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Thought for the Week: It is better to know some of the questions than all of the answers. James Thurber

LEARN EVERGREEN

On Wednesday, January 26th, at 7:00 p.m., the library will have an Introduction to the Library Webpage and Evergreen Software. Since computer space is limited, please call the library at 375-3450 to reserve a spot.

JR LEADER MEETING

The Huntington County 4-H Junior Leaders will meet Thursday, January 13 from 7:00-8:30 pm at the Family Living Building, Hier's Park, Huntington. Cory Boxell, Huntington City Police Detective, will be the guest speaker. The group will also convene committees for the 4-H year and discuss promotion plans for the upcoming Pizza Hut Benefit Buffet. Proceeds from the benefit buffet will support community service projects that the organization is conducting with Love, INC and the Huntington Armory Family Assistance Program.

The Huntington County Junior Leader organization is open to any 4-H youth in grades 7-12 and youth are encouraged to attend to learn more about the county 4-H program. For more information, the Purdue Extension - Huntington County office at 358-4826, located in the County Courthouse Annex Building, 354 N Jefferson - Suite 202, Huntington or contact Linda Aldridge, Extension Educator 4-H Youth, at laldrig@purdue.edu.

DANA PRESCRIPTIONS

ATTENTION all DANA Retirees, your 2011 Pharmacy plan, has chosen once again, to work with the Warren Pharmacy and allow us to process Prescription claims! Your new Prescription cards are labeled as Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, Freedom Blue PPO.

Also, anyone who has a Medicare part D plan administered through Medco (RxBIN 610014) with RxPCN MEDDPRIME may now be able to fill Prescriptions at the Warren Pharmacy!

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

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

PULSE - 25 YEARS!

Blow the trumpets! Drop the balloons! The 2011 season at the Pulse Opera House marks the 25th Anniversary of the restoration of the historic theatre. The season is filled with the things that makes the Pulse special - amazing local talent, family entertainment, new and unique shows, history, music and lots of heart!

The season opens with a Valentine Talent Show. Featuring singers, dancers and musicians from the area, the Talent Show will showcase the best of our hometown talent. This show is a fundraiser to help raise funds for the rest of the season. The Valentine Talent Show will be performed on February 11 & 12.

The all-youth magical production of *Disney's Cinderella Kids* is based on the classic movie and features a beloved Disney princess. The musical has favorite songs such as "A Dream is a Wish Your Heart Makes" and "Bibbidi-Bobbidi-Boo." Poor Cinderella is mistreated by her Step-mother and Step-sisters, but with the help of a Fairy Godmother and some faithful

mice, finds that dreams really do come true. *Disney's Cinderella Kids* runs March 11-26 with special daytime school shows on March 17 & 18.

Duck Hunter Shoots Angel is a quirky show about two bumbling Alabama brothers who think they shot an angel. They refuse to leave the swamp but are chased by a tabloid journalist and his reluctant photographer. Written by Mitch Albom, author of *Tuesdays With Morrie*, and *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*, *Duck Hunter Shoots Angel* has been hailed by audiences as a rare comedy with a surprisingly heartfelt lesson. *Duck Hunter Shoots Angel* runs May 6-21.

As a salute to the history of the Pulse Opera House and the community, the summer musical will be a tribute to Buffalo Bill (who spoke at the Pulse) and Pawnee Bill (who brought a Wild West Show to the Warren Fairgrounds). *Annie Get Your Gun* is the lively story of Annie Oakley as she travels with Buffalo Bill's Wild West show. Cowboys, Indians and a rousing score by Irving Berlin combine for a not-to-be-missed show. *Annie Get Your Gun* runs July 15-August 6.

Many actors who performed at the Pulse over 100 years ago ended up in silent movies. One of these actors was Charlie Murray who was one of the original Keystone Kops. The Keystone Kops will make an appearance in the fourth show of the season. Without a single spoken word, *Reeling* tells the story of the Little Fellow, based on the film persona of silent movie great Buster Keaton. Slapstick and surprises will make for a fun, unique evening! *Reeling* runs September 16-October 1.

The final show of the season is a throwback to Christmas in the 1940's. *A Christmas Story* is

based on humorists Jean Shepherd's memories of growing up in Indiana. It follows 9-year-old Ralphie Parker in his quest to get a genuine Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas. All of your favorite scenes from the movie are included in this production, including the exploding furnace, the wet tongue on the lamppost experiment and the leg lamp. *A Christmas Story* runs November 11-December 3 with school shows on November 17 & 18.

For more information about the Pulse, check out www.pulseoperahouse.org. All shows begin at 8:00 p.m. Lobby doors open at 7:00 p.m. and theatre doors open at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for general admission and \$5 for children 12 and under. Those bringing in an item for the food pantry will get \$2 off the price of admission (One item per ticket. Not good with any other promotion.).

AUDITIONS

Auditions for the first show of the 2011 season, *Disney's Cinderella Kids*, at the Pulse Opera House are on Monday, January 17 at 7:00 p.m. There are many roles available and all those auditioning must be 18 years old or under. Those auditioning should be familiar with the Disney movie and have a song prepared. Everyone will be required to sing. Those auditioning should be prepared to take two days off work or school for school shows.

OPEN HOUSE JAN 28

Smekens Education Solutions, Inc. is inviting the Warren community to an open house at its newly renovated location in downtown Warren. The open house will be held on Friday, January 28, 2011 from 3 p.m. to

6 p.m. Smekens Education is located at 123 E. 1st Street in Warren, formally the home of Eckman Motor. This is an opportunity for the community to see the transformation of this historic building.

Smekens Education is a leading provider of staff development and professional resources to K-12 schools in Indiana, Illinois, and the Midwest. Specializing in the areas of reading and writing, their training team is best known for showing teachers how to apply research-based literacy strategies in ways that are practical and effective. If you have any questions, call 260-375-7101 or visit www.smekenseducation.com.

FROM THE BASEMENT

The Bargain Basement staff is looking forward to this new year with new opportunities to serve and new friends to make. Word is spreading about our location and purpose and we are beginning to make a sizable contribution to the Knight Bergman Civic Center. We have all of you to thank. I had a customer once ask "who is more important, the donors or the customers?" The truth is it is a three way equation, it also includes the volunteers, and all are equal in their necessity. So it really is true when we say "we are here because of you and for you"! We are all important to the mission and purpose of this wonderful Civic Center so thank you and keep donating, keep shopping and keep serving. Warren truly is a small town with a big heart!

We continue to be blessed with great volunteers but always have room for more. If you have a few hours a week or even a month

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Deadline for news and/or advertising is 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, for that week's edition. Call if you need something in but won't have it here on time.

Leave news and/or advertising at P.J's Flower and Gift Shop, mail to P O Box 695, Warren, fax to 260.247.2426 or email to wwklly@citiznet.com. Van Buren residents may call Mary Jo Zoda at 765-934-3637.

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TIME PAST

Returning recently to my hometown of Warren after being away for a number of years, I find so many warm, sincerely and friendly people.

MY DAD, Fred Dalrymple was employed by the Town of Warren, many of you referred to him as 'Jingles'. MY DAD, was very much a part of your Warren Community in Time Past.

MY DAD, the lawman with a gun, Billy club, dark uniform and a official badge. MY DAD, if standing on the corner on Main Street in Warren, couldn't be missed, he was a huge man, most impressive and just sort of on the scary side too. MY DAD, took his job very seriously he had the night shift, which entailed checking all the storekeepers doors to see if they had neglected to lock them before going home. Yes, sometimes they were unlocked, and the storekeepers were happy to have the big guy looking after their interest. Come the holidays the storekeepers were most generous, and we always had candy at our home plus MY DAD had his favorite cigars and pipe tobacco.

They had a red light on a pole on Main Street, and the switchboard operators were always alert, the red light would signal a problem. This was before our cell phones and those telephone operators were there to notified the law enforcement of any trouble. Maybe this wasn't the best system, but it worked for them in Time Past.

Thanks to many of you for being so kind and nice to MY DAD. My sister, Ruth lives in the Baltimore area, and I (Mary Jane) am now a resident of your Warren Community.

Do You Have A Life Improvement Program?

by V Neil Wyrick

Would you like to raise your level of recommendation up a notch and have people speak of you with positive positives? It is an achievement well within the reach of anyone and everyone.

Dress neatly. Presenting yourself as a disciple of sloppiness guarantees you will be treated exactly like you seem to be asking to be treated. Surround yourself with beautiful surrounding beginning with yourself.

Another good place to begin is finding someone who needs your forgiveness and give it. Not that being forgiven doesn't have its good points but truly...forgiving another human being is a most powerful instrument for improving your life, it really is.

Do at least one good deed a day. Give your seat to an elderly person on the subway. Say something nice to a salesperson. Let someone pull out from a side street when the traffic is heavy. Focus on looking for such opportunities and respond positively when they present themselves.

Start making a list of things in your life that have been going right. If you don't write them down you won't remember them all. If you write them down you will be amazed at how long your lists will have grown at the end of a year.

Work at being a nice person. If you have the reputation of having a temper it won't make friends and it will influence people in the wrong way. Work at being a nice person, there I said it again...we are creatures of habit and every time you achieve niceness it will make

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ASBURY CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST

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

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

BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH

8294S 900W 35
Gary Riley, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Youth Choir Practice 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Thurs. Kings Kids 6:30 p.m.

BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST

Rev. Barry Humble, Pastor
Jerome Markley, S.S. Supt.

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

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Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199
Pastor - Heath Jones

Youth Leaders - Kelly Jones
Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:40 a.m.
Adult Bible Study Sun 6:30p.m.
Youth Group Sun 6:00p.m.

HEALING WATERS MINISTRY - MAJENICA

Pastor Richard Evans
260/224-3376

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

DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN

8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779
Dick Case, Pastor

Sun - 1st Worship Service..... 8:15a.m.
Sunday School..... 9:30a.m.
2nd Worship Service..... 10:30a.m.

HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST

101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726
Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor

1st Worship..... 9:00 a.m.
2nd Worship..... 10:30 a.m.

HERITAGE POINTE

Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.

OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT
Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat
Chapel Services 9:00 a.m.

THE NEW BEGINNING

SR 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto
Steve Sutton, Pastor

765/728-2065 for more info
Sunday Worship..... 10:30a.m.
Thursday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

NEW HOPE MINISTRIES

9019 E 300 S - Warren Indiana
Jim Graham, Pastor

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

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Rev Mark Davis
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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.
Youth Group (Wed.)..... 6:00 p.m.

SOLID ROCK UNITED METHODIST

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Kathy Newton, Pastor
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

LANCASTER WESLEYAN

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Doug Sharrard, Pastor
David Thrift, S.S. Supt.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday:
CYC/Teen/Adult Meetings 7:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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Pastor Devin Cook

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

MCNATT UNITED METHODIST

375-4359
Bill VanHaften, Pastor
Lois Slusher, Supt.

Coffee Fellowship..... 8:30 a.m.
Worship 9:15 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Bible Study - Wed. 7:00 p.m.

MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST

260/468-2148
Tony Johnson - Pastor

Trad. Worship 9:00 a.m.
Mdrn Worship 10:30 a.m.
Fellowship 10:00 a.m.

MOUNT ETNA WESLEYAN

Rev. Charles Dederick, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
Mid-Week (Wed) 6:00 p.m.

PLUM TREE

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

375-2691
Dr. Jeane Spoor, Pastor

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



SALAMONIE

CHURCH OF BRETHREN
468-2412

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

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

375-2102

Pastor Scott Nedberg
Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.
Junior Church 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Communion 1st Sunday of the Month

VB CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

765/934-3321 Parsonage
Jeff Wass, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Adult Worship 10:30 a.m.
Children's Church 10:30a.m.
Evening Praise Hour..... 6:00p.m.

VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

765-934-1431
Pastor Blake J. Neff

Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30a.m.
Jr/Sr High FLOCK (Sun)..... 6:00 p.m.

Prayer-Bible Study (Thur).... 7:00 p.m.
UMW 2nd Wed 7:00 p.m.

WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST

375-3022

Ethan T Stivers, Minister
Nathan Ratcliff, Youth Minister
Tara Bower and Melinda Haynes - Secretaries

Shanna Fortney, Bible School Supt.
www.warrenchurchofchrist.org

Fellowship 9:15 a.m.
Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m.

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

K-5th grade, Mon 4-5pm
Jr/Sr Hi, Sunday 6-7pm
TNT, Thur 6-8pm

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Rev. Robert Bothast, Pastor of

Family Life
Lori Buzzard, S.S. Supt.

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

WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH

375-2330 6th & Nancy Sts. Warren
Rev. Allen Laws, Pastor

Wesley Welch, Supt.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Worship 10:15 a.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service..7:00p.m.

FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN
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Pastor - Dan Metz
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

AREA NEWS

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and would like to join us, we would appreciate any help you can give. We owe a big thanks to Morris Mann, Mark Davis and Bridget Swaidner and daughter for all their hard work in organizing our toys and seasonal clothing items and straightening up.

In the midst of winter we are the perfect place to find bargains or just to get your garage sale fix. The basement is warm and dry and full of treasures! Do you know anyone who collects Avon bottles? Or perhaps you collect them yourself. We have a nice collection all priced at \$3.00 each. We are seeing much higher prices listed on ebay and on antique internet sites so come check them out and perhaps you can find a buyer and make a tidy profit. We also had a very nice spinet organ donated along with a bench full of songbooks, instructions and various paperwork. We are accepting offers, come in or call Nancy Surfus or Jan Weight. If you are battling dry air in your home, we still have two portable humidifiers. There are also some nice furniture pieces with very reasonable prices.

We continue to have the \$5.00 bag sale for those who want to maximize their dollars. We are also running a sale on pants/jeans for the entire family...buy two pair and get one free. Come check us out and find a treasure or two.

MY TOWN and Yours BY DENNIS STROUD

Looking through a 1952 Warren phone book, I noticed that Warren had several businesses back then. Under Agricultural Implements we had five dealers in town. Harrison Farm Equipment sold Allis Chalmers and W. M. Clampitt & Sons ran the Warren Tractor Sales and sold Ford tractors and Dearborn farm equipment. Eckman Motors, besides Buick and Pontiacs, sold John Deere tractors and implements. They, also, had Frigidaire appliances. Daugherty Farm Equipment was your Case and Massey Harris dealer and International Harvester was sold at Kriegbaum Hardware.

Warren had plenty of grocery stores in 1952. Boughner's Market, Breedlove Grocery, Nash Grocery, Shull Grocery, Snavelly Grocery, and Sanitary Market were the choices. You sure would have found what you needed without having to go out of town.

Getting gasoline was not a problem, with a filling station on every corner. There was Beavans, Briarwood Inn on State Road 3, Brown Service Station, Christner Standard Service, Eckman Motors, Hite's Service Station, Neel Motor Sales, Riverside Service Station and Wilson's Service at State Road 3 & 218. The good part was you didn't

have to pump your own gas at any of these places.

Doctors in town that year included J. B. Bennett, C. S. Black, H. F. Bonifield and L. W. Smith. We, also, had W. A. Blair, a Chiropractor, W. M. Mott and James Mott was our Dentists and Mac Bonifield was the Veterinarian.

Grain Elevators consisted of Farm Bureau, McDaniel and McDaniel, Smith Coal and Supply Co. and the Warren Grain and Feed. Two drug stores in town were Coolman's and the Gold Seal Drug store. There were several places to eat. These were Mac's Café, Shultz's Café, the Wagon Wheel Café and Ditzler's Café, were you could add a scoop of ice cream to your meal.

All other needs were supplied by these stores: The Gamble Store, Minnich's Mens Wear, Myers Department Store, Cline Click Lumber, Warren Locker Plant, Holmes Jewelry, Myers Jewelry, Hi-Quality Hatchery, Hooker Glass Co., Ray's Radio and Duffy Stockyard. Others were Shipley Welding and Repair Shop, Ware Monuments, Brown Furniture Mart, H. Brown & Son, Ben Franklin Store, McFarren Store, Maries Style Shop, Craft Cigar Store, Cloud's Barber Shop, Fluher's Cleaners and Citizens Telephone. The three plumbers were Blachley, William's Heating and Plumbing and Warren Service and Supply. A few of these businesses are still around today. I hope some of these businesses bring back some memories.

Salamonie Church of the Brethren located at 2662 West 600 South (St. Rd. 124). Free will donations will be accepted.

SIGMA PHI

Beta Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma held their meeting on January 4th at the meeting room in Knight Bergman Center. Jenny Plummer opened the meeting by repeating the pledge. Officer and committee reports were given. Guest night will be January 18th at the Center, with Sharon Gephart and Opal Brubaker as hostess for the party.

Alpha Province weekend will be March 19 and 20, with the Logansport Chapter as hostess.

Beta Delta Chapter and Warren Tri Kappa have challenged each other for the next few months as to which one will bring the most items for the local food pantry.

A thank you to KBC for starting to make major repairs to the one wall in our meeting room.

Those in attendance were Sandy Booher, Claudia Boxell, Sharon Gebhart, Suzette Gephart, Carol Irick, Tara Korporal, Beth Ostermeyer, Jenny Plummer, Kathy Ralston, Susan Ralston, Betty Yoder, Sondra Zabel and Rosemary Zeller. Our next business meeting will be February 1, 2011.

HOME BUYER FAIR

Pathfinder Community Connections, the Community Development division of Pathfinder Services, will be hosting a Home Buyer Fair on Saturday, January 29th from 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. at their Fort Wayne office located at 3326 South Calhoun Street, Suite 102 in Fort Wayne.

The fair is for anyone interested in purchasing a home and will

contain information on:

- What it takes to become a homeowner,
- How to qualify for forgivable down payment assistance loans,
- What resources are available in Allen and surrounding counties for new homeowners, and much more.

The Home Buyer Fair is FREE and there will be informational booths with experts in attendance from the following organization's and companies: Pathfinder Community Connections, Imagine Real Estate, Tony Becker Agency, Inc., Lawyer's Title, Premier Financial Group, Prime Lending, and PTI Home Inspections, all sponsors of the Fair. There will also be refreshments and a chance to win door prizes.

"There are so many valuable resources available right here in Allen County and surrounding counties to help people fulfill the dream of homeownership. We are here to help families achieve that dream," stated Trish Feightner, Fort Wayne Manager for Pathfinder Community Connections. "The Home Buyer Fair is a way to help people make one stop to start along their path of home ownership," Feightner concluded.

For more information on the Home Buyer Fair please contact Trish Feightner at Pathfinder Community Connections at tfeightn@pathfinderservices.org, at (260) 456-2385 or visit www.cchomes.org.

APPLICATIONS DUE

4-H Club college scholarship forms and the State 4-H Resume' forms are due Tuesday, January 18th at the Wells County Extension Office located at the 4-H Park in Bluffton.

At least 14 \$300 scholarships will be presented to Wells County youth.

Forms were mailed to high school seniors in December but they may also be found on the State 4-H web page: www.four-h.purdue.edu and go to "opportunities" and "scholarships".

For more information about the 4-H scholarships, contact the Wells County Office of the Purdue Extension Service, 824-6412 or rshearer@purdue.edu



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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.

Jan 14	Happy Anniversary Mike & Jane Mlchaud - 45 years!
Jan 16	Happy Birthday Sharon Williams
Jan 17	KBC Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m. at KBC
Jan 19	Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
Jan 30	Sunday Lunch at KBC - 11-1 Sponsored by PROS
Feb 2	Ground Hog Day
Feb 2	Warren Chamber of Commerce, noon, Assembly Hall
Feb 2	Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
Feb 12	Lincoln's Birthday
Feb 14	VALENTINE'S DAY

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

BREAKFAST

Lancaster Cub Scout Pack 3129 will be hosting a pancake, sausage, and egg breakfast on January 15th from 6-10am. The breakfast will be served at



Karen S. Campbell, CSA

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LIVESTOCK PRODUCER

TRAINING

The Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) is hosting a workshop on January 25 as part of the Certified Livestock Producer Program (CLPP). This workshop will be held at the Whitley County Farm Bureau Office located on 607 N Opportunity Dr., Columbia City, IN. The program begins at 8:30 a.m. and it ends at 3:30 p.m. There is no charge for the training and lunch will be provided for the attendees.

Livestock producers of all sizes and species are invited to attend the training. The CLPP is a voluntary program that recognizes farmers for their commitment to innovative and top industry standards. Lt. Governor Skillman launched the Certified Livestock Producer Program in July 2008. Many farmers from around the state have completed the program since it was initiated by Skillman. Producers of poultry, beef, sheep, and pork have become certified state-wide.

Industry experts in the five areas of focus for the CLPP program will present at the workshop. The five focus areas are: commitment to the environment, animal well-being, food safety, emergency planning, biosecurity and being a good neighbor in their community.

"Each speaker will offer in-depth information that can ultimately benefit a producer's farm and community," said CLPP Program Manager, John Nagle.

Workshop speakers include Nagle who will discuss food safety and animal well-being. Other presenters include: Greg Slipper, Livestock Development Specialist for Indiana Farm Bureau Inc.; Jim Rink, the Director of farm and Crop Programs for Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance; Misty Livengood, the Director of Communications for ISDA; Marianne Ash, D.V.M. of the Indiana Board of Animal Health (BOAH); Rosalind Leeck, the Program Manager for the Environmental Stewardship Initiative for the ISDA; and Mike Veenhuizen, Owner of Livestock Engineering Solutions.

Contact John Nagle at jnagle@isda.in.gov or (317) 232-8770 to register for the Whitley County program. Note that producers can attend CLPP workshops in January at two other locations. On January 18 there will be a workshop at the Beck Ag Center located near the Purdue University campus at

4540 US52 West, West Lafayette, IN. On January 29 a workshop will be held at Southwestern Ag Department, Southwestern High School which is at 167 S Main Cross St. in Hanover, IN.

Additional details about the CLPP can be found at <http://www.in.gov/isda/2437.htm>.

For more information, contact Ed Farris, Agriculture and Natural Resource Educator, Purdue Extension - Huntington County Office, 354 N Jefferson - Suite 202, Huntington by calling 260-358-4826.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Families in northeast Indiana have an opportunity to host 4-H members and adult leaders from Poland during the first two weeks of June, 2011.

Hosts are needed for the youth (ages 12 - 18) and the adults. Families should be willing to share their home and community and involve them in local 4-H activities and meetings.

2011 will be the 7th year for the exchange with Indiana hosting during odd years and traveling to Poland in even years.

The Polish participants are from south central Poland (Swietokrzyski Region) north of Krakow.

Applications are due February 1 and a host family orientation will be held May 1.

For more information about the exchange or a host family application, contact the Wells County Extension Office, 824-6412 or Lee Stanish, Purdue International 4-H Coordinator, lstanish@purdue.edu or call 765-496-3585.

BB/RIFLE SAFETY SIGN-UP

Safety instruction, handling procedures, shooting skills and hands on experience will be

included in the Wells County 4-H BB Gun & .22 Caliber Rifle Safety Program.

Meetings will begin Tuesday, January 18th with sign up and safety rules from 6:30 - 8 PM. BB & Rifle Safety will continue each Tuesday until March 29th. The Awards Night for BB & Rifle will be held on April 1st.

Youth in grades 3, 4, and 5 can participate in BB Gun. Youth in grade 6 and above can participate in Rifle.

First time members who are old enough for Rifle will be required to pass a shooting skills proficiency test which reviews the positions and range safety procedures.

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

A membership fee of \$20 for BB Gun and \$25 for .22 Caliber Rifle should be paid at the first meeting. The fee covers the cost of equipment, materials, ammunition, insurance, and awards. Checks should be made payable to Wells County 4-H Rifle Club. Scholarships are available by checking with 4-H Leaders at the event. If you have more than one person in the family, the second member is only \$15. No person will be turned away due to financial constraints.

Members are not allowed to bring their own equipment. Advanced registration is not required. Sign up will be at the first meeting. All participants must have a completed and signed health form before participating in the hands-on activity.

In case of bad weather, listen to radio station K105 FM or WMEE 97.3 FM for cancellations. Usually, if one of the schools cancel, the 4-H event will be postponed.

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The 4-H Shot Gun Safety Club, 4-H Pellet Pistol Safety Club, and the 4-H Archery Club will all begin in April.

For more information about 4-H, contact the Wells County Office of the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, 824-6412 or one of the Shooting Sports Leaders: Don Kiefer, 824-1585; Chad Captain, 417-6488; Tex Mauger, 827-0266; Gregg Palmer, 701-2975; and Kevin Springer, 565-3323.

DINING W/DIABETES

The Purdue University Huntington County Extension Office will be offering a *Dining with Diabetes* Class beginning Monday, January 24th at 6:00 pm at the Victory Noll Ministry Center in Huntington. *Dining with Diabetes* is a two hour class that runs twice a week, on Mondays and Thursdays, for two weeks. Class dates are January 24, 27 & 31 and February 3, 2011. The first hour of class is instructional with the second hour giving participants a chance to taste the simple, but tasty recipes. This class is open to those with diabetes, their family members and caretakers, and anyone who would like to learn more about healthy cooking. The

classes are \$35 per person and pre-registration is required. Some scholarships may be available for those over the age of 60. Please register for classes by January 17, 2011.

You will learn how to prepare meals that are healthy, easy to prepare and taste good. Recipes will be demonstrated, and participants will have the opportunity to taste each one. Participants will also learn up to date information on nutrition, meal planning, exercise and how to understand common diabetes related medical tests. Recipes and handouts will be given to each participant.

Diabetes is a very serious and costly disease, but research has shown that those who learn to manage their blood glucose (sugar) levels, eat a healthy diet and exercise regularly can lower their risks of complications and lead a healthier and more productive life.

Dining with Diabetes is offered statewide and is sponsored by the Purdue University Extension Service and Parkview Huntington Hospital. Registration and class fee may be sent to: Huntington County Extension Office at 354 N. Jefferson St., Ste 202, Huntington, IN 46750. For further information please call the Huntington County Extension Office at 260-358-4826 or visit our website at <http://www.ag.purdue.edu/counties/huntington>.

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CAMPBELL

Wm. Edwin 'Ed' Campbell, 86, of Warren, IN, passed away at 6:20 AM, on Thursday, January 6, 2011 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center in Bluffton, IN.

He was born on Friday, November 14, 1924, in Jackson Township, Wells County, IN. Mr. Campbell married Wanda M. (Lassiter) Campbell on October 5, 1947 in Huntington County, IN. He was the son of the late William J. 'Bill' Campbell and the late Cora (Zent) Campbell. Mr. Campbell graduated in 1942 from Jackson Township High School in Wells County. He was a 50 year member of the I.O.O.F. Lodge and the Miriam Rebekah Lodge #37 in Andrews, IN and the American Legion Post in Van Buren. He had worked for (Sealtest) Good Humor - Breyers Ice Cream in Huntington for 38 years, retiring in February 1987. He was a Huntington County Farmer and had wintered in Venice, FL for approximately the past 22 years and had resided at Heritage Pointe in Warren, IN for the past 23 months.

Survivors include Wife-Wanda M. (Lassiter) Campbell of Warren, Ind. Daughter-Marilyn M. (Richard) Dillon of Farmersville, Ohio. Son-Richard D. (Karen) Campbell of Warren, Ind. Daughter-Janet M. (John) Sneed of Marion, Ind. Son-Roger E.



(Sandra) Campbell of Rio Rancho, NM, Son-Ryan J. (Renee) Campbell of Warren, Ind. Brother-Von Campbell of Syracuse, N.Y. Brother-Herb (Helen) Campbell of Woodland, Calif. 14 Grandchildren, 11- Great Grandchildren, 2 - Step Great Grandchildren.

He was preceded in Death by: Father-William J. 'Bill' Campbell, Mother-Cora (Zent) Campbell, Brother-Dale Campbell, Sister-Jean Neel, Granddaughter-Jennifer Campbell, Great Granddaughter-Hannah Martin.

Funeral services were held at Glancy - H. Brown & Son Funeral Home Saturday, January 8, 2011 with Pastor Scott Nedberg officiating. Interment was at Lancaster Cemetery in Huntington, Ind. where Military Graveside Rites were conducted.

BIRTH

Nick and Kelly (Rittenhouse) Gray are the proud parents of a daughter, Jaxie Jo Elizabeth Gray, born December 21, 2010 at 6:55 P.M. She weighed 6 lbs 12 oz and measured 19 1/2 inches long. She joins brothers Jarret 11 and Javin 4.

Grandparents are Bob and Mary Rittenhouse and Lynn and Alexa Gray and Great Grandmother Dawn Gray all from Warren.

60TH ANNIVERSARY

Lois Love and Jerry Walter were united in marriage on January 6, 1951, at the Jefferson Center Methodist Church with the Rev. J.T. Wood officiating.

Jerry and Lois are the parents of three children: Gary (Rosalie), Warren; David (Lynette), Warren; and Susan (Merlyn) Lucas, Kalamazoo, Michigan. They also have seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

After Jerry's service with the Air Force during the Korean War, they moved to the farm near Warren where they still reside. They farmed in Jefferson Township until their retirement. Both are active members of Solid Rock United Methodist Church. Lois has served as a church pianist/organist for over 60 years. Jerry is a member of the church Administrative Council and chairs the Staff-Parish Relations Committee.

The family gathered over the holidays to celebrate the occasion.



COOKIE TIME!

Girl Scouts of Northern Indiana-Michiana are ready to provide the community with its favorite treat as they learn valuable life lessons. This year, Girl Scout cookies will be on sale beginning Friday, January 14, continuing through March 14. For \$3.50 per box, customers can help girls build business skills and gain financial knowledge as they sell these Girl Scout Cookie varieties: Thin Mints, Shortbread, Peanut Butter Patties®, Peanut Butter Sandwiches, Caramel deLites®, Thanks-A-Lot™, and Lemonades™. Along with these old favorites, a new light, crisp,

Belgian-style caramel flavored cookie called Shout Outs is being introduced this year.

The Girl Scout Cookie Program is the largest girl-led business in the country and helps girls build important life and leadership skills. Through cookie program activities, girls learn how to plan, build teams, speak up, make decisions, solve problems and manage resources. These skills help girls learn to be leaders - ultimately in their own lives and in our communities. Girls are the main beneficiaries of all Girl Scout cookie activities, directly and indirectly. While learning valuable life skills and earning

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Nancy Snow was the proud winner of the Sigma Phi Gamma Longenberger Christmas Basket. Suzette Gephart is shown presenting the basket to Nancy. The proceeds of the project will help fund service items given back to the community.

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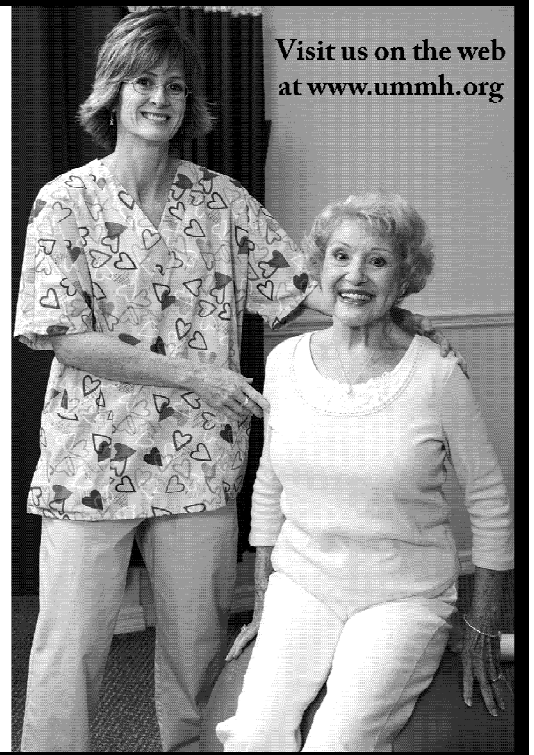
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MARRIAGE RETREAT

Whether your marriage is fantastic or faltering, 1 or 50 years, you will leave the Marriage Enrichment retreat more connected, refreshed and full of hope. For the past ten years the Wabash Friends Counseling Center has sponsored a Marriage Enrichment retreat in February. "Usually we have anywhere from 50 to 80 couples join us. Nearly half of these couples are from the community. We want to help our community to keeping be a great place to raise kids. And the best way we know how is to help strengthen the marriages," said Scott Makin, Director of the Wabash Friends Counseling Center. This year the retreat is on the weekend of February 11th through the 13th.

The retreat will take place at Don Hall's Guest House in Ft. Wayne (Lima Road and Washington Center Road). You will enjoy the luxurious lobby with fireplace and very spacious rooms. They have an indoor pool, whirlpool, and exercise room. They have high speed internet access. They are the 2010 Readers' Picks Best of Award for Best Bed and Breakfast Hotel. We have arranged a discounted rate of \$69 plus taxes (per night) for two double beds or \$89 for a king bed. This includes a continental breakfast each morning.

Dr. Joe Graham will be the speaker. He is an engaging and humorous speaker. He is the Director of the Warsaw Community Church Counseling Center and a licensed psychologist with over 20 years experience in individual, premarital, marital and family counseling. Dr. Graham will help couples learn practical ideas of how to utilize personality strengths and healthy conflict resolution skills to increase opportunities for intimacy.

One couple excitedly said, "It isn't just for marriages that are having trouble. It is mainly to

keep your marriage from getting that way by investing in your marriage for a weekend where you have fun growing closer. You also get to meet some other fun couples and have all these cool things to do. They really spoil you at this retreat with gift bags, door prizes, treats, great entertainment, lots of free time, and massages if you want them. We keep going back."

Entertainment will be provided both nights. On Saturday night there will be the *Dead in the Water Mystery Theater*. You've just boarded the Bahama Llama Mama for a holiday island cruise. When Detective John Fieldstone mistakenly stumbles on board, the quiet cruise suddenly takes a strange turn. What happened and why? You'll meet a cast of colorful characters, including: Captain Esau Bedderdaze, Pickles Rickles, Michelle Angelo and Tabitha Christy. You are the detective. Watch closely for clues. You will fill out acrimé report at intermission. Someone in the audience will be named the "Super Sleuth of the Evening". The rest of you will die laughing! Presented by *Bower North Productions* out of Ft. Wayne.

On Friday night there will be several movies available - *Avatar*, *Toy Story 3*, *Shrek Forever After* or *Inception*. There also will be Wiis on hand, board games, cards, refreshments and music.

Each couple receives a Decorative Gift Bag filled with goodies; a door prize (e.g. a painting, gift cards for restaurants, gift baskets, pottery); and a treat in their room upon arrival.

There will be a professional massage therapist at the retreat all day Saturday offering 15 minute (\$10) chair massages or an hour Swedish massage for \$30 (during the free time).

Randy said, "For those guys who think it will be too emotional or awkward, it really is a different kind of retreat than that. You only have to talk if you want. They leave you alone to join in at your pace or to not join in if you don't want to. Thought this way at first, but it is so different than that. We aren't sharing our deepest feelings in a circle. There is so much humor and craziness, there are time you think you are at Buffalo Wild Wings with a bunch of friends and their spouses."

The \$85 early registration fee per couple holds your room reservation, includes two continental breakfasts, Friday's "finger foods" upon arrival,

Saturday's lunch, and contributes toward the speaker, meeting hall and entertainment costs. Attendees will pay for their hotel cost upon arrival.

The schedule for the weekend is as follows. *Friday, February 11*, 3:00 - 7:00 pm is Check In. From 5:00 - 7:00 pm there will be light snacks and sandwiches available. The retreat will begin at 7:00 pm with Door Prizes and Dr. Joe Graham speaking for an hour. After that the movie and games will begin. On Saturday, February 12, Dr. Graham will speak from 9:00 - 11:30 with Door Prizes being given away during that time. The luncheon will be from 11:45 to 1:00 pm. Free time is from 1:00 - 8:30 pm. On Sunday, February 13 there is a worship/fellowship time from 10:00 - 11:30 am where people share the funny and serious experiences that happened over the weekend. Check out at 12:30 pm.

To register or for additional Information go to www.wabashfriendscounseling.com or email Scott Makin, scott@wabashfriends.org or call 877.350.1658. The early registration fee is due by January 24th. Late registration is \$95 and registrations will be taken right up to February 11th, the day of the retreat.

4-H Call-Out

Recruitment for the 2011 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. Youth participants and adult volunteers are the most important assets of 4-H.

The 2011 Huntington County 4-H program has scheduled call-out meetings to help families

learn more about the county 4-H program during the month of January. Following are the scheduled dates, times and locations to gain information about 4-H in Huntington County:

- 4-H Open Houses—information about the county 4-H program and local 4-H clubs will be shared from 4-H club leaders, along with samples of 4-H project manuals will be available for review. Similar 4-H information will be shared at each of the following sites;

- o Thursday, January 20, 6:30-7:30pm, Roanoke Elementary School cafeteria, 423 West Vine Street, Roanoke

- o Sunday, January 23, 1:30-2:30pm, Heritage Hall, Hier's Park, 547 South Briant Street, Huntington

Printed information about the Huntington County 4-H program was distributed through the elementary schools in Huntington County during the week of January 6th to all 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students. Families are encouraged to read informational flyer about the Huntington County 4-H program and to respond as to their child's interest in the 4-H program through the "Join 4-H" brochure. The interest form may be returned to the respective elementary school office, mailed to the Purdue Extension - Huntington County office or brought to of the scheduled 4-H open houses as noted above.

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, 1,150 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, consumer clothing, computers, electricity, foods, home environment, photography, reading, shooting sports and woodworking. In Huntington County, over 50 projects will be offered for 2011.

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. 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, the Purdue Extension - Huntington County office at 358-4826, located in the County Courthouse Annex Building, 354 N Jefferson - Suite

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HOME OWNER CLASSES

Pathfinder Community Connections, the Community Development division of Pathfinder Services, will be holding two, four hour classes focused on reviewing everything people need to know to become successful home buyers and home owners on Saturday, January 15th and Saturday, January 22nd. The classes will take place from 9:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. at Pathfinder Community Connections Huntington office located at 2824 Theater Avenue in Huntington.

The Home Buyer Education classes of Pathfinder Community Connections includes information such as:

- Is owning a home right for you?
- Steps in the home buying process,
- What is a mortgage?
- Other costs of home ownership,
- How much house can you afford,
- Improving your credit score,
- Shopping for the right lender and loan product,
- Definitions of: escrow, appraisal, and equity,
- How to be a good neighbor

"It is important to educate potential home owners on what it takes to buy and maintain a home," stated Natalie Fisher, Homeownership Education Coordinator for Pathfinder Community Connections. "Potential home buyers who qualify for our program include those who have never owned a home, have not owned a home in the past three years, have always rented or lived with family members, or are in the process of selling their home. We also want to talk to families who want to own a home but believe they cannot afford it, because in many cases they can!" Fisher concluded.

Pathfinder Community Connections customers can take Home Buyer Education classes free of charge. For those who are not a Pathfinder Community Connections customer the cost is \$100 for both classes. For more information or to register for the classes please contact Natalie Fisher at Pathfinder Community Connections at (260) 356-0521 Ext. 3213 or e-mail her at nfisher@pathfinderservices.org.

Pathfinder Community Connections follows the NeighborWorks America curriculum, "Realizing the American Dream", which is used by home buyer educators across the United States.

Pathfinder Community Connections is the community development division of Pathfinder Services and was created in 1997. Pathfinder Community Connections guides potential home buyers through the entire process of pre-purchase education, loan packaging, closing on the home, post purchase counseling, and when in need foreclosure prevention. Pathfinder Community Connections can be found online at www.cchomes.org.

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by The FlyLady, Marla Cilley
Why do we let unexpected problems with weather, electricity, and other little things, throw our routines in the trash?

I can tell you, it is not a perfect world. One little thing out of whack throws a monkey wrench into our plan. In the northern hemispheres, we are getting ready for fall and winter. With these seasons, come flooding, snow, school closings, ice storms and power outages. Are you prepared with plan B?

Let's pretend for a minute (some of you will not have to pretend at all) You have lived it. O.K. your power goes out and you have no heat, no hot water, no stove, you can't stay home, because it is very cold. So you go to the neighbors, because they have a fireplace, but the family is still running in and out of the house. After the power comes back on, your home is trashed. WHY?

You have not been cooking, washing dishes, taking baths or watching TV. You have not really even been at home, except to run in and out getting things. Here is why your home became trashed! Everyone reverted back to your days of CHAOS. They thought that since there was on power, there was no

power (discipline in our home)! Routines are a discipline. So without power, we didn't need routines, because we couldn't adhere to them anyway. FREE FOR ALL. Well if your routines were a habit, you would not have been able to toss them out into the snow so fast.

Our biggest problem is picking up after ourselves. Without our routines we do not police our hotspots, keep our sink clean or keep the children on track with their routines.

So when the storm hits, the kids are out of school, and you are without power, you still have sunlight (during the day). Don't allow the fact that there is a little problem to stand in your way of doing things like you have been doing for months. You want a perfect world and most days is not like this at all. So except the fact that plan B is more the norm than your regular routine and be light on your feet. Enjoy the challenge of feeding your family with a buddy burner. If you were in scouts, you know what I am talking about. Play games by flashlight, read to them, just remember to stay calm and don't let your home get panicked. You are still in charge.

Plan B is like being on a camping trip for me. I love to make do with what ever I have. Since we live in the country and have our own water system, we have to be prepared. So we have some bottles of water in the basement, for making coffee, washing our hair, sponge baths, and cooking if needed. We also have two fireplaces, so we can keep warm, if needed. There are dutch ovens for cooking in the fireplace and a real perk coffee maker. So we won't starve. Knowing what you can do and how, is part of not getting panicked. We also have a gas grill on the back deck. So if the freezer was without power for more than 2 days, we would have to start cooking up a storm.

Do you have an emergency backup plan in your home? Think about this for a little while and see exactly what you would do in case of a power outage.

Do you know where your flashlights are? Can you find them

in the dark?

Do you have a weather radio, or battery operated radio for an emergency channel?

How about Extra water for drinking and minimal bathing? And a way to sterilize it.

Do you have an alternate way to heat your home?

How about to cook? and the pot and pans to do it with?

Do you know about safety in the house with kerosene heaters, grills and candles?

Do you have a fire extinguisher handy?

Do you have plenty of Blankets? Hats and gloves?

Just a little planning can keep you from pulling your hair out after the crisis is over. Learn to adapt and you will be so pleased the next time there is a weather emergency.

Are you prepared for bad weather, power outages and evacuations? Go get an empty Rubbermaid Tub to start building your Emergency Supplies. Label it! Only Use in Case of Emergency!

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it easier the next time.

Be charitable. There is great warmth in it for you. Be selfish and you court insecurity. Look at the history of man and note how often great sacrifice produced great achievements.

How to achieve and have the achievement have lasting power? Give a new improvement the 30 day test. Just ONE and at the end of a month the repetition should have turned into a habit. Multi-tasking is good but not when it comes to breaking bad habits or establishing new ones.

How to keep on keeping on during a thirty days in which you may be prone to conveniently forget? Institute a trigger mechanism. Stretch your fingers, tape your toes, pull on your ear. Silly? Not if you have conditioned yourself to realize that this is supposed to set in motion what at the moment you are not in the mood to do.

And yes, create leverage. Give a buddy enough money to make it significant and make sure he doesn't give it back until you have passed the 30 day test. Make a public announcement to as many people as you can. Resolutions kept in secret don't have a very long shelf life.

K.I.S.S. Keep it simple stupid applies in this area as well as others. The more complicated you make your adjustment the less likely it is that you will succeed. You want to exercise. Make it as simple as walking a half a mile rather than a long list of exercises that will either wear you out or not wear you out because you gave up half way through. Add to but slowly. Not all at once.

You made a public announcement that you were going to form a new habit or break an old one. When you have succeeded reward yourself with a public announcement that you have succeeded. This will make it harder to fall back.

Good luck on improvement. It's a wonderful feeling.






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