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Thought for the Week: One never notices what has been done can only see what remains to be done. Marie Curie

WALKATHON

6pm to 7pm at The SwitchUp Community Youth Center in Van Buren. 100 N First St located right next to the Circle K.

The Walkathon will begin at 6pm and go until 7pm. The walk will be about a mile. Walkers will be able to stop and pray for Randon at the prayer vigil set up half way through the walk.

At 7pm The SwitchUp Summer Concert will begin. There will be a booth at the concert to make donations to the Timmons Family. The concert is a free will donation for admission. Ian Thompson will open the concert and Jordan Brown will be the headliner.

The band will be playing a special tribute to Randon Timmons and family.

Concessions will be offered featuring Moe's Southwest Grill, Little Caesar's Pizza, Weaver Popcorn and more.

LAST DAY TO FILE

Friday is the last day to file to run for a position on Town Council in the November election. Two members are to be elected in 2014 and two members in 2015. To be placed on the ballot, a petition with required signatures has to be filed in the office of the County Clerk by noon on June 27th. Petitions and related information is available online through the Indiana Elections Division of the Secretary of State's office, Warren Town Hall, or the County Clerk's Office.





NEW CHAPLAIN

Dick Case (pictured) has become Heritage Pointe's newest Chaplain. He was Pastor of Dillman Church for 9 years before retiring last year. He joins the staff of the other two "full time/part time" Chaplains Gerald Moreland and Ginny Soultz. Chaplain Ed Clark recently retired and Dick will fill that vacancy. HP also has Chaplain Charles Dederick as a substitute and Ed Clark will be available if needed. We are excited to have Pastor Dick start June 30. The three regular Chaplains rotate each week giving the HP community good variety!!!

CARNIVAL SATURDAY

Don't forget the Warren Baseball and Softball 2014 Carnival will be held on Saturday, June 28th at Tower Park from 1 - 5 p.m. All proceeds from the carnival go directly back to the kids.

There will be softball game on both diamonds this year with the games costing \$1.00 per game. Coaches are asked to wear their shirts that day and everyone is invited to join in the games whether you are a coach or not ... however, there will be no "teams" accepted. Kids Carnival

type game will be from 1:00 - 3:00 with all new games and prizes this year.

Portraits by Mechelle will also be there doing "vintage baseball" photos for a donation to the league, which can be e-mailed or put on a disc for you.

The raffle will also be a part of the carnival again this year: Tickets are \$1.00 each or 12 for \$10.00. Top prize: Lifetime free entry to the league (1), 1 year free entry prizes (2), and Consolation prizes (4).

Winners will be drawn at the end of the carnival and you need not be present to win! Lisa Williams will be selling the tickets beginning this week and up until 5:00 day of carnival.

Come on up and enjoy the fun while supporting the WBSL kids baseball and softball programs!!

PIONEER BREAKFAST

Tickets are now on sale for the Samuel Jones Pioneer Breakfast which will be held at Knight Bergman Center July 4th 7:30 a.m.

Tickets may be purchased at either clerks office at town hall or IAB bank. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Come, enjoy breakfast by Kim's Catered Affair and give our best wishes to the newly chosen Pioneer Award winner.

SSF CANOE RACE

The Canoe Race will be July 4th at 2:00pm under the river bridge. There will be different classes to accommodate all. Each race lasts about 20 minutes. Canoes will be provided if you call ahead to Citizens Telephone 375-2111. This is a free event with trophies being given out. Registration is allowed on

race day but it's helpful if you can preregister.

FESTIVAL BINGO

Beta Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma has teamed up with local Longaberger Consultant Laura Berghoff and local Thirty-One Gifts Consultant Jenny Plummer to bring you Basket & Bag Bingo during the Salamonie Summer Festival.

Beat the heat in the air conditioning at the Knight Bergman Center on Saturday, July 5th starting at 12:30pm, doors open at 11:30am, cost is \$15 for 20 games of bingo. Tickets are available from any Sigma Phi Gamma member, Gebhart's Floral Barn, Warren Service & Supply, can be purchased at the door or call 765-618-6911 for tickets. Select baskets & bags will be filled with goodies donated by local businesses. Refreshments will be available for purchase. No admittance under the age of 16. All proceeds benefit the community.

ART **S**HOW

The Salamonie Summer Festival is accepting entries to their adult and children's art show. this show is for amateurs only. Anyone making over \$1000 a year is considered a professional and is not allowed to participate in this show.

Any kind of art work is acceptable. All kinds of paintings, needlework, 3D art work, drawings, color and black and white photography, creative photography and body art. There is a limit of six (6) pieces of art per person. Awards will be given out to champion and 1st and 2nd place in each category. Also a Queens Choice and Chairman's award

will be given out.

If you don't have any talent but want to enter, there is also a fun category called "wanna be an artist but.." this is for those that wish they could draw or paint but can't seem to quite get it right. So if your stick people don't have the same length of arms, then that's what we want for this category. This category is for fun only, not for humiliation and a special award will be given for this category.

For those that want to enter in the adult category, it is for anyone 16 years of age and older. The children's art show is for those 15 years of age and under and is divided up into age categories. There is a limit of three (3) pieces of art work per child. Any type of art work is acceptable for the divided by the first the shild seat to the first the first than t

able for the children's art show. Some ideas are all types of painting including finger paintings, all types of drawings, colored coloring pages, construction paper art, photography, 3D art made out of modeling clay or play dough, plastic models, wood working, jewelry making, papermache, the sky is the limit.

All children will receive an award for their work, but there will also be a best of the age category, best of the show, queens choice, and chairman's award given out.

All entries must be pre-registered and the entry deadline has been extended to July 1st.

Entries must be brought to the Town Hall Annex on Thursday July 3rd from noon-6:00 p.m.

For more information on the adult and children's art show or to get registered please contact Treva Flemming at 260-375-2436 or email me at candylandfamily2007@hotmail.com.



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KICKS & KARATS

THANKS MUCH

To all those who supported me in my ordeal April 23 with my vehicle by prayers, cards, visits, flowers, food and thoughtful concerns and cares

Also many thanks to the witness who called 911. Heartfelt thanks to the Mt Etna and Markle fire departments, Parkview EMS and the Huntington County Sheriff department for their help. Also, everyone at Lutheran Hospital and Heritage Pointe who took care of me. We thank God for each one and every thing you did.

God is good - He was with me then and still is. I still have a long way to go in my recovery.

May God Bless each one.

Sincere thanks, Paul and Mary Jane Craig

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

I would like to ask you to please print my letter to the editor.

There is no place in Indiana that has more experience with wind energy than Benton County, south of Chicago on the Illinois. The state's first wind farm was built there in 2008, and it is now home to 489 active turbines. That's why I decided to go along when Apex Clean Energy put ads in the paper inviting people on a bus tour of a

My visit was on a windy afternoon when almost every turbine in sights was turning at the standard 18 RPM. I stood at the base of the turbine as the blades passed overhead. There was a whoosh and a slight whistle - that's it. Several members of the group agreed that their clothes dryer was louder than the windmill. In fact, the wind blowing across my ears made more noise than the turbine.

Apex says turbines in the Plum Tree Wind farm will be at least 1,200 feet from any non-participating home - that's just over two-tenths of a mile - a larger buffer than the ordinance requires. A member of our group walked to the end of the access road (less than 1,200 feet) and reported she could barely hear a light "whoosh" - only when wind itself died down.

There we were, literally surrounded by turbines on a windy day, and I assure you the sound was nothing to fear.

Benton County has had nearly 500 turbines turning for more than five years and there has been no wave of sickness, no reported property value losses, and no injuries to the general public. The county has new roads, townships have new fire equipment, the county is debit-free and tax rates for everyone have gone down. Schools received \$2 million. Farmers plant right up to the base of the turbine, as if it were a tree in the middle of their field. Some of the wind farms have changed ownership, but according to the county economic development director, tax and lease payments have been made as promised.

Honestly, I simply don't see what all the fuss is about.

Some will likely accuse me of bias because I took Apex up on its offer a free bus ride. I wish more people, especially those who express concerns about wind farms, had come along to see and hear for themselves.

Jerry Brubaker

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8294S 900W 35

Brad Kelly, Pastor

Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

BYG Youth Svc. (2&4Sun.) 6:00 p.m.

BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST

Rev. Barry Humble, Pastor

Denise Heininger, S.S. Supt.

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Youth Leaders - Kelly Jones

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8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779

Matt Kennedy, Pastor

HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST

101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726

Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor

1st Worship......8:30 a.m.

HERITAGE POINTE

OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT

Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat

THE NEW BEGINNING

SR 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto

Steve Sutton, Pastor

765/728-2065 for more info

ThursdayPrayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

NEW HOPE MINISTRIES

9019 S 300 W - Warren Indiana

Jim Graham, Pastor

260/375-4224

1st Worship Service

.....9:30 a.m

. 9:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

6:00 p.m.

.. 9:30a.m.

. 10:45a.m.

..Sun 6:00p.m.

. 9:15 a.m.

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...... 10:30 a.m.

.... 9:30a.m.

. 11:00 a.m.

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9:30am

10:30am

260/489-1456

10:30a.m.

..... 6:30 p.m.

Sunday School ...

Sunday School

Thurs. Kings Kids

CWF Ladies (3 Tue) ...

Sunday Worship

Sunday School ...

Worship..

Youth Group ...

Sunday Prayer....

Sunday School.

Worship Service

Sunday School

2nd Worship Service ..

Sunday School

Sunday Morning Worship ...

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Chapel Services ...

Sunday Worship..

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Sunday School .

Morning Worship .



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375-3873

Kathy Newton, Pastor Sunday School 9:00 a m ... 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

LANCASTER WESLEYAN

468-2411 Doug Sharrard, Pastor David Thrift, S.S. Supt. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship .. 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday: CYC/Teen/Adult Meetings 7:00 p.m. LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH 694-6622

Aaron Westfall, Pastor Sunday School

Fellowship 9:55a.m. Worship .. 10:15a.m. Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. LIBERTY CENTER

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor Chad YOder Morning Worship9:30 a.m.

MCNATTUNITED METHODIST 375-4359 Bill VanHaften, Pastor

Lois Slusher, Supt. Coffee Fellowship..... 8-30 a m Worship9:15a.m.

Sunday School 10:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. Bible Study - Wed. ... MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST

260/468-2148 Sr 9 & 124

Rev. Sam Padgett - Pastor Trad. Worship 9:00 a.m. Mdrn Worship 10:30 a.m ... 6-7:30 p.m. Sunday Youth...

MOUNT ETNA WESLEYAN Pastor Brian Holland

www.mountetnachurch.com Sunday School9:30a.m. Worship10:30 a.m. Bible Study (Wed)..... 6:30 p.m. Children's Ministry (Wed) 6:30 p.m. Youth (Wed)... .. 6:30 p.m. **PLUMTREE**

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday School.....

Dr. Jeane Spoor, Pastor9:30 a.m. Worship.....

SALAMONIE **CHURCH OF BRETHREN**

Mel Zumbrun, Pastor Worship..... ..9:30 a.m.

Church School .. UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

375-2102

Pastor Scott Nedberg Youth Pastor - Rev Harold Smith Jr Sunday Worship..... .9:30 a.m Contemporary Service - Wed 6:30 p.m. Junior Church 10:00 a.m. Sunday School ... Youth Meetings-Wed6:30 p.m.

Communion 1st Sunday of the Month VB CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

765/934-3321 Parsonage Jeff Wass, Pastor

Adult Worship 10:30 a.m. Children's Church 10:30a.m. Evening Praise Hour......6:00p.m. Hour of Power (Wed)

VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

765-934-1431

Pastor Leon Pomeroy Worship Service 9:30 am The Highway (2nd Service)...... 11:00 am Sunday School Not Home Alone - Wed Prayer-Bible Study (Thur)..... 7:00 pm . 7:00 pm UMW 2nd Wed Little Ones Book Club 1st Tue 10:00 am Just Older Youth 3rd Tue 12:00 pm The Loft (Youth 7th-12th) Sun 5:00pm

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Ethan T Stivers, Minister Ben Renkenberger, Youth Minister Tara Bower and Melinda Haynes -Secretaries

www.warrenchurchofchrist.org Fellowship9:15 a.m. Worship & Communion9:30 a.m. Youth: (Start back up in the fall) K-5th grade, Mon..... 6-7pm Jr/Sr Hi, Sunday 6-7:30pm WARREN1STBAPTISTCHURCH

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375-2330 6th & Nancy Sts. Warren Rev. Allen Laws, Pastor

Wesley Welch, Supt. ..9:30 a.m. Sunday School Worship.. 10:15 a.m.

Wed Bible Study . 6:00 p.m FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Pastor Richard Ladouceur 11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN

765-934-3609 Sunday Worship...... 10:30 am Sunday School Classes ..9:30 am Youth Group.. ..6:00 pm Sunday Adult Bible Study...... 6:00 pm Thurs. Bible Study

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AREA NEWS

BAKE OFF

Do you have what it takes to be the best baker in Warren Indiana? Would you like to have the bragging rights of being the best baker in Warren Indiana? Then get out your recipes and lets get entered in the 1st Annual Salamonie Summer Festival Bake Off contest.

Types of baked goods are limited to single crust, double crust, and crumb crust pies; chiffon/angel cakes, cupcakes, cakes from scratch and cake mix based cake; drop, bars and shaped cookies. You may enter one item per category (pies, cakes and cookies). No cream pies or meringues allowed.

All entries must be pre registered by July 1st and must comply with a few simple rules. Judging will be a closed judging and winners will be announced at 6:00 p.m. on Friday July 4th prior to the parade. All remaining baked goods will be sold prior to the parade and after the parade, with the proceeds going to the festival committee.

Over \$50.00 in prizes will be awarded (and of course all the bragging rights) to the top winner of the bake off. Other awards will be given to the top three finishers in each category and to the top ten bakers.

Any questions regarding the bake off, or to register for the bake off, please contact Treva Flemming by calling 260-375-2436.

So dust off those cookbooks and get your entry ready to go. You never know ... you may have what it takes to be the best baker around!!

HYDRANT THEME

Huntington Arts Initiative, Inc., founders Debbie Dyer, Rich Najuch and Ann Siegfried announce that the theme of this year's fire hydrant public art

painting project will be "Book Look...and Listen."

Artists are invited to choose well-known books and paint their hydrants to represent the specific work of literature. On the opening day of the exhibit, readers will be posted at each hydrant sharing excerpts from the book. In addition, one copy of each book portrayed on the hydrants will be given away in a random drawing.

The public art project is in keeping with the mission of the Arts Initiative to educate, to enrich and to entertain.

The project also promotes art and culture, provides a showcase for local and area artists and increases pedestrian and retail traffic in the downtown area.

This year's theme was chosen specifically to highlight the importance of reading and to help everyone realize the rainbow of possibilities that the written word provides.

This is the fifth year the Arts Initiative has sponsored the project. Previous themes include "Dogs Days of Summer," "Down(town) By The Sea," "A Is For Alphabet" and "Lights, Camera, Action."

Opening day of the "Book Look...and Listen" is planned for September 7 from 2 to 4 pm in downtown Huntington. Maps showing the locations of all the hydrants will be available at The New Huntington Theatre.

Anyone interested in painting a hydrant, sponsoring the event or reading one of the books can contact Debbie Dyer at 260-356-8874 or Ann Siegfried at 260-356-6951. You can also email Debbie at:

ddyer@lafontaineartscouncil.org. More information about the fire hydrant public art painting project and photos from previous years can be found on the Arts Initiative Facebook page.

FARMERS MARKET

This weekend! Baked goods, hanging baskets, Pampered Chef, Young Living Oils and more. Shop early for the best selection.

POTATO BAKE

The Warren United Church of Christ at 202 E 2nd Street will be hosting a potato bake during the Salamonie Summer Festival on Sunday, July 6 from 11am - 1pm. On the menu will be baked potato with lots of toppings to choose from applesauce, dessert and a drink.

Cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children ages 5-10, children under 5 free.

Come take in the festival and enjoy a great meal.

FREE HOTDOGS

Bell's Auto will be closed for vacation June 27 through July 7. During the Festival they will be giving away free hot dogs (while they last) during the lawnmower races being held on the Knight Bergman Center grounds. Stop over and get one!

GAS CARD RAFFLE

The SSF has three \$25 cards and two \$100 cards to raffle off during the Festival. Six tickets for \$5.00 or one ticket for \$1.00. You will be able to buy your tickets at the information table during the festival and at the park before the fireworks. Also, you can buy tickets at iAB Financial Bank and PNC Bank. Drawing will be held before the fireworks, need not be present to win.

THE UPTOWN GARDENER by Ruth Herring

First of all I want to make a correction in the last article for the Rhubarb Dump Cake which said to mix oil and water together that is incorrect add just the water no oil. Thanks to the ladies who questioned it. Either my

feeble eyes or mind was not co operating with me which is nothing unusual. I will try this week to get it right.

The showers we had this past week have certainly made things grow at my house this week. I have green beans sitting on and can hardly wait to pick some.

You might find this amusing but I am really into "farming" this year. I had 12 bean seeds left from last year so I planted them in the flower bed and they all grew other than one the birds got. They are very full of bloom, the variety is called jade and is a very prolific bearer and hoping to have a good supply enough for myself thru the summer. Last year I planted a 6 foot row in the flowers and was able to put several packages in the freezer which I still have a few left. Then I have this not so lovely tomato Early Girl that when I bought it had 3 blooms and 1 tomato set on, the dumb thing is just doing nothing not grown one bit so I got another planted and seems to be doing better.

When I am out trying to encourage then along I know I can hear my dad up there snickering over my garden. Quite a difference from the 50 foot rows I use to hoe and weed then pick it all and carry it to the house for mom to can up for the winter and till the garden produced the next growing season.

How many of you like fried green tomatoes, it is one of my favorite summer dishes, I am actually thinking of going out and getting that giant marble sized early girl and fry it up and get it out of its misery.

This recipe is a good one providing I get it right.

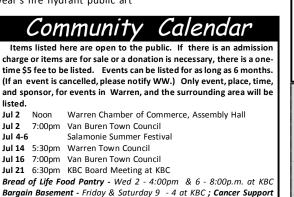
Fried Green Tomatoes

Slice tomatoes very thin, I cut them about a scant 1/4 inch, beat 1 egg white slightly add to about 1/2 cup buttermilk or more depending how many you are preparing to this add a dash of hot sauce dip tomatoes in this mix then in a mix of 3/4 cup cornmeal and 1/4 cup flour to coat them, fry in hot oil 3-4 minutes or lay on an oiled baking sheet bake at 350 about 8 minutes.

My mom would dip them in milk and a whole egg mixed together and coat them in cornmeal and flour, fry them in butter and sprinkle tops after frying with a bit of sugar. That was good eatin too.

Hey I think I got it right this time Enjoy summer!

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Group - 3rd Tuesday 6:30-8p.m. at Bluffton Regional South Campus





AREA NEWS CONTINUED

COMPLETES ACADEMY

Cara McNany, daughter of Eugene and Candice McNany of Colorado Springs and granddaughter of William and Marguerite McNany of Warren successfully completed the Combined Golden, Fairmount, and Pleasant View Fire Academy, All fire departments are located in the Lakewood/Golden, Colorado area. Currently, Ms. . McNany is a Probationary Firefighter with the Pleasant View Fire Department. Cara is the only female in the combined class of thirty recruits. She holds EMT Certification, and upon graduation, will be a Firefighter I, with additional certifications in Wild land and Hazardous Materials. Graduation ceremonies will be held on Saturday, June, 28th in Golden, Colorado.

HP Pool

There were 20 residents in the June 20th pool tournament at Heritage Pointe. The winners were Freddie Couch and her partner Herb Grover. Elwood Karchner and Ralph Taylor finished in second place. The inhouse play is held every Friday at 1:30 in the Fults recreation room.

BOWLING

The Wednesday morning Mixed League scores are as follows: High Scores - Game 4, Clara Mossburg -186, Games 1 & 2 went to "Curly Taylor with 192 & 180, and "Clancy" Myers won game 3 with a 181 score. "Clancy" was still tired after winning 3 games from last week!! High Series went to "Curly" Taylor at 711. The Thursday morning Men's League Scores games 1& 4 were won by Dick "Corncob" Hinton with a 192 & 207. . Floyd "Sawdust" Minnich won games 3 & 4 with scores of 209 and 196. The high series went to "Corncob" Hinton with a 717 total. This was a new HIGH SCORE for "Sawdust" as he also got "feathers" in games 2 & 4. Ralph "Curly" Taylor also got feathers in games 1 & 3 along with his FIRST gutter ball of the year!! "Sawdust" has been challenging "Curly" all year to get a butterball, just to prove that -GEE WHIZ - he is human "by Golly" !!

DEAN'S LIST

Kourtney Brubaker of Warren has been named to the Dean's List for the spring semester of the 2013-2014 academic year at Anderson University.

The be named to the dean's list, a student must earn a semester grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0.

COUNTY FAIR SAFETY

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security, the Indiana State Board of Animal Health, Indiana State Department of Health and Indiana State Police remind all Hoosiers to remember basic safety tips when attending summertime county fairs, local festivals and carni-

Be Aware of Your Surroundings · Pay attention to weather forecasts and know where to go should inclement weather arise. Storms can approach quickly and if the conditions are right, they can turn severe;

- · Keep a watchful eye on children so they do not become separated in large crowds. Have an established family meeting location where family members would reconnect if separated. Some event organizers offer contact tags children can wear;
- · Remember "If you see something, say something." Report suspicious activity to on-site security, local law enforcement's non-emergency line or the Indiana Intelligence Fusion Center at 1-877-226-1026. If violence is imminent, call 9-1-1.

Animal Safety

- · Wash hands or use hand sanitizer after touching animals, and don't consume any food inside of the barns.
- · Animals at the fair are in a

noisy, crowded and unfamiliar environment, and may easily become dangerous if they are spooked or scared. Avoid running, yelling, talking loudly or making loud noises while in the animal barns.

· Never attempt to pet any animal at the fair without receiving explicit permission from the animal's owner.

Amusement Rides

- · Don't board a ride if there are broken parts, sign of improper maintenance or an inattentive operator. Report problems to fair organizers or call the IDHS amusement ride hotline at 1-888-203-5020;
- · Every ride should have a prominently displayed, current permit issued by IDHS. If one is not displayed or current, call the IDHS amusement ride hotline at 1-888-203-5020;
- · Read and follow all posted rules, and listen to instructions given by ride operators; and
- Know any physical conditions or limitations before boarding an amusement ride.

For more county fair and summer event safety tips visit GetPrepared.IN.gov.

FISHING FUN

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Preschool "Fishing Fun!" on July

Kids will learn fish parts, make a fish craft and play some "fishy" games. The class will be offered in one session from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Salamonie Interpretive Center in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area. Andrews.

Each program is designed to enhance the preschooler's basic education and includes learning the alphabet, building a craft, social interaction with other children and spending time outdoors, always with a nature-related theme.

The program fee is \$2 per child. Registration is appreciated. Register by calling Upper Wabash Interpretive Services at (260) 468-2127.

For more information on other UWIS programs, visit facebook.com/UpperWabash, or call (260) 468-2127.

Upper Wabash Interpretive Services (dnr.IN.gov/uwis) is at 3691 S. New Holland Road, Andrews,

WHEN THUNDER ROARS, Go Indoors!

CHICAGO -Summertime is meant for enjoying outdoor activities, but if you hear thunder, lightning is close enough to put you in danger. In recognition of **Lightning Safety Awareness** Week, the National Weather Service and the Federal Emergency Management Agency want you to learn ways you can enjoy the warm temperatures and still protect yourself and your family when storm clouds roll in.

"Lightning is one of the top storm-related killers in the United States," said John Jensenius, a Lightning Safety Specialist with the NWS. "Unfortunately, people are often involved in activities and take risks that put them in a dangerous and potentially deadly situation."

"No place outside is safe when thunderstorms are in the area," said FEMA Region V acting regional administrator Janet Odeshoo. "Stay up-to-date on the weather forecast and have a plan in place for where to go in bad weather. Make sure to share that plan with your family and any others who are outside with you."

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WILLIAMS

Barbara A. Williams, age 79, of Huntington, passed away at 10:15 p.m. Wednesday (June 18, 2014) at Miller's Merry Manor in Huntington.

Visitation will be from 1 - 4 p.m. Sunday (June 22, 2014) at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Monday (June 23, 2014) at Bailey-Love Mortuary with Rev. Raymond Scribner officiating. There will be one hour of visitation prior to the funeral service. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory in Huntington County.

Preferred memorials are to Miller's Merry Manor Activities Fund, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington.

Barbara was born on May 7, 1935 in Worcester, Massachusetts, the daughter of Henry and Marie (Boucher) Hill. She married L.D. Williams in Worcester, Massachusetts on June 16, 1951. Barbara was a homemaker and she enjoyed bowling at Oak Lanes for many years.

Survivors include her husband of 63 years - L.D. Williams of Huntington; one daughter - Linda (Max) Blain of South Whitley; two sons - Robert (Lisa) Williams of Warren and Lester (Amy) Williams of Fort Wayne; two brothers - Kenneth Hill of Lowell, Massachusetts and Warner Hill, also of Massachusetts; twelve grandchildren, and eleven great grandchildren. Barbara is preceded in death by her parents and one sister - Shirley Hrebik.

Donate Blood! The Life you save may be your own.

PROFFITT

Thelma L. Proffitt, 95 of Huntington passed away at 8:05 pm on Monday, June 16, 2014 at The Heritage of Huntington.

Thelma was a 1934 graduate of Rockford High School. She was a member of the College Park United Brethren Church for over 50 years. She had worked at Schacht Rubber Company for over 20 years and she worked at The Huntington House for 10 years, into her mid 80's.

Thelma was born on September 6, 1918 in Van Wert County, Ohio, a daughter of Eli and Bertha (Bice) Adams. She was united in marriage to Rev. Carl J. Proffitt in April of 1937. He preceded her in death on July 10, 1956

Survivors include two sons: Marvin (Donna) Proffitt of Huntington; David (Sheryl) Proffitt of Kokomo; a daughter: Sara L. Hofstetter of Geneva; six grandchildren, nineteen great grandchildren and twelve great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers: Marion Adams, LaDoyt Adams, a sister: Marie Edwards and a granddaughter: Vicki Weaver. Visitation will be held on Thursday, June 19, 2014 from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm at the Myers Funeral Home Huntington Chapel, 2901 Guilford Street, Huntington, Indiana. Funeral service will be held on Thursday, June 19, 2014 at 1:00 pm following visitation at the Myers Funeral Home Huntington Chapel with Pastor Paul Hirschy and Pastor Gary Dilley officiating. Interment will take place at the Riverside Cemetery in Rockford, Ohio.

Memorial donations may be made out to Family Hospice or to College Park United Brethren Church both in care of Myers Funeral Home, 2901 Guilford MICKLEY

Robert J. Mickley, age 79, of Huntington, died at 11:30 p.m. Sunday (June 15, 2014) at Heritage Pointe in Warren.

Visitation will be held from 3 p.m. 7 p.m. Thursday (June 19, 2014) at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday (June 20, 2014) at Huntington Church of the Nazarene, 1555 Flaxmill Road, Huntington, Indiana. There will be one hour of visitation prior to the service.

Burial will be in Gardens of Memory in Huntington County with military rites performed by Military Funeral Honors of Fort Wayne.

Preferred memorials are to Huntington Church of the Nazarene, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN.

Robert was born March 4, 1935 in Huntington, son of Carl and Vivian (Soper) Mickley. He graduated from Huntington Township High School in 1954. He served in the United States Army from 1958-1960. Robert married Mariorie A. Allred on December 17, 1960 in Markle. He was owner of both Mickley's Garage and Mickley's Grinding Service in Huntington. He also worked as a self-employed truck driver, beginning his career hauling milk with his father. He was a member of Huntington Church of the Nazarene and National Hot Rod Association.

Robert is survived by his wife of 53 years Marjorie A. Mickley of Huntington; one daughter Cindy (Joe) Robinson of Huntington; three sisters Carolyn Miller, Sue Mickley, and Dianna Mickley, all of Huntington; two brothers Gary (Nancy) Mickley of Huntington and James "Jim" Mickley of Fort Wayne; one sister-in-law Betty Mickley of Pennsylvania; and five grandchildren Aaron Mickley, Caleb Robinson, Elijah Robinson, Sariah Robinson, and Hosannah Robinson, all of Huntington.

He is preceded in death by his parents, one son Stacy J. Mickley, and one brother Glenn Mickley.

Sмітн

Bill C. Smith, 71, of Huntington, IN, died Thursday, June 19, 2014, at 5 a.m. at his home.

Mr. Smith worked at the Kresge Warehouse, Fort Wayne, for 23 years and retired from United Technologies, in Huntington. He attended Bethel Assembly of God Church, in Huntington.

He was born June 23, 1942, in Huntington, to Herbert F. and Thelma I. Schnitz Smith. He married Barbara F. Covey on June 1, 1963, in Huntington. His wife survives.

Additional survivors include a son, Roger C. Smith, of Warren; a daughter, Teresa F. (John) Murray, of Huntington; two brothers, Alan R. Farber, of Warren, and Terry A. (Pam) Smith, of Wabash; two grandchildren, Julia Murray and William Murray, both of Huntington; three stepgrandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

Calling is Sunday, June 22, 2014, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Drive, Huntington. A service will be held at the mortuary on Monday, June 23, 2014, at 1 p.m., with calling one hour prior to the ser-

vice. Burial will be at Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Huntington County, with military rites conducted by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2689, Huntington.

Memorial gifts may be made to Parkview Home Health and Hospice in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary.

SIDDONS

Audrey M. Siddens, 88, a resident of Heritage Pointe, in Warren, died Thursday, June 19, 2014, at Heritage Pointe.

Mrs. Siddens was a former resident of Matthews.

Survivors include three children, Bryan Siddens, Jacklin Siddens and Jill Smith; and a grandson, Eryc (Susie) Grissom.

No calling or services will be held.

Jones-Smith Funeral Home, Upland, is in charge of arrangements.

SCHOMBURG

Bernadette M. Bir Schomburg, 98, of Huntington, IN, died Saturday, June 21, 2014, at 9:45 p.m. at Oakbrook Village, in Huntington.

Mrs. Schomburg was a homemaker. She was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church, in Huntington, and a member of the Rosary Sodality. She was past secretary of Harvest House of Fort Wayne.

She was born July 13, 1915, in Huntington to Paul and Frances Friedman Kilty. She married Paul F. Bir Jr. on Sept. 22, 1938, in Huntington, and he preceded her in death on May 27, 1958. She married Oscar Schomburg on Oct. 20, 1967, in Columbia City, and he

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preceded her in death on Dec. 11, 1970.

Survivors include four sons, Jim (Karen) Bir, Tim (Jody) Bir, Pat (Carol) Bir and Doug (Janice) Bir, all of Huntington; six daughters, Sandra (Wes) Smith, of Warren: Karen Whitesell, Kay Campbell and Paulette Stuart, all of Huntington; Cathy (Mike) Pollock, of New Haven; Carol (Phil) Hilligos, of Westminster, SC; four sisters, Ruth West, of Phoenix, AZ; Angeline Schreck, of Porter, TX; Shirley Griffith, of Fort Wayne; and Rosemary Atwell, of Indianapolis; 41 grandchildren; 74 great-grandchildren; 14 greatgreat-grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; 23 stepgreatgrandchildren; and 26 stepgreatgreat-grandchildren.

A rosary service will be held Wednesday, June 25, 2014, at 3 p.m., with calling following until 7 p.m., at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Drive, Huntington. A funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, June 26, 2014, at 10 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church, 903 N. Jefferson St., Huntington. Rev. John Pfister will preside. Burial will be at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, in Huntington.

Memorial gifts may be made to St. Mary Catholic Church, Huntington, or Cancer Services for Huntington County in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary.

MAYO

Betty Jane Mayo, 74, passed away in her home in Tarpon Springs, FL.

She was born March 24th, 1940 in Converse to Eathel (Fletcher) and Charles Dobson. She graduated from Van Buren High School in 1958. She retired from RCA. She was a passionate photographer and thoroughly enjoyed many other skilled arts and crafts.

Survivors include two daughters, Debbie Rish of Hudson FL,

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Lori (Matt) Shuttleworth, Warren. Three sons Rodney (Sheila) of Marion, Brad of San Antonio TX and Brian of Warren, two sisters, Martha Harmon and Gertie Harmon of Marion and a brother in law, Delmer Adkins of Michigan. She had eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, siblings Joyce Adkins of Michigan, Mary Davis of Van Buren, Bill Dobson of Upland and brother in laws Babe and Tom Harmon.

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you in direct contact with electricity. If you are caught outside with no substantial structures nearby, the following actions may reduce your risk of being struck by lightning: If possible, move inside a hard-topped metal vehicle with windows closed. Avoid contact with metal in the vehicle and try to keep away from windows.

- · Never shelter under an isolated tree, tower or utility pole. Lightning tends to strike taller objects in an area.
- · Immediately get off elevated areas such as hills, mountain ridges or peaks, and move to the lowest area you can get to quickly.
- Get out and away from ponds, lakes and other bodies of water and avoid metal objects (i.e., wires and fences). Water and metal are excellent conductors of electricity.
- Never lie flat on the ground: to minimize your chance of being struck, you have to minimize your height and your body's contact with the earth's surface.
- · Consider postponing or canceling outdoor activities when thunderstorms are forecast.

For additional information on lightning safety—wherever you may be this summer—visit www.ready.gov/thunderstorms-lightning. You can find more valuable storm safety tips by visiting www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov. Consider also downloading the free FEMA app, available for your Android, Apple or Blackberry de-

vice, so you have the information at your fingertips to prepare for severe weather.

How to Network Your Way to a Great New Job

(StatePoint) When it comes to getting a job or doing business, social media and other forms of electronic communication are a great networking tool, however, there will never be a substitute for communicating face-to-face.

In 2013, 68 million business pro-

fessionals attended business-tobusiness exhibitions, according to the Center for Exhibition Industry Research (www.CEIR.org). And it's no wonder that this industry contributes more than \$79.3 billion directly to the gross domestic product in attendee and exhibi-

tor spending.

All working professionals stand to gain from attending exhibitions and events as buyers, exhibitors, or simply as general attendees. Whether you're at a major trade show looking for candidates to help expand your business, or you're a job seeker attending a local business conference, exhibitions bring the right audiences together.

"Exhibitions are a key networking tool, as well as a valuable resource for gaining insights in your field, growing professionally through education or training, or simply by observing what other companies and leaders in your field are doing," says David DuBois, President & CEO, International Association of Exhibitions and Events (IAEE).

Whatever your goals are, there are universal ways to maximize your presence at industry events: Be Prepared

Learn about event attendees and engage with them online in advance so that when you meet in person, you're simply continuing the dialogue. Trade show organizers often provide planning resources, like mobile apps and scheduling tools that make these conversations easier.

It is helpful to create a list of who you plan to connect with beforehand and what you want to get out of your experience.

Are you starting a business? See if the event features a startup session. Most events have space on the exhibit floor dedicated to startups as well. Are you interested in expanding your professional skills set? Look into the education sessions available.

"The most important thing is confidence and preparation, so engage with your surroundings and ask questions. Everyone there is focused on gaining the most out of their experience, so be sure you do the same," says DuBois.

New Career Path

While employment rates are on the rise, they're still lower than prior to the recession. Despite the numbers, the exhibitions and events industry is thriving, supporting 1.8 million jobs across the country, according to the Convention Industry Council.

Whether your experience is in research, food and beverage management, event planning or sales, the exhibitions and events industry may be an ideal sector to forge a new career.

Learn

You may no longer be in school, but that's no excuse to discontinue career training or your education. Take advantage of workshops, seminars and the other opportunities to expand your skills and earn new certifications that exhibitions and events provide. At the very least, such experiences can provide an opening with key contacts.

More information about the benefits of exhibitions and event attendance, as well as statistics about the industry can be found at www.IAEE.com.

Whether you're the top boss or looking to get hired, exhibitions and events can be a great time and money investment.

HOW THE INTERNET CAN KEEP KIDS EXCITED ABOUT LEARNING THIS SUMMER

(StatePoint) In summer, keeping kids busy means camp, pool time and outdoor games. But all that sun, fun and physical activity should also be well-balanced with mental exercise.

With that in mind, here are several ways kids and parents can use the Internet to focus on education when class is not in session:

Online Tutoring

Nothing beats one-on-one learning time to improve grades and build confidence and yet most kids learn in large groups all school year. Students can get that one-to-one time this summer with online tutoring. Available 24/7 with expert tutors in more than 40 subjects, Tutor.com is a great way to help students brush up on concepts and keep their skills sharp all in a secure online learning environment that is accessible from any computer or mobile device.

Personalized College Prep

It's never too early to work on college applications. Investigate online services, tools and resources that can assist, such as Parchment. The company's newest tool, College Match, uses a proprietary algorithm to generate personalized college recommendations, enabling students to discover schools for which they may be well-positioned to be accepted.

Parchment also makes ordering, tracking and sending transcripts to schools an easy, online process. Visit

www.Parchment.com to get started.

Summer Reading

Free summer reading resources can help avoid "summer slump." Check out Scholastic's suite of free tools available at www.Scholastic.com/summer. Consider registering children in grades K-8 for the Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge, a

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free, global online reading program. Kids can log reading minutes, win prizes and help beat last year's summer reading world record of 176,438,473 minutes read.

You can use the summer calendar app on the Scholastic Parents Facebook page, which features expert tips, articles and activities. Every Friday, parents can enter for the chance to win a Freebie Friday prize, including great books for kids.

Monitor children's progress and log reading minutes on-the-go using the free Scholastic Reading Timer app.

Additionally, summer-friendly literature recommendations are available from Scholastic experts. Their book list features more than 700 books for children in Pre-K-8, including this year's "Reading Under the Stars" themed list, which showcases books about space, stars and astronomy, as well as spooky stories to read by a campfire

Learning on-the-Go

Even in summer, parents and kids busy. Luckily, GreatSchools.org, a nonprofit website for parents that has reviews of more than 200,000 prekschools, is launching smartphone-friendly tools like GreatKids, which provides advice and activities that can be used in just a few minutes. Its free, personalized stream of reading activities for parents and kids is a nice antidote to summer brain drain. and its mobile-based activities build reading comprehension, knowledge and perseverance.

A bit of learning and preparation during the dog days of summer will serve kids well when they return from break

THINKING OF BUYING A NEW CELL PHONE? FOUR THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE YOU DO

(StatePoint) Buying a cell phone, despite all the options for models and stylish cases, is no easy task. Endless questions crop up about calling plans, data plans, voicemail and insurance. Getting a new phone may be a task that happens more often than you like — as one in three smartphones are damaged within the first year of purchase

So how can you make sure you're making the best decisions?

Comparison Shop

Surf the web and read customer reviews to determine what features are priorities for you and what phone delivers on them. There's no sense in purchasing a more costly device with features you'll never use. Some manufacturers offer rebates, which can significantly lower the cost of your new phone. So investigate your discount options.

Know Yourself

Will you be using your phone for everything? Do you make a lot of calls or are you a big texter, media streamer or Web surfer? Know your needs. If your voice minutes and data plan are limited, you may end up incurring additional fees. Find out what free apps can help cut down on extra costs and honestly assess your communication needs before committing to a plan.

Get Protection

While manufacturers' warranties cover malfunctions for reasons beyond the user's control, the reality is that accidents are just waiting to happen. From short-circuiting in the pool to shattering on the sidewalk, you'll be stuck paying \$650 for an iPhone or \$545 for a Samsung Galaxy, if your phone breaks without a protection plan. But costly insurance through your mobile carrier is what makes many consumers balk at the idea of insuring their devices. On average, a consumer pays \$10 or more monthly, plus deductibles of \$175 or more.

Far more sensible options are out there. For example, SquareTrade offers \$5 a month protection plans with a \$75 deductible that's less than half of what most mobile carriers charge. And SquareTrade allows for up to four repairs or replacements within your two-year plan. For Apple devices, look into Applecare. SquareTrade or ApplcCare are far more economical than getting insurance through your mobile carrier. More information can be found at www.SquareTrade.com. **Take Precautions**

Even with a great protection plan, you can avoid the hassle of a malfunctioning phone with a bit of accident prevention. A well-fitting hard case or cover can protect your phone from slips, trips and falls. Don't take your phone into the bathroom with you — one in 10 Americans has dropped their phone in the toilet. Don't leave it on the table when you're dining and never leave it in your lap: too many people see their phone fall to its death when standing up or

getting out of the car.

If it's time to upgrade your phone or change plans, take your time and do your research. And make sure you protect that device that most of us can't live without.

TIPS FOR WEATHERING POWER OUTAGES THIS STORM SEASON

(StatePoint) Power outages can be inconvenient, costly and even dangerous. Being prepared is especially important when wicked seasonal weather — such as hurricanes, thunderstorms, tornadoes and heat waves — are more likely to take a toll.

No matter where you live, make sure your home and family are ready.

Outage Tolls

Nearly 70 percent of U.S. adults who experience a power outage are saddled with costs, according to a recent Harris Interactive survey sponsored by Briggs & Stratton Corporation. Expenses include supply purchases, such as flashlights, portable generators and candles, property damage and replacing spoiled food. Additionally, your home may be uninhabitable in extreme weather.

Prevention

Does your neighborhood have above-ground power lines? While you may not have autonomy over your entire block, you can maintain trees in your own yard to help prevent outages. Eliminate dying trees and keep overgrown branches trimmed.

Stay Powered

In the event of an outage, you can keep the lights on with a generator. Portable generators allow you to keep your personal electronics charged for emergency situations as well as keeping intouch with family members.

Just be sure to use it safely.

"A portable generator can pay significant dividends during storm season," says Eric Loferski, Director of Marketing for Briggs & Stratton Portable Power. "But generators can be dangerous if not operated properly."

When operating a generator, keep these safety tips top of mind:

- Don'trun your generator inside enclosed areas, even when using fans or opening doors and windows for ventilation. Deadly levels of carbon monoxide (CO) can quickly build up and linger for hours, even after the generator has shut off.
- Locate the unit outside and far from doors, windows, vents and

other openings that could allow CO to be drawn indoors. Direct the exhaust away from potentially occupied spaces.

- Maintain CO alarms in your home.
- Get to fresh air right away if you start to feel dizzy or weak.
- Generators pose a risk of shock and electrocution, especially when operated in wet conditions. Wait for rain to pass before using a generator or protect it from moisture under an open, canopy-like structure on a dry surface where water cannot reach it. Dry your hands before touching the generator.
- Connect electrical products to the generator using heavy-duty extension cords specifically designed for outdoor use. Make sure the wattage rating for each cord exceeds the total wattage of all appliances connected to it.
- Never power your house wiring by plugging the generator into a wall outlet. This practice, known as "back feeding," presents an electrocution risk to utility workers and others served on the power grid.

More generator safety tips can be found at www.BriggsAndStratton.com.

Take steps to prevent power outages, and consider stocking your home with a high-quality generator and the know-how to use it safely.

Top 10 Tips Every Renter Should Know

(StatePoint) The number of U.S. renters has expanded significantly since the burst of the housing bubble, and renters now represent 34 percent of all households, according to government statistics. Meanwhile, rents climbed 3.2 percent last year.

Now that the rental market has gotten more crowded, the better prepared you are, the more likely you are to secure the property you desire. The real estate experts at Homes.com, along with partner ForRent.com, have created a comprehensive checklist for stress-free renting:

- Preparation: For a smooth approval process, be prepared with a completed rental application, written references from a previous property owner or employer, and an apartment hunting checklist to remember everything from fees to appliances.
- Budget: No more than 25 to 30 percent of income should be spent on housing, say experts. Create a budget that considers extras

like your commute and lifestyle amenities. Confirm who bears responsibility for utilities and maintenance, as costs can vary by lease.

- Amenities: Many amenities will be enticing, so be honest about what's essential to you. Compromise may result in finding a home in a better location.
- Location: Use free search features on real estate sites like Homes.com to easily search for rentals by zip code. You'll ensure you don't miss your dream home in your dream neighborhood.
- Search outside the box: Extend your search to single-family homes and townhomes. There are deals to uncover, especially if you're splitting rent. Also, review for-sale listings. Some people may be willing to rent instead.
- Walk-through: Do a walk-through of the entire space before signing any paperwork, ensuring all faucets and appliances work. Open cabinets and closets, and be aware of issues that need to be taken care of prior to moving in.
- Review the lease: Understand all lease terms before signing. Pay attention to details such as termination. Ask the leasing agent or property owner plenty of questions to make sure you have a solid understanding.
- Renters insurance: Your personal belongings aren't necessarily covered by the property owner's insurance policy. Renters insurance covers you and your belongings in most instances of theft and damage, and protects you from anyone claiming to have been injured in your rental due to your negligence. The average cost for renters insurance is about \$12 per month to cover \$30,000 worth of property, according to Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America.
- Security deposits: Take pictures the day you move in and the day you move out. Document repairs and modifications made while you're living there. When your lease ends, insist on a final walk-through with the leasing staff or property owner. Know the terms of your lease.
- Use space efficiently: Use temporary décor ideas to turn your rental into a home, making you feel renewed and unique without making significant changes or spending a fortune.

More tips for renters can be found at www.Homes.com.

For the best experience possible, be a savvy renter.