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Thought for the Week: Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest. Mark Twain

## 2015 MEMBERSHIP

Fall Membership discount is going on now thru December 1st at Dogwood Glen. Save 20% on the Regular Rates for 2015 and play the rest of 2014 Season. Also, all 2014 apparel is 50% off! Stop by the clubhouse for more details.

## FUNDRAISER

The Solid Rock United Methodist Church Men's Fellowship will host an East of Chicago fundraiser in Warren on Tuesday, October 21, from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m. Proceeds from the event, including all tips, will be used for local missions projects. The cost is \$10 for adults and includes the buffet, drink, and tax. Children's meals will be available at a reduced price.

## TRUNK OR TREAT

Trunk or Treat: 5-6:30PM  
Hayrides: 6:30 PM- 8PM  
Free Food: 5pm-8pm  
Farville Community Church invites you to a Trunk or Treat/Fall Festival Event, Saturday Oct. 25 from 5PM -8PM in the church parking lot, 11044 E. 200 N, Marion. (Grant County) Trunk or Treat is a Halloween alternative event with community members decorating their car trunks and passing out treats to any costumed children in a safe and wholesome environment. There will be a trunk decorating contest with prizes awarded so come with a decorated trunk and your own candy and treats to pass out. Please set up in the parking lot no later than 4:45PM on the 25th. If you would like to RECEIVE treats TRUNK OR TREAT hours will be 5 PM-6:30PM. Come in costume (nothing too gory please!) and

visit each trunk for goodies galore! In addition, we welcome EVERYONE to enjoy a FREE meal from 5-8PM with chili, hot dogs, hot apple cider, desserts and more! Hayrides from 6:30PM until 8PM. Pumpkin painting, S'mores at the bonfire and much more!

Best of all...it's ALL FREE!! Please join us for a fun evening of fellowship and great food! Door prize drawings every 30 minutes (must be present to win) If you have any questions, please call 765-348-6482 for further information.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31ST

At 6:00 PM all children and adults are invited to masquerade in family friendly costumes - Costume Parade starts at 3rd and Wayne Street. Come join in on the Festivities, Chili Cook-Off, and Halloweenies on Wayne Street from 6-8 PM. Don't forget your treat bags and spare money for fun and refreshments!

COME ON DOWN-DON'T BE AFRAID!

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Sponsored by the Warren Area Chamber of Commerce. The Scarecrow Festival brochures are at PNC Bank, IAB Bank, Warren City Building and Bolinger's Propane/Warren Service & Supply. In case of monstrous rains, please come to the Knight Bergman Center. If you have any questions, please call Barb @ 375-3656 for Booth Location, please call Claudia @ 228-0031 for chili cook-off and Kate for Scarecrow Contest @ 375-2124.

## VETERAN'S HOMECOMING

Solid Rock Church invites all Veterans and their family to a Veteran's Church Service on Sunday morning, November 9. To Honor and Thank our Veterans and their family, Solid Rock UMC Church and The HOG Roaster's are preparing a Pulled Pork Supper at 5:30 with entertainment to follow. Please Wear any or all of your military apparel. Please RSVP to the Solid Rock UMC office in order to prepare for this event, walk-ins are welcome!

## FLU SHOTS

The Huntington County Health Department will have a Flu Shot Clinic at the Warren Pharmacy on Wednesday, October 29th from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. The new 2014 Quadravalent Flu shots will be only \$25 (age 3 & older), cash or check.

Patients with Medicaid or Medicare must present a currently active Medicaid or Medicare card for \$0.00 copay.

The Health Department can bill some Privately Insured patients or they may send their bill in to their Insurance Plan for reimbursement.

Residents of neighboring counties are welcome! You do not need to be a Huntington County resident.

If you have questions about vaccinations you may call the Health Department at 260-358-4831 ext.#1.

This service is provided by the Huntington County Health Department. The Warren Pharmacy is simply providing a location for this excellent service.

## FREE CALENDARS FOR 2015

The Warren Pharmacy has received Calendars for 2015.

There are two choices of 2015 Appointment/Wall Calendars. The Art of the Holy Land and Journey of Faith. They are available as a Free Gift at the Warren Pharmacy. Each Calendar starts with December 2014 with room on each day to write the important events that effect you and your family, and each day has a Bible verse to meditate on.

These complimentary calendars are provided at no charge by your Healthcare professionals at the Warren Pharmacy.

## BAZAAR PLANNED

Mt Etna United Methodist Church Annual Food & Craft Bazaar - Oct 25th 9 am to 2 pm, - Church located at the corner of State Roads 9 and 124 in Mt Etna, IN.

Over 25 outside vendors as well as homemade pies, noodles, soups and baked goods. Items include: Thirty -one bags, Scentsy, Photo Note Cards, One of kind Women and Children Clothing, Caramel apples, Grave Saddles, Christmas Ornaments, Deer Skin Bags, Hedge Apples, Mary Kay, Baby Items, Vinyl Let-

tering, Jamerry, Cat Toys, Craft Supplies, Plastic Bag Rugs and much more.

Coffee and rolls available - Lunch to be served by the Church Youth for Camp Funds.

## BIBLE STUDY

A Bible study for young women 6th grade and up will be held October 19th through November 30th. These meetings will be held in the Warren United Church of Christ fellowship lounge (new) from 11:30 to 1:00. Sarah Jones will lead the Make It Real series, including DVD, lesson and lots of "girl talk".

This will be a wonderful way to explore your faith while forming new friendships.

## LIBRARY FRIENDS

Friends of the Warren Public Library will be holding a meeting at the library on October 22, 7 p.m. Friends of the Library organizations are groups established to provide financial and volunteer support for local libraries. Friends organizations are independent and non-profit, striving to create and stimulate public support of library programs. They do this through fund raising to provide programming beyond the library's budget capacity and volunteer services. Come join us on October 22 and learn what you can do to support YOUR local library.

## COUNCIL MINUTES

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Monday, October 13, 2014 at Assembly Hall, Council Meeting Room, 131 N. Wayne Street.

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## KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

### THANK YOU FROM THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

The Warren Site Boys and Girls Club would like to thank everyone that supported their Hog Roast Fundraiser.

Special thank you to the sponsors: Citizens Telephone Corp., IAB Financial Bank, DeWeese Soft Water & Appliance, East of Chicago Pizza Co., Reber's Auto Care, Bolinger's Propane Service/Warren Service and Supply, The Daugherty Companies, Saturn Wheel, Food Express, Heritage Pointe, Warren United Church of Christ, Chad Roush and the Huntington County Swine Boosters.

The Warren Site Boys and Girls Club has an average attendance of 30 children every day. If you have an interest to serve the community and this organization by volunteering to serve on the board of directors of the Warren Club please contact Penny Kinser or Becky Souder.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Have any of reading this, wondered why a decision on rewriting the Industrial Wind Turbine ordinance has dragged on for nearly a year?

As time elapses, national and world reports on this monstrous, disruptive, and ghastly hoax of Washington's "green energy crony capitalism" have been increasingly negative: from economic and environmental to health issues and property desirability. A rhetorical question: was a friendly nod given the Virginia based interlopers (where Turbines are not permitted) to see how large a web could be woven in "contracts" form, in an attempt to overwhelm the "country rubes" with a feeling of inevitability? And an extended period in which to accomplish it? There no, zero, benefits to this county's vitality, attractiveness, business investment/employment and income climate, or new resident entry, in this scheme ... only bucks for few; and in denying this, remember when they say it isn't the money, it's the money!

Like other counties who are retreating from or outright banning them, the decision should be easy: "no importation, assembly, or construction of any form or configuration or height, of any commercial Industrial Wind Turbines shall be permitted within the boundaries of Huntington County, In."

Why is this so hard for present Elected Officials, in view of public outcry?

Might further delay to the first of the year offer prospect of a "fresh" pro - I.W.T. vote?

Duwane Caley  
Huntington In



### THE UPTOWN GARDENER

by Ruth Herring

Well fall is here and of course it is my favorite time of the year. I love all of the fall colors in the mums, leaves and specially the weather. Maybe because I was a fall baby when I was born as to why I like it so much, even though I was born a week before Christmas it is still actually fall.

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 Phillip Freel Jr, Pastor  
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 Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Wed Carry-in & Fellowship ..... 6:30 p.m.  
**BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
 8294S 900W 35  
 Brad Kelly, Pastor

Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Wed. Bible Study ..... 6:30 p.m.  
 Thurs. Kings Kids ..... 6:30 p.m.  
 BYG Youth Svc. (2&4Sun.) ..... 6:00 p.m.  
 CWF Ladies (3 Tue) ..... 6:00 p.m.

#### BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST

Rev. Barry Humble, Pastor  
 Denise Heininger, S.S. Supt.  
 Sunday Worship ..... 9:30a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:45a.m.

#### CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199  
 Pastor - Heath Jones  
 Youth Leaders - Kelly Jones  
 Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:40 a.m.  
 Adult Bible Study ..... Sun 6:30p.m.  
 Youth Group ..... Sun 6:00p.m.

#### HEALING WATERS MINISTRY — MAJENICA

Pastor Wayne Couch  
 260/224-3376  
 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.

#### DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN

8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779  
 Matt Kennedy, Pastor  
 1st Worship Service ..... 8:15a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30a.m.  
 2nd Worship Service ..... 10:30a.m.

#### HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST

101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726  
 Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor  
 1st Worship ..... 8:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
 2nd Worship ..... 11:00 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 S 300 W - Warren Indiana  
 Jim Graham, Pastor  
 260/494-6753 260/489-1456  
 260/375-4224  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30am  
 Morning Worship ..... 10:30am

#### HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

375-2510  
 Rev Mark Davis  
 Bus Service 375-2510  
 www.hillcrestnazchurch.org  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Youth Group (Wed.) ..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Wed. Midweek Service ..... 6:30 p.m.

#### SOLIDROCK UNITED METHODIST

485 Bennett Dr, Warren, IN  
 375-3873  
 Kathy Newton, Pastor  
 Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Worship Service ..... 10:00 a.m.

#### LANCASTER WESLEYAN

468-2411  
 Doug Sharrard, Pastor  
 David Thrift, S.S. Supt.  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.

#### LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH

694-6622  
 Aaron Westfall, Pastor  
 Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Fellowship ..... 9:55a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:15a.m.  
 Wed. Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.

#### LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

#### MCMATT UNITED METHODIST

375-4359  
 Bill VanHaften, Pastor  
 Lois Slusher, Supt.  
 Coffee Fellowship ..... 8:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 9:15 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Bible Study - Wed. .... 7:00 p.m.

#### MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST

260/468-2148 Sr 9 & 124  
 Rev. Michael Gallant - "Pastor Mike"  
 Trad. Worship ..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Fellowship ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Mdrn Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Sunday Youth ..... 6-7:30 p.m.

#### MOUNT ETNA WESLEYAN

Pastor Brian Holland  
 www.mountetnachurch.com  
 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.

#### PLUM TREE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

375-2691  
 Jill Miller, Pastor  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.

#### SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN

468-2412  
 Mel Zumbrun, Pastor  
 Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Church School ..... 10:45a.m.

#### UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

375-2102  
 Pastor Scott Nedberg  
 Youth Pastor - Pastor Heather Parson  
 Sunday Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Contemporary Service - Wed ..... 6:30 p.m.  
 Junior Church ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Youth Meetings-Wed ..... 6:30 p.m.

#### COMMUNION 1st Sunday of the Month VB CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

765/934-3321 Parsonage  
 Jeff Wass, Pastor  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Adult Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Children's Church ..... 10:30a.m.  
 Evening Praise Hour ..... 6:00p.m.  
 Hour of Power (Wed) ..... 7:00p.m.

#### VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

765-934-1431  
 Pastor Leon Pomeroy  
 Worship Service ..... 9:30 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

#### WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST

375-3022  
 Ethan T Stivers, Minister  
 Ben Renkenberger, Youth Minister  
 Tara Bower and Melinda Haynes - Secretaries  
 www.warrenchurchofchrist.org  
 Fellowship ..... 9:15 a.m.  
 Worship & Communion ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 11 to 11:40 a.m.  
 Youth: (Start back up in the fall)  
 K-5th grade, Mon ..... 6-7pm  
 Jr/Sr Hi, Sunday ..... 6-7:30pm

#### WARREN 1ST BAPTIST CHURCH

Corner of N. Wayne & Matilda Sts.  
 Senior Pastor Rev. Bill Fisher  
 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.  
 Wed Bible Study ..... 6:00 p.m.

#### FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Pastor Richard Ladouceur  
 11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN  
 765-934-3609  
 Sunday Worship ..... 10:30 am  
 Sunday School Classes ..... 9:30 am  
 Youth Group ..... 6:00 pm  
 Sunday Adult Bible Study ..... 6:00 pm  
 Thurs. Bible Study ..... 7:00 pm

Please Attend the Church of Your Choice

## AREA NEWS

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Those present were: Town Council, Ethan Stivers, Julia Glessner; Clerk-Treasurer, Marilyn Morrison; Employees, Dennis Spitler, Lee Poulson, Jason Caley. Others.

President Glessner called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and opened a Public Hearing scheduled for proposed action on a property located at 417 N. Grover Street. As previously discussed, the house had suffered fire damage and the Department of Community Development (DCD) had issued a Notice of Order Enforcement on September 19th, 2014. Marla Stambazze of the DCD reviewed actions taken. Hearing no public input, the hearing was closed. Following additional discussion, Stivers moved, seconded by Brown, to move forward with demolition of the house. The motion was approved unanimously. In related business, Glessner moved, seconded by Brown, that steps be taken to demolish properties at 303 E. Third St and 714 Railroad Street as part of the same demolition contract as those two properties had also been scheduled for demolition. The motion was carried unanimously. The DCD will work with Municipal Attorney Hartburg on the process and will handle the request for bids. The Town will cover the cost of the demolitions and place liens on the properties if demolition costs are not covered by the property owners.

The residents of 402 N. Grover requested that stone be placed on an unimproved street which serves as access to the property. Brown moved, seconded by Stivers, that the area of the street which abuts the property will be stoned as the Town had previously done the same. The motion was approved unanimously.

Steve Jackson, Scout Leader, reported that the river walkway had been completed and was ready for the stone as had previously been approved by Council. Jackson also requested that consideration be given to installation of an exterior spigot. Citing concerns about freezing and misuse, Utility Manager Poulson was asked to review the situation.

A contract with Commonwealth Engineering in the amount of \$12,600 plus hourly rates for the Alley Paving Project was submitted for review and approval. Stivers moved, seconded by Glessner to approve. The motion was approved unanimously. Ben Adams, Engineer with Commonwealth Engineering, submitted the bid report which showed only one bidder on the project, E&B Paving in the amount of \$175,138 with recommendation that the bid be accepted. Glessner moved, seconded by Brown, to accept the bid and issue a Notice of Award and Notice to Proceed. The motion was approved unanimously. Adams will work with E&B to establish a tentative

schedule of work.

Resolution 3-2014, a resolution to reduce appropriations within the 2014 Municipal Budget was submitted for consideration. Glessner moved, seconded by Stivers, to adopt and the motion was approved unanimously. Ordinance 2014-3, 2015 Municipal Budget, was submitted for consideration of adoption. Following review by Morrison, Stivers moved, seconded by Glessner, adoption. The motion was approved unanimously. The budget will be submitted to the State for approval.

The WHARM meeting for October is scheduled in Markle for October 17th.

A request from MD7 Company for buy out of the AT&T lease for placement of antenna on the Eleventh Street Tower had been reviewed by Brown. Following discussion and by consensus, Council determined that no amendment to the current contract with AT&T would be considered at this time.

The December meeting of Council was rescheduled for Monday, December 22nd to allow for end of year business to be conducted.

A request for use of the former Racketty Packetty site, 118 N. Wayne, by a business owner was discussed as the Town has assumed ownership of the property. Following discussion and by consensus, it was determined that for use of the area proof of insurance and a use fee of \$100 per month would be requested.

Morrison reported that a Spook Run, 5K, is being scheduled for November 1st. Still in the planning stage, use of Town streets will be necessary for the course. Organizers are to work with Marshal Spitler on developing the street use plan.

A spreadsheet detailing current wages was submitted to Council Members in preparation for dis-

cussion of raises for 2015. The matter is to be placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting.

Morrison updated the radio read meter software installation commenting that several problems had arisen requiring a lot of hours being directed to it with the installation still not complete. Trial runs are being done this week and have already uncovered additional issues. Overtime has had to be used in the process, previously approved by Council, to handle that workload plus the business of the office. Annual software training is scheduled for November 12th so the Office will be closed.

Utility Manager Poulson also reported on the radio read meter installation citing that some electric meters installed previously are not working and will need replaced at the cost of \$62 each. Council concurred with purchase as needed. A sewer relocation necessary due to IDEM inspection is scheduled weather pending. It must be done by November 1st to meet IDEM's schedule in addition to televising of a sanitary service line. All is underway. Submitted were three quotes for purchase of a used dump truck but following discussion it was determined that a newer used truck should be purchased. Poulson will continue the search. Mosquito spraying has ended and leaf pickup is scheduled to start on Monday, October 20th. Poulson requested consideration of adding some smaller paving projects to the Alley project. A list will be submitted to the contractor and to the Council.

Fire Department and Police Department monthly reports were submitted.

A request for use of the park on October 25th for a softball tournament was reviewed. Council approved, by consensus, citing

that Park Rules will be enforced and that organizers would be responsible for any damages to the Park. Closing of Second Street from Wayne to Main for use on Friday, November 21st for the Festival of Trees was also approved by consensus. A request for more lighting on Second Street for the Festival will be reviewed by Poulson.

The next scheduled meeting of Council is November 10th.

### SENIOR SCRAMBLE

Results from Thursday, October 9th at Dogwood Glen. First Place(31): John Dickason, Keith Duckwall, Tom Smiley. Second Place(33): Dave Fleeger, Bob Herring, John Jones, Bill Preston. Closest to the Pin #3 Keith Duckwall, #6 Tom Smiley, Long Drive #8 Dave Banter & Jim Dubois. Thank you to Huggy Bear Ice Cream Stop for sponsoring this week's golf balls.

### SIGMA PHI

Beta Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi International Sorority held their business meeting on October 7, 2014 at the Knight Bergman Civic Center. The meeting was opened by President Tara Korporal with 14 members present. Roll call was answered by telling your favorite Halloween candy.

The Secretary report was given by Susan Ralston for the previous months meeting. Kathy Ralston gave the Treasurer's report. Finance Chairman Jenny Plummer reported on our Sunday Luncheon fundraiser, which was held Oct. 5, 2014. We would like to thank everyone who came and supported us and made it a success.

It was decided to participate in the Scarecrow Festival on October 31 for the community. Jenny Plummer and Beth Ostermeyer

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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.

Oct 15 7pm Van Buren Town Council  
 Oct 20 6:30pm KBC Board Meeting, at KBC  
 Oct 30 6-8p Warren Trick or Treat Hours  
 Oct 31 6-8p Scarecrow Festival - Downtown Warren  
 Oct 31 6-9p Van Buren Trick or Treat Hours  
 Oct 31 6-9p Van Buren Halloween Party, at Elementary School  
 Nov 2 Daylight Savings Time Ends

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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will be heading up this project. Those attending the meeting were Rosemary Zeller, Sondra Zabel, Betty Yoder, Susan Ralston, Kathy Ralston, Jenny Plummer, Beth Ostermeyer, Tara Korporal, Carol Irick, Suzette Gephart, Lorie Fiock, Opal Brubaker, Claudia Boxell, and Sandy Booher.

## POOL TOURNAMENT

There were 20 residents in the October 10th pool tourney. The winners were Mel Dooley and Virginia Langdon. Second place went to Freddie Couch and Clarence Myers. Freddie made the "Shot of the Year" to bank a full length table shot to advance to the final set of games, after just proclaiming she NEVER makes that kind of a shot!! Mel Dooley also made a full length bank shot in the final set. The in-house tournament is played every Friday at 1:30 in the Fults Recreation Room.

## BOWLING SCORES

The Wednesday morning Mixed League scores are as follows: High Scores—Games 1, 2, & 3, Clara Mossburg -167 - 170 & 211, Game 3 went to Ralph Taylor with a 171 score. High Series went to Clara with 698 and 2nd was Ralph Taylor at 661. Mary Dungan had a 587 series and Dick Lintner had a 557 series.

## RETAIL FOOD CLASS

Purdue Cooperative Extension Service of Wells County will be offering a Retail Food Certification class on October 29th and November 5th, 2014. This is for

food handlers who need to obtain a Retail Food Certificate. The sixteen-hour class will take place 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. both days. The exam will be administered at 3:00 p.m. on November 5th. A photo ID with signature is required to take the exam. The cost of the class with exam is \$155.00. The cost to take the exam only is \$50.00. Pre-registration is required by October 22nd in order to receive a textbook and avoid a \$20.00 late fee. Walk-ins will not receive a textbook. English and Spanish exams are available per registration.

To register call 1-800-678-1957, or go to [www.indianarestaurants.org](http://www.indianarestaurants.org) and click on ServSafe Food Handler Training on the right side. For more information call Molly Hoag, Wells County Extension Educator, 260-824-6412. The class will be at the Wells County Community Center, 1240 4-H Park Road, Bluffton, IN 46714.

Instructors:

Molly Hoag, HHS Extension Educator, Wells County Extension Office

Jessica Bergdall, Environmental Health Specialist, Wells County Health Department

Nancy Manuel, HHS Extension Educator, Adams County Extension Office

## LIFE JACKETS ARE NOT JUST FOR SUMMER

As the weather cools, wearing an overcoat becomes a nearly automatic equipment choice for enjoying the outdoors.

At the same time, many people recreating around water seem to forget about wearing another, more vital type of jacket—a life

jacket.

That's a mistake that can be life threatening during a season when many enjoy kayaking or canoeing, duck hunting from a johnboat, or taking a late-winter ice-fishing trip.

Water temperatures plummet, increasing the chance of hypothermia and the risk of drowning, particularly if a person goes overboard while not wearing a life jacket.

Indiana law requires all vessels to carry one wearable U.S. Coast Guard approved PFD (personal flotation device) for each person on board. In addition, vessels 16 feet in length or longer (except a canoe or kayak) must have one USCG-approved PFD on board and readily accessible.

Common sense, however, requires that you wear a life jacket at all times while on the water, no matter what the season.

"Cold water brings additional concerns to the recreating public," said Indiana Boating Law administrator Lt. Kenton Turner. "Life jackets are a yearlong priority and should be the first thought on everyone's mind when enjoying Indiana's waterways."

## BMV NEWS

Commissioner of the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) Don Snemis announced today that the BMV has begun issuing claim forms to Hoosiers who are entitled to Excise Tax refunds dating back to 2004. The agency anticipates that all claim forms will be mailed within the next 30 days. Current estimates indicate that the BMV will issue about \$29 million in excise tax refunds, plus interest.

About 180,000, or 3.5 percent, of the 5.1 million Hoosiers who registered vehicles with the BMV since 2004 are entitled to refunds. Everyone eligible for a refund will receive a claim form in the mail. It is anticipated that claims will be processed within 30 days of receipt.

"The BMV will use all reasonable measures to locate everyone entitled to a refund, including follow-up mailings and the use of national databases to locate individuals who may have moved outside of Indiana," said Commissioner Snemis. "In addition, the BMV is developing a website that will allow anyone entitled to a refund to print a claim form. The website will include instructions on where to send the form."

If the BMV is unable to locate individuals entitled to refunds, despite all reasonable efforts, the agency will work with the Indiana Attorney General's office and turn those refunds over to the Indiana Unclaimed Property program.

"We regret that the error was made and we are committed to finding and fixing any issues related to fees and taxes," said Snemis. "The BMV has already taken several steps to enhance institutional controls and minimize the chance of future errors. These will provide clarity and ensure stability in the BMV's role of administering fees and collecting taxes."

The BMV has selected BKD's Enterprise Risk Solutions (ERS) team to examine and report upon the BMV's processes and procedures for calculating and charging taxes and fees. This supplements work previously performed by the BMV and outside legal counsel. The BKD team will be led by BKD's ERS regional practice lead, Christie L. Clements, CISA, CRMA, director. Clements has more than 14 years of experience, including eight years as internal audit director at a Fortune 40 company.

The BMV has reorganized responsibilities for monitoring and

supervising the agency's collection of taxes and fees. The BMV's Finance Department will supervise the calculation of excise taxes and the BMV's Legal Department will be responsible for ensuring that the fees charged by the BMV are consistent with state law.

The BMV is in the process of adopting policies that require all BMV employees to report any undercharge or overcharge to the BMV's Legal Department for immediate investigation, in addition to his or her immediate supervisor.

## WINTERIZE, REMODEL & LEARN TO COOK AT FALL HOME DESIGN EXPO

FORT WAYNE, Ind.—Looking to add value to your home? Spruce up living quarters for holiday guests? Or even fine-tune your cooking skills?

With old man winter just a few months away, it's time to think about projects inside your home at Fort Wayne's Fall Home Design Expo Oct. 24-26 at Memorial Coliseum, 4000 Parnell Avenue.

If weather predictions pan out, we could face another brutal winter ahead. That could mean leaky roofs, burst pipes, broken furnaces and a spike in heating bills—but that's if you're not prepared.

"In order to prevent damage, you'll want to get professional tune-ups and make sure certain parts of your home are properly insulated," said Dave Marquart, producer of the Fall Home Design Expo. "You can meet with a number of our experts to make sure your readily prepared for the season. If you wait until a storm hits, you'll wait in line next to everyone else for repairs, and then you can plan on paying top dollar."

But other than winterizing the home, the expo also caters to home remodeling needs for renovation projects.

Marquart says fall is the per-



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## AREA NEWS CONTINUED

fect time to scope out contractors and tackle winter projects. "When you're stuck inside hibernating from the bitter cold, you can work on making your living space more comfortable and enjoyable for the whole family, and even guests visiting for the holidays," Marquart said. "And if you are expecting company anytime soon, you can count on our Taste of Home Cooking School to help finesse your cooking skills."

For the second consecutive year, the expo remains a central hub for homeowners to connect with up to 100 high-quality home improvement exhibitors as it relates to kitchens, baths, carpet, doors, windows, insulation, room additions, home building, mortgages, roofing, decks, cabinets, refinishing, basements and much more.

New features this year include:

- Free Wine & Canvas painting lessons as part of The Indiana Wine Experience from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24. Attendees with little to no painting experience can take home their very own 8"x10" acrylic masterpiece with step-by-step instruction from the pros.

Personalized art for the home will be paired with Indiana wine tastings, chocolate and cheese hors d'oeuvres, live music from Joe Justice, giveaways and a silent auction benefitting the Fort Wayne Children's Foundation.

The Indiana Wine Experience is \$19 per adult (age 21+), or \$30 per couple, and includes expo admission.

- A Fun Fall Kids Zone with a safe indoor trick-or-treat and costume contest from 5-8 p.m. Saturday, in addition to an area filled with pumpkins, face painting and balloon art all weekend long.

- A free Taste of Home Cooking School with expo admission (just \$10), also broken into four sessions rather than just one. Normally this show averages \$20-\$50 a person. Taste of Home's Culinary Specialist Karen Davis will share home cooking tips, offer door prizes and break down seasonal fall dishes with demonstrations at 11 a.m., 1, 3 and 5 p.m.

Limited advance ticket sales available through FallHomeShow.org, which includes preferred seating, a meet greet, autographed Taste of Home cookbook and gift bag.

- A chance to win a new Cambria vanity countertop val-

ued at \$2,300, along with many others giveaways and show-only specials.

On Sunday, the Fort Wayne Winter Farmers Market will relocate from its usual spot at Parkview Field Lincoln Financial Event Center to the Fall Home Design Expo to offer up an array of home-based food, fresh produce, crafts and natural products.

Expo admission is \$10 per person, which includes admission to the Taste of Home Cooking School; children 12 & under free; and \$3 discount coupons are available on FallHomeShow.org. Every ticket allows re-admittance to the expo all weekend.

For more information on the expo and/or ticket sales including The Indiana Wine Experience, log on FallHomeShow.org.

### AUDITIONS

Different Stages Theater (Huntington, Indiana) will present an original production of the musical Les Miserables this December and will be holding local auditions to fill three children's roles. This professional production boasts adult cast members from New York, Chicago and Los Angeles. The company is eager to consider local children from all surrounding areas for the young roles.

Different Stages premiere production of The Sound of Music this past summer was critically hailed as an artistic success and reviewed as "A gift to Northern Indiana Theatergoers." By taking part in the production young area performers will have the wonderful experience of being in a Broadway-style production directly alongside professional, trained performers.

Roles to be filled are Young Cosette, Young Eponine, and Gavroche. All roles are an age range of 5 to 10 years old. The company is seeking children with very strong singing and acting skills.

Auditions are scheduled for October 22 and 25 and are by appointment only. Different Stages Theater is the area's newest professional theater venue located in the heart of downtown Huntington.

Visit [www.differentstages.com](http://www.differentstages.com) for detailed information and to schedule an appointment. Participation in auditions does not guarantee a place in the production.

Any questions can be directed to Artistic Director Joel Froomkin at [casting@differentstages.com](mailto:casting@differentstages.com)

### OPEN HOUSE

The Blackford County 4-H Council will hold its annual Open House on Thursday, November 13 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the 4-H Building in Hartford City. Extension staff, 4-H Club Leaders and current 4-H'ers will be on hand to answer questions about 4-H and to show visitors what is available. Current as well as new members are encouraged to attend to get ideas on what projects they would like to take in the year 2015. Blackford County suggested enrollment deadline is December 1. You can enroll on line at: <https://in.4honline.com>. There will be forms available at the Extension Office if you are unable to enroll online. We will also have stations set up at Open House to enroll online. If you have questions, please call the Extension Office at 765/348-3213.

### FAIR SUPPER

Help support the 2015 Blackford County 4-H Fair at the Pork Chop and Pork Burger Dinner. To be held Sunday, October 25, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This meal will be held at the Blackford County 4-H Building, 310 Park Ave., Hartford City. Sponsored by the Blackford County 4-H & Open Fairboard, Inc.

Cost is \$8.00 for Pork Chop Dinner or \$6.00 for Pork Burger dinner. Tickets are available from Fairboard members, at the

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## GENEALOGY REPORT

### RANDALL

Beatrice Mae Randall 'Bogear', 87 passed away Oct. 11 at 7:07 A.M. at Huntington Memorial Hospital. She had resided at Millers Merry Manor Huntington for 3 years.

Beatrice was born to Cecil and Helen Bogear Feb. 24, 1928. She had married Bill Randall who is deceased.

Also deceased are a brother Royce Bogear. Two sisters Mary Hasty & Barbara Bogear of Huntington.

Surviving are 2 sons Ronnie Randall of Columbia City & Steve Randall of Huntington. A sister Mrs. James Fowler 'Marilyn' of Silverlake IN. Several nieces and nephews as well as great and great great grandchildren.

Graveside Service only with Pastor Jim Splawn. Internment to be at Lancaster Cemetery Oct. 16th at 11:00 A.M. Arrangements are being handled at Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home Van Buren, IN.

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## THE GRAY DIVORCEE

Harry Bidwell of East Sussex, U.K. set the record for the oldest individual to win a divorce from his wife in 1980. He was 101 years old; his wife was 65. A classic example of incompatibility, quipped the Association of Mature American Citizens.

But, according to AMAC, the perhaps oddest case of divorce among the nonagenarian-plus set was that of a Roman couple identified only as Antonio C. and Rosa C. by the Italian courts. It happened in 2011 after Antonio discovered love letters Rosa had written to her lover more than three score years earlier.

Notwithstanding their ages, their nearly 80 years of marriage, their five children, one dozen grandchildren and one great-grand child ages and their ages - he was 99 and she was 96 - Antonio could not forgive Rosa's infidelity.

"It must have been an affair too hot to cool down if she kept those letters for all those years," commented one wag.

## A 'CURIOUS' DISCOVERY

Curiosity may have killed the cat, but can it improve the mental acuity of seniors, asks the Association of Mature American Citizens.

One scientific journal, *Neuron*, reports that our natural interest in a topic may stimulate our memory, particularly as we grow older. Test participants "showed improved memory for information that they were curious about and for incidental material learned during states of high curiosity," researchers concluded.

Another article published in the American Medical Association's journal, *Neurology*, recently reported that what it calls "intellectual enrichment" can fend off the onset of dementia for as much as nine years as we grow older. In other words, the more you seek opportunities to learn and stimulate your brain, the more likely you are to improve brain function, particularly as it relates to memory.

## THE WORLD IS GETTING

### OLDER

A new report by Global AgeWatch, which focuses on the wellbeing of older people around the world, ranks Norway and Sweden as the best places to live out your old age; the United States came in at eighth place, just after Iceland. Not surprisingly Afghanistan is the last place on Earth that the elderly would want to call home.

The research showed that "economic growth alone will not improve older people's wellbeing and specific policies need to be put in place to address the implications of ageing."

"The unprecedented rate and speed of population ageing [globally] presents policy makers with a challenge," said Toby Porter, Chief Executive of HelpAge International. "Only if they act now will they have a chance to meet the needs of their citizens and keep their economies going."

The Association of Mature American Citizens noted that the U.S. population is growing older at a fast pace and that America's elderly are, perhaps, more engaged in the political process than anywhere else in the world. Thus, they are in a better position to influence policies that impact the lifestyles of senior citizens.



## TIPS FOR THE 2015

### MEDICARE ANNUAL

#### ENROLLMENT PERIOD

(StatePoint) If you're 65 or older, you probably know that the Medicare Annual Enrollment Period runs October 15 through December 7. Generally, this is the only time you can make changes to your coverage.

According to Herb Fritch, president of Cigna-HealthSpring, a leading health service company and Medicare insurance provider, here are some things to consider:

- Determine priorities. Make a list of priorities -- such as lowering out-of-pocket costs -- and use it to compare plans.

- Understand the different parts. Part A refers to hospital insurance. The amount of the deductible depends on the length of the hospital stay.

Part B refers to basic medical insurance for doctor visits and other health care services. Medicare pays 80 percent of approved charges while you pay 20 percent in addition to a monthly Part B premium and annual deductible which will vary based on your income. Supplemental plans like Medigap and Medicare Advantage can help cover the 20 percent gap and most offer extra benefits.

Part C refers to plans operated by private companies that combine Part A and B benefits. Most include Part D prescription drug coverage, offer no or low monthly premiums, and extras like vision, dental and gym membership benefits.

Part D refers to Prescription Drug Plans offering at least a

standard level of coverage set by Medicare; some are available as stand-alone plans.

- Do your research. Benefits differ from company-to-company and even state-to-state, so do your research. Look beyond premium cost to ensure there aren't hidden copays or fees that will end up costing you more. Pay close attention to medication quantity limits and make sure your plan offers adequate drug coverage.

- Pay your Medicare Part B premium. Even if you're enrolled in a private Medicare plan, you must continue paying your Part B premium. If you're having trouble, contact your local Medicaid office to see if you qualify for a Medicare Savings Program.

- Don't settle. Priorities change, so the plan that worked when you were 65 may not be best when you're 75. Plans also change year-to-year so review before renewing.

- Know your network. Many plans offer choices with a network of doctors. If you visit a doctor out of network, you could be responsible for out-of-pocket costs. However, networks offered by Medicare Advantage choices, such as Cigna-HealthSpring, can foster better coordination among doctors, leading to better care. Ask your doctors what plans they accept or check your network directory.

- Don't worry about the Exchanges. With a few exceptions, Medicare will be a better option than the Exchanges (also called "Marketplaces"). In fact, it's illegal for someone to sell you an Exchange plan if they know you have Medicare.

- Use free resources. The Cen-

ters for Medicare & Medicaid Services' Plan Finder helps you compare costs, covered medications and other items. Many insurance plans offer free seminars with no obligation to sign up. You can also check companies' websites or call their Customer Service number for more information. Local agencies on aging can also be helpful.

This open enrollment period, make sure your health plan works for you.

## HOW YOU AND YOUR

### FAMILY CAN PROTECT

#### YOUR LOCAL ENVIRONMENT

(StatePoint) It's all too easy to feel out of touch with nature. But whether you live in an urban or rural setting, near a stand of woods or in the forest, there are trees near you that can help you feel connected to the outdoors. And getting involved with protecting your state's woods is easy if you know how.

"From volunteer projects to civic engagement, there are many avenues for protecting your state's trees and forests," says Jim Karels, President of the National Association of State Foresters (NASF). "Any individual can have a positive impact."

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Karels is offering nature lovers ideas for effective woodland stewardship:

- Many forests are under attack from the emerald ash borer, Asian long-horned beetle, and a host of other non-native species. Learning to identify these woodland pests and the signs of their impact can help keep their damage in check.

Prevent destructive hitchhikers by buying local firewood from within 10 miles of where you burn it.

- Become a conservation volunteer and help your state's woods. State Foresters manage and protect state and private forests, which encompass two-thirds of the forestland in the United States. Your State Forester can help your family get more involved.

Plant a tree or check out Arbor Day opportunities in your community, such as tree plantings and litter pick-ups—or better yet, host one yourself. Your state forestry agency should have a calendar of events to reference.

- Appreciate urban forestry. Even if you live in a suburban or urban locale, your community's green infrastructure warrants protecting.

The presence of street trees in a neighborhood can increase the sale prices of houses. Additionally, research has shown that tree-lined streets encourage more active lifestyles, which can help reduce the incidence of obesity in your community.

- Learn to protect your home and family from fire. Nearly nine out of 10 wildfires are caused by people, and your state forestry agency is a great resource for fire prevention education, including Smokey Bear appearances and nature talks.

- Spread the word. Our nation's woodlands face many threats that require larger policy solutions. From invasive species to increasing land fragmentation, all woodlands need protection. Trees work for us and provide public benefits to all Americans. Connect with your State Forester for ways to be involved in policy solutions that are important to your state.

To get more informed, check out your state's forest action plan. These plans document local priorities each state has for their woods. It's the best way to find out where the danger is, where help is most needed, and who

you can contact to get involved. To read your state's forest action plan, visit [www.forestationplans.org](http://www.forestationplans.org).

Another good reference point is the NASF, a non-profit comprised of the executive heads of departments of forestry in the United States. NASF works to protect woods and provide information to the public. More information can be found at [www.stateforesters.org/contact-your-state-agency](http://www.stateforesters.org/contact-your-state-agency).

Your actions can affect the trees around you. Take steps to be part of the solution in your local environment.

### TRICKS AND TREATS TO STAY ON BUDGET THIS

#### HALLOWEEN

(StatePoint) Halloween comes but once a year. So make it extra spooky with ghosts, goblins and ghouls galore -- and don't forget all the great treats. While all this fall fun does come at a price, you don't have to spend a pirate's booty if you plan carefully.

For more treats than tricks this year, make a budget and stick to it. The shopping experts at Dollar General are sharing great ways to celebrate Halloween affordably.

#### Clean Up

Before the trick-or-treaters are at your door, spruce up your house with a few household cleaning supplies. Stock up on paper towels to use for clean-up after pumpkin carving, or pick up a new broom for all those fall leaves that are bound to make their way into your house. These fall months lead right into the holiday party season, so make sure you have all the tools you need to be party ready for your guests!

#### Decorations

Give your home a fresh fall update. Evoke the harvest season in the entryway with an autumn wreath. Buy one or DIY the project with supplies like glue guns, ribbons, faux leaves and flowers. Use seasonal placemats, runners and pumpkin pie scented candles to accent your home with fall flair.

Stock up on spooky supplies, too. Skeletons, cobwebs, ghosts and other festive supplies will make your home a favorite in the neighborhood.

#### Treats

Whether you're hosting a Halloween bash or just preparing for a crowd of trick-or-treaters, think frugally when stocking up on treats. Buy candy, chocolates and treats at a discount store such as Dollar General. If you're ordering online, consider buying in bulk to save further, as many retailers offer free shipping on large purchases.

Make Halloween party snacks for less by buying peanuts, pumpkin seeds and candy corn, and creating your own seasonal trail mix. For dessert, bake a cake and decorate it creatively with gummy worms and colored icing to scare your guests!

For crowd-pleasing ideas and more Halloween tips, visit [www.DollarGeneral.com](http://www.DollarGeneral.com) or visit their Pinterest page.

With more holidays on the horizon, be sure to stay within your budget this Halloween season. Take steps to celebrate affordably.

### NATIONAL ARTS & HUMANITIES MONTH

(StatePoint) October, which is National Arts & Humanities Month, serves as an excellent reminder of the benefits the arts can bring to communities and individuals.

Here are a few ways you can celebrate:

- Attend a concert: Whether it's a jazzy night club, a local rock concert or a symphony orchestra, there's no substitute for live music.

- Visit a gallery: Check out what is current at your local galleries. Many host special talks and tours to help viewers get a deeper appreciation for the arts.

- Put on a play: "Family drama" isn't usually a pleasing word combination. But during National Arts & Humanities Month, it can take on a whole new meaning. Let children write and direct their own play. Set up a small "theater" in your living room and invite a few friends over to watch.

To learn more or find events near you, visit [www.americansforthearts.org](http://www.americansforthearts.org).

In our busy lives, arts appreciation sometimes gets the short shrift. This October, make yourself better acquainted with happenings in your community.

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As I think back to the falls of the past, it seems to always revolve around one particular thing....toilet paper. Now we will just make this clear, I was no angel!! I can account for every gray hair on my momma's head and god knows she does have a lot. I have this saying, "I'm the only hell my momma ever raised, because my sister was an angel." (even though she did show me the proper way to vaseline car door handles and wrap cars in fishing line).

So here we go, I will confess to some of my pranks of the past. It wasn't just always me, I always had accomplices. We, and there is a reason I said "we" because there was four of us at the time, found out what a shot gun sounds like very close by, we're talking a few feet!! "We" also found out that a 4 cylinder maverick car does not out run a 8 cylinder sports car, but we did try. "We" did know the best way to get the toilet paper to the top of the tree is to climb the tree and it is also the safest when you get caught, nobody thinks to look up there and when the coast is clear climb down the tree and jump in the car on the fly by.

I belonged to a group of girls called the Rainbow girls. It was an organization for teen girls under the Masonic and Eastern Star. We had a great lady who headed up Rainbow, her name was Irene treat. Many of you had her as a teacher and a great teacher she was, a true role model. We were going to have a slumber party up at the Masonic Lodge and we were trying to get some things planned on what activities we were going to do. Someone suggested (and it was not me) that we go toilet papering. We didn't have to beg to hard to Irene, she agreed to do it under one rule, you get caught you face all circumstances. So when the time came we all piled in Irene's car and she took us toilet papering.

The first name on the victims list was none other than Mark Vickery or Mr. Vickery to us, our science teacher. He lived up this long lane with lots and lots of tree's, so we sent the younger and fastest runners up close to the house and the older and slower ones close to the road. It was also the older ones job to watch for cars and alert the others if necessary. I was one of the oldest so I stayed close. Irene

instructed us that she was going to go down the road where it ends, turn around and come back and to be ready when she got there. She wasn't even a 1/4 mile down the road and here comes a car flying down the road. So me and my friend jumped in the ditch to hide from the oncoming car. Just as we jumped in the ditch, this horrid smell appeared. I ask my friend, do you smell what I smell?? Yep, was her response. As the car went past, we both jumped out of that ditch and ran for all it was worth hoping that one we didn't get caught and two that we didn't get sprayed by the skunk.

There is a good thing to this, we always supported our local grocery store (only because Walmart was unheard of) and he always made sure we had a variety of paper to choose from. He even made sure there were at least 3 different colors, white, pink and light blue, which made our artwork colorful and cheery.

I could never figure out why teepeeing was so bad. Why we would get into trouble for doing it, to me it was harmless fun, but it is now labeled as destruction of private property. If I would have got caught every time I went teepeeing I might be eligible for parole in the next 10 years or so. lol

My mom told me I had to leave a good recipe, to make up for the stories she thought I was gonna confess to but didn't. So maybe another time I will confess to a few more pranks such as letting cow's out, soaping windows and burning cow droppings on porches (I told ya I was the devil in disguise) have a great fall and if you do get brave and try your hand at teepeeing my best advise to you is "don't get caught!!"

#### Spicy Vegetable Soup

1 lb hamburger, 1 (10oz) can diced tomatoes and green chilies, 1c. chopped onion, 1c. sliced celery, 1 (30oz) jar of meatless spaghetti sauce, 1 tsp beef bouillon, 3 1/2 c. water, 1 tsp pepper, 1 (16oz) pkg frozen mixed vegetables

In skillet over medium heat cook burger and onion until meat is no longer pink. Drain. Transfer into soup pot stir in remaining ingredients cover and cook until vegetables are tender. Can be made in crock pot and cook on low for 8 hours. This has a little kick from the green chilies but is very good.