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Thought for the Week: Smiles are contagious - pass them around! Have a great week! :)



DONATES TO FIRE DEPARTMENT

Thomas R. Steveson, Chief Financial Officer, and Mary DeWeese, Executive Secretary, of Heritage Pointe, are shown presenting a \$10,000 check to Fire Chief Lee Poulson of the Warren Volunteer Fire Department to be used for the purchase of new fire gear. In addition to the \$10,000, Heritage Pointe will match new donations received by the Warren Volunteer Fire Department up to \$5,000.

David P. Souder, Administrator & CEO of the United Methodist Memorial Home, parent company of Heritage Pointe, said we are extremely grateful for the Warren Fire Department and the volunteers who serve and protect our community.

Donations to the Warren Volunteer Fire Department for the purchase of new fire gear may be mailed to Lee Poulson at P.O. Box 373, Warren, IN 46792.

BAKED GOODS & JEWELRY

The Solid Rock United Methodist Women are planning a Bake Sale and (gently used) jewelry sale at Heritage Pointe in the Cove on Thursday, February 23 at 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Proceeds from the sale will go to fund Missions.

NOTICE

The dumpster at the K.B.C. is solely for the use of the Center.

Recently we have found outside trash filling our

dumpster.

With the Events at the center, Bargain Basement and the Food Pantry, we find our dumpster full when we need it.

OPEN HOUSE

There will be an Open House for Corey Groves at the Warren Sportsman's Club on Saturday, February 25th from 2:00pm-6:00pm. Corey is coming home with his family for 1 week. He has been in Korea for a year with the Air

Force. In March the Air Force is sending him and his family to Italy for 4 years. Come out to the Sportsman's Club to say hi and catch up. I know he would love to see you.

TACK AUCTION/CHILI SUPPER

What: Tack Auction and Chili Supper

When: Saturday, February 18, 2012

Time: Tack Sale 6:00 p.m.—Chili Supper 5:30 p.m.

Where: Blackford County 4-H Building Hartford City

Tack Auction and Chili Supper proceeds are for the Blackford County 4-H Horse and Pony Club. The Chili Supper begins at 5:30 p.m. and the Tack Auction starts at 6:00 p.m. at the Blackford County 4-H Building, 310 E. Park Avenue, Hartford City, IN.

FAIR BOARD MEETING

The Huntington County 4-H Fair Association will meet Tuesday, February 21 at 7:00 pm, Heritage Hall, Hier's Park, Huntington. The board will discuss continuing plans for the 82nd Annual Huntington County 4-H Fair to be held July 13-27, 2012.

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

26TH SEASON ANNOUNCED

The 2012 season will be the most musical in Pulse Opera House history! Featuring classics and new plays with laughter and tears throughout, there is something for everyone this year.

We're heating up these late winter nights with an all-youth production of Disney's Jungle Book Kids. Our youngest Pulse Players (age 4-13) light up the stage in this classic tale of young Mowgli and his adventures in the jungle. Favorite Disney characters such as Baloo the Bear, Bagheera, Shere Khan, King Louie, Colonel Hathi and

Kaa along with various trees, flowers, bees, prickly pears, plants, elephants and monkeys will sing and dance your way into your heart. The musical has favorite songs such as "I Wanna Be Like You" and "Bare Necessities." Disney's Jungle Book Kids runs March 2- 17 with school shows on March 15 & 16.

Older youth (age 12-18) will take stage in Godspell, Jr., a folk-rock look at the last days and nights of Jesus of Nazareth. Drawing from various theatrical traditions, such as clowning, pantomime,

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"DISNEY'S JUNGLE BOOK KIDS" OPENS AT THE PULSE

Are you feeling the winter blues? Have a bad case of cabin fever? The Pulse has a show that is guaranteed to cheer you up!

First, we'll whisk you away to a hot sultry jungle filled with exotic animals and plants. Add to this some fabulous Disney music. Rounding out the evening is the enthusiasm of 44 local and area children (age 4-13). It's a perfect late winter treat.

The jungle is jumpin' with jazz in this exciting show based on the classic Disney movie. All your favorite characters and music are there, including Mowgli, Baloo, King Louie, Kaa and the ferocious tiger, Shere Khan. The musical includes all of your favorite Disney tunes, like "The Bare Necessities" and "I Wanna Be Like You." With colorful characters and that toe-tapping jungle rhythm, the show is sure to be a crowd-pleaser for audiences of all ages.

Disney's Jungle Book Kids opens March 2 and runs March 3, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17. There are special daytime school performances on March 16 and 17. Home schoolers are encouraged to attend on the Thursday shows. Teacher's packets will be available that night and the cast will stay for questions.

Tickets may be reserved online at pulseoperahouse.org or by leaving a message at (260) 375-7017. Tickets are \$12 for general admission and \$5 for children 12 and under. All shows begin at 8:00 p.m. Lobby doors open at 7:00 p.m. and theatre doors open at 7:30 p.m. Those bringing in an item for the food pantry will get \$1 off the price of admission (One item per ticket. Not good with any other promotion.).



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

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

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KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

SWEET THANK YOU!

A 'Thank You' goes out to the many cookie and candy shoppers who attended our sale in December. The Huntington County Extension Homemakers held their '9th Annual Cookie and Candy Sale' Dec. 9 and it was a total success. We were able to donate \$250 to the Huntington Community Food Pantry.

Many THANKS also go out to the Senior Center for allowing us to use their facility, Niswander's for advertising on their marquee and the Youth Services for purchasing our 'leftovers'.

This year we will be celebrating our 10th year of Cookie and Candy sales. We are planning to offer cookie trays again and will be working on some special extras!

Thanks again to everyone who has helped with this project. Your generosity allows us to reach out and help others in our community.

Earlynn Worster,
 Ways and Means Committee Chair.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank all of the people for your prayers, cards, and meals you have sent or brought to Dean and I.

They are so appreciated. May God Bless All of You. It is truly a blessing to live in a small town with a big heart.

Again, Thank you all,

Janet and Dean Schmidt

THE UPTOWN GARDENER by Ruth Herring

February is half over and soon we can talk of spring. I have seen in a few places to "THINK SPRING ONLY" - MORE DAYS OF WINTER" Kind of a refreshing thought.

Still have geraniums blooming in the sun room and it sure helps, sad part is to many days it has been to cold to sit out there. If no sun it isn't to pleasant.

This year I passed all the seed catalogs on to the recycling bin, but was nice looking thru them.

Today the article is short and sweet as it is a big day for Wayne for tests in Fort Wayne. We are hoping for good news.

Thank you everyone for your concerns about him.

Everyone stay warm and healthy and share your recipes with one another and will try to have a better article next time.

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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 6:30 p.m.
 BYG Youth Svc. (2&4Sun.) 6:00 p.m.
 CWF Ladies (3 Tue) 6:00 p.m.

BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST
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 Jerome Markley, S.S. Supt.
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 Sunday School 10:30a.m.
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 Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

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 Dick Case, Pastor
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 Sunday School 9:30a.m.
 2nd Worship Service 10:30a.m.
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 101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726
 Timothy Helm, Senior Pastor
 1st Worship 9:00 a.m.
 2nd Worship 10:30 a.m.

HERITAGE POINTE
 Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
 OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT
 Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat
 Chapel Services 9:00 a.m.
THE NEW BEGINNING
 SR 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto
 Steve Sutton, Pastor
 765/728-2065 for more info
 Sunday Worship 10:30a.m.
 Thursday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.
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 Sunday School 9:30am
 Morning Worship 10:30am

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 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
 Youth Group (Wed.) 6:00 p.m.
 Wed. Midweek Service 6:30 p.m.
SOLID ROCK UNITED METHODIST
 227 N Main St, Warren, IN
 375-3873
 Kathy Newton, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

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 468-2411
 Doug Sharrard, Pastor
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 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 Devin Cook
 Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
MCNATT UNITED METHODIST
 375-4359
 Bill VanHaften, Pastor
 Lois Slusher, Supt.
 Coffee Fellowship 8:30 a.m.
 Worship 9:15 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Bible Study - Wed. 7:00 p.m.

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 260/468-2148 Sr 9 & 124
 Rev. Sam Padgett - Pastor
 Trad. Worship 9:00 a.m.
 Fellowship 10:00 a.m.
 Mdrn Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday Youth 6:30 p.m.
MOUNT ETNA WESLEYAN
 Pastor Brian Holland
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Mid-Week (Thurs) 6:30 p.m.

**PLUM TREE
 UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**
 375-2691
 Dr. Jeane Spoor, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.

**SALAMONIE
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 468-2412
 Mel Zumbrun, Pastor
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Church School 10:45a.m.
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 375-2102
 Pastor Scott Nedberg
 Youth Pastor - Rev Harold Smith Jr
 Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Contemporary Service 11:30 a.m.
 Junior Church 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Youth Meetings-Wed 7:00 p.m.
 Communion 1st Sunday of the Month
VB CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
 765/934-3321 Parsonage
 Jeff Wass, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Adult Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Children's Church 10:30a.m.
 Evening Praise Hour 6:00p.m.
 Hour of Power (Wed) 7:00p.m.

VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 765-934-1431
 Pastor Blake J. Neff
 Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30a.m.
 Jr/Sr High FLOCK (Sun) 6:00 p.m.
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 www.vanburenunmc.org

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 Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 11 to 11:40 a.m.
 Youth: (Start back up in the fall)
 K-5th grade, Mon 6-7pm
 Jr/Sr Hi, Thursday 6-8pm

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 Senior Pastor Rev. Bill Fisher
 Asst Pastor for Youth Greg Casserino
 Lori Buzzard, S.S. Supt.
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
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 Wesley Welch, Supt.
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:15 a.m.
 Wednesday Prayer Service: 7:00p.m.
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FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH
 11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN
 765-934-3609
 Sunday Worship 10:30 am
 Sunday School Classes 9:30 am
 Youth Group 6:00 pm
 Sunday Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm
 Thurs. Bible Study 7:00 pm

Please Attend the Church of Your Choice

AREA NEWS

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charades, acrobatics and vaudeville, the show is a groundbreaking and unique reflection on the life of Jesus, with a message of kindness, tolerance and love. Well known songs include "Day by Day," "O Bless the Lord, My Soul" and "Light of the World." Godspell Jr. runs May 11- 26 with possible school performances tbd.

The summer musical turns back the clock to Victorian England and the world of Charles Dickens. Oliver! is one of the most beloved musicals of all times. It tells the story of the boy who asked for more and has a sensational score including "Where is Love?," "As Long as He Needs Me," and "Consider Yourself." Oliver runs July 20 – August 11.

For those who have enjoyed our past productions of Lend Me a Tenor, Moon Over Buffalo and Leading Ladies comes a brand new comedy by Ken Ludwig. Fox on the Fairway is a hilarious romp which pulls the rug out from underneath the stuffy denizens of a private country club. Filled with mistaken identities, slamming doors, and over-the-top shenanigans, it's a furiously paced comedy. The Fox on the Fairway runs September 21 – October 6.

You asked for it and you got it! The final show of the season is a throwback to Christmas in the 1940's. A Christmas Story is based on humorists Jean Shepherd's memories of growing up in Indiana. It follows 9-year-old Ralphie Parker in his quest to get a genuine Red Ryder BB gun for

Christmas. All of your favorite scenes from the movie are included in this production, including the exploding furnace, the wet tongue on the lamppost experiment and the leg lamp. A Christmas Story runs November 16 - December 8 with school shows tbd.

For more information about the Pulse, check out www.pulseoperahouse.org. All shows begin at 8:00 p.m. Lobby doors open at 7:00 p.m. and theatre doors open at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for general admission and \$5 for children 12 and under. Those bringing in an item for the food pantry will get \$1 off the price of admission (One item per ticket. Not good with any other promotion.).

BONUS AT THE BARGAIN BASEMENT

3 bags for \$10.00 or \$3.50 for 1 bag. We still have some items not allowed in bags.

We will be switching over to Spring in the middle of March, so if you need anything to finish out the winter, get it now!

We have some great prom dresses that are individually priced, so plan ahead and avoid the last minute rush.

We also have a very nice flat screen display shelf or table with glass shelves for storage. It's 16" x 41".

We are also offering Ladies Slacks & Jeans, buy one get one free.

Hope to see you at the BB.

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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.

Feb 15 7:00 p.m. Van Buren Town Council
Feb 20 President's Day
Feb 20 6:30 p.m. KBC Board Meeting at KBC
Mar 7 Noon Warren Chamber of Commerce Lunch, Assembly Hall
Mar 7 7:00 p.m. Van Buren Town Council
Mar 24 4:30-7 p.m. Mt Zion Fish Fry, Twin Bridge Conservation Club
Apr 14 Noon Four Zs Miniz Annual Wether Sale, 7920S 900W 90, Warren IN (McNatt)

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

MARCH 1 DEADLINE

If you would to join 4-H in Grant County, you need to pick up an enrollment form from the Grant County Extension Office, Grant County Office Building, 401 S Adams Street, 4th floor, or by calling 765-651-2413, or by going online and enrolling at the Purdue Extension-Grant County website: www.extension.purdue.edu/grant

CHAUTAUQUA

Barb Engle opened the February meeting of the Chautauqua Literary Club with the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer. The Collect was repeated, and 21 members answered the roll call of "Less ones learned from Presidents Washington and Lincoln."

Joan Huffman presented the program of "A narrative of the Adventures of a boy and his dog, Blaze."

Refreshments were served by Ann Brauchla and Crystal Lee to members Janet Beavens, Lucille Beavens, Ann Brauchla, Freddie Couch, Elaine Eckman, Sharon Gebhart, Joan Huffman, Crystal Lee, Phylis Hubart, Karen Hunnicutt, Ann Miles LuEllyn Pond, Jane Ruble, Martha Shafer, Carolyn Sparks, Kitty Throop, Freda VanWinkle, Oma Zent, Ann Spahr, and Sue Blair.

The next meeting will be March 2, 2012, in the Heritage Pointe Calico Room.

FREE COLLEGE INFO

Pathfinder Community Connections, the Community Development division of Pathfinder Services, is participating in the 2012 America Saves Week Campaign with a FREE event focused on the College Choice 529 Direct Savings Plan information on February 22nd.

Temeka Easter, Institutional Relationship Manager for the CollegeChoice 529 Direct Savings Plan will be providing informative sessions on how to save for college.

The CollegeChoice 529 Plan is a Direct Savings Plan designed for parents and grandparents. Focus on their future with CollegeChoice 529 and put College Savings in the picture. Pathfinder Community Connections encourages people to come find out how easy it is to open and contribute to a CollegeChoice 529 Plan.

Those in attendance will receive free lunch and a chance to win door prizes!

Exhibitors including Bippus State Bank, Edward Jones, Innovative Financial Services, Markle Bank, will be on-hand at the Pathfinder North Campus from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to obtain further information on the 529 Plan and allow attendees to start saving right away.

The event will be as follows:
10-2 Exhibitor booths open at Pathfinder North Campus, 2824 Theater Avenue in Huntington

11-11:30 a.m. Presentation by Tameka Easter with Q & A following at Pathfinder Services North Campus located at 2824 Theater Avenue in Huntington,

12:30 - 1 p.m. Presentation by Tameka Easter with Q & A following at Pathfinder Services North Campus located at 2824 Theater Avenue in Huntington,

2-2:30 p.m. Presentation by Tameka Easter with Q & A following at Pathfinder Services Located at 1152 East State Street in Huntington.

For more information please Contact Natalie Fisher at 260-355-2516 or

nfisher@pathfinderservices.org to register for one of the CollegeChoice 529 Direct Savings Plan event times, and remember there will be FREE FOOD!

The 529 CollegeChoice informational session is part of a larger nationwide America Saves Week that includes local, regional, and national organizations. Local Saves weeks have been organized in Huntington by Pathfinder Community Connections. America Saves was founded in 2001 to encourage non-saving Americans to save through a social marketing approach. About 1,800 organizations in over 50 local areas participate in America Saves Week, and have successfully encouraged and assisted hundreds of thousands of savers.

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



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AREA NEWS CONTINUED

APPLICATOR PROGRAM

Residents of Huntington County and surrounding areas who are licensed private pesticide applicators in Indiana are encouraged to attend a recertification training session on Wednesday February 29. This session will be held from 9:00 a.m. to noon in Heritage Hall at Hier's Park in Huntington. Program registration will begin at 8:30 a.m.

This program will include the following topics and presenters:

- "Weed Resistance to Herbicides & Use of Residual Herbicides" - George Waters, North Central Coop Regional Agronomist

- "Management Practices for High Yield Soybeans" - Roger Sparenberg, North Central Coop Seed & Agronomy Advisor

- "Early Season Corn Fungicide Applications" - Amy Kinsler, Bayer CropScience Sr. Tech Sales Representative

- "Nitrogen Management (Rates, Timing of Application, Stabilizer)" - Dan Bladow, Dow Agro Sciences Sales Representative

- "Mini-bulk Pesticide Container Rule Update" - Ed Farris, Purdue Extension Educator, Huntington County

A \$10 fee is required for those who wish to obtain recertification credit for attending the program. Attendees who wish to obtain credit are reminded to bring their Indiana Private Pesticide

Applicator license number with them. Please pre-register for the program by calling the Huntington County Extension Office by February 24. Lunch will be provided by North Central Cooperative following the program.

Individuals with an Indiana Private Pesticide Applicator license can find more information about scheduled recertification programs online by visiting this Website: <http://www.ppp.purdue.edu/parp/>. Click the on the link, "Pesticide Recertification Programs" to view a calendar of upcoming events.

One of the topics presented at the Feb. 29th program is in regards to the Aug. 16, 2011 update of mini-bulk container rules by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Some of the refillable mini-bulk shuttles that crop growers had been using may no longer be legal. The Office of Indiana State Chemist has provided details on these new pesticide container requirements and how to inspect your old shuttles at this link: http://www.isco.purdue.edu/pesticide/container_recycling.html.

If you have questions, contact Ed Farris, Agriculture and Natural Resource Educator, Purdue Extension - Huntington County Office, 354 N Jefferson - Suite 202, Huntington by calling 260-358-4826.

ATV COURSE

The Indiana Department Natural Resources Law Enforcement and Outdoor Recreation divisions are partnering to offer an online All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) safety course.

ATVs and other off-road vehicles have increased in popularity over the past

decade, but so have accidents. Indiana Conservation Officer Maj. Michael Portteus reports that ATV accidents are have increased nearly 40 percent over the past four years from 153 in 2008 to 214 last year.

"The online safety course will educate people on the safety rules of riding, using and operating an ATV," said Lt. Larry Morrison, head of DNR Law Enforcement's outdoor education program.

The online course presents a wide variety of information on the basics of ATVs, safe operation of ATVs, responsibilities of riders to others and the environment, and general information on preparing for the unexpected.

The online course can be found at offroad-ed.com/in/index.htm and can be studied at a personal pace. A \$30 fee is assessed prior to beginning the certification test. Individuals who successfully complete the test are issued a lifetime certification card.

"This certification ensures that the operator is well educated and has learned how to safely operate an ATV, which is the first step in reducing the number of ATV accidents in Indiana," said Dale Brier, chief of DNR Outdoor Recreation's streams and trails section.

ART EXHIBIT

The 7th Annual Huntington University High School Art Exhibit will be held in the Robert E. Wilson Gallery on campus from Feb. 23 to March 8.

This juried invitational exhibit will feature works of art from regional high school students.

The awards reception will be held from 6-7:30 p.m. March 3.

The Wilson Gallery, located in the Merillat Centre for the Arts, is open weekdays from 9

a.m. to 5 p.m., before and after all MCA performances and by appointment.

The gallery is free and open to the public.

THE GREATEST LOVE OF ALL

by The FlyLady

Marla Cilley

This week we have been mourning the loss of Whitney Houston. As I have spent all day listening to her music one song says so much to me; The Greatest Love of All! We will always love her voice and how we feel when we hear her sing. There is a line in this song that touches my heart; Learning to love yourself, it is the greatest love of all. Finally Loving Yourself is this gift!

How do you learn to love yourself? What is Love anyway? To us it may be something that we have never had. Several years ago when I was in an abusive relationship; all I wanted was to feel loved. It didn't matter if I was loved; I just wanted to feel like I was. What I finally came to realize was I was never going to feel this way by his actions. I needed to find other ways to feel loved.

I started to meditate and in order to stay focused on my breathing I would repeat with each breath in "I LOVE" and the breath out "MYSELF"! Even though I didn't believe it yet; I still did it! I would meditate 15 minutes in the morning and 15 minutes in the evening. This became a way for me to slow my brain down; after a while the words that I said to myself began to manifest themselves into actions.

When something would not feel right; I would ask myself if doing that was loving myself. Now I have taken those simple words and turned them into my mission statement for my life. To find joy in everything I do.

This is one of the greatest gifts I ever gave myself. It keeps me from perpetuating the abuse by showing me that I am loved. Love is an action word. It is the result of some little deed that makes us feel good or special. I want you to take a few minutes right now and write down a list of things that you can do for yourself to

put into action the word love.

Most of mine have become part of my daily routine.

1. Getting dressed to shoes, hair and face
2. Loving Movement
3. Drinking my water
4. Eating Breakfast
5. Eating snacks
6. Taking my vitamins
7. Taking a bubble bath
8. Removing my makeup at night
9. Laying out my clothes

10. Listening to beautiful music in my home and car

11. Going to bed at a decent hour.

These things sound familiar don't they? Isn't it strange that something so simple can be the basis for our FlyLady way of loving ourselves. If I can teach you to do this then believe it or not your home will come together and you will be FLYing!

Pampering is not a chore that can be procrastinated. When you don't take care of yourself it is one of the first signs that you could be depressed. If you don't take care of you; who will?

You do have time and when you hear yourself say, "I don't have time!" then I want you stop right there and do just 5 minutes. You are going to feel better and before you know it you will be FLYing. Hey we may have to fake it till we make it but isn't that what practice really is! It will become a habit that will continue to bless you and your family. After all! If Momma ain't happy; ain't nobody happy!

Take 5 minutes and write down your list of things you can do for yourself. Then I want you to cut them up and put them in a jar and each day I want you to pull one out and surprise yourself with a good deed.

Learning to love yourself is the greatest gift of all!

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GENEALOGY REPORT

RIGGS

Marjorie D. Riggs, 89, of Montpelier, IN, passed away at 11:57 AM, on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at Indiana University Health-Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie, IN.



She was born on Saturday, December 23, 1922, in Wells County, IN. Marjorie married Paul LaVere Riggs, Jr. on February 14, 1948 in Van Buren. Paul passed away on December 3, 1990. She was the daughter of the late Frank and Minnie B. (Betts) Phillips.

Mrs. Riggs was a 1941 graduate of the Bluffton High School and had attended Ball State Teachers College in Muncie. She retired in 1983 from Corning Glass in Bluffton, IN as a computer operator and had formerly worked at R.C.A. She held memberships in the Thursday Bridge Club, Montpelier Kiwanis, Business Professional Women of Bluffton for 50 years, The First United Methodist Church of Montpelier, Psi Iota Xi Sorority in Montpelier, Millard-Brown American Legion Post #156 in Montpelier and the Blackford County A.A.R.P. She had served on the Area 6 Council on Aging where she had been a board member, had served for Senator Birch Bye where she was the Blackford County Coordinator, the Blackford County Democrat Women's Club where she had served as President, had served on the Montpelier City Council for 12 years, the Montpelier Historical Society, the Blackford County Mental Health Board and the Montpelier Senior Citizens. Marjorie had also served in the United States Navy from 1943 to 1945 as an Aviation Machinist's Mate. The Millard-Brown American Legion Post #156 will provide an Honor Guard at the cemetery.

Survivors include her Son-Bill (wife, Linda) Riggs of Greenfield, Ind., Grandson-Wm. Eric Riggs, Granddaughter-Shellie Renae (husband, Brent) Jordan, and Great Granddaughter-Casey

Lynn Jordan and Great Grandson-Gabriel Tech Jordan.

She was preceded in death by her Husband-Paul LaVere Riggs, Jr., Father-Frank Phillips, Mother-Minnie B. (Betts) Phillips, Step Mother-Fern Phillips, Step Father-R. W. Cook and Son-Mike Riggs.

Arrangements were handled by Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 West Windsor Street, Montpelier, Ind., where Family and Friends Gathered To Share And Remember on Thursday, February 9, 2012. A service to celebrate her life was held at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home on Friday, February 10, 2012 with the Rev. David W. Chinn officiating and eulogy by Shellie Renae Jordan. Interment was at I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Montpelier, Ind.

In Lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to the First United Methodist Church 215 E. Green St Montpelier, IN 47359.

MANN

Kevin G. Mann, 55, of Warren, IN, passed away at 1:43 AM, on Friday, February 10, 2012 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, IN.



He was born on Wednesday, November 14, 1956 in Melbourne, FL. He was the son of Wendell and Bette (Hardin) Mann of Roanoke, IN.

Kevin graduated from Huntington North High School Class of 1976. He worked as a salesman for Sears in Marion, IN and in Wisconsin. Kevin enjoyed his many pets as well as helping with pet rescues. He also enjoyed photography. Kevin was loved and will be missed by his many friends and family. Kevin was a member of the Solid Rock United Methodist Church Warren, IN and the Cathedral Church, Fort Wayne, IN.

Survivors include his Mother - Bette (Hardin) Mann of Roanoke, Ind., Father - Wendell Mann of Roanoke, Ind., Brother - Shawn Dean (Kelly S.) Mann of Roanoke, Ind., Niece - Rachelle Dawn

Mann of Roanoke, Ind., Nephew - Hunter Dean Mann of Roanoke, Ind., Niece - Kasandra Brooke Mann of Roanoke, Ind., Great Nephew - Kaiden, Step Niece - Danielle.

Arrangements were handled by Glancy - H. Brown & Son Funeral Home, 203 N. Matilda St., Warren, Ind., where family and friends gathered to share and remember at the funeral home on Sunday, February 12, 2012. A service to celebrate Kevin's life was held at Glancy - H. Brown & Son Funeral Home on Monday, February 13, 2012 with the Pastor Kathy Newton officiating. Interment was at Lancaster Cemetery in Huntington, Ind.

Memorials to: Huntington County Humane Shelter.

KINNEY

Virgie Marie Kinney, 96, a resident of Heritage Pointe, Warren, IN, died Friday, Feb. 10, 2012, at 1:40 p.m. at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Kinney graduated from Upland High School in 1934 and from Taylor University in 1938. After graduation, she worked for Farnsworth and IGS. She had been employed by American Express and the U.S. Army Signal Corps while living in San Francisco, CA. As a resident of Monticello, she was active in Delta Theta Tau Sorority, American Legion Auxiliary and the First United Methodist Church while serving as a Cub Scout den mother and as a substitute teacher in the local schools. She moved to Munster in 1973 and to the Fort Wayne area in 2008.

She was born in rural Jay County to Rev. Noah and Edyth Byrd Grile. She married Robert D. Kinney on Feb. 11, 1944, and he preceded her in death on March 21, 2005.

Survivors include a son, Michael L. (Karen) Kinney, of Markle; three sisters, Anna Toler and Glendora Berger, both of Marion, and Byrdie Smith, of Warren; and a brother, Richard (Margaret) Grile, of Anderson.

Services were held Feb. 14, 2012, at Jones-Smith Funeral Home, 259 N. Main St., Upland,

with Gerald Moreland officiating. Interment was at Jefferson Cemetery, Upland.

Preferred memorials are gifts to Taylor University, 236 W. Reade Ave., Upland, IN 46989.

WILSON

Everett L. Wilson, 87, formerly of Markle, IN, died early Saturday morning, Feb. 11, 2012, at Heritage Pointe in Warren, where he had resided for the last few years.

Mr. Wilson was a 1943 graduate of East Union High School in Wells County and was a United States Army veteran. After his discharge in 1947 he began working in the burial vault industry, and in 1984, with his sons, he opened and operated Wilson Burial Vault in Huntington. He was also the Markle town superintendent for several years, retiring in 1987.

He was a member of the Markle United Methodist Church, and a member of the Markle Masonic Lodge 453, which later merged with the Bluffton Lodge, where he served as master for five years. He was a member of the Scottish Rite in Fort Wayne and a lifetime member of the VFW Post 6671 in Markle.

He was born Feb. 9, 1925, in Wells County to Charles A. and Margaret R. Hatfield Wilson. He married Faye Folk on July 22, 1950, in Wells County. She preceded him in death on Aug. 25, 2007.

Survivors include two sons, Gregory Wilson, of Markle, and Garland Wilson, of Huntington; a daughter, Gaylene Dalrymple, of Jerome, ID; a brother, Max E. Wilson, of Markle; two sisters, Agnes Baker, of Huntington, and Nancy Johnson, of Bluffton; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services were held Feb. 13, 2012, at the Myers Funeral Home, Markle Chapel, 415 N. Lee St., Markle, with Rev. Lloyd Hall and Rev. Steve McPeck officiating. Interment will be in the Prospect Cemetery, Wells County.

Preferred memorials are to the Markle Fish and Game Club Park or to the Markle United Methodist Church, in care of

Myers Funeral Home, PO Box 403, Markle, IN 46770.

STETZEL

Joel Frederick Stetzel, 25, of Bourbon, IN, and a native of Huntington, IN, died Saturday, Feb. 11, 2012, at 5:51 a.m. of injuries suffered in an automobile accident in Marshall County.

Mr. Stetzel had lived in the Etna Green area since 1994. He graduated from Triton High School in 2005 and studied automotive technology at Ivy Tech Community College. He was employed by Sherwin Williams Automotive Finishes, South Bend, and was a member of the Etna Green Church of Christ.

He was born Dec. 23, 1986, in Huntington to Robert and Deborah Thompson Stetzel. He is survived by his mother, Deborah (Cloyce) Spears, of Etna Green.

Additional survivors include a son, Brodee Jakob Stetzel, at home; a sister, Ellie (James) Kimble, of Billings, MT; five brothers, Adam (Kari) Stetzel, of Bremen; Jared (Kim) Stetzel, of Bourbon; Aaron Stetzel, of Etna Green; Cory Spears, of Mineral Springs, AR; and Dustin Spears, of Bluffton; and his paternal grandparents, Fred and Lois Stetzel, of Huntington.

Services were held at the Etna Green Church of Christ, 206 W. Broadway St., Etna Green, Rev. Jordan Ickes officiating. Burial will be at the Etna Green Cemetery, in Etna Green.

Preferred memorials are gifts to a trust fund for Brodee Stetzel at Lake City Bank.

Deaton-Clemons funeral Home, Bourbon, was in charge of arrangements.



AREA NEWS CONTINUED

TAX-FILING TIPS, AND WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT TAX REFUND LOANS

It's that dreaded time of year again: tax-filing season. Throughout January, your employer, bank and other financial entities have supplied you with the documents you'll need to knock out your 2011 tax return and put the IRS in your rear view mirror for another year.

Before you get started putting all of the numbers in each of the little boxes, or running out to the pop-up tax-preparing business down the street, make sure you follow these tips for a safe, secure and accurate return.

Don't get ripped off—Tax-filing season is like Christmas for cyber criminals. They often set up dummy websites and send official-looking e-mails, hoping that you'll fall into their trap. The IRS will never ask for detailed financial information such as PIN numbers, passwords or secret information for credit card, bank or other financial accounts. In fact the IRS never initiates contact with taxpayers via e-mail to request any kind of personal information. Any e-mails that look like they come from the IRS should be forwarded to phishing@irs.gov, then deleted. Do not respond!

Keep more of your refund—Many tax preparers offer tax refund loans or other immediate refund programs. Each offer comes with a cost, as the tax preparer takes a percentage of your return off the top for the convenience of getting your refund faster. These offers play upon the

assumption that the IRS is slow in issuing returns, but that's not necessarily the case. Most returns can be accepted by the IRS electronically via the e-file program, which enables your full refund to be deposited directly into your bank account within seven to 14 days.

You can file for free—Nearly 70 percent of Americans qualify for free tax filing using software or forms provided by the IRS. If you earned less than \$57,000 in 2011, find out which free options are available to you by visiting www.irs.gov/freetile.

Get IRS assistance in Spanish—The tax-filing process does not have to be burdensome for Spanish-speaking Americans. The IRS offers resources in Spanish at www.irs.gov/espanol. Assistance in Spanish also is available via phone—to access, dial 800-829-1040, then press the number 8.

Don't forget your kids at tax time—Having children makes you eligible for many special tax considerations beyond the \$1,000 tax credit per child. The money that you spend for someone to take care of your children in order for you to work or look for work (day care, afterschool care, nanny) often is tax-deductible. Also make sure that your tax preparer knows if you have gone through the process of adopting a child in 2011, as many of those expenses can help decrease your tax liability.

Report those tips—Although tips might feel like "free money," they are, in fact, taxable. The IRS is on the lookout for people working in service-industry jobs—where tips are common—who fail to report their tips. Your tax return should include a total of all cash tips you receive directly from customers, or a reasonable estimate of how much you received during the past year. For future years, keep a daily log of your tip income to make sure that you do not over- or underestimate. Because April 15 falls on a Sunday this year, Uncle Sam has extended the 2012 tax-filing deadline by two days to Tuesday, April 17.

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STOCK SCAMS GO SOCIAL

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) recently charged a man with trying to sell \$500 billion worth of fake securities on the online social network LinkedIn. It's a reminder that crime goes where the people go, and the people are on social media websites like LinkedIn and Facebook.

With this advice from USA.gov and the SEC you can stay safe from online investment fraud.

- On the Internet, it's easy for criminals to make attractive websites that make scams look real. Always use caution when considering an investment you found online.

- Be suspicious of unsolicited offers. If you didn't ask for it, and you don't know the source, there's a good chance of bad intentions.

- The old rule about too good to be true still stands, even in new media. Compare the promised returns with the returns on well-known stock indexes. Guaranteed returns and pressure to buy right now could be signs of a scam.

- Tighten your privacy settings. Fraudsters can use your private information to make you think you know them: "Don't you remember me from college?"

- Is a financial service provider trying to friend you? Feel free to say no. Friending someone can mean you let them see everything about you.

- When you're on social media, never communicate your bank account or Social Security numbers. Always use more trusted forms of communication with brokers and advisers, like the telephone, letters, or the firm's official email or website.

- Be careful about clicking on

links by making sure they go to a legitimate source. It's easy for fraudsters to create a good-looking fake email, hoping you'll click a link and feed private information into it or unknowingly put malicious software onto your computer. If an email seems to be from a trusted source but the content and spelling mistakes seem out of character, skip the links in the email and go to the website directly yourself.

- Affinity fraud is what the SEC calls it when the fraudster preys on what you have in common, like ethnicity or religion. Even if you know the person forwarding you a message about an investment opportunity, check out everything. They might have been fooled first.

- Another trick is manipulating the market with "Pump and Dump." They'll say they have "inside information" and talk up a stock that doesn't deserve it, then sell after everyone buys and the price is high.

You can find even more tips for steering clear of online investment fraud by reading *Avoiding Fraud* (PDF) and *Understanding Your Accounts* (PDF) from the SEC.

By using these tips you'll be able to keep your money safe and avoid being a victim of online fraud.

SIMPLE WAYS TO SAVE \$7,000

by Tawra Kellam
LivingOnADime.com

Many of us often feel overwhelmed by debt and don't know how to start climbing out of it. For others it's a misconception that the more money you earn the easier it is to save. Tawra and Michael Kellam paid off \$20,000 of credit card debt and medical bills in 5 years when their average income was \$22,000 a year.

Here is how you can save over \$7,000 in just one year cutting a few things from your grocery bill. They are painless, simple and add up over time. If you don't think that cutting out one bag of potato chips or one soda will make a difference, look at the numbers at the end of a year.

If you're trying to save so you can stay home with your kids, put a down payment on a house, pay off some credit card debt or just have some emergency money, here are 10 ways to do it without depriving yourself. The total annual savings (in parentheses) will amaze you! You can start with these tips for o m www.LivingOnADime.com.

By eliminating:

- ~One \$2.00 bag of potato chips (You don't have to cut out all chips, just 1 bag) from your grocery bill each week you can save \$104.00 per year.

- ~Cut a weekly \$4.00 box of cereal and it puts \$208 in your pocket each year.

- ~If you eat out one less time each week at \$30 a meal, you can save \$1,560 annually

- ~Ordering one less delivered pizza at \$20, can save you \$1040 per year.

- ~Daily gourmet coffee at \$2.50 per cup (\$910)

- ~A daily liter of soda (\$365)

- ~Snack cakes (\$455)

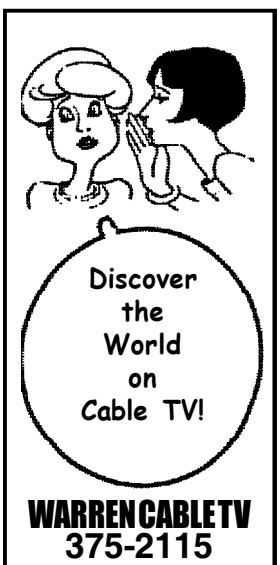
- ~One less bottled water per day (\$455)

- ~One cup less juice per person in a family of four (\$546)

- ~3 lbs. less red meat a week (\$390)

- ~Bringing your lunch instead of buying saves \$4.00 a day or \$1040 a year.

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PRESERVING MEMORIES

Interviewing a grandparent can be a lot of fun. Through recalling memories of the past, children can learn a lot about their grandparents and extended family and enjoy entertaining afternoons filled with storytelling and laughter.

When visiting Grandpa or Grandma, grandchildren can ask questions about past family memories. For example, they might ask questions about their parents growing up or whether Grandpa and Grandma were just like them. Did they have a favorite candy; how much did it cost? Or what did they do at recess? Each story shared can be captured to retell again and again. When written down, the stories can be captured forever and enjoyed by generations to come.

Some tips for grandchildren when interviewing their grandparents:

1. Have a voice recorder while interviewing. This way you can focus on the story and not on trying to write down every word. After the interview, write down the answers to the questions in a journal or book, such as the Memory-a-Day journals from CQ Products. These guided journals help collect a year's worth of stories and memories to always cherish. Write out these stories alone as a special project or make it a project to do together as a family.

2. Ask lots of questions. Sometimes prompting will be needed to bring about other memories that do not come to mind right away. Remembering the past takes time and questions can help to recall the stories. Bringing out some old family photos is another great way to summon inspiration.

3. Listen intently to your grandparents as they are telling the story. You never know what you will hear, and many stories lead right into others. A technique to make sure you are being an active listener is to repeat the story mentally as it is being told. Also, try to think of a follow-up question you can ask after they finish with a story.

4. Don't forget to keep the sessions relatively short with a two hour limit. While you may want to hear more stories, storytelling can get very tiring. Try coming back and doing a series of interviews over the year. This way, grandparents don't get worn out and you can have fun together more often. A great way to break down the interviews is to pick a topic and make a list of questions ahead of time. Then at the next interview, ask a new set of questions on a different topic.

Interviewing can be a great way to really get to know grandparents, and a journal is a perfect way to preserve the stories shared.

To see all the Memory-A-Day journals, visit CQ Products online at www.cqproducts.com.

LESSEN YOUR BOREDOM TIME

by V Neil Wyrick
Allow me to put to you some questions.

Do you exercise your mind every day? Strengthening it with mind exercises such as crossword puzzles or learning a new skill. Not occasionally. Not here now and then. But every day. Many scientists say dementia and Alzheimer's is allergic to a mind being pushed to its limits.

Do you exercise your body regularly to keep it from

becoming shrunken and run down and flabby? Don't want to exercise, you say...it eats time...no doubt about it...it is time consuming. But what were you going to do during that 30 minutes you might be exercising... that was more important?

Are you compassionate toward another human being? Really compassionate. You can't love people and treat them like you love them and be bored.

When was the last time you did something you used to enjoy but hadn't done for weeks or months or years?

It isn't just that as we grow older, we grow lazier. It is just that, if we are not careful, we allow ourselves to grow lazier until finally getting up out of a chair can become the most exciting part of the day. Not to go somewhere. Not to do something new or resurrect something wonderful from the past. Just getting up.

In short, if are you are not willing to settle for a boring life, then don't be content with mediocrity.

Think on it, if somewhere along the line you gave up on some physical, or mental or spiritual exercising effort, you unfortunately took the first step on the slippery road to a boring existence.

Consider the following: At work do you find yourself killing time... doing as little as

you can get by with?

At home do you expend as little effort as possible being a better parent or mate?

Do you have no dreams for tomorrow, no deeds in the recent past of which you can be proud?

And when you retire, is it your plan to do as little as you have to? Dedicating yourself to idleness, to nothingness?

Sure, resting is wonderful...but it is a thousand times more wonderful if you are resting from having done something worthwhile that just enlivened your body and mind..

We all need some days in which we do not just float but have to paddle.

Some of the most productive times of my life have been when I was not striving for security.

I had been flying planes for years and one day I decided I would like to fly a glider. From planes with motors I was going to learn how to fly a plane that was motor less.

Taken up in the air, you are cut lose at 3,000 feet and besides searching out updrafts to keep the plane afloat you also have to be sure to find the right place to land because you won't have a second chance.

And while doing this I certainly wasn't bored.

We all need some days when we are to be challenged by something rather than on fire for nothing.

We all need days that cry out for deeds rather than living willy nilly.

SEVEN THINGS TO KNOW

(ARA) - To reduce the amount of time you spend, and maybe how much you owe, follow these seven tips from USAA when preparing your 2011 tax return.

1. Watch that deadline. This year, it's April 17.

2. Get college credit. Scheduled to expire at the end of 2010, the American Opportunity Tax Credit was extended through December 2012 and is worth up to \$2,500 per college student.

3. Get help with your energy-saving enhancements. Did you invest in new insulation, a heater, an air conditioner, windows or doors in 2011? If so, you may be eligible for an energy efficiency tax credit.

4. Understand a new twist in investment tax reporting. Until recently, the burden of calculating gains and losses on the sale of investments fell on individual taxpayers. That's changing as this responsibility is gradually transferred to financial institutions.

5. Hit by a natural disaster? Seek tax shelter. If you were a natural disaster victim, you can take an itemized casualty loss deduction for property losses that weren't reimbursed by insurance.

6. Pay for that 2010 Roth IRA conversion. Did you convert a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA in 2010? If so, it's time to make that first payment.

7. If you use a tax preparer, choose carefully. New regulations require paid tax preparers to have a Preparer Tax Identification Number.

TOOTH TIPS

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INFANT CAVITY RISK

Is my baby more prone to cavities? A study published in Caries Research involved more than 1,000 mothers with children born between 1992-1995; they were trying to determine the impact of diet during the infant years on the baby teeth.

Specifically, the impact of water consumption, as opposed to other liquids such as soda pop, juices, and milk. The study found that a decreased risk of cavities in baby teeth was related to the following: higher water consumption, especially after 36 months of age, more frequent tooth brushing (2-3 times per day) at 36 to 481 months of age, and a higher milk consumption. At 2-3 years of age.

An increased risk of cavities was associated with increased consumption of non-water drinks such as soda pop, sports drinks, juice, juice drinks and sugared milk (not formula) at 6 weeks to 12 months of age. This trend would also be valid for teenagers and adults. See your dentist for any questions about your infant.

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