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Thought for the Week: *Estimated amount of glucose used by an adult human brain each day, expressed in M&Ms: 250* Harper's Index, Oct 1989

Call Today (375-3531) to order your Christmas Greeting to be published in the December 25th issue of the Warren Weekly. Wish Friends, Family & Customers Happy Holidays.

TOY DRIVE

The Local S.A.M. (Salamonie Active Men) are sponsoring a Toy Drive at Dollar General. Please think about contributing a toy for those children in the area whose parents might need a little help this year.

FAMILY SWIM

Salamonie School will have an open swim day on Sunday, Dec. 13. All elementary students must be accompanied by an adult and cannot be dropped off. Middle school students may be dropped off; however, students must be responsible and follow all school rules or will be asked to leave. One piece girl swimsuits and boy swimtrunks are mandatory. The cost is \$3.00 per person. Swim date: Sunday, Dec. 13, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

CENSUS RECRUITING

The U.S. Census Bureau's Chicago Regional Census Center recently announced some very positive employment news: about 45,000 people are now being recruited across the State of Indiana to work as census takers for the 2010 Census between December, 2009 and June, 2010. Tests for these positions—which pay between \$12.25 and \$15 per hour—are taking place through January at

locations throughout the state.

"These jobs allow people to work in—and for—their neighborhoods," said Stanley D. Moore, Chicago Regional Director. "Even though most are part-time, temporary jobs lasting two to six

weeks, working on this once-a-decade headcount allows census takers to be a part of history," he added.

Conducted every decade since 1790, this constitutionally mandated enumeration of the U.S. population determines the number of seats Indiana will have in the House of Representatives. It also affects the apportionment of political districts as well as leads to the accurate distribution of community funding for schools, roads, neighborhood improvements, elderly care and the like.

The Census hires locally, and applicants are required to take a basic skills test and undergo a background check. Most jobs also require U.S. citizenship, a driver's license, use of a vehicle and the ability to go door-to-door to interview residents. Since the U.S. population is more diverse than ever, in many areas, the Census will need to hire people who are bilingual.

Testing times and locations across Indiana are available by calling, toll free, 1-866-861-2010.

Locations nearby include: American Legion Post #10, 1700 Pennsylvania Ave., Marion, IN 46953, and Markle Town Hall, 155 W Sparks St., Markle, IN 46770. Times are 11:00 a.m. Dec 12, Dec 19, Dec 26. You will need to call for times for the following dates - Dec 1-4, Dec 7-11, Dec 14-18, Dec 21-24, Dec 28-31.

More information about the positions, including application forms and a practice test, are available at the 2010 Census website: www.2010censusjobs.gov.

NATIVITY

The Van Buren United Methodist church will be having a live Nativity at the Lions park on St road 5 in Van Buren from 6-8pm on December 11, 12, 18, 19. There will be cookies and cocoa on the 12th in the church fellowship hall for anyone who wishes to come, hope to see you there.

TUNES FOR TROOPS

Here is a perfect opportunity to rid your closets of those CDs & DVDs that you no longer want or use. The Daugherty Companies is collecting your new/used CDs and DVDs to support K105fm in Fort Wayne with their "Tunes for Troops" campaign. Bring your donations to any of The Daugherty Companies locations during business hours, M-F 8am-4pm, and place them in the boxes designated "Tunes for Troops." You have until Monday, December 21st to bring items in. They will be delivered to the US Army Studio in Glenbrook Mall, Fort Wayne, the week of Christmas so that they can be transported

overseas to our brave Men and Women in uniform. A big THANK You to all our Service Men and Women, past and present, for securing our Freedom on a daily basis.

PHARMACY NOTES

WellPoint Next Rx (Woodland Hills, California) and Anthem (Mason, Ohio) have been taken over by Express Scripts (St. Louis), and the previous agreements for the network participation of the Warren Pharmacy have been suspended. We have been in contact with the Pharmacy Network Contracting Department of Express Scripts, and are trying to negotiate a fair and reasonable RURAL contract. Please contact your insurance plan and tell them you

would like us to continue to be able to fill your prescriptions. We are here FOR YOU, and our ability to continue serving your pharmaceutical and prescription needs depends on your insurance plans working with us to make this possible!

BOOK SALE ROOM

Have last minute shopping to do? To help you and Santa out, the book sale room at the Warren Public Library will be open every Saturday until Christmas, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Stop in and browse; we have fiction, non-fiction, paperbacks, and children's books as well as videos, CDs and DVDs. Who knows what treasures you will find—maybe even a gift for yourself!

THE GIFT OF GIVING!

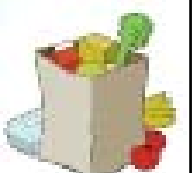
Being good is commendable, but only when it is combined with doing good is it useful.

~Author Unknown



It is the season to Give Thanks for what we have, but also the time of Giving and Sharing with our neighbors. Our local Bread of Life food pantry is in great need of food items at this time.

We at Citizens Telephone want to lend a hand! We are extending a \$2.00 credit (per household) each month on your bill if you bring in a non-perishable item or items for our collection box thru December 31st. Please call 375-2111 if you have any questions.



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KUDOS, KICKS & KARATS

THANK YOU FROM THE WARREN SPORTSMAN’S CLUB

The Warren Sportsman’s Club would like to thank everyone who came to our recent Soup Supper. Your generosity of money and non-perishable food items for the needy was amazing. We will be delivering these items on Wednesday, December 9th. We are so pleased to be able to help many families this year at Christmas. A special thanks to the Boy Scouts-pack 3129, who helped bus tables, pass out drinks, and box food for us. Thanks to our 50/50 winner-George DeWeese who generously gave his portion of his winnings back to the Sportsman’s Club. His winnings along with the Sportsman’s Club’s half will be donated to our needy families in the form of food. We were so pleased to be able to offer 8 different kinds of soup this year. Everyone seems pleased with our choices. Thanks again for all who support our efforts to give back to the community. We will again be having a free soup supper next year in December. We hope you can make it. Don’t forget to remember the Sportsman’s Club when you need a place to have a family reunion, graduation party, wedding reception, meeting or just a bigger place than your home to have a get together. Call Robyn Groves at 375-2984 for reservations.

THANK YOU

I wish to thank Pastor Kathy Newman, Dr Lloyd Williams, my family and friends for their visits, cards, flowers, books and other goodies. Also the nurses and Physical Therapy for my wonderful care while in Skilled Care.

Sincerely,
Francile McIntire

A HUGE BOUQUET

To the persons who have made the Knight Bergam Civic Center so beautiful, and the Spirit of Christmas for our community. It is very much appreciated.

Thank you from Solid Rock UMC
United Methodist Women

THE UPTOWN
GARDENER
by Ruth Herring

It looks like ole man winter is making himself noticed. We really can’t complain weather wise as I think it has been a really nice fall and early winter. Still had flowers blooming outside but they look a bit sad now. I haven’t trimmed very many of the fall bloomers back as I like to see a bit of diversion in the landscape when the ground is covered with snow and also there may be some butterfly larva attached to the plants, that may blossom into beautiful flying flowers next summer. In the spring I will be careful to look for them when cleaning the beds out. I put them in a safe place to finish their cycle.

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Wed Evening Carry-in & Fellowship
.....6:30 p.m.
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8294S 900W 35
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.
Sunday Worship 9:30a.m.
Sunday School 10:30a.m.
CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199
Pastor - William Shelor
Youth Leaders - Heath & Kelly Jones
Worship9:30 a.m.
Sunday School10:40 a.m.
Adult Bible Study Sun 6:30p.m.
Youth Group Sun 6:30p.m.
Handicap Accesible
Little Panther Preschool 765.934.2099
HEALING WATERS MINISTRY —
MAJENICA
Pastor Richard Evans
260/224-3376
Sunday Service10:30 a.m.
Wednesday7:00 p.m.
DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN
8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779
Dick Case, Pastor
Sun - 1st Worship Service..... 8:15a.m.
Sunday School.....9:30a.m.
2nd Worship Service10:30a.m.
Youth Group (6th-12th).6:00p.m.
Wed - Circle of Friends
(3yrs old - 5th grade) . 6:30-8p.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.
ThursdayPrayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.
NEW HOPE MINISTRIES
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Jim Graham, Pastor
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260/375-4224
Sunday School 9:30am
Morning Worship 10:30am

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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
Doug Sharrard, Pastor
David Thrift, S.S. Supt.
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 Zumbun, 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
Jeff Wass, Pastor
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
765-934-1431
Pastor Blake J. Neff
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30a.m.
Jr/Sr High FLOCK (Sun)..... 6:00 p.m.
Prayer-Bible Study (Thur).... 7:00 p.m.
UMW 2nd Wed 7:00 p.m.
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Fellowship9:15 a.m.
Worship & Communion9:30 a.m.
Sunday School10:45 a.m.
Youth:
K-5th grade, Mon 6-7pm
Jr/Sr Hi, Sunday 6-8pm
TNT, Thur 6-8pm
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Rev. Robert Bothast, Pastor of
Family Life
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Sunday School9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6:00p.m.
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Wesley Welch, Supt.
Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Worship10:15 a.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service..7:00p.m.
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765-934-3609
Pastor - Dan Metz
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

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Friday, December 11, will be the last fall pre-school story time at the Warren Public Library. We will begin again in February.

PRESERVATION REPORT

In April of this year the Preservation Fund of the Knight-Bergman Center started collecting donations and pledges for the preservation of this prized community asset. This project has now completed 6 months of a planned 3-year program hopeful of raising \$300,000. The goal of the committee was to identify 1,000 contributors (alumni, business, community residents) to contribute \$100 per year for 3 years. The initial phase was to contact all alumni of Warren High School as well as local residents who use the facility. At this time donations have been received in the amount of \$49,000 along with pledges to be paid over a 3 year period.

During the past couple of months and with a significant gift from a local supporter the Knight-Bergman Center has contracted with a firm that specializes in preparing a facility analysis. That project is nearing completion and will be a valued tool in seeking grant monies to upgrade the facility.

The Preservation Fund committee hoped this project would result in a fund that would address three critical issues in the near future to insure the longevity of the facility. The present heating system costs \$25,000 to \$30,000 annually to operate. The system has outlived its useful life and a new

solution will result in a significant reduction of utility costs. Another upgrade desperately needed is new handicapped accessible restrooms. The third issue would be to hire a part-time employee to over-see the daily operation of the facility and to perform basic janitorial services. Board members and other volunteers from the community now perform routine maintenance and janitorial services.

The building location, size, and features make it ideal for supporting a wide variety of community functions. The firm performing the facility analysis indicating the replacement cost for this building would be in excess of \$5,000,000. Remember this building is home of the Salamonie Valley Museum, U.S.S. Salamonie War Museum, Food Pantry, Bargain Basement, youth basketball in the gymnasium, along with a variety of events held in the auditorium. We believe these facility improvements will contribute to increased use of and life of the facility.

We thank you for your past support and seek your ongoing financial support for this project while recognizing that there are many economic difficulties. Donor contributions help support the long term, ever changing needs of this community center. Your gifts to W.A.R.R.E.N., Inc. are tax deductible as 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization donations. You may send your donation to WARREN, Inc Preservation Fund, PO Box 532, Warren, IN 46792. Should you have

questions you may contact Shelley Boxell, president of the Knight-Bergman Center Board or Robert Pond, chairman of the preservation fund.

COUNCIL NOTES

President Tony Manry conducted the Dec. 2 meeting of the Van Buren Town Council. The 7 p.m. meeting was held in the Council Room at Town Hall. All in attendance repeated the Pledge to the American Flag.

Three trash pickup bids had been received and were opened. The bids were tabled until the Dec. 16 meeting at which time the winning bid will be awarded.

President Manry reported he had checked about when the Garfield statue will be returned to the Library lawn. So far there has been no definite answer.

Officer Pat Collins reported all officers have completed training for the year.

Superintendent Jim Webb gave his report. He said the Waste water Plant project is not going well. Council met last week with the contractor and engineer. The project should have already been completed. Contractors were asked to get project completed, but as of Wednesday there had not been anymore effort to complete the project.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

You are invited to come join us at Dillman Church for a play entitled "The Women's Christmas Choir Auditions." Come and see what really happens behind the scenes as the women 'try out' for the Christmas Choir. Bridget Schweikhardt has written this play for the ladies of our church. There are sure to be some surprises along the way. The program will be held on Sunday,

December 13th in both the 8:15AM and 10:30AM Worship Services. A fellowship time will be held between the two programs. Be sure to mark your calendar and plan on coming to Dillman on December 13th. We would love to have you attend as a part of our Christmas celebration.

BETA DELTA

Beta Delta chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma met Tues eve Dec 1 2009 in the sorority room. Those present were Suzette Gephart, Susan Ralston, Jenny Plummer, Carol Trick, Sondra Zabel, Sandy Booher, Tara Korporal, Beth Ostermeyer, Opal Brubaker, Sandy Eichhorn and Sharon Gebhart.

President Susan Ralston opened the meeting with members repeating the creed. Officer reports were given. It was decided to help some local families in need at this Christmas Season.

In November we presented 22 turkeys to the local Food Pantry to be given to families in Warren for Thanksgiving.

Our Christmas party will be held in the sorority room at 7:30 on Tues Dec 15 2009. Everyone was reminded to bring their Christmas gift for their Secret Sister to the party. On this evening we will draw the winning name for the Longenberger Christmas Basket. You may still purchase tickets until that evening from any member or at PJ's Flower and Gift or Gebhart's Floral Barn.

We were dismissed with prayer by the Chaplin.

NEW BOOKS

New books received at the Warren Public Library include:

Adult Fiction: Alex Cross by J Patterson; The Wreckler by C Cussler; Pirate Latitudes by M Crichton; Morning Show Murders by A Roker; Breathless by D Koontz; End of the Road by S Henry; Mariposa by G Bear;

Heat Wave by Castle; The Ultimate Gift; Eggs Benedict Arnold by Childs; Trial by Frie by Jance; U is for Undertoes by Grafton; Las Orchestra Saves the World by McCall-Smith.

Nonfiction: Growing Up Bin Laden; Going Rogue; Stones Into Schools; It Happens Every Day.

MY TOWN and Yours

BY DENNIS STROUD

In 1903, the town of Warren had six saloons that catered to the thirsty citizens, and all of them did a profitable business. Isaiah Roeme was on the corner of First and Main Streets. Jack Crab was in a small frame building on First Street. Hi and Jerry McClurg were in the brick building on Oak Street which few of you today may not know where that street was.

There was a time when the law would not let a saloon locate on an alley and enter from the alley. The accommodating town council declared, the alley between P.J. Flower Shop and where the Coolmans Drug Store use to be, the alley would be Oak Street. That made it legal for Hi and Jerry to operate a saloon in the brick building where P.J. Flower Shop is now. In a room that set where the Post Office parking lot is, facing Wayne Street, was John Brown's saloon. Hiram Gill was up the street where P.J.S Pizza uses to be, and John Hows was in a sheet metal building about where Cady's Express was.

There were at least two more institutions, one on the bank of the Salamonie, in a large three story building and another in East Warren. These establishments were never mentioned in polite society and shall remain nameless here. But they did contribute to the gossips of both male and female who liked to tell a little scandal in whispers.

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.

- Dec 2 Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
- Dec 3 Warren Recycle Day
- Dec 3-5 Pulse Opera House - It's a Wonderful Life
- Dec 7 Chamber of Commerce luncheon, noon, Assembly Hall
- Dec 11 Holiday Cookie & Candy Sale, Senior Center, Huntington, 10-3
- Dec 14 Warren Town Council, 6:30 p.m., Assembly Hall
- Dec 16 Van Buren Town Council, 7 p.m.
- Dec 17 Warren Recycle Day
- Dec 21 Knight Bergman Center Board Mtg, 5:30 at KBC
- Dec 22 Warren Town Council, 4 p.m., Assembly Hall
- Dec 25 Christmas
- Dec 31 Warren Recycle Day

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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AREA NEWS CONTINUED

CHAUTAUQUA

The Chautauqua Literary Club met December 4, 2009, at Heritage Pointe Calico Room. President Sharon Gebhart opened the meeting welcoming our newest member, Freda Van Winkle. This was followed by club members repeating the Collect.

Roll call was answered by 24 members and 1 guest, followed by reading of the minutes, and the Treasurer's report.

New business contained a motion approved to send monetary contributions to the Warren Food Pantry, McKenzie's Hope, and The Friend's House. Cards were to be sent to Ann Miles McCammon and Harriet Tobias.

Betty Yoder then presented a very interesting program, "Christmas Holidays and History." Much of our holiday history and traditions were brought to this country by the Europeans—the Dutch, Austrians, and from England dating to 596 A.D. Even the Vikings had their own customs. Santa Claus was first celebrated in many different countries as St. Nicholas.

Betty read, "The Night Before Christmas," which was written in the 1800's by Clement Moore, showing many customs of Europe at that time. She also gave interesting items about the mistletoe, Christmas trees, oranges (and coal) in stockings, candy canes shaped as the staffs of the Shepherds, and special Carols and their origins—which we then gaily sang. Betty closed her program by reading the account of the Birth of Jesus in the Biblical Book of Luke, and imploring "Everyone to Enjoy a Blessed and Joyous Holiday Season."

President Sharon Gebhart brought the meeting to a close by reading "Reasons to be Thankful", making us all aware of our blessings.

The next meeting will be January 8, 2010, with Joan Huffman and Ann Brauchla as hostesses.

Delicious holiday refreshments were served by Karen Hunnicutt and Sharon Gebhart to Janet Beavens, Sue Blair, Nancy Bonham, Ann Brauchla, Freddie Couch, Elaine Eckman, Linda Howell, Phyllis Hubartt, Joan Huffman, Georgina Laymon, Crystal Lee, Jane Ruble, Peggy Schweikhardt, Lou Ann Shafer,

Martha Shafer, Carolyn Sparks, Freda Van Winkle, Alice Whitmore, Betty Yoder, Oma Zent, Mary Brown, Ruth Alice Christner, Bertha Turner, and guest Deb Ledbetter.

Merry Christmas and a Blessed, Safe New Year to All!

EUCHRE CLUB

The Jackson Township Euchre Club met at the home of Sharon Gebhart with Mildred Gilbert winning Hi, Jane Lieurance Low and Phyllis Dickey and Joan Huffman tying for most Lones. Others enjoying the evening were Marge Jones, Jo Banter, Nancy Willman, Marjorie Michaud, Mary Jo Zoda, Carolyn Carroll and Sue Cavanaugh.

POLISH EXCHANGE

4-Hers in northeast Indiana have the opportunity to explore the "and my world" part of the 4-H pledge next summer in Poland. Twenty five 4-Hers and adults from northeast Indiana will travel to Poland next summer to share and learn about the 4-H program. 4-Hers will stay with host families, participate in 4-H activities and learn about daily living in Poland. The adults may also stay with host families and will focus on Polish culture and history. Tentative travel dates are June 16 to July 4. Middle school and high school students are encouraged to apply. Applications are due February 1, 2010. For more information please contact Karen Hinshaw or Linda Aldridge at Purdue

Extension Huntington County, 260-358-4826 or via email at kdhinsha@purdue.edu or laldridg@purdue.edu.

HOLIDAY CAREGIVING

The holiday season can be an especially difficult time for someone who suffers from dementia. Given the loss of coping skills that accompany certain brain disorders, the rush-rush atmosphere between Thanksgiving and Christmas, and the change in the family's normal routine, the holidays can spell trouble for both the care recipient and the caregiver.

Professionals who work with Alzheimer's disease patients tell caregivers that during this time of year, they need to be extra sensitive to the symptoms or behaviors that indicate that their loved ones are reacting to stress. In addition, caregivers should respect the instincts of the patient. For instance, if a person says they don't want to go somewhere, it is probably because they don't think they can handle the situation. Unfamiliar people and places can be especially frightening for dementia patients. Let the patient be your guide.

The size of holiday gatherings needs to be limited. Large, loud groups can be too much for someone who suffers from dementia. Remember, if the caregiver is more stressed than usual, the care recipient will react to that stress. It is not always possible for him or her to understand what is

happening and why the atmosphere has changed. Give yourself a break by turning down invitations for events you know will be difficult for your loved one to tolerate. It is important to tell yourself that you do not have to attend everything. Caregivers need to take time out to rest.

Excessive decorations such as flashing lights can also cause stress for your loved one. Lights and clutter can be overwhelming and add to a person's confusion. Minimizing decorations and lighting not only decreases your loved one's agitation, but leaves you with one less chore during the holidays.

Not only during the holidays but also throughout the year, caregivers should remember that if agitation and tension begin to build during an activity, it's time to stop for a break. Once you find the activities that make your loved one happy, stick with them. Dementia patients are comfortable with a routine. Rather than becoming bored, they are likely to feel more secure.

Finally, simplify. Even though the family has always done things a certain way, the dementia patient might find the traditions too overwhelming. By

keeping things as simple as possible, everyone can stay in the right frame of mind to enjoy the special activities that accompany the season.

At this time and throughout the year, speak gently to your loved one. Be kind and reassuring. Be relaxed. Accept your loved one as he or she is. Focus on him or her. Show respect. Don't shout. Make eye contact. Smile. Laugh. Mind your body language. Touch your loved one's shoulder. Pat a hand. Use his or her name and words of endearment. Don't argue. Focus on what is good. Remember that he or she is a living human being who did not choose this condition. That is especially important to remember during this most special time of year.

Additional information about caregiving is available at Aging and In-Home Services: 1-800-552-3662, 260-469-3036, or www.agingihs.org.

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GENEALOGY REPORT

MAGSIG

Mabel Viola Magsig, age 87, of Huntington, left this life for life eternal on Wednesday (December 2, 2009) at 6:35 p.m. at Heritage Pointe, Warren. She had been a resident of Heritage Pointe for the past five months.

Mrs. Magsig was born January 11, 1922 in Kingsway, Ohio to Israel and Cora Smith. She was a 1940 graduate of Fremont Ross High School, Fremont, Ohio. Mabel married Royce F. Magsig on December 11, 1945, in Lindsey, Ohio.

She was employed as a deputy clerk in the Sandusky County Clerk of Courts office. She lived most of her life in Sandusky County, Ohio. In 1995, Mabel and her husband, Royce, moved to Huntington. Mabel was a faithful member of College Park United Brethren Church and the Galilean Sunday School Class. She volunteered at the Parkview Huntington Hospital until her illness last summer. Her most enjoyable hours were spent with family and tending to the flowers in her beautifully landscaped yard in Huntington.

Mabel was one of twelve children; all of whom preceded her in death. They included sisters: Lucy Smith, Martha Smith, Eva Smith, Susan Fronzier, Ruth Burmeister, Mary Caris; brothers: Carl Smith, George Smith, John Smith, and Ray Smith; also a stillborn sister. She is also preceded in death by a great-grandson, Gabriel Campbell Kieffer.

Survivors include her husband of sixty-four years, Royce F. Magsig; a son - Michael F. (Kim) of Magsig, Greenwich, Connecticut; a daughter - Millicent (Thaine) Campbell of Huntington; four grandchildren - Trea (Trent) Kieffer of Huntington, Noll Campbell of Indianapolis, Matthew Magsig of New York City, and Elizabeth Magsig of Washington, D.C.; step-grandson - Sean Carney of Oxford, Ohio; step-granddaughter - Karianne Carney, Greenwich,

Connecticut; and two great-granddaughters, Ainsley and Elyse Kieffer, both of Huntington.

Funeral service was held Monday (December 7, 2009), at Bailey-Love Mortuary, with Reverend Gary Dilley officiating. Burial was in the Gardens of Memory, Huntington County.

Memorial contributions may be made to College Park United Brethren Church in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750.

Pallbearers were: Ed Brugger, Larry Burmeister, Noll Campbell, Sean Carney, Trent Kieffer and Matt Magsig.

MONCE

Glenda Jane Monce, 50, of Bluffton, IN, passed away at 10:26 AM, on Thursday, December 3, 2009 at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana in Fort Wayne, IN.

She was born on Tuesday, June 30, 1959, in Bluffton, IN to Jack Dean and Mary Ann (Mitchell) Monce. Glenda was a 1977 graduate of Southern Wells High School and a 1981 graduate of Ball State University.

She worked at Capri Meadows in Bluffton, IN as a manager. She also worked at Wendy's Lima, Ohio and KFC in Bluffton as a manager. She was also an Assistant Manager at Hardee's in Bluffton. She was a member of 4-H, and enjoyed reading, sewing and being with family. She was a member at Dillman United Brethren In Christ Church.

Survivors include her mother of McNatt, Ind., sister Jackie (Russell) Alford of Poneto, Ind., Maternal Grandmother-Mary Mitchell of Bluffton, Ind., Paternal Grandmother-Marjorie Monce of Bluffton, Ind., Niece-Sara Alford of Poneto, Ind. and Nephews-Jake Alford of Poneto, Ind. and Kenny Alford of Poneto, Ind.

She was preceded in death by

her father, Paternal Grandfather-Henry Monce and Maternal Grandfather-Joe Mitchell.

Services were held at Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home Tuesday, December 8, 2009, with Pastor Dick Case officiating. Interment was at Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton, Ind.

Memorials to The Nieces & Nephews Education Fund.

POND

Pauline Pond, 98, of Uniondale, IN, died at 5:30 PM, on Friday, December 4, 2009 at her residence in Uniondale, IN.

She was born on Saturday, September 30, 1911, in Jackson Township-Wells County, IN to Walter and Leona Mae (Bock) McIntire. She married Wilbur "Webb" Pond on September 20, 1935 in Tennessee.

Mrs. Pond was a homemaker. She had attended the Uniondale United Methodist Church. She graduated from Chester Center High School in Wells County, loved square dancing and polka dancing and had taught square dancing for several years. Mrs. Pond had spent many winters in Zephyrhills, Florida.

Survivors include daughters Jeanette Gilbert of Uniondale, Yvonne (Joseph) Haney of Warren, Wilma Jean "Jeanie" Steele of Ossian, Bonnie David of Decatur, Brother-Don McIntire of Dothan, Ala. 13 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren and 27 great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband who

passed away May 15, 1968, sisters Floy Tucker-Rothenbush, Lillian Wood and a brother Roy McIntire.

Arrangements were handled by Glancy - H. Brown & Son Funeral Home, 203 N. Matilda St., Warren, Ind. Services were held at the Uniondale United Methodist Church 5867 N. Main Street, Uniondale on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 with Pastor Troy Drayer officiating. Interment was at Woodlawn Cemetery in Warren, Ind.

Memorials to Family Hospice and Palliative Care 265 W. Water St. Berne, IN 46711 or the Uniondale United Methodist Church 5867 N. Main Street Uniondale, IN 46791.

DAVIS

Maud E. Davis, age 86, passed away at 8:10 a.m. Thursday, December 3, 2009, at Heritage Pointe, Warren, Indiana.

She was born on May 22, 1923, in Huntington County, Indiana, the daughter of Jesse and Bettie (Maxwell) Scherer. She married James E. Davis on June 15, 1946. He preceded her in death February 11, 1972.

Maud earned her Bachelors Degree from Ball State Teacher's College. She then taught for Marion Community Schools for 7 years and also worked at the Marion Public Library for 13 1/2 years as librarian.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Marion for over 70 years; and a member of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) where she was active in International Relations and their Book Club Groups. She was also a member of the Retired

Teachers Association.

Survivors include daughter, Wendy E. Davis (James Wirtanen) of Lake Bluff, Illinois; son, Todd S. Davis (Janice) of Overland Park, Kansas; sister, Betty Oatess of Dekalb, Illinois; four grandsons, Kyle Davis (Danielle) of Wilmington, Illinois, Dr. Justin Davis (Jennie) of Lexington, Kentucky, Jordan Davis (Ashley) of Overland Park, Kansas, and Chad Davis of Iowa City, Iowa; and one great-granddaughter, Emma Lei.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Ruth Bookout.

Memorial Services were held Saturday, December 5, 2009, at Heritage Pointe Applegate Chapel, 801 Huntington Avenue, Warren, Indiana, with Chaplain John Pattison officiating.

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SHINHOLT-POE

Mandi Lynn Shinholt and Jake Ray Poe were united in marriage Oct. 17, 2009 in Holy Family Catholic Church, Gas City, with Father Richard Weisenberger officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Scott and Holli Shinholt and John and Cindy Zoda, all of Van Buren. She is a 2005 graduate of Eastbrook High School and currently attends Ivy Tech Community College pursuing a registered nursing degree.

The bridegroom is the son of David Poe, Upland. He is a 2003 graduate of Eastbrook High School and is currently employed with Walmart Distribution Center, Gas City.

Matron of honor was Cindy Zoda, Van Buren, mother of the bride; maid of honor was Brooke Sullivan, Muncie, best friend of the bride. Bridesmaid was Carly Searles, Columbus, best friend of the bride; junior bridesmaid was Brooke Zoda, Van Buren, sister of the bride. The flower girls were Chloe Poe, Matthews and Delaina Poe, Fortville, both nieces of the groom.

Best man was David Poe, Upland, father of the groom. Groomsmen were Chad Poe, Fortville and Brad Poe, Matthews, both brothers of the groom; junior groomsman was Blake Zoda, Van Buren, brother of the bride. The ringbearer was Conner Shinholt, Van Buren, son of the bride and groom. Ushers were Jake Ripperger, Fort Wayne and Quaid Zoda, Warren, both cousins of the bride.

Scripture readers were Kelly Proctor, aunt of the bride and Alison Stout, cousin of the bride, both of Van Buren. Lonni Meyers, sister of the bride and

Cameron Meyers, brother of the bride, both of Van Buren, handed out programs. Guestbook attendant was Tia Meyers, Van Buren, sister of the bride.

A reception was held in Hontz Hall, Gas City. The couple honeymooned in Gatlinburg, Tenn.

The happy couple would like to thank God for allowing them to share their lives together and their friends and families for their constant love and support. Also, a special thank you to everyone who helped the couple celebrate their unity in marriage.

BIRD CLUB

Learn the joys of bird watching at Salamonie Bird Club's upcoming events, this month and throughout the first half of 2010.

The club meets for the last time in 2009 on Dec. 12, just before Salamonie Interpretive Center's Holiday Open House, at 12:30 p.m. To ring in the new year, the club is conducting its annual Christmas Bird Count, Jan. 1, 2010. To join the New Year's Day event, contact Ellen Eppard at (260) 758-3233.

On Feb. 20, the club is hosting an eagle watch from 2 to 7:30 p.m. The event includes caravanning to northern Indiana's largest documented eagle roost. At Salamonie Interpretive Center on Feb. 28, a yet-to-be-announced guest speaker will talk about birds at 2 p.m.

To look for migrating waterfowl, travel to Markle Ponds, March 14 and/or Eagle Marsh, near Fort Wayne, on April 10.

April 24 is an important date to mark on your bird watching calendar. Salamonie Bird Club's Bird Extravaganza takes place from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Salamonie Interpretive Center. A \$10 participant fee opens the door to enjoying birds, related activities and guest speakers. Advance registration is requested.

The "Big May Day Bird Count" is May 15. Contact Eppard about this event. On June 12, take advantage of a unique opportunity to "Float with the Birds," beginning at 6:30 a.m. at J. Edward Roush Lake. For \$5, you can register to use one of Roush Lake's kayaks, or you may bring your own.

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HU NURSING PROGRAM

In March 2010, Huntington University's EXCEL Adult Degree Programs will begin offering a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing for registered nurses.

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Students will complete the nursing core in less than two years. The program consists of a total of 17 courses comprising 49 credit hours. These courses include Bible and writing as well as nursing courses such as research, ethics and current issues in nursing. Transcripts from previous educational institutions will determine the amount of transferable coursework and the courses needed for graduation.

With EXCEL's R.N. to B.S.N. program, the goal is to build on the experience and education nurses already have gained in the field and then to increase that knowledge from a Christian perspective.

Shenefield summed up the program by saying that "this education is based on our belief that caring, as exemplified in the life of Jesus Christ, is the essence of nursing."

She added that the university's smaller size allows for a more

student-centered approach to learning.

"Students have more of an opportunity to speak out in class," Shenefield said. "They can ask questions as well as engage the professor in dialogue in and outside of class."

One of the hallmarks of EXCEL's R.N. to B.S.N. is that students will learn about nursing theory, leadership and care through a Christian lens.

"We believe and teach that nursing is the worship of God through the care of the biological, psychological, social-cultural and spiritual health of the person and community through the lifespan," Shenefield said.

For more information about EXCEL's R.N. to B.S.N. program, log on to www.huntington.edu/excel, e-mail hbarkley@huntington.edu, or call (260) 359-4198 or (800) 600-4888.

EXCEL offers evening and online classes tailored to the schedule of working adults. Onsite classes are held one night per week, one subject at a time. Classes last five to eight weeks and lead to an associate degree in organizational management or Christian ministry or bachelor's degrees in accounting, business administration, human resource management, not-for-profit leadership or nursing.

EXCEL Program Benefits Research and evidence-based nursing will increase knowledge as to why nurses do what they do and provide the reasoning for doing so.

Completing the R.N. to B.S.N. program may permit graduates access into management and higher-level patient-care positions with potential increases in salary and responsibilities.

A bachelor's degree will open up more opportunities for the graduate. Graduates from the EXCEL RN to BSN program will have the opportunity to continue on to advanced education for positions such as nurse practitioner, nurse educator or nurse anesthetist.

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EXCEL Program Features The EXCEL R.N. to B.S.N. program will provide additional educational components not completed in the diploma or associate degree program.

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Campers will make homemade ice cream, play ice games, conduct ice experiments, discover "frogcicles" and learn about winter fish survival and ice fishing. The camp features indoor and outdoor activities, movie time, snacks, crafts and games.

All camp activities are guided by interpretive naturalists trained to provide a safe and fun environment. A small snack will be provided, but children must bring a sack lunch with a drink each day.

Advance registration is required by calling (260) 468-2127. Space is limited. There is a \$45 participation fee, \$10 of which is a nonrefundable deposit due one week before camp begins. Parents must fill out health and participation forms. There is no fee for property admission during these days.

ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER

by The FlyLady, Marla Cilley
Love is a word that is very deceptive maybe even illusive if we look at it as a noun. It is not something that we can buy and hold in our hands, it is a word that is filled with action. Love is a verb. This word is not just a feeling it is a doing. For years all I ever wanted was to feel loved. That did not happen because I was looking for love in all the wrong places; as the song says. I was not going to find this love

coming at me and surrounding me as a fog. I was not going to feel this love from other people. I was searching so hard for this love that I never dreamed that it was hiding right inside of me. The reason we have a hard time finding this love is that the clutter we have in our heads is standing in the way. When we can address this most personal of our Body Clutter we will begin finding what we are looking for.

Men and women equate love much differently. For a man to show love he often reveals it in actions; checking our tires, changing the oil, he is doing something. He may not be good at sentimental cards and flowers which is how we women equate love. This is why we need to look at the various ways that love is done. How do you love your children? You feed them, dress them, bathe them, and do things for them. We do the same thing for the critters in our lives. We scratch their ears and rub their bellies. Robert explained this to me this morning. A few years ago our hound dog Lucy died and we got another sweet hound dog. He said that he could sit in his chair and think about how much he loves this new dog or he could get up and go over and pet her. Then he would be loving on her and she would feel his love for her. It would not be a passive experience just for him but a shared event for both of them.

Then he turned this around. He said when we are loving ourselves we are the giver and the recipient at the same time. That is when he headed out the door to play in the woods. This is one thing that he loves to do. When you are doing things that you love; you are loving yourself. With our FLYing way of life we only surround ourselves with

things we love. We turn chores into blessings and release the stress from our lives by using routines to put us on autopilot. These are all forms of love but in our female definition of love this is just stuff we have to do.

We have to find ways to show ourselves love the way we understand it and will recognize it as love. But since we are doing it for ourselves we just don't accept it in the same way we would if it came from someone else. This is why we have a new Pampering habit for December. These are little things that we can do each day to pamper ourselves. They can be anything that you can think of to do something nice for you. You can snuggle with a cup of warmth or curl up with a favorite book or magazine. Settle into a tub of bubbles or put on some of your favorite music. Pick up a flower at the grocery store so that every time you look at it you will smile. Light candles in your home or put crystals in the window so that rainbows dance across your room. These always make me smile.

I was taught many years ago by Rita Davenport to fake it till you make it. I didn't really know what that meant till recently; I just did like she said. Fake it till you make it, is nothing but practicing till a habit becomes automatic. Imagine that, practicing loving ourselves with little habits that tell us we are loved by the person who does those little things that make us feel the love we so deserve. The martyr goes away and you are surrounded by the loving feeling that you have been searching for.

So practice loving yourself first by simple actions and eventually you will not do things that you don't love and you will not have

items in your home that do not put a smile on your face. This act of love is as contagious as your shining sink. You are just shining your heart.

Are you ready to Finally Love Yourself? One little habit at a time.

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MORE UPTOWN GARDENER

Butterflies can be interesting creatures of nature. Did you know that the beautiful colors are made up of millions of very tiny scales, seems almost impossible to think that their wings can be tagged with a computer chip to learn more of their short life and how some of them migrate. The monarch migrates to Mexico, I read they hitch a ride on the backs of migrating birds. Long way to go for such a frail beautiful creature.

At our house we are getting the house and our hearts and minds in the Christmas spirit. I always enjoy that part far more than the shopping part. I will tell you later about my shopping experience this year.

Putting up the tree this year I was thinking about the size of it and the decorations collected over the years and comparing to what my mom told about her early years of the holiday. She said the only tree of her childhood was a tree branch

covered with cotton with a few home made ornaments and dried fruit. My mom was one of 13 children and Christmas was strictly the meaning of Christmas with no gifts because of a large family and the poor financial situation of a large family. The tree I speak of was brought in by the neighbors and trimmed while the family was in church, she said what an overwhelming surprise it was for them with each family member receiving a gift of an orange and apple. The expression of a lump of coal in your sock may have had some meaning for them as 13 lumps of coal would have helped to keep them warm for a while. Too often we forget the sacrifices our families before us endured.

This will be the last column for this year. I am taking a break and try to replenish my thinking for another year.

Our family wishes each of you a wonderful holiday and remember if you get a lump of coal in your stocking, it is not all bad it to may help keep you warm someday.

Here is a quick and easy and half healthy candy recipe I did and turned out quite good.

Melt 1/2 block of melting chocolate and add about 2 tablespoon peanut butter mixing it together well add about 1/2 cup chopped pecans and 3/4 cup crushed whole wheat saltine type crackers spread out on a cookie sheet lined with wax paper, let cool and break into pieces.

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