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Thought for the Week: *The victory of success is half won when one gains that habit of work* Sarah Knowles Bolton

ARTISANFEST

Don't forget to attend the festivities at the ArtisanFest downtown Warren this weekend.

There will be plenty of activities for all ages on Friday evening and all day Saturday.

KIDS' CLUB

Are you a moth or a cockroach?

To find out, join us for the fall session of Kids' Club. Starting September 19th, we will meet on Wednesdays at the Warren United Methodist Church (corner of 3rd and Main) from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

If you are a child between preschool and 5th grade, you are welcome to join us for stories, games, and other activities.

Come and meet "the bug man," and find out what "BUGS" have to do with your life.

BUS TRIP

Heritage Pointe is taking a bus to Beef & Board in Indianapolis on October 3, 2007. There are 6 extra seats available.

The bus will leave from the chapel at 8:45 a.m. Oklahoma will be the musical show. Cost is \$40, this will include show admission, dinner buffet, drinks, gratuity and bus fare. We will stop for a Dutch treat on the way home. Call Cynthia Bonham at 375-2201 ext 237 or Kim Park 375-2201 ext 258 for reservations. Payment due September 14th. First Come First Served.

TACO BOOTH

The famous McNatt Taco Salads are back this summer for an encore performance. They will once again be sold during the Warren Arts Festival on Saturday, September 15th from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

LOST

A set of keys on a heart shaped keyring was reported lost in downtown Warren. If you happen to find these keys, please turn them in to the Warren Pharmacy.

STORY TIME

Preschool Story Time will begin at the Warren Public Library on Friday, September 21. The session will begin at 10:15 and last about ½ hour. No registration is required.

BOOK SIGNING

Saturday, September 15 at the Warren Public Library from 10 to 2 p.m.

Pass In Review – This is a collection of real-life personal stories drawn from World War II by Dr. Donald H Ping. Dr Ping served in the Pacific during the war with the 37th Infantry Division. His tour of combat duty overseas lasted for 22 months. After the war he served as secretary and historian for his artillery battalion. During this time he interviewed former army buddies and collected their stories which he has now compiled in one book. These accounts help answer the question often asked, "What was it like?" Hopefully his efforts will help preserve a little bit of history that should be remembered by everyone.

Most stories come out of the artillery, some from the infantry, all spanning 42 months. Stories of bullets, bombs and boredom, trials of military duty, fear by day and by night, longing for home, humor in privation – are all told in autobiographies, biographies and oral accounts.

His books will be autographed on Saturday, September 15 in the Warren Public Library from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., being offered for \$19 which includes sales tax. This is Dr Ping's second book. The first, *The Smoking War*, and still available, was an

autobiography covering his military service.

Dr Ping can be reached by email: donaldping@gmail.com or call 260.375.2323.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

The Central Christian Church in Van Buren will serve their annual Spaghetti Supper on Friday September 14th with serving from 4:30 to 7 PM.

Tickets are Adults \$5 and Children under 6 \$3. Deserts are available for a donation. Open to the public.

"SHERLOCK HOLMES: THE FINAL ADVENTURE"

Opens September 14 at the Pulse Opera House

Has Sherlock Holmes met his match? Could the logical, methodical detective be laid low by...opera singer Irene Adler? His arch enemy Professor Moriarty thinks so. Could a woman be the downfall of the world's greatest detective? In any case, you are in for an evening of mystery, drama and even some laughter.

"Sherlock Holmes: The Final Adventure" by Steven Dietz opens Friday, September 14 at the Pulse Opera House and runs on Thursday-Saturday for three weeks. The cast includes David Scribner, Steve Rodenberger, Mark Esch, Randy Neuman, Matt Stephenson, Stacia Brinneman, Janna Brothers, Justin Perry and Joe Haney. A great script and a great cast add up to a GREAT show!

"Sherlock Holmes: The Final Adventure" runs September 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29. The box office opens at 7:00 p.m. on show nights and is located in the lobby. Doors to the theatre open at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Reservations may be made online at www.pulseoperahouse.org or by

phone at (260) 375-7017. All shows start at 8:00 p.m.

"Sherlock Holmes: The Final Adventure" is produced by special arrangement with Dramatic Publishing.

JOY CLUB TO MEET

J.O.Y. Club will meet at noon on Tuesday Sept. 18th for a free lunch and a talk by Detective Chuck Winegardner on Cyber Crime. Followed by Bingo, prizes will be awarded to the winners. J.O.Y. (Just Older Youth) is held at the Van Buren United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 105 S. Second St. For reservations please call 765-934-9960 or 765-934-1431 by Sept. 16th.

FALL MEETING

The Annual Fall Meeting of Huntington County Church Women United will be on Friday, September 14, at 9:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church. The church address is 903 North Jefferson Street in Huntington. The Theme is "Finding Refuge Under God's Tent." The program is a time to celebrate the work that has been done, to affirm dedication, and to inspire us all to go forth and do more. The Women of St. Mary's Church will lead the program.

The service calls us to reflect on how we are all called in the words of St. Paul to "Honor one another above yourselves. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." (Romans 12:10, 12, 13, 16, 21.)

Church Women United is a racially, culturally, theologically inclusive ecumenical Christian women's movement, celebrating unity in diversity and working for a world of peace and justice.

All churches are invited to attend. Why not bring a carload and come meet with us? A continental breakfast is served before the meeting. Reservations for the breakfast should be called to Johanna Lang at 356-0976.

JR LEADERS TO MEET

The Huntington County 4-H Junior Leader organization will meet Thursday, September 13, 7:00-8:30 pm at Heritage Hall, Hier's Park. The main item of business will be the election of officers for the 2008 4-H club year. Officer positions include: president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, health & safety officer, devotions, recorder, recreation. Any 4-H member in grade 7 or older interested in serving in an elected officer position must complete an Office Application Form prior to this meeting. Application forms are available from the Purdue Extension-Huntington County Office or can be found in the Huntington County 4-H Newsletter mailed to all 4-H families in early September.

The group will also begin planning for the many activities and events the Junior Leaders will be involved in for the next year. Ideas for business meeting speakers, community service projects, fund-raising and other leadership opportunities will be discussed.

The county 4-H Junior Leader organization is open to any 4-H member in the 7th -12th grades during the current school year. For more information about Junior Leaders, contact the Purdue Extension Service-Huntington County office, located at 354 N Jefferson Street, Courthouse Annex, Huntington or calling 260-358-4826 or email at laldrigg@purdue.edu.

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KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

POLITICAL PARTY RESPONSIBILITY, WHERE IS IT?

A few years ago at least one US Government Class was required in High School. In that class we were taught about the two-party system. The success of our US Government was owed, to a great part, to that two party system.

We still have that two-party system today. As we have learned from the last few elections, the two major parties want to retain the system. They work very hard to eliminate any third party if one ventures into the system.

As was taught in those days, on of the strengths of the two party system was and still should be, party responsibility. Party responsibility simply means that each party was and/or should be "policing their own". When a bad apple appears on the scene in their party, they take care of the situation. That problem is eliminated.

Unfortunately at this time, it seems that in many cases, the party rallies around the troublemaker and tries to justify the behavior, no matter how gross and offensive. Both parties are guilty. It's kind of like a game. It's only wrong if I'm caught and if I'm caught my buddies will stand up for the bad behavior. Power and being reelected are primary motivation.

I believe this behavior is repulsive to most down to earth, voting Americans that I meet each day. They are sick of this "gotcha" game that's being played out in Indianapolis and Washington. They know what bad behavior is. They know what lying is. They know what is immoral. The citizens who live in "Flyover" country should get a little credit.

Citizens who live in Flyover county are somewhat like a third party. Indiana citizens have about half the population of Chicago alone. I said about half, this is not exact. When we are given our representatives according to our population, we don't have a chance. That is about the same situation that a third party is in today. Even with good ideas and solutions, Indiana and a third party has very little chance of even getting started.

Again, this writer urges each one of you to learn about our system of government. Learn how laws are made. Learn about the log rolling, horse trading and "I'll scratch your back if you scratch mine" deals that happen each day. The parties tell us that is the only way to ever get anything passed. You must be ready to "compromise." Frankly that word frightens many of us. Oh, I'll compromise about the color of my next car or the color of the bathroom, but when I'm asked to compromise ethical and moral standards, my faith, my early home teachings, I'm off the train. Party platforms are not my standards of behavior, party big wigs are not my Gods.

We have a great country. I thank God every day that my family lives here. God has bless this land more than any nation in the world, any time in history. Let's strive to retain and support the things that have made a strong nation. I urge you to do that.

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DEAR EDITOR:

I am writing this letter to inform parents of a game being played by our children in gym class (at lest at Salamonie School in Warren). The other day my second grade son asked me if I wanted to play "spank tag". He then explained to me "spank tag" was a game they played in gym class, taught to them by Mr. Sipe. The object of the game is to spank the other children in order to tag them "it". Thinking he surely didn't have his story straight I called his principal Mr. Reed. He had never heard of "spank tag" and seemed as concerned as I

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| <p>DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN 8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779 <i>Dick Case, Pastor</i></p> <p>Sun - 1st Worship Service 8:15a.m. Sunday School 9:30a.m. 2nd Worship Service 10:30a.m. Youth Group (6th-12th). 6:00p.m.</p> | <p>MCNATT UNITED METHODIST 375-4359 <i>Bill VanHaften, Pastor</i> <i>Lois Slusher, Supt.</i></p> <p>Coffee Fellowship 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Bible Study - Wed. 7:00 p.m.</p> | <p>VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 765-934-1431 <i>Pastor Blake J. Neff</i></p> <p>Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30a.m. Jr/Sr High UMYF (Sun) 6:30 p.m. Prayer-Bible Study (Thur) 7:30 p.m. UMW 2nd Wed 7:00 p.m. www.vanburenumc.org</p> |
| <p>HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST 101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726 <i>Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor</i></p> <p>1st Worship 9:00 a.m. 2nd Worship 10:30 a.m.</p> | <p>MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST 260/468-2148 <i>Rev. Tom DeFries - Pastor</i></p> <p>Trad. Worship 9:00 a.m. Mdrn Worship 10:30 a.m. Fellowship & Classes 9:30 a.m. Kids Club, Youth Group & Adult Studies - all Sunday 6:00 p.m.</p> | <p>WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-3022 <i>Gerald O. Moreland, Minister</i> <i>Todd Winkler, Youth Minister</i> <i>Ruth Moreland, Secretary & BS Supt.</i></p> <p>Fellowship 9:15 a.m. Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.</p> |
| <p>HERITAGE POINTE OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat Chapel Services 9:00 a.m.</p> | <p>MOUNT ETNA WESLEYAN <i>Rev. Charles Dederick, Pastor</i></p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m. Mid-Week (Wed) 6:00 p.m.</p> | <p>WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH Corner of N. Wayne & Matilda Sts. <i>Rev. Bill Fisher, Pastor of Preaching and Discipleship</i> <i>Rev. Robert Bothast, Pastor of Family Life</i> <i>Lori Buzzard, S.S. Supt.</i></p> <p>Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6:00p.m.</p> |



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AREA NEWS

4-H FOOD SALE

The annual 4-H Frozen Food Sale is underway by Wells County 4-H members and volunteers. Order forms are due September 25 at the Wells County Extension Office located at 1240 S. 4-H Road, Bluffton.

Over 100 items are included in the selection which ranges from frozen fruit and vegetables to fish and chicken. Many of the fruit and vegetables are bulk packaged in ten, twenty, or thirty pound containers. Most of the fruit can be ordered with or without sugar and are excellent for pies and desserts.

Many of the fruit and vegetables are individually quick frozen (IQF) which means you can just pour or scoop out what items you need. Some of the most popular items ordered include: chicken breasts, skinless, boneless, and uncooked; Ocean Perch Fillets; Red Tart Cherries, quick frozen so that you can pour out what you need each time; and Raspberries, red and black.

Special offerings during this sale include: hot chicken wings, fruit variety pack, vegetable variety pack, Steakwich, pizza patty melt burgers, cinnamon rolls, pizza sticks, chicken breast strips and French toast sticks.

Customer satisfaction is assured by a money back guarantee from Wilson's Zero Foods on all products. Wilson's Zero Foods have been a long time supporter of 4-H and work closely with over 60 counties in Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania with this unique and practical fund raiser.

Food orders should be picked up on Tuesday, October 9th from 3 - 5 PM at the Wells County 4-H Park in Bluffton. Proceeds from the Frozen Food Sales will go to the local 4-H clubs based on the sales and a portion will go to the Wells County 4-H Junior Leader Food Booth Building Fund.

For more information and an order form, contact any 4-H family or the Wells County Office of the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, 260-824-6412.

PANCAKES & SAUSAGE AT FAIR

Plans have been finalized for another successful 4-H Pancake & Sausage Booth at the Bluffton Free Street Fair, September 18-22.

The 40 foot yellow and green tent will again be located one half block west of Main Street on Market Street in front of the Good Shepherd Book Store.

The 4-H Booth, which is in its 58th year at the fair was started by a group of 4-H supporters to raise funds for the 4-H Park.

Today, the booth still helps raise funds for the 4-H Park, along with educational trips, workshops, and ribbons for next year's 4-H Fair.

The main menu items of course are pancakes and sausage! However, through the years ham and sausage sandwiches and grilled cheese sandwiches have been added.

During the five day event 900 pounds of buttermilk pancake flour and 1000 pounds of sausage will be prepared and served.

Volunteers are the key to success of the booth during the fair. Township and community clubs divide into shifts to help staff the booth. Day shifts are now the most difficult to staff with volunteers since many people are at work during this time. However, 4-H encourages grandparents, 4-H alumni and others to lend a hand to help.

A special thanks to Bluffton Starbucks who are donating all of the coffee to go with those pancakes this year. The new 4-H donor is sure to excite those coffee drinkers who visit the booth.

Hours for the Pancake and Sausage Booth will be: open at 5 PM on Tuesday and 7 AM Wednesday through Saturday, rain or shine!

Individuals wishing to volunteer in some way with the booth should call the Wells County Office of the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, 824-6412.

COUNCIL NOTES

by Bonnie Lloyd
The Van Buren Town Council met on Wednesday evening, September 5, in the Council room at Town Hall. President Tony Manry opened the meeting at 7 p.m. with all in attendance repeating the Pledge to the American Flag.

Prior to Wednesday's meeting, Council met for a Budget Pre-adoption Hearing and a Budget Adoption Hearing. Council gave their approval.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

Council discussed a planned Library renovation. Council made no definite decisions due to many conflicting reports. It appeared that plans are to widen State Road 5 in front of the Library and shorten the width of the sidewalk. Council agreed the State should

pay for the widening of the street. Until they know exact details Council will not decide just what they will do. It appeared evident Council may approve to pay for the sidewalk.

Council approved IACT dues of \$911.

Officer Pat Collins gave his report from the Police Department. Both vehicles were reported to be running well. Collins was scheduled to attend training on Thursday in Fort Wayne.

A citizen in attendance said that while a neighbor parks on their property the vehicle at times extends onto the roadway and people driving down the street often drive up into his yard to get through. Council agreed the citizen should be allowed to put in guards to protect their lawn.

Superintendent Jim Webb gave his report. One water leak had been repaired and two meters installed.

Council agreed to purchase a new salt spreader.

Ordinance 2-2007 for salaries was approved by Council.

Clean Up Days for Van Buren were set for October 13 and 14.

The next Council meeting will be held September 19.

PIONEER FESTIVAL

The award-winning bluegrass group The Rarely Herd will headline entertainment at this year's Forks of the Wabash Pioneer Festival.

The 32nd annual festival will be held Saturday and Sunday, Sept 22 and 23, on the wooded grounds of Hier's Park on Huntington's south side. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. An old-time

worship service will be held at 9 a.m. Sunday, before the festival opens.

Re-enactors in Pioneer Village, Olde Towne, and an encampment will live the life of Indiana's pioneer days. Visitors can get a close-up view of sheep shearing, blacksmithing, woodcarving, cream separating, pottery making, sidesaddle riding, and many other arts of yesteryear. Vintage engines, tractors, cars and bicycles are on display. Shoppers can get their fill of antiques and hand-made crafts, and the youngsters can occupy their time with pioneer games and activities—even ride a giant wooden merry-go-round. Flowers, fruit, vegetables and other farm products will be available at a farmer's market, and the hungry can partake of everything from apple fritters to rib dinners.

There's always something on stage. The Rarely Herd brings bluegrass—and impeccable credentials. The Ohio band, formed in 1992, was named one of the top three best new bands in 1993 by the British Bluegrass

News. The group earned a Gospel Music Association Dove Award nomination in 1998, and by 2003 had been named Entertaining Band of the Year by the Society for the Preservation of Bluegrass Music in America for an unprecedented 10 consecutive years. The Rarely Herd performs twice on Saturday.

Also on stage are clog dancers, The New Old Times bluegrass group, guitarist/vocalist Jamie Olinger, the Possum Trot Orchestra, Shade Jonzes, and The Glory Gospel Group. Strolling musicians can be heard throughout the grounds.

Huntington's Champion Hill Toopers will host a vintage baseball tournament on the festival grounds, with games on both Saturday and Sunday.

A complete schedule is available

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Silk & Fresh Flowers - Green Plants
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Angels - Prayer Throws

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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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| Sept 14 | Warren Recycle Day |
| Sept 14-16 | Artisanfest, downtown Warren |
| Sept 19 | Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m. |
| Sept 23 | FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN |
| Sept 24 | Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m., Assembly Hall |
| Sept 28 | Warren Recycle Day |
| Sept 28-29 | Fall Revival with Wally Rendel 7 p.m. at Warren Church of Christ |
| Sept 29 | Kid's Carnival 10am to 1 pm at Warren Church of Christ |
| Sept 30 | Fall Revival with Wally Rendel 9:30 a.m. at Warren Church of Christ |
| Oct 3 | Warren Chamber of Commerce, noon, Assembly Hall |
| Oct 3 | Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m. |
| Oct 6 | Fish Fry at Mt Zion, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. |
| Oct 8 | Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m., Assembly Hall |
| Oct 8 | COLUMBUS DAY |
| Oct 9 | Knight Bergman Center Board Mtg, 5:30 p.m. |
| Oct 10 | Warren Chamber of Commerce Monthly Drawing, 6:30 p.m. |
| Oct 12 | Warren Recycle Day |
| Oct 16 | Boss's Day |
| Oct 17 | Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m. |
| Oct 20 | Sweetest Day |

Bread of Life Food Pantry - Wed 4 - 5:30pm, Sat 10 - 11:30 at KBC or by appointment - Call 375-2381. **Bargain Basement** - Friday & Saturday 9 - 4 at KBC **Depression Support Group** 2nd & 4th Thurs at Hope Missionary Church, Bluffton 6-7:30 **Cancer Support Group** - 3rd Tuesday 6:30-8p.m. at Bluffton Regional South Campus

Warren Area Chamber
of Commerce

MONTHLY DRAWING
October 10 6:30 p.m.

Sign up in September
at the following 5
businesses to win your
share of \$200!

- Accent Interiors
- Denny's Hardware & Service
- East Of Chicago Pizza
- Kevin Deakyne, DDS
- Thorn Insurance

Pulse Opera House Presents

Sherlock Holmes:
The Final Adventure

September 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29
 Performance at 8:00 p.m., Doors Open at 7:30

\$12 for General Admission - \$5 for children 12 & Under
 For Reservations call 375-7017

\$2.00 off admission with this coupon. Expires 9.15.07

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online at
pioneerfest.huntingtoncounty.org.

Admission to the festival is \$3 for adults, \$1 for students and free for children under 5. No pets are allowed on the grounds. Free parking is available adjacent to the park. Green arrowheads will direct visitors to Hier's Park from any major highway coming into Huntington.

For additional information call the Huntington County Visitor and Convention Bureau at 800.848.4282 or 260.358.8687.

HOMEOWNERSHIP

Community Connections, the Housing Division of Pathfinder Services Inc., and the City of Fort Wayne, will be offering a FREE "Home Ownership is Possible" Homebuyer Workshop on Wednesday, September 19, 2007 from 6:30 until 7:30 P.M. at Hallmark Mortgage, located at 7421 Coldwater Road at the corner of Cook and Coldwater. Another FREE workshop is available on Saturday, September 22, 2007 from 10:30 A.M. until 11:30 A.M. at the Shawnee Branch of the Allen County Public Library located at 5600 Noll Avenue near Southgate Plaza. These workshops and refreshments are free to everyone who attends, but registration is required.

Attendees of this FREE "Home Ownership is Possible" workshop will find out if they qualify for up to \$15,000 in Down Payment Assistance through the City of Fort Wayne for the purchase of a home within the City Limits of Fort Wayne with typical monthly payments less than rent. Attendees will receive information about receiving a free copy of their credit report, who to contact regarding credit issues, and basic questions that should be asked when applying for a mortgage and shopping for a home. Also at the workshop, Community Connections will explain Down Payment Assistance opportunities for the City of Fort Wayne program and Renaissance Pointe.

To register for this free workshop, contact Trish Kraner at Community Connections at (260) 427-6231. Community Connections is the Housing Division of Pathfinder Services Inc., a not for profit Human Services organization with offices in Huntington, Wabash, and Plymouth. Community Connections began in 1997 and has helped over 900 families fulfill the dream of homeownership including 107 families in Allen County. Community Connections has provided those

over \$813,900 in down payment assistance.

EXTENSION PROGRAMS

Huntington County Extension Homemakers invite all extension homemakers and the public to attend two programs on September 26, at the Ministry Center at Victory Noll. The first program, "Slow Cookery at its Best", explores the advantages of using a crock pot or slow cooker for your meal preparations; from convenience to stretching your food dollars. The second program, "Brain Blitz", will teach you how to keep your brain functioning at its best, the differences between typical memory lapses and more serious memory impairments, plus the actions individuals can take to help assure their mental functioning "stays at its peak" for as long as possible. Laughing, stretching, and moving will be emphasized. The first program starts at 5:00 p.m. with a light supper at 6:00 p.m. with the second program starting at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$4.00 per person which covers the cost of the meal. Reservations are due by September 17, and can be made by calling the Huntington County Extension office at 358-4826.

ESSAY DEADLINE

Deadline is Oct. 22 for youth essay contest

Indiana eighth graders are invited to participate in the annual essay contest sponsored by Indiana Farm Bureau, Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance and Sen. Richard Lugar.

"Energy Aware - Energy Independent" is the theme for the youth essay contest, according to IFB 2nd Vice President Isabella Chism. Chism chairs the Women's Leadership Committee, which is in charge of the annual contest.

"This year we want students to consider the different types of alternative energy - wind, solar, biofuels, etc. - available to us as we pursue energy independence," said Chism. "What can farmers do to lead the way for a sustainable energy future?"

The contest began in 1985 and is designed to increase the awareness of young Hoosiers as to the significance of Indiana agriculture, how it relates to the supply of food and fuel and to their personal health.

Contest brochures will be mailed to public schools as well as to home school representatives in early September. The brochure will also be available as a PDF file on the Indiana Farm Bureau website at www.infarmbureau.org in the "Events" section. All essays must be mailed to your local Farm Bureau county woman leader and must be postmarked no later than Oct. 22, 2007.

Essays will be judged on the basis of correct grammar and punctuation, spelling, understanding of the topic, neatness and overall appearance, originality and creativity.

More information is available from your county Farm Bureau or your school principal. One boy and one girl from each of Farm Bureau's 10 districts will be chosen as finalists and will win \$50 U.S. Savings Bonds. The state winners - one boy and one girl - will be honored at Indiana Farm Bureau's annual convention, Dec. 7 and 8, and will win a trip to Washington, D.C., courtesy of Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance.

MORTGAGE CREDITS

Governor Mitch Daniels took action recently that will help more homeowners get property tax relief in 2008. The governor directed counties to accept homestead deduction and credit applications from now to October 15 for those who previously missed the filing deadline this year.

The standard homestead deduction reduces the taxable

value of a home occupied by its owner by as much as \$45,000 in 2008 while the homestead credit reduces the amount of taxes owed. The application for the homestead deduction and credit are filed with the county auditor.

"As I travel, I am meeting citizens who overlooked this deadline and are now facing the double whammy of a property tax increase without the protection of the homestead deduction and credit they are entitled to," said Daniels. "I've received bipartisan assurances from the legislative leadership that this extension will be ratified when they convene in November."

To be eligible for a homestead deduction in 2008, persons must be the owner of their primary residence as of March 1, 2007. The deadline to file for a homestead deduction and credit in 2007 was June 10. Those who filed by then need not do so again.

Legislation approved and signed by the governor provides for an additional \$300 million in state provided property tax relief this year and \$250 million more in 2008. Those who missed the June 10 filing deadline but meet the October 15 deadline will now be eligible for this 2008 property tax relief they otherwise would have missed.

The governor's action requires ratification by the Indiana General Assembly. Legislative leaders already have concurred with the governor's action.

This is the latest in a series of actions Daniels has taken to address the state's property tax problems. Most recently, on August 24, the governor extended the deadline for counties to adopt a local option income tax to December 31 and directed that the Department of Local Government Finance issue a memo to remind assessors throughout the state that it is not

necessary for homeowners to provide an appraisal to appeal a property assessment.

YOUTH ACADEMY


U.S. Sen. Dick Lugar's Indianapolis office will host the 6th Annual Dick Lugar Academy Day on Saturday, September 29, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the offices of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, 11 South Meridian Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

The event is designed to educate high school sophomores and juniors about the various military academies (high school seniors have already begun the process for admission next year). Representatives from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Merchant Marine, and Coast Guard Academies will attend. Students also can receive information about ROTC programs and Indiana National Guard opportunities. To attend the Academy Day, RSVP by September 26 at <http://lugar.senate.gov/services/academy/2007.cfm>.

A U.S. Senator, Congressman or the Vice President of the United States can nominate students interested in attending a military academy. Each year since his election to the Senate in 1976, Lugar has used the services of a nonpartisan Merit Selection Committee to review the applications he receives. Lugar then uses those recommendations as the basis for his academy nominations.

"More and more young people are interested in the opportunity to study at a military academy," said Lugar, who volunteered for the Navy after completing his Rhodes scholarship studies at Oxford University in England. Lugar served from 1957-60 as an intelligence briefer for then-Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Arleigh Burke. "I am hopeful that

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GENEALOGY REPORT & OTHER NEWS

STRODE

MelVene L. Strode, 91, of Warren, died at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 3, 2007, at Heritage Pointe.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, to Earl J. and Myrtle L. (Smith) Daugherty, on Aug. 10, 1916, Mrs. Strode graduated from Marion Township High School in Chesterhill, Ohio, and worked at the Irene Byron Hospital in Fort Wayne for 19 years and the United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren for 10 years before retiring in 1981. She was a member of the Crescent Chapter #48 Order of the Eastern Star.

Surviving relatives include two daughters, Jacqueline M. (Max) Dawson of Bluffton and Jerilyn L. (Steven) Block of Scottsdale, Ariz.; two brothers, Joe Daugherty of Fort Wayne and David Daugherty of Warren; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Mrs. Strode was preceded in death by two brothers, Irvin and Jack Daugherty.

Funeral services were held at the Glancy Funeral Home H. Brown & Son Chapel with the Rev. Carol Schroepe Scott officiating. Burial was at Gardens of Memory in Marion.

Preferred memorials are to the Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

BROWN

Maggie M. Brown, 101, of Markle, died at 4:20 p.m. Monday, Sept. 3, 2007, at Heritage Pointe.

Miss Brown was born in Hicksville, Ohio to George E. and Mary E. (Fahl) Brown on Aug. 21, 1906. She moved to Huntington when she was five years old and lived in Jefferson Township for 77

years. She moved to Markle in 1988, and lived there until entering Heritage Pointe in Warren in November 2006.

A 1924 graduate of Lancaster High School, Miss Brown worked at the Brethren Home in Mexico, the H.W. Gossard Company in Huntington and the United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren. She was an 89-year member of the Salamonie Church of the Brethren.

She is survived by four nieces, three nephews and three cousins. She was preceded in death by five brothers, Crasten, Everett, Elmer, Charles and Oscar Brown; and three sisters, Jessie and Elsie Brown and Hazel Bittinger.

Funeral services were held at the Glancy Funeral Home H. Brown & Son Chapel with Pastor Mel Zumbrun officiating. Burial was at Lancaster Cemetery in Huntington.

Preferred memorials are to the church or the Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

SMITHLEY

Billy L. Smithley, 83, of Huntington died at 11:15 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 6, 2007, at Norwood Nursing Center in Huntington.

He was born in Marion on Nov. 20, 1923, a son of Irvin and Josephine (Zebert) Smithley. He attended Marion Schools. He retired after serving 12 years with the U.S. Navy and 8 years in the U.S. Air Force. He served in both World War II and the Korean Conflict. He lived most of his life in Van Buren, Marion, and Huntington. He was a member of the Huntington Christian Center.

He was married in Marion on June 28, 1941, to Laura Mae (Stanley) Smithley, who survives. He is also survived by his sons, Jerry L. Smithley of Anaheim, Calif., Vincent "Rex" Smithley of Fort Wayne, Bobby D. Smithley of Markle, Timothy R. Smithley of Huntington, and his daughters, Joy Y. Smithley of Huntington and Greta D. Lesh of Huntington, and by his brother James Smithley of Marion, and sisters, Joan Brane of LaFontaine, Rosemary Heck of Wabash, Phyllis Harpham of Marion, and Violet Mullin of Marion, along with 20 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his brothers David and Jack Smithley.

Services were held at the Glancy Funeral Homes - H. Brown and Son Chapel in Warren with Pastor Charles Moore officiating. Burial followed in Gardens of Memory in Marion, with military honors performed by Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

Preferred memorials are to the Huntington Christian Center Building Fund.

OWENS

Mary E. Owens, 86, formerly of Bluffton, died at 10:50 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, 2007, at Heritage Pointe in Warren.

Born in Missouri to Roscoe V. and Pearl (McBride) Harrouff on Oct. 18, 1920, Mrs. Owens married Harold W. Owens in Perryville, Ohio, on Aug. 19, 1939; he preceded her in death on June 9, 1993.

Mrs. Owens was a homemaker. Surviving relatives include one daughter, Dorothy Owens of

Charlotte, N.C.; four sons, Clifford Owens of Bluffton, Donald Owens of Keystone, Homer Owens of Muncie and Ronald Owens of Hartford City; three sisters, Phoebe Barringer of Texas, Helen Cheatham of Illinois and Jerri Mainlan of California; one brother, Roscoe Harrouff of Texas; 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Private family services were arranged by the Goodwin Memorial Chapel. Burial was at Gardens of Memory in Muncie.



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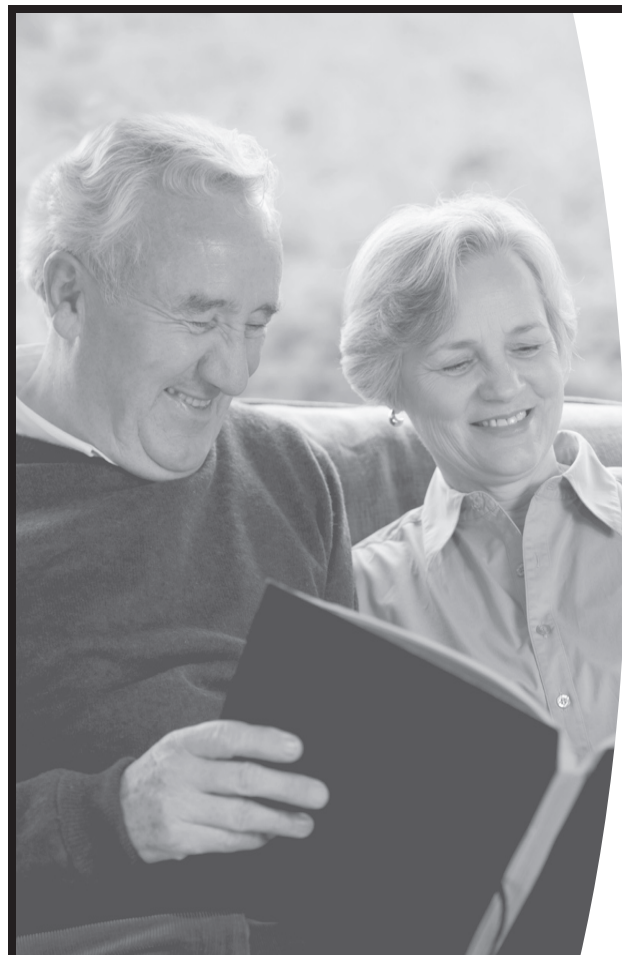
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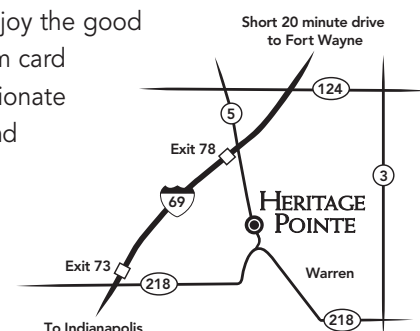


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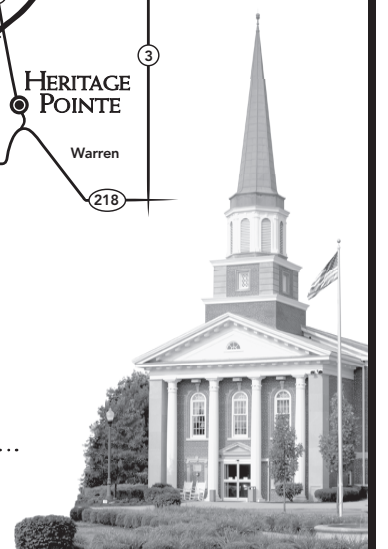


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The Students For Wish Kids program fosters the value of community service by providing students with hands-on experience in helping to grant local wishes. When the fundraising efforts raise \$6,000, the average value of a wish, schools may have the opportunity to sponsor the wish of a local child with a life-threatening medical condition.

If you would like to get your local school involved, visit http://www.makeawishindiana.org/school_student.htm Or contact your local office: Indiana: 1.877.872.2756

MY TOWN and Yours

BY DENNIS STROUD

100 years ago, as we continue south on Wayne Street, crossing Second Street, you might have entered and shopped at The Little Store whose name had been chosen by the owner, Silas Pulse, to poke fun of the pretentious title of The Big Store which W.B. Larrimer had given his establishment. On any given day one would find Mr. Pulse's horse, Gold Bug, hitched outside. The Little store was a huge department store. Upstairs was the Pulse Opera House. Next door was the Hickerson Drugstore with Dr. John S. Sprowl having an office on the second floor.

In the old Masonic building, where Video Vision is, was the National Supply Store dealing in supplies for the oil fields. The manager was Charles Stoker. The rest of the building was where Hotel Warren was. The Hotel was operated by the Kelly brothers. The barroom and kitchen was where the entrance to the insurance company is today. The lobby and stairs to the rooms were in the end room next to the alley.

Across the alley, was an old wood frame building used to store implements in, and on the second floor Charles Minnich had a pressing shop and men's clothing store. George Blair had a barber shop on the same floor. In the same building, next door, was the James Andrew Grocery. Livi Simmons had his law office on the second floor. Next door was a plating establishment. In June, 1905, this old frame building was torn down to be used by the First National Bank and the Odd Fellows Lodge.

Further down the street was the Andrew Wire livery stable and next to it, on the river bank was the blacksmith shop of Charles Andrew and Sons. Across the river was the Finkle mill with Jacob and John Finkle in charge.

MARKET REPORT

The market is slowing down and probably will be done in another week. There are nice apples, pumpkins and fall squash coming in and looks very nice. Last week we still had sweet corn but was reported it would probably be the last for it.

The vendors have had a very good year considering the dry weather and the response of the patrons visiting the market has been great. Our goal for the market was to supply some of the food items that are not available to us in the community and to have it fresh and in good condition.

We hope to be back next season to supply you with the fresh supply we have had for you in the past years. All the vendors thank you for the support of the farmers market. We have enjoyed being there for you each week.

QUILT SHOW

Noble Nimble Thimbles Quilt Club presents its sixth biennial show from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Kendallville Public Library, 221 S Park St, Kendallville on October 19-20. No admission charge – donations accepted to benefit Noble House, a shelter for abused women and children. Tickets will be available at the show for a "Fall Frolic!" Quilt – drawing will be held at the close of the show on October 20 – need not be present to win. All proceeds from the quilt also go to Noble House. For additional information, contact Nancy Peterson at 260.856.3597 or Nancy Mullen at 260.347.0802.

PROVINCE WORKSHOP

Attending a Tri Kappa Province Workshop on September 8, 2007 from Warren Gamma Upsilon were Karen Hunnicutt, Suellen Jones, Jennifer Plummer, Sheryl Horst, Trish Musselman and Megan Roberts.

Representing the Warren Associate Chapter were Barbara Souder and Martha Roberts.

Nancy Carender, Province VIII Officer, conducted the meeting and was assisted by her Huntington Associate Chi Chapter members.

CLUB NEWS

Brown Doyle American Legion Auxiliary Unit 368 met September 6, 2007. President Julie Webb opened the meeting in regular form. Chaplain Waneta Bald gave opening prayer. Secretary Jere Edwards called the roll and read minutes. Treasurer Irene Pickard gave finance report.

Manager Ron Miller came to the meeting to report on progress on the Heating & Air Conditioning of the ball room and VIP room.

Irene Pickard reported on the restroom project. The guy is coming Monday, so everything should be done in time for District meeting September 15. She also asked for baked things for Fish Fry the 14th and District meeting the 15th.

Julie Webb reported on her first Jr Auxiliary meeting. Need to get a hold of more Jr members so they can do offices. They have a lot of things planned to do this year.

Irene Pickard has 5th District raffle tickets. Next meeting October 4, 2007.

Those attending: Julie Webb, Jere Edwards, Carol Ritter, Beverly Bayman, Floy Doyle,

Sheri Reneer, Creta Arlington, Sally Bancroft, Anna Pickard, Joyce Loftis, Waneta Bald, Natalie Harris, Irene Pickard, Jr Auxiliary members Karlee Layman and Emily Webb.

EUCHRE CLUB

The Jackson Township Euchre Club met at the home of Florence Taylor with Doris Tyler winning High, Marge Jones won Low and Marjorie Michaud had the most Lones. Other playing were Joan Huffman, Carolyn Carroll, Mary Jo Zoda, Sharon Gebhart, Sharron Roush, Nancy Willman, Jane Lieurance and Joyce Willman. Next month we will meet at the home of Phyllis Dickey.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Eight children and one adult attended the Back to School Celebration at the Van Buren Public Library on Friday, September 7th, 2007.

The children entered into the Children's Department of the library and signed in. They received a picture to color and back to school search - a - word to do.

Karen read the book titled "The Cafeteria Lady from The Black Lagoon" by Mike Thaler and illustrated by our own Jared Lee, who was raised in this area. This book can be found in the Children's Department of our library.

A Back to School Scavenger Hunt was enjoyed and other games were played. Olivia Bryant and Chelsea Cason won prizes.

We had a good time. Snacks were cookies and cool aid.

Those attending were: Ruby Baker, Olivia Bryant, Emilee Morgan, Emilee Henning, Nixon Smith, Hannah Hutchinson,

Chelsea Cason Caitlin Imhoff and our helper Doris Moon.

Next after school story time will be Friday September 14th from 2:30-3:30. We will celebrate Grandparent's Day. We are inviting all Grandparents to come with their grandchildren.

Hope to see you!

GIVE TO RECEIVE: FIVE TAX TIPS

(NewsUSA) - As the holidays approach, making lists of who was naughty, who was nice and what kind of gifts you'll be handing out becomes a priority.

But with the tax year closing just after the holidays, it can't hurt to think about how gifting can reduce your tax burden.

According to Jim Tyrpak, CLU, ChFC, AEP, MSFS, president of the Society of Financial Service Professionals, there are more than a few ways being charitable can benefit you as much as the gift receiver.

Get in the spirit of giving with the following tips to reduce your 2007 federal estate taxes:

* Watch the calendar. In 2007, individuals are excluded up to \$12,000 from Federal Gift Tax (\$24,000 for split gifts by married couples) for gifts made to any one individual. Ensure that your gift qualifies by making it in time for your check to clear.

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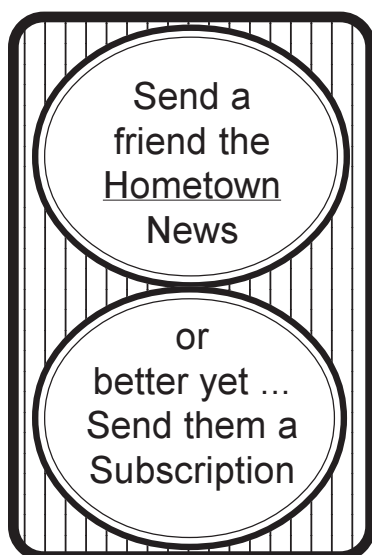
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was. He told me he would talk to Mr. Sipe immediately, and one of them would call me right back. Mr. Reed called back a little later and told me the real rules of "spank tag" (as if this was supposed to make me feel better). It seems instead of using their hands kids are given rolled up towels, and the tag doesn't necessarily have to be on the bottom—just anywhere on the back half of the child because as Mr. Reed put it "we don't want any kids getting hit in the wrong place on the front". He told me he and Mr. Sipe had decided that maybe they should change the name (as Mr. Sipe "had never really thought about that"). I asked Mr. Reed what would happen the kids tried to play this at recess and used their hands instead of towels? (we've all heard the stories about elementary children in trouble for sexual harassment because they kissed another kid or smacked their bottom at school). He then informed me that they were also going to sit the kids down and explain to them that this was only a game for gym class and nowhere else. Because, as all parents know the best way to keep your kids from doing something you just make a big deal of it and forbid them to do it. (It kind of makes you wonder how long these guys have been dealing with kids if they haven't figured that out yet!) So then I asked him what would happen when my son gets older and wants to join sports and gets in trouble for hitting another kid in the locker room with a rolled up towel? He told me they had never had a problem with things like that in the past—I'm guessing this is because kids weren't being encouraged to do so, I know we weren't when I went to Salamonie. The conversation ended with me telling him I still did not find this appropriate and him telling me that he might talk with Mr. Sipe and maybe they could come up with a different game. So parents, I ask you these questions—do we pay for

our children to go to school to learn something they are forbidden to do elsewhere? Even if you don't see this as a problem for 2nd grades, how about middle school kids? Salamonie is a K-8 school, do they have 8th graders running around spanking each other? And at what grade level does this become inappropriate? Finally, even if they do find another game, the next time I take my son to the park, or daycare and he smacks a little girl on the bottom during tag am I supposed to punish him? Or praise him for learning something at school? And what do I tell the other parent? I will be contacting the school board and I urge you as parents to do the same. And call your child's principal to find out if the gym teacher is teaching "spank tag" to your children.

Erika Williams
Warren

are of age than why should any waitress, waiter, bartender, or clerk ever be cited for mistakenly selling alcohol to a minor? The face-to-face transaction is so critical that the Indiana General Assembly has passed a law requiring servers of alcohol to successfully complete an alcohol server training program. Just as Indiana has moved some cold medications behind the counter, restricted the self-service of tobacco, and placed common sense restrictions on access to guns we must recognize that while alcohol is a legal commodity it is also a product that needs to be regulated and controlled. Indiana must appeal Judge Tinder's decision to open the door to unrestricted alcohol sales and vigorously defend the state's right to regulate how alcohol is sold.

John Livengood
President/CEO Indiana
Association of Beverage
Retailers

THE UPTOWN GARDENER

by Ruth Herring



This gardener has put the garden away for the season and I am certainly glad for this year to be over. It was the worst I have ever had a garden. The weeds did a wonderful job of growing but even they are history. John came with his weed eater mower and really pulverized them. I still have a few heads of cabbage out yet but will have them taken in shortly. Cabbage and potatoes did very well this year.

I will tell you about our mystery plant that was in the garden, I thought it was a pickle vine coming up volunteer and it kept growing by leaps and bounds and had an enormous amount of blooms I couldn't count them all but surely was close to a hundred. Soon decided it wasn't a pickle vine after we spotted some round fat critters on it. So we figured it was either muskmelon or watermelon. Well it turned out to be muskmelon and we counted 17 on the vine. So far we have brought in 10 of them and they are good tasting. Not bad production for something that the birds must of carried the seeds. I never put those seeds from the garbage on the garden. It was interesting to watch it over the summer. That was one thing that grew well. Wonder what the birds will bring me next year.

As the days grow shorter and cooler I think of recipes that I can use the oven and warm the room a bit on chilly days.

A friend gave me this recipe for oven spaghetti that is quite good and filling. I like to serve it with a salad and Texas toast. You might enjoy it too.

Baked Spaghetti

1 cup chopped onion, 1 cup green peppers, 1 tablespoon butter, saute for a few minutes. Fry 1 pound hamburger and add 28 ounce can tomatoes, 1 can mushrooms (about 6 or 8 ounce size) drained, 2 tsp oregano, 1 can cream mushroom soup and 1/4 cup water and 1/4 cup parmesan cheese. Cook 12 ounces spaghetti and drain. Spray either a large casserole pan or small roaster pan and start with spaghetti and layer with meat mixture and shredded cheese making multi layers ending with cheese. It takes about 2 cups shredded cheese. Bake at 350 for 1/2 hour.

Have a great autumn

DEAR EDITOR,

I find the recent decision by Judge Tinder on how alcohol is sold in Indiana to be very worrisome. By striking down the requirement for a face-to-face transaction before alcohol can be shipped to a consumer's home Judge Tinder undercuts one of the most important regulations, perhaps the most important regulation, in Indiana's effort to control access to alcohol by teenagers and impaired adults. One of the state's major newspapers has compared alcohol to the sale of sweaters and other consumer items through the mail. Such a comparison ignores the dangers associated with alcohol use that led to the passage of the 21st Amendment to the US Constitution giving the states the right to regulate alcohol sales and use. Sweaters do not kill.

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