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Thought for the Week: Know, first, who you are; and then adorn yourself accordingly. Epictetus

There will be no Warren Weekly next week - 12.31.10. Have a Happy New Year Everyone!

MOVING IN

The Moreland's are moving to Warren December 27th, 2010. Since Gerald retired from the located ministry at the Warren Church of Christ on January 10th, 2010 he has been enjoying the freedom to do other work for the Lord and just having fun traveling and spending more time with friends and family, while remaining at WCC working with their new minister, Ethan Stivers.

In February, he trained for the chaplaincy at Heritage Pointe and in August began working in the weekly rotation with John Pattison, Carol Scott and Ed Clark in the chaplaincy ministry at HP. In September, Gerald and Ruth decided to become a part of Heritage Pointe by signing up for Towne Home #7 in the Woodridge addition. They will take up residency in their new home on December 27th and officially become a part of this wonderful community here in Warren. They fell in love with Warren when they came to minister at the Warren Church of Christ back in January of 2004. Ruth taught at Salamon School for 21 years prior to that (retiring in 2004) and they are so excited about moving down here from their home of 31 years in Markle. Gerald was a minister at Markle Church of Christ for 25 years before coming to Warren.

There new address will be: Gerald and Ruth Moreland, 801 Huntington Ave. TH#7, Warren,

IN 46792. Write or stop by for a visit.

They look forward to being a part of a great "Small Town with a Big Heart", WARREN, INDIANA!!!

HOLIDAY HOURS

The Warren Pharmacy will be open Friday, December 24 from 9 - 3, closed Christmas Day. They will be open 9-Noon on New Year's Eve and closed New Year's Day.

Have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

DILLMAN SERVICE

There will be a Christmas Eve service at the Dillman Church at 6 p.m. This will be a wonderful opportunity to worship the Lord and spend time reflecting on the true meaning of the Christmas season.

11 P.M. SERVICE

The Warren United Church of Christ will host the Christmas Eve Service on Friday, December 24, 2010 at 11 p.m. Several local musicians will be participating in the service. Please come and join us in this candlelight service, with Pasto Scott Nedburg leading the congregation.

The church is located on the corner of 2nd and Main Street in Warren.

McNATT SERVICE

Bach, The Statler Bros., Manheim Steamroller, and the New York Philharmonic Orchestra all provide music for the reading of the Christmas Story during the Annual Candlelight Service at McNatt UMC.

The service begins at 11 p.m. on Christmas Eve at the church. Come join in for an uplifting experience.

BEEF ID DAY

Huntington County will hold its annual 4-H Beef Identification Day on Saturday, January 8, 2011 at the cattle barns, Hier's Park, Huntington. Huntington County 4-H members planning to exhibit beef steers and/or non-registered breeding heifers must bring their animals for weighing, identification and ear-tagging between the hours of 9:00 am - 12:00 noon on January 8.

Animal enrollment forms were mailed the week of December 20th to all 4-H Beef members who were enrolled in the 4-H beef project for the previous year. The County Extension Office has additional copies of the necessary paperwork for interested youth who has not yet received the forms. All paperwork must be completed during the January 8th identification day.

For more information, contact Linda Aldridge, laldridge@purdue.edu or 260-358-4826 at the Purdue Extension-Huntington County office at 358-4826, located in the County Courthouse Annex Building, 354 N Jefferson-Suite 202, Huntington.

ZUMBA OPEN HOUSE

The Fitness Studio, 117 Wayne St, Warren, is proud to announce we have been holding Zumba classes for our small town for one year in January 2011! We are excited about all of the people in our area we have been able to serve and help

strive for a healthier life style!

Zumba is a Latin inspired Dance-Fitness program that incorporates Latin and International Rhythms and dance moves to make an incredible energizing workout! We are now adding Zumba Toning to the line up! Starting in January you can take Zumba classes on Mondays at 5:30p & 7:00p, Wednesdays at 6:00p, Fridays at 7:00p, Saturdays at 9:00a, and Sundays at 6:00p. And you can take Zumba Toning on Wednesdays at 7:10p.

The Instructors at the Fitness Studio are Chrissie Linker and Amy Vance. Both instructors have their Zumba Basic 1 & 2, CPR, and First Aid Certifications. Chrissie is also Certified in Zumba Toning. And Amy will soon be Certified in Zumba Tonic (for kids ages 4-12) and Yoga! Be looking for those new classes coming late Winter or early Spring!

For more information or to

check out a Zumba class come join us at The Fitness Studio for our Open House on January 8th from 12:30-3:30. We will have light refreshments, Raffle drawings, and the following representatives with booths... Jenny Ford for Premier Jewelry, Lisa Leist for Nutrition, Julie Korporal with Avon, Malory Rhodes with 31, Janet Dilts and Jordon Bennett with At the Corner Salon, and Chrissie Linker with Mary Kay. You can also come and watch or participate in the FREE Master clas starting at 2pm with a short review of moves then some fun dancing and a preview of the Zumba Toning! Hope everyone has a Happy, Safe and Healthy Holiday! See you in January!



Christmas gift suggestions:

- To your enemy, forgiveness.
- To an opponent, tolerance.
- To a friend, your heart.
- To a customer, service.
- To all, charity.
- To every child, a good example.
- To yourself, respect.

Oren Arnold

Merry Christmas from the Warren Weekly & the Zoda Family



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Leave news and/or advertising at PJ's Flower and Gift Shop, mail to P O Box 695, Warren, fax to 260.247.2426 or email to wwkly@citiznet.com. Van Buren residents may call Mary Jo Zoda at 765-934-3637.

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KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

BUFFET THANKS

The Knight Bergman Center Board of Directors would like to thank everyone in the community who turned out to support our December Sunday Buffet. We appreciate Heritage Pointe, MarkleBank and others who made contributions to help defray our expenses. Also, thanks go to George DeWeese, Warren Deli, Kim Nelson, Janice Jordan, Rose Broyles and Sharon Gebhart for their contributions. Last, but not least, we'd like to thank the following people for volunteering their time to help: Andrew and Tyler Boxell; Joan Boyer; Rose Broyles; Gina, Grant and Madi Canady; Dillon Gray; Myrna Neff; LuEllyn Pond; Pete Sorg; Marsha and Kim Stroud and J.D. Walters. If we missed anyone, we sincerely apologize; but, please know that we appreciate your help and contributions.

THE UPTOWN GARDENER by Ruth Herring

I would rather imagine all of us have our Christmas shopping done unless you happen to be a last minute shopper. As of this writing a couple small items need to be picked up.

It seems as if at our house we always encounter something strange which in the end can bring a good laugh. This year seems to be no different. I came home a few days ago and found in the sunroom a large amount of new items for holiday decorating. Wayne was home but it was all unknown to him anything about it. Thinking someone left it at the wrong house I proceeded to call several people to see if they were missing anything. No luck I gave up on it and whoever it belonged to could claim it when they found it missing. In other words forget it I'm not going to fret over it. Later that evening I thought I would get a snack from the frig and there was a nice summer sausage. Thinking Wayne had gotten it I ask him where it came from, he had no idea as he thought I had gotten it, so the puzzle started again. After having eat a piece of it I thought gee I hope it wasn't something planted in our frig and maybe had poison in it but none the less it was sure good and if I died it would be with a happy tummy because it was sure good.. I decided I was not going to worry any longer about it. If the owner happen to try to claim it back they would have a battle. Well the next day we finally solved the mystery by an e-mail, it was my niece who came and couldn't find anyone home and left it all.

Wayne was working on a water line in another part of the house when she was here and thank goodness he didn't walk in on her while she was in the frig and scared the day lights out of both or she may have gotten a wrench or hammer thrown at her thinking she was an intruder. So that is our story for this holiday time. I think I need to start a book on strange holiday happenings at the Herring house.

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 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Wed Evening Carry-in & Fellowship 6:30 p.m.

BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 8294S 900W 35
 Gary Riley, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Youth Choir Practice 5:00 p.m.
 Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
 Thurs. Kings Kids 6:30 p.m.
 BYG Youth Svc. (2&4Sun.) .. 6:00 p.m.
 CWF Ladies (3 Tue) 6:00 p.m.
 1st Sun. (Qtrly) Praise Hour. 6:30 p.m.

BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST
 Rev. Barry Humble, Pastor
 Jerome Markley, S.S. Supt.
 Sunday Worship 9:30a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30a.m.

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

HEALING WATERS MINISTRY — MAJENICA
 Pastor Richard Evans
 260/224-3376
 Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
 Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN
 8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779
 Dick Case, Pastor
 Sun - 1st Worship Service..... 8:15a.m.
 Sunday School.....9:30a.m.
 2nd Worship Service 10:30a.m.

HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST
 101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726
 Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor
 1st Worship.....9:00 a.m.
 2nd Worship 10:30 a.m.

HERITAGE POINTE
 Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
 OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT
 Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat
 Chapel Services 9:00 a.m.

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

NEW HOPE MINISTRIES
 9019 E 300 S - Warren Indiana
 Jim Graham, Pastor
 260/494-6753 260/489-1456
 260/375-4224
 Sunday School 9:30am
 Morning Worship 10:30am

HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
375-2510
 Rev Mark Davis
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 www.hillcrestnazchurch.org
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.
 Youth Group (Wed.)..... 6:00 p.m.
 Wed. Midweek Service..... 6:30 p.m.

SOLID ROCK UNITED METHODIST
 227 N Main St, Warren, IN 375-3873
 Kathy Newton, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

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

LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 Pastor Devin Cook
 Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

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

MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST
 260/468-2148
 Tony Johnson - Pastor
 Trad. Worship 9:00 a.m.
 Mdrn Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Fellowship 10:00 a.m.

MOUNT ETNA WESLEYAN
 Rev. Charles Dederick, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
 Mid-Week (Wed) 6:00 p.m.

PLUM TREE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
375-2691
 Dr. Jeane Spoor, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.

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

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
375-2102
 Pastor Scott Nedberg
 Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.
 Junior Church 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Communion 1st Sunday of the Month

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

VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
765-934-1431
 Pastor Blake J. Neff
 Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30a.m.
 Jr/Sr High FLOCK (Sun)..... 6:00 p.m.
 Prayer-Bible Study (Thur).... 7:00 p.m.
 UMW 2nd Wed 7:00 p.m.
 www.vanburenumc.org

WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST
375-3022
 Ethan T Stivers, Minister
 Nathan Ratcliff, Youth Minister
 Tara Bower and Melinda Haynes - Secretaries
 Shanna Fortney, Bible School Supt.
 www.warrenchurchofchrist.org
 Fellowship 9:15 a.m.
 Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 11 to 11:40 a.m.
 Youth:
 K-5th grade, Mon 4-5pm
 Jr/Sr Hi, Sunday 6-7pm
 TNT, Thur 6-8pm

WARREN 1ST BAPTIST CHURCH
 Corner of N. Wayne & Matilda Sts.
 Rev. Bill Fisher, Pastor of Preaching and Discipleship
 Rev. Robert Bothast, Pastor of Family Life
 Lori Buzzard, S.S. Supt.
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.

WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH
375-2330 6th & Nancy Sts. Warren
 Rev. Allen Laws, Pastor
 Wesley Welch, Supt.
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:15 a.m.
 Wednesday Prayer Service... 7:00p.m.
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FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH
 11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN 765-934-3609
 Pastor - Dan Metz
 Sunday Worship..... 10:30 am
 Sunday School Classes 9:30 am
 Youth Group 6:00 pm
 Sunday Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm
 Thurs. Bible Study 7:00 pm



AREA NEWS

PIZZA & GAMES

Teens on the Town, a program from Pathfinder Community Supports will be continuing activities for teenagers in January. On Saturday, January 8th Teens on the Town will be having a pizza and game day at the Pathfinder Community Supports office, located at 1152 East State Street in Huntington from 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. The program focuses on teens, ages 13 to 22 who are currently attending special needs programs at the middle and high school level.

The cost of Teens on the Town is \$5.00 which includes pizza and beverages. Participants will also be playing games, participants can also bring their own games as well. A movie will be shown if participants are interested. Parents are responsible for dropping off and picking up their teen at Pathfinder Services.

Space is limited, so please call today! Reservations must be made by Monday, January 3rd, 2011 by calling Jamie Lewark at Pathfinder Services at 260-356-0500 Ext. 3113 or 800-833-1571 or e-mailing Jamie at jlewarek@pathfinderservices.org.

Pathfinder Community Supports is the Adult Services division of Pathfinder Services, Inc., a Comprehensive Human and Community Development not for profit organization serving Huntington County since 1966. Pathfinder Services, Inc. serves over 3,000 individuals with and without disabilities throughout Northeast Indiana. For more information on the services of Pathfinder Services, Inc. please call their Huntington office at (260) 356-0500 or visit www.pathfinderservices.org.

COUNCIL NOTES

The Warren Town Council met at 6:30 p.m. Monday evening, December 13 in Assembly Hall. President Bill Cartwright conducted the meeting.

Final steps have been taken to file for a planning grant with the office of Community and Rural Affairs for a study of the wastewater / stormwater system to reduce infiltration and inflow into the Sewer Plant. The amount of the grant is \$40,000. Request for proposals for engineers has been published and sent to firms. The study will also include the underground waterway located under Second Street and plans for redirecting stormwater lines that flow into it.

A general engineering contract with Commonwealth Engineers. The contract allows the Town to have consulting contract with the firm while specific projects would be handled individually.

Contact with Wabash Central Railroad continues over repair to the crossing arm system on State Road 5 which was damaged when a Warren Utility worker cut an electrical cable. The last estimated cost of repair was set at \$32,000. The first estimate was \$10,000. While the railroad has asked the town to handle the project, President Bill Cartwright stated that the request would not be approved as the Council has no expertise with railroad equipment. The matter has been turned over to the Town's insurance company. The Council concurred with requesting Railroad authorities to handle the project and further contact will be made with the insurance company.

An invoice from Huntington County United Economic Development was submitted

and approved in the amount of \$1850.00

Also approved was a contract for 2011 in the amount of \$3700.00, two payments of \$1850.00.

Ordinance 2010-7 was introduced. The Ordinance would raise Sanitation rates to \$8.50 from the current rate of \$6.25 due to the increase in the contract amount. A public hearing was set for December 27 at 6:30 p.m. H&H Disposal will be the contract hauler beginning in January of 2011.

Dues to the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns were approved in the amount of \$1,000.00. The annual dues are used to provide training opportunities and legislative programming for municipalities throughout the state.

Reviewed was a matter going to the Warren Area Board of Zoning Appeals regarding placement of a remediation trailer behind Huggy Bear at the corner of Matilda and Wayne Streets. The trailer is to be placed by the Indiana Department of Environment Management to monitor levels of contaminate in soil. Council gave no recommendation to the matter.

Clerk-Treasurer Morrison reported that the 2011 Municipal Budget had been right on target with only minor decreases in certain funds due to less revenue available than what had been projected. Total decreases amounted to just under \$3,000.00 and will be absorbed by operating balances in those funds. The Cumulative Fire Fund saw a reduction of \$4.00 while the Cumulative Capital Development fund saw a deduction of approximately \$1,400.00. Other deductions fell in that range.

Utility Manager Day noted that purchase of a small Dump Truck was scheduled for 2011 in the Comprehensive Financial Plan and that the search had started. Council members requested that Day get quotes for a new vehicle as well as for late model

used vehicle with low mileage. The truck will be fitted with a snow blade as well.

The next Council meeting will be December 27 at 6:30 p.m., a Public Hearing.

VB COUNCIL

On Wednesday evening, December 15, the Van Buren Town Council held their last meeting of 2010.

President Tony Manry conducted the meeting which opened at 7 p.m. All in attendance repeated the Pledge to the American Flag.

Officer Pat Collins presented the Police report. He said All offenders of the junk car Ordinance had complied.

Superintendent Jim Webb gave his report. He said that due to recent snows they were unable to read meters in December. For this reason the January bills will be estimated.

He also noted that he had noticed a number of open crawl spaces at various homes. He reminded this causes frozen water pipes.

The Department of Transportation has been assisting in putting up new Railroad signs and other signs around town.

Council has issued a reminder that there is a limit of six trash bags per week. The trash company will no longer pick up the additional bags.

The Council says: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

GIFTS DELIVERED

Unconfirmed reports indicate that all] Santa Sack names placed on Christmas trees at Town Hall and Markle Bank in Van Buren were claimed. Gifts were delivered on December 8.

THE STORY

Many centuries ago in a small town called Bethlehem an infant was born in a manger. His parents, Joseph and Mary had traveled there by donkey to pay taxes.

When it became reality that the mother Mary was about to give birth they sought shelter in the Inn, but were advised there was no room in the Inn. They were offered shelter in a stable.

Later that night Mary gave birth to a son whom she and her husband named Jesus.

There were no newspapers, radios or TVs, but the whole world learned about the baby because he was a special son of God.

A star brighter than any other before or since that time shone over Bethlehem. Many followed the star to Bethlehem where they found the baby in a manger wrapped in swaddling clothes.

Each year on December 25, Christmas Day, Jesus birthday is celebrated.

HOLIDAY HOURS

Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles Commissioner R. Scott Waddell today announced that full-service license branches normally open Tuesday through Saturday will be closed on Friday, Dec. 24, and Saturday, Dec. 25, in observance of the Christmas holiday. Branches will resume normal hours of operation at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 28.

Customers needing to conduct business with the BMV without visiting a license branch can visit the improved myBMV.com website. Some transactions can also be completed by phone through the BMV Customer Service Center at 888-692-6841.

BUY SAFE TOYS

Toys are a fun part of every child's life and an essential ingredient to the holiday season. However, some toys and gifts can pose a hazard for children. December is National Toys and Gifts Safety Month and State health officials would like to remind parents to take care when buying toys and gifts for children and adolescents.

"Buying toys for children can be an exciting time for both parent and child," said Joan Duwve, M.D., medical director of injury prevention, Indiana State Department of Health. "But it can also be confusing. Choosing toys which are developmentally appropriate and safe for your child will help prevent frustration and injury. Toys intended for older children

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.

- Dec 24 Christmas Eve
- Dec 25 Christmas
- Dec 31 New Year's Eve
- Jan 1 New Year's Day 2011
- Jan 5 Warren Chamber Luncheon, Assembly Hall, noon
- Jan 5 Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
- Jan 10 Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m., Assembly Hall
- Jan 17 KBC Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m. at KBC
- Jan 19 Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
- Jan 30 Sunday Lunch at KBC - 11-1 Sponsored by PROS

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

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can prove life-threatening in the hands of a toddler."

Thanks to an increase in federal regulation, toy-related fatalities and toy recalls have steadily declined since 2008, according to a recent report by the Consumer Product Safety Commission. However, toy-related injuries are on the rise. In 2009, there were an estimated 186,000 emergency room-treated injuries nationwide related to toys with children younger than 15, which is up from 152,000 injuries in 2005.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission has put together four simple tips to consider when purchasing toys for a safe holiday.

- For children under three, toys with small parts can cause choking. To determine whether a toy poses a choking risk, try fitting it through a toilet paper roll. If a toy or part of a toy can fit inside the cylinder, it's not safe.

- Select toys to suit the age, abilities, skills, and interest level of the intended child.

- For children under eight, avoid toys with sharp edges and electric toys with heating parts.

- Look for labels with age and safety advice, and use these as a starting point when selecting toys for your child.

Safety doesn't end once the gifts are wrapped and ready to be enjoyed. Keep wrapping and packaging materials away from little hands by immediately discarding once gifts have been opened. When play time has begun, supervise children to make sure they are using their gifts appropriately. Safety gear, including helmets, pads and protective eyewear should be used appropriately when playing with sports-related or riding gifts, such as scooters and bicycles.

"By just playing with your kids, you can teach them how to play safely while having fun," Dr. Duwve said. "Remember, finding that perfect gift for your child means giving them something that is both fun and safe."

For more information about toy safety, please visit the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission at http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/pubs/toy_sfv.html.

TYPE O NEEDED

As a result of the recent bad weather across our region, during this holiday season, the local blood collections have decreased. Type O negative blood is especially needed now.

"Winter weather caused four blood drives cancellations in our area last week, representing nearly 180 units of blood that could not be collected. Across our three-state Red Cross division, 37 blood drives have been cancelled, resulting in more than 1,500 units of blood that were not collected," states Sharyn Whitman, CEO of the Indiana-Ohio Region of the American Red Cross. "We encourage eligible donors, particularly those with type O-negative blood, to call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org to find a convenient blood drive location."

Since type O negative blood can be used for any patient when there is not time to determine the patient's blood type, it is crucial that there be a sufficient supply.

The holidays are a critical time for blood donation. Without winter weather impacts, this time of year is difficult to collect blood because people are busy with holiday plans, shopping and family events. But every day, regardless of the season, hospital patients need blood or platelets for cancer treatments, lifesaving surgeries, or emergency care related to accidents or trauma.

Your help is needed to replenish the blood supply. Schedule your appointment to give blood through the American Red Cross today and help save lives. Call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org.

When you come to donate now through Jan. 1, you will be entered to win a weekly region-wide drawing for a \$250 Visa gift card!

If you already have an appointment to donate blood, it is crucial that you keep your commitment to give. If you become ill or unavailable, please ask a friend to donate blood in your place.

How to Donate Blood - To schedule an appointment to donate please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org for more information. Individuals who

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

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

The "Where Does Your Money Go?" program will be presented by Karen Hinshaw, Purdue Extension Educator, at the Courthouse Annex 2nd Floor Meeting Room on Wednesday, January 5, 2011 at 1:30pm. Please call to sign up to attend this interactive free class, 260-358-4826.

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

JANUARY CLASSES

The American Red Cross of Northeast Indiana announces the following Health & Safety classes in Huntington during the

month of January.

Adult, Child, and Infant CPR & First Aid - Tuesday, Jan. 4 and Thursday, Jan. 6 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. (attend both nights)

Adult, Child, and Infant CPR - Tuesday, Jan. 4 and Thursday, Jan. 6 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. (attend both nights)

Adult, Child, and Infant CPR Review - Wednesday, Jan. 12 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

First Aid - Wednesday, Jan. 26 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

AED (automated external defibrillator) is offered as an add on at the conclusion of any CPR or first aid class and takes approximately 1-1 1/2 hours to complete. Other classes also available. Call for complete pricing information.

How to Register for a class - To register for a class, please call 800.513.2599 ext. 240, visit

redcrossofnei.org or visit the Red Cross at 354 N. Jefferson St. in Huntington or the Red Cross at 1212 E. California Rd. (across from the Memorial Coliseum) in Fort Wayne Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. All classes are held at Jefferson St. location in Huntington.

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We would like to thank everyone for your prayers, cards, phone calls and food that you shared and provided in the loss of our beloved father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and great-great-grandfather, Paul E. Yount. Thank you to Heritage Pointe assisted living 2nd floor, Solid Rock United Methodist Church family and SOS, Bluffton Regional Medical Center and Staff, Family Hospice of Northeast In., Sigma Phi Gamma "Beta Delta" Chapter, Pastor Kathy Newton and Glancy Funeral Home.

Donald Yount and family
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McFARREN

Ruth Maxine McFarren, 90, formerly of Bluffton, died at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, 2010, at Heritage Pointe in Warren.

Mrs. McFarren was born in Grant County to Allen and Edith (Hall) Eltzroth. He married Enis E. McFarren in Grant County on April 1, 1938; she preceded him in death on July 12, 1995. Mrs. McFarren was a homemaker.

Surviving relatives include one son, Stephen (Lois Jean) McFarren of Moorehaven, Fla.; two daughters-in-law, Becky

McFarren of Bluffton and Udella McFarren of Keystone; two sisters, Thelma (John) Brubaker of Bluffton and Doris Eckard of Warren; one brother, Richard Eltzroth of Lagro; and one grandchild.

Mrs. McFarren was also preceded in death by two sisters, Glenn and Robert McFarren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, at the Goodwin Memorial Chapel in Bluffton with Tom Bradley officiating. Burial was at Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Marion.

Preferred memorials are to Heritage Pointe.

LEAS



Gail Eugene Leas, 88, of Warren, passed away at 9:15 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born in Jackson Township in Wells County on Nov. 2, 1922 to Ralph Lugar and Ruey Glee (Slusher) Leas. He married Devonna Fern Campbell in Jackson Township on July 31, 1949; she preceded him in death on March 9, 2006.

Gail retired in 1982 from the Dana Corporation in Marion. He served on the Board at the Wells County Farm Bureau and was a Jackson Township Farmer and Lifelong Wells County Resident.

He was a member of the Warren Sportsman Club and a former member of the Van Buren American Legion.

Gail was a member of the Dillman United Brethren In Christ Church.

Surviving relatives include one daughter, Linda (John) Walters of Dillman; two sons, Philip (Debby) Leas of Poneto and Bruce E. (Jodi) Leas of Montpelier; one brother, Robert D. Leas of Columbia City; one sister, Lois Jane Carpenter of Bluffton; and eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by one sister, Lillian Bradford; and three brothers, Don K. Leas, James Leas and Jack Leas.

Services were held Saturday, Dec. 18, at Glancy - H. Brown & Son Funeral Home, 203 N. Matilda St., Warren, with the Pastor Dick Fredrick and Pastor Dick Case officiating. Burial was at Jones Cemetery in Warren, where Military Graveside rites were be conducted.

Preferred memorials are to Dillman United Church of the Brethren, 8888S 1100W-90 Warren, IN 46792 and the Van Buren American Legion Post #368, 7595 E 450 N, Van Buren, IN 46991-9713.

PRIDDY

Mildred Eloise Priddy, 92, (1918-2010), passed peacefully on Saturday, December 18, 2010, after a brief illness.

She is survived by her three children, Steven, Tedford and Tamara and two grandchildren, Matthew and Jacquelyn.

She is preceded in death by Clarence, her husband of 55 years, twin daughters, Connie and Vicky, grandson Joel, brother Paul and sister Mabel.

She had been a resident of Heritage Pointe Retirement Center for many years. She was a member of the Salamonie Church of the Brethren in Lancaster, Indiana and was recently recognized as being their longest serving member.

She was born in Roanoke, Indiana and after marrying in 1939, she moved to the family farm near Warren, Indiana. She was the school secretary for the Huntington County School Corporation and after retiring

she and her husband wintered in Barefoot Bay, Florida. They also maintained a residence on Little Chapman Lake in Warsaw, Indiana.

Along with being a wife and mother of five, Mildred almost became the first lady pilot in Huntington, Indiana. She had put in her hours of flying instruction and was ready to fly solo when the outbreak of WWII stopped her flying lessons in the late 1930's.

A memorial ceremony will be held at the Salamonie Church, December 26 at 2:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, a donation to the church in her memory would be greatly appreciated.



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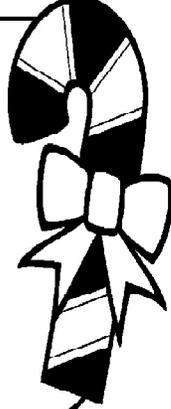


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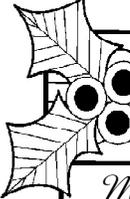
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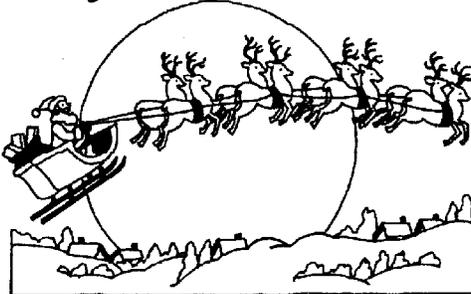
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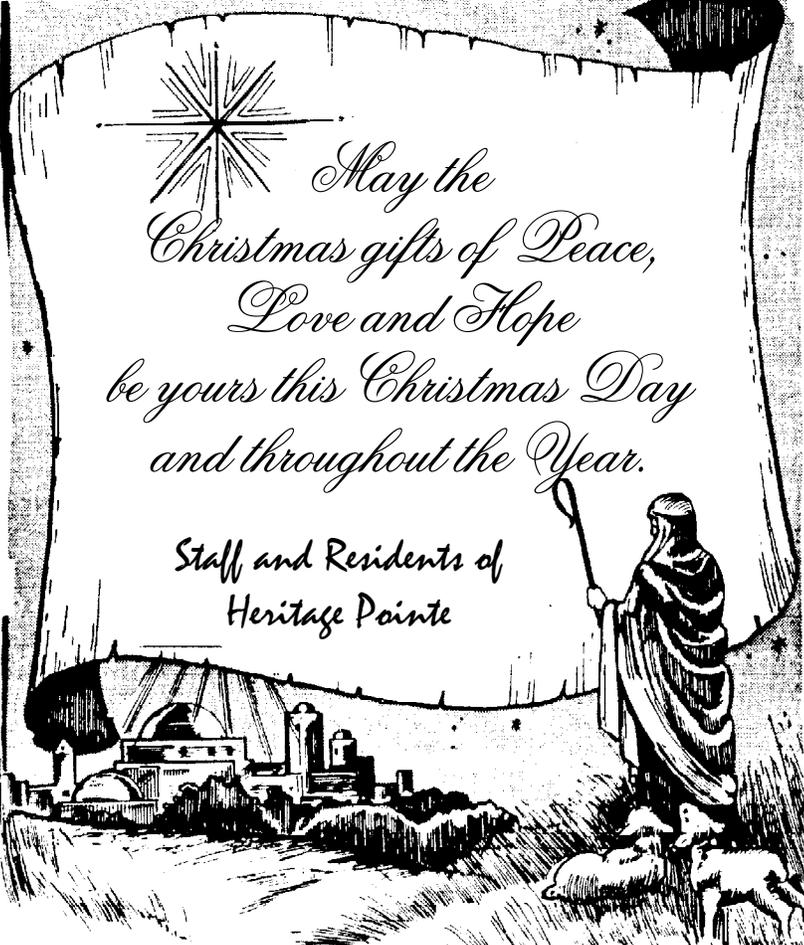
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A CHILD'S LETTER TO SANTA CLAUSE

Snowflakes softly falling, upon your window they play Your blankets snug around you, into sleep you drift away. I bend to gently kiss you, when I see that on the floor there's a letter, neatly written, I wonder who it's for. I quietly unfold it making sure you're still asleep, It's a Christmas list for Santa one my heart will always keep...

It started just as always with the toys seen on TV, A new watch for your father and a winter coat for me. But as my eyes read on I could see that deep inside There were many things you wished for that your loving heart would hide. You asked if your friend Molly could have another Dad. It seems her father hits her and it makes you very sad. Then you asked dear Santa if the neighbors down the street could find a job, that they

might have some food, and clothes, and heat. You saw a family on the news whose house had blown away, "Dear Santa, send them just one thing, a place where they can stay..."

"And Santa, those four cookies that I left you for a treat, Could you take them to the children who have nothing else to eat..? Do you know that little bear I have, the one I love so dear..? I'm leaving it for you to take to Africa this year..." "And as you fly your reindeer on this night of Jesus' birth, could your magic bring to everyone goodwill and peace on earth..."

There's one last thing before you go, so grateful I would be, If you'd smile at Baby Jesus in the manger by our tree..." I pulled the letter close to me, I felt it melt my heart. Those tiny hands had written what no other could impart.

"And a little child shall lead them," was whispered in my ear

As I watched you sleep on Christmas Eve..."
~ While Santa Claus was here...

GRANDMA'S CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Grandma Burns sat knitting busily in the sun one bright morning the week before Christmas. The snow lay deep, and the hard crust glistened like silver. All at once she heard little sighs of grief outside her door. When she opened it there sat Peter and Jimmy Rice, two very poor little boys, with their faces in their hands; and they were crying.

"My patience!" cried grandma. "What can be the matter with two bright little boys this sunny morning?"

"We don't have no good times," sighed little Peter.

"We can't slide. We haven't any sleds," whimpered Jimmy.

"Why, of course boys can't have a good time without sleds,"

said grandma, cheerily. "Let us look about and see if we can't find something." And grandma's cap-border bobbed behind barrels and boxes in the shed and all among the cobwebs in the garret; but nothing could be found suitable.

"Hum! I do believe this would do for little Pete," and the dear old lady drew a large, pressed-tin pan off the top shelf in the pantry. A long, smooth butter-tray was found for Jimmy. Grandma shook her cap-border with laughter to see them skim

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over the hard crust in their queer sleds. And the boys shouted and swung their hands as they flew past the window.

"I do expect they'll wear 'em about through," murmured grandma; "but boys must slide,—that's certain."

And the pan was scoured as bright as a new silver dollar and the red paint was all gone off the wooden tray when Peter and Jimmy brought their sleds back. Grandma knitted faster than ever all that day, and her face was bright with smiles. She was planning something. She went

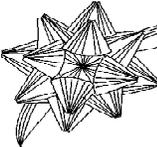
to see Job Easter that night. He promised to make two small sleds for the pair of socks she was knitting.

When the sleds were finished she dyed them red and drew a yellow horse upon each one. Grandma called them horses, but no one would have suspected it. Then the night before Christmas she drew on her great socks over her shoes to keep her from slipping, put on her hood and cloak, and dragged the little sleds over to Peter and Timmy's house.

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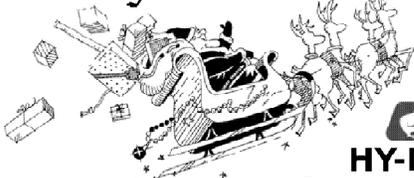
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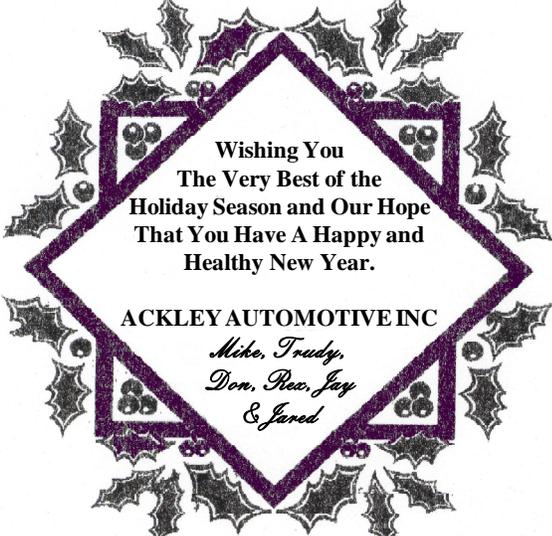
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THE MOST PRECIOUS GIFT

by The FlyLady, Marla Cilley
All of our lives we have spent putting out fires. These fires were started by our perfectionism and our procrastination. Along with panic of these fires come the squeals of martyrdom and yells of dissatisfaction. We have all done this and it is our family who have had listen to it.

Why do we torture our family with hurtful words? I can tell you why! You are so stressed out and feeling like a martyr! This has got to stop! I can help you get rid of the stress, but it is up to you to curb those angry words. The first step is to follow our directions for your routines, getting dressed to shoes, hair and face.

It is up to you to change your attitude toward your family! Once you change your martyred outlook to one of blessing your family and giving teaching moments, you will see a change in them. I know that you don't believe me, but you can only change yourself. It is by your example that your family will begin to help and support your efforts to secure a peaceful home.

What does your wicked tongue

do to your children, your husband and most of all you. It doesn't tell them you love them. It makes them feel less than; it hurts their self-worth. They feel that they have no say in things. It makes your husband feel that he is married to his mother! I don't even want to go there. They feel like servants, instead of family members. Those harsh words are worse than a whipping. You cut your family out of the conversational loop. The family can't even say what is on their mind because they are afraid of you. Home life is based on the fear of not making mother mad. Your family members hide from you. They become afraid to tell you when something happens.

After those words have come from your lips, just how do you feel then? Do you feel laden with guilt or do you even realize you are barking nasty remarks their way. Oblivious to the torture you have inflicted upon your loved ones.

There is absolutely no excuse for this. I don't want to hear that this is the only way I can get my family to do anything. This is the lie that you tell yourself to not feel guilty. It is time to forgive yourself and then ask them to forgive you.

Many times in our lives we are faced with things that are difficult. As sidetracked people we allow our perfectionism to hurt us and our children. We just do not know that is what is causing us to be raving banshees.

Now you have a chance to change by taking actions. You may not have known how to change in the past but you are learning. Take these words into your heart and forgive yourself. You know the things you have said. This can be the beginning of a new relationship with your family.

I would like to suggest that you start writing your feelings down too. Not just the pain you are feeling but how you can change. First you have to forgive yourself. You are just learning these things; the more you write the more you will discover about yourself. You are not expected to be perfect. Love yourself enough to take these words and go forward from here. This is not the end but the beginning of a new life. After you forgive yourself and get in touch with your own feelings; then you can ask for forgiveness. My heart

goes out to you! My prayers are with you and your whole family.

You can do this; you found us because you were looking for a change in your life. You are willing to make changes.

Your tongue can criticize or it can encourage. The choice is all yours. If you have not changed your attitude, then how can you expect to see a change in them. It has to come from the heart. If not they will see right through you. They may not even believe it at first, because you will not be sounding like the mother that have been used to all your life. The children may think the aliens have taken their real mother away. Prove to them and their father that you have changed. Sprinkle your words of love, encouragement and teaching, all over your home. Apologize for your tongue. Don't play the martyr game anymore. No one loves a martyr. Not even you!

It time to FLY without the Guilt; forgive yourself!

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THE GIFT

by Jill Cooper
She stood at the window watching the snow falling gently to the ground. Thanksgiving was over and soon it would be Christmas, her favorite time of the year. But her heart was heavy in spite of the snow and the feeling of Christmas that it should invoke. The Christmas spirit that she had felt all year long seemed to have been drained out of her with a couple of simple phone calls, each from a family member saying they didn't want to exchange gifts this year because they couldn't afford them.

As she turned from the window her eyes fell on her little tree standing in the corner. It's lights twinkled ever so brightly, casting a warm glow over the small pile of gaily wrapped gifts lying under it. A smile touched her lips as she thought of each person that the gifts were for. In her mind she could see the

joy and excitement on their faces as they tore open the gifts and saw what was in them.

All year, she had carefully planned their gifts and had sacrificed much time and money in order to be able to buy them. She listened to each person's big desires and little ones and had drawn so close to them that she knew not only the things they verbally said that they wanted but also the things they hadn't voiced. She knew she had bought each one the perfect gift — Not the most expensive gift, maybe, but the perfect one for them.

Yes, she had sacrificed a lot to buy the gifts, but because her love for each person was so great and because of the joy she felt in giving, she didn't see it as a sacrifice at all. So what if she had to turn the heat down a couple of degrees and wear a sweater in order to be able to have a little extra to buy that special something for someone she loved. Yes, it's nice to go out to eat at the end of a long hard day, but it's even nicer to watch the face of a child open a present and go into rapture over his new car or to see mom get tears in her eyes because you not only remembered her favorite perfume but also how much she had longed for it.

Of course there had been times when she had looked in the store window thinking how wonderful it would be to own a dress like that, but when it came to a choice between that and the fur trimmed coat her granddaughter wanted, the coat won hands down. To see that granddaughter running towards her and throwing her arms around her once more thanking her for the new coat would make her feel more beautiful than any new dress could.

Oh, she knew there were those out there who would scold her and say she should think of herself more and do more for herself, but she just shook her head in pity for them. They had no idea what they were missing out on with that attitude.

It was that very same attitude that had caused the heaviness on her heart right now. The phone calls she had received came from people who had spent all year spending money on the things they wanted: new cars, TVs, clothes and going out to eat and now they had nothing left to give to someone else.

"When did it happen?" she

wondered, "— this change in people's thinking." What happened to the times when even a small gift was greatly appreciated because you knew the person had sacrificed so much in order to buy or make it? What happened to the times when parents, spouses and children worked so hard in order to be able to give that special gift to someone they loved? When did it become acceptable to call on your expensive cell phone, from your favorite restaurant, to let others know that you can't buy them a gift this year because you can't afford it? Had she been mistaken all this time in her understanding of gift giving?

With a droop in her shoulders she turns and walks toward the little tree. How could it have lost its sparkle in a matter of moments? Why do the presents under it suddenly look less gaily wrapped? With tears gently rolling down her cheeks, she stoops to turn off the tree's lights. As she reaches for the plug, her hand accidentally brushes her Bible laying on the table. As she looks up through the blur, her eyes alight upon the passage on the open page. "For God so LOVED the world that he GAVE his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

A sweet peace starts warming her heart. She begins to smile and her tears are flowing even more freely now — not from sadness, but from joy. The lights on the little tree become brighter and brighter, lighting up the whole room with it's sparkle. The gifts under it look more beautiful than those in the most expensive department stores for, in that moment, she realizes that she wasn't wrong to love, to sacrifice and to want to give gifts to the people she loves.

Hadn't God Himself so loved us that He gave, with the greatest of sacrifices, the most wonderful gift, His Son. She was so glad that God hadn't spent His time in heaven selfishly using all His resources for Himself. She was thankful that He hadn't sent her a message saying, "Sorry, but I can't afford to give you a gift this year."

In those few moments of heartbreak she had learned something more. She had

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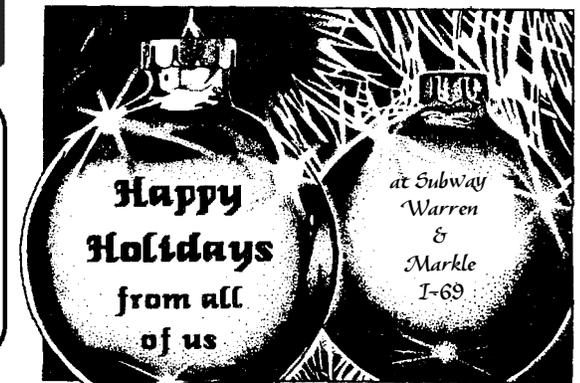


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learned what God must feel like to have the gift that He sacrificed so much to give be rejected and scorned. How hurtful to take away the blessing of giving from someone or to reject their gift. Yes, it seemed to be popular to say, "We can't afford to exchange gifts this year", but it didn't matter. She would continue to love, sacrifice and give, always following her heavenly Father's example.

The above story is fictional but I wrote it because within a week's time I've heard so many people say, "We aren't exchanging gifts because we can't afford it". What was even more shocking was these words came from people who typically made more money in one week than I did in one year and yet I, with so much less income seemed to have no problem buying gifts for my whole family.

When I commented about this to my son, he said "Mom, what you don't realize is that a lot of these people feel like if they can't spend \$400 or more on each person, they can't afford it so they just don't give at all." Once again, I see it is all in the way you look at things. If you are feeling that you can't afford Christmas gifts this year you may want to do some soul searching. Don't let pride stand in the way of giving gifts to your friends and family. Instead of saying "We can't afford it" which seems to be the acceptable and politically correct thing to say, be honest with yourself and others. Is there somewhere you could sacrifice something? If circumstances in your life have changed then maybe you could just say "I can't afford to give what I used to give but I love giving gifts and I still want to exchange. I just can't spend as much".

Make sure you are not just saying the words "We can't afford it" because you are tired of the hassle of shopping and trying to figure out what people want. We don't want people to think less of us so we say "We can't afford it" because that sounds nicer than "I don't want to bother with finding you a gift".

If you feel that way, then it may be that your gift giving is getting out of hand. Are you buying gifts for your hairdresser, garbage man, mailman, babysitter, and your third

cousin's fourth removed son? Nowonder you are frazzled. You don't need to explain anything to these people. Just stop buying gifts for people that aren't close to you.

If you don't want to mess with the gift exchange at work, just politely say you can't do it this year. If you still feel like you have to give something and can't say no then buy one inexpensive gift to give everyone. For example I know a woman who buys several gingerbread men every year and gives them as gifts. Young and old alike love them and they are gender friendly. They don't cost a lot and it saves wear and tear on her nerves trying to find that perfect gift for someone she doesn't know very well.

Seriously think through your gift giving and your reasons for or against it. Remember it really is the thought that counts and not the expense. If you don't think that is true, then why is it that the present your child spent \$1.00 of their hard earned money on and much time and energy picking out, means more than a very expensive gift given to you out of obligation by someone you don't know very well?

I know there are times when you really and truly can't afford to exchange gifts or maybe because of extra large families or combined families you need to draw names. That is fine. The above story isn't describing you. You know your situation better than I and you don't have to explain yourself to me or anyone else. Who I am talking about though, are those who sit in their favorite restaurant, where nothing on the menu is under \$15, with a days worth of shopping for new clothes for themselves (\$100 pair of shoes, \$200 purses, \$60 name brand jeans) sitting at their feet while they call to say they can't afford to buy Christmas gifts for anyone.

Check your motives carefully and this Christmas buy your gifts with your heart and not with your pocketbook.



WHAT HAPPENED

CHRISTMAS EVE

by Oliver Herfold

It was Christmas Eve and the frost fairies were busy getting ready for Christmas Day. First of all they spread the loveliest white snow carpet over the rough, bare ground; then they hung the bushes and trees with icicles that flashed like diamonds in the moonlight. Later on, they planned to draw beautiful frost pictures on the window panes, to surprise the little children in the morning. The stars shone brightly and the moon sent floods of light in every nook and corner. How could anyone think of sleeping when there was such a glory outside!

Jessie and Fred had gone to bed very early so they might be the first to shout "Merry Christmas!" but their eyes would not stay shut.

"Oh dear! It must be 'most morning," said Fred; "let us creep softly down stairs and maybe we'll catch Santa Claus before he rides off."

Hand in hand they tiptoed to the dining-room and peeped out the big window - surely, surely, that was something climbing up the roof of cousin Nellie's house; it must be old Santa. Fred gave a chuckle of delight; to be sure the reindeer were very queer looking objects, and the sleigh such a funny shape, but the children were satisfied.

The old fir tree, whose high branches almost touched the roof, knew all about those shadows, but it was so old no one could ever understand a word of the many tales it told. "There's something scratching on the door," whispered Jessie; but it was only a mouse, who had sniffed the delightful odors of the Christmas goodies and was trying his best to find a way into the pantry and test them with his sharp teeth.

"Come," said Jessie, "we'll turn to icicles if we stay here much longer"; so up-stairs they quickly scampered. Papa had been to town on an errand, so it was quite late when he came home. As he was hunting in his pockets for his key, he heard a pitiful cry, and looking down he saw a big, white cat carrying a tiny kitten in her mouth.

"Poor thing," said papa, "you shall come inside till morning." Santa Claus had been there

with the nicest wagon for Fred and a warm, seal-skin cap that lay right in the middle of it. When papa left the room, puss and her kitty were curled up comfortably on the rug singing their sleepy song.

The sun was shining brightly in the dining-room window when Jessie and Fred made their appearance; then Fred just laughed with delight, for right in the crown of his new cap lay the cutest white kitten, with big, blue eyes and wee pink nose, while standing close by as if to guard her darling from danger, was good old mother puss.

"I never had a live Christmas present before," said Fred, "now I know Santa Claus read the letter I threw up the chimney because I told him to bring me a kitten and here it is."

Papa smiled and looked at mamma, and then everybody said "Merry Christmas" at once.

SANTA CLAUS DOES NOT FORGET

by M.A. Haley

Bertie was a very good boy. He was kind, obedient, truthful, and unselfish. He had, however, one great fault,—he always forgot.

No matter how important the errand, his answer always was, "I forgot." When he was sent with a note to the dress-maker his mother would find the note in his pocket at night. If he was sent to the store in a great hurry, to get something for tea, he would return late, without the article, but with his usual answer.

His father and mother talked the matter over, and decided that something must be done to make the little boy remember.

Christmas was near, and Bertie was busy making out a list of things which Santa Claus was to bring him.

"Santa Claus may forget some of those things," said his mother. "He cannot," replied Bertie; "for I shall write sled, and skates, and drum, and violin, and all the things on this paper. Then when Santa Claus goes to my stocking he will find the list. He can see it and put the things in as fast as he reads."

Christmas morning came, and Bertie was up at dawn to see what was in his stocking. His mother kept away from him as long as she could, for she knew what Santa Claus had done.

Finally she heard him coming with slow steps to her room. Slowly he opened the door and came towards her. He held in his hand a list very much longer than the one he had made out. He put it in his mother's hand, while tears of disappointment fell from his eyes.

"See what Santa Claus left for me; but I think he might have given me one thing besides." His mother opened the roll. It was a list of all the errands Bertie had been asked to do for six months. At the end of all was written, in staring capitals, "I FORGOT."

Bertie wept for an hour. Then his mother told him they were all going to grandpa's. For the first time he would see a Christmas-tree. Perhaps something might be growing there for him.

It was very strange to Bertie, but on grandpa's tree he found everything he had written on his list. Was he cured of his bad habit? Not all at once; but when his mother saw that he was particularly heedless she would say, "Remember, Santa Claus does not forget."

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I guess the moral of the story is I ended up with a great bunch of new holiday trims for next year and some really great tasting summersausage and a few hours of sleep loss from trying to think of where all that stuff came from and my niece has a nice clean room she cleared out. She is a wonderful cookie baker and I don't understand why she didn't clean out her cookie jar too.

Speaking of cookies here is a good cookie recipe that Mrs. Stutzman, a vendor at the farmers market gave me. She is another great cookie baker too.

Icebox Oatmeal Cookies
1 cup shortening, 1 cup granulated sugar and 1 cup brown sugar, cream together and add 2 beaten eggs, 1 teaspoon vanilla, sift 1 1/2 cups flour, 1 teaspoon soda, 1 teaspoon salt, add to it 3 cups rolled oats, 3/4 cup coconut, mix well in to shortening mixture and form into rolls and chill slice and bake a 350 for about 8-10 minutes.

All of us at the Herring House wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year and maybe someone might leave a tasty treat in your frig too.