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Thought for the Week: Time does not change us. It just unfolds us. Max Frisch



HOLIDAY WALK AND FESTIVAL OF TREES

The 6th Annual Holiday Walk & Festival of Trees in downtown Warren has arrived! Make plans to join us for this community event on Friday November 17th from 5 pm – 8 pm.

The downtown area will be buzzing with Christmas music and the community businesses will be welcoming you. There are 25 participating business, churches, and organizations that will be opening their doors to offer holiday goodies & special deals. Businesses will also serve as hosts for decorated tree entries in the Festival of Trees. There will be 33 decorated trees throughout the downtown this year. Trees will be decorated by businesses, individuals, families and adult/youth organizations.

The Historic Warren Board invites you to start your evening at one of the three locations that will provide visitors with a map for the evening. Maps will be located at the Town Annex, The Warren Library, and at the Soup Supper located at the KBC. We encourage you to visit each of the 33 Festival of Trees entries and place your vote as they are vying for one of the 3 winning spots, each receiving \$50 in Warren Chamber Gift Certificates. We look forward to a wonderful evening and hope you'll plan to join us!



Things You Can Find at
WWW.WARRENWEEKLYINDIANA.COM

- * Local Event Calendar * Forms
- * Archives of past Warren Weeklys
- * Antiquity Tales - a new blog
- * Classified & Subscription Forms

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Beta Chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma International Sorority will be hosting a Holiday Bazaar with Crafts, Bake Sale and Door Prizes.

The Holiday Bazaar will be held Saturday, November 18, 2017 at the Old Light Plant, 125 S. Nancy Street, Warren, Indiana. Doors open at 9:00 hand crafters and direct sale vendors will have items available for sale until 2:00 pm.

Some of our vendors include Angie Hamilton with painted jars, bottles and wood crafts.

Martina Cocklin with soy candles. Judy Freeman with lamps, tote bags, crochet and recycled items. Rhonda Flemming with Party Lite Candles and accessories.

Catie Ambriole with Usborne Children's Books. Cindy Fleeger with paper crafts and Stampin' Up Products. Jenny Plummer with hand painted ornaments and decorations, crochet hats, scarves headbands, dish cloths, towels, scrubbies and mesh wreaths. Cindy Kreps with handmade jewelry. Cindy Boxell with painted slate shingles and miscellaneous items. Jeanie Larkey with hats, scarves and headbands.

Nina Pressler with baby quilts, towels, stuffed toys/animals, travel color books and cover. Nicole Funk with Posh and Burnt Images. Billie Horrell with decorated lights, games, jams, Amish peanut butter. Nicole Curry Mary Kay Consultant. We are

still receiving registration forms.

A bake sale will also take place with sticky buns, raspberry pie, fudge, chex mix, cookies, coffee cake, cupcakes and many other delicious items available for you to enjoy. All proceeds from the bake sale will go back into the community.

Come to the Old Light Plant to find those gift and holiday décor that you will need for the holiday season. Beta Chapter is looking forward to seeing you there.

BASEMENT REPORT

If you haven't stopped by the Bargain Basement recently, drop by and see all our great Christmas decorations and gift ideas.

We now offer \$5.00 Gift Certificates. If you know someone who is struggling to clothe their family or an individual, you might consider buying them a gift certificate. If you don't know anyone, we have a member of our community who does know several in need, and will give them your gift certificate.

We are in need of winter clothes for little girls from infant to 6X. Winter clothes for men XL and plus sizes, scrubs and winter plus size ladies, and hats, gloves and scarves for everyone.

We will be closed the weekend after Thanksgiving due to Black Friday retail shopping.

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MAN DRIVES TO 2 A.M. LECTURE ON EVILS OF DRINKING

A policeman pulled over a fellow at 2 a.m. and asked where he was heading.

"I'm on my way to a lecture on the evils of alcohol," he said. "The lecture also will include warnings about smoking and staying out late."

"Really," the officer said. "Who is giving a lecture this time of night?"

"My wife," the man replied.

Perhaps you've noticed that the people who love us most are the ones take the time to warn us when we're doing unhealthy or unhelpful things.

The Bible makes it clear that we are required to speak up when we see someone going the wrong direction.

"If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you don't speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood will I require at your hand" (Ezekiel 33:8).

An Old Testament prophet named Jonah landed in deep water for refusing to warn the wicked as God had directed him to do. In one of the best-known passages in the Bible, Jonah ended up thrown into a churning sea and swallowed by a great fish because he disobeyed God and refused to go to Nineveh to warn the people there to stop their wickedness and turn to God.

After three days, that fish swam to the beach and dropped off Jonah, who had decided at that point that the best thing he could do was to do what God wanted him to do. So he went to Nineveh and preached like he'd never preached before, and everyone there turned to God.

If there's a lesson we can taken from Jonah, it's that God expects us to speak for Him and that there are consequences for not doing so.

After all, if we don't speak up, how will people know about the saving-power of Jesus?

I suspect the man in that opening tale was in for a serious talking-to when he got home to his wife, because she loved him enough to tell him the truth.

We should be willing to do likewise.

Roger Alford offers words of encouragement to residents of America's heartland. Reach him at rogeralford1@gmail.com.

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 Harold Smith, Pastor
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 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Bible Study 6:00p.m.
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 Denise Heininger, S.S. Supt.
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 Sunday School 10:45a.m.
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 Youth Leader - Kelly Jones
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
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 Worship Service 9:00a.m.
 Sunday School 10:00a.m.
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 Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor
 1st Worship..... 8:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 2nd Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
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 Steve Sutton, Pastor
 765/728-2065 for more info
 Sunday Worship..... 10:30a.m.
 Thursday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.
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 Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
 OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT
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 Chapel Services 9:00 a.m.
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 375-2510
 Bus Service 375-2510
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 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.

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 Wed. Choir 6:30p.m.
 Monthly Meetings
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 3rd Sat Mens Prayer Breakfast 8:00 am
 4th Mon ABW 1:30 pm
LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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 Assoc. Pastor Diane Samuels
 Morning Worship9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
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 Worship10:30 a.m.
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 468-2412
 Mel Zumbrun, Pastor
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 Church School 10:45a.m.

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 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.
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 Evening Praise Hour..... 6:00p.m.
 Hour of Power (Wed) 7:00p.m.
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 Sunday Worship10:00 a.m.
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 Sunday School Classes9:30 am
 Youth Group6:00 pm
 Sunday Adult Bible Study..... 6:00 pm
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AREA NEWS

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Also, if you know someone who likes to shop at Thrift Shops and you can't think of what to give them - try a Bargain Basement Gift Certificate.

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GOSPEL CONCERT

A Gospel Concert featuring Resurrection of Lafayette, IN will be held on Saturday, November 18 at 6:00 p.m. The concert will be held at First Baptist Church, 201 South Jefferson St, Ossian

Everyone is invited - no admission charge.

A freewill offering will be received.

INCREASED ENFORCEMENT

Millions of Americans will travel our nation's highways this Thanksgiving holiday to visit family and friends. With more vehicles on the road, the chances of being involved in a crash increase greatly.

The Huntington County Sheriff's Department and Warren Police Department are joining more than 230 local law-enforcement agencies across the state to spot violations to Indiana's seat belt and impaired driving laws. Through the weekend after Thanksgiving, expect to see an increase in random patrols, saturation patrols and checkpoints. This overtime enforcement is supported with National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) funds administered by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI).

"Why are we advertising this enforcement blitz? To give

drivers and their passengers fair warning and to make our roads as safe as possible," said Chief Deputy Chris Newton. "Our officers live in the communities we serve and will be thankful this holiday if impaired-driving and unbuckled deaths never strike again."

New Portable Breath Tests NHTSA and ICJI recently announced delivery of 1,759 portable breath tests to assist 150 Indiana law-enforcement agencies in establishing probable cause when arresting drunk drivers.

The Alco-Sensor FSTs mouthpieces and gas canisters used to calibrate the readings were purchased with just over \$750,000 in federal impaired-driving funds. The new devices include passive sniffers that can sense alcohol in the air around a person or an open container. Over the coming year, an additional \$310,000 is budgeted to purchase 725 portable breath tests for Indiana State Police posts.

More information and list of recipient agencies is at www.in.gov/cji/files/Highway_Safety_PBT_release.pdf. It's the law

In every state, it is illegal to drive with a blood alcohol concentration of .08 or higher. In Indiana, drivers under 21 with a BAC of .02 or higher are subject to fines and a license suspension for up to 1 year.

Indiana has a primary seat-belt law, meaning that police officers may ticket unrestrained drivers or passengers, even if no other traffic violation has taken

place. In addition, all passengers under age 8 must be in an approved car seat or booster seat.

For more information about impaired driving visit <http://on.IN.gov/drivesober> and for more information about seat belts visit <http://on.IN.gov/buckleup>.

Seat belt tips The ICJI and Purdue University Center for Road Safety estimate that about 93 percent of Hoosiers buckle up. But the small amount of drivers and passengers not wearing seat belts made up more than half of Indiana's fatal crashes in 2016. Below are tips for proper seat-belt use:

- Secure the lap belt across your hips and pelvis, below your stomach.
 - Place the shoulder belt across the middle of your chest and rib cage, away from your neck.
 - Never put the shoulder belt behind your back or under an arm.
 - If your seat belt doesn't fit you, or you have an older car with lap belts only, ask your dealer or vehicle manufacturer about seat-belt adjusters, extenders or retrofits.
- Motor vehicle crashes are a leading and increasing cause of death for children ages 1 to 13. Below are tips for properly selecting, installing and using child safety seats:
- Choose the right car seat for a child's height and

weight at www.safercar.gov/therights

- Use a rear-facing infant or convertible seat until a child reaches the seat's upper height or weight limit. Rear-facing harness straps should originate at or below the child's shoulders. And never install a rear-facing seat in front of an active air bag.
- Once a child outgrows a rear-facing car seat, he or she is ready for a forward-facing car seat with harness. Always use the tether strap when installing a front-facing car seat. Front-facing harness straps should originate at or above the child's shoulders.
- Tightly secure car seats using either the seat belt or the lower anchors, but not both, and that they are threaded through the correct path. Make sure the straps are snug and free of twists, and that the car seat doesn't move more than 1 inch.
- Buckling your child correctly is just as important as installing the seat correctly. Seat belts and harness straps should be snug and free of twists. If you are able to pinch harness straps between your fingers, the harness is not tight enough.
- To receive timely recall information, register your car seat with the manufacturer or using the form at www.nhtsa.gov/document/car-seat-registration-form.

Sober driving tips

Crashes involving at least one alcohol-impaired driver resulted in 211 Hoosier deaths and nearly 2,100 injuries during 2016. And the Thanksgiving holiday is one of the deadliest times of year.

With all of today's options for getting home safely, there's no excuse for getting behind the wheel impaired as it endangers you and everyone else around you. Law enforcement recommends these safe alternatives to impaired driving:

- Designate, or be, a sober driver.
- Use public transportation.
- Call a cab or a ridesharing service.
- Download the SaferRide mobile app on the Android Play Store or the Apple iTunes Store. This simple app only has three options: call a taxi, call a friend, and identify your location for pickup.
- Celebrate at home or a place where you can stay until sober.
- Throwing a party? Offer non-alcoholic beverages and plenty of food.
- Never provide alcohol to minors.
- Ask young drivers about their plans.
- Friend or family member about to drive? Take the keys and make alternate arrangements.

Impaired driving is three times more common at night than during the day. If you see an impaired driver, turn off the road away from the vehicle and call 911. Signs of impaired driving include:

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Community Calendar

Items listed here are open to the public. If there is an admission charge or items are for sale or a donation is necessary, there is a one-time \$5 fee to be listed. Events can be listed for as long as 6 months. (If an event is canceled, please notify WW.) Only event, place, time, and sponsor, for events in Warren, and the surrounding area will be listed.

Nov 15	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting
Nov 17	5-8p	W - Festival of Trees
Nov 20	6:30p	W - KBC Board Meeting at KBC
Nov 24	6:00p	W - Santa Arrives
Dec 3	9-3p	Second Sunday Market @ KBC
Dec 4	5:00p	Veteran's Banquet @ Banquo Christian Church
Dec 6	Noon	W - Chamber Luncheon @ Assembly Hall
Dec 8	9-1p	Holiday Cookies, Candy & Craft Sale, iAB Heritage Hall/ Htgn Co Fairgrounds

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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- Braking erratically
- Making wide turns
- Stopping without cause
- Responding slowly to traffic signals
- Driving after dark with headlights off
- Almost striking an object or vehicle
- Driving on the wrong side of the road
- Turning abruptly or illegally

ADDED AT LIBRARY

Items recently added to the collection at Warren Public Library include:

ADULT FICTION: Connelly-*Two Kids of Truth*; Palmer-Wyoming *Winter*; Hannon-Dangerous Illusions; Cussler-Typhoon *Fury*; Child-The *Midnight Line*; Bunn-Miramar Bay; Allende-In the *Midst of Winter*; Patterson-Count to *Ten*; Estleman-The *Ballad of Black Bart*; Graham-American *Drifter*; Evanovich-Hardcore *Twenty-Four*

ADULT NON-FICTION: Ramos-The *Complete Ketogenic Diet for Beginners*; Lentz-Own the *Moment*; Zenoff-The *Unspeakable Loss*; Rather-What *Unites Us*

CHILDREN'S: Briggs-Catch My *Breath*; Long-Otis Gives *Thanks*; Katz-Where is *Baby's Turkey?*; Capozzi-I am *Thankful*; Dewdney-Llama

Llama Gives *Thanks*; Kung Fu Panda: Autumn Festival *Fun*; Carle-Thanks from the *Very Hungry Caterpillar*; Noble-Rettie and the *Ragamuffin Parade*; Pak-Goodbye *Autumn*, Hello *Winter*; P J Masks: Owlette and the *Giving Owl*; Smith-It's *Thanksgiving*, Chloe *Zoe!*; Wilson-Hedgehugs: Autumn *Hide-and-Seek*; Daniel Tiger's *Neighborhood: I'm Feeling Thankful* (Board Book); Mickey's *Thanksgiving* (Board Book)

GRAPHIC NOVELS: Findarkly-Poppies of *Iraq*; Nathan Hale's *Hazardous Tales: Raid of No Return*

DVDs: The *Dark Tower*; *Cars 3*

SECOND SATURDAY

Kids can make holiday gifts during Second Saturday at Salamonie Lake on Dec. 9.

The program runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Salamonie Interpretive Center. Children can use materials from nature to make gifts. Parents and guardians of children ages 6 to 12 are not required to remain with their kids.

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

Second Saturday is a monthly educational series of programs at Salamonie Lake.

A \$3 fee per participant is payable day of the event. Standard gate fees of \$7 per in-state vehicle and \$9 per out-of-state vehicle apply.

TIME TO GET READY

With cold weather just around the corner, the Indiana Department of Homeland Security is encouraging all Hoosiers to become more equipped during Winter Weather Preparedness Week, November 12-18.

Here are several tips to be actively involved in Winter Weather Preparedness Week.

For your home:

- Make sure homes are well insulated, including proper weather stripping around all doors and windows. If the home is not well insulated, consider using storm windows or plastic coverings on windows to help retain heat.

- Alternative heating and cooking cause many fires in the winter. Make sure to have a fire extinguisher on hand.

- Smoke alarms save lives! Make sure smoke alarms are up to date and placed on each level of the home, as well as outside sleeping areas.

- Know how to shut off water valves properly if a pipe were to burst due to extreme cold.

- Homeowner insurance policies should be reviewed to ensure that coverage is adequate for winter weather.

For your vehicle:

- Have an emergency kit for the car. It should include: a portable phone charger, extra blankets, jumper cables and an ice scraper, just to name a few.

- Make sure all cars have been checked by a mechanic before cold weather hits. The mechanic should check the brakes, heater, defroster, tires and windshield wipers.

- Having a bag of sand can help improve traction for a car stuck on snow or ice.

Hoosiers should use Winter Weather Preparedness Week to create or maintain a home preparedness kit that may be needed during winter storms. Items to include in a preparedness kit include:

- Food and water for three days, including one of gallon of water per person, per day

- Battery or hand crank all hazard (weather) radio and flashlight

- First aid kit and necessary medication

- Extra clothing, shoes and blankets

- Copies of important documents (photo ID, Social Security card, etc.)

For more information on winter weather preparedness and fire safety, visit [Get Prepared.IN.gov](http://GetPrepared.IN.gov).

TURKEY VULTURES: AN ASPECT OF INDIANA'S ECOSYSTEM

by Kendra Smalley

Autumn in Indiana is beautiful: leaves don brilliant colors before the wind strips them away; apples and pumpkins come into season; cool weather sets in that is perfect for chunky sweaters; and migratory birds fly south in anticipation of looming blizzards. Among the flocks of squawking geese and swooping starlings, you may notice some large birds soaring with a slight wobble through the sunny autumnal skies. These are turkey vultures, which join transitory

groups called kettles as they migrate in the spring and fall.

Before you turn away in disgust from reading about scavengers, allow me to ask you to pause and consider the beauty of a turkey vulture in flight. Have you ever seen a massive bird wheeling high on a sunny day, its body slightly tottering from side to side and its wings rarely flapping? That is a turkey vulture. Dr. Neil Sabine, associate professor of biology at Indiana University East, explains, "Turkey vultures are weak flyers and therefore rely mostly on finding columns of rising air with favorable tail winds."

He adds that turkey vultures are the widest ranging vultures in the world. One of the differences between new world vultures—such as turkey vultures—and old world vultures—the antagonistic birds portrayed as vicious and evil in film and media—is that the former ones lack talons and have a relatively weak beak. This means they cannot quickly and easily tear into the flesh of a carcass, nor can they kill their prey. Old world vultures, on the other hand, can. The Indiana Department of Natural Resources explains that this is one of the reasons why the Cherokee word for turkey vulture means "Peace Eagle."

But why are scavengers, such as vultures, important to an ecosystem? Humans tend to be disgusted at the thought of animals eating carcasses, but these types of carnivores actually help remove rotting and diseased material from an area. Dr. Sabine clarifies that, "If turkey vultures, or animals like them, were

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GENEALOGY REPORT**STRICKLAND**

Sandra Jo Strickland, 77, of Montpelier, IN, died Thursday, Nov.



9, 2017, at 7:10 p.m. at Heritage Pointe of Warren.

Mrs. Strickland graduated in 1958 from Marion High School and earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Ball State University, cum laude. She taught fourth grade at Montpelier Elementary School for 28 years. She was a member of the Indiana State Teachers Association and Tri Kappa.

She was born Aug. 11, 1940, in Grant County to Charles E. and Maryann Wright Ellsworth. She married Kenneth E. Strickland on March 9, 1958, at the First Christian Church in Marion, and he survives.

Additional survivors include two sons, Kenneth Ray (Sherri) Strickland, of Gaston, and Stephen Eugene (Amy) Strickland, of Bryon Center, MI; a daughter, Cyndi Ann (Bob) Poe, of Huntington; a brother, Robert DeLong, of Marion; nine grandchildren, Stacy Jo (Greg) Jarrett, Christopher (Ann) Strickland, Craig (Ashley) Strickland, Patty (Jason) Smalley, Ashley (Caleb) Ling, Shelli (Justin) Coburn, Gabriel Austin Poe, Samantha Strickland and Ryan Strickland; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Calling is Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2017, from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier. A service will be held at the funeral home on Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2017, at 11 a.m., with calling one hour prior to the service. Rev. Susan Finley will officiate. Interment will be at Brookside Memorial Park, in Montpelier.

Memorial gifts may be made to Blackford Animal Shelter in care of Pam Bonham, PO Box 70, Hartford City IN 47348.

SCHREIBER

Jerry Lee "Sammy" Schreiber, 75, of Markle, IN, died Friday, Nov. 10, 2017, at Markle Health & Rehabilitation, in Markle.

He was born June 17, 1942, in Bluffton to William L. and Mamie Deam Schreiber.

Survivors include two brothers, David Schreiber, of Roanoke, and Donald (Rosemary) Schreiber, of Liberty Center; a sister, Janet Pence, of Bluffton; and a brother-in-law, Vaughn (Marlene) Macon, of Bluffton.

The family will hold a private service. Burial will be at Six Mile Cemetery, in Bluffton.

Goodwin Memorial Chapel, in Bluffton, was in charge of arrangements.

HUFFMAN

Homer L. Huffman Jr., 93, of Bluffton, IN, died Sunday evening, Nov. 12, 2017, at Heritage Pointe in Warren.



Mr. Huffman graduated from Poplar Grove High School and served in the United States Army from 1944 to 1946. He worked at Franklin Electric for 32 years, retiring in 1985, and had also farmed with David Prible for more than 25 years. He was a founding member of the First Church of Christ in Bluffton and had attended the church since 1957. He spent winters in Arizona for 19 years.

He was born Aug. 22, 1924 in Wells County to Homer L. Sr. and Abigail Bain Huffman. He married Maralene M. Braner on Feb. 26, 1946, in Jay County, and she preceded him in death on Feb. 13, 2016.

Survivors include a daughter, Brenda Sue Sprunger, of Uniondale; a daughter-in-law, Linda Huffman, of Bluffton; a brother, Forrest Eugene "Woody" Huffman, of Fort Wayne; a sister, Marge A. Ruel, of Bluffton; five grandchildren, Rob Huffman, Carrie Franze, Abby Huffman, Breanna Sprunger and Jacoby Sprunger; and two great-grandchildren.

Calling is Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2017, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Fuenral Home, in Bluffton. A service will be held at the funeral home on Thursday, Nov. 16, 2017, at 2 p.m., with calling one hour prior to the service. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery, Bluffton, with military honors by American Legion Post 111 of Bluffton and the United States Army Honor guard.

Memorial gifts may be made to the First Church of Christ for the Grundy Children's Home.

DENNIS

Jeffrey Allen Dennis, 42, of Claypool, IN, and a former resident of Huntington, IN, died Sunday, Nov. 12, 2017, at the Visiting Nurse Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Dennis graduated from Huntington North High School in 1994 and attended Ivy Tech, in Fort Wayne. He was employed by Bendix, in Huntington. As a child, he was an accomplished BMX racer.

He was born Sept. 23, 1975, in Huntington. He is survived by his father, Wilbur Alter (Angela) Dennis, of Huntington, and was preceded in death by his mother, Joyce Ann Dillon. He married Hayli N. Hawk on Feb. 5, 2017, and she survives.

Additional survivors include two brothers, Jon Mikel Dennis, of Huntington, and Shawn David Dennis, of Piercetown; two sisters, Jennifer A. (Michael) Nevil, of Huntington, and Jodi (Corey) Byrd, of Van Buren; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Ronald and Jennifer

Hawk, of Claypool; and grandchildren and nieces and brother-in-law, Jesse Hawk, of Fort Wayne.

Calling is Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2017, from noon to 4 p.m. at Bailey-Love Mortuary, Huntington. A service will be held at the mortuary on Thursday, Nov. 16, 2017, at 10 a.m., with calling one hour prior to the service. Burial will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Huntington.

Memorial gifts may be made to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750.

CAMPBELL

Madonna Campbell, 88, of Anderson, passed away Nov. 9, 2017, at St. Vincent Anderson Regional Hospital. She was born Sept. 25, 1929, in Anderson.

She retired from Caylor-Nickel-Bluffton after 15 years of service.

She was a member of Mounds Baptist Church and enjoyed visiting her sister.

Madonna is survived by her children, Michael (Brenda) Moreland and Kathleen (Tim) Irwin; siblings, Barbara Gill and William D. Rushton; four grandchildren; several great-

grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Raymond Moreland and William T. Campbell; son, Raymond Moreland; parents, Thelma and William Rushton; and sisters, Anna Kelly and Martha Hulse.

Services will be Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. at the Loose Funeral Homes and Crematory with visitation one hour prior to the service.

Burial will take place in Anderson Memorial Park.

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removed from an ecosystem, diseases would increase and the number of flies would increase." Since flies can spread disease, turkey vultures play a vital role in the health and sanitation of an ecosystem. In fact, their scientific name, *Cathartes aura*, means "to cleanse from the air." But these birds don't only eat carcasses. Up to fifty percent of their diet consists of vegetation.

Turkey vultures have few natural predators. BioKIDS, which partners with academic institutions such as the University of Michigan Museum of Zoology, reveals that turkey vulture eggs and chicks are often preyed upon by raccoons. Whereas large owls occasionally prey on the adult birds, most turkey vulture deaths are due to manmade structures, including fences, cars, and wind turbines. Nevertheless, these animals are fortunately not an endangered species.

Next time you see a turkey vulture gracefully wheeling through the sky on a windy day, hopefully you will appreciate its contribution to the beauty of the world around you. Without these magnificent birds, disease and bacteria would be much more rampant, not to mention that the autumnal air wouldn't be filled with the crisp and delightful scents of fallen leaves and pumpkin spice.

Kendra Smalley of Crystal Lake, Illinois studies professional writing at Taylor University in Upland, Indiana.

A NOVEMBER AFTERNOON THAT SEEMED TO STRETCH FOREVER

"An Afternoon that Seemed to Stretch Forever," that was the title of a magazine article I didn't have time to read, but wished I did. I was just too busy. Still the idea haunted me throughout my hectic day and on into the packed weekend.

"Don't you just love this sentence," I asked my friend as we put the lids on the last canning jars of applesauce. "An afternoon that seemed to stretch forever."

"That all depends on what kind of an afternoon you're having!" (She'd just spent a nerve fraying, toxic weekend camping out in a leaky tent with a wild toddler and two cranky teenaged pubicydes belonging to her husband's relative.)

I hadn't even thought about how awful it is when a lousy day drags on and on. Since I laid eyes on the words, my brain had been creating for me a perfect, November afternoon. It would be an old-fashioned Sunday that would capture the soul of the season.

Actually, the perfect day would start the day before. Everything would be done that had to be; the laundry hampers and ironing basket would be empty so that everybody would have stuff in their closet to choose from to wear the next morning to church. Nobody would need to hunt for a thing, and just knowing that, would ensure a good night's sleep. (Looking good would also ward off an in-transit church fight. Instead of being mean to each other in the car on the way to the sanctuary, each one would be part of a

carload of kind spirits on their way to celebrate the Sabbath!)

The house would be clean, but comfortable. The floors would shine and the oven wouldn't smoke and stink when it was time to use it. The refrigerator would be fully stocked so that having to run to the store on Sunday for something for a recipe would simply not happen. The pantry would be practically spilling over with the bounty of the season's harvest. Since everything in there would be delicious anyway, the biggest decision would be what to choose. And choosing would be like being a chef in a four-star restaurant. The menu would be planned in vivid color and with the list of ingredients accounted for; a bit of preliminary chopping, peeling, pitting and paring would make things run smoothly in the kitchen when it came time to start the dinner.

The dinner would be fit for company, but fixed just for the family. The last of the autumn chrysanthemums from the garden would take their place of honor at the dining room table, waiting to greet the family when everyone sat down together for the perfect old-fashioned Sunday dinner. At the table, there would definitely be a roast with heaps of fluffy mashed potatoes and a gravy pitcher of wonderful gravy! There would also be a freezer of homemade ice cream that each one in the family had taken a crank at.

After everyone was stuffed and said so, the table would be cleared and the happy people who had gathered together to share the meal would casually separate and move to other parts of the house. Some would watch the football game, some would play cards, others would go for an after dinner stroll. But everybody would be cozy and contented and each one would wish that the old fashioned Sunday afternoon would stretch forever.

This article was written 23 years ago, but it's still a

dream that's stayed in my head and it never happened in real life. If you're in the middle of raising a family, just enjoy it, in spite of the mess it's in (even the in-transit church fights). This whole life thing is a miracle, so don't miss it waiting for some perfect day.

For more from Pam Young go to www.cluborganized.com. You'll find many musings, videos of Pam in the kitchen preparing delicious meals, videos on how to get organized, lose weight and get your finances in order, all from a reformed SLOB's point of view. Pam's books are also available on Amazon.

A POSITIVE ATTITUDE AND YOUR CHILD'S HEALTH

from the American Counseling Association
Hello, cold and flu season. With damp, chilly winter weather, and school contact with all those other little germ factories, it's not that surprising if your child suddenly is coughing, sneezing or worse..

While most of us are well aware of the medical steps to help our child get better, we sometimes forget there are emotional things we can do to help our child, too. This is important because our kids often feel bad about feeling bad. Have your kids ever apologized for being ill, saying, "Mom, I'm sorry I'm sick"?

What can you do? Start with a smile. If you're looking worried and concerned when approaching your ill child, he or she is going to begin worrying about why you look so worried.

Instead of asking, "How are your feeling?" when it's already clear that he or she is not feeling well, try to offer something positive. Tell your child that he or she is looking a little better, or has gotten some of that color back or seems a little cooler. Assure him that your job is to get him well.

One of that best medicines for a sick child, regardless of age, is being generous with your hugs and cuddles. While

it can be tempting to plop him or her in front of that TV and just checking in occasionally, offering physical contact that encourages positive feelings of safety brings better results.

Instead of TV time, trying sitting your young child on your lap while reading a story, or maybe spending some time together coloring. If there is to be some TV time, spend at least part of it with him or her, holding hands while watching together.

There's no question that our minds have the power to affect our health. Talk with your child about imagining feeling better and you might find it can actually help him or her feel that way.

You also want to listen to your child. Encourage him or her to talk about what's being felt. If it's something as simple as a tummy ache, you may find the cause to be the stress of the day, not an illness.

None of us ever wants our child not feeling well. When illness does strike, try combining being a health care giver with being a loving, supportive parent who encourages a positive attitude. It really can help your child feel healthier faster.

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EASY WAYS TO STAY HEALTHY THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS

(StatePoint) Between all those holiday festivities and extra seasonal chores, it can be difficult to always stay on top of your health. Here are some easy ways to prioritize wellness this time of year.

Make Mornings Count

Evenings are especially busy around this time of year, so taking control of your mornings can be key. But, on dark winter mornings, the hardest part about working out can sometimes be just getting out of bed. Stay accountable by making workout plans with friends. Get your yoga-loving coworker to commit to a weekly class with you, or start a holiday steps competition at work to motivate yourself to move more.

Try Out Tech

New, innovative technologies can inspire you to take charge of your health. Wearable fitness trackers have been around for a while, but home DNA tests, like Orig3n's Fitness test, can help you optimize workouts by providing insights into your genes. Discover whether you have the genes that need an extra rest day, or whether you're better at high-intensity workouts or endurance exercises. Then, adjust your routine accordingly. If you're looking to eat more healthfully, the Orig3n Nutrition test analyzes your hunger and weight genes so you can learn about how your body processes fats (good to know for Christmas cookie portion control) and if you're predisposed to any food sensitivities. Ask for one for the holidays or gift a DNA test for your White Elephant swap.

Strike a Balance

Exercise accounts for only about 25 percent of weight loss, while healthy eating accounts for 75 percent. Indulge yourself this holiday season, but also make smart choices. Go for the apple pie and eggnog, but pair them with healthier choices earlier in the day. Enjoy the shrimp

cocktail instead of the cheese and crackers, or have a light breakfast of yogurt before the holiday feast. It's all about balance. Instead of reaching for all the sweets and comfort foods in front of you, think about what you'd really like to eat. Choose wisely and mindfully.

Focus on Fun, Not Food

Don't overthink it! It's the holiday season and you're supposed to be enjoying yourself. If you spend your time at parties counting calories instead of counting down to the New Year, you'll miss out on the most important part of the season - time spent with loved ones. What's more, you may find yourself overindulging later if you're too restrictive. Instead, focus on the people in your life and the memories you're making.

Get Rest

The most wonderful time of the year can be the most stressful when you have parties to plan, gifts to buy and financial obligations. A University of Chicago study found that people overeat on snacks -- sometimes hundreds of additional calories -- when they aren't getting enough sleep. Take a breather, and when you can, get yourself to bed early.

Start the new year right. Have fun this holiday season, without neglecting your health.

TIPS FOR CHOOSING AND USING YOUR 2018 MEDICARE HEALTH PLAN

(StatePoint) It's that time of year again: The Medicare Annual Election Period (AEP) began Oct. 15 and runs through Dec. 7. Medicare is a critical source of health care for millions of Americans who are age 65 and older and for younger people with certain qualifying disabilities. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) sets this time for people eligible

for Medicare to select or make changes to their plans for the following year.

For people with Medicare, there is nothing more important than maintaining physical and financial independence. The right health care plan can help. It can ensure you have access to fitness programs, preventive services, engaged doctors, maintenance medications and transportation, all at an affordable price. That's why it's so crucial for Medicare consumers to consider their health and budget needs as they evaluate their health care options for 2018.

"Choosing a plan isn't as simple as just keeping the one you had last year or looking only at the monthly premium costs," says Brian Evanko, who leads Cigna's government programs, which include Cigna-HealthSpring. "The goal should be to choose a plan that best meets your individual needs. It's important to find the right balance for you between benefits and affordability."

To help you choose a plan and get the most from it, consider these five tips:

1. Make a list of your priorities and health care needs. Focusing on prevention? Keeping out-of-pocket costs low? Staying active? Needing dental, vision or hearing coverage? Seeking comprehensive prescription drug coverage? Take time to evaluate plan options according to your health and financial goals.

2. Know your network. Many plans offer choices with a network of doctors. Navigating the health care system can be complex, time-consuming and costly. Without the right support, you can feel very alone. That's why it's critical to surround yourself with a team of providers who are committed to getting to

know your needs and to meeting them through open communication and care coordination. The primary care physician serves as your quarterback, directing your care through a network of like-minded specialists.

3. Take advantage of preventive care benefits. Medicare plans offer many preventive health benefits. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that 100,000 lives could be saved each year if everyone received recommended preventive care, which often starts with seeing a doctor for an annual check-up. So go to your doctor, know the health screenings you need for your age and get them to take control of your health. For more information about preventive care, visit www.cigna.com/takecontrol.

4. Stay active with fitness benefits. Exercise is essential to healthy aging. Original Medicare doesn't cover gym memberships or fitness programs, but some Medicare Advantage plans offer such benefits as part of their coverage at no extra cost.

5. Use no-cost resources to help pick the right plan. CMS' Plan Finder helps you compare costs, covered medications and other items. Many insurance plans offer seminars at no cost and with no obligation to sign up. You can also check health plans' websites or call customer service for more information. Local and state agencies on aging also connect older adults and caregivers with community resources.

As you weigh the options, Evanko offers this advice: "It's worth it to take the time to set your priorities and see how plan benefits stack up. Only then can you choose a plan that really helps you get the most from it and reach your goals."

HOW TO SAVE ON MOBILE DEVICES THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

(StatePoint) Holiday spending is expected to rise this year over last, according to the National Retail Federation. While you may be budgeting for a more expensive season in some ways, keep in mind that when upgrading mobile devices for yourself or loved ones, you don't necessarily need to go brand new and pay a premium.

Lingering misconceptions persist that refurbished devices were necessarily broken or had problems. However, many such mobile phones, tablets and accessories that come from trade-in and upgrade programs were perfectly good devices that owners sent in for newer models.

Luckily, for bargain hunters, such trade-ins and sales are becoming more popular, making it easier to navigate the market for a previously owned device.

Just be sure you stick to reputable sources where you can trust the device to be in fully functional condition. For example, those from MyWit on eBay undergo an extensive 65-point inspection of cosmetic, functional and radio frequency (RF) performance to ensure 100 percent functionality. Tests verify that every function that a customer can use (camera, audio, SIM, WiFi, Bluetooth, etc.) is in excellent working order and RF tests ensure wireless devices deliver a consistent quality of connection and do not drop available signals.

"These days, refurbished devices can provide an affordable, high-quality alternative to a new device," says David Conti, director of eCommerce at MyWit. "It's also a thoughtful option for the eco-conscious, extending the life of devices and reducing electronic waste."

This holiday season, stretch your holiday budget without sacrificing on quality. Consider a great cost-saving secret on mobile upgrades, replacements, and tech gifts.

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