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Thought for the Week: There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it. Edith Wharton



## HOLIDAY WALK AND FESTIVAL OF TREES

Friday, November 21st - 5-8 pm.  
Downtown Warren. Come Join Us!



## QUILT RAFFLE

The friends of Oma Shuttleworth will be raffling off a hand made lap quilt made by the Heritage Pointe sewing room volunteers. This quilt is made with white linen squares and has embroidery flowers on each square with a lavender trim.

Tickets will be on sale in the Nutritional Services Department at Heritage Pointe until December 12th. Tickets may also be bought during Heritage Pointe's Festival of Tree's which

will be on December 12th until the 1:30 drawing. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6/\$5.00.

All proceeds from this raffle will be given to Oma Shuttleworth, who was diagnosed with ALS.

## WE HAVE TREES

Thank you to all who responded to our request for a donated Christmas Tree. We are set for the next couple years with trees for the annual downtown Ribbon Tree.

## VETERANS HOMECOMING

Solid Rock Church of Warren invites all veterans and their families to a Veteran's Church service on Sunday morning, November 9 at 10 a.m. To honor and show our appreciation to our Veterans and their families, Solid Rock Church and the Hog Roasters are preparing a Pulled pork supper at 5:30 pm with entertainment to follow. Please wear any or all of your military apparel.

In order to help prepare for this event, please RSVP to Solid Rock Church at 260-375-3873. Walk-ins are welcome.

## BLOOD DRIVE

Give thanks by giving blood through the Red Cross this holiday season. The American Red Cross asks eligible donors to make an appointment to give blood to help ensure sufficient blood supplies are available for patients this holiday season. Blood donations often decline during the holidays when donors get busy with travel and family gatherings, but the need for blood remains steady. Someone in the U.S. needs blood every two seconds. Eligible donors with all types are needed, especially those with O negative, A negative and B negative. To learn more about donating blood and to schedule an appointment, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). As extra encouragement to donate blood during the busiest time of November for many people, presenting blood donors from Nov. 26 through Nov. 30 will receive a limited-edition Red Cross potholder stuffed with unique celebrity chef recipes, while supplies last. Thanksgiving recipes are courtesy of Mario Batali, Rocco DiSpirito, Alex Guarnaschelli and Mike Isabella. Upcoming blood donation opportunities:

11/20/2014: 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., Knight-Bergman Center, 132 S. Nancy St. in Warren

## CASINO TRIP

Popeye's Adventures of Fort Wayne is planning a casino trip to Firekeepers in Battle Creek, MI. The trip is November 22, 2014 and cost is \$30.

The casino gives back \$20 for play and \$5 for buffet.

The Warren are pick-up is at the Old Comfort hotel at I-69. Any questions, call Steve at 260-413-9274 by November 15.

## VETERANS DAY HOURS

Don Snemis, Commissioner of the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV), announced today that all BMV license branches will be closed Tuesday, Nov. 11 in observance of the Veterans Day holiday.

All license branches will resume their regularly scheduled business hours on Wednesday, Nov. 12. For a complete list of branch

locations and hours, visit [mybm.com](http://mybm.com).

## SHOPPING AT BB

Everything is set and ready for your Christmas Shopping at the Bargain Basement. Stop in on Friday and/or Saturdays, 9 to 4, to see what's new.

## FALL FUN FESTIVAL

The Wells County 4-H will present special awards at the Fall Fun Festival, Sunday, November 9, 4PM - 7PM, at the Wells County Community Center, 4-H Park, Bluffton.

This will be the fourth year for this county-wide event where

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## HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Coming "home for the holidays" means so much more when you're coming home to a small town like Warren. Josh and Kari (Brubaker) Heim are doing just that - but making the visit more permanent! Josh and Kari recently purchased Gebhart's Floral Barn from Bernard and Sharon Gebhart.

The Heim's are continuing the tradition of quality floral arrangements along with the addition of hand made pottery created by Josh Heim, which will be available for sale in Gebhart's Floral Barn. Custom pottery orders are also available and can be ordered any time at the Floral Barn.

The Heim's plan on opening the greenhouses this spring! They are currently accepting pre-orders for the variety of plants and flowers that will be available.

Josh and Kari (Brubaker) Heim, the new owners of Gebhart's Floral Barn, warmly welcome you to stop by during the Holiday Open House "Home for the Holidays" on Saturday, November 8th from 9am - 5pm and Sunday, November 9th from 1pm - 5pm. You will find an assortment of fresh and silk arrangements, hand made pottery by Josh Heim, as well as hand made treats and chocolates. Guests will also be able to place their name in for several price drawings each day.

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## KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

### THIS MOMS SAYS "BACK IT UP SANTA!"

by Eileen Wacker

I've just finished back to school and all the associated challenges and events for my four kids, aged 11 through 16. I've attended back to school nights, sports orientations and signed all the "I promise to be a reasonable sports parent" forms. Homework, instruments, and games have started and I even brought snacks yesterday for the team. I already have the dates for the parent conferences.

With the overloaded routine approaching insanity... the thought of 'holidays' pushes me toward the edge. I am the holiday CEO (Chief Entertainment Officer), organizing the food, presents, traditions, clothes, travel, kennels, house sitters and more. As a mom, I feel great pressure to make the holidays special and fun. I'm the torch-bearer of the traditions, either struggling to maintain cherished ones or create new ones for our family. Holidays are the basis of some of the happiest childhood memories. This translates into big expectations and PRESSURE.

The good news is when I let it happen, my children bring back the magic of the holidays! It's very easy to get caught up in their joy as each day gets marked off the calendar. The kids are working out what they will be for Halloween and planning their candy collection routes. But before the Halloween candy is even stale, the stores are gearing up for the holiday season.

I have written a skit I think one of the late night Jimmys should put on. I've named it Back It Up Santa. The cast could be as follows: an assembly of ghosts, witches and fairies representing Halloween. Multiple turkeys, pilgrims and Indians could represent Thanksgiving. There would be a giant menorah with candleholder arms. And, there would be a few moms. Everyone present would have a say about Santa! A very mad turkey would yell, 'Back up farts! You have your own holiday in a month, stay out of mine!' The menorah would scream, 'Any adult who perpetrates a threat of coal for a gift to children is just mean. And your big red suit and ugly beard scare the children. No one wants to sit on your lap!' Halloween would be up next. The Halloween characters would crowd around Santa and threaten, 'If you decorate one more store in October, we'll send you into the afterlife! You're nothing but a holiday hijacker!'

Lastly, as a mom, I would get my chance to vent the loudest. 'Christmas is a time of joy, but you are making it too commercialized. We want happy memories, not more pressure on shopping. Stop introducing new Christmas shopping initiatives like Black Friday and cyber Monday. I'm too tired and it's actually dangerous at Wal-mart! People are getting hurt! Come on Santa! Get some control over Christmas!'

I have one last gripe about Mr. North Pole. In second grade, my son approached me and asked earnestly, "Mom, please tell me the truth so I don't look stupid on the playground. Is there a Santa Claus or is it really you and Dad?" Since he is the third of our four children, his older siblings knew the truth but we wanted to preserve the Christmas magic for the youngest ones as long as possible. I hesitated as I was debating wildly how to respond. Finally I said,

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<p><b>CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH</b>          Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199          Pastor - Heath Jones          Youth Leaders - Kelly Jones</p> <p>Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.          Sunday School ..... 10:40 a.m.          Adult Bible Study ..... Sun 6:30p.m.          Youth Group ..... Sun 6:00p.m.</p> <p>Handicap Accessible          Little Panther Preschool 765.934.2099</p> <p><b>HEALING WATERS MINISTRY — MAJENICA</b>          Pastor Wayne Couch          260/224-3376</p> <p>Sunday Prayer ..... 9:15 a.m.          Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.          Worship Service ..... 10:30 a.m.          Wednesday Bible Study ..... 6:00 p.m.          Sunday Evening Service ..... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><i>Daycare provided during Worship Service</i></p> <p><b>DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN</b>          8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779          Matt Kennedy, Pastor</p> <p>1st Worship Service ..... 8:15a.m.          Sunday School ..... 9:30a.m.          2nd Worship Service ..... 10:30a.m.</p>	<p><b>LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH</b>          694-6622          Aaron Westfall, Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.          Fellowship ..... 9:55a.m.          Worship ..... 10:15a.m.          Wed. Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b>          Pastor Chad Yoder</p> <p>Morning Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.          Sunday School ..... 10:45 a.m.</p> <p><b>MCNATT UNITED METHODIST</b>          375-4359          Bill VanHaften, Pastor          Lois Slusher, Supt.</p> <p>Coffee Fellowship ..... 8:30 a.m.          Worship ..... 9:15a.m.          Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.          Bible Study - Wed. .... 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b>          765-934-1431          Pastor Leon Pomeroy</p> <p>Worship Service ..... 9:30 am          The Highway (2nd Service) ..... 11:00 am          Sunday School ..... 10:30am          Not Home Alone - Wed ..... 2:30 pm          Prayer-Bible Study (Thur) ..... 7:00 pm          UMW 2nd Wed ..... 7:00 pm          Little Ones Book Club 1st Tue ..... 10:00 am          Just Older Youth 3rd Tue ..... 12:00 pm          The Loft (Youth 7th-12th) Sun ... 5:00pm          www.vanburenumc.org</p> <p><b>WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST</b>          375-3022          Ethan T Stivers, Minister</p> <p>Ben Renkenberger, Youth Minister          Tara Bower and Melinda Haynes - Secretaries          www.warrenchurchofchrist.org</p> <p>Fellowship ..... 9:15 a.m.          Worship &amp; Communion ..... 9:30 a.m.          Sunday School ..... 11 to 11:40 a.m.          Youth: (Start back up in the fall)          K-5th grade, Mon ..... 6-7pm          Jr/Sr Hi, Sunday ..... 6-7:30pm</p>
<p><b>HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST</b>          101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726          Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor</p> <p>1st Worship ..... 8:30 a.m.          Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.          2nd Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>HERITAGE POINTE</b>          Sunday Morning Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.          OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT          Tues, Thurs, Fri &amp; Sat          Chapel Services ..... 9:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>THE NEW BEGINNING</b>          SR 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto          Steve Sutton, Pastor          765/728-2065 for more info</p> <p>Sunday Worship ..... 10:30a.m.          Thursday Prayer Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST</b>          260/468-2148 Sr 9 &amp; 124          Rev. Michael Gallant - "Pastor Mike"</p> <p>Trad. Worship ..... 9:00 a.m.          Fellowship ..... 10:00 a.m.          Mdrn Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.          Sunday Youth ..... 6-7:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>MOUNT ETNA WESLEYAN</b>          Pastor Brian Holland          www.mountetnachurch.com</p> <p>Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.          Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.          Bible Study (Wed) ..... 6:30 p.m.          Children's Ministry (Wed) ..... 6:30 p.m.          Youth (Wed) ..... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>PLUM TREE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST</b>          375-2691          Jill Miller, Pastor</p> <p>Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.          Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>WARREN 1ST BAPTIST CHURCH</b>          Corner of N. Wayne &amp; Matilda Sts.          Senior Pastor Rev. Bill Fisher</p> <p>Sunday School ..... 9:00a.m.          Sunday Worship ..... 10:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH</b>          375-2330 6th &amp; Nancy Sts. Warren          Rev. Allen Laws, Pastor          Wesley Welch, Supt.</p> <p>Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.          Worship ..... 10:15 a.m.          Wed Bible Study ..... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH</b>          Pastor Richard Ladouceur          11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN          765-934-3609</p> <p>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</p>

Please Attend the Church of Your Choice

## AREA NEWS

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club leaders will be presenting 4-H member completion pins and special outstanding club awards. Mini 4-H members will also be honored.

The entire family is invited to attend the event which will begin with a carry-in meal (meat, drinks and table service provided). Families should bring a covered dish to share.

Photo highlights of the 4-H Fair will be presented. 4-H youth attending will also have the opportunity to participate in a variety of carnival games being planned by the 4-H leaders.

4-H Families can also learn about the new 4HOnline enrollment that is available November 1 – January 15.

All 4-H youth attending the event will have an opportunity to win door prizes provided by Wells County Businesses.

For more information about the event, contact the Wells County Extension Office, 824-6412, or go to [www.extension.purdue.edu/wells](http://www.extension.purdue.edu/wells).

### DECEMBER 1ST DEADLINE

Reminder that the Fall Discount for 2015 Golf Memberships ends December 1st! 20% Off the Regular Rates and play the rest of this season! Also, all 2014 apparel is 50% off and we have gift certificates for the upcoming holiday season. Stop by the clubhouse or call 375-4750 for more details.

### HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Heritage Pointe will be having their annual Holiday Bazaar on November 7th. The bazaar will be held from 9 to 3 in the Fults Recreation room of Heritage Pointe. There will be many vendors and lots to choose from such as fresh baked goods, clothing apparel, jewelry, gift bags, gift tags and cards, ornaments, hair accessories, quilted items, and so much more. Christmas is just right around the corner and we might just have that something for the hard to buy for this Christmas season.

Heritage Pointe is located at 801 Huntington Ave in Warren. When entering the building through the main entrance or the chapel doors, follow the signs to the bazaar.

### CLEAN-UP TIME

Woodlawn Cemetery board is asking that all summer and fall decorations be removed from all graves by November 14th in preparation of their fall clean up of the cemetery. All Christmas decorations may be placed after Thanksgiving. Thank you for all your help.

### CHILD SAFETY SEAT

#### PROGRAM SAVES LIVES

The Youth Services Bureau of Huntington County continues to promote child passenger safety geared to protect Hoosier children's lives on the nation's highways.

The Youth Services Bureau has been a child safety seat inspection station since October of 2013. This child safety seat inspection station has two nationally certified child passenger safety technicians who will inspect car seats and instruct families how to properly secure them in their vehicles.

According to Safe Kids Worldwide, 73% of car seats are not used or installed correctly. Improper use of a child safety seat can result in injuries or death. Parents and caregivers can call the Youth Services Bureau at 260-356-9681 to schedule an appointment to have their car seat installation checked. Also, adults will be provided material and instruction on proper child passenger safety and car seat installation.

The Indiana Criminal Justice Institute is funding this program with technical support provided by the Automotive Safety Program, Indiana University School of Medicine. For more information, call toll free at 800-KID-N-CAR, or visit the program's website at [www.preventinjury.org](http://www.preventinjury.org).

### NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

The Youth Services Bureau of Huntington County is currently accepting nominations for its annual Steven L. Bailey Memorial Award. This award has been

presented annually since 1999 to an individual or group who demonstrates a strong compassion for the youth and families of Huntington County. The nominee can be an individual or a group who has made a positive impact in the lives of young people through activities that empower, encourage and support our youth.

"During his life, Steve strongly believed everyone had strengths, and he was willing to provide the support needed for them to reach their fullest potential. Steve was truly a youth and family advocate and the recipients of this award have also shared these attributes that Steve demonstrated in his professional and personal life. This award helps keep his mission alive," states Jan Williams, executive director.

Past recipients include: Delores Evans, Kent Yost, Roger Vezeau, Sara Landrum, Kent Hoopingarner, Richard Burns, Shelly & Jon Schenkel, Gary Mast, Gloria Wall, Carrie Boxell, the volunteers of the Champion League and Lisa MacDonald. Steve Schenkel was this year's recipient.

Candidate must:

- Be 18 years of age or older
- Groups may have younger volunteers
- Be a positive role model through supportive, encouraging and empowering involvement with youth as a volunteer or

through their professional responsibilities.

• Have impacted Huntington County child and/or youth.

Nominations forms may be picked up the Youth Services Bureau's office, located at 1344 Maple Drive Monday through Friday 8am until 3:30pm. Requests for nominations forms may also be sent to [adm@ysbofhuntingtonco.org](mailto:adm@ysbofhuntingtonco.org). All nominations need to be submitted to the Youth Services Bureau by November 26, 2014. The selection will be made in early December by a panel of YSB Board members and staff. The award will be presented at the agency's Annual Dinner which will be held January 20, 2015. More information can be obtained by calling the Youth Services Bureau at 356-9681 or [e m a i l i n g adm@ysbofhuntingtonco.org](mailto:adm@ysbofhuntingtonco.org).

### FESTIVAL WINNERS

Scary weather didn't stop the fun on Halloween Night for the Town of Warren. The annual Scarecrow Festival was moved to the Knight Bergman Center and many residents and visitors enjoyed themselves with the festivities.

Winners were announced as follows:

Scarecrow winners: Kodi Elliot and Cindy Boxell, The Flower Pot and Heritage Pointe Day Care  
Chili Winners: Best Booth: iAB Financial Bank; Chili: 1st Place, Heritage Pointe, Dietary-Day Shift; 2nd Place, iAB Financial Bank; and Peoples Choice, Heritage Pointe-Dietary-Night Shift. Other Chili entries were Boy Scout Troop #122 and Professional Hearing Care.

Thank you to all who get involved in the Warren community whether it be to organize an event or to stick around and clean up. We are a Great Community!



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## Home for the Holidays

### HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE



Saturday, Nov 8th 9a-5p  
Sunday, Nov 9th 1p-5p  
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## Community Calendar

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

<b>Nov 5</b> 7:00p	Van Buren Town Council
<b>Nov 10</b> 5:30p	Warren Town Council, Assembly Hall
<b>Nov 11</b>	<b>Veteran's Day</b> - Town Halls Closed
<b>Nov 12</b>	W - Town Hall Closed
<b>Nov 17</b> 6:30p	W - KBC Board Meeting, at Knight Bergman Center
<b>Nov 19</b> 7:00p	Van Buren Town Council
<b>Nov 21</b> 5-8p	W - Holiday Walk, downtown Warren

**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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### 2015 4-H ENROLLMENT

Recruitment for the 2015 Huntington County 4-H program is underway. Four-H is a volunteer youth development and education program coordinated by the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service. Its primary objectives are to assist young people in acquiring knowledge, skills, citizenship, and leadership opportunities through real life educational opportunities. Youth participants and adult volunteers are the most important assets of 4-H.

Youth interested in joining 4-H may enroll online at [in.4honline.com](http://in.4honline.com) or at the Extension Office from November 1, 2014-January 15, 2015. Indiana 4-H has adopted a new data management system that is being implemented for the 2015 4-H program year. The major difference between this new data management system, 4HOnline, and our current system is that 4-H families will create their own login and password that will be used multiple times throughout the year to communicate and transfer information to their local Purdue Extension Office, such as change of email or mailing address, registering for state and county events, and receiving newsletters and other pertinent information. Additionally, this system will allow approved 4-H adult volunteers to better communicate with youth members and their families.

Four-H is one of the largest youth development organizations in the world. Today's 4-H is for all youth, regardless of urban or rural residence, socioeconomic status, or racial or cultural background. Last year in Huntington County, 1,029 youth in grades K-12 were involved in community based 4-H clubs, which emphasize practical, hands-on activities as key aspects of capturing and retaining lifelong interests. A wide range of learning opportunities are available, including such topics as aerospace, agriculture, con-

sumer clothing, computers, electricity, foods, home environment, photography, robotics shooting sports, and woodworking. In Huntington County, nearly 50 projects will be offered for 2015!

A chief characteristic of 4-H is its corps of caring and capable volunteers. 4-H volunteer club and project leaders form the backbone of the educational mission of the 4-H program. Through these committed adults, youth are offered opportunities to develop practical competencies and life skills such as leadership and teamwork.

Youth are helped to establish goals, think intelligently, and become contributing citizens to their communities. Through activities that are typically conducted in the homes of members or leaders, churches, or other community facilities, 4-H'ers are encouraged to examine problems in their communities and participate in their solution. Competence and knowledge developed through 4-H work often lead to career choices.

Surveys of graduating 4-H members both locally and nationwide have repeatedly reported participants' acquisition of life skills such as personal responsibility, leadership, motivation, formation of friendships, and practical and vocational skill development as some of the most valuable outcomes of their 4-H experience.

The program combines the resources of Huntington County government, Purdue University, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, community donors and sponsors, and the voluntary efforts of members, parents, and adult volunteers.

For more information, contact the Purdue Extension - Huntington County office at 260-358-4826, located in the County Courthouse Annex Building, 354 N Jefferson - Suite 202, Huntington, or contact Julia Miller, 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator at [jwickert@purdue.edu](mailto:jwickert@purdue.edu).

### HP POOL TOURNAMENT

There were 22 residents in the October 31st pool tourney. The winners were Clarence Myers and Ralph Taylor. Second place went to Freddie Couch and Jim Slaughter. I think this is the 3rd time this month that a woman has either won or played in the title game!! The in-house tournament will be played next Thursday at 1:30 in the Fults Recreation Room instead of the normal Friday.

### HP BOWLING

The Wednesday morning Mixed League scores are as follows: Game 1 - Clara Mossburg at 190, - and Games 2 & 3 & 4 were won by the hot handed leftie "Popcorn" Lintner with scores of 187, 188, and 180. High Series went to "Popcorn" with a 712 and 2nd was Clara with 700. Mary had a 572 series and "Curly" Taylor finished with a 607 series.

The Thursday morning men's league had "Clancy" Myers winning 2 games at 178 & 182. "Corncomb" Hinton won 2 games at 186 & 179, and also had the high series at 683. "Clancy" & "Curly" Taylor both got feathers for a tough spare. "Clancy" also threw 1 ball in the gutter!! "Sawdust" Minnich had a 585 series, & "Curly" had a 608 series.

### HP DOMINOS

There were 7 players last week in the Monday afternoon domino tournament with scores ranging from 19 for the winner and 36 for the high score. The low winning score was achieved by "Curly" Taylor, winning 3 games. The high scorer was "Captain" Hall at 36 points. The other players were "Sawdust" Minnich at 24, "Clancy" Myers at 25, and "Popcorn" Lintner at 30, "Engineer" Ruble at 25 and "Farmer" Bonham at 33.

On Wednesday October 29th, 7 players showed up. "Sawdust" Minnich was the winner with a low score of ONLY 18 points!! Other players were "Clancy" Myers at 30, "Curly" Taylor at 31, "Popcorn" Lintner at 44, "Farmer" Bonham at 34, "Captain" Hall at 27 and "Engineer" Ruble with 22. The word around Wells County had people asking "Why do they call him 'Sawdust'?"

### HONOR ROLL

Students achieving Honor Roll status at Salamonie School are as follows.

Fifth Grade - All A's: Jillian Bieber, Alexander Gallegos, Madison Herstad, John Markley, Cam McCarver, Nicholas Neuenschwander, Evan Reynolds, Logan Welker. A/B's: Gabrielle Alford, Grace Clabaugh, Engelbert Dickson, Trista Fishbaugh, Jayce Hosler, Craig Ingram, Isaac Justice, Aurora Maul, Paige McCutcheon, Skyler Michaud, Aaron Miller, Kennedy Mitchem, James Ormison, Megan Ormiston, Mason Scalf, Kayla Spangler

Fourth Grade - All A's: Cadence Crouse, Zoe Erickson, Joshua Justice, Keaden Justice, Emily Manry, Matthew Martin, Cole McCarver, Kora Vickrey, Abagayle Wright, Charlie Zehner. A/B's: Blaine Brown, Erica Dickson, Cassandra Imel, Summer Jackson, Savannah Johnson, Gabrielle Leichty, Christian McGuin, Shaun Mitchem, Michael Moehring, Amiah Norman, Raelynn Pebernat, Hadleigh Phelps, Alexandria Raab, Hailey Rains, Kiera Searles, Ashton Shively, Sadie Smith, Brooke Swaidner, Jayna Tackett, Lucas Trickle.

Third Grade - All A's: Clayton Bell, Rehyn Brooks, Trinity Cain, Asher Chipchosky, Jericho Lykins, Tess Maul, Riley Mautz, Ava Poulson, Brooklyn Scalf, Julia Spitler. A/B's: Vincent Carboni, Kelsey Chaney, Jay Clampitt, Dalton Davis, Aiden DeWeese, Izaya Dunno, Noah Gallegos, Nolan Knapp, Jillian Loftis, Kahlen Lows, Blake Sheward, Shaylyn Suchcicki, Hanna Surfus.

Second Grade - All A's: Jackson Barlow, Brayden Cantrell, Evan Clabaugh, Emma Dickson, Cole Eltzroth, Seth Gilbert, Javin Gray, Landon Green, Lily Hall, Hailey Imel, Marcus Linker, Serenidy Mitchem, Caden Moore, Cameron Moore, Kayda Newman, John Renkenberger, Paige Russell, Molly Schindler, Joseph Shively, Haley Smith, Lola Smith, Anna Spitler, Brodee Swaidner, Maleah Warpup, Allen Yohe. A/B's: Dylan Burkhart, Mia Bustos, Brenna Cady, Clayton Carroll, Reece Griffith, Aiden Justice, Isabella Leas, Cole Rains, Jeremiah Roser, Gracie Sellers.

### SENIOR SCRAMBLE

Results from Thursday Senior Scramble at Dogwood Glen. For October 23rd: First Place(30): Don Carroll, Charles Harris, John Morrison, Bob Price. Second Place(33): Jim Hunnicutt, Howard Nickel, Randy Potter, Tom Smiley. Closest to the Pin #3 Charles Harris, #6 Don Carroll, Long Drive #8 John Morrison & Bob Herring. For October 30th: First Place(34): Jack Harmon, Dan Poulson, Bill Preston, Bob Rittenhouse. Second Place(34): Steve Bissel, Charles Harris, Howard Nickel, Randy Potter, Harold Williams. Closest to the Pin #3 Charles Harris, #6 Steve Bissel, Long Drive #8 Randy Potter & Jim Denman. Thank you to Bolinger's Propane Service & Wagon Wheel for sponsoring the winning team's golf balls.

### SINGIN' IN THE RAIN

The Huntington University Theatre Company is bringing the classic MGM film "Singin' in the Rain" alive on stage this fall.

"Singin' in the Rain" will debut in the Zurcher Auditorium of the Merillat Centre for the Arts at Huntington University on Nov. 13, 14, 15, 20, 21 and 22. Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. with special 2 p.m. matinee performances Nov. 15 and 22.

Packed full of charm, romance and comedy, this classic story will delight audiences of all ages despite any weather. Follow Don Lockwood (senior Grant Fitzgerald), Kathy Selden (junior Haley Glinz) and zany sidekick, Cosmo Brown (junior Trenidy Cox), as they turn 1920s Tinseltown upside-down during the emerging era of the "talkies."

Audiences will leave the theater singing popular songs such as "Make 'Em Laugh," "Good Morning" and the unforgettable title song, "Singin' in the Rain."

Written by Betty Comden and Adolph Green with songs by Nacio Herb Brown and Arthur Freed, the musical is being directed by Jay Duffer, associate professor of theatre arts. Joni Killian, adjunct faculty for the Music Department, is providing the musical direction, and Melissa Duffer, adjunct faculty for the Theatre Department, is serving as the choreographer for the production.

"I am thrilled that HU can bring such a classic musical to our community," Duffer said. Both young and old alike will enjoy this



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production. This is a great way to introduce younger generations to the MGM classics of the 1950s."

For tickets, call the Merillat Centre for the Arts Box Office at (260) 359-4261 from 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Tickets are \$12 for general admission, \$10 for students and seniors, \$6 for children 13 and younger, \$5 for HU students and \$9 for HU faculty/staff. Tickets also will be sold at the door before every performance.

For more information about the Huntington University Theatre Company, visit [www.huntington.edu/theatre](http://www.huntington.edu/theatre).

### DON'T BURN

It's that time of the year again; when leaves turn shades of bright orange and red, then fall to the ground, covering your lawn. Instead of burning yard waste though, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) encourages you to mulch or compost them for use as fertilizer on your lawn or garden. You can also use a wood chipper to mulch leaves and fallen branches.

Why does the state restrict what can be burned by residents? Because smoke from the open burning of trash or yard waste contains harmful pollutants, some of which are highly toxic, and can harm your family's health. Because this pollution doesn't stay on your property, it can also harm your neighbors' health—especially those with asthma, allergies or emphysema. This pollution can also be bad for the environment because it contributes to ground level ozone and fine particle pollution.

However, if no alternatives exist, and you decide to burn your yard waste, there are limitations on how that can be done. IDEM has produced a new video detailing the residential open burning laws of Indiana. [http://youtu.be/VO\\_fBGxX9cU](http://youtu.be/VO_fBGxX9cU)

The burning must take place in a well-vented container (a burn barrel is not well-vented), and only leaves, tree branches and twigs can be burned. A properly vented container keeps the fire under control while allowing oxygen to feed the flames and reduce excessive smoke. A screen on top prevents ash and other debris from drifting into the

air. Materials, such as refuse, household trash and outdoor waste, plastics, tires, building materials or other debris, treated wood, asbestos or any other non-vegetation material cannot be burned. If the fire creates a pollution problem or becomes a nuisance or fire hazard, the fire must be extinguished. Residential burning of any kind in Lake, Porter, Clark, and Floyd counties is prohibited.

Some cities, towns or counties may have local ordinances that are stricter than the state rules, and some communities may ban burning altogether. If so, residents must comply with those ordinances even if the fire is allowed under state law. You should check with your local fire department, health department, city, or county government officials to see if local bans or restrictions are in place.

To learn more about open burning, contact IDEM's Office of Air Quality at (800) 451-6027 or visit [www.idem.IN.gov/airquality/2411.htm](http://www.idem.IN.gov/airquality/2411.htm).

### DEER CLOSINGS

Select Indiana state parks will close temporarily to allow for controlled deer reductions in the coming weeks.

The dates for the temporary closings are Nov. 17 and 18, and Dec. 1 and 2.

The state parks affected are Brown County, Chain O'Lakes, Charlestown, Clifty Falls, Fort Harrison, Harmonie, Indiana Dunes, Lincoln, McCormick's Creek, Ouabache, Pokagon, Potato Creek, Prophetstown, Shakamak, Spring Mill, Summit Lake, Tippecanoe River and

Whitewater Memorial.

These state parks will close to the general public the evening before each of the two efforts and reopen the morning after each two-day reduction.

Only individual hunters drawn last September and those hunters they listed on their applications may participate at Brown County, Chain O'Lakes, Charlestown, Clifty Falls, Harmonie, Lincoln, McCormick's Creek, Ouabache, Pokagon, Potato Creek, Prophetstown, Shakamak, Summit Lake, Tippecanoe River and Whitewater Memorial. There will be no standby drawings at those parks.

For Fort Harrison (an archery hunt) and Indiana Dunes and Spring Mill (both are firearms hunts), a public standby drawing to fill spots left vacant will take place on property each morning of the reduction.

Indiana Dunes State Park will conduct daily standby drawings at 8 a.m. CST. Potential standby participants can apply on site between 7 and 7:45 a.m. CST but cannot enter the park before 7 a.m. CST.

Spring Mill and Fort Harrison will conduct daily standby drawings at 8:30 a.m. EST. Potential standby participants can apply onsite between 7:30 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. EST but cannot enter the park before 7:30 a.m.

Eligibility for daily onsite standby drawings is limited to Indiana residents who are 18 years of age by Nov. 17, and have any valid license to take deer in Indiana. Indiana residents who

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### KISSED THE PIG!

Salamonie School's Kiss the Pig United Way fundraiser was held recently. The kids did a change jars war in order to determine which teacher would have to kiss the pig. The pig kisser is Bridget Swaidner (4th grade teacher) Luke Vickrey furnished the pig.

## GENEALOGY REPORT

### ROSER

Goldie M. Roser, 96, of Warren, IN, passed away at 1:34 AM on Saturday, November 01, 2014 at Heritage Pointe in Warren, IN.

She was born on Monday, September 30, 1918, in Mt. Etna, IN. She married Carl Roser in Converse, Indiana. Mrs. Roser was a homemaker and was a lifelong resident of Huntington County. She was also a Huntington County Farmer and was a cook at Lancaster School.

Survivors include: Son - Jay Edward Roser, Warren, IN and Grandson - Jeremiah Roser, Warren, IN.

She was preceded in death by her: Husband - Carl Roser; Parents - Clellie and Anna (Shuman) Cecil and a Sister - Opal L. Davis.

There will be no visitation or funeral services and burial will take place at a later date.

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possess an Indiana lifetime license to take deer are also eligible. Participants must wear a hunter orange hat or cap and vest, coat, jacket or coveralls at all times while on the property.

Applications can include up to three individuals. The number of participants drawn will be based on the number of unclaimed spots for each day; it is not a first-come, first-served process. The need for stand-in hunters tends to increase with each hunt day.

Questions about participating in the standby drawings should be directed to the property of interest.

DNR biologists evaluate which parks require a reduction each year based on habitat recovery and previous harvest rates at each park. The state parks are home to more than 32 state-endangered plants and numerous significant natural communities. The reductions help control browsing by deer to a level that helps maintain habitat throughout the state parks for all plants and animals.

Information on 2015 state park deer reductions, including online applications, will be available next summer at [dnr.IN.gov/fishwild](http://dnr.IN.gov/fishwild). The application deadline is usually the end of August.

A report on the 2013 reductions can be found at [dnr.IN.gov/parklake/files/sp](http://dnr.IN.gov/parklake/files/sp)

DeerRMRR.pdf.

## PLAN EARLY

Already thinking about Christmas gifts to buy the outdoor lovers on your list this year?

The DNR can help, with bargain packages and camping gift cards available for purchase online at [InnsGifts.com](http://InnsGifts.com).

The \$99 State Park Holiday Gift Pack includes a 2015 resident Annual Entrance Permit, an Indiana State Park Inns gift card worth \$70, and a one-year subscription to Outdoor Indiana magazine.

The buyer saves \$26 over the regular price of the items purchased separately.

The \$129 State Park Holiday Gift Pack upgrades your \$99 State Park Holiday Gift Pack to include a \$100 Indiana State Park Inns gift certificate.

The camping gift cards are available in \$25 dollar increments from \$25 to \$200. This is the first time these camping gift cards have been offered for sale through DNR's online store.

Orders ship within three to five business days. Orders received by Dec. 11 will ship by Dec. 18. The offer is available through Dec. 31.

Indiana has 32 state parks and reservoirs throughout the state. The entrance permit grants gate entrance for all of 2015 for all state parks and reservoirs beginning Jan. 1.

The inns gift card can be used at any of seven state park lodging facilities, as well as at the award-winning Pete Dye-designed golf course at Fort Harrison State Park in Indianapolis.

The camping gift card can be used at any state park or reservoir campground, as well as at the following DNR Division of Forestry properties: Greene-Sullivan State Forest, Covered Bridge Retreat and Deam Lake and Starve Hollow state recreation areas. The gift card can be used toward cabins (excluding inns-operated cabins), campsites, cottages, group camps, recreation buildings, rent-a-camp cabins, shelters, and youth & rally camps.

Outdoor Indiana is a bi-monthly magazine that brings you the best of the state's outdoors in 48 pages of full color. The normal subscription rate is \$15 per year.

## NEW CAMPAIGN

Teens of the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence Youth Council want to help adults talk to kids about teen dating violence. And they have created an action plan to do just that.

With a letter to the editor, the same letter to school administrators and parents, public service announcements, social media posts and a new website, the ICADV Youth Council will launch its new Stand4Respect campaign on Tuesday, October 21 during Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

"Two out of three teens will experience teen dating abuse," said Colleen Yeakle, Prevention Initiatives Coordinator of ICADV. "Unfortunately, 75% of parents don't talk with their kids about relationships. We are so proud of the teens on our Youth Council to have developed a plan to correct that."

The Youth Council hopes that newspapers around the state will run their letter to the editor. According to Youth Council

member Jacob from Bartholomew County, "We believe that by initiating these conversations with us, adults have the power to set us up to have safer and healthier relationships across our lifespans."

The new website, [Stand4Respect.org](http://Stand4Respect.org), will include information such as adult-teen conversation starters, helpful listening hints, modeling a respectful relationship and "how-to" videos.

"It is our goal to prevent teen dating abuse," said Makayla, a Youth Council member from Monroe County. "We believe that we are most successful when teens and adults work together to create relevant and cool prevention plans. That's what this campaign is all about."

The ICADV Youth Council is a group of Indiana teens working to prevent teen dating abuse through the change of culture, not couples. Traditional prevention efforts have focused on telling victims what to avoid. The teens believe that a change of culture is needed to improve how we treat each other in relationships. They work to make respectful relationship behavior the easy choice by fostering conversations between adults and teens about healthy relationships, encouraging other teens to take action and voicing teens' points of view to adults who can make changes that impact teens.

Since its beginning in 1980, the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence has worked to ensure that people who help survivors have the information and resources they need. To prevent future violence, ICADV advocates for change through public policy, informational campaigns to increase awareness and educating young people on the cyclical nature of violence so we can all say "No More" in Indiana.

## IF YOU SEE ...

Less than 1 percent of Indiana's nearly 400,000 hunters are found to be violating the law while hunting.

Finding those violators often requires the input of law-abiding hunters and other citizens who see violations taking place.

Now that Hoosier hunting seasons are in full swing, the Indiana Conservation Officers charged with enforcing the state's wildlife laws ask concerned citizens to keep two phone numbers handy and enter them on their cell phones. The 24-hour Central Dispatch number is (812) 837-9536. It documents the caller's name. The Turn in a Poacher (TIP) hotline number is 1-800-TIP-IDNR (4367). It allows the caller to remain anonymous.

If you see a suspected violation:

1. Safely gather as much information as you can (vehicle description, plate number, clothing description, number of people, location, direction of travel, etc.) without approaching the subject.
2. Immediately call the appropriate number.
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Will the changes for Medicare in 2015 affect you? The Kaiser Family Foundation, a non-profit specializing in health policy analysis, reports a slight decline

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in the number of Medicare Advantage plans available nationwide to consumers for 2015 – 1,945 plans for 2015 compared to 2,014 plans offered in 2014. According to Kaiser, nearly 320,000 consumers currently enrolled in plans to be discontinued will need to find new coverage in 2015.

"It's critical that seniors understand their options during the Medicare open enrollment period, which ends December 7, 2014," said Indiana Department of Insurance Commissioner Stephen W. Robertson. "We recommend seniors contact one of the many State Health Insurance Assistance Program counselors across Indiana if they need assistance."

The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) is a free and unbiased counseling program provided by the Indiana Department of Insurance for Medicare beneficiaries in Indiana. SHIP is not affiliated with any insurance company or agency and does not sell insurance. SHIP counselors are volunteers trained to offer free and objective assistance.

"Medicare is not an easy subject to understand and it can be difficult to keep up with the changes. SHIP counselors are devoted to helping people with Medicare in their local communities understand their health insurance choices," said IDOI SHIP Program Director Cheryl St. Clair. Since July 2013, SHIP counselors in Indiana have helped over 39,000 Hoosiers with their questions. Counselors answer questions about Medicare, Medicare Advantage, Medicare supplement insurance, Medicaid, long term care insurance, prescription coverage and low income assistance.

"Usually there's not one right answer, so it takes knowledge and patience to provide enough information to help a beneficiary or family member make the best decision for their own personal situation," said St. Clair.

Call 1-800-452-4800 or visit [www.medicare.in.gov](http://www.medicare.in.gov) to find a SHIP location near you.

The Indiana Department of Insurance (DOI) protects Indiana's insurance consumers by monitoring and regulating the financial strengths and market conduct activities of insurance companies and agents. The DOI monitors insurance companies

and agents for compliance with state laws to protect consumers and to offer them the best array of insurance products available. The DOI also assists Hoosiers with insurance questions and provides guidance in understanding how insurance policies work.

## EBOLA CALL CENTER

INDIANAPOLIS—The Indiana State Department of Health opened a call center for the public to answer questions regarding Ebola Virus Disease. Health representatives are available to answer questions regarding symptoms, screening and diagnosis of Ebola.

The call center telephone number is (877) 826-0011. It is open Monday through Friday, 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Call (888) 561-0044 for the hearing impaired.

"There are a lot of questions about Ebola right now and unfortunately quite a bit of misinformation going around," said State Health Commissioner William VanNess, M.D. "The call center will provide people with a way to easily speak directly to a state health representative to get the information they need."

The Ebola virus is not spread through the air, by water or food, or by casual contact. People with Ebola can only spread the Ebola virus when they have symptoms. There is no known risk of transmission if someone does not have symptoms. Ebola is only spread through direct contact with blood or body fluids (including but not limited to urine, saliva, feces, vomit and semen, or a needlestick) of a person who is sick with Ebola or the body of a person who has

died from Ebola.

Symptoms of Ebola may appear anywhere from two to 21 days following exposure to body fluids of a person infected with the virus, but often appear between eight and 10 days following exposure. People are contagious as long as their blood and bodily fluids contain the virus. People who do not have symptoms are not contagious.

Symptoms of Ebola include:

- Fever
- Headache
- Joint and muscle pain
- Weakness
- Diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Stomach pain
- Lack of appetite
- Abnormal bleeding

"Early symptoms of Ebola are similar to influenza, which is why it is essential for our healthcare providers to check travel history when receiving a patient with flu-like symptoms," said Dr. VanNess. "Only individuals who have traveled to Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia are at risk of having been exposed."

For more information about Ebola, visit the Indiana State Department of Health's website at [www.StateHealth.in.gov](http://www.StateHealth.in.gov) or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at <http://www.cdc.gov>.

Follow the Indiana State Department of Health on Twitter at @StateHealthIN and on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/isdh1](https://www.facebook.com/isdh1).

## DRUG AWARENESS

Prescription and over-the-counter drugs are the most commonly abused substances by Americans age 14 and older, af-

ter marijuana and alcohol.

Wendy says, "I was 17 when I took my first Vicodin. My doctor gave me the prescription for a bottle of 20 pills after removing a painful cyst from my knee. He never mentioned that I could get hooked on Vicodin, an opioid analgesic; he just said to take one every four to six hours. The first pill made me slightly nauseated, but it also dulled the throbbing sensation in my knee. I took another one as instructed. This time a warm, tingly feeling swept through my body. My physical pain disappeared, along with my teenage angst. I felt giddy and light, as if I were floating. That lasted only a few blissful hours—until I took another pill. I was sad when the bottle was empty." And so the addiction began...

October brings us three important awareness months.

First, National Medicine Abuse Awareness Month reminds us that prescription drug abuse plagues thousands of American families. Almost twice as many residents – 6.8 million – currently abuse prescription drugs as the number of those using cocaine, hallucinogens, heroin and inhalants combined, according to the 2012 National Survey of Drug Use and Health. Nearly 110 Americans die each day from drug-related overdoses and half of those are related to opioids, including prescription painkillers and heroin. More than 70 percent of those who misuse prescription painkillers reported getting them from friends or relatives' medicine cabinets the first time they were used. Many teens and young adults still believe that prescription medications are safer to use than illegal drugs. Please talk to your teens, lock up your meds, and properly dispose of unwanted or expired medication.

Second is National Substance Abuse Prevention Month. President Obama states in a recent proclamation, "Substance abuse disrupts our families, schools, and communities and limits the success of young people. Every

day, thousands of young Americans try drugs or alcohol for the first time, and for many, this decision will have a profound impact on their health and well-being." Prevention is key. It is never too early to talk to your children about alcohol. Tell your children that alcohol can be bad for their growing brains, interfere with judgment, and can make them sick. A recent study showed that around 80 percent of children feel that parents should have a say in whether they drink alcohol.

Third is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Research shows that women who are victims of domestic violence are more likely to become dependent on prescription drugs, and are more likely to abuse alcohol as a means of coping with their situation and easing the pain and confusion they feel as a result of being battered.

Please join us in preventing substance abuse and reducing the negative impact of alcohol and drugs in our community. Everyone benefits from that effort.

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"Okay, as long as you keep the magic of Christmas alive, I'll tell you. Mom and Dad are Santa." He shuffled his feet and said, "Oh..." and started to walk away. Then he turned around and said, "Thank goodness for the Tooth Fairy and Easter Bunny."

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Eileen Wacker, a Harvard Business School graduate, has lived and worked in seven different countries, including the United States. Wacker is also the multiple award winning author of the Fujimini Adventure Series for children and the upcoming book for women, The Mom's Code. For more information, please visit: [www.oncekids.com](http://www.oncekids.com)

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