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Thought for the Week: Let no man pull you low enough to hate him. Martin Luther King Jr.



Brubaker Donates

Karing for Kids has received a \$2,500 donation from Huntington County farmer Rick Brubaker and America's Farmers Grow Communities, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund. The donation will help the organization provide school supplies, clothing and Christmas gifts to families in Huntington and Wells Counties.

Karing for Kids operates three projects: The Backpack Project, Jennifer's Closet, and the Christmas Angel Tree Project. In 2014, the organization provided assistance for 1,775 individuals in the

"They help kids and families throughout the community," Brubaker said. "My wife Rhonda and I really like what they do throughout the year to help those who need it."

"We had one of our best years in 2014," President Rhonda O'Reilly said. "We were able to help more children and families than we ever have before. We are extremely happy about this wonderful donation.'

For five years, America's Farmers Grow Communities has collaborated with farmers to donate over \$16.5 million to over 7,300 community organizations across rural America. This year winning farmers will direct another \$3.3 million to nonprofits to help fight rural hunger, purchase life-saving fire and EMS equipment, support ag youth leadership programs, buy much needed classroom resources, and so much more.

America's Farmers Grow Communities is part of the America's Farmers initiative. Since 2010, the America's Farmers campaign and programs have advocated on behalf of farmers and their efforts to meet society's needs through agriculture. Today, consumers are more interested than ever in agriculture and how food is grown. Consider joining the conversation and helping to raise awareness about agriculture. Learn more at FoodDialogues.com.

A sister program in the America's Farmers effort, Grow Rural Education, is currently in its farmer nomination phase. Farmers interested in supporting math and science education in their communities should visit www.GrowRuralEducation.com from now through April 1 to learn how.

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FORD RETIRED

After 30 years on the Warren Volunteer Fire Department, Tim Ford has retired. During his 30 years he has served as chief, captain, safety officer and secretary-treasurer. In addition to those positions, it doesn't reflect the countless hours that he has contributed in many other capacities during his tenure.

The members of the department thank him for his service and camaraderie. If you see him, give him a big thank you for a job well done.

WBSL SIGN-UPS

The Warren Baseball and Softball League is preparing for the upcoming 2015 season which will be starting with the signups coming out the last week of February. As usual, the signups will be in the Warren Weekly every week through March when signups will end. They will also be available at HNHS and Southern Wells school offices, on the WBSL Facebook page, and the Warren Post Office. See Page 8 for the registration form.

The WBSL board has decided on a couple of changes this year to the league....we had been asked by a few parents the last few years to allow 7 year olds to play in the Tower Leagues. This season we have decided to let them play in the American Boy's Little League, which will now be 7-10, and girls in the Junior Girls softball league 12 and under. If we get enough girls to split the league as we did several years ago with the boys we will make them 2 leagues as well. We have been watching our Little Leagues the past few years and we have found our division of the league works very well. For those of you

who do not know, our American Little League is modeled after a Homestead program for the same age group and is a unique combination of Little League and Coaches Pitch. The boys are allowed 6 or 7 years of Little League before moving up to Pony League because after the American league the boys advance to the National Little League which is 11-13 before going on to Pony when they are 14-17. We have found the younger boys are learning to pitch, catch and hit much better with the added years in the league. Likewise, the boys are much more prepared to move up to Pony and are a better quality of players as well. Parents please remember the boys can play in our league and the Civic Center league as well because we play on different nights, girls however, will have to choose one league or the other. Along these same lines, we have also done away with the rule concerning playing in the Huntington County leagues...you can now play in both leagues as long as they DO NOT play on the same nights.

Our entry fee for all leagues will be \$30.00 once again with no fundraising. For your \$30.00 your child will get 12 regular season games with double elimination tourneys. All 3 younger leagues will receive 1st & 2nd place trophies as well as runner up trophies for the other teams. Pony League and Senior girls (13-17) will get 1st & 2nd place trophies only. We also have an excess insurance policy for the kids in the awful event your child is injured, something that most leagues do not carry. We have a WBSL Facebook page for anyone who has not seen it....you can search Warren Baseball/

Softball and you DO NOT have to have a Facebook to look at the page. There are hundreds of pictures of the kids on it and will have rules, schedules, up to the minute rain-out info as well as other special announcements as the season progresses. There are likewise hundreds of pictures of our Adult Co-ed Softball players (which funds the kids leagues) and pictures from our annual carnival as well. Watch for the signups to come out soon and if anyone has any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us through the Facebook page or to e-mail wbleague@citznet.com and we would be happy to help.

Anxious to spend another fun and exciting season with you and your children! See you at the park.

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



Erica Ashley as Anne Frank in "The Diary of Anne Frank" at the Pulse Opera House. Performances run February 27, 28 and March 1, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15. Friday and Saturday shows start at 8 pm and the Sunday shows (March 1, 8 & 15) start at 4 pm. Reserve tickets now on-line at pulseoperahouse.org or by leaving a message at 260-375-7017.

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FREEDOM MUST NEVER BE COMPROMISED

by Bryan Golden

"America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves."

- Abraham Lincoln

Freedom is a foundation of life. When freedom is compromised, suffering and misery follow. This indisputable fact has been demonstrated endlessly throughout history. Freedom compromised is

In politics, compromise is touted as a requirement for progress. However, there is no legitimate justification to ever compromise freedom. Compromising freedom empowers the enemies of freedom, including dictators, tyrants, oppressors, and the power hungry. Compromising freedom erodes the wellbeing of a country's population.

To fully understand the devastating impact compromise has on freedom, consider the following examples. How would you react if someone wanted to force you out of your home so they could live there instead? Would you accept a compromise where they take over only half of your home? Would you be willing to give them just one or two rooms as a compromise if they allowed you to live in the remaining space?

Suppose you had saved \$10,000 over several years. One day you receive a phone call from someone demanding you give them your entire savings. Would you offer them \$5,000 as a compromise in return for being able to keep the remaining \$5,000?

As another example, you have four wonderful children. You are approached by someone who claims it's not fair for you have four children while there are so many childless couples. You are then asked how many of your children are you willing to give up as a compromise? Would you be willing to give up just one? After all, you'll still have three remaining children which should be more than enough for your needs.

Of course you wouldn't allow someone to take over part of your home, steal your savings, or abduct any of your children. So why would you let any person, group, or government compromise your freedom by taking any portion of it away?

Human history has been characterized by tyrannical oppression. The founding of America, based on each individual's unalienable right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, was the first time a country was established exclusively on freedom.

Freedom is your right. It's not a commodity granted to you by someone else. Yet, freedom can be compromised by the malicious actions of others. The typical approach to confiscating your freedom is to start small by taking seemingly inconsequential freedoms under the guise of fairness, safety, or security. Then, piece by piece your freedoms are eroded until they cease to exist.

The standard assertion made by the power hungry is that they know what is best for your wellbeing. These people claim to be the only ones in the unique position of also knowing what is in the best interest of society. You are told you lack the necessary intelligence,

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Brad Kelly, Pasto	or
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.

BOEHMEK UNITED METHODIST
Rev. Barry Humble, Pastor
Denise Heininger, S.S. Supt.
ınday Worship9:30a.
ındav School 10:45a.

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Timothy Helm	, Senior Pastor
1st Worship	8:30 a.m
iunday School	9:45 a.m.
2nd Worship	11:00 a.m

HERITAGE POINTE

Sunday Morning Worship .. OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat

Chapel Services .. 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. .. 7:00 p.m. ThursdayPrayer Meeting

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

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Pastor Chad Yoder Morning Worship9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a m MCNATTUNITED METHODIST

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Coffee Fellowship.....8:30 a.m. Sunday School ... 10:30 a.m. Bible Study - Wed. . 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday Youth	ı 6-7:30 p.m
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Fellowship	10:00a.m
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..9:30 a.m. Sunday School Worship.. SALAMONIE

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Mel Zumbrun, Pastor Worship....9:30 a.m. Church School . 10:45a.m.

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Youth Pastor - Pastor Heather Parsons Sunday Worship...... Contemporary Service - Wed 6:30 p.m. Junior Church 10:00 a.m. Sunday School .. Youth Meetings-Wed. Communion 1st Sunday of the Month

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WINE TASTING

Join us for a lovely evening that supports a great cause: The YMCA annual campaign ensuring everyone in our community can enjoy the YMCA regardless of their financial situation. Your ticket provides five tastings of delicious EE's wines, appetizers, and a \$10 voucher toward the purchase of a bottle to enjoy at home.

Thursday, March 12 from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. will be held at Two EE's Winery, 6808 N US 24 E, Huntington IN 46750. Program and auction around 8:30. Cost is \$35 single or \$65 couple.

Call Ben Davis at 260-359-9622 email ben.davis@huntingtony.org

HUNTER **E**D

A Hunter Education Course will be offered Monday, March 2, Wednesday, March 4, and Thursday, March 5, 5:30-9 PM at the Wells County Community Center at the 4-H Park in Bluffton.

The course will be taught by Indiana Conservation Officer Andrew Harmon; Certified Volunteer Instructors Rich Falk, Chris Pace, Tracy Myers, and Mike & Iodi Pinkerton.

Youth under age 16 must be accompanied by a guardian. Attendance at all three (3) classes is required for certification.

The course is free and is sponsored by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

To register for the class go to: www.inhea.com or

www.register-ed.com/programs/indiana.

For information, call 824-0692.

CATTLE ID DAY

The Wells County 4-H Beef and Dairy Beef Identification Day will be held Saturday, February 28, 2015, 9 AM - 11 AM. The event will take place at the Wells County 4-H Park Multi-Purpose Arena located behind the Horse

All beef steers, dairy beef steers, and market heifers must be ear tagged and weighed to be eligible to show at the 2015 Wells County 4-H Fair, July 11-16.

Commercial heifers (non-registered) will also be ear tagged so they may be exhibited.

Registered heifers will be ear tagged and they will also need a tattoo.

Two ear tags will be used this year. One will be a county tag specific for Wells County and the other will be a RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) tag provided by the state. These tags can be read at livestock shows with a scanner at a distance of 1-4 feet.

4-H members will receive at the ID Day a worksheet with information for them to enter the animal identification into their 4-H Online account. This will take the place of the paper form which was used in previous vears. 4-H members should enter this information by March

Members who do not have internet access may stop by the County Extension Office to be entered into the system.

AREA NEWS

Members who participated in the Dairy Feeder Steer Calf project last year may enroll their animals in the Dairy Beef Project. These animals will exhibit in a separate show at the 4-H Fair.

Market animals will also be weighed for the Rate of Gain Contest. In 2014 Lauren Bales exhibited the Champion Beef Rate of Gain animal with ADG (Average Daily Gain) of 3.5 lbs. Reserve Champion was exhibited by Cole Banter with an ADG of 3.46 lbs.

In the Dairy Beef project, the Champion Rate of Gain was exhibited by Timber Tucker with ADG of 3.97. The Reserve Champion was exhibited by Tristan Bauermeister with a 3.9 ADG.

Youth may also enter a calf in the Beef Starter Class. This special class is for beef calves born after January 1 and up until June 1.2015.

This year's 4-H Fair will be held July 11-16 at the 4-H Park in Bluffton.

For more information about 4-H or the 4-H Beef/Dairy Beef Projects, contact the Wells County Office of the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, 1240 4-H Park Road, Bluffton, 260-824-6412, or Beef Superintendent John Jacobs, 260-273-8235 or Dairy Beef Superintendent Karl Steiner, 260-346-2366.



SPICING UP TRAINING

The Purdue Extension Service in northeast Indiana will be offering a special training called "Spicing Up 4-H" for volunteer Leaders and teen Junior Leaders.

The main topics covered in the training include: Putting the Fun in 4-H through Icebreakers; Safe Clubs and Safe Kids- Understanding Risk Management; Spicing Up 4-H Resources You Can Use; Making Meetings Fun and Meaningful; Developing through Demonstrations; and more.

Session location and times include: March 2, Allen County Extension Office, Fort Wayne; March 5, Noble County Extension Office, Albion; and March 9, **Huntington County Extension** Office, Huntington.

Time at all locations will be 6:30-8:30 PM. Refreshments will be served.

To make reservations at one of the locations contact the Wells County Extension Office, 824-6412.

SSF Announcement

The Salamonie Summer Festival Pageant is undergoing a 'makeover'! We are excited to be back at the reigns & have some fun changes in store. We're keeping many of your favorite pieces of the pageant while updating a few aspects this year! The pageant will now be the Miss Warren Pageant & the winners will serve in roles throughout the year at events such as the Salamonie Summer Festival, Scarecrow Festival & the Holiday Walk & Festival of

Entry forms will be available for pick up at East of Chicago Pizza

& Citizens Telephone Co. beginning March 9th. Deadline for entries will be Monday, April 6th and the Miss Warren Pageant will be held on Saturday April 25th at 3:00pm. All contestants will be invited to a 'Get Acquainted Social' on Saturday April 11th at 10:00am where they will receive further information & details. There will continue to be 3 age groups: Little Miss Warren 5-8 years old, Junior Miss Warren 9-13 years old, Miss Warren 14-18 years old.

We are excited to be back & look forward to a great turnout this year!

Kelly Gray & Carly Brubaker

HSE GRADUATION

The first High School Equivalency (HSE) graduation will be held in Huntington, Indiana, for Huntington County graduates on February 27, 2015. The event is sponsored by the Huntington County Literacy Coalition (HCLC), who also sponsored last year's last GED graduation, and will be held at the Central Christian Church (next to the Huntington North High School). Invitations have been sent to all twenty-six graduates, including those who achieved their HSE goal in Feb-

A committee from the Literacy Coalition has been planning this event. Committee members are DeAnna Scott, Rose Brovles. Jean Hayden, Mary Lou Snyder, Karen Street, Rita McCabe, Evelyn Priddy and Deb Brauneller. HCLC received funding from the Sigstein Grant for assistance with this event. Dr.

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Mar 4 Noon W - Chamber of Commerce Lunch, Assembly Hall

Mar 4 7:00p VB - Town Council Meeting Mar 8 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME - Spring Forward

Mar 9 5:30p W - Town Council Meeting, Assembly Hall Mar 16 6:30n KBC Board Meeting at KBC Mar 18 7:00p VB - Town Council Meeting

Mar 20 First Day of Spring

Mar 28 4:30-7p Mt Zion Fish Fry @ Twin Bridge Conservation Club Bread of Life Food Pantry - Wed 2 - 4:00pm & 6 - 8:00p.m. at KBC Bargain Basement - Friday & Saturday 9 - 4 at KBC; Cancer Support Group - 3rd Tuesday 6:30-8p.m. at Bluffton Regional South Campus



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Sherilyn Emberton, Huntington University, will be the guest speaker, Pastor Kathy Newton will be the officiant. Mary Lou Snyder is the soloist, Gary Grimes, accompanist, and President of the Literacy Coalition, Rebecca Lemons, assisted by Stephanie Ross from the IMPACT Institute, will hand out diplomas. The Literacy Coalition is also sponsoring a National Adult Education Honor Society induction for adult students. Two \$500 scholarships, donated by Huntington Kiwanis, will be presented for those winners of an essay contest titled, "What I Would Do With \$500 Toward College" for those HSE graduates pursuing postsecondary education. A "Volunteer of the Year" award will be presented at this event, as well.

Huntington County extension clubs: Piece Makers Quilt, Union Thrifty, Paper Artisans, Town & Country and Touch of Class are contributing refreshments. Terry Kelsey will set up for this inspiring event for Central Christian Church. Gebhart's Floral Barn, Warren, Indiana, is donating roses for the graduates attending. The public is invited and welcome to attend, but reservations should be made by February 23 for planning purposes by emailing dbrauneller@fcavc.org.

The next HSE exam will be held March 10-11 at the vocational building and future Lifelong Learning Center in Huntington.

Please note the change of date from past releases.

SCRAP CROP

The Paper Artisans will be hosting an all day Scrapbook Crop on Saturday March 21, 2015 at Hiers Park, Huntington In. Public welcome, lunch is included with a 15.00 registration by March 10. limited to first 40 paid registrations. For more information con-Jennifer tact jenminick@aol.com or call 417-1474

PINTS & PAINTS

The La Fontaine Arts Council of **Huntington County announces** an upcoming fundraiser. "St Paddy's Pints and Paints" will be held on Sunday, March 15, from 3 to 6 pm at the Expectations Events Center in Markle.

This event provides everyone an opportunity to create a painting and take it home with them that very day. Giggabuggy will provide the necessary canvases, art supplies, and simple instruction in a casual atmosphere. In addition to this, the price of the ticket includes appetizers. A cash bar will also be available.

Tickets can be purchased from La Fontaine Arts Council Executive Director Debbie Dyer. She can be reached by phone at 260-358-0055 or by email at ddyer@lafontaineartscounci.org. Reservations for "St Paddy's Day Pints and Paints" are required.

All proceeds from this

fundraiser go toward the LAC's "Arts in Education" programming.

More information about the event can be found on the Facebook pages of either the La Fontaine Arts Council or Giggabuggy.

BE AN EVERY DAY HERO

In honor of Red Cross Month in March, the American Red Cross encourages people to uncover their inner hero and donate blood or platelets, volunteer their time or sign up to organize a blood drive

Since 1943, every president has designated March as Red Cross Month to recognize how the Red Cross helps people down the street and across the country.

"The everyday heroes are those who donate blood, volunteer, take a lifesaving class, host a blood drive or make a financial contribution to help neighbors here in the Indiana-Ohio region and across the nation." said Sharyn Whitman, Chief Executive Officer of the Indiana-Ohio Blood Services Region. "We thank and honor these everyday heroes who support the Red Cross "

The Red Cross couldn't fulfill its mission without people like Edward Paragi of New Haven, Indiana who recently donated platelets for the 100th time, Howard Shobe of Van Wert, Ohio who recently made his 200th platelet donation, or Doug Gregory of Fort Wayne, Indiana who recently made his 500th platelet

donation.

People also can become everyday heroes by hosting a SleevesUp virtual blood drive or creating a team via the Blood Donor App. SleevesUp provides an easy way for Red Cross sunporters to encourage those in their networks to give blood or platelets to honor someone's life, celebrate a special occasion or simply bring people together to help save lives. Campaigns can be created online at redcrossblood.org/SleevesUp.

The Blood Donor App allows individuals to find a local blood or platelet donation opportunity, schedule appointments and track their donation history. Plus, it lets users create teams and recruit friends and family to roll up a sleeve with them. The Blood Donor App is available for download by texting BLOODAPP to 90999 or by visiting redcrossblood.org/BloodApp.

"It doesn't take superpowers to be a hero for a patient in need just a little time," added Whitman, Blood donors with all blood types, particularly O negative, A negative and B negative, and platelet donors are encouraged to make an appointment to give.

How to donate blood

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A

blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

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The Indiana Department of Transportation is offering civil engineering students scholarships of up to \$3,125 per semester, and paid employment during summer breaks and upon graduation.

Students must be accepted or enrolled full time in one of Indiana's certified civil engineering schools and apply using the form at

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BEST-N-ALL MET

The Best-N-All and We Raise 'Em 4-H clubs met on January 26, 2015. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H Pledge, roll call was taken. The newsletter was then reviewed, and James Ormiston had a health and safety presentation. Discussion was held on possible community service projects for this year, including working at the community garden or holding a canned food drive. The clubs will be selling geraniums again this year. Plants sell for \$1.50 each and are available in red, pink, white, and coral. Orders must be placed at the Extension Office no later than March 31, and plants are scheduled for delivery at Hier's Park on May 7. The clubs are

collecting pop tabs for Riley Children's Hospital again this year. The deadline for turning them in is July 1. Club members and families may attend the Komets game on February 21. The Bi-Annual Huntington County 4-H Benefit Auction will be held March 14, from 4:00-9:00 at Heritage Hall in Hier's Park. Dinner prices are \$7.50 for one pork chop and \$9.00 for two pork chops, \$5.00 for a kids meal. The next club meeting is scheduled for February 19 at 7:00 at Warren United Church of Christ.

POOL TOURNEY

There were 20 residents in the February 20th pool tourney. IT HAPPENED AGAIN!! The women remained in the winners circle for the second week in a row!! The winners were Shirley Mounsey and Norm Hiser. Larry Langdon and Ralph Taylor came in second place. The in -house tournament is played every Friday at 1:30 in the Fults Recreation Room and all residents are welcome to come and watch.

DOMINOS PLAYERS

There were 8 players in the Monday afternoon February 23rd domino tournament with scores ranging from 20 for the winner "Corncob" Hinton, and a 41 for the high score by "Sawdust" Minnich. "Captain" Hall had 23 for second place, "Engineer" Ruble had 34, "Clancy" Myers at 38, "Popcorn" Lintner at 37, "Curly" Taylor at 36, and "Farmer Bonham" had 32. Discussion was heated as to how many penalty points to assess to "Curly" for holding up the game for 3 minutes, as I had to call and wake him up from his beauty restII

On Saturday February 21st, 5 players showed up. "Engineer" Ruble won with a score of 26 points. "Captain" Hall at 27, Clancy" Myers had 29, "Sawdust" Minnich at 30, and "Farmer" Bonham at 31.

SISTERS IN FAITH

Sister's In Faith held a meeting at Heritage Pointe in one of their rooms. It was held on February 23, 2015 and the theme was all of the days we celebrate in February. The colors of red, black and white were used.

There was a short business meeting held and the secretaries and treasurers reports were given. It was voted to make a donation to the Crossroad Children's Home in Fort Wayne.

The committee of Linda Hammel, Ruth Brooks, Sandy Eichhorn and Joyce Dahlquist served refreshments to the following: Dianna Brooks, Ruth Booher, Cindy Fitch, Marjorie Gard, Ellen Laymon, Clara Mossburg, Betty Parker, Berniece Shideler, Janet Sneed, Marcia Stroud, Jo Spade. Nancy Smyth and Rosemary Zeller.

GENEALOGY REPORT

THANK YOU

The Family of Sheryl Slusher would like to thank everyone for prayers, calls, cards, food and flowers.

Also would like to thank the ladies of Hillcrest Church of Nazarene for the wonderful dinner after the funeral. Thanks to Rev Dewey Zent for the service and Glancy H Brown and Sons Funeral Home for the comforting words.

God Bless you

Janet Slusher Brenda Whitaker & Family Donald E (Ralph) Slusher II &

SPROWL

Ruth E. Sprowl, age 98, of Huntington, passed away Sunday (February 22, 2015) at Parkview Huntington Hospital.

There will be no visitation or funeral services.

Ruth was born on February 6. 1917 in Huntington County, the daughter of William and Ethel (Park) Hairell. She graduated from Banquo High School in 1935. Ruth

married Garl M. Sprowl on July 20, 1935 at Epworth Forest Chapel in North Webster and he preceded her in death on June 2, 1971. She worked as a dental technician for Dr. Hohe in Huntington. Ruth was a member of Central Christian Church of Huntington and the Order of Eastern Star #75 in Hunting-

Ruth is survived by two sons -Larry M. (Sharon L.) Sprowl of Warren and Michael G. (Sharon M.) Sprowl of Bosier City, Louisiana; three grandchildren – James (Pam) Sprowl of LaFontaine, Twila (Albert) Figueroa of McAllen, Texas, and Michael R. (Charlotte) Sprowl of Hartford City; six greatgrandchildren, and two greatgreat-grandchildren.

Her parents, husband, four brothers, and four sisters preceded her in death.





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IPRC RESULTS

In 2014, the Indiana Prevention Resource Center conducted the 24th Annual Survey of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Use by Indiana Children and Adolescents. Significant findings for Indiana include:

- · Monthly heroin use among 12th graders is more than twice as high as the national rate;
- Methamphetamine use by 12th graders remains above the national rate;
- · Indiana has the second highest prevalence rate of high school students who report they ever took prescription drugs without a doctor's prescription (21.4%), as compared to the nationwide rate of 20.7%:
- · Monthly marijuana use remained about same as last year; over 7% of Indiana's 8th graders and almost 18% of 12th graders used marijuana in the past 30 days. Previously, there was a downward trend; and
- · Cigarettes, over-the-counter drugs, prescription drugs, and alcohol were used primarily by females in Grades 7-12 in one or more of the time periods surveved.

There is good news, however. In the Northeast Region, many of our usage rates are at or below state averages. In addition, there are several instances in which our rates are significantly lower than state rates. Those rates include:

- · Binge drinking among 6th graders, 2.6% in our region versus 5.4% statewide;
- · Alcohol consumption, binge drinking, and marijuana usage by 8th graders are each at about half of the state rate;
- · For 11th graders, alcohol con-

sumption is 25.8% statewide and 20.5% for our region, and marijuana usage is 15.8% statewide versus 8.3% in our region; and

· Alcohol consumption by 12th graders, 27.5% students in our region reported consuming alcohol as compared to 33.9% in In-

The survey indicated that family members were the primary source of alcohol for youth in Grades 6 to 9. The higher the grade level, the more likely the student was to report that someone bought it for him or her, or they received it from a person aged 21 or older. These results suggest that youth drinking could be reduced if parents and family members better understood the risk of harm that alcohol presents, and prevented youth from accessing alcohol kept in the home.

Although many usage rates are declining, prevention efforts need to continue. Research shows that the younger a person is when he or she begins using alcohol, the more likely the person is to experience alcohol dependence and abuse. Those who began drinking before age 14 were more likely to have alcohol dependence later in life. The survey data shows an average age of first use of substances ranges from 12 to 14 years, where typically cigarettes are first, then alcohol, followed by marijuana. If youth perceive that their peers or parents will disapprove, they are far less likely to use substances. Frequent discussions between parents and their children are key. Remember, parents are the greatest influence on their kids' attitudes and be-

Together, we can reduce the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs

For more information, please Like us on Facebook at Local Anti-Drug Coalition Efforts -

Now is the Time

Beat cabin fever and help wildlife by tackling habitat improvement projects this winter.

Late winter is the best time to pursue many wildlife habitat projects. The ground is often dry or frozen, the timing prevents conflicts with nesting wildlife in spring, and managing wooded and shrubby areas is easier to do before leaves emerge and sap

Some winter habitat management suggestions follow.

- Conduct woodland edge enhancement and fencerow rejuvenation. Winter is the best time to cut brush, limbs and trees for "feathering" edges between mature woodlands and grasslands, wetlands or agricultural
- —Create forest openings. Forest openings benefit numerous wildlife species, and now is the best time to make such openings
- Make brush piles. Brush piles create escape-cover for game birds, songbirds, small mammals, and many other forms of wildlife. Piles placed close to transitional areas between habitat types provide increased benefits.

— Build and hang nesting boxes. Winter is a great time of year to buy or build nesting boxes and strategically place them.

- Clean and maintain nesting boxes. If you already have nesting boxes, clean them to prepare them for spring use.
- Frost seed. Winter soil conditions are optimal for planting small seeds. Common frostseeding species include introduced legumes such as clovers, alfalfa and birdsfoot trefoil. Frost seeding also can be effective for warm-season grasses, wildflowers and food plots.
- Employ sodium supplementation: Rabbits are one of many mammals that benefit from sodium supplementation. Crush salt blocks and distribute the fragments along field borders and habitat edges. Late winter and early spring is when mammals benefit most from sodium supplementation. Sodium supplementation is not to be confused with using baits, lures or attractants while hunting, which is illegal.

Further information on species and habit is at wildlife.IN.gov/ 2352.htm under "Landowner Assistance." You may also contact your district wildlife biologist, listed at wildlife.IN.gov/ fishwild/2716.htm.

To view all DNR news releases, please see dnr.IN.gov.

SURVIVING SOCIAL MEDIA

MARION, Ind. - Social media has become a strong influence upon today's children and teenagers. It can also have a profound impact on young lives. A study published by the American Academy of Pediatrics found the use of social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter Instagram can increase the likelihood that a teenager will develop depression or anxiety.

The issue is so critical that Indiana Youth Institute (IYI) President and CEO Bill Stanczykiewicz recently addressed the problem in the agency's December op-ed newspaper column. New sites and apps are popping up every day. But how can adults ask young people to use social media responsibly when they may not be fully informed themselves?

IYI is hosting a forum that will feature Brock Rose, owner and co-founder of Rose & Rose Associates. Brock will share his knowledge of today's popular social media sites and apps. Parents, social workers, educators and others who work with youth will learn information to help monitor and guide the children and teens in their lives when it comes to using social media safely.

The forum will run from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 4 at the Marion Public Library at 600 S. Washington St., Marion, 46953. Attendees should park at the east side entrance to access the Touchstone **Energy Center Community**

As part of IYI's Youth Worker Café program, the forum and lunch are free, but reservations are required. RSVP by Tuesday, March 3 by clicking on this link. If you have trouble with the link please contact IYI Statewide Outreach Manager Debbie Jones at djones@iyi.org.

Youth Worker Cafés are designed to bring together local youth workers to build relationships and inspire collaborations that will benefit children. This Youth Worker Café is made possible by the collaborative efforts of Family Service Society, Inc. and IYI.

For more information on the Youth Worker Café, contact IYI East Central Indiana Outreach Manager Alison Palmer at apalmer@iyi.org.



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OUTDOOR COOKING

Wabash Valley District scouts can learn to cook outdoors and earn their cooking merit badges at a special clinic at Ouabache State Park, April 10 and 11.

Each troop should bring separated trail mix ingredients for Friday night, such as pretzels, nuts, cereal, chocolate and dried fruit. Troops are responsible for Saturday breakfast and any meals if they choose to stay Sunday.

Cost is \$15 per adult and \$25 per scout. This fee covers camping for Friday and Saturday nights, and two meals on Saturdav.

Advance registration is required by March 20 by calling (260) 468-

Ouabache State Park (stateparks.IN.gov/2975.htm) is at 4930 E. St. Rd. 201, Bluffton,

To view all DNR news releases, please see dnr.IN.gov.

COOKIE WEEKEND

This February 27 through March 1, Girl Scouts of Northern Indiana - Michiana (GSNI-M) along with its sister councils across the country, will participate in National Girl Scout Cookie Weekend, a celebration of all the fun and excitement girls have selling Girl Scout Cookies. National Girl Scout Cookie Weekend will give girls from GSNI-M a chance to show off their cookie-selling skills by participating in booth and door-to-door sales throughout the 22 counties GSNI-M

National Girl Scout Cookie Weekend will also give GSNI-M

an opportunity to highlight some of its most innovative and successful cookie entrepreneurs and what they plan on doing with their cookie money to benefit their communities. Through the cookie program's "5 Skills," each amazing young #cookieboss develops creative and resourceful ways to sell cookies. And the more cookies girls sell, the more money they have to invest in community service projects, learning experiences, and travel opportunities.

"Girl Scout Cookies are about so much more than a tasty treat," said Sharon Pohly, CEO of GSNI-M. "They are about teaching girls basic business skills and instilling a lifelong sense of civic responsibility that creates leaders. At GSNI-M we have so many amazing girls doing positive things with their cookie money. During National Girl Scout Cookie Weekend we plan on celebrating these stories while helping girls meet their cookie goals for this year."

One hundred percent of the net revenue raised through Girl Scout Cookie sales in this area stays with GSNI-M and its troops, so customers who purchase Girl Scout Cookies are not only getting a delicious treatthey are also making an important investment in their communities

"National Girl Scout Cookie Weekend is one of the most exciting events on the Girl Scout calendar," said Anna Maria Chávez, CEO of Girl Scouts of the USA. "It's our opportunity to speak with one unified voice and tell the story of the Girl Scout Cookie Program, and everything it does to help prepare the next generation of female leaders. To help girls unlock their own leadership potential and realize the difference they can make in this world is at the heart of the Girl Scout mission. For nearly a century, our cookie program has been one of the most powerful and successful tools in transforming girls into leaders who make a positive impact on their communities."

During National Girl Scout Cookie Weekend, hungry cookie

customers will also get the chance to try the new glutenfree cookie - Trios. The new cookie made its debut during the 2015 cookie season. Legendary classics like Thin Mints and Peanut Butter Patties will also be available, so join in the fun during National Girl Scout Cookie Weekend and find Girl Scouts selling cookies near you! Visit www.girlscoutcookies.org or use the official Girl Scout Cookie Finder app, free for your iOS or Android phone or mobile device.



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When one freedom after another is compromised, before long all of your freedoms will have vanished. Once your freedom is lost, it's virtually impossible to recover. Life without freedom is proven to be filled with strife and despair. This fact is evidenced by the endless stream of people willing to risk their lives fleeing tyrannical regimes around the world.

Freedom is not free and must be constantly cherished and protected. Freedom persists only when good people stand firmly against those who seek to vanquish freedom through deceitful compromise. Your freedom must never be compromised or it will be lost.

Bryan is the author of "Dare to Live Without Limits." Contact **Byanat** Bryan@columnist.com or **VIST** <u>www.DareToLiveWithout</u> Limits.com @ 2015 Bryan Golden

WARREN BASEBALL & SOFTBALL **LEAGUE SIGN-UP**

Warren Baseball is about to kick-off another great season! Everychild aged 7 - 17 on June 1st will have the chance to play in every game.

2015 Leagues: Little League Boys: American (7-10 yrs) boys, National (11-13yrs), Pony League Boys (14-17yrs)

Junior Girls Softball (8-12yrs), & Senior Girls Softball (13-17yrs). All 7-8 year olds that play in the Civic Center League are eligible for the WBSL, however the Huntington County League players are not

An entry fee of \$30 will be charged for all leagues and there will be no fundraising!

Mail check/money orderto: Warren Baseball & Softball, PO Box 719 Warren, IN 46792 (You may write one check for all children but you must have individual sign-up slips.)

DEADLINE MARCH 29 - all entries received after that date will be put on a wait list and may or may not be able to play this season. NO REQUESTS EXCEPT FOR SIBLINGS! The WBSL reserves the right to refuse entry to any player!

Complete and Mail	by March 29
Child's Name	Circle: Boyor Girl
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Address	
Phone (or how to be reached)	
 Birthdate	
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Knight-Bergman Center Baseball

It is time to start another year of baseball at the KBC diamond. 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, 2015. 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 or any other league, then they are not eligible to play at the KBC.

The entry fee is \$25 per child and there will be no fundraiser activity. Please make checks payable to KBC and mail to: KBC

PO Box 146 Warren, IN 46792

Deadline for entries is Saturday, March 21, 2015. 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 21	
Player's Name	Circle: Male Female
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Address	
City/State/Zip	
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Team Last Year	
Name of Brother/Sister on Same Team	
Shirt Size (circle): Youth S or ADULT S M L	LXL
Are youwilling 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. Denny Stroud, KBC Baseball Director at 260-375-3711 or 260-228-1617.