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Thought for the Week: You can pretend to be serious; you can't pretend to be witty. Sacha Guitry

## Did You Know?

Did you know that the Warren Public Library has their book sale room open the 1st Saturday of every month during library hours, which are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Did you also know that you can purchase a good book at the library book sale for just 50 cents or less and there are hundreds of books to choose from by some really great authors. Why not visit the Warren Public Library's book sale room and pick out some good books to read. There is nothing like a good book to chase the winter time blues away.

## FREE SOUP SUPPER

Have you made plans for that special Valentine or have you been planning on taking that good friend or neighbor out for a meal to say thanks for being a friend or good neighbor. Let us help you out by offering you a meal of Chili, Vegetable or Chicken and Noodle Soup on February 10th at Sold Rock UMC located at 485 Bennett Drive in Warren. We will be serving from 5:00 - 6:30 pm or until the kettle runs dry. Come and join us to warm your body with some hot soup and warm your soul with some great fellowship.

You can also join us any Sunday morning with Sunday School starting at 9:00 am and Worship Service beginning at 10:00 am with Pastor Kathy Newton. Hope to see YOU!

## FISH/CHICKEN SUPPER

The Huntington County Council on Aging present their annual Warren Fish and Chicken Supper by Dan's Fish Fry Services. Served with greenbeans and ham, applesauce, bread, ice cream and beverages. Friday,

February 6 - 4:00 to 7:00 pm at the Knight Bergman Center.

Adults \$9.00, Children 6-12 \$5.00 and children 5 and under free. Carry-outs available.

## AVAILABLE LOCALLY

PHARMACY Insurance Plans available locally

This year, 2015, a number of Pharmacy Insurance Plans have chosen, once again, to allow the Warren Pharmacy to fill your prescriptions. The SilverScript Medicare Part D Pharmacy Prescription Drug plan, will continue to work with us and allow us to process prescription claims! Also, the United American Part D Prescription Drug Plan works with us and allows us to process prescription claims!

We are constantly striving to fulfil all of the regulatory requirements and contractual agreements with Pharmacy Benefit Managers and Insurance Companies so that you may receive quality pharmaceutical care from your local Pharmacist, Terry Daniels P.D., and our experienced staff.

## ACTING UP!

Classes Begin at the Pulse Opera House

EXPLORE! IMAGINE! CREATE! The Pulse Opera House is pleased to announce two new six week classes. The first is a Creative Dramatics class for children 8-12 years old and the second in an Improv class for those 18 years old and up.

Creative Dramatics: Does your child light up at the prospect of being onstage? Does your child love to sing, dance and act out stories? Does your child have a vivid imagination? If you answered "yes" to any of these

questions, it's time to enroll them in Creative Dramatics at the Pulse. Creative Dramatics uses exercises designed to unlock the creative spirit. The classes incorporate music, creative play, storytelling and pantomime. Working as part of a team, students develop critical thinking and problem solving skills while gaining confidence.

Creative Dramatics meets on Saturday mornings from 10:00 - 11:30 am beginning on February 14. The class will be taught by Cynthia Smyth-Wartzok.

Improv: Come One! Come All! (Not really, we have a 20 person limit - so sign up soon!) Improv is for EVERYBODY! Yes, that means YOU! You can benefit from improv classes at the Pulse Opera House whether you have been on stage your whole life, struggle with public speaking or anywhere in between.

Everyone can gain something from improvisation: Increased confidence, Improved Public Speaking Abilities, Enhanced Acting Abilities, Gained Comfort in Social Settings, Refined Brainstorming Abilities, Improved Listening and Observation Skills, Enhanced Creative-Thinking Abilities, Improved Decision-Making Skills, Team Development Skills.

You Don't have to be what others consider "funny" or a performer to be good at improvisation. Come join us and learn, laugh and leave a better improviser!

Improv meets on Saturday afternoons from 2:00-4:00 pm beginning on February 14. The class will be taught by Stacia Brinneman.

To register, email your name, age and class and contact information (telephone/email) to

[pulsedirect@pulseoperahouse.org](mailto:pulsedirect@pulseoperahouse.org) or call (260) 375-7017 and leave a message. You can also enroll on Facebook at "Improv Class at the Pulse" or "Creative Dramatic Class at the Pulse." Registration fee is due at the first class. There is a limit of 20 students per class.

## ANNUAL MEETING

The Purdue Cooperative Extension Service will hold their annual meeting on Thursday, February 12, 7 PM at the Wells County Community Center at the 4-H Park in Bluffton.

Guest speaker for the event will be B. Rosie Lerner. She writes a popular weekly column on home horticulture that appears in newspapers around the state, including the Bluffton News Banner.

She will be talking about "Gardens to Visit in Indiana". Her knowledge of horticulture is sure to be an interest to anyone that enjoys plants or wishes they had more of a green thumb.

There will also be an election of the Extension Advisory Board which helps provide program input to the Extension Service.

Light refreshments will be served.

The meeting is free and open to the public.

For more information, call 824-6412 or visit [www.extension.purdue.edu/wells](http://www.extension.purdue.edu/wells)

## WHERE DOES YOUR MONEY GO?

The Purdue Extension Office of Huntington County is offering a FREE 2 hour workshop titled, "Where Does Your Money Go?" New class dates have been

added to this series including, February 17th at 1:00pm, February 25th at 10:00am, March 12th at 1:00pm and March 31st at 11:00am.

If you always feel like your income is shrinking and your bills are expanding, this is the workshop for you! Participants will learn how spending money today will affect your future spending, how to take control of your money, how to plan for emergencies, and how little expenditures add up. Training is instructed by Karen Hinshaw, County Extension Director, Extension Educator - Health and Human Sciences.

Classes will be held at the Courthouse Annex in the 2nd floor meeting room. The Courthouse Annex is located at 354 North Jefferson Street, Huntington, IN. This class is free and open to the public.

Please call the Extension Office at (260)-358-4826 or email [kdhinsha@purdue.edu](mailto:kdhinsha@purdue.edu) to reserve your spot. For more information about Where Does Your Money Go or other Extension programs, call or stop by the office - 260.358.4826. Purdue Extension, Huntington County Office, 354 N. Jefferson - Suite 202, Huntington, IN.

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Friends of the Warren Public Library is a volunteer organization. Members meet four times a year to provide extra help as needed to keep the library running smoothly and assist in underwriting materials for any extra programs. The periodic sale of used books is the main project the friends rely on for raising

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## KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS



### THE UPTOWN GARDENER

by Ruth Herring

Is anyone as ready for spring as I am? I have been ever since I took down the Christmas decorations. I do have two artificial trees in the flower bed off the patio, I think it helped to make the area look not so drab for winter.

I have managed to get some major cleaning done while waiting for warm weather and by the time it gets here I probably will need to do it all over again, at least it kept me busy a few days.

I have noticed the birds have not been coming to the feeders, they must have all took off for better places, however this week I seen a flock of Juncos feeding but they only stayed a few minutes. They are one of my favorite winter birds to watch, they are such busy little creatures.

When we were kids at home we had many winter birds and being not rich we could not afford bird seed so we would shell out corn and dad took it to elevator to have it ground for chicken feed and was privileged to have some to feed our winter friends. At the edge of the yard was a huge oak tree and the squirrels and blue jays feasted on the acorns. Always was fun to watch them, evidently the acorns were good because the fox squirrels were very healthy looking. Also we had a walnut tree which in the summer shaded the outhouse quite well. Of course in the fall when the walnuts fell it sounded like a war zone when they hit the tin roof.

One fall my sister and I picked up probably a bushel basket of walnuts and hulled them out and put them on top of the corn crib which had a flat roof to dry thinking it was a to perfect place for them to dry out, even built a frame so they wouldn't roll off the roof. Well when it was time to bring them in to crack open to our disappointment not a one was there. We were not very happy. Telling our dad about it thinking someone stole them, he said yes they were stolen by the squirrels and said they were a happy bunch of critters, helping them in such a kind way. He did not impress my sister and I with that remark. So much for my nutty story, but it really happened. The next fall we figured something more squirrel proof.

I have this recipe for a quick coffee cake that is nice on these cold mornings as an added touch to breakfast.

Sift together 2 cups flour, 1/2 cup sugar, 2 1/4 teaspoon baking powder, mix together 1/2 cup milk, 2 eggs, 1/2 cup oil, pour over flour and mix just till blended. For the topping, in a small bowl mix 1/3 cup brown sugar, 2 tablespoon flour, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 2 tablespoon butter together. In a 9 inch pan slightly oiled, add half batter, sprinkle half the topping mix over it and then rest of batter and top with remaining topping. Bake 375 oven 25-30 minutes. Enjoy and also adding some chopped black walnuts in with the topping is nice providing the squirrels didn't get into them.

SEND YOUR FAVORITE OUT-OF-TOWNER, COLLEGE STUDENT OR RELATIVE A SUBSCRIPTION TO THE WARREN WEEKLY. IT MAKES A TREASURED GIFT EVERY YEAR. (SEE PAGE 7 FOR MORE DETAILS)

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##### UNITED METHODIST

8013W 1100S - 90, Montpelier  
 Phillip Freel Jr, Pastor

Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Wed Carry-in & Fellowship - 6:30 p.m.

##### BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH

8294S 900W 35  
 Brad Kelly, Pastor

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

##### BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST

Rev. Barry Humble, Pastor  
 Denise Heininger, S.S. Supt.

Sunday Worship ..... 9:30a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:45a.m.

##### CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199  
 Pastor - Heath Jones  
 Youth 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 Wayne Couch  
 260/224-3376

Sunday Prayer ..... 9:15 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship Service ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Wednesday Bible Study ..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Sunday Evening Service ..... 6:00 p.m.

##### DAYCARE PROVIDED DURING WORSHIP SERVICE

##### DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN

8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779  
 Matt Kennedy, Pastor

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 ..... 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.

2nd Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.

##### HERITAGE POINTE

Sunday Morning Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.

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

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

Thursday Prayer Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m.

##### NEW HOPE MINISTRIES

9019 S 300 W - 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

Bus Service 375-2510

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.

##### SOLIDROCK UNITED METHODIST

485 Bennett Dr, Warren, IN

375-3873

Kathy Newton, Pastor

Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service ..... 10:00 a.m.

##### LANCASTER WESLEYAN

3147 W 543 S, Huntington

468-2411

Doug Sharrard, Pastor

Pam Thompson, S.S. Supt.

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

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

Wednesday:

CYC/Teen/Adult Meetings ..... 7:00 p.m.

##### LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH

694-6622

Aaron Westfall, Pastor

Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.

Fellowship ..... 9:55a.m.

Worship ..... 10:15a.m.

Wed. Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.

##### LIBERTY CENTER

##### UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor Chad Yoder

Morning Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School ..... 10:45 a.m.

##### MCNATT UNITED METHODIST

375-4359

Bill VanHaften, Pastor

Lois Slusher, Supt.

Coffee Fellowship ..... 8:30 a.m.

Worship ..... 9:15 a.m.

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

Bible Study - Wed. .... 7:00 p.m.

##### MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST

260/468-2148 Sr 9 & 124

Rev. Michael Gallant - "Pastor Mike"

Trad. Worship ..... 9:00 a.m.

Fellowship ..... 10:00 a.m.

Mdrn Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Youth ..... 6-7:30 p.m.

##### PLUM TREE

##### UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

375-2691

Jill Miller, Pastor

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

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

##### SALAMONIE

##### CHURCH OF BRETHREN

468-2412

Mel Zumbrun, Pastor

Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.

Church School ..... 10:45a.m.

#### UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

375-2102

Pastor Scott Nedberg

Youth Pastor - Pastor Heather Parsons

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

Contemporary Service - Wed ..... 6:30 p.m.

Junior Church ..... 10:00 a.m.

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

Youth Meetings-Wed ..... 6:30 p.m.

Communion 1st Sunday of the Month

##### VB CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

765/934-3321 Parsonage

Jeff Slater, Pastor

Jim Knight, Superintendent

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

Adult Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.

Children's Church ..... 10:30a.m.

Evening Praise Hour ..... 6:00p.m.

Hour of Power (Wed) ..... 7:00p.m.

##### VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

765-934-1431

Pastor Leon Pomeroy

Worship Service ..... 9:30 am

The Highway (2nd Service) ..... 11:00 am

Sunday School ..... 10:30am

Not Home Alone - Wed ..... 2:30 pm

Prayer-Bible Study (Thur) ..... 7:00 pm

UMW 2nd Wed ..... 7:00 pm

Little Ones Book Club 1st Tue ..... 10:00 am

Just Older Youth 3rd Tue ..... 12:00 pm

The Loft (Youth 7th-12th) Sun ... 5:00pm

www.vanburenumc.org

##### WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST

375-3022

Ethan T Stivers, Minister

Ben Renkenberger, Youth Minister

Tara Bower and Melinda Haynes -

Secretaries

www.warrenchurchofchrist.org

Fellowship ..... 9:15 a.m.

Worship & Communion ..... 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School ..... 11 to 11:40 a.m.

Youth: (Start back up in the fall)

K-5th grade, Mon ..... 6-7pm

Jr/Sr Hi, Sunday ..... 6-7:30pm

##### WARREN 1ST BAPTIST CHURCH

Corner of N. Wayne & Matilda Sts.

Senior Pastor Rev. Bill Fisher

Sunday School ..... 9:00a.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.

Wed Bible Study ..... 6:00 p.m.

##### FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Pastor Richard Ladouceur

11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN

765-934-3609

Sunday Worship ..... 10:30 am

Sunday School Classes ..... 9:30 am

Youth Group ..... 6:00 pm

Sunday Adult Bible Study ..... 6:00 pm

Thurs. Bible Study ..... 7:00 pm

Please Attend the Church of Your Choice



## AREA NEWS

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funds. Past projects have included landscaping the library grounds, help with general cleaning, open houses, summer reading programs, reading to youngsters at story time, help with book clubs and so much more.

If you have a few minutes a month to donate, why not be a friend of the warren public library. Membership dues are very affordable for a single person which is \$2.00 a year. A family membership is \$4.00 so your whole family can join in on the fun and with the membership comes perks. You can be the first one to explore all the books for sale before the book sale is open to the public. If you get cabin fever, there is always plenty of things to do at the library to get you out of the house for a few hours or maybe you can even help with some of the programs that are available during the month. You just might even get some sneak peeks on the latest books that have arrived at the library before anyone else does. Stop in and ask Robert or Susan how you can be a Friend of the Library and start a great adventure today.

### VALENTINE IDEAS

Let Indiana State Parks and Inns be your cupid this Valentine's Day with gift ideas and lodging specials.

InnsGifts.com offers gift cards for camping at Indiana State Parks and for lodging at State

Park Inns, annual park entrance passes, and more. Or, buy one of two GO! Pack specials that include an entrance permit, one-year subscription to Outdoor Indiana magazine, gift certificates and more at a discount. Use the coupon code VDAY to receive free shipping on all gift card orders placed between Feb. 1-15.

You can also donate \$10 to plant a tree on an Indiana state forest as a symbol of your relationship. Information is at TheIndianaTreeProject.org.

Canyon Inn at McCormick's Creek State Park, Clifty Inn at Clifty Falls State Park and Fort Harrison Inn at Fort Harrison State Park are offering Valentine's Day packages for Saturday, Feb. 14, that include dinner and overnight accommodations. Prices range from \$165 to \$225 per couple. The Fort Harrison package includes chocolate-covered strawberries and a bottle of wine in your room.

Turkey Run Inn at Turkey Run State Park is offering a getaway available between Feb. 9 and 15. The deal includes dinner in an intimate setting, lodging, a bottle of wine, chocolates, breakfast and more.

Spring Mill Inn at Spring Mill State Park is offering a special for all of February, and several inns will be offering a 2-for-1 special through Feb. 26 (restrictions apply). Spring Mill Inn and Potawatomi Inn have extended their 2-for-1 special through March 31.

More information is at IndianaInns.com.

For those who prefer a cabin, Shakamak State Park is offering a weeknight discount through Feb. 25. Those who reserve a cabin for one or more weeknights (Sundays through Wednesdays) will receive 25 percent off of their reserved weeknights at the time of booking (restrictions apply). Reservations can be booked at camp.IN.gov or by calling (866) 622-6746. Use the promo code "SHAKACABIN15."

### SHOOTING SPORTS

Huntington County 4-H Shooting Sports will host a Pistol meeting on Sunday, February 8th at 2:00pm and a Rifle meeting on Sunday, February 15th at 2:00pm. Both meetings will be held in the Family Living Building at Hier's Park.

The February 8th meeting will cover an introduction to Pistol with a discussion on gun safety. All equipment will be furnished including literature, different types of pistols, ammo, targets and safety glasses. Available to grades 3-12 (current school year).

Anyone that did NOT enroll online for 4-H by the January 15 deadline MUST come to the Extension Office to complete a paper enrollment form. The \$15.00 program fee will need to be paid at the time of enrollment. In addition, there is a \$20.00 Huntington Co. 4-H Shooting Sports registration fee for each enrolled discipline. These fees may be paid separate from the program fee to the respective 4-H Shooting Sports leader at the 1st meeting date.

There are additional forms and signatures (health and permission forms, parent signatures) which must be completed prior to class participation. Forms are available at the Extension Office or from your leader. Please turn in to your Shooting Sports leader.

The Family Living Building is located at Hier's Park, 547 South

Briant Street, Huntington, IN. For more information about the program or any Purdue Extension programs, call 260.358.4826 or stop by the office—Purdue Extension, Huntington County Office, 354 N Jefferson—Suite 202, Huntington, IN.

### FREE CHILI SUPPER

Friday, February 20, 4:30-7:00 p.m. at Southern Wells High School.

You are invited to join us at the Southern Wells High School for a free chili supper before the Blackford and Southern Wells boys basketball game. Sponsored by Southern Wells Community Church.

### NOMINATED

Salamonie School special education teacher Cari Neal has been nominated as a 2014-2015 national LifeChanger of the Year.

LifeChanger of the Year is a national program that annually recognizes and rewards K-12 school district educators and employees who are making a significant difference in the lives of students by exemplifying excellence, positive influence and leadership.

Neal was nominated by a parent of a student.

"Ms. Neal understands the challenges students face as they go about their day-to-day lives," said the student. "She instills confidence in her students and believes that addressing the whole student can have a positive impact on them."

Each school year, the LifeChanger of the Year program receives hundreds of nominations. Ten winners are selected by the selection committee to receive cash awards that are split between the individual winner and their school. The national Grand Prize award is \$10,000. The top three winners are also honored at a national awards ceremony.

Nominees must be full-time school employees. Award winners are selected based on the following criteria:

- A proven ability to make a beneficial difference in the lives of students
  - An ability to positively add to the development of the school and/or district's atmosphere
  - A leader in his or her activities at the school and/or district level
  - A proven record of excellent performance at the professional level
  - A commitment to producing a nurturing atmosphere
- Nominations for the program will be accepted through the end of January 2015 with winners to be announced in spring 2015.
- To view Ms. Neal's LifeChanger of the Year nominee profile, or to nominate someone from your school community, visit [www.LifeChangeroftheYear.com](http://www.LifeChangeroftheYear.com).

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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

Feb 4	7:00p	VB - Town Council Meeting
Feb 6	4-7p	Fish & Chicken Supper at KBC for Senior Center
Feb 9	5:30p	W - Town Council Meeting, Assembly Hall
Feb 14		Valentine's Day
Feb 16		President's Day
Feb 16	6:30p	KBC Board Meeting at KBC
Feb 18	7:00p	VB - Town Council Meeting
Mar 28	4:30-7p	Mt Zion Fish Fry @ Twin Bridge Conservation Club

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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### AWARENESS MONTH

YWCA Northeast Indiana and the city of Huntington invited the press to join them at the office of Mayor Fettes to witness the signing and presentation of a Mayoral Proclamation declaring February as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month for the city of Huntington, and to encourage the community to take action and work towards ending teen dating violence. YWCA Northeast Indiana will be available to discuss the warning signs of Teen Dating Violence and ways that the city of Huntington can take a stand to prevent future incidences of teen dating violence.

The statistics surrounding Teen Dating Violence are astounding:

\* Two out of three teens will experience dating violence.

\* Violent relationships in adolescence can have serious ramifications of putting the victims at increased risk for substance abuse; eating disorders; and future domestic violence.

Though these numbers are staggering, it is an issue that has largely remained unseen and unknown. In communities where adults are having this discussion with their teens, teens are far more likely to step forward and ask for help, thus breaking the cycle of violence. This is why

YWCA Northeast Indiana is committed to educating adolescents and teenagers about the danger of teen dating violence and declaring February as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month.

### POOL TOURNAMENT

There were 20 residents in the January 30th pool tourney. The winners were Ralph Taylor and Dick Lintner. Second place went Carl Hubbart and Virginia Langdon. This was Virginia's 4th week in a row to finish on the 2nd place team. **YOU GO GIRL!!** The in-house tournament is played every Friday at 1:30 in the Fults Recreation Room.

### THIS IS THE DAY 28

by Johnny A. Phillips  
It is a universally heartbreaking realization for almost every one of us. At some point in our lives, usually as mature adults, we recognize that the dreams and aspirations for which we have had worked, sacrificed and deferred other opportunities in order to attain, simply are never going to be realized. That deserved promotion in our career is never going to come about, the house we always wanted to make a home for our family will always be unaffordable, we are never going to write the Great American Novel or patent the invention that will change the world and make us fabulously wealthy.

In the vernacular of the old cliché, "Our ship is not going to come in." It is a huge devalua-

tion of our sense of self-esteem, and for our spirits, it is insufficient to merely quip, "That's life. Get used to it."

Let me suggest that, spiritually, we consider the pineapple. Yes, the humble fruit of the tropics has a lesson to teach us. First of all, it has been completely misnamed. It is not an apple but it does resemble the pine cone from whence it was named by the early Spanish explorers (Pina as in pina colada means pinecone.). And it is not just a fruit; it is many. Actually pineapples are composed of many berries that grow together to form what appears to be one large piece of sweet, luscious, juicy produce. There is another factor about the pineapple of which you may be unaware. It is not native to Hawaii. Indigenous to Brazil and Paraguay, the pineapple is now grown all around the world, from China to Australia to India and in a dozen other countries. It was brought to the Hawaiian Islands today (January 30th) in 1527.

Like many of us who have made great plans for our lives but have wound up far from where we thought we ought to be by now, the pineapple is quite removed from its origins. But, My, My, see what it has accomplished growing where it was planted against its wishes. At one point or another Hawaii's pineapple crop has supplied 75% of the world's need for this particular fruit, and today 60% of the canned pineapple comes from America's

50th state. The fruit is high in vitamin C, low in sodium and contains no fat or cholesterol. Its leaf fibers are used in the making of the material for those sheer, cool shirts you see worn by men and women in the tropical countries. The bottom line? The pineapple provides employment over 40,000 workers and annually brings more than \$3 Billion in state income to our island state.

Pretty significant accomplishments for a misplaced sojourner!

And so it can be with each of us, for you and I are all travelers through this world rarely ever arriving at our desired destinations. However, such is no deterrent to God's ability to bless our lives nor a limit for His use of us in His kingdom for His wondrous purposes.

I think this is what Paul was trying to tell the congregation in Philippi when he wrote them, "I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity. In any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."

### BAND REHEARSAL

The Mississinewa Valley Band is now starting their 16th season as the community band in Marion.

Our rehearsals are on Tuesday evenings 7:30 in the Marion High School band room.

If you would like to join us, just come to our rehearsals. Enter door 17. If you play tuba, we have an instrument for you. For more information about this very successful community band please contact director John Brane, 765-934-2076.

### COWBOY GATHERING

Share a meal with other horse enthusiasts at the Cowboy Gathering at Salamonie Lake on Feb. 28.

The event runs from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at Salamonie Interpretive Center and includes supper and a program on Grand Canyon mules.

Participants should bring their table service. Donations will be accepted. Advance registration is required. Space is limited. Register by calling Upper Wabash Interpretive Services at (260) 468-2127.

Upper Wabash Interpretive Services (dnr.IN.gov/uwis) is at 3691 S. New Holland Road, Andrews, 46702.

### MASTER NATURALISTS

Become an Indiana Master Naturalist through classes at Salamonie Interpretive Center, March 19 through May 7.

Classes will be Thursdays, 6-9 p.m., with the exception of one Tuesday evening and one Saturday morning class. Students must be age 18 or older.

Students will learn about wetlands, astronomy, mammals, birds, spiders, geology and soils, wildflowers and forestry.

Participants must attend the March 19 orientation. Students must attend no less than eight of the nine sessions, complete a final exam and 30 volunteer hours to obtain the IMN certification.

Cost is \$80 per person. Registration and fee payment are due by March 10. Space is limited to 30 people.

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## GENEALOGY REPORT

### SCOTT

Martha Elizabeth (Thompson) Scott, 93, passed away at 1:30AM on January 29, 2015 at Heritage Pointe in Warren, IN.

She was born May 14, 1921 in Hagerstown, MD to William James Thompson & Laura Alice (Fornshell) Thompson. She attended Van Buren High School and graduated with the Class of 1939. She married Joseph A Scott on October 19, 1941 at Van Buren Central Christian Church and they were together for 53 years, until he passed away in 1994. She was a member of the church choir most of her life and was also Financial Secretary for a number of years and a member of the Sonshine Class. She also served as Deaconess. Martha and Joe served as Youth Counselors and chaperoned many Possum trips through the years.

She was employed by Rifner Medical Services under Dr. E.S. Rifner MD for 27 years and later under Marion Family Practice. She was a member of the Van Buren Lioness Club, Theta Club, T-Timers Extension Homemakers Club and Epta Epsilon organization. Martha was a member of the Wednesday morning coffee club, who met at Arbys for fellowship.

Survivors include her son, Michael J. (Diana) Scott of Lakeland, FL and a daughter Teresa A White of Swayzee IN. She was blessed with 5 grandchildren: Don (Deborah) Scott, Fort Wayne, IN., Amy (Bruce) Boren, Chesterton, IN., Michele (Clark) Stoller, Bluffton, IN., Ryan (Lora) White, Upland, IN, Chad (Teresa) White, Columbia City, IN. Also, 12 great-grandchildren: Michael Stoller, Ft. Wayne, Caleb Stoller & Calvin Stoller, Bluffton, Kyle Boren, Vincennes, Austin Boren & Conner Boren, Chesterton, Morgan Morrison, Pensacola, FL., Avery White, CeCe White & Curtis White, Upland, Macy & Benjamin White, Columbia City. One step-great grandson, Chad Sorg, Nevada.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, sister-Hazel Hall, Brothers-James & Kenneth Thompson, Son-in-law-Daniel White, 2 stepfathers-Emory Lee & Clarence Losure.

Family and Friends may gather to share and remember at Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home 201 W. Main St., Van Buren on Sunday, February 1, 2015 from 2:00PM to 6:00PM.

A service to celebrate Martha's life will be at the Van Buren Central Christian Church 201 S. 1st St. at 11:00AM on Monday, February 2, 2015, with viewing one hour prior to the service. Pastor Heath Jones will be officiating and Pastor Clark Stoller is assisting. Burial will take place in the Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Marion.

Preferred memorials are: Van Buren Central Christian Church and Family Life Hospice, Berne, IN.

### DISBRO

Robert L. 'Bob' Disbro, 75 of Markle passed away at 7:35 am on January 29, 2015 at his residence in Florida.

Bob was a 1957 graduate of New Lisbon High School. He worked in construction for 25 years in Fort Wayne, many of those years for Earl Baker Construction. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias for 50 years in New Castle, a member of the Warren Church of Christ and was a volunteer for Karing for Kids.

Bob was born on August 30, 1939 in Spiceland, Indiana, a son of John W. and Thelma A. (Bennett) Disbro.

He was united in marriage to Roberta G. Hall on December 24, 1957 in New Castle. His wife survives.

Additional survivors include two sons: Robert (Cheryl) Disbro of Uniondale; Rodney (Nancy) Disbro of Markle; three daughters: Rebecca Disbro of Markle; Rhonda (Tim) O'Reilly of Bluffton; Rita (Marty) Haneline of Roanoke; a sister: Brenda Kay Catron of New Lisbon; ten grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his

parents: John and Thelma Disbro; a brother: Billy Joe Disbro and a granddaughter: Jennifer R. O'Reilly.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, February 4, 2015 from 2:00 – 4:00pm and 6:00 – 8:00pm at the Markle Church of Christ, 455 E. Morse Street, Markle, Indiana.

Funeral service will be held on Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 11:00 am with one hour of visitation prior to the service at the Markle Church of Christ with Gerald O. Moreland officiating.

Interment will be at the Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Memorial donations can be made out to Karing for Kids in care of Myers Funeral Home, P.O. Box 403, Markle, IN 46770.

### DAVIS



Thomas "Dallas" Davis was a man you would be blessed to

have known. His friends and family remember his smile, laughter, his kindness, his loyalty, his unending dedication to those he loved, and his limitless love for God and others. He felt called by God to share Love with the world, and he did this with reckless abandon. His motto was, "Do stuff for Jesus."

As his pastor and friend, I can attest with no degree of uncertainty that there is no limit to the praise I could heap upon Dallas. This unfortunate obituary cannot provide the space, so I will try to touch on the important points.

His life was, in many ways, music. He lived and breathed music. It was on his mind in some

way at any given moment. He was a hoarder of instruments, and attempted to learn how to play as many as he had time for. He wrote countless songs from his heart; songs he was eager to share with anyone who would listen. His lyrics reflect a thoughtful soul filled with God's love.

Dallas also shared himself with the world through his artwork. He was always creating beautiful things whenever pencil and paper were in arm's length. There is no telling how many drawings will turn up in the coming months. Each reflects a thought, mood, or feeling that came from the mind and heart of Dallas. In many ways, he was constantly drawing his own self portrait.

At the time of his death, he was a Jr. at Indiana Wesleyan University. He was studying to be a minister of the Gospel. Although he was unable to graduate on account of his untimely death, those who knew him can attest that he was already a minister of the Gospel. He touched countless lives in countless ways.

He was a student pastor at Central Christian Church. He started attending our church when he was 15 and was baptized there. On the morning he died, he was on his way to our church to read that morning's scripture before my sermon. The text he would have read to us was Hebrews 10:32-36. It contains a call to courage and joy in times of trial and suffering. He has changed the life of the church community with which he shared his heart. We will not be anything like the same without him.

He was a part of numerous

communities: Jalapa Church, the Upper Room Bible study group, Walmart, and many others. He had a heart for the marginalized, and those that many church folk might write off at a glance. His long-term goal was to create some sort of tattoo parlor ministry. He was an apprentice in at Filament Tattoo Shop in Wabash, IN, and he hoped to use tattoos as a means of spreading the Gospel of Jesus. Those who have had themselves inked with Dallas' designs are still sharing him and his love with the world.

We miss you Dallas. You brought joy into our life that is deeper than words can express. We love you, believe in you, and long to see you again. By God's grace we shall.

Survivors Include: Brother - Dillon Davis, Grandmother - Marsha Curtis, Great Grandmother - Colleen Harrigan, Mother - Kelly Davis, Father - Timothy Davis, Grandmother - Charlotte Brewer, Uncles - John Thomas and Wesley Curtis, Aunts - Janet Davis and DeeDee Wicking, Special Friends - Jacob Hodge, Stephen Greene and many cousins and friends.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Central Christian Church 201 S. First Street Van Buren on Friday, February 06, 2015 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. A service to celebrate Dallas' life will follow at 2:00 PM with Pastors Heath & Kelly Jones officiating.

Preferred memorials: Central Christian Church 201 S. 1st St. Van Buren IN 46991

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## SUTTON

Evelyn Mae Sutton, 82, of Grant County, IN, passed away at 7:21 PM on Monday, January 26, 2015 at Marion General Hospital in Marion.



She was born on Tuesday, October 11, 1932, in Fairmount. Evelyn was a 1950 graduate of Roll High School. She formerly worked at Dairy Queen, John's Awful Awful and retired from Christ Inc. all of Hartford City. Evelyn enjoyed working crossword puzzles, reading her Bible, watching wildlife, feeling the sunshine and especially loved talking to her grandbabies and spending time with her family.

Survivors include her Daughter - Diana (Chuck Carter) Vanlandingham, Marion, IN., Sons - Mike (Connie) Sutton, Gail (Barb) Sutton, Dale (Deb) Sutton, 11 Grandchildren, 17 Great Grandchildren, 1 Gr. Gr. Grandchild, Brother - Jerry Bonewit and Sister - Betty Sutton.

She was preceded in death by her: Parents - Earl & Chloris (Bond) Bonewit, Former Husband - Alvah Joe Sutton, Sisters - Francis Sloan, Shirley Carl, June Bonewit, Brothers - Max Bonewit, Harry Bonewit and Grandson-in-law - Brent Parrett. Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home 109 W Windsor St Montpelier on Saturday, January 31, 2015 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

A service to celebrate Evelyn's life will be at Walker & Glancy

Funeral Home at 1:00 PM on Saturday, January 31, 2015 with Jim Lee officiating. Burial will follow in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Warren.

Preferred memorials: American Heart Association 6100 West 96th St. Suite#200 Indianapolis IN 46278-6005

Arrangements are being handled by Walker & Glancy Funeral Home in Montpelier.

## MILLER

James F. Miller, 80, of Warren, IN, died Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2015, at 5:15 p.m. at Heritage Pointe, in Warren.

Mr. Miller retired from Dana Corporation, in Marion, in 1992. He was a veteran of the United States Army.

He was born Sept. 15, 1934, in Wells County to Elwood and Lula Payne Miller. He married Agatha Highley on Aug. 21, 1955, in Warren, and she survives.

Additional survivors include two daughters, Cindy (Bob) Haley, of Huntington, and Connie Shook, of White House, TN; a son, Garry (Lisa) Miller, of Warren; two brothers, Wayne "Bud" Miller, of Bluffton, and Clayton Miller, of Columbia City; a sister, Catherine Patch, in Berne; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Calling is Saturday, Jan. 31, 2015, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., with a service following at 3 p.m., at Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home, 203 N. Matilda St., Warren. Rev. Kathy Newton will officiate. Interment will be at Woodlawn Cemetery, in Warren.

## BIRTH

Kodi (Boxell) and Andrew Elliot of Warren are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Keeli Ann Elliot, on January 27, 2015, at 1:05 pm at Lutheran hospital. She weighed 6 pounds, one ounce at birth, and was 19.5 inches long. Keeli is the Elliot's first child.

## EAGLE WATCH

Register now to spend an afternoon and evening immersed in bald eagles in the areas around Salamonie and Mississinewa lakes.

Participants will meet at Salamonie Interpretive Center at Salamonie Lake at 3 p.m. for a short overview of Indiana's bald eagles before caravanning to Indiana's largest documented wintering eagle roost.

Participants should dress for the weather and bring binoculars, cameras and spotting scopes if they have them. Hot drinks and snacks will be available at the roost for a donation. The event includes some walking on paved roads. Those who need the available handicapped parking should request it upon registration.

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

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## Eco SCIENCE FAIR

Deadline for Registration: February 20, 2015

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana State Museum, in partnership with Earth Charter Indiana, invites students to participate in the second annual Eco Science Fair at the Going Green Festival March 20 & 21, 2015. The festival, schedule to take place at the museum, allows individuals and school groups to exhibit about their sustainability projects and research, sharing their enthusiasm on learning about green initiatives with several hundred Indiana students.

"Last year, eight schools exhibited on their sustainability projects. We are hoping to increase that number in 2015," said Joanna Hahn, manager of school programs.

Deadline for registration is February 20, 2015. To enter, please visit <http://www.indianamuseum.org/educators/k-12-programs> for entry form and letter about the program.

For more information, please contact Joanna Hahn at 317.232.8293 or via email at [jhahn@indianamuseum.org](mailto:jhahn@indianamuseum.org).

## MARCH FOR BABIES

Holding a newborn baby for the first time is a special feeling known by many moms - but not all. For mothers of premature babies it may be days, if not months, before they can cuddle their child. More than half a million babies are born premature each year, with families who

yearn to reach out and touch them.

Each year thousands of these families affected by premature birth and birth defects come together to fight for babies with the March of Dimes and take part in March for Babies. They form family teams to walk in March for Babies in honor of their own child and to help other families avoid the trauma they went through.

"The birth of a baby should be a joyous occasion for all families, but we know first-hand it doesn't always happen that way," said Blair Lipely. "My family was devastated when Dean 'Hunter' was born 9 weeks premature. He weighed only 2 lbs. 10 oz. and measured 16 inches long. We were very fortunate that Hunter's only real issue was that he was too small. He is almost 3 now, and full of energy. He is physically and mentally on track with his age group, he is just a little small. Without the help of the March of Dimes, I am not sure we would be in this same situation today. They helped to make sure that we are able to enjoy a very energetic 2 year old. That is why we have formed our March for Babies team."

The most urgent infant health problem in the U.S. today is premature birth. It affects more than half a million babies each year, 1 in 9 babies in Indiana, with the number growing every day. Babies born too soon are more likely to die or have disabilities. The March of Dimes is committed to reducing this toll by funding research to find the answers to premature birth and providing comfort and information to families who are affected. Through research and community programs, the March of Dimes helps moms have full-term pregnancies and babies to begin healthy lives.

"We invite everyone to sign up for March for Babies," said Kathy Siekemeyer, March for Babies Family Team Chair. Last year, we had 15 Family Teams here and are looking forward to an even bigger turnout this year for this family-friendly day. Our hope is one day all babies will be born healthy."

The walk starts at [www.marchforbabies.org](http://www.marchforbabies.org). Just visit the website to get started. To sign up by phone call 1-800-844-9255, or by visiting us in the

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## SCREENING IS CRUCIAL

Like most cancers, cervical cancer has the potential to be serious, even fatal, but unlike many cancers, it is almost completely preventable. According to the American Cancer Society, an estimated 12,360 women were diagnosed with invasive cervical cancer in 2014, and more than 4,000 deaths occurred as a result of cervical cancer nationwide. In Indiana, approximately 240 new cases of cervical cancer, and 100 cervical cancer-related deaths occurred during 2012.

Hoosier women can reduce their cervical cancer risk by getting routine screenings, getting recommended vaccines that can help prevent cancer and avoiding controllable risk factors. By protecting themselves from the human papillomavirus (HPV), getting recommended Pap screenings and avoiding tobacco, women can greatly reduce their risk for cervical cancer.

The greatest risk factor for cer-

vical cancer is exposure to HPV. The virus is spread through sexual contact. Two high-risk HPV strains (HPV 16 and HPV 18) account for more than 70 percent of all cervical cancer cases, according to the National Cancer Institute.

Two vaccines, Gardasil and Cervarix, have been shown to protect against most cervical cancers. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend vaccination for females and males ages 11 through 26. According to the National Immunization Survey, only 54 percent of females and 18 percent of males ages 13-17 in Indiana received the first dose in the three dose series of HPV vaccine. Compared to other teen vaccines, 91 percent of males and females age 13-17 received Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) and 94 percent received meningitis in Indiana, coverage rates of HPV vaccine are extremely low. "By having a conversation with younger adult women and men and parents of adolescents and teens, providers have a unique opportunity to reduce the burden of cancer in the state," said State Health Commissioner Jerome Adams, M.D., M.P.H.

There are two screening tests that can help prevent cervical cancer or find it at an early stage, when treatment is most successful. The Pap test looks for cell changes on the cervix that might become cancerous if they aren't treated appropriately. The HPV test looks for the virus that can cause these cell changes.

The United States Preventive Services Task Force recommends screening for cervical cancer in women ages 21 to 65 years with a Pap test every three years; or, for women ages 30 to 65 who want to lengthen the screening interval, screening with a combination of a Pap test and an HPV test every five years. Some women may need to have a different screening schedule for cervical cancer due to their medical history. It is important to talk to your doctor to see what is right for you in regards to screening.

According to the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, during 2012, 76.4 percent of Indiana women age 21 and older reported having had a Pap test during the past three years. Indiana is ranked 48th nationally for Pap testing rates.

Another high risk factor for cervical cancer is smoking. Women

who smoke are about twice as likely as non-smokers to get cervical cancer. To quit smoking or to help someone you care about quit, contact the Indiana Tobacco Quitline at 1-800-QUIT NOW (1-800-784-8669).

If you don't have health care coverage or access to a doctor, see if you're eligible for the new Healthy Indiana Plan—HIP 2.0—by visiting [www.HIP.IN.gov](http://www.HIP.IN.gov) or calling 1-877-GET-HIP-9. Also, the Indiana Breast and Cervical Cancer Program provides access to breast and cervical cancer screenings, diagnostic testing and treatment for underinsured women who qualify for services. To find out if you qualify for this program, call the Indiana Family Helpline at 1-855-HELP-1ST (1-855-435-7178).

To learn more about the HPV vaccine, visit [http://www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/Vaccines/HPV/hpv\\_faqs.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/Vaccines/HPV/hpv_faqs.html). Visit the Indiana State Department of Health at [www.StateHealth.in.gov](http://www.StateHealth.in.gov). For important health and safety tips, follow us on Twitter at @StateHealthIN and on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/isdh1](https://www.facebook.com/isdh1).

## SCALDING IN WINTER

The risk of getting a scald injury increases in the winter months, State health officials say, and scalding injuries can be serious. This injury affects all ages, but young children and the elderly are most vulnerable. Scald injuries are painful and require prolonged treatment and they can result in lifelong scarring and possibly death.

Scalds occur when contact with hot liquid or steam damages one or more layers of skin. Frequent sources of scald burns include hot tap water, hot beverages, hot food and steam. Most burns occur in the home, usually in the kitchen or bathroom, and a vast majority of the injuries are preventable.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 400,000 Americans receive medical treatment for burn injuries with nearly half of these scald injuries. In Indiana in 2013, there were 400 injury-related hospitalizations for fire/burns, of which 194 were for scalds related to hot objects or substances. There were 5,246 emergency department visits for scald injuries, of which 1743 were for Hoosiers 19 years of

age and younger.

In conjunction with Burn Awareness Week, Feb. 1-7, the American Burn Association and the Indiana State Department of Health are providing information relating to scald burns. Scalds can be prevented through increased awareness of hazards and by making simple environmental or behavioral changes. Tap water scalds are often more severe than cooking-related scalds. The American Burn Association recommends the following simple safety tips to decrease the risk to yourself and those you love from tap water scalds.

- Set home water heater thermostats to deliver water at a temperature no higher than 120 degrees Fahrenheit/48 degree Celsius.

- Install anti-scald or tempering devices. These heat sensitive instruments stop or interrupt the flow of water when the temperature reaches a pre-determined level and prevent hot water that is too hot from coming out of the tap.

- Provide constant adult supervision of young children or anyone who may experience difficulty removing themselves from the bath or hot water on their own.

- Fill tub to desired level before getting in. Run cold water first, and then add hot. Turn off the hot water first. This can prevent scalding in case someone should fall in while the tub fills. Mix the water thoroughly and check the temperature by moving your elbow, wrist or hand through the water before allowing someone to get in.

- Install grab bars, non-slip mats in tub or shower, and shower or bath seats for assistance getting in and out of the tub. Older adults are at higher risk for falls and may be unable to remove themselves from hot water, which may lead to scald injuries.

- Avoid flushing toilets, running water or using the dish washer while anyone is showering.

Cooking-related scalds are also preventable. Some things you can do to make your home safer from cooking-related burns include:

- Establish a "kid zone" out of the traffic path between the stove and sink where children can safely play and still be supervised. Keep young children in high chairs or play yards, a safe distance from counter- or stovetops, hot liquids or hot sur-

faces.

- Cook on back burners when young children are present. Keep all pot handles turned back, away from the stove edge.

- During mealtime, place hot items in the center of the table, at least 10 inches from the table edge. Use non-slip placemats instead of tablecloths if toddlers are present.

- Never drink or carry hot liquids while carrying or holding a child. Quick motions may cause spilling of the liquid onto the child.

If a burn injury does happen, cool the burn with cool (not cold) water to stop the burning process. Remove any clothing, diapers and jewelry around the injured area, cover the area with clean, loose bandages and then seek medical attention.

If you don't have health care coverage or access to a doctor, see if you're eligible for the new Healthy Indiana Plan—HIP 2.0—by visiting [www.HIP.IN.gov](http://www.HIP.IN.gov) or calling 1-877-GET-HIP-9

For more information about preventing scald burns, contact the American Burn Association at 312-642-9260 or [www.ameriburn.org](http://www.ameriburn.org).

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