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Thought for the Week: Treat your friends as you do your pictures, and place them in their best light. Jennie Jerome Churchill

LIFE'S LESSONS FROM YOUR MOTHER

by Bryan Golden

Your mother tried to teach you some valuable lessons. Moms have a unique ability to impart essential wisdom.

Unfortunately, most of us were too young to really appreciate their value. Mother's Day is a great time to review the following advice you got when you were a kid.

You can be whatever you want to be.

You have no limitations. The whole world is open to you. Your future is ahead of you. You can accomplish whatever you set your mind to. It's ok to dream.

Be nice to your friends and they will be nice to you.

People respond to the way you treat them. If you are mean and selfish, no one will want to play with you. Share your toys and don't be a bully. Be considerate of the feelings of others.

Do your homework and you will get good grades.

Success takes work. If you don't put in the effort, you won't reap the rewards. Those who work hard will succeed.

Clean your room now.

Get things done today and you won't have to worry about them. If you let things pile up, it will be difficult to catch up.

You can play once your chores are done.

Get your work done before you take a break. Then you can relax and have a good time.

Stay in school.

If you don't get an education, your opportunities will be limited. Don't drop out of school. The more you learn, the more you benefit.

Sticks and stones will break your bones but names will never hurt you.

It doesn't matter what other people say. Don't allow others to upset you. There will always be mean people. Don't pay attention to them.

Don't waste your time.

Time goes by very fast. Don't wait to pursue your dreams.

Be thankful for what you have.

There are many who are not as fortunate as you. Be grateful for your home and family. It doesn't matter what someone else has.

Don't complain.

Whining is annoying. If you have something to say, say it. If you complain all the time, no one will want to listen to you.

Bryan is a self-development expert, syndicated columnist, author of 'Dare to Live Without Limits', and professor. E-mail Bryan at info,BryanGolden.com

SENIOR EXPO

Parkview Huntington Hospital, Huntington Redi-Med and Miller's Merry Manor will be offering FREE non-invasive medical testing at their booths during the Huntington County Senior Expo on Thursday May 20th, 2010. Aging and In-Home Services of NE Indiana will again be offering free vouchers for blood testing. These are important and valuable services for the seniors who visit the Expo. Last year this testing was very popular and the free services were busy all day long.

Parkview Huntington Hospital will be doing heel screens for osteoporosis testing at their booth, #58. Huntington Redi-Med at booth #8 will be offering blood pressure checks and balance information and

testing. Miller's Merry Manor at booths #25 & 26 will be offering blood pressure checks, pulse rate checks and testing for your blood oxygen level.

The free voucher program provided by Aging and In-Home Services will be for Chem 17 blood work to be done the week following the Senior Expo at Parkview Huntington Hospital. Chem 17 is a valuable blood test for seniors which covers numerous evaluations such as cholesterol, MDL, triglycerides, glucose, iron, and potassium to name a few. These vouchers will be available at the Aging and In-Home Services, booth #86. There are only 80 vouchers and they will be handed out on a first come-first serve basis beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Besides the FREE breakfast, FREE lunch, FREE snacks, FREE entertainment, over 50 door prizes, and booth drawings and give-a-ways, the FREE medical testing is just another reason to attend the Huntington County Senior Expo, The Expo is on Thursday, May 20th, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Huntington University Field House.

The Senior Expo is brought to you by the Huntington County Council on Aging and their Senior Expo Corporate Sponsors, along with numerous donations from the generous businesses and people of Huntington County. The Huntington Council on Aging thanks the following Corporate Sponsors for their generosity to this popular community event. This year's corporate sponsors include, Aging and In Home Services of Northeast Indiana, Angels of Mercy Home Health LLC, Catered Living LLC, Caring

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LET'S PLAY BALL!

The Warren Baseball & Softball league is once again gearing up for a new season of Games. We have 28 teams this year, one less than last year. Pretty great for such a small community. The low entry price and a lot of really great coaches keep them coming back year after year.

If you haven't been up to Tower Park this season, you are going to be very surprised at how nice it is looking. Between the infield work last year and the work the volunteers did a couple of weeks ago, it really is great! All that really needs addressed is the fencing. The Warren Baseball & Softball League is planning a fundraising co-ed softball tourney sometime in the next few weeks to benefit the fence

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WELCOME TO THE SOUNDS OF THE AMBASSADORS!

The Ambassadors are a young group of four handsome young men who love to sing a cappella. Their music consists of today's music as well as old time and Motown favorites. Comprised of Lead singers Bennie and Brother Frank DeSalvo, the groups is also supported by lead bassist and beat boxer Brunes Charles and falsetto master, Alex Lubin. They have been performing across the United States for the last three years, and hope to continue their concerts together well after their high school graduation in June. Led by artistic director Jodie DeSalvo, the group continues to wow audiences with their unique, cool sound, their good looks, and charming personalities.

The Ambassadors will be at Heritage Pointe Friday, May 14, 2010 at 2 p.m. in the Applegate Chapel. Public is invited to this program.

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1ST ANNUAL "TASTE OF SPRING" A SUCCESS

Warren Chamber of Commerce's 1st annual "A Taste of Spring" was a night filled with friends, food, spirits and (most importantly) FUN! The Warren Area Chamber of Commerce Board and "Taste of Spring" Committee sends a HUGE Thank You to the Sponsors, Volunteers and Guests of the event. Special thanks to Mad Anthony Brewery and Satek Winery.

Thank you to the 2010 Champagne Sponsors, Citizens Telephone, Heritage Pointe/Dogwood Glen Golf Course, Indiana Fence & Rail, Kim's Katered Affair, PNC/National City Bank, Robert H. Berghoff D.D.S., Shuttleworth Insurance and Warren Service and Supply/Bolinger's Propane!

The Silent Auction topped off the evening with a "bidding war" right up until the last second! Our gratitude goes out to the Silent Auction Donors of Kim's Katered Affair, Huntington County Visitors Bureau, Kevin J DeaKyne D.D.S., Pastor Scott Nedberg, Dogwood Glen Golf Course, Accent Interiors, East of Chicago Pizza Co., Wagon Wheel Café, Studio E, Cuttin Corner, Ackley Automotive, Thorne Insurance, Ben Herr Landscaping, Angie Hamilton, Warren Cable, PJ's Flower & Gift Shop, Gebhart's Floral Barn, Hoosier Blue Flame, MarkleBank, Steve Baller Pin Striping, Expressions Photography, NAPA, Crop Production Services, Huntington Nursery & Florist, North Central Co-op, Bowers, Brewer Garrett & Wiley, Honey Hills Salon and the Wood Shop at Heritage Pointe.

Thank you again to all who donated, volunteered and attended "A Taste of Spring", making it a true success! We appreciate your part in the Revitalization of Downtown Warren. We are looking forward to the 2011 "Taste of Spring"!!

A Taste of Spring Committee

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 Gary Riley, Pastor
 Sunday School9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Youth Choir Practice 5:00 p.m.
 Wed. Bible Study6:30 p.m.
 Thurs. Kings Kids6:30 p.m.
 BYG Youth Svc. (2&4Sun.) .. 6:00 p.m.
 CWF Ladies (3 Tue)6:00 p.m.
 1st Sun. (Qtrly) Praise Hour.. 6:30 p.m.
- BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST**
 Rev. Barry Humble, Pastor
 Jerome Markley, S.S. Supt.
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 Sunday School 10:30a.m.
- CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH**
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 Pastor - William Shelor
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 Wednesday7:00 p.m.
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 Sun - 1st Worship Service..... 8:15a.m.
 Sunday School.....9:30a.m.
 2nd Worship Service10:30a.m.
- HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST**
 101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726
 Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor
 1st Worship.....9:00 a.m.
 2nd Worship.....10:30 a.m.
- HERITAGE POINTE**
 Sunday Morning Worship9:30 a.m.
 OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT
 Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat
 Chapel Services9:00 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.
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 Sunday School9:30 a.m.
 Worship10:30 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**
 227 N Main St, Warren, IN 375-3873
 Kathy Newton, Pastor
 Sunday School9:00 a.m.
 Worship Service10:00 a.m.
- LANCASTER WESLEYAN**
 468-2411
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 Sunday School9:30 a.m.
 Worship10:30 a.m.
 Wednesday:
 CYC/Teen/Adult Meetings 7:00 p.m.
- LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH**
 694-6622
 Pastor Dan Sommer
 Sunday School9:00 a.m.
 Fellowship 9:55a.m.
 Worship 10:15a.m.
 Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
- LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
 Pastor Devin Cook
 Morning Worship9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School10:45 a.m.
- MCNATT UNITED METHODIST**
 375-4359
 Bill VanHaften, Pastor
 Lois Slusher, Supt.
 Coffee Fellowship.....8:30 a.m.
 Worship9:15 a.m.
 Sunday School10:30 a.m.
 Bible Study - Wed. 7:00 p.m.
- MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST**
 260/468-2148
 Tony Johnson - Pastor
 Trad. Worship 9:00 a.m.
 Mdrn Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Fellowship 10:00 a.m.
- MOUNT ETNA WESLEYAN**
 Rev. Charles Dederick, Pastor
 Sunday School9:30 a.m.
 Worship10:30 a.m.
 Sunday Evening6:00 p.m.
 Mid-Week (Wed)6:00 p.m.
- PLUM TREE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**
 375-2691
 Dr. Jeane Spoor, Pastor
 Sunday School9:30 a.m.
 Worship10:30 a.m.

- SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN**
 468-2412
 Mel Zumbrun, Pastor
 Worship9:30 a.m.
 Church School10:45a.m.
- UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**
 375-2102
 Pastor Scott Nedberg
 Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.
 Junior Church 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Communion 1st Sunday of the Month
- VB CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**
 765/934-3321 Parsonage
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 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Adult Worship10:30 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 Blake J. Neff
 Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30a.m.
 Jr/Sr High FLOCK (Sun)..... 6:00 p.m.
 Prayer-Bible Study (Thur).... 7:00 p.m.
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 Worship & Communion9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School10:45 a.m.
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 Sunday Worship10:00 a.m.
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 Rev. Allen Laws, Pastor
 Wesley Welch, Supt.
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 Worship10:15 a.m.
 Wednesday Prayer Service..7:00p.m.
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 Sunday Worship..... 10:30 am
 Sunday School Classes9:30 am
 Youth Group6:00 pm
 Sunday Adult Bible Study..... 6:00 pm
 Thurs. Bible Study7:00 pm



AREA NEWS

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fund that has been started at the city building. The League will furnish softballs and free umpires, and one large trophy for the winning team will be purchased. The entry fee will be \$150.00 per team, with at least \$145.00 of that going directly into the fence fund. More details will be coming later. Anyone else interested in donating to the cause may do so at the City Building.

The Warren Baseball & Softball League would like to invite everyone out to watch the games this year. Games will start May 17th at all three diamonds. Visit our website for schedules, rules, pics, and up to the minute rain-out information. www.myspace.com/WarrenBaseballLeague.

Hope to see you all out at the ball parks!

COUNCIL NOTES

In the absence of president Tony Maary, Marvin Surber conducted the April 28 meeting of the Van Buren Town Council. The meeting was held in the Council Room at Town Hall and opened at 7 p.m. with the pledge to the American Flag.

The May 5 Council meeting is to be a Public meeting. This pertains to vacation of an alley by Central Christian Church.

Officer Pat Collins gave his report. He will apply to the Justice Department for a grant to purchase two new bullet proof vests.

Superintendent Jim Webb reported all meters were read for April. Plans are to flush the

fire hydrants about the middle of May. He commented on the work on the wastewater plant and said the project is about completed.

Webb asked permission to purchase a weed sprayer. Council agreed to the purchase. Plans are to have a scarecrow contest for the Popcorn Festival.

Town Rummage Sales will be June 11 and 12. To have your name and address on the list call the Clerk Treasurer's Office at 934-3991.

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY

AWARENESS

ABATE of Indiana, the Marion County Traffic Safety Partnership and the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute are proud to announce the inaugural Motorcycle Awareness Rally on Monument Circle in Indianapolis. This event to kick off Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month as proclaimed by Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels, will be held from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM on Thursday May 6, 2010. A number of activities to increase awareness of motorcycles are planned which will include a large display of police and civilian motorcycles from around the state, a fashion show highlighting the protective qualities of motorcycle gear, numerous displays, exhibits, demonstrations and speakers from governmental agencies and the motorcycling community. All are welcome to attend as we remind Hoosiers that "Motorcycles Are Everywhere"

MERCHANT'S TENT

The Blackford County 4-H Fairboard once again is sponsoring the Merchant's Tent at the Blackford County 4-H & Open Fair. Merchants and organizations are invited to set up at the Fair. If you are interested, please call the Purdue Extension Office for more information at 765-348-3213.

BIBLE SCHOOL

The Warren Area Churches are hosting Vacation Bible School for all Warren community children ages 3 thru grade 6.

The theme is SonQuest Rain Forest, based on the Parables.

Vacation Bible School will be held at the Solid Rock United Methodist Church from June 7 thru 11, 2010.

Time is 9:00 to 11:26.

Registration forms are available at Warren Baptist Church, Hillcrest Nazarene Church, Warren United Church of Christ, Warren Church of Christ, and Solid Rock United Methodist Church.

All children are welcome.

For more information call 375-3873 between 9 and 12 any weekday.

SPORTS BREAKFAST

The Athletic Department at Southern Wells will be holding a free will donation pancake and sausage breakfast on Saturday, May 15th from 7-10:00. a.m. The breakfast will be held in the Elementary Café. All proceeds benefit the Athletic Transportation Budget.

SPORTS PHYSICALS

On Wednesday, May 12th the Athletic Department at Southern Wells will be hold sports physicals in the Raiderdome Gym from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Dr. John Wilson and Dr. Tammy Dunmoyer will be performing the physical for the athletes. This is open to all current and future Southern Wells student's grades 5 - 11. The cost is \$15.00 each or \$40.00 for a family.

ANNUAL MEETING

This is to notify the public that the Knight Bergman Center will be holding their Annual meeting May 17th, The meeting will be held starting at 5:30 p.m. in the office at the center. Election of officers will be held at that time.

CF FUNDRAISER

Please join us for a fundraiser to benefit the GREAT STRIDES WALK for Cystic Fibrosis! Tuesday May 11th from 5-8 pm at East of Chicago Pizza, friends and family of Dalaney Vickrey will be raising funds to be donated to the national CF foundation. GREAT STRIDES is the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's annual fundraising drive to raise money to help support vital cystic fibrosis (CF) research and care programs. The local walk site and fundraising celebration will be held Saturday May 15th at the Historic Forks of the Wabash.

CF is a life-threatening and often fatal genetic disease that

affects the respiratory and digestive systems of tens of thousands of children and young adults in the United States. Dalaney is the 9 year old daughter of Warren residents Bret and Carin Vickrey and was born with Cystic Fibrosis. Dalaney's Destiny Makers will receive a portion of every adult buffet sold and all tips/donations earned from the night. Please join us for dinner and help make a difference!!

FARMERS MARKET OPENING

Market Opening date is Saturday May 15. A little earlier this year but hope to have some of the early items maybe rhubarb and asparagus. Most of the regular vendors will be on hand to serve you. Location is the same at the Daugherty lot and hours will be 8a.m. till about noon.

MAY DAY MAY DAY

Re/Max Professional Group, Huntington University, Huntington County Purdue Extension Office, North East Indiana Small Business Development Center, Pathfinder Community Connections, and Pathfinder Services are teaming up to help Huntington County and surrounding communities on Saturday, May 8th.

This FREE event will take place at the Awakening Church, 251 Haunstein Road in Huntington from 9:00 A.M. until Noon on May 8th, and is geared at empowering Huntington County and surrounding communities with the resources

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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.

- May 8 Warren Alumni Banquet - contact Jim Howell 375-3048
- May 9 Mother's Day
- May 10 Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m.
- May 17 Knight Bergman Center Board Meeting, 5:30 @ KBC
- May 19 Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
- May 31 Memorial Day
- Jun 2 Warren Chamber of Commerce, noon, Assembly Hall
- Jun 2 Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
- Jun 14 FLAG DAY
- Jun 14 Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m., Assembly Hall
- Jun 16 Van Buren Town Council 7pm
- Jun 20 Father's Day
- Jun 21 Summer Begins

Bread of Life Food Pantry - Wed 2 - 5:00pm at KBC or by appointment - Call 375-2381. 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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available at their finger tips.

There will be speakers on three different subject matters including:

- Crisis....SOS, How To Cope With the Economic Crisis, Jim O'Donnell from Huntington University and Jan Baumgartner from Pathfinder Community Connections,

- Introduction to Financial Peace University, How You Can Get More Out of Your Money, Karen Hinshaw, MS of Purdue Extension Office, Jenny Markley from Pathfinder Services, Inc.,

- Building Your Dreams, Ken McCorry from North East IN Small Business Development Center, Dr. Rick Upchurch from the Huntington University EXCEL Program

"The goal of this FREE event is to educate Huntington County and surrounding communities on what resources are available right here in Huntington," stated Kim Haneline RE/MAX realtor and coordinator of the event. "Many times people do not know where to turn and are unaware of where to go to get help, and we want to generate an awareness of how help is available locally."

Registration is suggested but not required. If you are interested in attending or would like more information on May Day, May Day please contact the Huntington Chamber of Commerce by e-mailing manager@huntington-chamber.com, faxing to (260) 356-5434 or calling them at (260) 356-5300 by Monday, May 3rd. You can also visit May Day's Facebook page at: <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=119287948081572>

PLANT SALE

The Wells County Master Gardener's 2nd Annual Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, May 15th from 8 a.m. til noon at the Dutch Mill Plaza in Bluffton, just North of the Crosby Bridge on Main Street. A nice selection of plants from the member's gardens is expected at the sale, with proceeds from the activity going for projects such as, the Cook-Williamson Memorial Iris Garden, the Farm Bureau/Master Gardener Flower Show during the 4-H Fair, and educational projects sponsored by the group throughout the year. Please plan to attend and support the group's efforts.

NEW MEMBER WORKSHOP

The Huntington County 4-H Junior Leaders are sponsoring a workshop for all new 4-H members and their parents on Thursday, May 6 at Heritage Hall, Hier's Park. The workshop will be held from 6:30-8:00 pm.

The purpose of the workshop is to help answer questions that new members may have about the Huntington County 4-H program. There will be learning stations that Junior Leaders will staff to answer questions about different aspects of the county 4-H program. Learning station topics include: making posters, animal projects, rewards and recognition in 4-H, what to expect from 4-H project judging and completing 4-H paperwork.

For more information about the 4-H New Member workshop, contact Purdue Extension – Huntington County Office, 354 N Jefferson – Suite 202, Huntington or call 260-358-4826.

ANIMAL FORMS DUE

The Huntington County Extension Office reminds all 4-H youth enrolled in animal projects of the upcoming deadline for identification enrollment forms. Youth enrolled in goat, sheep, rabbit, dairy and swine should have received animal enrollment forms through the mail in late April. Following are the respective deadlines for animal enrollment forms:

- Monday, May 17 – All dairy, rabbits, swine and horse & pony project animals must be entered on their respective animal ID form no later than May 17, with the form completed and turned in the Huntington County Extension Office by that date. Registered beef heifers must also be entered on the Beef ID form by May 17.

For more information, contact Purdue Extension – Huntington County Office, County Annex Building, 354 N Jefferson-Suite 202, Huntington or call 260-358-4826.

4-H SCHOLARSHIPS

The Huntington County Extension Office currently has applications available for five local 4-H scholarships. Huntington County 4-H members who are eligible may stop by the Purdue Extension – Huntington County Office to

pick up an application or may request the applications via email. Applications must be received no later than May 31, 2010.

1) Janell Marie Saunders Memorial (\$1,000) – open to a current high school senior or Huntington County 4-H alumni who completed their final year of 4-H within the past two years. Applicants need to be pursuing post high school studies in the area of nursing or a health/medical related field.

2) Ray Vanderspool Memorial (\$1,000) – applicants must be a current high school senior. Selection criteria include 4-H member record, community involvement and academic record.

3) County 4-H Swine and 4-H Beef Scholarships (\$500 each) – applicants must be enrolled in the 4-H swine or the 4-H beef project for a minimum of 5 years, with 4-H record and school/community activities considered in the selection process.

4) Huntington County 4-H (2 scholarships @ \$500 each) – open to a current high school senior or Huntington County 4-H alumni who completed their final year of 4-H within the past two years. These scholarships will be presented during the 4-H Fair in July at Hier's Park.

For more information about the Huntington county 4-H scholarships, contact Purdue Extension – Huntington County Office, County Annex Building, 354 N Jefferson-Suite 202, Huntington or call 260-358-4826.

SHEEP/GOAT ID

The Wells County 4-H Sheep Identification Day will be held Saturday, May 9th at the Wells County 4-H Park in Bluffton, 8 AM – 10:30 AM.

All market lambs and breeding ewes (including registered ewes) must be ear tagged with an official Wells County 4-H tag. Breeding ewes (born after September 1, 2009 until present) includes yearling, fall and spring ewes.

4-H exhibitors who are considering showing at the Indiana State Fair must also have their animal retinal eye scanned for identification at the ID Day. Market lambs will also be weighed for the rate-of-gain contest.

Aged ewes (older than

September 1, 2009) and rams should already have a permanent ID (ear tag) and / or registration papers and do not need to be brought to the ID Day. The aged ewes and rams are only exhibited as a county class. They cannot show at State Fair in August.

Meat goat wethers should also be brought to the ID Day if members plan to take their animal to the Indiana State Fair. These animals will also be retinal eye scanned and ear tagged.

Sheep and Meat Goat identification forms will be available at the event and are due May 15th. This year's 4-H Fair will be held July 17 - 22. The Lamb Show is scheduled for 3 PM on Sunday, July 18th and the Goat Show is at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, July 20th. If you have questions, or need help to transport your animals, call the Wells County Extension Service, 824-6412 or Sheep Superintendents Rich Walburn, 597-7378 or Lynette Prible, 765-728-2571 or Goat Superintendents Duane Scott, 824-5823 or Randy Smith, 694-6739.

FORMS DUE

Wells County 4-H families are reminded that 4-H Livestock Enrollment Forms are due May 15th to their 4-H Leader or the County Extension Office, located at the 4-H Park in Bluffton.

This would include youth enrolled in Swine, Sheep, Poultry, Rabbit, Goat, Dairy, Dairy Feeder Steer Calf, Beef (late fall heifers), and Horse & Pony projects.

4-H members are to have their animals in possession by May 1st. Exceptions to this would be rabbit meat pens and some poultry exhibits which are not yet born or hatched.

This year's Wells County 4-H Fair will be held July 17 – 22 and the State Fair will be held August 6 - 22.

For more information about 4-H and the livestock projects, contact a 4-H volunteer near you or the Wells County Office of the Purdue Extension Service, 824-6412.

OPENING DAY

Due to the inclement weather on Saturday, the Huntington County Baseball Opening Day ceremonies were postponed to Saturday, May 15. All events

will run as previously scheduled starting with the parade at 9:00 am starting from Viking Lane and opening ceremonies starting at Homier when the parade arrives at the park. The fireworks presentation by Smokin' Aces pyrotechnics will also be done that evening following the final game.

SAVE A LIFE

As school subsidies and summer planning begins, students and family members are encouraged to add one more activity to their vacation wish lists: donating blood.

"Imagine how it will feel when you can say: I helped save a life on my summer vacation," said Sharyn Whitman, CEO for the Indiana-Ohio Blood Services Region of the American Red Cross. "At the American Red Cross, we can make those words a reality before fall."

The Red Cross relies on donors of high school and college age to help meet patient need for blood. About 20 percent of the community blood supply is donated by students through scheduled drives at schools, colleges or universities. Student-sponsored blood drives also comprise 17 percent of all Red Cross drives—coming in third behind community groups and businesses.

"We truly miss our college- and school-based drives when summer hits," said Whitman. "But just because schools are closed doesn't mean there aren't other donation opportunities for eligible students."

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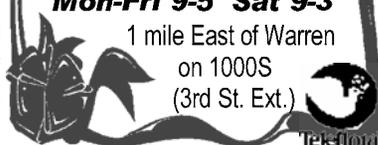


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SMITH

James E. Smith, 77, of Warren, IN, passed away at 1:00 AM, on Saturday, May 1, 2010 at his residence in Warren, IN.



He was born on Wednesday, February 15, 1933, in Lee County, VA. Mr. Smith was a Korean War Veteran and a member of the American Legion in Bluffton, IN. His life was centered around his family. He very much enjoyed his grandchildren & great grandchildren. He attended the United Penecostal Church in Bluffton, IN.

He married Barbara "Jone" (Grover) Smith on September 19, 1958 in Bluffton, Indiana.

He was the son of the late Taylor R. and Lela Mae (Stacy) Smith.

Survivors include: Wife-Barbara "Jone" (Grover) Smith of Warren, Ind., daughters-Cammy (Mike) Ackley of Warren, Ind., Trudy (Mike) Murray of Warren, Ind., Robin (Brian) Elston of Liberty Center, Ind. and Kelly (Todd) Knowles of Liberty Center, Ind., Son-Toby (Trisha Caulley) Smith of Erwin, Tenn., Sisters-Essie Mullins of Dayton, Ohio, Delores Poling of Bluffton, Ind., Daphene Fritz of Poneto, Ind., Dena Bonar of Dayton, Ohio and Marcella Hager of Hendersonville, Tenn., Brother-Doug Smith of Spokane, Wash., Grandchildren-Nicole Ackley, Leslie (Kainoa Kaohi) Ackley, Joshua (Mada Arthur) Murray, Megan (Tyler) West, Brian Elston, Matt (Stacy Winans) Elston, Clayton Elston, Alex Elston, Natalie Knowles, Amanda Knowles, Lela Knowles, Sarah Smith, Rebecca Smith and Emily Smith, Gr. Grandchildren-Gunnar Edward Murray, Jakobi Steven West, Karter James West, Ava Rose Elston, Ella Renee Elston and Kaikela Michael Kaohi.

He was preceded in Death by: Parents-Taylor R. & Lela Mae (Stacy) Smith, Sisters-Dorothy Smith and Ada West and a Brother-Ralph Smith

Arrangements were handled by Glancy - H. Brown & Son Funeral Home, 203 N. Matilda St., Warren, Ind. Funeral service was held at Kings Highway Tabernacle Church, 1224 W. Central Ave., Bluffton, IN, with

the Rev. James Poling officiating. Interment will be at a later date at Mossburg Cemetery in Liberty Center, Ind.

Memorials to: American Diabetes Association, American Kidney Foundation or To The Family.

STANLEY

Martha H. Stanley, 73, of Huntington, IN, passed away at 12:40 PM, on Saturday, May 1, 2010 at Parkview Huntington Hospital in Huntington, IN.

She was born on Wednesday, March 31, 1937, in Huntington County, IN. Mrs. Stanley was a Warren High School graduate. She had worked at Huntington Nursing Home and also at Hoosierland Restaurant of Warren, IN. She was also an avid I.U. fan. Martha lived most of her life in Van Buren before moving to Huntington.

She married Richard Lee Stanley on February 10, 1956 in Indiana.

She was the daughter of the late Charles and Katherine (Andrew) Douglas.

Survivors include: Husband-Richard Lee Stanley of Huntington, Ind., Sons-Gary L. (Cathy) Stanley of Warren, Ind. and David A. (Vicki) Stanley of Huntington, Ind., Daughter-Nancy (Joe) Oddo of Glendale, Ariz., 9 Grandchildren and Great 3 Grandchildren

She was preceded in Death by: Parents Charles & Katherine (Andrew) Douglas, Son-Robert Ray Stanley, 5 Brothers and 3 Sisters.

Arrangements are being handled by Glancy - H. Brown & Son Funeral Home, 203 N. Matilda St., Warren, Ind., where the family will receive friends at the funeral home from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM Wednesday, May 5, 2010. Funeral service will be at Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home at 2:00 PM Wednesday, May 5, 2010 with Pastor Kenney Thompson officiating. Interment will be at Gardens of Memory in Marion, Ind.

Memorials to: To The Family For Funeral Expenses.

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On any given day, Red Cross sponsors host about 12 blood drives in the Indiana-Ohio Blood Services Region. Many of the drives are open to the public and held at community centers, businesses and churches.

"The need for blood never goes on vacation," said Whitman. "We'd like to encourage everyone —including students — to bring life to their summer memories by making and keeping an appointment to donate blood in their community."

The Red Cross has set up several social media sites to reach out to youth and other donors. For details, visit facebook.com/redcrossblood and search for American Red Cross blood donors.

Come to donate May 8-21 and be entered into a region-wide drawing to win a \$250 Shopping Spree!

UPCOMING AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES IN YOUR AREA:

Friday, May 28, from 11:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at Heritage Point (previously Methodist Memorial Home), located at 801 Huntington Ave. in Warren.

How to Donate Blood To schedule an appointment to donate please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org for more information. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental permission in some states), meet weight and height requirements (110 pounds or more, depending on their height) and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. Please bring your Red Cross blood donor card or

other form of positive ID when you come to donate.

AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP

Beta Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma International Sorority has chosen Megan Leazier as their 2010 Scholarship recipient.

Megan plans to attend Manchester College. Her goal is to pursue a career in special needs education, specializing in grades K-5.

Megan is the daughter of James and Cindy Leazier of Warren.

NEW BOOKS

New books recently received at the Warren Public Library include:

Adult fiction — Stay a Little Longer by D Garlock; Spring's Renewal by S Gray; Hannah's List by D Macomber; 9th Judgement by J Patterson; Betsy's Return by W Brunstetter; The Blue Bottle Club by P Stokes; Savor the Moment by N Roberts; Hold Up the Sky by P Sprinkle; The Amber Photograph by Stokes; The Scent of Rain & Lightning by N Pickard; Innocent by S Turow; The Blue-Eyed Devil by R Parker; The Lake Shore Limited by S Miller; Matterhorn by Marlantes

Non-fiction — The Blind Side; Conservative Victory; Passages in Caregiving by Sheehy; The Last Stand: The Battle of Little Bighorn.

Obituaries, Birth Announcements, Wedding & Anniversary Announcements are always FREE in the Warren Weekly!

CLUB NEWS

5th District American Legion Auxiliary met April 17, 2010 at the Portland Post.

President Rosemary Hammons called the meeting to order. Chaplain Betty Hedges gave opening prayer. Protem Secretary Kim Huffman called the roll.

We had guests, Past Department President Rosie Newman, Past Pres. Department Florence Salvator and Lavell Black, Margaret Morris Past Unit President from 10th district, Betty Calhalt and Ruth Raidon.

President Rosemary reported that the Department Pres said, NO jeans no 3b's showing at convention. She also reported 267 blankets to Peyton Hospital.

Sue Fugitt: Vets are coming home from Iraq. Girls State is selling cookbooks \$10 each.

Past Presidents Party — May 17th at Jonesboro Post, cost of \$10 each.

Poppy Hats, 1st place Montpelier Unit 156 Ruth Fifer, 2nd place Kokomo Unit 6 Sue Greathouse.

Nomination of officers: President Sue Fugitt, Vice President Beverly Swaim, Chaplain Betty Hedge, Historian Julie Webb, Treasurer Thelma Butler, Exec Committee Rosemary Hammons, Carolyn Cunningham, Irene Pickard.

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CUT YOUR LOSSES

by The FlyLady,
Marla Cilley

We all make mistakes! This is a fact of living. So why do we beat ourselves up when we have made a bad choice. I think it is because deep down inside we are doing what has been done to us all of our lives; punishing ourselves. This has got to stop.

Instead of admitting that we have made a bad choice we keep trying to make that decision work. Maybe we should take a lesson from business and cut our losses and move on. Instead we keep trying to fix things to make them better. Clutter is clutter no matter what form it takes.

You can't organize clutter; you can only get rid of it! I want your home to be filled with things that make you smile. Our lives are too short to continually deal with that pink elephant in the living room. One time a dear friend was moving from a home where she had lived twenty-seven years. It was hard for her to let go of things. Eventually she came up with a plan. If she had any doubt about whether something should be packed; she would set it in the main path to the truck. On the first day she would gingerly walk around the item. The next day she pushed it aside and if on the third day she kicked it; it when to the curb. This showed her that she really didn't love it as much as she had originally thought she had.

We can decorate that pink elephant but it is still a pink elephant. It is sucking the life right out of you. You spend your whole day doing your best to make it fit. God knows we don't want to admit that we made the mistake of bringing that pink elephant home in the first place; that we wasted money and worst of all our time. We just keep plodding along; hoping that the pink elephant will not get mad and become the bull in the china shop. The sad part is that it already has. Just being in your living room it is destroying the most important thing in your home and that is you!

Many years ago I had a diseased gallbladder. I was sick all the time. This gallbladder was toxic to me. Once it was removed I was able to get on with my life. Relationships can be like this too. We have all had people in our lives who suck the

life right out of us. You may be with someone right now that is toxic to you. You may have a friend that uses you to make themselves feel superior. You may be struggling with an abuse situation that you hope and pray will get better. They don't get better. They get worse. This abuse can mean a lot of things: physical, emotional, sexual, drug, alcohol and financial.

It is time to cut your losses and strap on your wings to FLY; Finally Loving Yourself. For when you are FLYing, you realize when something is clutter in your life. As nurturers we really do want to help everyone but in the end, we can only help ourselves. This is not a selfish attitude. It is all about self preservation. This type of clutter is going to destroy your spirit.

Accept that you made a mistake! Forgive yourself and cut your losses by decluttering. In business if you lose a nickel on everything you sell and you sell a million of them; you are losing a million nickels. Stop the blood-letting!

It is time to FLY by Decluttering!

For more help getting rid of your CHAOS, check out her website and join her free mentoring group at www.FlyLady.net or her book, Sink Reflections published by Bantam and her New York Times Best Selling book, Body Clutter published by Fireside. Copyright 2010 Marla Cilley Used by permission in this publication.

PRODS TO THE EQUIVALENT OF NOWHERE

by V Neil Wyrick

Do you want to know what one of the big problems in America today is? Check out each year's commencement addresses. They used to be about courage and persistence and honor and selflessness. The spirit of the words that President Kennedy quoted in his Inaugural Address, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country."

By way of example, the American University class of 2002 heard actress Goldie Hawn tell her audience that it was time for them to attend the "college of you."

Several years ago, Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist Anna Quindlen told graduates of Mt. Holyoke to "set aside" the expectations, demands and requirements imposed by

others. Instead, she urged her audience to do what they thought was best for them.

In other words to set up a banquet table for me, myself and I. No wonder the world is going to the dogs - too many people today really are barking up the wrong tree.

"Find yourself" is the overwhelming theme. And having found yourself, put yourself ahead of everyone else.

But all is not lost. There are pockets of selflessness rather than selfishness alive and well. I remember hearing on the news several years ago of a problem in Minnesota. A delightful problem called Minnesota Nice. It seems that authorities have had trouble distributing flu vaccine. Everyone has been saying, "No, I want to be sure those who really need it are getting it."

When I graduated from college, the speakers spoke on altruism, otherness - God first, then family and country and me last.

In writing about Abraham Lincoln, Carl Sandberg said, "He lived in a divided house but he never had any doubt as to what he must do. He knew who he was."

Can a selfish person become less so. Can a desire to do good for no more reward than satisfaction be accomplished in a life unaccustomed to such actions? The answer is yes!

How? By working at reducing the ego. By forcing ourselves to let other people make compliments about us rather than constantly complimenting ourselves in our own conversations. If the habit is out of control...start making notes of how often you brag about what you have done or important people you know. It may promote a little bit of disgust with such actions and began to limit them.

Don't speak badly about other people so that by standing on their flattened reputations you feel taller. Funny thing is

(though not funny at all)...quite often when we constantly find a certain fault in others it is the same fault we cannot see in ourselves.

Avoid false modesty. How often do say "I'm really hopeless" because you want people to respond in return "Oh, no you're not. You're really quite good at whatever you do."

One thing is for sure; each day we become more selfish or more selfless. No one stays the same.

SHOW MOM YOU CARE

THIS MOTHER'S DAY

(StatePoint) She brought you into the world and guided you through it. Now it's time to celebrate mom. Look past those flowers this Mother's Day and opt for lasting, custom gifts or experiences expressing the depth of your relationship.

Don't forget, it's not just your mom you should recognize, but the mother of your children, your grandmother and all the special moms in your life.

Here are some creative ideas:
Turn The Tables

How many meals has mom prepared for others? It's time you turned the tables. It doesn't have to be costly: salads, pastas and soup will do nicely. Just add some ambience to the dining room or pack it up for a picnic.

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"By choosing a custom gift, you can rest assured mom will appreciate the time and thought that went into selecting each component," says Amy Myers, Vice President of Creative Services at Things Remembered, the nation's leading chain of personalized gift stores.

At Things Remembered, customization always has been at the heart of what they do. For Mother's Day, their Custom Couture jewelry is expected to be a top seller. Shoppers can create a unique custom necklace or bracelet with a pendent, birthstone, figural icon or pearl initial -- or combination of all -- that includes a personal

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engraving, such as a name, date or special message. For more information, visit www.ThingsRemembered.com.
Time To Relax

Every mom deserves time off. Package a spa gift certificate with a personalized, embroidered robe or an engraved makeup compact to extend her relaxation time. Instead of a pricey spa, use alternatives for at-home pampering. Create a gift basket with bath salts or oils, paired with scented candles and a relaxing CD.

If mom likes to read, buy her favorite books and include an engraved bookmark with a quote about the joy of motherhood. She'll think of you every time she flips a page.

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Mom sang to you as a child. Relive those memories with a music box or water globe featuring a special song. Things Remembered has launched a new collection of engravable music boxes featuring lyrics, instruments and vocals. Choose from an assortment of songs, select your favorite jewelry box design and personalize it with an engraved message.

Mothers also love family pictures, so arrange some of her favorite photos in a display. Many retailers offer photo frames, shadowboxes and albums with areas to add engraved personal reflections.

Other than her birthday, Mother's Day is the best opportunity to thank your mom. This year, take the time to do it right.

SENIORS: TAKE ADVANTAGE OF FREE MEDICARE DIABETES TESTS

(StatePoint) Do you have diabetes and not know it?

Approximately seven out of 10 adults aged 65 or older have diabetes or pre-diabetes and many don't know it. Almost half of older Americans with diabetes aren't aware they have the disease.

Fortunately, Medicare has been offering free diabetes screening to those at risk since 2005. But utilization has been low and many seniors remain undiagnosed. In fact, less than 10 percent of those eligible have taken advantage of the tests.

That's why Oscar-winner Olympia Dukakis and her husband, actor Louis Zorich, are urging at-risk adults 65 and older to get screened. In partnership with Novo Nordisk, a world leader in diabetes care, they are spearheading an educational program known as "Ask.Screen.Know." The program encourages people enrolled in Medicare to ask their healthcare providers about free diabetes screenings in order to know their blood sugar levels and what actions to take.

For Dukakis and her husband, this program hits close to home. Having been married for 47 years, the couple recently got tested and Zorich learned he has type 2 diabetes.

"When we learned that less than 10 percent of people with Medicare have taken advantage of the diabetes screening benefit, we knew we had to do something," said Dukakis. "So we joined forces with Novo Nordisk to share our story. We asked, got screened and now know where our health stands relative to diabetes."

With a history of diabetes in Zorich's family, the time was right to be screened. "We want to be around for as long as possible for each other, and our family," said Zorich. "Now that we know I have diabetes, we can manage the disease the right way, by exercising more and eating better."

Why Screen?

When your body doesn't make enough insulin or prevents the insulin you produce from working properly, this could lead to diabetes. The condition requires that individuals do the work their bodies used to do automatically to maintain the insulin/glucose balance. The risk of type 2 diabetes, the most common form of diabetes, increases as you get older, often because people typically exercise less, lose muscle mass and gain weight as they age.

If left undiagnosed or unmanaged, diabetes can lead to blindness, kidney disease, foot amputation, heart disease and stroke.

But these issues often can be avoided.

Free Screenings

Medicare offers free diabetes screening for enrolled adults 65 and older who have at least one risk factor. These factors include family history, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, obesity and a history of diabetes during pregnancy.

Aside from telling if you have diabetes, these tests also can identify a condition known as pre-diabetes. With pre-diabetes, blood sugar levels are higher than normal but not yet high enough to be diagnosed as diabetes.

If doctors suspect diabetes in patients with normal fasting blood glucose levels, they may recommend an oral glucose tolerance test, which also is covered by Medicare.

To obtain benefit information about the Medicare diabetes screening benefit, learn more about diabetes and pre-diabetes, and keep track of your blood sugar numbers, visit AskScreenKnow.com. The site even invites users to send personalized e-mails or

voicemails from Dukakis to family members and friends, to help spread the word about the free Medicare diabetes screening.

KEEP YOUR DAILY ROUTINE FROM OVERWHELMING YOUR LIFE

(StatePoint) From the moment you wake in the morning to the second your head hits the pillow at night, there are many responsibilities requiring your attention. Without being careful, people easily can fall prey to the stress of that routine. Luckily, it's not too late for most of us to overcome the rigors of the daily grind, say experts.

"Stress is in everyone's life, but there are many ways to deal with it throughout each day," says Paul Huljich, writer and founder of the MWellIA Foundation (Mind Wellness Awareness Foundation).

Formerly an organic food pioneer once worth tens of millions of dollars, Huljich suffered a debilitating breakdown in 1998 leading to a stay in a mental institution and a bipolar disorder diagnosis. As a result, he lost much of what he loved -- his business, his family, his dignity. Now symptom-free, Huljich has written a novel based on his experience, entitled "Betrayal of Love and Freedom."

"I wanted to reach a broad audience to help people deal with the pressures of daily life, because my health condition resulted from stress," he says. "One in four Americans suffers from a mind condition. I felt that writing this book would not only help instill awareness on the dangers of stress but help people understand that prevention is the key."

Come Back to Earth

Our jobs and daily routines are important, but they don't need to define us. Time alone or with family can remind us of that. Some try to find that escape in material things, but this sometimes can mask depression. "Material things don't matter," remembers Huljich, who once lived in a

30,000 square-foot home with an indoor pool, squash court, 18 bathrooms and helipad. "If you're not really happy, what's the point of a bigger home?"

Vacation and Sleep

Vacations are a great way to escape pressures of your daily routine, especially if they're not brimming with activities. A beach getaway or a relaxing trip to the country can provide a relaxing, low-maintenance vacation.

And while vacations can be beneficial, getting regular sleep can be just as important. Research has found sleep to be a healthy, drug-free way to combat stress and anxiety.

Drop Bad Habits

Bad habits don't only include drinking and smoking. Working too much or running yourself ragged with chores also can be health hazards. Try to find better balance to establish a healthy foundation on which to build a well-rounded life.

One bad habit often overlooked is disorganization. That inability to manage daily tasks can be both the cause and effect of stress and anxiety. Keeping a proper calendar and managing time efficiently can prove invaluable and relaxing.

It's not just the big problems that can overwhelm us, say mental health experts. Little things can build up, leaving us overwhelmed and debilitated. It's important to take good care of yourself daily.

"People need to pause and reflect on where they are in their lives," says Huljich. "The most important ingredient is the spirit, that flame of energy. You can see people's pain in their eyes if the lights have gone out. I've been there. You want to fight that, because you're worth it."

For more advice from Huljich, visit www.paulhuljich.com or read his new novel, "Betrayal of Love and Freedom."




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