing and jumping.

Congratulations Chrissie for bringing Warren the "new thing to do".

Zumba is hip, it's fun and it's good for you. See ya Thursday!



BASKET WINNER

The Sigma Phi Gamma Sorority had a Longaberger Basket Raffle at Christmas time. The winner of the basket was Joni Furnish of Huntington. In the picture above is Susan Ralston, president of Sigma Phi Gamma, presenting the basket to Joni. Much appreciation goes out to all who purchased ticket for this worthwhile project. Proceeds from the raffle will go toward our service projects to help out in the community.

LET THE PLANS BEGIN!

Mark your calendar and be a part of the planning of the 2010 Salamonie Summer Festival! This coming Monday, January 18th at 6p.m. at the Town Annex.

New ideas are always welcome along with bringing back some old, so please come and be a part of Warren's largest and longest running event. This year will mark the 43rd annual Salamonie Summer Festival. Meetings are held the third Monday of every month, same time, same place.

See you on the 18th!

TEA PARTY MEETING

The Huntington TEA Party invites the public to its meeting on Friday, January 15, at Life Church at 7 p.m.

Speakers for the evening are Emery McClendon statewide

TEA Party speaker, Fort Wayne Air For Veteran and Founder of ARMAD; Rob Spahr, author from Peru, Indiana; Andy Zay, local business owner; and Dr Thomas Ringenberg, Huntington physician. Four candidates running in the May 2010 primary will be introduced: Don Bates, Jr – US Senate; Marlin Stutzman – US Senate; Richard Beheny – US Senate; and Ron Fusselman – State Representative. Life Church is located at 950 East State Street in Huntington. There is no admission fee.

TRI KAPPA SCHOLARSHIPS

The Warren Gamma Upsilon Chapter of Tri Kappa is making available scholarships to graduating high school seniors from the Warren and Van Buren areas. Scholarship forms are

available in the guidance counselor's office in Southern Wells High School, Eastbrook High School and Huntington North High School. We encourage all likely candidates to apply, as we are interested in helping young scholars further their education.

Application deadline is March 9, 2010.

CAPITOL BUS TRIP

On Monday, February 1st, the Warren Church of Christ Bus will go to Indianapolis to visit the Statehouse and the House of Representatives open session. Warren's own Phyllis Pond, Representative for the 85th District of Indiana, asked Gerald Moreland to have the opening prayer for one of their beginning 2010 sessions. He accepted and

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KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

A THANK YOU NOTE FROM GERALD & RUTH

To the people of Warren and surrounding area: How do we begin to say thank you for all the love, support and encouragement you have shown us during the past 6 years we have served as ministers of the Warren Church of Christ? This community is indeed very special. You have opened your hearts and demonstrated what a caring town you are. Our journey here is interesting in that Ruth taught at Salamonie School for 21 years driving from Markle to Warren, while I preached at Markle. Then she retired from teaching in 2004 and I was accepted to come to Warren to preach, driving from Markle to Warren. It has been PURE JOY to minister among you, along with the other churches and ministers during this time. We've worked hard to create a spirit of cooperation and unity. I enjoyed serving on the chamber board and civic center board to see how committed you are to meeting the needs of families in our area. We have tried our best to bring you the joy of Jesus and His message of love and salvation. We hope you will embrace our new minister and his wife, Ethan & Misty Stivers as they come in to take our place. I think you are going to love them as much as you have shown love to us. I want to thank the members of the Warren Church of Christ for calling us to come serve with them. As Gerald begins his retirement on January 11, we are blessed that they are willing and wanting to keep us around to continue serving the Lord with them, AS REGULAR MEMBERS. It will be a joy to work with Ethan and Nathan as they lead the church forward. Again, thank you Warren, for the memories and wonderful time we've had with you. We will remain living in Markle at 210 E. Morse St, P.O. Box 210, 46770. You'll still be seeing us around Warren, as we love this place so much.

Sincerely, Gerald & Ruth Moreland

CHASE AFTER THE BIG P ... PERSEVERANCE

by V. Neil Wyrick

His father was a horse trainer who was constantly on the move from one race track to the other. Because of this, the boy's schooling was always being interrupted. At one of the many schools in which he found himself, a high school teacher asked his class to write a paper outlining their goals for their life.

The young man took to the task with great gusto. He wrote of how he wanted some day to own a horse ranch. He drew pictures of the ranch, its rolling hills, and its mile after mile of whitened fences. He drew the plans for a magnificent home he would build on the highest point of his land. Here he would sit on his porch and look down upon it all. Finally, he turned in his paper.

When he got it back there was a great big red F scrawled across the first page. Along with the failing grade, was a notation from the teacher that he wished to talk with him.

The teacher laid it on the line. He told him he had given him an F because what he had written could not be considered goals but an impossible dream for a lad like him. "Your father is an immigrant.

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Phillip Freel Jr, Pastor

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Sunday School10:30 a.m.
Wed Evening Carry-in & Fellowship6:30 p.m.

BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH
8294S 900W 35
Gary Riley, Pastor

Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Youth Choir Practice 5:00 p.m.
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.
1st Sun. (Qtrly) Praise Hour.. 6:30 p.m.

BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST
Rev. Barry Humble, Pastor
Jerome Markley, S.S. Supt.

Sunday Worship 9:30a.m.
Sunday School 10:30a.m.

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199
Pastor - William Shelor

Youth Leaders - Heath & Kelly Jones
Worship9:30 a.m.
Sunday School10:40 a.m.
Adult Bible Study Sun 6:30p.m.
Youth Group Sun 6:30p.m.

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HEALING WATERS MINISTRY — MAJENICA
Pastor Richard Evans
260/224-3376

Sunday Service10:30 a.m.
Wednesday7:00 p.m.

DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN
8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779
Dick Case, Pastor

Sun - 1st Worship Service..... 8:15a.m.
Sunday School.....9:30a.m.
2nd Worship Service10:30a.m.
Youth Group (6th-12th).6:00p.m.

Wed - Circle of Friends
(3yrs old - 5th grade) . 6:30-8p.m.

HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST
101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726
Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor

1st Worship.....9:00 a.m.
2nd Worship.....10:30 a.m.

HERITAGE POINTE
Sunday Morning Worship9:30 a.m.
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
Steve Sutton, Pastor
765/728-2065 for more info
Sunday Worship.....10:30a.m.
ThursdayPrayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

NEW HOPE MINISTRIES
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Jim Graham, Pastor
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260/375-4224

Sunday School 9:30am
Morning Worship 10:30am

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Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Worship10:30 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
227 N Main St, Warren, IN 375-3873
Kathy Newton, Pastor

Sunday School9:00 a.m.
Worship Service10:00 a.m.

LANCASTER WESLEYAN
468-2411
Doug Sharrard, Pastor
David Thrift, S.S. Supt.

Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Worship10:30 a.m.
Wednesday:
CYC/Teen/Adult Meetings 7:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH
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
260/468-2148
Tony Johnson - Pastor

Trad. Worship 9:00 a.m.
Mdrn Worship 10:30 a.m.
Fellowship 10:00 a.m.

MOUNT ETNA WESLEYAN
Rev. Charles Dederick, Pastor

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
375-2691
Dr. Jeane Spoor, Pastor

Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Worship10:30 a.m.

SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN
468-2412
Mel Zumbrun, Pastor

Worship9:30 a.m.
Church School10:45a.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
375-2102
Pastor Scott Nedberg

Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.
Junior Church 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Communion 1st Sunday of the Month

VB CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
765/934-3321 Parsonage
Jeff Wass, Pastor

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.

VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
765-934-1431
Pastor Blake J. Neff

Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30a.m.
Jr/Sr High FLOCK (Sun)..... 6:00 p.m.
Prayer-Bible Study (Thur).... 7:00 p.m.
UMW 2nd Wed 7:00 p.m.
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Nathan Ratcliff, Youth Minister
Tara Bower and Melinda Haynes - Secretaries

Shanna Fortney, Bible School Supt.
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Fellowship9:15 a.m.
Worship & Communion9:30 a.m.
Sunday School10:45 a.m.

Youth:
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Jr/Sr Hi, Sunday 6-8pm
TNT, Thur 6-8pm

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Sunday Evening Service 6:00p.m.

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Sunday School9:30 a.m.
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11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN 765-934-3609
Pastor - Dan Metz

Sunday Worship..... 10:30 am
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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we are taking the bus to attend that session, hear his prayer, followed by a tour of the Capitol by Rep. Pond. We will leave the church parking lot at 302 N. Wayne St. at 9:45 a.m. on Monday, February 1st and stop at the 96th Street Cracker Barrel on the north edge of Indy for lunch. We need to be at the statehouse at 1:00 p.m. with Gerald's opening prayer at 1:30. We will tour the statehouse after that session and return home late afternoon. If you'd like to go on this trip let Colleen Franklin know ASAP. We only have 35 seats. Cost will be \$10 to cover bus expenses. Colleen's number is 414-0223. The first 35 who reserve seats will get to go. Your money reserves your seat. This is open to everyone interested. Don't forget to call Colleen about the other Road Runners Trips listed in last week's paper that are upcoming. Make checks to: "WCC 55+ Road Runners" and mail to Colleen Franklin, P.O. Box 394, Warren, IN 46792.

MOVIE NIGHT

The outreach committee at Van Buren United Methodist church would like to invite everyone to movie night on Saturday January 16 at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall located at 108 So. 2nd St. in Van Buren to see a free showing of "Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs" pop and popcorn are free come and enjoy a fun evening. Hope to see you there.

TOURNEY INVITE

Warren is invited to attend the Middle School Basketball County Tourney's that will begin at Salamonie School with the 7th grade girls playing on Monday, Jan. 25th - 6:00 p.m., 8th grade playing on Tuesday, Jan. 26 - 6:00 p.m. and the 7/8th grade girls Final at Huntington North High on Thursday, Jan. 28th - 6:00 p.m. Come cheer our Lady Rebels on to victory!

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

The Southern Wells Athletic department will be having a Spaghetti Supper on Friday, January 22nd. It will be held in the High School cafeteria beginning at 5:00 before the Southern Wells vs. Leo Boys Basketball game. A variety of spaghetti's, garlic bread and salad will be served with a free will donation.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Please Join Us As We Celebrate Esther Berniece "Bea" Blake's 80th Birthday. Sat. Jan. 30th, 2:00p.m. to 4:00p.m. at The Sportman's Club 3rd. St. Warren, In 46792 (please omit gifts). Hosted By Her Children & Grandchildren and Families; Dianne Zoch (260-356-2068),

Chuck Blake (260-438-4841), Deb Sheppard (419-782-5884), Jeremy Retherford Jordan & Dylan, Kristy Retherford Lexy & Kelsey, Joe Brown Shania & Mariah, Angie Brown.

If you are unable to attend please feel free to send a card or call Bea Blake, 3038 E. 600 S., Warren, In 46792 260-468-2696.

DOG CLUB

The Grant County 4-H Dog Club will have it's first training on Tuesday, January 19, 2010 from 6-8p.m. in the Livestock Pavilion, 4-H Fairgrounds.

At the meeting the vaccination certificates, class enrollments and 4-H enrollments will be available.

If you are interested in the 4-H Dog project for the 2010 4-H year please try to attend this meeting.

COUNCIL NOTES

The Warren Town Council held their first meeting of 2010 on Monday evening, Jan. 11. Held in Assembly Hall, the 6:30 p.m. meeting was opened by president Bill Cartwright. All in attendance repeated the Pledge to the American Flag.

Council discussed the closure of an alley between Jones and an unimproved portion of Sixth Street, running parallel to Grover Street. There will be more discussion by property owners at a later date.

Due to failure to clean up of a property on Hendricks Street, Curt Day will be requesting quotes for the project.

Marilyn Morrison submitted the 2009 financial report for the Fire Department.

Bill Cartwright will represent Warren on Region 3 Board of Directors.

Council reviewed employees benefit insurance renewal. They requested that the Insurance Agent attend the next meeting. The proposed increase in the monthly premium is \$1,700.70.

Greg Guerretog, financial consultant, will be in town Jan. 21 to review the financial update.

Curt Day had ordered a new salt spreader from Northern Equipment. Cost is reported to be \$5,851.00.

VB COUNCIL

The Van Buren Town Council held their first meeting of 2010 on Wednesday evening, Jan. 6. The meeting was held in the Council Room at Town Hall. President Tony Manry opened the meeting at 7 p.m. and all in attendance repeated the Pledge to the American Flag.

Larry Beouy, president of the Van Buren Library Board, was in attendance. He announced they have hired a new Librarian, Eric Hinderliter. They have asked Ball State University to check on whether the local Library could be listed as a historic building. If so, they could qualify for various grants.

Officer Pat Collins gave his year end report. He reported all officers had received training in 2009. He also mentioned it will be possible for officers to receive training for 2010 in Wabash and Indianapolis.

Superintendent Jim Webb gave his year end report He said all meters had been read eleven out of twelve months.

Council has hired Jeff Davis as

a part time officer with the Van Buren Police Department. He will fill in on weekends, holidays and other activities where extra officers are needed.

Council has signed a contract with Marion Services for 2010 trash pick up.

Council officers for 2010 are: President, Tony Manry; fire board, Marvin Surber and Dean Baker; Tony Manry, Grant County Area Plan; Dean Baker, Grant County EMA.

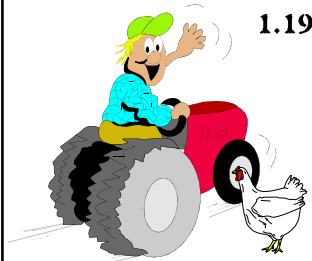
SIGMA PHI

The regular monthly business meeting of Beta Delta Chapter of the Sigma Phi Gamma International Sorority was held at the Knight-Bergman Center on Tuesday, January 5, 2010. Susan Ralston, president, opened the meeting with all reciting the pledge. Eleven members answered roll call with a response to "Did you see the New Year's Eve ball drop?" Our saying for the month was 'a rumor is about as hard to unspeak as butter'. The secretary and treasurer reports were read and approved. A 'thank you' was read from the Bread of Life Food Pantry for the donation of food and turkeys that were given to them for the holidays. Also, a donation was made to Mackenzie's Hope in Huntington and to our 2010 International Sponsorship Fund, which is The National Brain Tumor Society. It was announced that the Alpha Province meeting for this year will be held in Shipshewana,

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Happy 60th Birthday Curt Worster

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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.

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| Jan 18 | KBC Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m. at KBC |
| Jan 18 | Martin Luther King Jr Day |
| Jan 20 | Van Buren Town Council, 7 pm |
| Jan 25 | Warren Town Council, 4p.m. |
| Jan 31 | Sunday Lunch, 11-1p at KBC, sponsored by PROS |
| Feb 2 | Groundhog Day |
| Feb 3 | Warren Chamber of Commerce, noon, Assembly Hall |
| Feb 3 | Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m. |
| Feb 8 | Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m. |
| Feb 12 | Lincoln's Birthday |

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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Indiana, by the Gamma Iota Chapter of Elwood, Indiana, on March 19, 20, 21, 2010.

Members present were: Sandy Booher, Opal Brubaker, Sandy Eichhorn, Suzette Gephart, Carol Irick, Tara Korporal, Beth Ostermeyer, Jenny Plummier, Susan Ralston, Sondra Zabel and Rosemary Zeller.

Next meeting will be guest night on January 19, 2010 at 7:30 pm at our room in the Knight-Bergman Center.

EAGLES WIN

The Varsity Eagles played in the 20th Annual Hoosier Christian Classic on Friday and Saturday 1/8-9/10 at Granger Christian School in Granger, IN. The Eagles won all three of their games, in their first appearance at this event. The other participants were the Granger Christian Knights, the Faith Christian Falcons (Dixon, Illinois) and the Life Action Flames (Niles, Michigan). The Granger Christian Lady Knights also had an exhibition.

Friday 1/8/10 - Granger Knights 49 - Huntington Eagles 64; Faith Falcons 41 - Huntington Eagles 68. Saturday 1/9/10 - Huntington Eagles 68 - Life Action Flames 34 12:30 PM Awards Presentation (votes were placed by the three opposing coaches)

First Place = Huntington Eagles, Second Place = Faith Falcons, Team Spirit = Life Action Flames, Most Valuable Player = Jed Landis (Huntington Eagles), All-Tournament Team = #32 Kaleb Klopfenstein (Granger Knights), #12 David Bierdeman (Faith Falcons), Caleb Featherston (Huntington Eagles), #32 Marcel Harrison (Life Action Flames). Christian Attitude = #15 Wesley German (Faith Falcons).

RFID PROGRAM

You may have heard the arguments both in favor of and against electronic identification of cattle on Saturday morning farm news TV programs. One producer mentioned a premium price that he receives because his animals have radio frequency identification (RFID) tags in their ears. Many international and/or out-of-state buyers demand to know the source of the beef that they are purchasing in the U.S. Sometimes they will pay a

premium price for this verification.

However, farmers selling cattle through local markets may simply feel that using RFID tags is an added cost. Thus, they see no benefit to their bottom line from using them.

Regardless of the bottom line implications, there are many cattle producers using this technology in their operations. The Indiana Board of Animal Health (BOAH) is providing producers with RFID tags as part of a pilot program. One important point about Indiana's RFID program for cattle is that it is not currently a mandatory program. The State of Michigan, in contrast, has had a mandatory program for their producers in place for nearly 3 years.

The Indiana BOAH calls their program, "Indiana's 840 Pilot Tag Program." The yellow, button style tags are free to cattle producers located in the state. The free tags are for use only in intact breeding cattle, which are expected to remain in Indiana. Producers must have a premise ID number to link the tags to a specific location.

Each of these yellow RFID tags has a 15 digit number on the outside of the tag. Note that the first 3 digits of the numbers on all the issued tags is the U.S. code - 840. The code on the tags can be read either visually or electronically with a reader attached to a computer program. These tags are essentially tamper-proof and anyone who removes them prior to animal slaughter may be subject to penalties.

In 2010 the Indiana BOAH offered their 840 RFID tags for use on 4-H steers and heifers. There are also other RFID tags that can be purchased separately for 4-H sheep and goats. In Huntington County some 4-H cattle, sheep and goats will be tagged with the RFID tags as part of the enrollment process in 2010.

Additional information about Indiana's cattle identification program can be found on the BOAH website (<http://www.in.gov/boah/2533.htm>). The website discusses the following reasons why the BOAH launched the voluntary 840 RFID program and encourages the use of this technology:

- meet Michigan importation requirements;
- are Country-of-Origin-

Labeling (COOL)-compliant;

- assist producers with accurate, electronic record keeping;

- can easily integrate with current commercially available production software; and

- are free, while pilot program supplies last.

For more information, contact Ed Farris, Agriculture and Natural Resource Educator, Purdue Extension - Huntington County Office, 354 N Jefferson - Suite 202, Huntington by calling 260-358-4826.

PATHFINDER FUNDS

The Pathfinder Foundation is now accepting Fund Requests for 2010, and will review all requests, but funds are available on a first come first serve basis.

One goal of the Pathfinder Foundation is to reach out to help other not-for-profit agencies and/or others with mental and physical disabilities not served by Pathfinder Services, Inc. in Huntington, Allen, Wabash, Marshall, and Starke Counties. The Foundation Board of Directors will consider all requests with emphasis on those requests that support the Pathfinder Services, Inc. clients and non-Pathfinder Services Inc. community residents with mental & physical disabilities.

All requests for financial assistance must be presented to the Board in writing by Friday, March 5, 2010 indicating the amount needed and use of the monies. Requests will be reviewed at the March meeting of the Foundation Board of Directors on Tuesday, March 16th.

For a request for funds form from the Pathfinder Foundation please visit www.pathfinderservices.org, contact Jason Meyer at jmeyer@pathfinderservices.org or call the Pathfinder Services Huntington office at (260) 356-0500. To request a form in person, please stop by Pathfinder Services Inc.'s main office location at 1152 East State Street in Huntington.

MEETINGS PLANNED

The 2010 Huntington County 4-H program has scheduled call-out meetings to help families learn more about the county 4-H program during the month of January. Following are the scheduled dates, times and

locations to gain information about 4-H in Huntington County:

4-H Open Houses - information about the county 4-H program and local 4-H clubs will be shared from 4-H club leaders, along with samples of 4-H project manuals will be available for review. Similar 4-H information will be shared at each of the following sites;

Wednesday, January 20, 6:30-7:30 pm, Roanoke Elementary School library, 423 West Vine Street, Roanoke

Thursday, January 21, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Heritage Hall, Hier's Park, 547 South Briant Street, Huntington

4-H Shooting Sports Call-out - Information specific and enrollment forms for the five disciplines offered in Shooting Sports (archery, muzzleloader, pistol, rifle, shotgun). will be distributed during two offered times:

Sunday, January 24, 2:00-3:00 pm, Family Living Bldg, Hier's Park

Thursday, January 28, 6:30-7:30 pm, Family Living Bldg, Hier's Park

Printed information about the Huntington County 4-H program was distributed through the elementary schools and township libraries in Huntington County during the week of January 5th to all 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students. Families are encouraged to read through the Parent's Guide to 4-H to learn some basic information about the 4-H program and to respond about their child's interest in the 4-H program through the "Join 4-H" brochure. The interest form may be returned to the respective elementary school office, mailed to the Purdue Extension - Huntington County office or brought to of the scheduled 4-H open houses / call-out meeting as noted above.

For more information, the Purdue Extension - Huntington County office at 358-4826, located in the County Courthouse Annex Building, 354 N Jefferson - Suite 202, Huntington or contact Linda Aldridge, Extension Educator 4-H Youth, at laldrig@purdue.edu.

JR LEADERS TO MEET

The Huntington County 4-H Junior Leaders will meet

Thursday, January 14 from 7:00-8:30 pm at Heritage Hall, Hier's Park, Huntington. During the business meeting, committee assignments will be distributed and planning efforts will begin for the New 4-H member workshop, 4-H Fairgrounds Flower Bed, Achievement Trip and 4-H Fair Assistant Superintendents, as well as discussion towards two major fundraising efforts scheduled in March. A special guest speaker will present information about cell phones, texting and teen drivers as a part of the evening's meeting.

Junior Leaders is open to any 4-H youth in grades 7-12 and youth are encouraged to attend to learn more about the county 4-H program. For more information, the Purdue Extension - Huntington County office at 358-4826, located in the County Courthouse Annex Building, 354 N Jefferson - Suite 202, Huntington or contact Linda Aldridge, Extension Educator 4-H Youth, at laldrig@purdue.edu.

BOWL FOR KIDS

It's been 30 years in the making and Big Brothers Big Sisters is excited to announce that they are ready for its biggest Bowl For Kids' Sake event ever!

With a forecast of 1,000 bowling teams, Big Brothers Big Sisters is preparing for the five-week event across 13 counties in northeast Indiana and south central Michigan with much optimism and confidence. "Currently there are over 500 children waiting for a Big Brother or Big Sister of their own," shares Shelley Schwab, Director of Development. "Our goal is to raise \$300,000 and recruit 300 mentors to match 300 children so that Big Brothers

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MADDOCK

Margaret H. Maddock, 91, of Warren, IN, passed away at 4:55 PM, on Saturday, January 9, 2010 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center in Bluffton, IN. She was born on Saturday, April 27, 1918, in Adams County, IN, the daughter of the late Loren C. Burkhead and the late Stella Mae (Boxley) Burkhead. She married Richard L. Maddock on November 18, 1945 in Monroe, Indiana. Mr. Maddock preceded her in death on April 26, 1988.

Margaret was a cook at Salamonie Township School and then worked 18 years for the Bureau of Motor Vehicles in Warren. She was a member of Sigma Phi Gamma. She was a graduate of Monroe High School and attended International Business College in Ft. Wayne for 2 years. She spent her early years near Monroe, IN, and had been a resident of Heritage Pointe, Warren since 2001. She attended Boehmer United Methodist Church.

Survivors include: Daughters-Elise (Husband-Jon) Smith of Bluffton, Ind. and Michele (Husband-Terry) Stafford of Warren, Ind., Sisters- Drusilla Hartman of Custer, S.D. and Wanda (Husband-Douglas) McFall of Carmi, Ill. five Grandchildren, and three Great Grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, son-Kent L. Maddock, two brothers and three sisters.

Sigma Phi Gamma will conduct a service at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 13, at the funeral home.

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 8:00 PM Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at the funeral home. Funeral service will be at Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home at 11:00 AM Thursday, January 14, 2010, with Rev. Barry Humble officiating. Interment will be at Woodlawn Cemetery in Warren, Ind.

Memorials to Boehmer United Methodist Church, 3467S - 600W, Liberty Center, IN 46766.

MOON

John Lewis Moon, 92, Marion, died at 3:45 AM Monday, January 11, 2010



in Millers Merry Manor, Marion. He was born December 1, 1917 in Milo, Indiana to the late Frank and Nancy (Slater) Moon and had been a resident of Grant County for 67 years. He married Norma J. Neeley on May 23, 1942 at the Morris Chapel Church parsonage. She survives.

He was a graduate of Jefferson Center School in Huntington County and prided himself in being the first one in his family to graduate from high school. John retired from Anaconda-Erickson, Marion in 1984. He formerly farmed, worked for Shirley Polley and Spencer Cardinal, Marion. After retirement John worked with his wife operating Moon's Catering, Van Buren. He was an honorary member of the Van Buren Lions Club and a member of Central Christian Church in Van Buren.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Cancer Services

of Grant County, Tower Suites, 305 S. Norton St., Marion, IN 46953.

Visitation: will be Wednesday, January 13, 2010 from 03:00 - 6:00 PM at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, IN.

Funeral Service: at 6:00 pm, Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at the funeral home.

Officiate: Dr. Tom Mansbarger

Cemetery: Gardens Of Memory, Huntington County, IN

Survivors: Wife Norma J. Moon, Marion, IN; Daughter Carolyn (Ted) Stevens Marion, IN; Brother: George (Doris) Moon Van Buren, IN; Grandchild: John H. (Melissa) Stevens, Indianapolis, IN

Preceded in death by: Parents, 5 sisters & 4 Brothers.

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Big Sisters can continue to turn little moments into big magic."

Bowl For Kids' Sake is a FUNdraiser, with an emphasis on the "FUN" in 2010! For the upcoming Bowl For Kids' Sake event, Big Brothers Big Sisters is excited to share that awesome incentives have been added to the "FUN". Everything from iPod Shuffles to iPhones are on the list of great prizes that participants can earn through their pledges. But that's not all! One lucky winner will receive the Grand Prize iPackage—their choice of either an iPod Classic w/ Bose SoundDock System or Apple TV System w/ 42" Sony or Samsung LCD HDTV!

For this event, Big Brothers Big Sisters is looking for people to form a team of five friends, co-workers, or family members who want to help raise funds to support our programs. Each team member is encouraged to raise \$100 or more in pledges for Big Brothers Big Sisters and then invited to celebrate making a difference with bowling, food and prizes!

30th Annual Bowl For Kids' Sake – Huntington County Sunday, February 28, 2010 Rainbow Lanes

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2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. & 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

To register a bowling team or learn more about Bowl For Kids' Sake 2010, contact Shelley Schwab at 888-456-1600 or visit us online at www.bbbsnei.org.

Big Brothers Big Sisters would like to thank Arby's, BKD CPA & Advisors, K105, Thunderbowl #1, and 97.3 WMEW for their title sponsorships of this year's Bowl For Kids' Sake.

Also, a big thank you to The Fuse FM for their media support of Bowl For Kids' Sake 2010 in Huntington County.

As we look forward to the new year, Big Brothers Big Sisters thanks its Corporate Community Partners for underwriting programs and for supporting the children in our communities during 2009: Best Buy, Coca-Cola, Do it Best Corp., Indiana Physical Therapy, International Truck & Engine, Kohl's, Lutheran Children's Hospital, Steel Dynamics, Inc., and United Way. The organization looks forward to another great year in 2010!

Big Brothers Big Sisters is a

nonprofit organization that serves children in Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Huntington, Kosciusko, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wells, and Whitley counties in Indiana and Branch, Hillsdale and St. Joseph counties in Michigan. For more information about Big Brothers Big Sisters or to volunteer to become a "Big", contact 1-888-456-1600 or 2439 Fairfield Ave., Fort Wayne, IN, 46807. You may also visit us on the web at www.bbbsnei.org.

EDUCATIONAL FORUM

Centerstone will host the last of three free, educational community forums on Teen Substance Abuse Prevention, Thursday, January 14, 2010 from 6-8:00 p.m. in the Marion, Indiana Public Library, 600 S. Washington Street.

Designed to help teens (ages 12-18) and their parents understand and address substance abuse issues, this session will address the legal consequences from underage drinking violations and drug possession to drinking and driving accidents and assault. Substance abuse counselor, Don Degner, M.A., NCAC II, CADAC IV, ICAC II, LMHC, will also debunk the myth that "teens experiment with substances and therefore are not abusing them." Discussion time and take-home materials will also be available. No reservations are necessary. For more information please contact: Don Degner (765-584-1735; don.degner@centerstone.org) or visit our web site at www.centerstone.org.

Centerstone, a not-for-profit organization, offers a wide range of mental health and addiction services to more than 24,000 people of all ages each year. Formed through the merger of the Center for Behavioral Health, Quinco Behavioral Health Systems and Dunn Mental Health Center, the organization has served Indiana residents for more than five decades. Centerstone has more than 60 facilities across 17 Indiana counties and operates the Foster Care Select program in 24 counties. It is accredited by The Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation

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4-H BB/RIFLE PROGRAM

Firearm safety instruction, handling procedures and hands-on experience will once again be included in this year's Wells County 4-H BB Gun & .22 Caliber Rifle Safety Program.

Meetings will begin Tuesday, January 19th with sign up and safety rules from 6:30 – 8 PM. BB and Rifle Safety will continue each Tuesday until April 1. The Awards Night for BB & Rifle will be held on April 6th.

All meetings (except January 19th) will begin at 6:30 PM and end at 8:30 PM. The Wells County Community Center at the 4-H Park will be the location for the meetings. Final night to sign up will be January 26th.

Enrollment will be limited to 28 youth in BB Gun and 32 youth in Rifle. Sign up will be on a first come, first serve basis. The limited club size is to assure adequate instruction and safety.

Youth in grades 3, 4 and 5 can participate in BB Gun. Youth in grade 6 and above can participate in Rifle.

First time members who are old enough for Rifle will be required to pass a shooting skills proficiency test which reviews the positions and range safety procedures.

Youth interested in Pistol Safety are asked to sign up at the event. This program may be offered if enough youth are interested.

Youth may become 4-H members when they enter third grade or become ten years of age sometime during the calendar year (January 1 – December 31) and may continue their membership for a maximum of ten (10) years or through the calendar year they become nineteen (19), whichever comes first.

A membership fee of \$20 for BB Gun and \$25 for .22 Caliber Rifle should be paid at the first meeting. The fee covers the cost of equipment, materials, ammunition, insurance, and awards. Checks should be made payable to Wells County Rifle Club. Scholarships are available by checking with 4-H Leaders at the event. If you have more than one person in the family, the second member is only \$15. No

person will be turned away due to financial constraints.

Members are not allowed to bring their own equipment. Advanced registration is not required. Sign up will be at the first or second meeting. All participants must have a completed and signed health form before participating in the hands-on activity.

In case of bad weather, listen to radio station K105FM or WMEE 93.3 FM for cancellations. Usually, if one of the schools cancel, the 4-H event will be postponed.

Youth may also enroll in the Shooting Sports Fair Exhibit Option. Members may make a poster or notebook about some aspect of shooting sports or may exhibit something they have made. Examples might include: Poster or Notebook; Firearm Safety; Cross a Fence with a Gun; Eye Dominance; Muzzleloading; Target Trap; Archery Safety; Types of Arrows; Buying a Bow; Shooting Vests; Hunter Ed; Tree Stand Safety; Percussion or Flintlock; Hunting Wild Turkeys; Handmade Items – Gun Rack or Tales; Ammo Box, etc.

The 4-H Shot Gun Safety Club, 4-H Pellet Pistol Safety Club, and the 4-H Archery Club will all begin in April.

A Hunter Education Class will also be available March 8, 10 & 11, 5:30 – 9 PM at the 4-H Park. Call 824-0692 to register for Hunter Ed.

For more information about 4-H, contact the Wells County Office of the Purdue Extension Service, 824-6412 or one of the Shooting Sports Leaders, Don Kiefer, 824-1585; Chad Captain, 417-6488; Tex Mauger, 543-2388; Gregg Palmer, 701-2975; and James Painter, 639-6547.

WELLS HORSE & PONY

Youth and parents interested in Horse & Pony are invited to attend the Wells County 4-H Horse & Pony Club Sunday, January 24th, 5 PM at the Wells County Community Center at the 4-H Park, Bluffton.

4-H member and horse enrollment forms will be distributed along with insurance and parent / guardian permission forms.

Future club meetings will be discussed and a schedule will be distributed.

Outdoor meetings will begin in the spring in preparation for the Wells County 4-H Fair, July

17 – 22.

Youth may become 4-H members when they enter third grade or become ten (10) years of age sometime during the calendar year (January 1 – December 31) and may continue their membership for a maximum of ten (10) years or through the calendar year they become nineteen (19), whichever comes first.

The club sponsored annual tack auction will be held Saturday, February 20, 5 PM at the 4-H Park in Bluffton. Food will be served and the event will also include a silent auction.

For more information about the 4-H Horse & Pony Club, contact Ray Carroll, 701-4033 or Mary Nolan, 824-9374; or the Wells County Extension Office, 824-6412.

HUMANE SOCIETY DINNER

The Huntington County Humane Society will be hosting its annual dinner on Wednesday January 27, 2010 at 6p.m. The dinner will be held in Heritage Hall at Hiers Park in Huntington. The theme of this year's dinner is "stories". The dinner will be served by The Country Post and patrons will have their choice of either swiss steak or seasoned grilled chicken.

The evening promises many exciting things such as a silent auction, entertainment, awards, and a wonderful opportunity to, not only support the Huntington Humane Shelter but to learn more about what they do. Zach and Shelly from the WMEE Morning Show will be the masters of the ceremony. There will be many people sharing their own stories of the dramatic impact animals have had on their lives. Mike Perkins, a distinguished journalist from Huntington, will be narrating the stories many local people have provided. Also, the Humane Society will be sharing the exciting goal a local friend of the Shelter and Society has challenged them to meet in 2010.

Tickets are \$15 for one member, \$27 for two members, \$17 for one non-member, \$30 for two non-members, \$7 for those ages 7-16, children 6 and under are free. Tickets are available by calling the Huntington Humane Shelter at (260)356-0355 or a limited number will be available at the door.

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COOKIE SALES BEGIN

Girl Scouts are ready to provide the community with it's favorite treat as they learn valuable life lessons. This year, Girl Scout cookies will be on sale beginning Friday, January 15. The sale will continue through March 9. In addition to order taking, Cookies-In-Hand will provide these annual taste treats without the wait!

For \$3.50 per box, customers can help girls build business skills and financial knowledge as they sell these Girl Scout Cookie varieties.

Thin Mints, Shortbread, Peanut Butter Patties®, Peanut Butter Sandwiches, Caramel deLites®, Thanks-A-Lot™, Lemonades™, Daisy Go Rounds™ (LAST YEAR!)

The Girl Scout Cookie Program helps girls build important leadership skills. Through cookie activities, girls learn how to plan, build teams, speak up, make decisions, solve problems and manage resources. These skills add up so that ultimately, girls learn to be leaders – in their own lives and in our communities.

Girls are the ultimate beneficiaries of all Girl Scout cookie activities, directly and indirectly. They benefit by learning valuable life skills, earning money for their troops and planning how to spend that money to achieve their troop goals.

"Girls also decide what to do with the money they earn for their troop projects. We don't know of any other youth-oriented activity where the girls themselves decide what to do with the money they earn," says Connie Frederick, Product Manager.

If you don't know a Girl Scout,

you can visit www.gsnim.org to find a Cookie Booth near you!

IS YOUR ARMOR KEEPING YOU DOWN?

by the FlyLady, Marla Cilley
Have you been wearing your heart on your sleeve? Do you perceive that you have been wronged in some way by others? Are you wearing all the wrongs like a cloak of armor? Have these wrongs been the foundation for your whining? Are they what have kept you from FLYing? Armor is heavy stuff! When we blame others we need to look closely at our own actions. This is why we tell you that this is a NO WHINING ZONE!

Tribes used to sacrifice a poor innocent goat for their sins. They would heap all their sins on the scapegoat and send it out into the wilderness. Have all the wrongs been heaped upon you! Do you feel like the scapegoat? Are you acting like a martyr?

Have you been hoarding these wrongs? This is just like we do with clutter, we hold on to things past their usefulness. When we get our feelings hurt it is best to discuss it as soon as possible. The longer it festers the worse it is on you! Are you hearing this? The person who has wronged you may not even know they have done anything to hurt your feelings or they may not even care. If you don't talk about it and clear the air; you will be the only one suffering. Discussing the wrong will let you know two things; they are mean and need to be prayed for, or they didn't know they had hurt your feelings and they apologize. Either way you have released the wrong and it is no longer being hoarded.

Some of you are going to argue that it is not easy to forgive and forget. If you notice, I didn't say forget! When a snake shows its fangs this is a warning! If you pick that snake up and put it in your pocket; whose fault is it when you get bitten. Forgiveness is the gift, you give yourself.

You get what you give! But if you give in order to get, you will always be left wanting! At the start of this New Year let's symbolically take off that armor of wrongs! Put each wrong on a Post-It Note. Imagine that you peel each wrong off your sleeve and put it in an old pie pan. Then take it outside or put it in your fire place and put a match to them. As you watch your wrongs (the ones you have been hoarding) go up in smoke send a prayer of gratitude up with it! Be thankful that you no longer have to hold on to this and thankful that now you know!

Leanne and I also have a whole chapter in our book, *Body Clutter* devoted to forgiveness. I just listened to our new audio version. This chapter is powerful!

My wish for you in this New Year is that you release the wrongs by forgiving others and yourself and open up your wings to FLY!

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.

LEARN RAILROADING

The Historic Whitewater Valley Railroad's Annual Training Classes will be held beginning February 6, 2010 at the South Connersville Yard Complex located at 300 South Eastern Avenue, Connersville, Indiana. These free classes are open to the public and do not require membership to the non-profit Whitewater Valley Railroad.

Ever wondered how a railroad REALLY operates? This is your

chance to take a hands-on class leading to actual excursion passenger train operation on a short line heritage railway. Free training includes classroom instruction, hands-on practice in train operations, signaling and switching, and an introduction to diesel and steam locomotive operation. Adult trainees will have direct practice in coupling cars, and the opportunity to operate a full size historic diesel locomotive.

Free classes are conducted for eight successive Saturdays starting February 6, 2010, at the Whitewater Valley Railroad South Connersville Yard Complex in Connersville. Each session will begin at 9:01 a.m. each Saturday, running no later than 1:01 PM. The final class will be held on March 27, 2010. The free training class is open to everyone. There is a small charge (\$15, subject to change without notice) for printed materials used in the course. Clothing suitable for working out of doors in a winter railroad environment is recommended.

The primary purpose is to train new volunteer members to help operate the historic Whitewater Valley Railroad. The class is not intended to train railroaders for professional jobs, but a number of our volunteers have, in fact, gone on to railroad train service careers after working a year or two on our railroad. Upon successful graduation from the class you will be able to start your training as a student brakeman given you meet the minimum age requirement of 18. More details are available during the classes.

Established in 1972, the Whitewater Valley Railroad is a non profit railroad history organization. It is an operating railroad museum dedicated to the preservation of a historic branch line railroad, the restoration of railroad equipment, and to the conduct of railroad educational programs. The railroad is operated by volunteers and all proceeds from operations and events are used to further the organization's ongoing preservation mission.

Come to Connersville for this chance to learn about railroading, and return to a time when the railroad moved the nation and the short line railroad was a small town's best friend. Call (765) 825-2054 for more information or visit the Whitewater Valley Railroad's web site at www.whitewatervalleyrr.org.



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You haven't even had a good education. You have no money. How in heavens name do you think you will ever be able to buy horses and breeding stock and pay stud fees? You haven't a chance to make what you have written come true. Rewrite your paper more sensibly and I will consider giving you a better grade.

The young boy went home and talked with his father who simply replied, "It's up to you, son, not the teacher. It's up to you." The young boy went back to school the next day and as he placed his unchanged paper in the hands of the teacher, he told him, "You keep the F. I'll keep my dream."

The world is full of people who unable to dream themselves will not let you dream. Their negative comments overload and it is far too easy to give up than get up. Laugh in the face of their pessimism. Turn stumbling blocks into stepping stones.

Do not waste your life. Wear it like the wonderful exciting challenge it is and glow with the excitement that can only come from a person who has learned that positive perseverance is not picking a parking spot but an ongoing starting line.

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