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Thought for the Week: If I had to live my life again, I'd make the same mistakes, only sooner. Tallulah Bankhead



## SKELTON "REMEMBERED"

Join us for our 2nd fabulous Fine Art's program on March 22nd at 2:00 in our Chapel. Jennings B. Barnett from Alexandria KY, will share with us a show titled Red Skelton "Remembered". Though Mr. Skelton is no longer with us Mr Jennings felt it would be a shame to let his type of clean family entertainment end. For the past few years Jennings has performed his comedy. In so doing, he has touched lives in a positive way and brought back many precious memories. He will perform many of Red's characters: Gertrude & Heathcliff, and Clem Kadiddlehopper just to name a few. Join us at Heritage Pointe for an afternoon of laughs memories of days gone by. Everyone welcome.

E-mail your news items to the Warren Weekly at [wwkly@citiznet.com](mailto:wwkly@citiznet.com)

## BASEBALL NOTE

Eight year olds wanting to play in the Warren Baseball League will be playing Little League rules, not Coach's Pitch.

## CATTLEMEN TO MEET

The Huntington County Cattlemen will meet on Thursday March 15th at 7:00 pm in the Huntington Co. Courthouse Annex Conference Room. Topics for discussion include final preparations for the Preview Show on March 24.

For more information, contact Purdue Extension - Huntington County Office, 354 N Jefferson - Suite 202, Huntington or call 260-358-4826.

## SALAMONIE SCHOLARSHIP

Attention all 2012 Huntington North High School Seniors - If you attended Salamonie Elementary K-5th grade, (or at least four years) you may be eligible for a Salamonie School Scholarship - Please stop by the guidance department at the high school or stop in at Salamonie School and pick up an application. The deadline for the scholarship applications is April 15th, 2012.

## PHARMACY PLANS

This year, 2012, a number of Pharmacy Insurance Plans have chosen to, once again, to allow the Warren Pharmacy to fill your prescriptions. The informedRx commercial Pharmacy insurance plan, and informedRx Medicare Prescription Plans, will work with us and allow 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.

It pays to visit the Warren Pharmacy (260) 375-2135.

## BASEMENT NOTES

With many Thanks to our volunteers we have the Bargain Basement turned over to Summer once again. If you've never been involved with this process you'll never know how grateful Jan and I are.

Thank you so much to Suzy Boxell, one of our regular "go to" ladies. She's always there with her energy, organizational skills and ideas.

Also thank you to a new volunteer, Sherry Roop, who not only helped with the "turnover" but helped organize the Book Nook with great ideas. It actually looks like a library now. It's organized with books, movies, CD's etc - easy to find whatever type of media you want. Come check it out! She will also be helping out on Saturdays.

Another big Thank you to a seasoned volunteer Nancy Smith, she not only volunteers at the BB, she does so much for our community by helping so many other county organizations.

Thank you to Lavenie Johnson who has helped in the past and helped with the Book Nook.

It will be Prom time soon - do you have any dresses hanging in your closets? It would help our communities girls if they could purchase a Prom dress at a reasonable price.

We always need grocery bags for our \$5 sale. Please ask for paper. Lots of you say "I forgot the bags" - put them in your trunk, then when you head for the BB you can just bring them in.

For those who may not know the Mission of the Bargain Basement Volunteers is to help pay the Knight Bergman Civic Center expenses. This is why we have some nicer, unusual items not included in the bag sale. All proceeds go to the Civic Center.

As always, we thank all of you who bring in donations - you are the first step in helping the Civic Center.

Nancy

## RATE INCREASE POSSIBLE

Since the new contract for trash pick-up in Van Buren went into effect the cost has raised. Due to a substantial raise it may be necessary to raise rates to local residents. It is reported that this is the first raise since trash pick-up went into effect in 1998.

There will be a public hearing on the matter, possibly in April.

## DILLMAN GOLF

Mike Schweikhardt has been working on plans for the 2012 Dillman Church Golf Outing. The Outing will be held at Arbor Trace on Saturday, May 26th.

As always, this is an event to raise funds to send kids to Church Camp.

If you have a group that would like to participate in the Golf Outing, please contact Mike. More detailed information will be available in April.

If you have questions in the meantime, feel free to contact Mike Schweikhardt at 375-3569.



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## KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS



### THE UPTOWN GARDENER

by Ruth Herring

If this great weather keeps up soon we will be hearing lawn mowers running. The winters are long but seem to go fast.

I have crocuses blooming in the yard always nice feeling to see the little blooms popping up. Other spring flowers are showing good size buds and our peach tree the buds are swelling and I know they are going to get hit hard by frost. I seen the butterfly bush is all leafed out and it is far to early for all this.

We recently celebrated our 50th anniversary and had such a special day that when the actual day of our anniversary came Wayne and I both completely forgot it. We received so many cards and notes from friends and family, that our day will be always be remembered. Again thanks to all for making it special.

Now its time to get the flowers in the sunroom talked into really thinking spring. I have started to feed them with mild fertilizer and alternate with epsom salts water. The epsom salts feeds them for stronger stem and leaf growth. The geraniums are blooming really good and hope they continue to do so. Keeping them over saves quite a bit when it comes time to buy new plants.

If we had a garden it would be soon time to think about planting potatoes, dad always planted early ones on Good Friday.

At school our spring break was Good Friday afternoon and also had to attend services at the church and if not we were called absent from school for the day, after that it was time to get to the garden. What a spring break we had.

Enjoy and think spring!

### DIFFICULT PEOPLE CAN BE MADE LESS SO

by V Neil Wyrick

I wish there weren't difficult people. I wish I weren't allergic to the emotional toxin they spread. I wish they didn't sometimes make my mind go in circles and my stomach go to ulcers.

Maybe if I had the patience of Job and the wisdom of Solomon, I wouldn't be so irritated. But since I live in the river of life I must learn to make friends with the crocodiles. I must seek to make rainbows in the midst of other people's thunder.

One of the difficult folk I have met on this road of life had an anger that seemed to be a living thing. Then I learned that on a terrible, black, bleak day he was convicted of a crime he didn't commit. Later on he was set free. Except he wasn't free. The bars of bitterness still held him. My finding out did not change his behavior. But it changed mine. I became more patient with his outbursts.

DPs come in all kinds of emotional shapes and sizes. Most are sprinters, not marathon runners. Wait them out until they run out of fuel. "Build on resolve and not regret," cautioned Adlai Stevenson.

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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  
Jerome Markley, S.S. Supt.

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

**CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199  
Pastor - Heath Jones  
Youth Leaders - Kelly Jones

Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School ..... 10:40 a.m.  
Adult Bible Study ..... Sun 6:30p.m.  
Youth Group ..... Sun 6:00p.m.  
Handicap Accessible  
Little Panther Preschool 765.934.2099

**HEALING WATERS MINISTRY —  
MAJENICA**  
Pastor Richard Evans  
260/224-3736

Sunday Service ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday ..... 7:00 p.m.

**DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN**  
8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779  
Dick Case, 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 ..... 9:00 a.m.  
2nd Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.

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

Chapel Services ..... 9:00 a.m.

**THE NEW BEGINNING**  
SR 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto  
Steve Sutton, Pastor  
765/728-2065 for more info

Sunday Worship ..... 10:30a.m.  
Thursday Prayer Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m.

**NEW HOPE MINISTRIES**  
9019 E 300 S - Warren Indiana  
Jim Graham, Pastor  
260/494-6753 260/489-1456  
260/375-4224

Sunday School ..... 9:30am  
Morning Worship ..... 10:30am

**LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH**  
694-6622  
Aaron Westfall, Pastor

Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.  
Fellowship ..... 9:55a.m.  
Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.

**LIBERTY CENTER  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Pastor Devin Cook

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

**MCMATT 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. Sam Padgett - Pastor

Trad. Worship ..... 9:00 a.m.  
Fellowship ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Mdrn Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Youth ..... 6:30 p.m.

**MOUNT ETNA WESLEYAN**  
Pastor Brian Holland

Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Mid-Week (Thurs) ..... 6:30 p.m.

**PLUM TREE  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
375-2691  
Dr. Jeane Spoor, Pastor

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

**SALAMONIE  
CHURCH OF BRETHREN**  
468-2412  
Mel Zumbrun, Pastor

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

**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
375-2102  
Pastor Scott Nedberg

Youth Pastor - Rev Harold Smith Jr  
Sunday Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Contemporary Service ..... 11:30 a.m.  
Junior Church ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Youth Meetings-Wed ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Communion 1st Sunday of the Month

**VB CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
765/934-3321 Parsonage  
Jeff Wass, Pastor

Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Adult Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Children's Church ..... 10:30a.m.  
Evening Praise Hour ..... 6:00p.m.  
Hour of Power (Wed) ..... 7:00p.m.

**VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
765-934-1431  
Pastor Leon Pomeroy

Worship Service ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School ..... 10:30a.m.  
Jr/Sr High FLOCK (Sun) ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Prayer-Bible Study (Thur) ..... 7:00 p.m.  
UMW 2nd Wed ..... 7:00 p.m.

**WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
375-3022  
Ethan T Stivers, Minister  
Nathan Ratcliff, Youth Minister  
Tara Bower and Melinda Haynes - Secretaries

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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, Thursday ..... 6-8pm

**WARREN 1ST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Corner of N. Wayne & Matilda Sts.  
Senior Pastor Rev. Bill Fisher

Asst Pastor for Youth Greg Casserino  
Lori Buzzard, S.S. Supt.

Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship ..... 10:00 a.m.

**WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH**  
375-2330 6th & Nancy Sts. Warren  
Rev. Allen Laws, Pastor  
Wesley Welch, Supt.

Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Worship ..... 10:15 a.m.  
Wednesday Prayer Service: 7:00p.m.  
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**FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN  
765-934-3609

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

### BLOOD DRIVE

A Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at Dillman Church on Saturday, March 31st from 7a.m. to noon.

There are a variety of available appoints, so you can schedule a convenient time that will fit your schedule.

Anyone 17 years or older (16 with parent's permission) weighing more than 110 pounds is eligible to donate. There are medical conditions and medications that may make you ineligible to donate.

If you would like to commit to donate blood, please contact Bridget Schweikhardt 375.3569.

This Blood Drive is not just for Dillman Church, so please help spread the word throughout the community.

If you are unable to donate blood, there are other opportunities to get involved. There is a need for refreshments, greeters and kitchen help.

### SUPPER PLANNED

Banquo Christian Church will host a Fish and Tenderloin Supper (Dan's Fish Fry Service) on Tuesday, March 20 from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

The meal includes green beans, applesauce, dessert by donation and carry-outs are available.

Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 children 6-12 and 5 and under eat free.

### CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

March is clean-up time in the Woodlawn Cemetery. The volunteer board of directors will be sprucing up the grounds by removing winter decorations.

We will begin clean-up after Thursday, March 22. If you want to keep any items, please remove them by then.

New seasonal decorations may be placed after April 1.

For more information call 260.375.2970.

### OPEN HOUSE

On February 29 an Open House was held in the Van Buren Council Room in honor of retiring Superintendent Jim Webb. Approximately 50 or 60 people attended the event which was held from 1-6 p.m.

Jim retired on March 2 after being employed for 33 years. He was presented a plaque from the town.

### COUNCIL NOTES

On Wednesday, March 7, the Van Buren Town Council met in the Council Room at Town Hall. President Marvin Surber called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. All in attendance repeated the Pledge to the American Flag.

Council passed Ordinance 1-2012 to amend the Salary ordinance, for new employee Rob Reeder. Reeder was also promoted to Superintendent due to the retirement of Jim Webb.

Reeder gave the utility report. He also reported that information from INDOT indicates that State Road 5 will be repaved from State Road 218 to State Road 18. This time the road will be milled, then repaved. The work is scheduled to begin by the end of April or the first of May.

Officer Pat Collins gave the police report.

force of several men employed in the Coles shop making shoes. After the death of Joseph, his son Henry, bought the building and for a long time conducted a shoe shop there. Later Henry's son, Fred and Flavy Shultz, opened a restaurant and bakery in that place, but the business was afterwards moved across the street to the Adams building. During the lifetime of Joseph Coles, the family occupied a pebble-dashed residence which stood where the Bank {Exchange} now stands. In the 1880s, the residents was torn down and the brick business structure was erected. The last business to operate in the old frame building was Elbert Blair's shoe repair and harness shop.

PM at the Wells County Community Center at the 4-H Park, Bluffton. Enrollment forms will be distributed along with dog health forms and meeting schedules.

The first meeting with 4-H members and their dogs will be Monday, April 2, 6:30-8 PM at the 4-H Livestock Arena, 4-H Park, Bluffton.

Regular meetings with dogs will continue each Monday evening until the 4-H Fair in July. Training times will be 6:30-7:30 PM for beginners and 7-8 PM for advanced members.

The annual membership fee is \$20. Youth who have already joined another club do not need to pay this fee. There is a fee cap of \$60 per family. Scholarships are available for membership fees. No youth will be turned away for financial reasons.

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### DOG OBEDIENCE

The Wells County 4-H Dog Obedience Club will hold its first information meeting on Monday, March 19, 6:30-7:30



### PLAYHOUSE IS PRIZE

Huntington County Habitat for Humanity's 2012 playhouse was built the old fashioned way: designed with future homeowners in mind, sturdily constructed by experienced craftsmen supervised by a general contractor, with real wood 2x4 framing, cedar shake roofing, log siding, real wood porch railing, and hand-held hammers and nails.

The playhouse represents Habitat for Humanity's belief that every person deserves a simple, decent place to live, to feel secure, and to develop their full potential. Habitat's goal is to eliminate substandard housing in Huntington County and around the world.

Construction of the playhouse is sponsored by several local businesses and will be on display for one week at each of the sponsors' place of business. The playhouse may also be seen at the Habitat booth at the Huntington Expo on March 17 & 18, and as the main feature on Habitat's float in the Heritage Days Parade.

At other times, the playhouse may be viewed at the Habitat ReStore, 325 Hauenstein Road, Huntington, on Wednesdays 9-4, Thursdays 9-6, and Fridays 9-4, and Saturdays 9-4. Drawing tickets are \$5.00 each or 5/\$20.00 and are available from any Habitat Board of Directors member, at the ReStore, and at the Habitat office, 1454 Etna Ave., Huntington. Drawing will be held June 30, 2012, at 3:00 p.m., at the ReStore. Free delivery within 30 miles. For sponsorship opportunities, to display the playhouse at your location, or for more information, contact Jean Wright, Executive Director of Huntington County Habitat for Humanity, 260.356.7425 or jwright@hchabitat.org.

All proceeds will benefit the next Habitat homeowner by supporting construction costs of a Habitat for Humanity home.



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### MY TOWN and Yours

BY DENNIS STROUD

In 1939, a framed two-story wooden building was torn down to make room for a new moving picture theatre. It was one of the last wood framed buildings to line both sides of Wayne Street. It was erected sometime before the Civil War. This building set between the PNC Bank and the Wagon Wheel. For a great many years, the building belonged to Joseph Coles, father of Albert Coles, who I have written about in the past. Joseph Coles was Postmaster from 1862 to 1864 and kept the post office in that building. There was a slit in the door where people deposited letters in a box when the post office was there.

Joseph Coles was a shoe maker and the building was used as a shop. At one time there was a

### Community Calendar

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

<b>Mar 17</b>	<b>St Patrick's Day</b>
<b>Mar 19</b> 6:30 p.m.	KBC Board Meeting @ KBC
<b>Mar 20</b> 4:30-7:30p	Banquo Fish & Tenderloin Supper, Banquo Christian Church
<b>Mar 21</b> 7:00 pm	Van Buren Town Council
<b>Mar 24</b> 4:30-7 p.m.	Mt Zion Fish Fry, Twin Bridge Conservation Club
<b>Mar 26-30</b>	Southern Wells Spring Break
<b>Apr 1</b> 11-1pm	Sigma Phi Gamma Sunday Luncheon @ KBC
<b>Apr 14</b> Noon	Four Zs Miniz Annual Wether Sale, 7920S 900W 90, Warren IN (McNatt)
<b>Apr 21</b>	Jackson Alumni Banquet
<b>May 12</b>	Warren Alumni Banquet, contact Jim Howell 375-3048

**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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Check with leaders or the Extension Office for details.

Youth may become 4-H members when they enter third grade and continue their membership for a maximum of ten (10) years or through the 12th grade.

4-H enrollment forms are due April 1.

The Dog Show prior to the 4-H Fair will be July 12th at 6 PM.

For more information about the 4-H Dog Obedience Club, contact leaders Emily Striker, 260-273-2395 or Amanda Clark, 260-694-6190; or the Wells County Office of the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, 824-6412. The office is located in the Community Center at the 4-H Park in Bluffton.

### UF DEAN'S LIST

The Dean's list for fall semester at The University of Findlay has been announced by Daniel J. May, Ph.D., vice president of academic affairs.

Samantha Drayer of Warren, has attained a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale in Equestrian Studies.

### SHOOTING INSTRUCTORS

The Indiana 4-H Program will hold a 4-H Shooting Sports Instructors Workshop March 30 - April 1 at Ross Camp near Lafayette.

The program is designed for individuals who have an interest in shooting sports and are willing to help share their knowledge by helping instruct youth in the 4-H Program.

Individuals choose a discipline to focus on during the

workshop. These include: Archery, Hunting, Muzzleloading, Pistol, Rifle, Shot Gun or Coordinator.

The training includes hands-on activities and techniques to use in instructing youth and explaining various shooting sports safety skills.

Cost of the training which begins Friday evening and ends Sunday afternoon is \$125.00. Wells County 4-H will sponsor the cost if individuals agree to assist the 4-H Shooting Sports Program.

For more information and a registration form, contact the Wells County Office of the Purdue Extension Office, 824-6412.

### SIGMA PHI

Beta Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma held the March 6th Business meeting at Knight Bergman Center.

Jenny Plummer, President, called the meeting to order. Officer and committee reports were given.

It was reported that the Sunday Luncheon on Mar 4th was a success. A big thank you to all who helped, and to the community for supporting our event.

Our Scholarship forms will soon be available at Southern Wells High School and Huntington North High School.

Bluffton Chapter will host Alpha Province meeting in Bluffton on March 17th and 18th. Warren Chapter will present the Memorial Service. We will host Alpha Province in 2013. Our committee chairman for this event have worked diligently to find a location to hold Province. They have chosen Quality Inn Suites in Kokomo, In. Our social meeting on March 20th will be a work night for Province 2013.

Our next Luncheon will be on Sunday April 1st serving from 11:00 til 1:00., Baked Steak and Ham and all the trimmings.

Those in attendance were Claudia Boxell, Jenny Plummer, Carol Irick, Tara Korporal, Sondra Zabel, Beth Ostermeyer, Sandra Eichhorn, Rosemary Zeller, Sandy Booher, Kathy Ralston and Sharon Gebhart.

### AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP

Landon Poulson is pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Pre-Pharmacy from Manchester

College in Manchester, Indiana. He is the son of Don and Marsha Poulson of Warren, Indiana.

Independent Alliance Banks, Inc., the holding company for Grabill Bank and Markle Bank, and the Fort Wayne Community Foundation are pleased to announce the 14 recipients of the Independent Alliance Banks Employee Scholarship award. Scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement and personal qualities such as character, leadership ability and community service.

Awards for 2012 were \$750 at a public school and \$1,000 for a private or church-affiliated school. Scholarships are renewable for four years as long as the student is in good standing with a 2.50 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

### COOKING WITH LOVE

Cooking with Love is a collaborative effort between LOVE In The Name of Christ (local food pantry), Alo Nuestro (a Hispanic ministry), Bread of Life Food Pantry (food pantry in Warren) and Purdue Extension Huntington County. It began in June 2009 with one class a month and is now offered 5 times a month, in two different locations.

This cooking class began due to a surplus of tortilla flour at the Love INC food pantry and the interest in the community to start simple cooking classes. Clients were not taking the flour because they were not sure what to do with it. The first class focused on how to make different nutritious foods utilizing the tortilla flour (bread, crackers, tortillas and pizza crust). Surpluses from the food pantry often provide the ideas for new classes.

What does a class look like? It is best for each class to be limited to 10 participants. During the class, 7-8 recipes are prepared. Each participant selects a recipe. Every month there is a theme such as soups, salads, and fresh vegetables. Recipes are chosen for their nutritional value or altered to use healthier ingredients. Purdue Extension Staff and volunteers assist class members with cooking skills such as how to work with fresh garlic, yeast or peeling a mango. When all recipes are completed everyone is able to sample each recipe. Then the "chef" (the participant

who created the dish) tells the class about his or her recipe and what they learned. Family Nutrition Program (FNP) Extension staff then teach the participants lessons on nutrition and using food money wisely using research based curriculum. Class members are able to take home samples and some ingredients from the food pantry.

The success of these classes is demonstrated by their rapid growth and the number of participants each month plus the support of the community. The collaboration with Love In The Name of Christ allows the food expenses to be decreased. Funding has also been received by United Way of Huntington County as well as Parkview Hospital Foundation to support this cooking, nutrition and food dollar budgeting program.

Many participants from our very first class still attend each month. One gentleman, Chris, attended the first class in June

of 2009. He was a very picky eater. The only vegetable he would eat was green beans. Chris now eats a wide variety of vegetables. He has also lost 60 lbs and reduced his need for diabetic medication. Other participants now use whole wheat flour, yogurt instead of sour cream and herbs instead of salt.

Ninety nine percent of the participants state that they now cook and eat healthier as a result of the classes. Participants report that they use whole grain products, know how to cut fat from their diet, and reduce the use of salt and sugar. One participant has lost almost half of her body weight as a result of information learned during Cooking with Love as well as exercising. This participant attributes her healthy eating to Cooking with Love and having recipes that she really likes.

Another participant reports

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### WARREN BASEBALL & SOFTBALL LEAGUE SIGN-UP

Warren Baseball is about to kick-off another great year! Every child aged 8 - 17 June 1st will have the chance to play in every game.

Leagues include American League Baseball (8-10 yrs) boys, National League Baseball (11-13yrs) boys, Junior Softball (8-12yrs) girls, Pony League Baseball (14-17yrs) boys & Senior Softball (13-17yrs) girls. 8 yr olds will be playing Little League Rules

\* Note: Only 14-16 yr. old boys will pitch in Pony League

**NOTE: If you play in the Huntington County League you are NOT eligible to play for Warren Baseball League.**

**ALL 8 YEAR OLDS MAY HOWEVER PLAY IN THE KBC LEAGUE AND THE WARREN BASEBALL/SOFTBALL LEAGUE!!**

An entry fee of \$20 will be charged for all leagues and they will not participate in the fundraiser.

**Mail: check/money order payable to Warren Baseball and entry form to:** Warren Baseball & Softball, PO Box 719 Warren, IN 46792

You may write one check for all children but you must do separate entry forms for each child. **DEADLINE MARCH 29** - all entries received after that date will go on a wait list and may or may not be able to play! **NO REQUESTS EXCEPT FOR SIBLINGS!** Warren Baseball & Softball reserves the right to refuse entry to any player! E-mail address: [wbleague@citznet.com](mailto:wbleague@citznet.com)

#### Complete and Mail by March 29

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Circle: Boy or Girl  
Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (or how to be reached) \_\_\_\_\_  
Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Age on June 1st \_\_\_\_\_  
Team Last Year \_\_\_\_\_  
Brother/Sister Same Team \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt Size (circle): CHILD S (6-8) M (10-12) L (14-16)  
or ADULT S M L XL XXL

Are you interested in coaching? Circle YES or NO

**Please Sign Below for Permission to put pictures of your child on Facebook (only 1st names will be used).**

Search Warren Baseball/Softball on Facebook and "like" the page to get up to the minute rain-out info/schedules/rules, etc. to your facebook news feed.



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# GENEALOGY REPORT

## THANK YOU

The Family of Arthur Gard would like to thank all of our friends, neighbors and co-workers for helping us during this very difficult time. It was most comforting. Your support, kindness and concern for our family means so very much. We appreciate all of the prayers, love and your presence during his illness and death.

Sincerely,

Marjorie Gard  
Sandra Wegenke family  
Diane Burk family  
Jane Polzin family  
Jim Gard family  
Charles Gard family

Richard Gard  
family  
Cathy Pearson  
family



## EARHART

Earl Earhart, 81, of Montpelier, IN, passed away at 4:09 PM, on Wednesday, March 7, 2012 at Indiana University Health-Ball

Memorial in Muncie, IN.

He was born on Sunday, March 23, 1930, in Wells County, IN. Earl retired from Sheller Globe in Montpelier after 47 years of service. He was a farmer, a member of the Friends of 5 Points School, had attended school in Wells County and enjoyed the outdoors and spending time in the woods. He married Stella M. King on June 24, 1960 in Markle, Indiana. He was the son of the late Lawrence and Susan Dortha (Brinneman) Earhart.

Survivors include his Wife-Stella M. Earhart of Montpelier, Brother-Ernest (wife, Sue) Earhart of Muncie, Sisters-Alice Marie (husband, Bud) Walden of Liberty Center, Mary E. (husband, Dorsey) Price of Poneto, and several Nieces & Nephews.

He was preceded in death by his Parents-Lawrence and Susan Dortha (Brinneman) Earhart and a Brother-Orva William Earhart.

Arrangements were handled by Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 West Windsor

Street, Montpelier, Ind., where family and friends gathered to share and remember on Saturday, March 10, 2012 and Sunday, March 11, 2012.



A service to celebrate his life was held at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home on Monday, March 12, 2012 with Les Bantz officiating. Internment was at Stahl Cemetery in Bluffton.

## HUGHS'

Ronald L. Hughs, 75 and Norma Jean Hughs, 86 of Markle and formerly of Engle Street, Huntington passed away at the Ossian Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center.

Ronald passed away at 7:15 p.m. on Wednesday, March 7, 2012 and Norma Jean passed away at 7:35 p.m. on Thursday, March 8, 2012.

Ronald was a 1954 graduate of Bucklin High School in Bucklin, Kansas. He attended Fort Wayne Bible College. Norma was a 1943 graduate of Jefferson Township High School in Huntington County. Ronald retired in 1998 from John's Painting in Fort Wayne and he had worked for several companies in the Fort Wayne area. Ronald and Norma Jean were members of the National Campers and Hikers Association. Norma Jean had worked as a switch board operator for Huntington Phone Company during WWII. She also had worked at Wabash Magnetics for several years and at the Warren United Methodist Memorial Home. They both were members of the Good Shepherd United Brethren Church. They were both charter members of the Viking Booster Club, ARBA (American Rabbit Breeders Association) for many years and had volunteered for the Huntington County 4-H Rabbit program. They were foster parents for many children in Huntington County.

Ronald was born on September 22, 1936 in Ashland, Kansas, a son of Jesse R. and Ruth O. (Haller) Hughs.

Norma Jean was born on October 30, 1925 in Allendale, Illinois, a daughter of Charles Benjamin and Cora Viola (Holmes) Blosser.

Ronald and Norma Jean were united in marriage on December 9, 1966 in Fort Wayne.

Survivors include: three daughters: Karen (Tom) Black of Fort Wayne; Debra (Mike) Branstator of Roanoke; Stephanie (Dave) Booher of Brownsburg, IN; a son: Mike Trout of Tacoma, WA; Ronald's brothers: Roger Hughs of LaMont, FL; Lawrence Hughs of Hutchison, KS; Herb (Maxine) Hughs of LaFonatine, IN; 9 grandchildren: Stacey Law, Natalie Branstator, Kameron Bishop, Taylor Booher, Kaleb Hughs, Brian Trout, Stacey Trout, Darrell Trout and Angie Black, and 2 great grandchildren: Adrianna Bessent and Ava Black.

Ronald was preceded in death by a sister: Carol Byer and Norma Jean was preceded in death by a brother: John Blosser, three sisters: Dorothy Vanwinkle, Pauline Leek, Freda Blosser and both were preceded by a grandson: Shane Gordon.

Funeral service were held on Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. at the Myers Funeral Home Huntington Chapel with Herb Hughs and Roger Hughs officiating.

Interment will be at the Lancaster Cemetery in Lancaster, Indiana.

Memorials are to Huntington County 4-H Rabbit Program in care of Myers Funeral Home, 2901 Guilford Street, Huntington, IN 46750.

## JESTER

Gary Wayne Jester, 58, Huntington, IN passed away at 1:56 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Gary was born on August 14, 1953 in Huntington, to Kelsie Jester and Alma Fern (Flemens) Jester Shake. His parents preceded him in death. He graduated from Huntington North High School in 1971. Gary married Julie Kaye Morgan on October 8, 1982 in Huntington. She survives in Huntington.

He was employed at Isolotek for 32 years. He was a member of Cornerstone Alliance Church and served his church as an Elder and Treasurer. He was a member of the Huntington County Historical Society. He enjoyed fishing, scrapping metal, spending time with family and was a history buff.

In addition to his wife, Gary is survived by: three sons: Troy (Karah) Jester, Fort Wayne, Brent (Rebecca) Land, Cicero, IN, and James (Tammy) Broxon, Huntington; three daughters: Jennifer (fiance : Jason Wall) Jester, Huntington, Wendy Lee, Roanoke, and Janna (Jeff) Fisher, Fort Wayne; three brothers: Jeff (Teresa) Jester, Newhope, AR, Michael Ford, Elkhart, IN, and Chad Shake, Warren, IN; four sisters: Sherlene (Gary) Sands, Nashville AR, Gwen Peters, Newhope, AR, Mondie (Joe) Hill, Newhope, AR and Carrie (Jeffrey) Hill, Newhope, AR; 21 grandchildren, one great-grandchild and friends beyond number.

In addition to his parents, Gary was preceded in death by a son: Loren "Skip" Jester.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 10, 2012 at McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington, IN 46750 with Rev. Darrell Weigelt officiating.

Burial was at Woodlawn Cemetery, Warren, IN.

In lieu of flowers, preferred memorials are to the family or to Fibrosing Mediastinitis at Vanderbilt Hospital in care of McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home, Huntington, IN 46750.

## TAPPY

Warren E. "Jim" Tappy, 85, of Warren, IN, died Thursday afternoon, March 8, 2012, at Heritage Pointe, in Warren.

Mr. Tappy was employed by Franklin Electric for 50 years, retiring in 1985, and also farmed in Wells County. He was a member of American Legion Post 482, Berne.

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## Knight-Bergman Center Baseball 2012

It is time to start another great year of baseball at the Knight-Bergman Center (KBC). This year, the KBC Board has developed a Baseball Board to oversee the daily operations of the KBC Baseball Program. The KBC Baseball Program will provide T-Ball (ages 5-6) and Coaches Pitch (ages 7-8) for both boys and girls. The age is based on your child's age as of June 1, 2012. If your child is age 9 or older, you must apply with the Warren Baseball & Softball League. If your child is playing in the Huntington County League, then they are not eligible to play at the KBC.

The entry fee is \$20 per child and there will be no candy/fundraiser activity.

Please make checks payable to KBC and mail to:

KBC

PO Box 437

Warre, IN 46792

(Print and complete one form per player.)

The deadline for entries is Saturday, March 31st. Entries received after this time will go on a waiting list and will not be guaranteed a place on the team.

### Complete and Mail by March 31

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Circle: Male Female

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (or how to be reached) \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Age on June 1st \_\_\_\_\_

Team Last Year \_\_\_\_\_

Brother/Sister Same Team \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt Size (circle): Youth S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_  
or ADULT S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ XXL \_\_\_\_\_

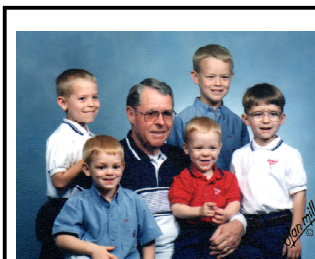
Are you willing to coach this year? Circle YES or NO

Parents Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

We will attempt to accommodate family member requests; however, the KBC Baseball Board has final say on team rosters.

Practices start in mid-April. Games start in early May.

For questions, please contact Denny Stroud, KBC Baseball Director at 260-375-3711 or by email at denmar@citiznet.com.



In Loving  
Memory of  
Jerry Boyer  
who went to be  
with the Lord  
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2011.

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He was born Feb. 10, 1927, in Montpelier to Robert F. and Violet Rains Tappy.

Survivors include a daughter, Sheron Kay; three grandchildren, Angela Brandon, Tim Brandon and Adam Brandon; and five great-grandchildren.

Calling is Saturday, March 17, 2012, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., with a service following at 4 p.m., at the Heritage Pointe Chapel, Warren.

Preferred memorials are gifts to Dollars for Scholars of Bluffton and Southern Wells.

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

### ZENT

David Edwin Zent, 86, of Marion, IN, and a native of Warren, IN, died Friday, March 9, 2012, at 8:45 p.m. at his home.

Mr. Zent graduated from Warren High School in 1943. He was employed by GM Fisher Body, Marion, for 33 years and retired in 1990. He was a member of the Nelson Street Wesleyan Church, Marion, where he served as building chairman of the fellowship hall, trustee chairman and Sunday school teacher.

He was born Aug. 19, 1925, in Warren to Volney and Mamie McClure Zent. He married Norma Jean Kiser on Sept. 12, 1948, and she survives.

Survivors include four daughters, Beverly (Mark) Sheridan, Mary Ellen Zent and Carol Zent, all of Kokomo, and Ruth Ann Zent M.D., of Kotzebue, AL; a son, Dr. Don A. (Roberta) Zent, of Wilmore, KY; a sister, Helen (Byron) Tippey, of Marion; a sister-in-law, Phyllis (Bob) Orr; a brother-in-law, Bob Kiser; three grandchildren, Kevin (Autumn) Zent, of Barrington, NH; Jenna (Gualberto) Alfonsaca, of Fairdale, KY; and Cammi (David) Hanna, of Washington, DC; and five great-grandchildren.

Family and friends gathered at the Nelson Street Wesleyan Church, 1502 Nelson St., Marion. A service was held at the church on Wednesday, March 14, 2012, at 10 a.m., with Rev. Steve Fletcher officiating. Burial will be at Estates of Serenity, Marion.

Preferred memorials are gifts to the Nelson Street Wesleyan Church or Family Hospice.

Raven-Choate Funeral Home, Marion, is in charge of arrangements.

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building confidence to cook using a simple recipe to make healthy meals for her family instead of using processed foods. She stated that she has learning disabilities and didn't know how to cook from a recipe before participating in Cooking with Love classes.

When choosing recipes we look at exposing class members to new foods. Recently we used a fresh pineapple, avocado and fresh ginger. Participants were able to learn how to cut a pineapple and avocado plus grate fresh ginger. One class member stated she had never eaten an avocado before and was excited to be able to try it. Others had never bought a fresh pineapple because they were not sure how to cut it up. Many class members have never used fresh garlic so teaching how to easily peel a clove of garlic is a basic skill learned in a class.

These classes are free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Purdue Extension Huntington County at 260-358-4826 or by email at [kdhinsha@purdue.edu](mailto:kdhinsha@purdue.edu).

### MASTER NATURALIST CLASS

Upper Wabash Interpretive Services will hold an Indiana Master Naturalist class at Salamonie Lake from March 22 through May 24 for people who love nature and want to share their enthusiasm with others.

Classes are mostly on Thursdays from 6-9 p.m., with some Saturdays scheduled as well.

The Indiana Master Naturalist Program is an educational/volunteer program developed by the DNR and Purdue University Extension. IMNP brings together natural resources specialists and adult learners to foster better understanding of Indiana's plants, water, soils and wildlife. Participants will be able to use their newly learned skills as volunteer interpretive naturalists, working with UWIS.

UWIS serves J. Edward Roush Fish & Wildlife Area, Salamonie and Mississinewa lakes, and Ouabache State Park.

Class size will be limited to 30

students. The fee for the class is \$75. The registration deadline is March 15. For more information, call Upper Wabash Interpretive Services at (260) 468-2127. Registration forms are available by calling UWIS or visiting [dnr.IN.gov/uwis](http://dnr.IN.gov/uwis).

The standard property entrance fee will be waived for students.

Upper Wabash Interpretive Services is at 3691 S. New Holland Road, Andrews, 46702.

### ZANESVILLE EGG HUNT

March 31 will be the Zanesville Lion's Club Free Easter Egg Hunt - Rain or shine!

At 1 p.m. that Saturday the egg hunt will begin at Zanesville Lions Community Park for 0-14 year old children.

In case of rain the hunt will be held inside. Festival games will be held right after the hunt. Games tickets are 25¢ each with a prize every time. Tiny Tot train rides will be available for one ticket. For additional information call 638-4327.

### SW EGG HUNT

Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday, April 7 @ 10:00 am on the south playground of Southern Wells Elementary School (in case of inclement weather, hunt will be held in the High School gym). There will be 3 age groups and a special needs group. Every child receives a goody bag! A ministry of Southern Wells Community Church.

### GREEN & GROWING

Children ages 6 to 12 are invited to Ouabache State Park on March 29 for a Green and Growing Nature Day.

The event runs from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and is hosted by Upper Wabash Interpretive Services.

Activities, which all start at the park lodge, will include a seed and soil scavenger hunt, hiking, crafts, games, a chance to check out bison chow, and a spring wildflower hunt.

The day's activities are guided by interpretive naturalists trained to provide a safe and fun environment in which to learn about our world. A snack will be provided. Children need to bring a sack lunch with drink, extra shoes and a change of clothes. The camp features indoor and outdoor activities, crafts and games.

There is a \$20 program fee for

the day.

Participants must register in advance by calling (260) 468-2127. Participants must also complete a 2012 health and media release form the day of the workshop.

For more information on this and other UWIS programs, see [dnr.IN.gov/uwis](http://dnr.IN.gov/uwis). Visit UWIS on Facebook at [facebook.com/upperwabash](http://facebook.com/upperwabash).

### POETRY CONTEST

Central Point Fine Arts is sponsoring a Poetry Contest which is free and is open to Warren residents. There are 50 prizes totaling \$5,000 with a \$1000 grand prize for the last poet standing. Poems of 21 lines or fewer on any subject and in any style will be judged by the contest director Dr. Joseph Cameron.

Entrants should include their name and address on the same page as the poem, and a winners list will be sent to them.

Entries must be received by April 10 and can be submitted via mail to Free Poetry Contest, PO Box 3336, Central Point, Oregon 97502; or enter online at [www.freecontest.com](http://www.freecontest.com).

### RUMMAGE/FLEA MARKET

The Blackford County 4-H Fairboard is sponsoring a Rummage/Flea Market Sale on Saturday, April 14, at the Blackford County 4-H Fairgrounds from 8am to 2 pm. If you would like to set up or if

you need further information, please call the Purdue Extension Office at 765-348-3213.

### 4-H WETHER SALE

Don't forget about the annual Four Zs Miniz 4-H Wether Sale to be held April 14 in McNatt. There will be lots of Nigerian Dwarf goat wether's available for this year's 4-H project. Come out and see what's available. There will be some does available also.

### GETTING STUCK WITH PINNING ON A CORSAGE

by Daris Howard

It was going to be my son's first formal dance, and I could hardly wait. Not because I was ready for my son to be grown up and doing those kinds of things, but because it was my turn to watch him experience that horrific event in a man's life: pinning his first corsage on his date.

I could remember well my first time. It was a Valentine's Day dance, and girls' choice. It was also my very first date. Going to a formal dance on a first date is a formidable challenge. Not only was I nervous about trying to figure out the whole dating thing, but I had to add on top of that all the extras for the dance.

My mom tried to help. She told me I would need a corsage, and she would order it if I would tell her what color. I asked the

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girl what color she was wearing, but it was one I didn't recognize, one that was outside the normal vocabulary of those of us of the male gender. Within ten minutes I couldn't remember it at all, and I didn't dare ask my date again, or she would know I had forgotten. So I asked Lenny.

He said I would be safe to just get red. "That is a good color for when you bleed all over it."

I didn't know what he was talking about, but it sounded good to me, so I told my mom to get red.

The day finally arrived, and I apprehensively made the drive to the girl's house. She, of course, was not quite ready, and I was invited to come in and sit in a chair that was directly across from the one her father was sitting in. He was a man of few words, and he mostly just stared at me. By the time my date came into the room, I was sweating profusely.

When she did enter, she was absolutely beautiful, and that added to my nervousness. Her gown was pink, and I felt relieved that red was close to pink. But when I showed the flower to her, the glance she exchanged with her mother made me wonder if I had made a mistake.

Eventually, it was time to pin the flowers on before we headed to the dance. The whole family gathered around for the event. My date pulled out the pink boutonniere she had purchased, reached her hand under my lapel, and deftly pinned the flower on. Then it was my turn.

I wasn't quite sure how to do it. I obviously couldn't just stick the pin through her dress, for I would surely poke her with it. Almost everyone had a suggestion on how best to do it, and my date just stood there smiling and waiting. When one sister suggested I reach just beneath the neckline of the dress, my courage faltered, and I suggested her mother do it.

Her mother laughed. "I don't think so. This is one of the fun traditions of a formal dance: to watch you pin on the corsage."

I took a deep breath and made the attempt. I ran the pin so deep into my finger that I thought I was going to pin me to her dress instead of the flower, and I instantly understood what Lenny had meant about

bleeding all over it. Finally, after multiple attempts, and the loss of most of my blood, the corsage was finally in place. Everyone clapped, embarrassing me further.

So now it was my son's turn. I watched as his date quickly pinned on his boutonniere. I grinned as he reached for her corsage. But to my surprise, the flower had a little strap on it, and he just slipped it onto her wrist.

My grin turned to surprise. "Aren't you going to pin it on her?"

He shook his head. "That's the old-fashioned way."

With a last picture, they were on their way. After they were gone, I turned to my wife.

"Somehow, I feel like life just cheated me."

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## HOW TO TURN MUST-DO

### HOME IMPROVEMENTS INTO

#### THINGS OF BEAUTY

(ARA)—When it comes to home improvement, you can spend money in two basic ways: on "have to" things that make your home look better and on "want to" things that make it function better.

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I soon found that questions rather than direct statements could smooth the edges of any debate or argument. "Would you please explain?" got the same answer as an argumentative reaction; it just wasn't as heated.

I also noticed that by initiating dialogue I could show concern and gain insight. "John, it seems we have been at odds recently." The implication was that things had been better in the past. This was sometimes a stretch but a worthy one. "Is it something I did? Something I said?" I'd then speak of "stumbling blocks," a term which has a better connotation than words such as "problem," "trouble," "difficulty," "disagreement." "What I really meant" (explanation). "I can see how you feel" (understanding). I'd often use "us" and "we."

If verbal dialogue didn't seem immediately appropriate, a written note helped. "Dear John/Jane, I've been thinking a lot about what you said and you have a number of good points (praise). However, I wonder if you've considered (my idea). I need your friendship and our ability to be able to agree to

sometimes disagree. I'd like to sit down and talk. I'll call within the next few days (too long a wait isn't good).

Not all will respond positively. Some people really are permanent DPs. At such times when friendship is hopeless, friendliness is not.

A sense of humor helps. "Keep a green tree in your heart and perhaps a singing bird will come," counsels the ancient Chinese proverb. Overcome negative feelings toward the DPs of the world with the wisdom of wit. Even if you do not always find spring, it will help you to withstand the winter of their discontent.

As I have grown older and my experience has deepened, I have learned that a closed mouth gathers no foot! That is, having less to say gives less chance for one's foot to enter one's mouth! This is why I increasingly seek in all my relationships to soothe problems rather than stir them.

I now know all rumbles cannot be quieted. I truly wish they could be. But I also know I cannot remind myself too often that "when there is a problem, don't be one."



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