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Thought for the Week: The best way to cheer yourself is to try to cheer someone else up. *Mark Twain*



LAST WEEKEND

Stacia Brinneman as the Reverend Mother in "Nunsense" at the Pulse Opera House. Last three performances! Performances on May 15 & 16 begin at 8:00 p.m. with doors opening at 7:30 p.m. The May 17 performance begins at 4:00 p.m. with doors opening at 3:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for general admission and \$5 for children 12 and under. Reservations can be made at pulseoperahouse.org or by leaving a message at (260) 375-7017.

PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing has been set for Monday evening, June 8 in Van Buren. Residents of Van Buren and surrounding area are urged to attend the meeting which pertains to an application for a grant to build a new fire station. A large attendance at the meeting will help to get the grant. The meeting will be held in the Council Room at 6 p.m.

FAIR BOARD MEETING

The Huntington County 4-H Fair Board will meet Tuesday, May 19, at 7:00 pm at Heritage Hall, Huntington County Fairgrounds. The board will discuss continuing plans for the 85th Annual Huntington County 4-H Fair to be held July 17-31, 2015.

For more information, please contact Julia Miller, jwickert@purdue.edu or 260

358-4826 at the Purdue Extension – Huntington County office, located in the County Courthouse Annex Building, 354 N Jefferson Street – Suite 202, Huntington.

4-H CAMP

4-H Camp registration is due May 20 for this year's event set for June 8 – 10 at Camp Mack, near Milford Indiana.

Youth presently in grades 3 – 6 may attend the camp.

The Wells County 4-H Association will again assist by sponsoring part of the \$130 camp fee. (4-H members will pay \$70.) Registration and camp fees are due at the Wells County Extension Office by May 20. Camp will fill up, so families are encouraged to turn in registration forms early if possible.

Some of the camp events will include: boating, swimming,

crafts, fishing, outdoor sports, exploring science, tin can ice cream, nature hikes, and more.

4-H Junior Leaders from Wells, Adams, Allen, Huntington, DeKalb, Steuben and Wabash counties will be serving as camp counselors.

For more information about camp, contact the Wells County Extension Office at 260-824-6412 or visit www.extension.purdue.edu/wells.

ANIMAL ID DAY

4-H families are reminded that animal ID information is due May 15th in the 4-H Online system. This includes: Registered Beef, Starter Beef, Dairy, Dairy Feeder Steer, Goat, Sheep, Swine, Horse & Pony and Alpaca / Llama. This takes the place of the paper forms. Go to: www.extension.purdue.edu/wells and follow the link.

This is required to exhibit the animals at the Wells County 4-H Fair.

Forgot your password? Just follow the steps to get another. No computer or internet? Call the Extension Office, 824-6412 to arrange a time or stop by 8 AM – 4:30 PM, Monday – Friday, at the 4-H Park in Bluffton.

Rabbit and Poultry paper forms are also due May 15th. Forms are on the web page. Cat and Dog members, no ID forms required.

For more information, contact the Purdue Extension Office – Wells County, 824-6412.

PLANT SALE

The Huntington County Master Gardeners will have a Spring Plant Sale on Saturday May 16 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Family Living Building at Hier's Park. All are welcome to stop and see the selection of plants available as well

as to learn more about spring planting. Proceeds from the sales of these plants will go for both scholarships and local projects throughout Huntington County. Ongoing projects for the Huntington County Master Gardeners include displays at Forks of the Wabash and Salamonie Reservoir. If you have questions contact the Huntington County Extension Office - 354 N Jefferson – Suite 202, phone: 260-358-4826.

FIRST CONCERT

A new community choir for teens and adults with and without disabilities will give their first concert titled "Feelin' Good" on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 7:00 pm in the Merillat Centre for the Arts at Huntington University. The choir was started by the Children's Choir of Huntington County and is under the direction of Denise Gilliland. There are 20 members of the choir ranging in ages from 12 to 80. The official name of the choir will be announced at the concert along with the winner of the "Name That Choir" contest whose entry was chosen by vote by the choir members.



PERFORMING AT HERITAGE POINTE

May 15th, 2015 at 2:00 the Terry Lee & The Rockaboogie Band will perform in our Applegate Chapel. This high energy, first class show built their performance around the lightning fast piano pumpin', Rockaboogie playing of London England's Terry Lee Ridley. You will be left breathless as Terry and his group of would class musicians thunder through a large selection of hits from the 50's and 60's such as "Great Balls of Fire" "Whole lotta Shakin' and so much more! Entertaining audiences in England, Europe and now in the United States, Terry is the one and only international piano pumpin' sensation with the experience, talent and stage presence to take you back to the exciting 1950's when Jerry Lee, Elvis, Johnny Cash, Chuck Berry, Little Richard and Fats Domino were changing music forever. See you the 15th. Come early and enjoy a wonderful bowl of ice cream at the Cove.



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Kudos, Kicks & Karats



THE UPTOWN GARDENER

by Ruth Herring

We have had a nice taste of summer now perhaps we can get back to the business of spring. The tulips for most part are done for the season and new things are popping up from the ground, some of which I forget what they are. Just call it a happy surprise.

When Treva and I were plant shopping I found some new varieties that looked interesting but with limited space I chose to just admire them and leave well enough alone. I did get some hardy plants to fill in hoping I will not have to do as much planting in future years.

I have lettuce and spinach almost ready to pick, can't wait for a nice peanut butter and lettuce sandwich. So many people I have talked with have never heard of my favorite sandwich. As a kid we had many of them in the summer.

The green beans are planted and anxious for them to be ready, I do not have room for only a few seeds but they fulfill my need for them. I can just see my dad up there snickering over my bean row of a dozen bean seeds, after all those years I helping him plant those 50 foot rows and several of them; then having to pick those long rows was not my favorite pastime, but they tasted mighty good especially in the winter. As I have said before my Mom thought we might go hungry if we didn't have six or seven hundred jars of food stashed away for winter that came from the garden and fruit trees. We had some wonderful old apple trees in the woods that made great applesauce and she also canned apples for pies that was almost like the canned pie filling we have today, only this was much tastier. Great to have anytime of the year.

We were not rich financially but that little 20 acres we had provided us and several hard pressed neighbors with good food. I remembering taking baskets of vegetables and other food items to couple of neighbors who lived alone and was an effort to get to a grocery not to mention having enough money for extras. Mom always remembered them by sharing Sunday dinners which was my job to deliver to them on foot.

Those were the days when there was no tv, cars were used for important things like going to work and maybe a Sunday drive that was within five miles of home. No cell phones ours hung on the wall (sometimes it might be a bit portable if it fell off the wall) and you took turn with six or eight other people on the same line for a chance to use it. For sure you knew what was going on in the neighborhood by listening in on other calls which if we got caught it meant more extra chores. For us kids two ole ladies gossiping wasn't that interesting so it saved our sole from more chores.

Those were the days that people were happy and content most everyone lived on meager incomes, kids were happy making up their own games and you looked forward to Saturday nite gathered around the radio listening to favorite programs sharing a pan of pop corn or maybe a pan of peanut butter fudge mom made.

This is how she made her fudge it was hand written in her cook book and the page is well worn and stained.

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 Phillip Freel Jr, Pastor

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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 6:30p.m.
 BYG Youth Svc. (2&4Sun.) 6:00p.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 Leader - Kelly Jones

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

Handicap Accessible

Little Panther Preschool 765.934.2099

HEALING WATERS MINISTRY —

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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.
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DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN

8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779
 Matt Kennedy, Pastor

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 Sunday School 10:00a.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.

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.
 ThursdayPrayer 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

HERITAGE POINTE

Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
 OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT
 Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat
 Chapel Services 9:00 a.m.

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375-2510

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 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.

SOLID ROCK UNITED METHODIST

485 Bennett Dr, Warren, IN
 375-3873

Dave Smitley, Interim Pastor
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

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3147 W 543 S, Huntington
 468-2411

Doug Sharrard, Pastor
 Pam Thompson, 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

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 Worship9:30 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 Sr 9 & 124

Rev. Michael Gallant - "Pastor Mike"
 Multi-Generational Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Fellowship 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45-11:30a.m.
 Sunday Youth 6-7:30 p.m.
Come as you are for all services

PLUM TREE

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

375-2691

Jill Miller, Pastor

Sunday School9:30 a.m.
 Worship10:30 a.m.

SALAMONIE

CHURCH OF BRETHREN

468-2412

Mel Zumbun, Pastor

Worship9:30 a.m.
 Church School 10:45a.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

375-2102

Pastor Scott Nedberg

Youth Pastor - Pastor Heather Parsons
 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 Slater, Pastor

Jim Knight, Superintendent

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

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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
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375-3022

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Ben Renkenberger, Youth Minister
 Tara Bower and Melinda Haynes -
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Fellowship9:15 a.m.
 Worship & Communion9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School11 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 School9:00 a.m.
 Sunday Worship10:00 a.m.

WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH

375-2330 6th & Nancy Sts. Warren

Rev. Allen Laws, Pastor

Wesley Welch, Supt.

Sunday School9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:15 a.m.
 Wed Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

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AREA NEWS

MID WEEK MARKET

A new Farmers Market is being sponsored by Historic Warren (an Indiana Main Street Initiative).

This new market will open Wednesday, May 27th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and continue through Labor Day, 2015. The location of the market is 118 N. Wayne Street, downtown Warren, between NAPA and The Flower Pot.

Vendor space is open on a first-come-first serve basis beginning at 4:30 p.m. There will be a \$5.00 charge per week for a 12 x 12 space. Cost will help cover advertising and miscellaneous expenses. Vendors will need to provide their own tables, chairs, tents, etc. for their space. Electricity is not available.

Sale items now include produce, fresh baked goods (ingredients need to be listed), and flowers. Also, artists, crafters and other businesses are encouraged to participate. Business participating at this time are: Crumbs Bakery, Gebharts Floral Barn, Haggerty Farm Produce, Sycamore Farms Herbs and Botanicals, and The Flower Pot.

Any questions, please contact Kevin Deakayne at 260/375-2626.

Also, remember that there is another Farmers Market on Saturdays throughout the summer, located at Daugherty's.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Van Buren Masonic Lodge are hosting a Fund Raiser Pancake Breakfast May 16, 2015 7:00 to 11:00am 105 East Main St. Van Buren, IN.

Menu; Pancakes, Biscuit & Gravy, Sausage, Juice, and Coffee.

CRUMBS BAKERY

Crumbs Bakery is now offering sandwiches and chips. Wednesday and Thursday choices are chicken salad or bbq pork. Friday and Saturday, Sloppy joe or chicken salad.

Come in for a lunch combo with a sandwich, chips and a slice of pie for \$5.25. We also have cupcakes and other treats to get you thru the day! Or take a loaf of bread home to add to your supper table!

Check out our Facebook page Crumbs Bakery by Kristi Mounsey. Call for ordering in advance 260-375-4616.

FARMERS MARKET

Its that time! The Market will be open this Saturday from 8-11am at Daugherty's Pond. We will several vendors with baked goods and flowers! We also know have a FaceBook page, Warrens Farmers Market check it out for updates and postings!

PLANT SALE

The Wells County Master Gardener's Spring Plant sale will be held on Friday, May 15th from 8 to 3 p.m. and Saturday, May 16th from 8 to noon at the Wells County 4-H Fairgrounds located on the south end of Bluffton.

A nice selection of annuals and perennials from the members' gardens will be available, including hostas donated by Donna Binkley from the collection of the late Dr. Vic Binkley. Proceeds will go toward several ongoing projects in Wells County and scholarships.

WARREN COUNCIL

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Monday, April 13, 2015 at Assembly Hall, Council Meeting Room, 131 N. Wayne Street, in accordance with rules of Council and applicable law.

Those present were: Town Council, Ethan Stivers, Julia Glessner, Steve Buzzard; Clerk-Treasurer, Marilyn Morrison; Employees, Lee Poulson, Dennis Spitler, and others. President Glessner called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

President Glessner called a Public Hearing to order and turned the floor over to Marla Stambazze of Huntington County Department of Community Development (DCD) who detailed an inspection done at 312 W. Eleventh and recommended immediate demolition. Hearing no comment from the public, the hearing was adjourned. Buzzard moved, seconded by Stivers to uphold the order for immediate demolition and the motion was approved unanimously. Stambazze submitted a listing of ten properties which have been inspected and discussed action taken or pending. Following

discussion, the property at 519 E. Third was added for inspection.

Mark Mussman, Director of DCD, and Stambazze discussed the development site at I69-SR5 area. Citing that application for approval of a development area or site improvements had not been received and citing that the last Plan Commission action was in 2011, Mussman and Stambazze generally outlined the procedure needed for the planned development to go forward. Following discussion, Council, by consensus, requested Morrison prepare a letter for submission to the developer stating that the proposed utility extension would not be engineered until the project proceeded further. The project is in the Town's TIF district.

Ordinance 2015-2, an ordinance to prohibit parking against the flow of traffic, was submitted for consideration of adoption. Buzzard moved, seconded by Glessner, to adopt Ordinance 2015-2. The motion was approved unanimously.

Morrison submitted Resolution 1-2015 from the Town of Warren Redevelopment Commission which pledged Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Monies for the refinancing of the 2002 Sewer Bond. Stating that the proposed refinancing is a proper public purpose for TIF Funds and acknowledging that the project met the findings necessary, the Resolution had unanimous approval from the Redevelopment Commission. Stivers moved, seconded by Buzzard, to make Resolution 1-2015 a matter of record. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ordinance 2015-5, an Ordinance approving the refinancing of the Sewer Bond of 2002, was submitted for consideration of adoption. Financial Consultant Greg Guer-

rettaz briefly reviewed the ordinance previously introduced and discussed at a previous meeting. Glessner moved, seconded by Buzzard, to adopt Ordinance 2015-5. The motion was approved unanimously.

Guerrettaz submitted that the next step would be to place the bond out on the open market to solicit proposals for sale. The resale is being done to reduce the percentage rate and to reduce the length of the bond.

President Glessner announced the opening of a Public Hearing on Ordinances 2015 - 3, 4, ordinances increasing water rates by ten percent and sewer rates by fifteen percent. Asking for public input and receiving none, the hearing was closed. Stivers moved, seconded by Glessner, to adopt Ordinance 2015-3. The motion was approved unanimously. Buzzard moved, seconded by Glessner, to adopt Ordinance 2015-4. The motion was approved unanimously. The rates will go into effect on the July 1st billing.

Guerrettaz submitted and reviewed the 2015 Sustainability Report which reviews the past six years of revenue and spending and projects the next three to five years in all utilities and departments of the Town. Citing the low tax rate of the Town as a plus and noting the impact of the State imposed Tax Caps and the small amount of loss of assessed value in the Town, Guerrettez stressed that continual budgetary scrutiny will be necessary to keep the Town financially sound as it is now.

Guerrettaz briefly reviewed the proposed pay off the 2000 Building Corporation Bond - Water Treatment Plant - which had been discussed at a previous meeting. Submitted was a Notice of Redemption to be submitted to the Issuer citing the intention to redeem. Glessner moved, seconded by Stivers, to proceed. The motion was approved unanimously.

In discussion of the Wednesday Farmer's Market, it was determined by consensus that the Town owned land at 128 N Wayne could be used as necessary as long as nothing was done to damage landscaping.

Town Marshal Spitler submitted the April activity report. Spitler requested purchase of two tasers from the Police Capital Purchase appropriation in the amount of \$2,487.56. Following review of the proposal, Stivers moved, seconded by Buzzard to approve the purchase.

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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 canceled, please notify WW.) Only event, place, time, and sponsor, for events in Warren, and the surrounding area will be listed.

May 18	6:30p	KBC Board Meeting at KBC
May 20	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting
May 25		Memorial Day
Jun 3	Noon	W - Chamber of Commerce, Assembly Hall
Jun 3	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting
Jun 8	5:30p	W - Town Council Meeting
Jun 8	6:30p	V - Public Hearing on Fire Station

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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Fire Chief Poulson submitted the April activity report. Citing that finding of a faulty repeater and lightning damage to the antenna was causing poor radio reception, Poulson stated that J&K had repaired the repeater and was replacing the antenna. No costs known as of yet.

Poulson, as Utility Manager, reported that ball diamond mix had been delivered to the Tower Park diamonds and that the fields had been dragged in preparation for the season. The league is to contact Poulson if further work is needed. Poulson and Surfus will be attending a training on May 21 in Akron, IN for continuing education hours for licensing.

The next meeting of Council is scheduled for June 8 at 5:30 although the time may need to be adjusted if another Public Hearing is scheduled by the DCD.

VB COUNCIL NOTES

The Van Buren Town Council met on Wednesday evening, May 6 in the Council Room at Town Hall. President Marvin Surber opened the meeting at 7 p.m. All in attendance repeated the Pledge to the American Flag.

There were residents in attendance, still wanting to have some properties brought up to code. There was discussion about the situation.

Donnie Plummer gave the Utility report. He said the company has moved in to clean the North Water Tower.

Town clean up went well and five dumpsters were filled.

There is to be paving of some streets in Van Buren this summer.

There was a discussion about current plans to build a new fire station. Details are being worked out at this time, including plans to

build at a different location. A Public Hearing is set for June 8 and residents of Van Buren and surrounding area are urged to attend.

A Town Rummage Sale is set for June 12 and 13.

The next Council meeting will be May 20.

SIGMA PHI

Beta Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi International Sorority held their May business meeting on Tuesday the 5th at the Knight-Bergman Center. Prior to the start of the meeting, members held a Memorial Service for our Members.

Our business meeting was called to order by President Tara Korporeal. The minutes from the April business meeting were read by Susan Ralston, followed by the Treasurer report by Kathy Ralston. Vice President Claudia Boxell thanked everyone who participated in the Memorial Service.

Service Secretary Beth Ostermeyer passed the worksheet for April. Followed by a thank you and update on up coming Honor Flight plans. Suzette Gephart our Organizer read correspondence about inactive members. Finance Chairman, Jenny Plummer reported on our April Luncheon and thanked all those who helped. We want to thank everyone who attended, because without you it would not have been a success. Carol Irick announced our scholarship winner is Erica Freise, who is from Huntington North High School. Tara read various correspondence and discussed the upcoming International Convention.

Jenny reported our Basket/ Thirty-one Bingo will be on July 4, at the Knight Bergman Center, during the Salamonie Summer Festi-

val. If anyone needs tickets please contact any member.

Opal Brubaker, our Chaplin closed the meeting with prayer. Roll call was answered by naming your favorite Mexican restaurant, Those in attendance but not mentioned above Sondra Zabel, Sandy Booher, Lorie Fiock, and Sandy Eichhorn. Sharon Gebhart was present for the Memorial Service. Our next meeting will be June 2.

POOL TOURNEY

The Heritage Pointe In-House Pool Tourney was held May 4th and 5th in the Fults Recreation Room. The 6 players in the women's division were Ruby Childs, Shirley Mounsey, Freddie Couch, Virginia Langdon, Phyllis Hubartt and Coleen Midwood. The double elimination contest was won by Coleen Midwood with Phyllis Hubartt in second place.

The men's division was won by Norm Hiser, with Dick Hinton finishing in second place.

The 22 players were Larry Langdon, Floyd Blake, Phil Boxell, Jim Slaughter, Ed Hollander, Ralph Taylor, Gordon Smith, Richard Bonham, Bud Lee, Dick Lintner, Norm Hiser, Don Zent, Clarence Myers, Dick Hinton, Elwood Karchner, Bud Purdom, Bill Couch, Kay Mounsey, Carl Hubartt, Max Fordyce, Herb Grover, and Mel Dooley.

There were 16 residents in the May 8th pool tourney. The winners were Larry Langdon and Ralph Taylor. Bill Couch and Bud Lee came in second place. The in-house tournament is played every Friday at 1:30 in the Fults Recreation Room and all residents are welcome to come and watch.

CHAUTAUQUA

On May 1, 2015, President Betty Yoder opened the Chautauqua Literary Club meeting with a Spring Welcome to 20 members. After the Collect was repeated, the business meeting was held. Sign-up papers for the next year's programs and hostesses, plus the June 5 Spring Luncheon were completed.

Ann Spahr gave a delightful program containing Reflections on what really matters in life, and Reflections and ideas you can share with a friend.

The title of her book was "If You Want to Make Someone Happy, Make Someone Smile!"

The Reflections were from very wise people of all walks of life, all ages, eras of history, and different circumstances. It was very entertaining, and many heads often shook with agreement to the thoughts.

Hostesses Elaine and Colleen served refreshments to Janet Beavens, Nancy Bonham, Ann Brauchla, Freddie Couch, Barb Engle, Sharon Gebhart, Linda Howell, Phyllis Hubartt, Crystal Lee, LuEllyn Pond, Peggy Schweikhardt, Ann Spahr, Carolyn Sparks, Sandy Thompson, Kitty Throop, Betty Yoder, Ellen Laymon, and Georgina Laymon.

The June 5, 2015, Spring Luncheon begins at NOON!!!! If you plan on attending and your name is not on the list, contact Betty Yoder or Nancy Bonham very soon.



IAB PROMOTION

Joel Arnold is now an Agribusiness Officer with proven experience in the partnership opportunities between farming operations and iAB agribusiness banking. Arnold is a graduate of Indiana Institute of Technology and was raised working on the family farm. He enjoys learning from his customers and finding news ways to help them grow their farming business. Outside of his work with iAB, he volunteers with the Warren Chamber of Commerce and Campus Life and enjoys spending time outdoors with family and friends.



RACE FOR THE WARRIOR

Aerotek, a leading staffing agency in Fort Wayne, committed as the Title Sponsor for the inaugural "Race For The Warrior". This new event, organized by the Fort Wayne Base Community Council benefits the Military Support Fund. It's a 5k, 10k, Run Walk held on Saturday, May 23rd at the Fort Wayne International Airport.

Registration is open to everyone and all proceeds will go to providing financial hardship assistance to local military members. There will be events for the whole family on the grounds.

Runners and Walkers are encouraged to visit RaceForTheWarrior.org for registration and more information.

For more information please contact Kurt Beuchel 260-458 1328 (Kurt.Beuchel@oldnationalins.com) or Tom Carroll, 260-579 5776 (tcarroll@mastirs.com)

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AREA NEWS CONTINUED

JEFFEST

The La Fontaine Arts Council and Four Corners Custom Framing will once again sponsor JeFFest.

The event will take place June 21 in downtown Huntington from 6 to 8:30 pm and will feature fun food, fabulous music and fine art.

The art part of JeFFest provides artists of all ages the opportunity to create a special work on a 5" X 7" canvas. These official JeFFest canvases are \$5 and can be purchased only at the frame shop, 419 N Jefferson Street, during business hours from Tuesdays through Saturday beginning May 1.

Completed canvases are to be returned to Four Corners Custom Framing by June 12, at which time they become the property of the LAC. They will be professionally framed and displayed for silent auction at the frame shop beginning June 18. The silent auction concludes the evening of JeFFest.

Artists may purchase more than one canvas, and any media can be used on the canvas. Submissions must be dry and ready for framing when they are turned in.

Local business Giggabuggy will offer open studio sessions in May and June and will provide painting supplies and simple instruction to people who purchase JeFFest canvases. A \$5 fee will be charged for each session. Participation in an open studio session is not required in order to submit a canvas.

Details about the open sessions can be found on the Giggabuggy Facebook page.

All proceeds from JeFFest go toward the La Fontaine Arts Council's "Arts in Education" programming.

For more information about JeFFest, contact Debbie Dyer, Executive Director of the LAC, at 260-358-0055 or Paula Bittner, owner of Four Corners Custom Framing, at 260-355-0650.

In addition, both the La Fontaine Arts Council and JeFFest have Facebook pages that have photos and additional information.

FEES CHANGING

Entrance and recreation fees at Indiana state parks and state forests will change in 2015 in response to increasing operating costs.

Entrance to most state parks and three state forest recreation areas will increase from \$5 per in-state vehicle to \$7. DNR officials, however, said visiting a state park or forest is still a great value and that the experiences

and activities available are well worth the price of admission.

"Indiana's state parks and state forests are places where memories are made," DNR Director Cameron Clark said. "A family of four can still hike, swim and enjoy nature exhibits and programs for less than the cost of dinner or a movie."

Indiana's state properties also play an important economic role in nearby communities. They provide jobs and serve as partners in local and regional tourism activities. They are also destinations for exercise, including walking, running, biking, and swimming.

Many activities, from guided hikes to bicycling to children's crafts, are free after paying the gate fee.

The fee overhaul, the first since 2006, will allow state parks and forests to maintain the services that visitors expect. Revenue generated from the fee increases will support staffing and the purchasing of supplies and equipment.

The entrance fee changes affect all state parks and three state forest properties that have entrance gates — Ferdinand State Forest, Starve-Hollow State Recreation Area in Jackson-Washington State Forest, and Deam Lake State Recreation Area in Clark State Forest.

Among the other key fee changes are:

- Out-of-state admission at most properties will increase from \$7 to \$9 per carload.

- At Prophetstown State Park, in-state admission will increase from \$5 to \$8 per carload and out-of-state admission will increase from \$7 to \$10 per carload.

- Out-of-State admission at Indiana Dunes State Park will increase from \$10 to 12.

- A \$4 increase in most camping sites and a \$2 increase in rooms at state park inns.

- A \$2 increase for state forest primitive camping.

- Annual passes will increase from \$40 to \$50.

- An annual motorized boat launch permit will increase from \$22 to \$25.



SHEPHERD

Joyce (DeVaney) Shepherd, 81, of Warren, IN, formerly of Indianapolis, went to be with the Lord at 3:45 PM on Tuesday, May 05, 2015 at her residence.

She was born on Sunday, January 07, 1934, in Detroit, MI. She married William H. Shepherd on Friday, January 27, 1956. Joyce was a 1952 graduate of the Girls Preparatory School in Chattanooga, TN and she received her Bachelors of Science degree from IUPUI in Medical Records. She enjoyed needle work, crosswords, playing bridge, and especially reading the Bible and teaching Sunday school. Joyce was a member of the Red Hatters Club at Heritage Pointe and attended the Calvary Lutheran Church in Bluffton.

Survivors include her Sons: Bill (Nancy) Shepherd, Griffin, GA., Tom (Brenda) Shepherd, Roanoke, IN., Jim (Nancy) Shepherd, Indianapolis, IN., 3 Granddaughters and Brother - Chester (Anna Elizabeth) DeVaney, Jr., TN

She was preceded in death by her: Parents- Chester & Anna Mary (Ewing) DeVaney and Husband - William H. Shepherd.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00PM at Heritage Pointe Apostolate Chapel 801 Huntington Ave, Warren., on Saturday, May 23, 2015 with Pastor Jerry O'Neal and Ginny Soultz officiating. Immediately following in the Fultz room (Heritage Pointe) will be a celebration of Joyce's life, with cake and ice cream served. All are welcomed to attend to share and remember.

In Lieu of flowers please send memorial donations in honor of Joyce's name to: Calvary Lutheran Church 1532 N Main St, Bluffton, IN 46714, Bread of Life Food Pantry 123 N. Nancy St. Warren, IN 46792 or Wheeler Mission Ministries 205 E New York St, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

GENEALOGY REPORT

JOHNS

Lora Jo "Jo" Johns, 51, of Hartford City, IN, and having family members in Warren, IN, died Friday, May 8, 2015, at 6:21 a.m. at her home.

Mrs. Johns graduated from Blackford High School in 1982 and received an associate degree in business from Indiana Business College, in Muncie, in 2007. She was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene, in Hartford City.

She was born April 12, 1964, in Hartford City to Donald Lee and Carolyn Fay Meacham Kreischer. She married Jeffrey William "Jeff" Johns on April 15, 1988, at the Apostolic Tabernacle Church, in Hartford City, and he survives.

Additional survivors include five daughters, Lyn Ann (Jeremy) Marcum, Bridget F. (Jeff Jr.) Hall and Dawn Lee (Shannon) Johns, all of Hartford City; Barbie M. (Brian) McClain, of Warren; and Amy M. (Scott) Minnich, of Bluffton; two sons, Johnathon R. (Dorenda Jones) Huffman and Jeffrey W. (Britney) Johns, both of Hartford City; five sisters, Pam G. (Dennis) Smith, Trisha L. (Gregg) Cameron and Dawn M. (Jose) Cruz, all of Hartford City; Julie A. (Billy) Allen, of Warren; and Tina K. Kreischer, of Cromwell; a grandmother, Josephine Ridgeway, of Hartford City; and 15 grandchildren.

Calling is Tuesday, May 12, 2015, from noon to 2 p.m., with a service following at 2 p.m., at Keplinger Funeral Home, Hartford City. Burial will be at Hartford City Cemetery.

Gifts to assist with final expenses may be made in care of Keplinger Funeral Home, 509 N. High St., Hartford City, IN 47348.

JOHNSON

Ruth Iris (Dalrymple) Johnson, age 85, passed away Sunday, April 5, 2015, in her home.

Ruth was born on August 23, 1929, in Huntington, Indiana, the daughter of the late Fred and Elsie (Kober) Dalrymple. They preceded her in death.

She was a 1948 graduate of Warren High School and then graduated from Indiana Business College in Marion. Ruth was office manager of the University of Maryland Associates in Surgery and then was a Realtor in Maryland. She also worked at the Eagle Lumber Company in Marion.

She was past president of the Marion Elks Women's Golf Association and a member of the American Legion Women's Auxiliary, the Rebecca Softball League in Warren and the Moose. She was an avid golfer and enjoyed going to casinos with her sister.

Survivors include: two daughters, Teresa Johnson of Marion, Indiana, and Linda (Steven) Alexander of Gas City, Indiana; ex-husband, Roger Johnson of Marion, Indiana; sister, Mary Jane Hamilton Marvo of Warren, Indiana; granddaughter, September (Zach) Harness-Abell; and greatgranddaughter Lilly May Abell, both of Greenwood, Indiana; and two nephews, Mike Hamilton of Ponto, Indiana and Pat Himilton of Danville, Indiana. She will be greatly missed by her baby, her wonderful dog, Nina.

There will be no visitation or funeral services. Cremation will take place.

Arrangements entrusted to Raven-Choate Funeral Home, 1202 Kem Road, Marion, Indiana.

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These changes became effective May 13. Other fee increases for state parks and state forests will take effect July 1 or Nov. 1, pending approval by the Natural Resources Commission.

A list of all the fee changes for 2015 and responses to frequently asked questions are at stateparks.IN.gov/2391.htm.

All existing reservations for camping and inns made prior to May 13 will be honored at the current rates, as will already-purchased annual passes and boat launch permits and other recreational permits.

Questions about the fee increase can be sent to INParkForestFees@dnr.IN.gov.

Since the state parks system began in 1916, it has operated under a funding structure in which its users pay for most its costs. User fees pay about 70 percent of state park operational costs. Appropriations from the State's General Fund pay the rest. That 30 percent equates to about \$1.39 per Hoosier in taxes each year.

TALKING TO KIDS

May is National Mental Health Awareness Month and the Indiana Psychological Association and the American Psychological Association offer tips to help parents recognize the signs of mental illness and emotional distress in their children. One in five children and adolescents experiences the signs and symptoms of a mental disorder in the course of a year, according to the National Institutes of Health.

When kids experience difficulties, it's important that they feel comfortable going to their parents or other adults for help. Some children may internalize their feelings. If something is troubling them, they may not speak up and ask for help. Sometimes, they don't realize that help is available. As the first line of support, parents must be able

to identify when their children are struggling emotionally.

"It is important for parents to have these conversations even if they are afraid of what they might find out. As a parent, you don't have to have the answer to the problem, just the awareness that there is a problem so you can seek help," says Dr. Jaime Below, a psychologist at St. Mary's Center for Children in Evansville, Indiana. Dr. Below suggests that parents familiarize themselves with the mental health professionals at their child's school.

Getting kids to open up and talk can be a challenge, but the following tips can help start a conversation.

Make them feel safe. Put kids at ease so they feel comfortable opening up. It is essential to make it clear why the conversation is happening, as kids can be fearful that they may be in trouble or are being punished if they are pulled aside to talk. Parents might consider scheduling a time to talk one-on-one on a regular basis, such as a weekly lunch or after school snack.

Listen to them. Take the time to actively listen to what children have to say. Many times, all kids want is someone who will listen. Try to understand their perspective before offering suggestions. It's not necessary to try to fix everything. In many cases the best help is to listen attentively.

Be Genuine. Try to avoid speaking from a script. Kids can tell when you're not being genuine. Be open, authentic and relaxed to help them do the same.

Affirm and support their need for help. It's ok for children to express sadness or anger. Normalize those feelings by telling them you're proud of them for sharing their feelings. Let them know how courageous it was for them to trust an adult for help. If it seems like they need more help than you can provide, consult with an appropriate professional. It might be best to start by talking to the school psychologist.

Don't be afraid to say I don't know. As a parent, it is ok to admit that you don't have all the answers. However, if a child asks a question, make every effort to find an answer or someone who can help.

According to Dr. Sarah Honaker, a psychologist at Riley Hospital for Children at IU Health, "Sometimes children struggle emotionally even when there is not a clear reason or problem. If emotions such as anger, sadness, or worry occur frequently, last a long time, or cause problems for your child, consider seeking help."

To learn more about emotional health and well-being, visit the American Psychological Association at www.apa.org/helpcenter and follow @APAHelpCenter. To find out more about the Indiana Psychological Association, visit www.indianapsychology.org

BMV HOLIDAY HOURS

Kent Abernathy, Commissioner of the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV), announced today that all BMV license branches will be closed Saturday, May 23 through Monday, May 25 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

All branches will resume their regularly scheduled business hours on Tuesday, May 26. For a complete list of branch locations and hours, visit myBMV.com.

TAKE A KID TO A PARK ON MAY 16

Gov. Mike Pence has signed a proclamation declaring May 16 as the official Kids to Parks Day.

Indiana State Parks is joining the National Park Trust in promoting getting children to visit local, state and national parks. Parks in Indiana and across the country will offer special children's programs on May 16.

Many of Indiana's state parks are preparing special programs, including hikes, fishing events, crafts and other programs. Call your favorite park, or go to stateparks.IN.gov to find schedules and contact information for the 32 state parks.

The National Park Trust is "encouraging children across the

country to explore their neighborhood parks and discover science, history, nature and adventure right around the corner or just across town."

"Indiana State Parks is proud to join in that effort, and hopes to see many visitors," said Vicki Basman, chief of interpretation for Indiana State Parks.

HORSE LOVERS DAY CAMP

Kids can hang out with horses and learn how to groom and care for them at a special day camp at Salamonie Lake, June 23-25.

Horse Lovers Day Camp is for kids ages 7 to 11 and runs from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day.

Participants do not need a horse. They will join interpretive naturalist and horse enthusiast Laura Whiteleather to meet and groom horses and learn basic horse care. At the end of the camp, participants can ride a horse in a controlled environment.

Space is limited. The camp costs \$50 per participant. Discounts are available for families with multiple children attending the camp.

Advanced registration is required by calling (260) 468-2127.

Campsite reservations available at: camp.IN.gov or 866-622-6746.

Upper Wabash Interpretive Services (dnr.IN.gov/uwis) is at 3691 S. New Holland Road, Andrews, 46702.

NO GARDENING SPACE – NO PROBLEM

By Melinda Myers
Brighten up your patio, deck or front entrance with containers. They're an excellent way to add color, fragrance and beauty where plantable space is limited or non-existent.

Set a few containers on the front or back steps, in the corner of your deck or other location where they can be enjoyed. Try stacking and planting several containers to create a display with greater vertical interest. Check the views when looking from inside the house out as well as when enjoying the space outdoors. Strategically place containers for the greatest viewing pleasure.

Save even more space by using railing planters. You can dress up the porch or deck by filling these planters with colorful flowers and edibles. Make sure they are sturdy and easy to install. Reduce time spent installing and maintaining with easy-to-install self watering rail planters, like Viva balcony rail planters (gardeners.com).

Don't limit yourself to flowers. Mix in a few edibles and bring some homegrown flavor to your outdoor entertaining. You and your guests will enjoy plucking a few mint leaves to flavor beverages, basil to top a slice of pizza or sprig of dill to top grilled fish.

Herbs not only add flavor to your meals, but texture and fragrance to container gardens. And the many new dwarf vegetable varieties are suited to containers. Their small size makes them easy to include and many have colorful fruit that is not only pretty, but delicious.

Add a few edible flowers like nasturtium and pansies. Dress up a plate of greens with edible flowers for a gourmet touch. Or freeze a few pansy flowers in ice cubes and add them to a glass of lemonade or sparkling water.

Include flowers like globe amaranth (*Gomphrena*), Lisianthus, and daisies that are great for cutting. You'll enjoy your garden inside and out throughout the season.

And don't forget to plant some flowers for the butterflies to enjoy. Zinnias, cosmos, and marigolds are just a few that are sure to brighten any space, while attracting butterflies to your landscape. Salvia, penstemon and flowering tobacco will help bring hummingbirds in close, so you'll have a better view.

So make this the year you select a container or two that best fits your space and gardening style. Fill it with a well-drained potting mix and combination of beautiful ornamental and edible plants to enjoy all season long. The additions are sure to enhance your landscape and keep your guests coming back for more.

Gardening expert, TV/radio host, author & columnist Melinda Myers has more than 30 years of horticulture experience and has written over 20 gardening books, including *Can't Miss Small Space Gardening* and the *Midwest Gardener's Handbook*. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment segments. Myers is also a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine. Myers' web site, www.melindamyers.com, offers gardening videos and tips.



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AREA NEWS CONTINUED

WILL YOUR HOME WITHSTAND STORM SEASON?

(StatePoint) Year after year, Americans from Tornado Alley to the Gulf Coast to the metropolises of the Eastern Seaboard witness storms that cause millions in damage and loss of life. However, no matter where you live, or what type of extreme weather you may face, there are things you can do to protect your home and family from the worst.

"When it comes to resilient design planning, the most important thing to remember is that it doesn't have to break the bank. A few quick and easy adjustments can keep you safe," says Greg Beste, member of the American Institute of Architects Disaster Assistance Committee and Project Management Director, IVI Assessment Services, a CBRE Company.

Beste offers some storm season advice:

- Document your home -- before disaster strikes. Grab your smartphone and take photos of your home now, inside and out, covering the foundation and all interior and exterior spaces. At best, you'll have a nice keepsake; at worst, a visual documentation that can be used for an insurance claim in case of disaster. You can also share the images with your insurance company right away, to add to their files for future reference.

- Be an expert on your house. How old is your home? What type of framing does it have? When was the roof last repaired or replaced? These are questions you should know the answers to, as they will dictate what design changes should be made.

- Make fixes easy, inexpensive and relevant. For example, are high winds a major worry where you live? Add an extra layer of protection by swapping out the shingles on your roof for a heavier material, or secure the roof sheathing with a more wind-resistant nailing pattern, using an extra box or two of nails. Know where your home is weakest; those spots are the first places to shore up in defense.

- Communicate your building goals. If you're working with an architect to build or retrofit your home, make sure that he or she understands the importance of resiliency. Even more importantly, your contractor should feel comfortable executing these goals. Communication at every step is the key.

- Safe rooms are not a cause for panic. A safe room doesn't have

to be high-tech. With the right design and construction, your mud room, laundry area or even a powder room can be a safe haven in case of disaster.

- Design beyond code. Building codes are the minimum standard and in many cases, have not been updated to reflect the current reality. If you live in a particularly vulnerable area, an architect can advise on additional measures to take -- for instance, in coastal areas, building a foot higher than the minimum flood zone would indicate is recommended. Resources like www.architectfinder.aia.org can help you connect with the information and individuals you need.

Don't just wonder if you've done enough to prepare for storm season. Take action to keep your home and family safe.

TOP TIME-SAVING TIPS

(StatePoint) On average, people spend more than two hours daily on such household activities as cleaning and organizing, according to the 2013 American Time Use Survey by the Bureau of Labor and Statistics. But there's no need to spend the bulk of precious free time achieving a spotless home.

Here are a few tips for making once tedious chores easy and effective.

Clean Kitchen - The kitchen often attracts the most mess. However, cleaning as you go can keep it looking spick and span.

Fill your sink with hot soapy water when you start dinner. Place used pots, pans and dishes in the filled sink to soak while you eat. Never give sauces, oils or spices a chance to sit around -- wipe up spills immediately.

Cleaning a dirty oven is easy when you line the bottom with a nonstick oven liner. Simply wipe

the liner with a paper towel, place it in the dishwasher and reuse -- no additional scrubbing required.

Bacteria can feed on food put down the drain and on what's left on dishes, according to a study conducted by Dr. Charles Gerba, a.k.a. "Dr. Germ." Your dirty kitchen sink has more bacteria than your toilet seat and is actually the prime place for E. coli to live and grow. To sanitize your garbage disposal, pour one half cup of baking soda down the drain followed by one cup of white vinegar. Place the stopper in the sink and allow the solution to work its magic for a few minutes. Rinse with boiling water.

Spotless Bathroom - A regular vanity wipe down is a must, but an additional way to keep these areas looking spotless is with the right fixtures. Some faucets now feature Microban antimicrobial protection built into the faucet finish, a technology that helps inhibit the growth of stain- and odor-causing bacteria, mold and mildew. For example, the new Moen Vale collection, available at The Home Depot, features Microban as well as Spot Resist finish, which helps resist fingerprints and water spots to maintain a brilliant finish.

If you have a cloth shower curtain, throw it in the laundry, then hang it outside to dry. Bathroom humidity can make fabrics look limp quickly, so swap out towels frequently for a fluffy and fresh look.

De-Cluttered Living Spaces - According to a recent survey, 28 percent of consumers said they only straighten up a few times each week. The survey, conducted by Moen, also found that most homeowners don't strive for a perfectly organized home; but they would if there was more

time available to devote to organizing.

To find more time, conduct a five-minute sweep of the house nightly before bed, taking a laundry basket with you. Place anything in the basket that doesn't belong in that particular room, and then put the basket contents back in their proper place.

By regularly taking a few moments out of your week to clean and organize, you can easily have a fresh feeling home with minimal elbow grease required.

TIPS FOR COMMON SUMMER SKIN WOES

(StatePoint) In summer you want your skin to look and feel its best. But all that extra exposure introduces more risks of irritation, rashes and bites.

"If you're careful and prepared, you can reduce your risk for certain ailments as well as limit your discomfort," says Dr. Vishakha Gigler, a board certified dermatologist in Encinitas, Ca.

Here's a handy guide your family can use to avoid and treat skin woes, such as itching and pain, most common in the summer months.

- Prevent sunburn by always applying a high SPF sunblock before sun exposure. If possible, wait 15 minutes before walking outdoors. Don't forget to reapply after excessive sweating or water exposure.

- If you do get burned, relieve inflammation and redness by applying ice in a milk-soaked face cloth to affected areas for five to 10 minutes.

- Protect your pucker and treat dry, chapped lips with shea butter or beeswax lip balm with SPF, which moisturize while providing sun protection.

- Drink plenty of cold water to cool down and hydrate your body and skin.

- Mosquitoes dwell in areas near standing water and are attracted to hot skin temperatures. Keep skin cool and eliminate standing water from your yard. Also, be mindful that mosquitoes are most active at dusk.

- Do you live near a wooded area? Are you taking advantage of the season to go hiking or camping? Avoid exposure to poisonous plants by wearing long pants, long shirts and boots, along with a topically applied ivy block barrier cream to prevent getting a poison ivy or oak rash breakout.

- When prevention fails, adults and children two years and older can treat bug bites and other itchy summer skin flare-ups with a dermatologist-recommended, over-the-counter non-steroid based topical treatment, such as TriCalm.

A highly effective itch relief gel, TriCalm is five times more effective than hydrocortisone 1% at reducing itch, and does not have side effects like skin thinning and stretch marks.

Summer fun and sun can have its drawbacks, especially where your skin is concerned. For a more comfortable season, be prepared to prevent and treat itches, burns and skin flare-ups.

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1/2 cup peanut butter until very smooth stir in 3/4 cup sweet milk cook until form soft ball stirring as little as possible while cooking cool slightly add 1 teaspoon vanilla and beat until creamy pour into a buttered tin score into squares and allow to cool. This is very good (and I can vouch for that we ate a lot of it).

Have a happy day.

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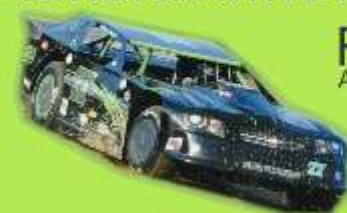
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